



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 25TH JUNE 2026

Sunday Worship – 28th June 2026 TRINITY 4

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

9:45am – All Age Service of the Word at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

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

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 1 st July from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Thursday 2 nd July at 10am	Lay Pastoral Team Meeting after the service.
Sunday 5th July 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth All Age Parade at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion 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: Avondale Road, Lonsdale Place, Trafalgar Road

From our Church prayer diary: All who volunteer in any capacity in our parish

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, Eileen Unsworth

Message of Thanks:

John, Gillian and I wish to thank everybody for their kind thoughts, support and prayers during these past few months. We have been overwhelmed by the number of offers of help and assistance we have been given.

The kind words and tributes, both spoken and written about Bill, have touched and moved us, and yes – reduced us to tears at times. I have a family locket which has been passed down, and inscribed on it is ‘*Not lost, but gone before*’ which is rather appropriate I think at this time when thinking about Bill.

Jean Harrison

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 28th June:

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings for Sunday 28th June:

Acts 16:11-15

¹¹ Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. ¹⁴ Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. ¹⁵ And when she and her household were baptized, she begged *us*, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

Matthew 10.40-end

⁴⁰ 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 28th June:

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for next week:

Acts 27: 9-44; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

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.

Feminist Theology Reading Group:

In early August, we will launch our Feminist Theology reading group. In the first three sessions, we will discuss insights from Beth Allison Barr's 2021 book, *The Making of Biblical Womanhood: How the Subjugation of Women Became Gospel Truth*. Through this, Allison Barr speaks about her own encounters with the idea of 'biblical womanhood'- an idea that came about through historical moments and that has caused harm through church history. If you would like to come along to the reading group, please speak to or email Catherine (catherine@stpauls-scotforth.org) or Lizzie (lizzie_ludlow@yahoo.co.uk). You might also like to check out details of the book (including where to order it) and some video content [here](#). All are welcome, regardless of gender or previous experience, just come willing to learn!

Rev Catherine

Leaving a legacy or gift to your church:

A new guidance and information leaflet has been produced by Blackburn Diocese for parishes which we are distributing with the news booklet this week. There is a hard copy of the leaflet in the printed copies and it will be an attachment with the news in the email distributions. If you have any questions at all then please talk to Rev Catherine, Jayne or Brian Threlfall who is our treasurer.



**Don't
Miss the
Sale!**
Last Chance

**Tote Bags
were £5
now only
£2.50**

Available from in the Prayer Chapel

Christian Aid:

At a time when there are so many demands on our time and money, St Paul's parishioners have again been very generous in donating, volunteering and praying for the work of Christian Aid.



With 51 volunteer deliverers, St Paul's Church was able to cover all the streets allocated to us and raise a splendid amount, including gift aid (£210.33), to a final total of **£1,436.25**.

It's lovely that, working together, we are able to carry on the tradition at St Paul's of supporting the wider world as well as our own community.

Thank you so much.

Jan Webster

Prayer Walk for our City:

If you have been on prayer walks in previous years you will know that they are an enjoyable time of meeting and chatting with people from other churches as well as praying at various places en route.

Lancaster Churches Together's Prayer walk this year is on

Thursday 9th July meeting at Ripley School at 6:30 pm and then heading into town via the hospital, police station, town hall and so on finishing at Lancaster Baptist Church.

However you don't have to go all the way. You can opt out at any point and go to the Baptist Church (open from 7:15pm) and await the more

energetic walkers who will join you about 8.00pm for a short service and refreshments. More details are on the notice above.

Lancaster-Churches-Together

Prayer-Walk-for-our-City

Thursday, 9th July 2026

Meet at 6.30 pm at Ripley School Gates, Ashton Road,
Lancaster, LA1 4RS



During the route we will visit the following and pray for: our schools and learning institutions, our hospital and medical care, The Police station, Lancaster Homeless, The Magistrates Court, Town Hall, Remembrance Garden, The Dukes Theatre, The Railway Station, The Bus Station, and The Slave Memorial ending with a short service and refreshments at Lancaster Baptist Church, Nelson Street, LA1 1PT at approx 8 pm

For those who do not want to walk the whole route, The Baptist Church will be open from 7.15 pm

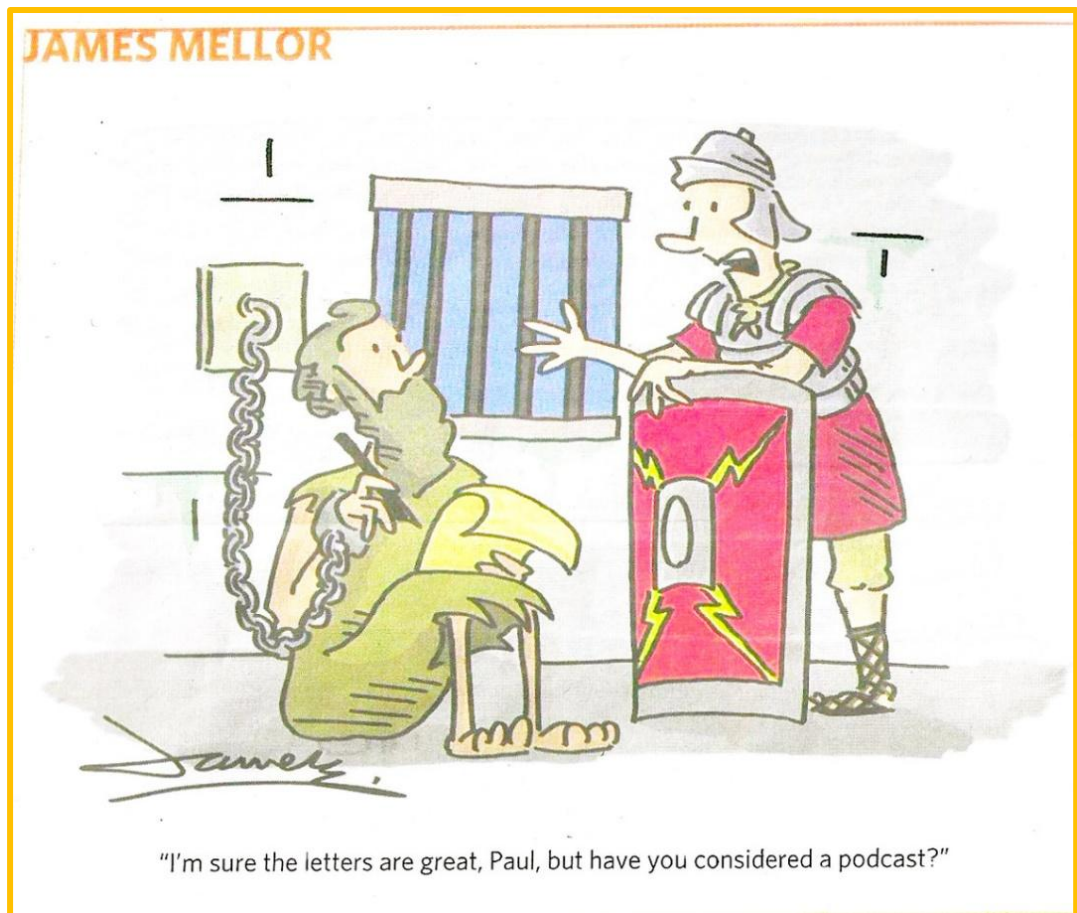
Please join us to pray for our city institutions—all welcome

For more information please phone 07857449724

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND

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Credited to
James Mellor
Church Times
5th June 2026



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● **VICAR:** Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;

● Email: catherine@stpauls-scotforth.org

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

● **ASSOCIATE PRIEST:** Rev Clare Shepherd: Tel: 07483 376211;

● Email: clare.shepherd@cumbria.ac.uk Rest day: Friday

● **CHURCHWARDEN:**

● Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

● Tel: 60597 or 07986 993007; Email: sjayneweatherill@gmail.com

● **PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:** Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

● Tel: 07986 993007; Email: safeguarding@stpauls-scotforth.org

● **PARISH OFFICE:** Office hours are Monday to Friday from 9.30am –12 noon. We are closed on weekends and Bank Holidays.

● Tel: 01524 843135; Email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org

● **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.

● **Scotforth School:** Associate Headteacher – Mr C Barnacle – Tel: 01524 65379



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Garden Party

ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Sat 11th July from 2-5pm



PLANT, BOOK & CAKE STALLS
ART EXHIBITION (By Colour Wheel)
CHURCH HISTORY EXHIBITION
HORTICULTURE QUIZ
RAFFLE
CHILDREN'S GARDEN GAMES



FREE ADMISSION

A 'fun for all the family' occasion.

Enjoy the wonder of God's creation, as seen
through our beautiful garden.

*Church history exhibition also showing Sun 12th July 2-5pm



Colour
Wheel



150 GUIDE



Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul