



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 29TH OCTOBER 2026

Sunday Worship – 1st November 2026 ALL SAINTS' DAY / 4 BEFORE ADVENT

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

12:30pm – Baptisms 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 – Holy Communion at St Paul's Church,
Scotforth Road

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Monday 2 nd November at 2pm Monday 2 nd November at 7:30pm Wednesday 4 th November at 2pm	Tea@2 in the Parish Hall PCC Meeting in the Meeting Room, Parish Hall Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 8th November 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 6:30pm	Remembrance Sunday 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



*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: Uggle Lane, Lawson Close, Hibbert Terrace, Ashford Road, Ashford Place

From our Church prayer diary: The Gardening Team

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Maxximus Avery and Grace Florence who are 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, Janet Reeves

All who mourn: Katherine Bevington

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 1st November:

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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 1st November:

1 John 3.1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5.1-12

⁵ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 1st November:

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for next week:
1 Thessalonians 4.13–end; Matthew 25.1–13

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.

Women's Fellowship:

The Women's Fellowship will be meeting at the Parish Hall on **Monday 9th November at 2pm**. Margaret Ives will be talking about her pilgrimage. We will be collecting subs on that day.

Jean Mount

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*



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

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-scotforth.org or telephoning Jayne on Tel: 07986993007.

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

TO ALL SINGERS!

The Jubilate Singers have had quite a long rest over the summer months, but are now starting rehearsals again. The first one will be on **Tuesday 3rd November 7:15pm** at 65 Winchester Avenue. LA1 4HX. We would love to welcome more people who enjoy singing – especially men! Please contact me for more information on 01524 64730, email arton.medd@btinternet.com or in church at a 9:45am service.

Christine Medd

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/>

Our 150 'What next?' Weekend

As we come closer to the end of an exciting year of 150 events, we have an important weekend coming up to ask the question, 'What next?'

Prayer. On Friday 13th November we will have an evening prayer meeting in church at 7:30pm. There will be lots of resources and ways to pray, with the intention of praying for our church future. Whether or not you have previously been to a prayer meeting like this, do come and be encouraged. It will finish by 9pm at the latest, but you are welcome to come and go during the evening, even if just for 10-20 minutes.

Discussion: As Rev Catherine has previously said in the Parish News: 'We're having a vision day on Saturday November 14th, just down the road at Scotforth St Paul's school. It'll be a great chance for us to think about 'what next?' How do we keep going for the next 150 years?! Everyone is welcome as we think about how we move forward as a church family. More information nearer the time, but save the date'. We anticipate the timing to be 10-4pm and it will be led by an experienced facilitator to help us form a vision and action plan.

Praise: To finish our weekend, we welcome our Archdeacon, who is a great speaker, to come and join us in our Songs of Praise. Members of the 150 planning group have chosen some wonderful hymns and songs, so we hope you will be in good voice. We are having all 9 songs chosen - and all verses - so it will be quite a 'song-fest'! Do bring friends and neighbours.

Jim Currin

