



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

1ST OCTOBER 2026

Sunday Worship – 4th October 2026

TRINITY 18

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

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

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

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

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 – Service of the Word at St Paul's Church,
Scotforth Road

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Wednesday 7th October at 2pm Wednesday 7th October 2-4pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome Community and Heritage Open Church – everyone welcome – this is the last opening for this year.
Sunday 11th October 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 6:30pm	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 Evening Prayer 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: Church Avenue, St Paul's Drive, St Paul's Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our funeral vergers

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Josie-May who is 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 4th October:

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Sunday 4th October:

1 Corinthians 13 – St Paul's, Scotforth – 8am and 9.45am

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.

Philippians 3.7-14 – Hala 11:15am Service

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴

I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 13.31-35 – St Paul's, Scotforth – 8am and 9.45am

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.'

Matthew 21.33-end, Hala 11:15am Service

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹

They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' ⁴² Jesus

said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 4th October:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

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Readings for next week:

Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

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.

Confirmation

Service: It was wonderful to celebrate with our candidates at our Confirmation Service led by Bishop Jill last week – we ended the service with lots of cake!



Women's Fellowship Meeting: On Monday the 12th October Steve Williams is coming to give us a talk about Wallace and Grommitt. We are in need of a new treasurer and if someone would be prepared to take on this role we would be very grateful. Unfortunately, if a treasurer is not found we will have to close down in December. It is not necessary to be a women's fellowship member. If you would like more information about the role then please do contact me.

Jean Mount

A Visit to the Archives:

Our latest 150 video is about the visit to the Lancashire Archives office to see the original plans for St Paul's Scotforth. Pat Illingworth looks at several ideas drawn up by Edmund Sharpe before he settled on the unusual Romanesque design in the 1870s. You will also see the Terracotta plans for the moulded stonework from the Leeds factory where it was made - every piece of our church numbered like a giant jigsaw!

Please have a look and share the short video. It is on

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9BUKq8wNuc>

Jim Currin

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Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.

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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.

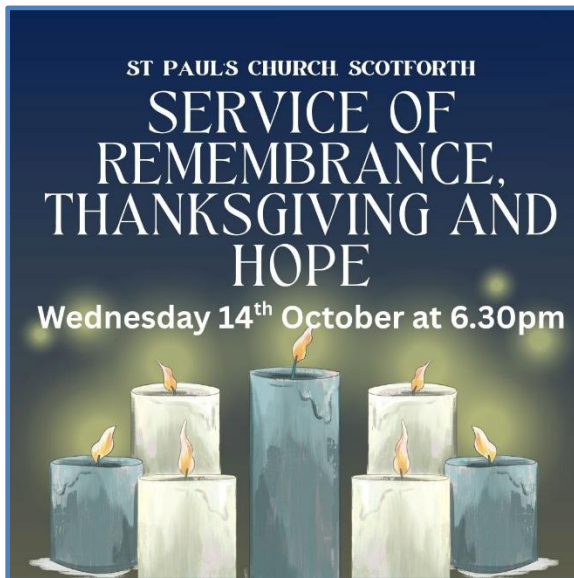
We would really appreciate you completing this survey by clicking on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BGN78MZ> or by scanning the QR code in this article. There will also be hard copies of the survey available to complete in church – by the side of the refreshment area. The last date for doing 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.

Boundary Walk:

Our final Parish Boundary walk will be going up Burrow Heights **this 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



Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Hope:

Our service where we can remember those who we have loved and lost is on **Wednesday 14th October at 6.30pm** in St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road.

The lists where your loved one's names can be added will be in church and at Hala from Sunday 4th October.





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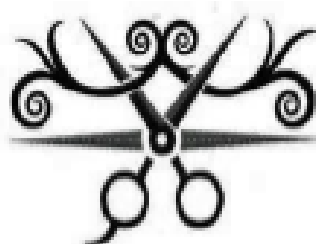
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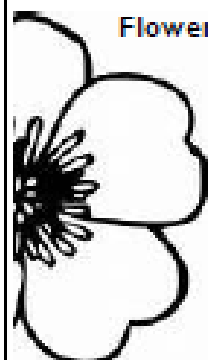
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