



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS
9th July 2026

Sunday Worship – 12th July 2026
TRINITY 6

8:00am - BCP Holy Communion **at the Parish Hall**, Scotforth Road

9:45am – Holy Communion **at the Parish Hall**, Scotforth Road

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

6:30pm – Evening Prayer **at St Paul's Church**, 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
Saturday 11th July - 2pm-5pm – in Church Sunday 12th July - 2pm-5pm- in Church Monday 13th July at 2pm Wednesday 15th July from 2pm	Garden Party, including 150 th & Art Exhibitions 150th and Colour Wheel Art Exhibitions Women's Fellowship at the Parish Hall, Scotforth Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 19th July 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala



***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: all who are seeking to grow in faith

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

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 12th July:

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 12th July:

Acts 28.1-6

28 After we had reached safety, we then learned that the island was called Malta. ²The natives showed us unusual kindness. Since it had begun to rain and was cold, they kindled a fire and welcomed all of

us round it. ³Paul had gathered a bundle of brushwood and was putting it on the fire, when a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. ⁴When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "This man must be a murderer; though he has escaped from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live." ⁵He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶They were expecting him to swell up or drop dead; but after they had waited a long time and saw that nothing unusual had happened to him, they changed their minds and began to say that he was a god.

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

¹³That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake.²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!'

¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and

understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 12th July:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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.

Women's Fellowship:

Women's Fellowship will be meeting on **Monday 13th July at 2.00pm** for Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall.

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



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!

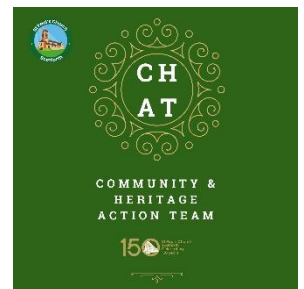


Appeal for old CD cases:

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

Volunteers required to help move noticeboards in church: If you have some ‘handyman’ skills and are available to help move some noticeboards in church on **Saturday 18th July** – meeting at 9:30am – please talk to Jayne or Keith. Also, we are looking for someone with a circular saw and good drill with the requisite skills to go with them as well.



Garden Party – this Saturday 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**



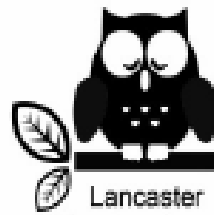
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- **VICAR:** Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;
 - Email: catherine@stpauls-scotforth.org
 - *Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.*
 - **ASSOCIATE PRIEST:** Rev Clare Shepherd: Tel: 07483 376211;
 - 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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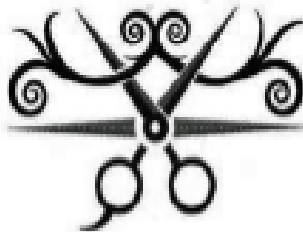
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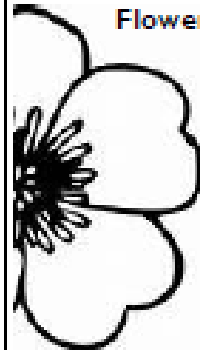


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