



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 22ND OCTOBER 2026

Sunday Worship – 25th October 2026 LAST AFTER TRINITY

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

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

11:15am –Service of the Word 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 29th October - 9:15am – No Service Today

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Saturday 24th October 1pm – 5pm in the Parish Hall	Faith and Fabric - we will be creating a 'Symbols of the Holy Spirit' banner for the Hala Centre.
Wednesday 28th October at 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 1st November 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm	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 Baptisms at St Paul's Church, Scotforth



***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: Piccadilly, Shaftsbury Place, Park Court, Piccadilly Close, Piccadilly Grove

From our Church prayer diary: The Pastoral 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 25th October:

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Sunday 25th October:

Colossians 3.12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds

everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Matthew 24.30–35

³⁰Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see “the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven” with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ³² ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 25th October:

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Readings for next week:
1 John 3.1–3; Matthew 5.1–12

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.



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.

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***



Important Annoucement about U3A Architecture Talk:

If you are thinking of coming to the U3A Architecture talk on Wednesday October 28th please note that the date has been changed to Wednesday November 25th at 10.30. ***Maureen Leach***

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.

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:

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-](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org)

[scotforth.org](mailto:pastoral@stpauls-scotforth.org) or telephoning Jayne on Tel: 07986993007.

Scotforth School: Headteacher – Miss K O'Donnell – Tel: 01524 65379

Video of Zoe Hooton, our church architect, talk given in church a few weeks ago: is available now on our YouTube channel. Please visit: https://youtu.be/61PEU3LnwkU?si=hJIGnao_vFa2z1P-

Or you can visit our website at: <https://stpauls-scotforth.org/150th-anniversary-of-st-pauls-scotforth/church-history/>



the Olive
Branch
faith in action

Ceilidh Night

Join us for a night of Ceilidh dancing,
led by a brilliant band, to raise funds for
The Olive Branch's service.

Tickets include a hearty meal of pie &
peas, followed by pudding!
Soft & alcoholic drinks available to buy
on the night.

Saturday 14th November 2026

**Over Kellet Village Hall,
Carnforth, LA6 1DT.**

**Doors open 6.30 pm,
dancing from 6.45 pm!**

Tickets:

£20 - adult

£10 - Primary school child
(incl. Hotdog & pudding)

£50 - 2 adults + 2 primary
school children

Book tickets on our website: the-olivebranch.org.uk