



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 24TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday Worship – 27th September 2026 TRINITY 17

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

9:45am – Service of the Word at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road

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

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

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

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Wednesday 30 th September at 2pm Wednesday 30 th September 2-4pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome Community and Heritage Open Church – everyone welcome
Sunday 4 th October 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word - Safeguarding Service at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala Baptism at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road



*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: Devonshire Street, Franklin Street, Cheltenham Road, Victoria Avenue

From our Church prayer diary: Our Churchwarden and Assistant Churchwardens

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 27th September:

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 27th September:

Philippians 2.1–13

2 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in

human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21.23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ ²⁴Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?”

²⁶But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ ²⁷So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” ²⁹He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 27th September:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-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.

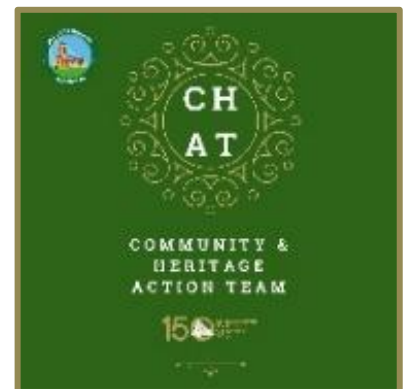


We also have a contactless giving station at the back of church, or use the QR code in the pews or in this article. Many of our regular givers do this by standing order. If this is something you would be interested in there are forms for this available at the back of church or speak to Rev Catherine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

Community and Heritage Opening of Church:

We are hoping to open church to the public on a Wednesday afternoon 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.

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



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.

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



Last Call! – Gardening Bee is this Saturday!

150th Anniversary – Our church architect is giving a talk on our building focussing on the original design to its modern-day look. The talk begins at 7.30 pm on Monday 28th September and there will be refreshments served after the talk. Everyone welcome.





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ALL WELCOME

OUR ARCHITECT

Monday 28th September - 7:30pm
St Paul's Church - Scotforth

Behind the Bricks
A dynamic insight into the designs, building of and adaptations to, this house of worship.

From, our original architect, Edmund Sharpe, and his gothic 'pot church' revival to its modern day look.

Join Zoe Hooton MA, our current architect and expert in St Paul's Church, Scotforth, for this not to be missed talk.

Refreshments Available.



Edmund Sharpe



Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St Paul



LEIGHTON HALL APPLE DAY

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026 10AM – 3PM

ACTIVITIES, TASTINGS, CRAFTS, DEMONSTRATIONS,
STALLS, REFRESHMENTS, MAKERS AND MARKETPLACE

EARLY BIRD ONLINE TICKETS FROM
WWW.LEIGHTONHALL.CO.UK

CHILDREN AGED 0-4 YRS	£1.00
CHILDREN AGED 5-11 YRS	£3.50
OVER 11 YEARS-ADULT	£6.50

TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

FABULOUS FUN, WHATEVER THE WEATHER

LEIGHTON HALL, CARNFORTH, LANCS, LA5 9ST

01524 734474



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

Boundary Walk:

Our final Parish Boundary walk will be going up Burrow Heights on **Sunday 4th October** departing from church at 1:00pm. If it's a clear day there are excellent views from the summit. The walk is just over 4.5 miles with 170 ft of ascent. If you wish to join us but not walk quite as far we can meet you at the Hala Centre.



For further information contact Maureen on 07531 285199.



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



Scan me to donate

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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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Official sponsor Don't let cancer win

This Friday 25th September

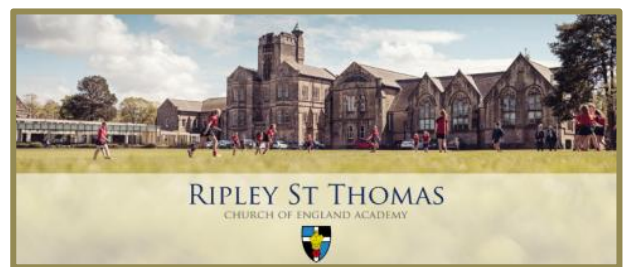
Macmillan Coffee Morning: We are hosting a coffee morning to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you are able to bring a cake or biscuits along for the event – either to the 9.15am service on 24th September or on the morning after 10am then we would really appreciate this – there is a signing 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.