



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

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Sunday Worship – 6th September 2026

TRINITY 14

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

9:45am – Holy Communion at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road
Please note: Fun Church restarts today

11:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala Worship Centre

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

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
Monday 7 th September at 2pm Wednesday 9 th September at 2pm Wednesday 9 th September – 2-4pm	Tea@2 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 13 th September 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am - <i>*no service at Hala today*</i> 12:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Joint 'invite a guest' service of Holy Communion – with Hala - at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Evening Prayer at St Paul's, 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: Ash Grove, Bridge Road, West Street

From our Church prayer diary: All the staff and pupils at Scotforth St Paul's and all schools in our parish as they begin the new school year

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:

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 6th September:

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Sunday 6th September:

Romans 13.8–end

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in

this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18.15-20

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 6th September:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

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.



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

A photograph showing several people, mostly young adults, wearing white t-shirts with 'VOLUNTEER' printed on them. They are working together in a garden, with one person using a tool to dig or weed. The background is a lush green garden with trees and foliage.



'Spread the Word' for the September Weekend ...

We need your help!

After all the many hours put in for the planning by the team for 11th-13th September Celebration Weekend, we need your help to invite lots of guests.

We want to reach as many people as possible with our welcome so can you invite those you know who might be interested please?

It could be to the Pub Quiz on the Friday night in the Hall; the Heritage Open Days Saturday (10am-4pm) and Sunday (1-4pm) in church with exhibition and refreshments; the Children's

activities in the Hall Sat 2-4pm or the special 'Invite a Guest' joint service with our Hala congregation planned at the 9.45am on the Sunday (normal services at 8am and 6.30pm – no service at Hala). Everyone is welcome: friends, neighbours, colleagues and yes, people just passing on the street, everyone is invited!

There are invitation leaflets in St Paul's and Hala and we can provide posters from the office if you have somewhere to put it up. Please repost the parish Facebook page with the posters and 'Spread the Word' as much as you can.

Jim Currin



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



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.

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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: 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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What do you know about our church building?

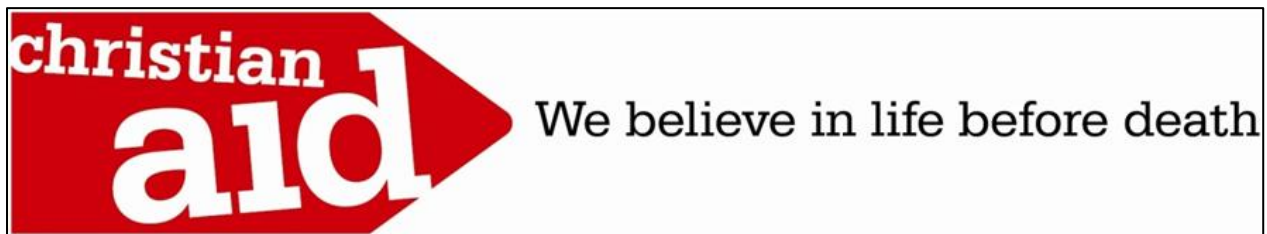
You have known for months that we are celebrating St Paul's Church 150th Anniversary this year but here are a few questions about the building.

- 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



Nepal Floods Appeal

We feel helpless looking at the news of this devastation, but we can do something to help by donating to Christian Aid's Emergency Appeal. CA has already released emergency funding to their partners who are working on the ground now, but they need more money.

You can donate via their website www.christianaid.org.uk or by phoning CA Support on 020 7523 2493.



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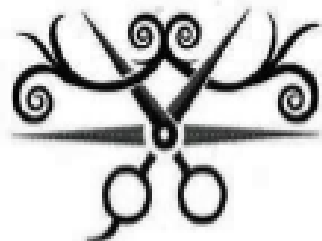
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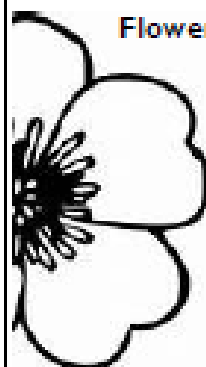
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