



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

13TH AUGUST 2026

Sunday Worship – 16th August 2026

TRINITY 11

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 – Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala Worship Centre

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

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

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

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Wednesday 19 th August at 2:00pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 23rd August 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



*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: Bedford Place, Rutland Avenue, Gloucester Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: All who read and lead Intercessions

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Ophelia Angela and Mason James 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: 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 16th August:

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings for Sunday 16th August:

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

11I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do

you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15.21-28

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 16th August:

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

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.

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 newspapers: If you have any unwanted newspapers and would like to donate them then Rev Catherine would be happy to receive them.

Community and Heritage Opening of Church: We are hoping to open church to the public on a Wednesday from 2-4pm and Saturday from 10.30-12noon each week from the beginning of April to the end of October each year, beginning on Wednesday 2nd September. This will require 2 people (one of which should hold relevant safeguarding training) to be in church during those times, on a rota system, to serve refreshments and be available to talk to people when they come in. If this is something you would like to be involved with then there is a sign up sheet at the back of church. For further information please talk to Jayne or Rev Catherine.

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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:
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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

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Interview Date: 8th September

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Advanced date for your diary:



Let's do Coffee Morning

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Come along and help us do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: St Paul's Church, Scotforth
Date: Friday 25th September 2026
Time: 10.30am - 12 noon
Contact: Parish Office
Tel: 01524 843135
E: office@stpauls-scotforth.org



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