

St Paul's Church Scotforth Celebrating 150 years



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS
12TH NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday Worship – 15th November 2026
Mission and Ministry Weekend / 2 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 –Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala

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

6:30pm – Songs of Praise 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
Friday 13th November 7:30pm-9pm **Wednesday 18th November at 2pm** **Wednesday 18th November at 6pm**	'What Next?' Evening Prayer at St Paul's Church Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome Feminist Theology Reading Group at the Parish Hall meeting room
Sunday 22nd November 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am	**Mission & Ministry Weekend** BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hal

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FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our mission Partners: For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators
From our Parish prayer diary: Ashford Avenue, Ashton Road
From our Church prayer diary: Our Parish Safeguarding Officer
We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Ellie Raye who is to be baptised this week
Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Janet Reeves, Linda Tomkinson, Richard Impey, Jennie Webster, Bill Haworth, Irene Harper, Ian Smith, Mary Smith, Mary Wilson
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.

Final Reminder from Rev Catherine about the Vision Day, Saturday 14th November, 10am-3pm at Scotforth St Paul's School: All are welcome as we think about our plans for the next 150 years of our church, as we think about how we grow in this next phase. Bring and share lunch.

Rev Catherine

Collect for Sunday 15th November:
Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Sunday 15th November:
1 Thessalonians 5.1–11
5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves know very
well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3When they

say, ‘There is peace and security’, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25.14–30

14 ‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” 21His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” 22And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” 23His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” 24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” 26But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an

abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 15th November:

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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Readings for next week:

Ephesians 1.15–end; Matthew 25.31–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.

Advanced Notice - Amended Parish Office Hours:

Due to 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 openings over the Christmas and New Year period:

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

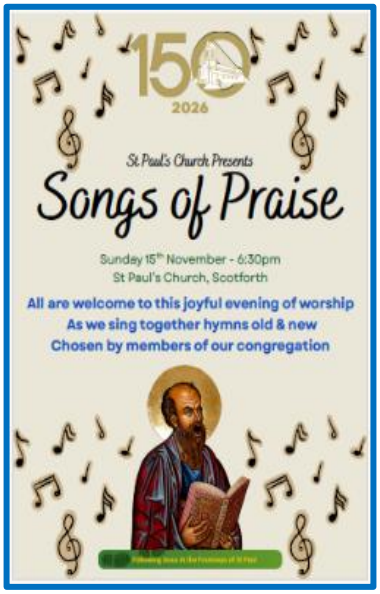
If you have an urgent query then please do drop the office an email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org or leave a message on the answer machine: (01524) 843135 and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you.

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:
Thank you to everyone who has already ordered Childrens Society Christmas cards.
So that there is good time for the order to be sent off & cards to come to us to be written, this coming **Sunday 15th November** is the last Sunday for ordering. Just think, if everyone ordered 1 packet what a real contribution St Paul 's could make to the work of the Childrens Society. ***Tricia Impey***

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**. The service 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 14th November**, 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. The day 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 **on Sunday 15th November at 6:30pm**. 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***

The Real Advent Calendar:
Advent Calendars are on the shelves but none of those for sale in the shops have anything to do with the Christian season of Advent. The Real Advent Calendar (£4.95) has a line from the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows and includes a 24 page Christmas story-activity book with a page for every day of Advent and some fun challenges along the way. It is Fairtrade, the quality milk chocolate is 30% cocoa solids, palm oil free, sealed in foil, and the box and tray are also recyclable. They will be available in church from 22nd November after the 9:45 service (cash only) or email me at arton.medd@btinternet.com or phone 01524 64730 to reserve one.

If you wish you can order direct from www.meaningfulchocolatecompany.co.uk where you can also find reusable ones, Christmas Tree decorations, Christingle chocolate oranges and a range of other chocolate items. They also have a 'Send Chocolate Scheme' which will send the chocolate you buy to someone else with your personal message on a card. ***Arton Medd***

Christmas Greetings



Christmas is getting nearer and once again there are all those cards to write. A frightening thought! One way to reduce your workload would be to send just one greetings message to everyone in the parish. This means that it will be sent out in the Parish News and displayed on the Church and Hala notice boards. Donations will be in aid of the Church Funds and perhaps you could gift aid your donation. If you would like to join us please give your greeting (no more than 30 words) with a minimum donation of £5 to a sidesperson, the Church Office or to myself at 20 Newlands Rd. The closing date will be **Sunday 29th November**. Any messages arriving later than this date will possibly miss the printing deadline. If you have any queries please contact Maureen Leach on 07531 285199.

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Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.
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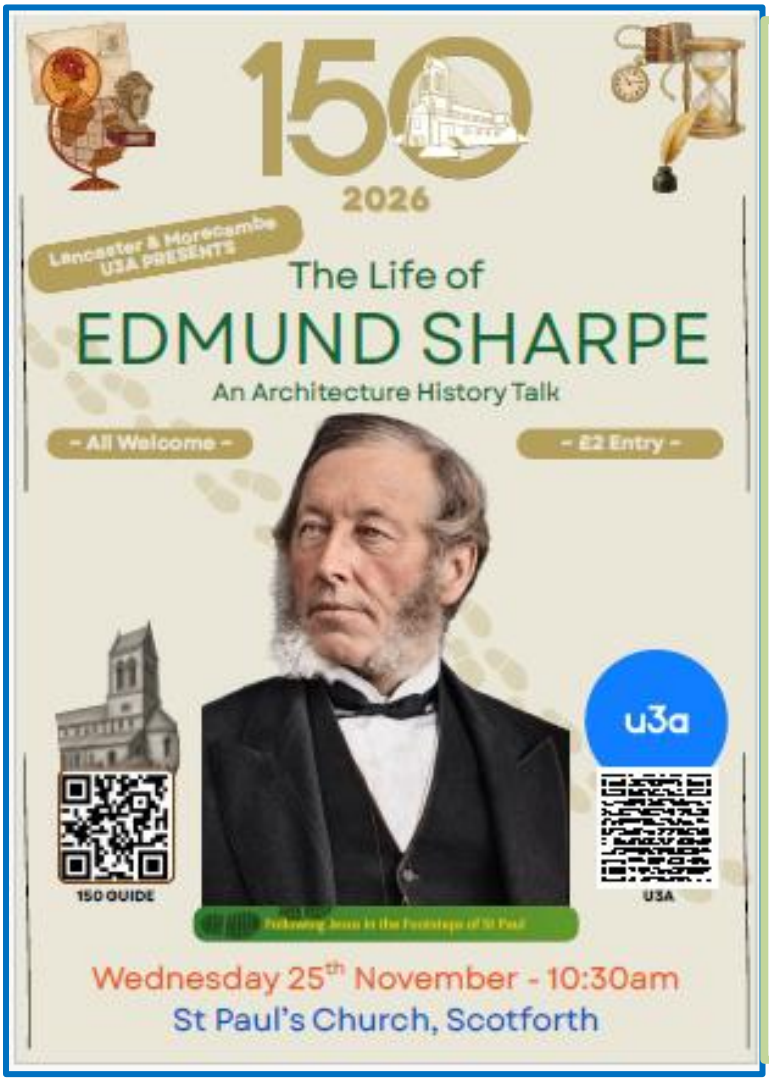
Poinsettias for Christmas - As we once again prepare to go to Bethlehem to worship the Christ-child, we invite you to consider making a gift to St Paul's for the purchase of poinsettias for the decoration of the church at Christmas.

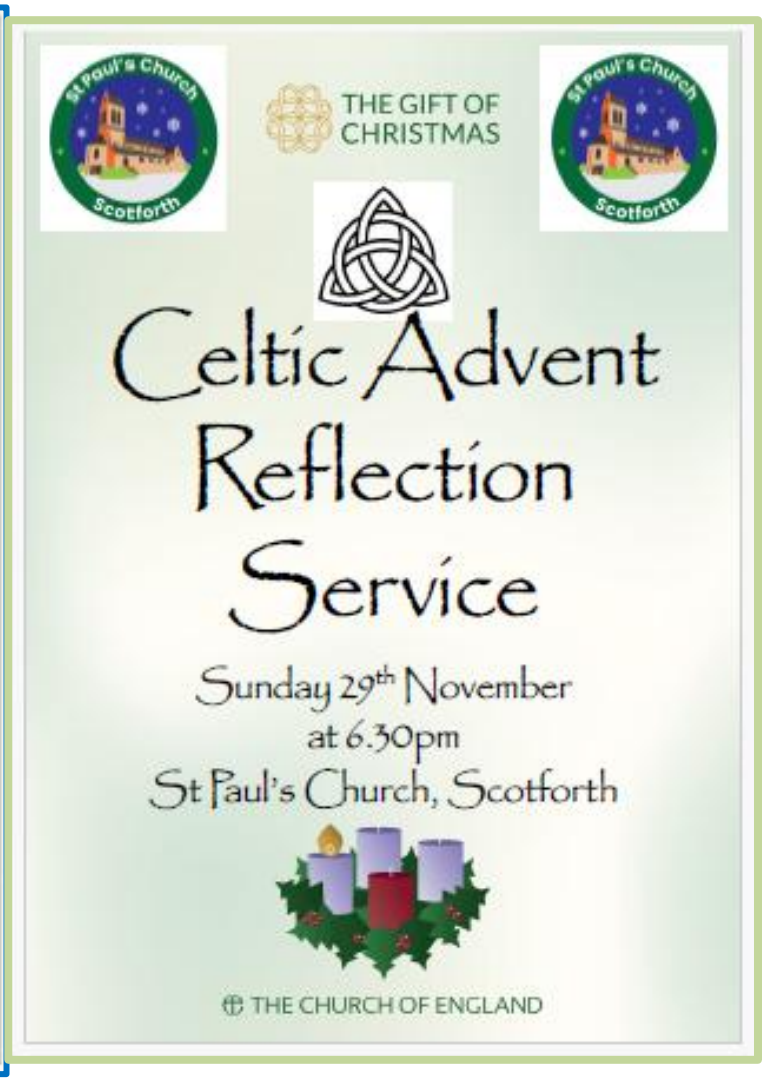
You may wish to make your gift as a thanksgiving for the life of a departed family member or friend, or for a particular blessing in your own life.

Forms to complete are available in church from **Sunday 7th November** and from the Parish Office. Once you have completed the form then please place this, with the suggested donation of £11 (which covers the cost of purchasing the poinsettias), into an envelope with Poinsettia written on it and either place it in the offertory plate, hand to a sidesperson or take to the parish office by **Sunday 29th November**.

The poinsettias will be arriving in church on Saturday 20th December.

Jayne





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