



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 20TH AUGUST 2026

Sunday Worship – 23rd August 2026 TRINITY 12

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

9:45am – Family 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

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 26 th August at 2:00pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 30th August 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy 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: Wakefield Drive, Emerson Street, Addle Street, Devon Place

From our Church prayer diary: Our cleaning and caretaking staff

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:

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 23rd August:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 23rd August:

Romans 12.1–8

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to

the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16.13–20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 23rd August:

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Romans 12.9–end; Matthew 16.21–end

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.

Banner making workshop:

A reminder for anyone who has been working on the banner from home: please get any panels/animals etc back to us **by Sunday 30th August**. You can give pieces to Katherine Froggatt at the 9:45am on the 23rd or to me (Alice) at the 9:45am on the 30th. Any problems feel free to drop me a message on 07840 164258. Looking forward to seeing all of your creations!

Alice Dewar

Community and Heritage Opening of Church: We are hoping to open church to the public on a Wednesday from 2-4pm and Saturday from 10:30am-12 noon each week from the beginning of April to the end of October each year, beginning on Wednesday 2nd September. This will require two people (one of whom 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:
• 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: 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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CHAT Meeting:

The next meeting, which is open to anyone to attend, will be on **Thursday 3rd September at 7pm** in church. If you would like to learn more about the application process for Heritage Lottery Funding, and have any ideas on how we can engage with our local community, then please do come along – you will be very welcome.

Jayne



WE ARE HIRING

PARISH HALL KEYHOLDER:

- ▶ 6 hours per week
- ▶ 1 hour per day Mon - Sat
- ▶ £13.45 per hour
- ▶ Immediate Start

**CLOSING
DATE:
2ND
SEPTEMBER
2026**

CONTACT US :
☎ (01524) 843135
📍 St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth
Road, Lancaster, LA1 4TS

Interview Date: 8th September

FOR AN APPLICATION PACK PLEASE EMAIL
office@stpauls-scotforth.org

Our 150 Celebration Weekend 11th -13th September



Here are the headlines for you and your guests - yes, everything is

being planned for neighbours, friends and family to be invited. There is a:

- Quiz on Friday evening 11th September in the Parish Hall at 7pm;
- Bunting, posters and flags for the Saturday/Sunday (2-5pm) 'National Heritage Weekend';
- New Banner made for St Paul's on 'Creation' to be displayed;
- Original plans and drawing copies of the (many!) church designs on display. New video on screen of a visit to the Lancashire Records Office seeing the original plans;
- Heritage display with new exhibits and details of the church building featuring Children's Trail to find history things around church;
- Children's activities and games in the Hall on Saturday afternoon 2-4pm;
- Tours offered of the interesting history of St Paul's Church;
- New Guide to the building - explaining what you see available;
- The old Mother's Union banner on rare, special display;
- Sale of framed 'arty' photographs: 100% to the 150 fund;
- JOINT GUEST SERVICE @ 9:45am and old 'Prayer Book' Evening Prayer;

..... and of course, tea and cake!

This is our major celebration weekend of the year aimed at inviting guests. Please use one of the 150 booklets to invite guests - there are still plenty at the back of St Paul's and Hala. Just take them and pass them on.

Finally, we will need help with teas, cakes, stewards, hosts, tour guides - for which you will find sign up sheets at the back of St Paul's and Hala. Come along, bring your friends and be part of our major 150 celebration weekend 11th -13th September. More details in next week's Parish News or ask Jim Currin (Jim.currin@me.com). Pray for guests to come and join the Celebration!

Jim Currin

Advanced date for your diary:



Let's do Coffee Morning

Do your bit for better cancer care

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



Simply scan this QR code with your
phone to donate direct to your host's
Coffee Morning.

It's easy, quick and secure. Thank you.



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Please keep a watch in the Parish News for appeals for volunteers
and cake bakers to help us on the day.