



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 11TH JUNE 2026

Sunday Worship – 14th June 2026 TRINITY 2

8:00am - BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

9:45am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

11:15am – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala Worship Centre

6:30pm – Evening Prayer at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Wednesday at 9:00am – Morning Prayer by telephone conference

Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the telephone conference

Thursday at 9:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Wednesday 17 th June from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 21st June 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's Hala Baptism at St Paul's, Scotforth



*Worshipping God,
Growing in Faith,
Serving the Community.*

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our mission Partners: For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators

From our Parish prayer diary: Greaves Road, Williamson Court

From our Church prayer diary: All those who hire our buildings and run groups serving our local community and beyond

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Ian Smith, Irene Harper, Bill Haworth, Jennie Webster, Heather Richardson

All who mourn: Bill Harrison, Mary Coates, Sheila Williamson, Christine Armer

Message from Rev Catherine:

Some of you may have noticed the scaffolding which has recently gone up around the vicarage (and the accompanying portaloo!) The diocese is doing some work on the roof and chimney which will hopefully be finished in the next 4-6 weeks. The work shouldn't have any impact on church activities but please do let me know if any issues arise, and please pray for Stanley and I trying to live through all the banging and clattering!

Rev Catherine

Our 150 Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for 150 years of worship here at St Paul's, Scotforth. We give thanks for all who have gone before us, whose faith and devotion built this community. As we celebrate the past, guide us into the future. Renew us with your Spirit, that this church may continue to be a place of hope, welcome and love. Walk with us as we follow Jesus in the footsteps of St Paul, now and in the years to come. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 14th June:

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 14th June:

Acts 16.20-36

²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe'.²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹They answered, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. ³⁵ When morning came, the magistrates sent the police, saying 'Let those men go.' ³⁶ And the jailer reported the message to Paul, saying 'The magistrates sent word to let you go; therefore come out now and go in peace.'

Matthew 9.35-38

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 14th June:

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Romans 6.1b –11; Matthew 10.24–39



Contactless Giving in Church is available:

Our machine is at the back of church so that on your way out, rather than giving a cash donation, you could consider giving by card.

Confirmation Service:

We have arranged for a Confirmation Service to take place on **Wednesday 23rd September at 5pm** which will be led by Bishop Jill. If you are interested in being confirmed (adult or child) then please pick up a registration pack from either the back of church, at Hala or the Parish Office and return it to Jayne no later than **Friday 31st July**. Classes for children, in Year 6 or above, will be held on Wednesday 2nd, 9th and 23rd September at 4.00pm until 5.30pm in Church. The rehearsal for the service will be on Sunday 20th September after the 9.45am service in church. You must be able to attend **all** the classes and the rehearsal in order to be put forward as a candidate for confirmation.



Group sessions for adults will be arranged when we know what the numbers are. If you have any questions at all then please talk to Rev Catherine or Jayne.

Submissions for the Parish News: The deadline each week is **Tuesday at 11:30am**, but we can always add contributions to the following week's Parish News. We look forward to receiving your contributions and supporting each other in the Body of Christ. Please email the parish office, leave a message on the answer machine for a telephone submission or post/leave an article for the Parish Office in the Parish Hall letter box.

History Talk: 'Scotforth Parish Now & Then' at St Paul's Church

The History Talk I shall be giving on **Tuesday 16th June at 2pm** is open to everybody, and all are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Maureen Leach



150th Anniversary Planning Meeting:

A number of us have met regularly to facilitate the planning of our Anniversary year and the next open meeting is at the Parish Office on **Wednesday 17th June at 7.30pm**. All welcome.

Jim Currin

Boundary Walk:



The next Boundary walk will be to Aldcliffe and Stodday on **Sunday 14th of June**. The walk is 6 miles in length and will be mainly on footpaths and along the canal. with just a small amount of road walking. If 6 miles is too long it can be shortened to 4 miles.

Contact me on 07531 285199 if you would prefer to make it a slightly shorter walk.

Please meet at church for 1:00pm departure. Hope some of you can make it.

Maureen Leach

The Good, The Bad and The Ugly: .. reframing the controversial Paul.



Rev Catherine is speaking to the next 'Soup for the Soul' to help us look at some of the more controversial quotes from his letters. One might be about women being silent in church from (I Cor 14:34), but there are many more! Come and find out what Rev Catherine has to say about these important topics. We start with Soup and chat followed by a time of shared prayer. Everyone is welcome to the Hala Centre on:

Sunday 21st June at 5:30pm for the next in our 150 series, 'Soup for the

Soul'. We finish about 7pm. Come along and engage with some deeper discussion!

Jim Currin

The Children's Society

Calling all box holders, it's box opening time! Please can you bring your boxes to church & hand them to a sidesperson or leave them at the back of church?

If anyone else would like a box please let me know or leave your name & contact number on the sheet at the back of church.

It's not easy in these days when we don't use much cash but every little helps, so a Big 'Thank You' to all your support.

Tricia Impey





150th Gala Dinner Night: so that we have a rough idea of numbers of people wanting to attend the dinner please can you let the office know if you would like a ticket reserving.

There is no need to pay or make your menu choices at this time – this isn't required until the end of December.

Thank you.



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Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.

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BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Booking enquiries - please contact Jayne Weatherill

through the parish office or Email: lifeyvents@stpauls-scotforth.org

CHURCH WEBSITE & HOW TO HIRE OUR ROOMS:

<https://stpauls-scotforth.org> then visit the Hiring our Spaces area at the top of the page.

FACEBOOK: regular updates about life at St Paul's can be found: @scotforthstpaulschurch

PASTORAL CARE TEAM: Our Clergy and Pastoral Care Team are here to listen and to pray. You can contact them by either emailing pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org or telephoning Jayne on Tel: 07986993007.

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