



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 4TH JUNE 2026

Sunday Worship – 7th June 2026 TRINITY 1

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

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

11:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala Worship Centre

12:30pm – Baptism 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
Monday 8 th June at 2pm	Women's Fellowship at the Parish Hall
Wednesday 10 th June from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 14th June 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 6:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's Hala Evening Prayer 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: Mulberry Lane, Maplewood Gardens, Bailrigg Lane, Beechwood Gardens, Elmwood Gardens, Hazelwood Gardens

From our Church prayer diary: Our 'Tea@2' Leaders and Members

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Aveya-Mae who is to be baptised this week

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

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 7th June:

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Readings for Sunday 7th June:

Acts 9.1-22

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ⁷The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' ²¹All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' ²²Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Matthew 9.9-13

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 7th June:

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Romans 5.8-1; Matthew 9.35-10.8[9-23]; Psalm 116.1, 10-17

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.



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.

Women's Fellowship:

We shall be meeting on **Monday 8th June at 2pm** in the parish hall and our speaker will be from the Hospice. We'll also be taking payment for the July afternoon tea.

Jean Mount

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.



Christian Aid:



Thank you very much to everyone who has returned their Christian Aid envelope.

If you mislaid your envelope it is not too late to donate to help families in crisis



around the world. This year CA has helped to support people in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan and recently those suffering with the Ebola outbreak and many more.



St Paul's Parish **QR code is still live until 26th June 2026.**

We have not yet met our target so it would give us a big boost as well as helping people like Frida who is trying to protect her children from the threat of malnutrition in Kenya

Jan Webster

A message for those parishioners who remember the Hamblin family:

I have been contacted by Fiona, Roger and Sylvia's daughter, to let me know that her mum passed away suddenly on Sunday 24th May. For those parishioners who would like to attend her funeral it will be held on Wednesday 10th June at 12 noon at St Michael's Church, Cockerham. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Cockerham Village Hall where all are welcome to celebrate Sylvia's life. It was Sylvia's wish for anyone attending to wear bright and colourful clothes.

Whilst Roger was curate at St Paul's well before my time here, I did get to know them both very well during my time at Glasson School and Sylvia kept in touch with me after I left.

Jayne Weatherill

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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:**

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

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● **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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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.



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 07531285199 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

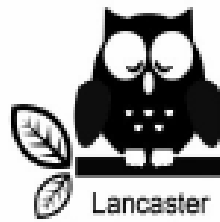


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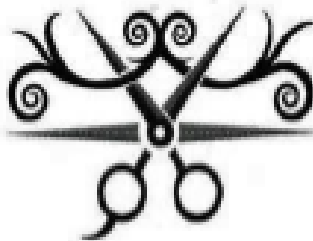
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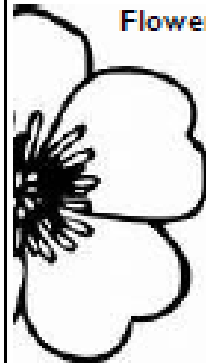
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