



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

16th July 2026

Sunday Worship – 19th July 2026

TRINITY 7

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

9:45am – Service of the Word at St Paul's Church, 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
Saturday 18th July at 9.30am 	Volunteers required to help move noticeboards in church: If you have some 'handyman' skills and are available to help move some noticeboards in church. We are also looking for someone with a circular saw and good drill with the requisite skills to go with them as well.
Wednesday 22nd July	12.30pm – Funeral of John Harding at Lancaster & Morecambe Crematorium. If you knew John then you are very welcome to join the family, friends at this service. 2pm - Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 26th July 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Family Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

From our Parish prayer diary: Belle Vue Avenue, Belle Vue Terrace, Belle Vue Drive, Sharpes Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: our Home Groups

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

All who mourn: Scott Walker, John Harding, Marion Parker

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 19th July:

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 19th July:

Romans 8.12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” ²⁸He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” ²⁹But he replied,

“No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ ³⁷He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 19th July:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and
passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect
in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Readings for next week:

Romans 8.26-end; Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52



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

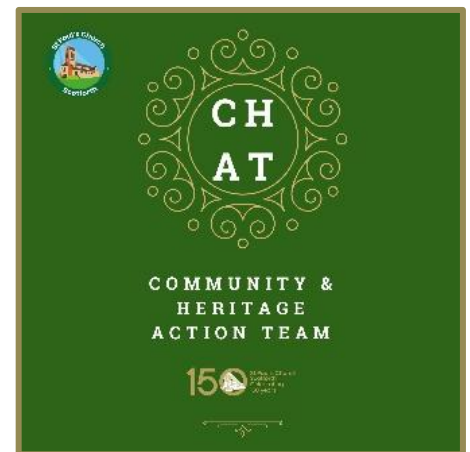


Appeal for old CD cases:

We are looking at doing some craft activities for children as part of our 150 celebrations and, if you have any old CD cases (the clear plastic ones) that you no longer need, would you consider donating them for this. They are, hopefully, going to be turned into photo frames. If you could bring them to church and hand to one of the sidespeople or myself then I would be very grateful. Thank you. **Jayne W**

Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) and how we move forward: As

many of you are aware we are in the processes of applying for funding to not only replace the church roof, but to protect the heritage of our unique church building and to look at how we connect and engage with our local community and beyond. We have professional expertise with our architects, bid writer and named officers from HLF but no-one knows our building better than those



who sit inside it, who live in the community and share worship together throughout the week. The PCC met on Monday 6th and agreed to the formation of a new group – Community and Heritage Action Team (CHAT). This team is not about being tasked with all the ‘doing’ but about the thinking, ideas and thoughts about how we move forward. This work will also come together with the ‘Vision Weekend’ for the 150th happening in November looking at mission and ministry. The idea is that both ‘strands’ are woven together to give us a cohesive way forward for the future of the parish of St Paul’s.

If you would like to know more about CHAT and are willing to be a ‘team member’ then please do come along to the first meeting on Thursday 30th July at 7pm in church, you will be very welcome.

Jayne W

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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
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• 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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A message from Tricia Impey:

A very big 'Thank You' for the surprise garden token I received last Sunday Week. I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to take services etc at St Paul's and Hala and in the deanery since I retired from Sheffield in 2010. Having been one of the 13 women 'allowed' to be priested in Alan Chester's time right at the start of such being possible, it has been good to pick up ministry again here. St Paul's celebration of 150 years is probably a good time to take notice of the passing of the years!!

Help us decorate our church! Come along to another fun, relaxed afternoon creating a beautiful banner for our church:

When: Sunday, 2nd August | 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Where: The Parish Hall

Cost: FREE (Refreshments provided!)

No skills needed—friendly guidance available.

Supplies and equipment provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Donations Welcome: Fabric and notions (ribbons, buttons, thread) are happily accepted before or on the day.

For more information contact Alice on 07840164258



The poster features a central title 'Banner Making Workshop' in large, colorful, patchwork-style letters. To the right of the title is a circular logo with '150' and a church illustration, with '2026' below it. Below the title, the event details 'ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL' and '2nd AUGUST 1.30-5.30PM' are written in bold, with 'Drop in!' underneath. Further down, text encourages participation, states that no experience is needed, and mentions that donations of fabric/thread are welcome. A red banner with a coffee cup icon says 'Refreshments available!'. At the bottom left is a circular graphic containing a QR code and the text '150 guide'. To the right of the QR code, text mentions craft supplies and provides contact information for Alice. A green footer bar at the bottom contains the text 'Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul'.

Banner Making Workshop

150
2026

ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL
2nd AUGUST 1.30-5.30PM
Drop in!

Join us in creating our second banner to decorate
St Paul's Church

No experience needed - guidance will be available!
Come and give it a go.

Donations of fabric/thread would be welcome on the
day or in advance

 **Refreshments available!**


150 guide

There will be some craft supplies and equipment
there but feel free to bring along your own!

For more information contact
Alice on 07840164258

Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul

Road closures and restrictions around St Paul's Church:

We have been notified by Cadent that there will be gas main replacement work taking place from 27th July. This will have an impact on parking etc for people attending services, below is a schedule of the work that is planned:

27th July for approximately 3 weeks – St Paul's Drive fully closed;

10th August for approximately 3 weeks – access to Church Ave, Palatine Ave and Rutland Ave – junctions with Scotforth Road closed;

17th August for approximately 2 weeks – access to St Paul's Road and Victoria Avenue – junctions with Scotforth Road closed;

24th August for approximately 2 weeks – access to Cheltenham Road and Hastings Road – junctions with Scotforth Road closed. Throughout this time there will be traffic control (lights) along Scotforth Road around these areas.



Upcoming Funeral information:

The funeral service for Marion Parker is to be held on Wednesday 5th August at 12.30pm at Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium, this will be followed by a service in St Paul's Church.

Let's dig in to Romans:



This is just a reminder that our next Soup for the Soul event in our 150 series, is 5.30pm this coming Sunday 19th July.

We have had a great and stimulating series so far as we dig a bit deeper to some of the teaching of St Paul, our Patron Saint.

This time, our own Richard Impey is going to dig in to Paul's letter to the Romans, with Aidan Dewar asking some questions.

Romans is the letter Paul wrote to the new Christians in Rome.

Although we can read it in our Bibles anytime, anywhere, how often do we sit down and give it some serious thought?

The issues nearly 2000 years ago need to be seen in context, but many of the themes are relevant to the church of today. You don't have to read the letter before you come. Just join in, listen, and discuss the presentation.

You are welcome to reflect with Richard during his 45-minute talk, which will take place, with prayer following some soup, bread and cheese. We start at 530pm on Sunday in the Hala Centre, and everyone is welcome.

Let's delve in to the book of Romans and discuss Paul's teaching themes for today.

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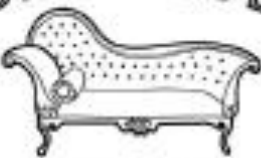
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