



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

23rd July 2026

Sunday Worship – 26th July 2026

TRINITY 8

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

9:45am – Service of the Family Communion

Please note: there will be no Fun Church over the summer holidays – it will restart on Sunday 6th September

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 29th July	2pm - Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 2nd August 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12.30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala Baptism Service 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: Lily Grove, Fern Bank

From our Church prayer diary: 9th Lancaster Guides

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

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 26th July:

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 26th July:

Romans 8.26–end

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints

according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all

that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 26th July:

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

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Readings for next week:

Romans 9.1-15; Matthew 14.13-21

Final call for our feminist theology reading group!

Those who have already signed up with either Rev Catherine or Lizzie should have received an email this week, please let Rev Catherine know if not. If you'd like more details then please speak to Rev Catherine by Sunday 26th July.

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.

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.



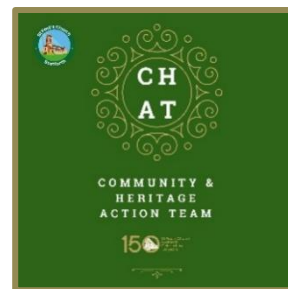
Jayne W

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

• **CHURCHWARDEN:**

• Mrs Jayne Weatherill:

• Tel: 60597 or 07986 993007; Email: sjaynewweatherill@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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A Message from the Olive Branch:

"We were blessed with some big collection drives in the last Harvest and Christmas seasons, enabling us to store up donations that saw us through the first part of 2026.

"However, we are now running out of these reserves, whilst there is still a significant need for emergency food in Lancaster with approximately 80 guests visiting The Olive Branch each week. Schools have now broken up for the summer holidays and these 6-7 weeks put an additional financial strain on families whose children are eligible for free school meals, but go without this provision over the summer.

"We are low on most items important to our emergency food parcels, but are particularly low on the following:

- Tinned meat meals, lunch meat, fish
- Tinned veg, chopped tomatoes, tinned / packet soup
- Rice and breakfast cereal
- Biscuits and tinned fruit

"If you are able to raise awareness of these needs and encourage donations, or even hold a specific collection, this would be hugely appreciated. If you currently host a collection point in your church or street, please continue to donate over these summer months. Thank you for enabling The Olive Branch to support some of the most vulnerable children and families in Lancaster."

Linda Currin

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 party!

Party Venue for Hire

St Paul's Parish Hall

&

St Paul's Hala Centre

Check out our online booking system
at

<https://stpauls-scotforth.org>

Hiring our spaces tab or
use the QR Code



Parish Office: 01524 843135



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

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

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 is titled "Banner Making Workshop" in large, colorful, patchwork-style letters. To the right of the title is a circular logo for the 150th anniversary of St Paul's Church, featuring a drawing of the church and the text "150 2026". Below the title, the event details are listed: "ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL", "2nd AUGUST 1.30-5.30PM", and "Drop in!". The text is followed by three lines of information: "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.", and "Donations of fabric/thread would be welcome on the day or in advance". A red cup icon is next to the text "Refreshments available!". A green dotted line with footprints leads from the refreshments text to a circular logo at the bottom left, which contains a QR code and the text "150 guide". To the right of the QR code, it says "There will be some craft supplies and equipment there but feel free to bring along your own!". At the bottom right, it says "For more information contact Alice on 07840164258". A green banner at the very bottom reads "Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul".

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Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul

Message from Rebecca Killick:

I first stepped through the doors of the Scotforth Road building of St. Paul's Church in the summer of 2008. Robin and I had just moved into a house on Rutland Avenue, and I fondly recall the peals of the bells telling me I had to leave the house immediately or I would be late for church. Now, 18 years later, this Sunday will be my last weekly service at Scotforth Road. I wanted to write to say "à bientôt" to those who may not have heard that I will be moving to South Carolina in the USA at the end of the month. It isn't a goodbye, as I will be back at the end of November, but you will not be seeing me for long periods of time between visits.

Many will recall meeting Elijah as a baby as one of the first memories of chatting with me - babies are good conversation starters! I will take a lot with me from St. Paul's and the many kind and generous people I have met here; thank you for all the check-ins, ideas, enthralling conversations, and who could forget, the cake. I want to thank the PCC, all the clergy and lay leaders, and the whole Church family for all their support as we set up Baptism Follow-up (2014) Fun Church (2019) and Hala Pantry (2021). These have gone from strength to strength, ministering to different parts of our Church community. I would especially like to thank Katherine Froggatt, who has taken the mantle of preparing materials for Fun Church and main lead at Hala Pantry; I have left them in very safe hands.

Having grown up in an aging Church, my mother took on many duties and this type of service to God was instilled in me from a young age. My time in California gave me a new perspective on how God quietly puts us in the places he needs us to be and calls us to serve Him. Whilst it is incredibly hard to leave Lancaster, God is now calling me to South Carolina. In quiet ways, during my recent visits, He has already shown me that He needs me there. For what precisely, will become evident over time, but Holy Trinity Church will be my new Christian home. As we take time to rest over the summer, I would encourage us all to reflect on why God put you in Lancaster, at St. Paul's, and how God calls you to serve Him and the St. Paul's Church community. Until next time.

Rebecca Killick

150th Coordinating Group

Hello everyone, our next coordinating group meeting is on **Wednesday 29th July at**

7:30pm and this time we will meet in church, not the office.

This is an open group and everyone is welcome. We will be reviewing the recent 150th events like the Scout's camping in church, the U3A history talk, Garden Party, Art Exhibition, Soup for the Soul - as well as planning for our:

Banner Making Workshop in church Sunday afternoon on 2nd August: you don't have to be an expert, just come and join in the craft activity.

Beach Social at Morecambe Clock Tower 12noon on **Saturday 8th August** with Rev Catherine - getting Fish and Chips and playing games, reading, walking - all age. Make a date!

The next bit of our Boundary Walk around the parish is on Sunday 9th August, this time looking at the amazing views in the 'reservoir section' of the route, checked out and led by Maureen Leach.

And of course, our Community Weekend **11th-13th September** when the church will be open with extra history exhibits, a new video of the original church plans, a sale of 'arty' framed photographs, as part of the national Heritage Open days scheme.

There's a lot still to plan.

And finally ... what does it mean to 'Follow Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul'? We hope to have a Christian Basics course in the autumn for those with questions or new to church.

So, do join us in all the planning and coordinating on the 29th of July and please, keep praying for all our 150th events and visitors we want to welcome. Thank you.

Jim Currin



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.

