



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

15TH OCTOBER 2026

Sunday Worship – 18th October 2026

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

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

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

Wednesday at 9:00am – Morning Prayer by telephone conference
Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the telephone conference

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

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Wednesday 21 st October at 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Thursday 22 nd October	Please note – the Parish Office will be closed today.
Sunday 25th October 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala



*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: Eden Park, Hall Park

From our Church prayer diary: The Refreshment Team

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, Janet Reeves

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 18th October:

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Sunday 18th October:

St Paul's, Scotforth – 8am and 9:45am

Isaiah 35.3–6

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Luke 10.1–9

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the

labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Readings for Sunday 18th October:

St Paul's, Hala – 11:15am

1 Corinthians 13:

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end of childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

John 13. 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 18th October:

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.
 God our Father,
 whose Son, the light unfailing,
 has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance:
 let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
 that we may know the way of life,
 and walk in it without stumbling;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Holy and blessed God,
 you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
 and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
 may we honour you,
 not only with our lips
 but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 34.1–12; 1 Thessalonians 2.1–8; Matthew 22.34–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.



**** PLEASE NOTE the Parish Office will be closed next week on the morning of Thursday 22nd October ****

Advanced Notice - Amended Parish Office Hours:

Due to upcoming holidays etc, the Parish Office **will be closed every Thursday morning from Monday 2nd November through to week beginning Monday 7th December**. From Monday 14th December we will return to normal opening hours.

Office cover over the Christmas and New Year period:

Closed from 12 noon:	Open from 9.30am:
Thursday 24 th December	Tuesday 29 th December
Thursday 31 st December	Monday 4 th January

If you have an urgent query then please do drop the office an email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org or leave a message on the answer machine: (01524) 843135 and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you.

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.

150 News and Updates:

Choral Evensong this Sunday 18th October at 6:30pm has sadly had to be postponed. The Choral Scholars from Lancaster Priory are happy to join us next year.



Songs of Praise is on Sunday 15th November at 6:30pm in St Paul's Scotforth Road with Archdeacon David Picken speaking. Everyone is welcome and we hope to have a great selection of hymns and songs to sing - chosen by the 150 Planning Group. Do join us and bring your friends to have a wonderful sing - and praise the Lord together.

150 Finance

Thanks to everyone's generosity when attending events this year we have £938.11 in funds to distribute to our chosen charities – The Olive Branch, Scot4All and St John's Hospice at the end of our anniversary year. It's not too late to give to the 150th, if you would like to help us push that target over the £1,000 mark then please put your donation into an envelope marked 150 fund or hand to Rev Catherine or Jayne.

Church Architect's Talk. Zoe Hooton has agreed that her 25-minute talk can be posted on YouTube for us all to see. She was asking how St Paul's building might evolve for the future, given that it was experimental when it was built. It sparked discussion with those present, the link will be posted in the parish news when it is available.

Time Capsule. Throughout the year we have been collecting some interesting pieces to go in the Time Capsule, including 150th year mementos (badge/posters/booklets/Newspaper etc), 2 pieces of art (adult/child) and a specially donated 1946 Parish Magazine! There is still a bit more space if you have suggestions to be included before it is 'placed' by the Bishop in January. Email Jim.currin@me.com. Thank you.

Jim Currin

How to 'serve' your

church: We have a number of vacancies opening up at our next Annual Meeting. If you would like to know more about any of these then please talk to Rev Catherine or Jayne.

Parish Safeguarding Officer

- Work with the vicar and PCC to promote safeguarding in the parish, and ensure that Church of England guidance is followed
- Know how to respond to and report any safeguarding concerns or allegations, keeping appropriate records
- Ensure all leaders are aware of their safeguarding responsibilities, and that all volunteers are up to date with their training

Health & Safety Officer

- Ensure the Health and Safety policy of the church is kept up to date and implemented
- Ensure any hazards are reported and rectified, and accidents recorded and reported
- Review risk assessments and keep up to date with new requirements/legislation

Treasurer

- Manage and monitor the finances of the church, maintaining a book-keeping system
- Keep the PCC up to date with the financial situation of the church, and advise as necessary
- Draft an annual budget, and prepare annual accounts for audit

Churchwarden

- Build a close working relationship with the vicar, having open and honest conversations even if you don't always agree, acting as a bridge between the vicar and the congregation
- Responsible for the church building, ensuring inventory and registers are up to date, and that appropriate maintenance is carried out
- Have an overview of the church finances, and ensure policies and procedures are in place
- Responsible for the management of services, welcoming people, organising sidespeople, stepping in to lead if necessary
- Be prayerful and encouraging, supporting initiatives and changes to allow the church and parish to flourish, reaching out with the good news of the love of God

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:

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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: 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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Children's Society Christmas Cards:

Samples of this year's cards have arrived! They are at the back of church at St. Paul's and also at Hala.

Do have a look at them & let's see if we can't have a bumper order this year!

As usual I will need money in advance so there will be an accompanying jam jar! Once you have put your money in the jar please put a tick against your name so I know you have paid.

Many thanks in advance, **Tricia Impey**



Meet a Christian Aid Partner from South Sudan:

Friday 16th October at 7.00pm at Lancaster Priory Church.

So how does the money that is given get used by those who need it? You can find out directly from one of CA's partners from South Sudan. This is a country torn apart by civil war but it does not make the headlines despite the fact that over 2 million people are displaced from their homes. You will hear about Christian Aid's immediate relief work and its actions to promote longer term sustainable livelihoods in war torn areas. The Lowolo Diocese in South Sudan is one of Blackburn Diocese's international links and earlier this year Bishop Philip met the Bishop of Lowolo in Nairobi.

Arton Medd

Faith and Fabric - ALL WELCOME:

Come join the next in our series of craft events (**Saturday 24th Oct, 1-5pm** in the Parish Hall). This month, we will be creating a 'Symbols of the Holy Spirit' banner for the Hala Centre.

At the same time, we will be running skill workshops in embroidery and patchworking - with opportunities to stitch scripture or make a bookmark for your Bible!

All supplies and equipment provided, however, donations of threads/fabrics and contributions to St Paul's Church are welcome. **Alice Dewar**

