



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

1ST OCTOBER 2026

Sunday Worship – 11th October 2026

TRINITY 19

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 –Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala

6:30pm – Evening Prayer 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 12th October at 2pm	Women's Fellowship meeting in the Parish Hall at 2pm.
Wednesday 14th October at 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 18th 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: Rossmoyne Road, Ardengate, Chatsworth Road

From our Church prayer diary: The work of Christian Aid

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

Message from Rev Catherine:

Thank you so much to everyone for all your kind words, cards, love and prayers over the last few weeks. It's been a difficult time but I've felt so loved and supported by you all. Special thanks to all those who kindly left your present donations with Jayne, I was blown away by your generosity and the beautiful flowers and wine. I'm currently enjoying some R&R in the sunshine but look forward to being back with you all again soon. Thank you again, how lucky am I to be part of the St Paul's family.

Rev Catherine

Save the date:

Advance Warning! 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.

Rev Catherine

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 11th October:

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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. Amen.

Readings for Sunday 11th October:

Philippians 4.1-9

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Exhortations

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22.1-14

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding

is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 11th October:

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:

Exodus 33.12-end; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22

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.



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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
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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 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

ST PAUL'S CHURCH SCOTFORTH
**SERVICE OF
REMEMBRANCE,
THANKSGIVING AND
HOPE**

Wednesday 14th October at 6.30pm



**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.

**LEIGHTON HALL
APPLE DAY**

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026 10AM – 3PM

ACTIVITIES, TASTINGS, CRAFTS, DEMONSTRATIONS,
STALLS, REFRESHMENTS, MAKERS AND MARKETPLACE

**EARLY BIRD ONLINE TICKETS FROM
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Children's Society Christmas Cards:

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

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.

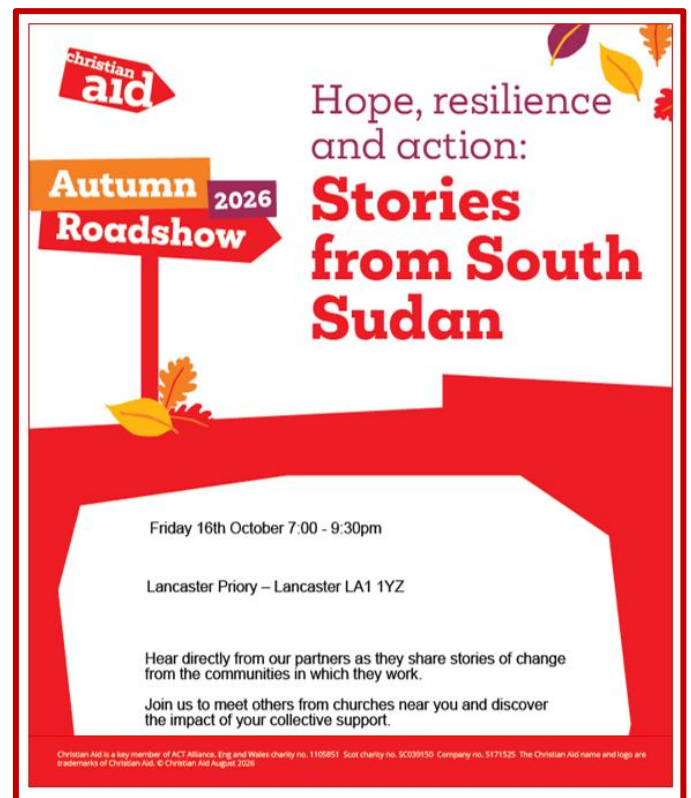
Many thanks in advance, **Tricia Impey**



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.



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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

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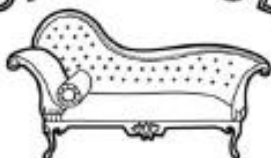
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