



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday Worship – 13th September 2026 TRINITY 15

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

9:45am – Joint 'Invite a Guest' Service of Holy Communion with Hala at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road

11:15am – ***no service at Hala today***

6:30pm – Evening Prayer at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road

Wednesdays – Morning Prayer by telephone conference is taking a break in 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
Monday 14 th September at 2pm Wednesday 16 th September at 2pm Wednesday 16 th September – 2-4pm	Women's Fellowship at the Parish Hall Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome Community and Heritage Open Church – everyone welcome – 2-4pm
Sunday 20 th September 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion with Harvest Parade at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Service of the Word (Harvest) at St Paul's, Hala Baptisms 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: Dorrington Road, Heaton Road

From our Church prayer diary: Ecumenical relationships

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, Ian Smith, Irene Harper, Bill Haworth, Jennie Webster, Heather Richardson, Richard Impey, Linda Tomkinson, Ava

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 13th September:

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 13th September:

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.^[a] ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:16-21

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 13th September:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Philippians 1.21-end; Matthew 20.1-16

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.



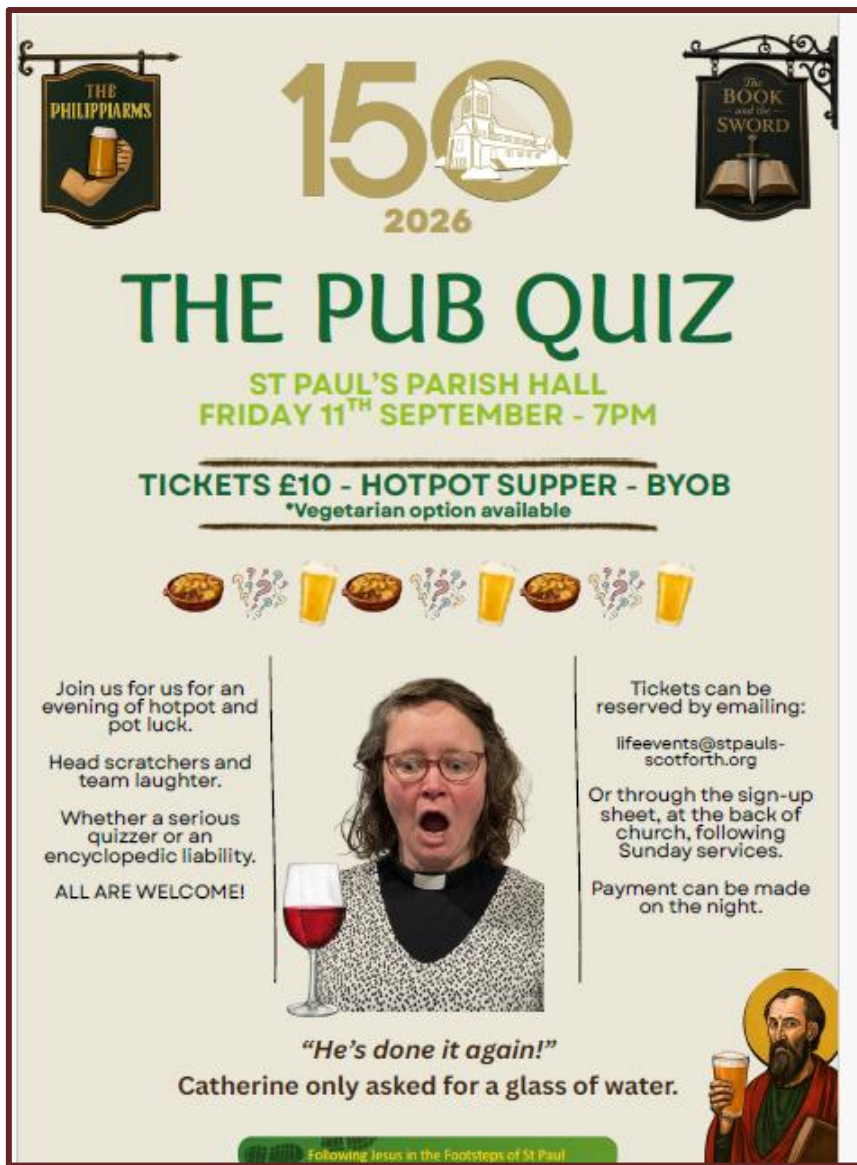
We also have a contactless giving station at the back of church, or use the QR code in the pews or in this article. Many of our regular givers do this by standing order. If this is something you would be interested in there are forms for this available at the back of church or speak to Rev Catherine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

Community and Heritage Opening of Church:

We are hoping to open church to the public on a Wednesday from 2-4pm each week from the beginning of April to the end of October each year, which began 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.





Quiz Night: Please note that, due to circumstances beyond our control, there will be no hotpot supper. A donations basket for taking part in the quiz will be available. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Women's Fellowship:

We shall be meeting in the Parish Hall at 2pm on **Monday 14th September** for our Annual General meeting.

Jean Mount

Feminist Theology Reading Group:

The next meeting of the feminist theology reading group will take place in the meeting room at the Parish Hall on **Wednesday 16th September 6:00pm–7:30pm**. If you'd like more details then please speak to Rev Catherine or Lizzie.

Community Consultation for Heritage Lottery Funding: We are, once again, undertaking a community consultation in our process of applying for funding for the roof replacement, stained glass window refurbishment, restoration work in the sanctuary and brass plaques, refurbishment of the toilet area and installation of a new kitchen servery for refreshments. In addition, to fund some of the initiatives to enable us to get 'over the finish line' during the project.

We would really appreciate you completing this survey by clicking on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BGN78MZ> or by scanning the QR code in this article. There will also be hard copies of the survey available to complete in church – by the side of the refreshment area. The last date for doing this is Wednesday 7th October after the Open Afternoon in church at 4pm. It shouldn't take any longer than 4 minutes to complete online.

Can we also ask you to encourage friends, family, neighbours to complete it too, we do need to be able to say to the HLF team that 'our wider community' really do value our building and the services (pastoral and social) that we offer. Thank you.



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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: 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: 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:** Headteacher – Miss K O'Donnell – Tel: 01524 65379

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From Detective Superintendent to Police Chaplain:

Come and hear from Rev Claire McEnery about her 30 years with Lancashire Constabulary and her recent work as a Police Chaplain. The talk follows the brief AGM of Lancaster Churches Together at Trinity United Reformed Church, Bowerham Road, LA1 4AH on **Thursday 17th September at 7:30pm.**

Arton Medd



**LEIGHTON HALL
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SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026 10AM – 3PM

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The poster features a dark background with a border of autumn leaves and apples. Various cartoon insects are illustrated: a green caterpillar, a yellow and black bee, a brown spider, and a blue dragonfly. At the bottom, there is a landscape with rolling hills, trees, and several apples.

What do you know about our church building?

You have known for months that we are celebrating St Paul's Church 150th Anniversary this year but here are a few questions about the building.

- Do you know why, 14 yrs after the church was built, the west (back) wall was demolished stone by stone?
- The pulpit has not always been where it is now. Do you know where it was before?
- Have you any idea what is behind the oak panelling round the apse?
- There is a relic radiator in the Music Corner from the original central heating system. Do you know where it was made?
- The toilet and kitchen area was built in 1982. Do you know when the first plans for a toilet in church were drawn?

The answers and much more information about the church can be found at the special Heritage Weekend Exhibition in church on Saturday 12th September (10.00am - 4.00pm) and Sunday 13th September (1.00pm - 4.00pm)

You can also look at lots of other items - pictures, photos, old magazines etc. and have a cuppa and cake as well.

Arton Medd

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



Your memories of St Paul's:

We would like to start a 'scrapbook' of memories/associations with St Paul's from individuals or family memories. If you would like to write an article for the scrapbook the questions we would like to be answered are:

- What does St Paul's mean to you or your family?
- How has St Paul's featured in your life?
- Has being a part of the St Paul's family had an impact on your life? This can be socially, well-being etc.

Documents can be sent electronically to lifeevents@stpauls-scotforth.org or be handwritten, it can include photographs as well.

All items submitted will be kept in the parish archives for future generations to look back on. It will be displayed in church when completed before being put into storage.

Jayne



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

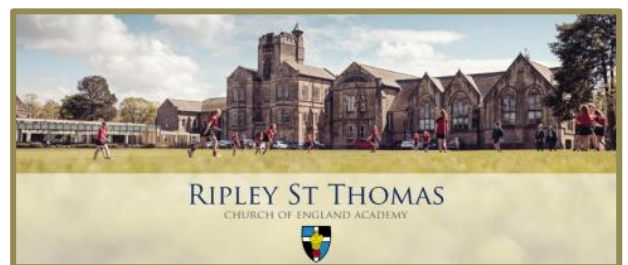


School Admission and 'Green Card' System:

We would like to remind parents about the 'green card' system that we operate at St Paul's, both in church and at our Hala Worship Centre. At the present time attendance for either primary or secondary school admissions is for "parent and/or child". This means if you attend a service without your child you should still get your card signed. If your child attends with another family member, e.g. grandparent, then the green card can be signed for your child's attendance however, if they attend without your child the card cannot be signed – your child has to be with them. Any questions then please do talk to Jayne or Rev Catherine.

Secondary School Admissions Meetings:

We are now taking bookings for Ripley St Thomas Church of England High School Supplementary Forms to be signed.



There will be two evenings – **Tuesday 29th September and Thursday 1st October between 6-8pm in the Parish**

Office. Please contact the office by telephone to make an appointment (9.30-12 noon Mon - Fri) or email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org

In order to make an appointment we will need the following information:

- Preferred date;
- Your name;
- Your child's name;
- Your child's school;
- Your contact telephone number.

If you email the office for an appointment you will receive a confirmation email stating the date and time of your appointment. Please remember that you will need to bring your school admission green card with you and the supplemental form you received in your RST prospectus pack. Please note, only one parent needs to attend the meeting in order to reduce any possible congestion in the Parish Hall.

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