



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS
2nd July 2026

Sunday Worship – 5th July 2026
TRINITY 5

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

9:45am – All Age Parade at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

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

12:30 – Baptisms 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 8th July from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Monday 6th July at 2pm	Tea@2 at the Parish Hall, Scotforth
Monday 6th July at 7:30pm	PCC meeting at the Parish Hall, Scotforth
Sunday 12th July 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 6:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at the Parish Hall Holy Communion at the Parish Hall Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala Evening Prayer at St Paul's, Scotforth Road



*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: Wellington Road, Newsham Place, Roseberry Avenue, Newsham Road

From our Church prayer diary: the work of The Olive Branch

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Elsie-May and George who are 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, Eileen Unsworth, Scott Walker

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 5th July:

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Sunday 5th July:

Acts 27.9-44

⁹Since much time had been lost and sailing was now dangerous, because even the Fast had already gone by, Paul advised them, ¹⁰saying, 'Sirs, I can see that the voyage will be with danger and much heavy loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.' ¹¹But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. ¹²Since the harbour was not suitable for spending the winter, the majority was in favour of putting to sea from

there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, where they could spend the winter. It was a harbour of Crete, facing south-west and north-west. ¹³When a moderate south wind began to blow, they thought they could achieve their purpose; so they weighed anchor and began to sail past Crete, close to the shore. ¹⁴But soon a violent wind, called the northeaster, rushed down from Crete. ¹⁵Since the ship was caught and could not be turned with its head to the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. ¹⁶By running under the lee of a small island called Cauda we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control. ¹⁷After hoisting it up they took measures to undergird the ship; then, fearing that they would run on the Syrtis, they lowered the sea-anchor and so were driven. ¹⁸We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, ¹⁹and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship's tackle overboard. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned. ²¹Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, 'Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. ²²I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, ²⁴and he said, "Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you." ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶But we will have to run aground on some island.'

²⁷When the fourteenth night had come, as we were drifting across the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸So they took soundings and found twenty fathoms; a little farther on they took soundings again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹Fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. ³⁰But when the sailors tried to escape from the ship and had lowered the boat into the sea, on the pretext of putting out anchors from the bow, ³¹Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, 'Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved.' ³²Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat and set it adrift.

³³Just before daybreak, Paul urged all of them to take some food, saying, 'Today is the fourteenth day that you have been in suspense and remaining without food, having eaten nothing. ³⁴Therefore I urge you to take some food, for it will help you survive; for none of you will lose a hair from your heads.' ³⁵After he had said this, he took bread; and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶Then all of them were encouraged and took food for themselves. ³⁷(We were in all two hundred and seventy-six persons in the ship.) ³⁸After they had satisfied their hunger, they lightened the ship by throwing the wheat into the sea.

³⁹In the morning they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned to run the ship ashore, if they could. ⁴⁰So they cast

off the anchors and left them in the sea. At the same time they loosened the ropes that tied the steering-oars; then hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. ⁴¹But striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the force of the waves. ⁴²The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, so that none might swim away and escape; ⁴³but the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

Matthew 11.25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 28th June:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Acts 28: 1-6; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

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

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.

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Volunteers needed to help set up in the Parish Hall for church services the next day: If you can come along and help us set up the parish hall on Saturday 11th July at 6pm we would be

very grateful. It involves setting out chairs, a couple of tables and bringing some things over from church. Our 8am and 9.45am on Sunday 12th July will be in the Parish Hall. The 6.30pm service will be in church. Many hands make light work!

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



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 Weatherill

Garden Party 11th July: We are looking for raffle prizes and also cakes, jams and chutneys for the cake and fresh produce stall. If you have anything suitable please bring it to the office or hand it to a member of the gardening team. Many thanks *Maureen Leach*

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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

