



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

27TH AUGUST 2026

Sunday Worship – 30th August 2026

TRINITY 13

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

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

Backpack prayers will be given at this service, if you want to bring along your schoolbag or work bag then please do.

Please note: Fun Church 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 2nd September at 2pm Thursday 3rd September at 7pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome CHAT meeting in the Parish Hall meeting room
Sunday 6th September 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala Baptism at St Paul's Church, 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: Graham Street, Vine Street, Brunton Road, Pickard Street, Binyon Court

From our Church prayer diary: All who receive a Pastoral or Home Communion visit in our parish

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 30th August:

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 30th August:

Romans 12.9-end

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16.21-end

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

The Cross and Self-Denial

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 30th August:

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Romans 13.8–end; Matthew 18.15-20

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.

**** Please note the Parish Office will be closed on
Bank Holiday Monday 31st August ****

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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2026
COMMUNITY WEEKEND
11th-13th September

FRIDAY
The Pub Quiz
Event starts at 7pm, in the Parish Hall, tickets £10.

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SATURDAY
Heritage Exhibition
Church Tours
Days of Creation Banner Unveiling
Children's Party Afternoon
All events 10am-4pm in the church, apart from the Children's Party Afternoon which is 2-4pm in the Parish Hall.

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SUNDAY
Invite a Guest Service
Heritage Exhibition
Invite a Guest Service at 9:45, Heritage Exhibition: 2-5pm.

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Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul

The poster features a large '150' with a church illustration inside the zero, surrounded by footprints. It lists events for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, separated by plus signs. Decorative elements include a blue balloon with a cross, a small plant with a QR code, and a church illustration at the bottom right.



150
2026
ALL-AGE
CHILDREN'S PARTY
AFTERNOON
ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL
SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER - 2-4PM
ARTS & CRAFTS - PARTY GAMES - CAKE
Join for all, drop in for some, parents must stay with children throughout.

Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul

The poster features a large '150' with a church illustration inside the zero, surrounded by colorful bunting. It announces a children's party on Saturday 12th September from 2-4pm. Decorative elements include a green balloon, a church illustration, and a book titled 'HOW TO WRITE FRIENDLIER LETTERS FOR CHILDREN'.

CHAT Meeting:

The next meeting, which is open to anyone to attend, will be on **Thursday 3rd September at 7pm** in the Parish Hall Meeting Room (please note change of location). 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**



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 this Sunday 30th August**. You can give pieces to me 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**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A GARDENING BEE!

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GET THE PARISH HALL BORDERS TIDY!

Meeting on Saturday 26th September – 9.30-12 noon

Please bring your own tools, gardening gloves, spades/forks/trowel
Drinks will be provided

Many hands make lighter work!

Any questions please talk to Keith Weatherill
email: keith.weatherill@gmail.com



WE ARE HIRING

PARISH HALL KEYHOLDER:

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

CONTACT US :

☎ (01524) 843135

📍 St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth
Road, Lancaster, LA1 4TS

**CLOSING
DATE:
2ND
SEPTEMBER
2026**

Interview Date: 8th September

FOR AN APPLICATION PACK PLEASE EMAIL

office@stpauls-scotforth.org

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: sjaynewweatherill@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



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.



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. 70605_Invite_Thank_You_Postcard

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Macmillan Coffee Morning: We are hosting a coffee morning to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you are able to bring a cake or biscuits along for the event – either to the 9.15am service on 24th September or on the morning after 10am then we would really appreciate this – there is a signing up sheet at the back of church and at Hala. Please do put this date and time (10.30-12 noon) in your diary and come along and support this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you