



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 17TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday Worship – 20th September 2026 TRINITY 16/HARVEST

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

9:45am – Harvest Service of Holy Communion with Parade
at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road (more information in the body
of the Parish News)

11:15am – Harvest Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

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

Wednesday 23rd at 5:30pm – Confirmation Service with
Bishop Jill and Rev Catherine

*Everyone is very welcome to come along and support our
confirmation candidates – there will be refreshments served
afterwards.*

Thursday 24th at 9:15am – Service of the Word at St Paul's Church,
Scotforth Road

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Wednesday 23rd September at 2pm Wednesday 23rd September – 2-4pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome Community and Heritage Open Church – everyone welcome
Sunday 27th September 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our mission Partners: For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators

From our Parish prayer diary: Chiltern Court, Hastings Road, The Hastings, Kensington Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our environmental witness

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Mabel and Rosie 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, Linda Tomkinson

All who mourn: Betty Hutchinson

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 20th September:

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 20th September:

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ “Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. ¹⁶ He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.’ ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

John 6:30-35

³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” ³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 20th September:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 28.1-14; 2 Corinthians 9.6-end; Luke 12.16-30

Celebration Heritage Weekend

What a weekend! We hosted at least 130 guests to our National Heritage exhibition in St Paul's with a new tour Guide, Creation banner, and new exhibits



including the old Mothers' Union banner. Lots of appreciative comments from our guests, some of whom came from as far as Manchester, and others who happened to be here from New Zealand and Australia!

The Quiz night and Children's Party Afternoon were much enjoyed and the Guest service well attended, so we hope and pray that everyone enjoyed their time and went away knowing something more about our 150 theme of 'Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul'.

A huge thanks to everyone who made the guests welcome: from carrying boards to making cake. It was all very much appreciated. Thank you.

Have you filled in the Community Consultation Questionnaire? Shall we do the weekend again? Keep the comments coming in and your prayers for those we could welcome.

Sites of St Paul - Sunday 5:30pm – Soup for the Soul at Hala

After a wonderful celebration Heritage weekend we are straight on with Soup for the Soul this coming Sunday!

Our Patron Saint, St Paul, visited many places to share the Gospel and many of the sites are key places for modern pilgrims to visit. Our own Margaret Ives and Tricia Impey have been two of them, and they will be sharing pictures and reflections about their Christian faith, St Paul, and the sites they visited.

Come and join us. We start with soup, followed by short prayer, and then Margaret and Tricia will lead us with pictures. It all happens 5:30-7:00pm this Sunday 20th September at the Hala Centre. Everyone welcome.

Architect talk - Monday 29th September

As you will have seen on the poster with the wonderful picture of Edmund Sharpe, our own modern-day architect for St Paul's Church, Zoe Hooton, will be with us to talk about our unique history as a rare 'Pot Church'. It should be full of interesting facts and reflections. Do bring friends for our architects talk at 7.30pm Monday 29th September.

Unexpected Guest!

Our weekend was all about inviting guests - but there was one particular one that was unexpected and caused quite a stir just five minutes before Evening Prayer. A squirrel ran into church, all the way up to the High Altar, behind the gold frontal and all the way back and out through the main door!

Jim Currin

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 April to 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.



A message from Grace Donhue:

If anyone would like a sapling, either cherry, silver birch, oak etc, to plant in remembrance of a relative or friend, or to celebrate a special occasion and so you can do 'your bit' for the environment, then Grace has 10 saplings which she would like to offer. Please just make a donation to the Church funds and come and pick your own at 11 Greaves Drive, Lancaster.

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.



VICAR: Rev Catherine Haydon: Tel: 07723 642973;

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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:

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: 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: 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 or email:

k.odonnell@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk



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*

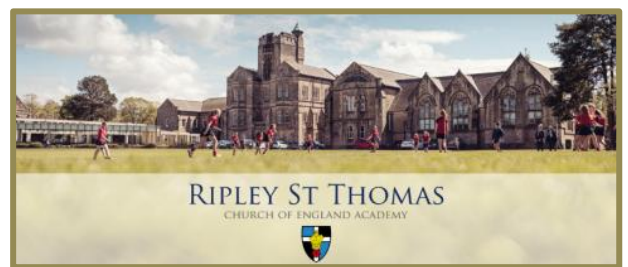


School Admission and 'Green Card' System:

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.



Harvest Service with Parade
Sunday 20th September at 9.45am:

Donations as part of the service will be gratefully received and we will be sending these to The Olive Branch. Their current High Priority requests are:

- Pasta
- Tinned lunch meat (eg corned beef)
- Tinned soup
- Breakfast cereal

Note: Any fresh produce will be taken to Homeless Action Service. Please do stay and join with us after the service where there will be tea/coffee/biscuits served by our refreshment team.

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a party?**



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