



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 30TH JULY 2026

Sunday Worship – 2nd August 2026 TRINITY 9

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

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

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

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

12:30pm Baptism Service at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road

Wednesdays – Morning Prayer by telephone conference is taking a break in August and September, and will resume again in October

Thursday at 9:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Monday 3 rd August at 2:00pm Wednesday 5 th August at 1:30pm Wednesday 5 th August at 2:00pm	Tea@2 at the Parish Hall Funeral service for Marion Parker at St Paul's Church – a private service for family only at the Crematorium precedes this Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 9 th August 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 6:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion 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: Palatine Avenue, Kenilworth Place, York Road

From our Church prayer diary: All Emergency Services Personnel

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Oakleigh-Rae, and Santino; and Shannon and Chad, who are to be baptised this week

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 2nd August:

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 2nd August:

Romans 9.1–5

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the

adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Matthew 14.13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 2nd August:

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33

Collections/donations:

Your offerings for the work and ministry of this parish are gratefully received. Please place your donation in the collection plate at services, or on a plate at the back of church. Please use 'Gift Aid' if you are able to, using and completing a green envelope, these are in the pews with a pen.

We also have a contactless giving station at the back of church, or use the QR code in the pews or in this article. Many of our regular givers do this by standing order. If this is something you would be interested in there are forms for this available at the back of church or speak to Rev Catherine or Jayne.



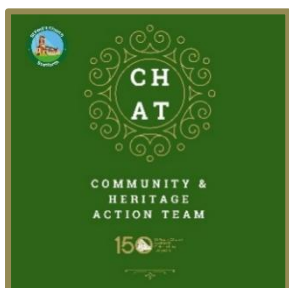
Confirmation Service:

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.



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

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

We're off to the beach!

On **Saturday 8th August, from 12 noon**, we're having a fun trip to Morecambe beach. Bring a picnic, or there's fish and chips (and ice cream!) nearby. We'll meet at the clock tower, at the top of Queen Street, and head onto the main bit of beach there. Bring a picnic blanket, frisbee, football, bucket and spade! Dogs aren't allowed on this part of the beach during the summer unfortunately. Pray for good weather, and come along for a fun afternoon, all are welcome.



Rev Catherine

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



Garden Party and Art Exhibition

Thank you to everyone for making our garden party and art exhibition weekend so successful. We had over 150 visitors during the two-day event. Congratulations to Alison Grant the winner of the flower quiz. If you are still puzzling over the quiz you will find all the answers on the table at the back of church.

Maureen Leach

Boundary Walk



Our next Boundary walk will be held on **Sunday 9th August** leaving church at 1:00pm. The full walk past both reservoirs is just over five miles but it can be shortened if so wished by meeting us at the Fox and Goose. It has some lovely views but it will involve walking on both roads and footpaths. As usual, various points of historical interest will be pointed out along the route.



Maureen Leach

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

Thank you to everyone who had a collecting box for the Children's Society this past year.

At a time when we are not using cash so much and so don't have much loose change, you have managed to raise £118.50!

It is amazing how the 2ps, 5ps etc add up as well as some very generous donations.

There are some spare boxes at the back of church if anyone would like to join in this important work.



Tricia Impey

VICAR: Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;

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

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

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CHURCHWARDEN:

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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: lifeevents@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: Headteacher – Miss K O'Donnell – Tel: 01524 65379

SITE SUPERVISOR VACANCY – SCOTFORTH ST PAUL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Summary of duties (Key Responsibilities):

- Site security and keyholder duties
- Cleaning and maintaining school building and grounds
- Carrying out minor repairs and routine maintenance
- Supervising and supporting cleaning staff
- Health and safety, fire alarm and site compliance checks
- Preparing for lettings, events and out-of-hours activities
- Monitoring supplies, equipment and contractors
- Responding to emergencies and ensuring site safety

Role overview: Responsible for the day-to-day security, cleanliness, maintenance and safe operation of the school site. The postholder will undertake routine caretaking duties, carry out minor repairs, supervise cleaning staff, oversee health and safety checks, support school events and lettings, and ensure the premises remain safe, secure and welcoming for pupils, staff and visitors. All duties must be carried out in accordance with school policies, safeguarding requirements and health and safety regulations.

For more information please contact:

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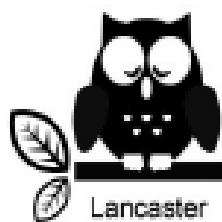


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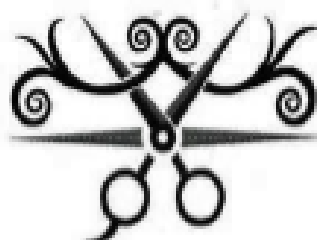
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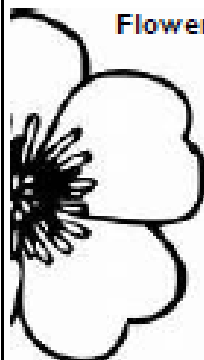
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