

St Paul's Church Scotforth Celebrating 150 years



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS
19TH NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday Worship – 22nd November 2026
CHRIST THE KING / Sunday Next 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

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
Wednesday 25th November at 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 29th November 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 6:30pm	 BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala Celtic Advent Reflection

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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: Acorn Close, Spruce Avenue and The Cedars, Cherry Tree Drive
From our Church prayer diary: the work of Hala Pantry in our Community
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.

A message from the Vicar:

Thank you to everyone who took part in our 'What next?' Vision weekend last weekend, it was wonderful to hear all of the fantastic things you had to say as we prayed, discussed and tried to discern what God is saying to us about the next stage of our journey as a church family. Three things became clear as I gathered all the feedback, and for now I've summarised them as follows. At St Paul's we want to ask God to:
1) teach us
2) release us
3) unite us
There will be lots of different things to enable us to make this happen, including more opportunities for prayer, more small groups, some specific teaching on key issues, and much more. The next stage is to form a working party to refine and continue to work on this, so watch this space!

Rev Catherine

Collect for Sunday 22nd November:

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday 22nd November:
Ephesians 1.15–end

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the
saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I
remember you in my prayers. 17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you
come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you
may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches
of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable
greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his
great power. 20God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him
from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far
above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every
name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And he
has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things
for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25.31–end

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him,
then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32All the nations will be gathered
before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right
hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right
hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and
you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a
stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I
was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." 37Then
the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry
and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when
was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you
clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited
you?" 40And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to
one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
41Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart
from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42for I

was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." 44Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" 45Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 22nd November:
Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:
1 Corinthians 1.3–9; Mark 13.24–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.

<u>Advanced Notice - Amended Parish Office Hours:</u>

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.

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Rest day is Friday – if you have an urgent enquiry then please contact a Churchwarden.
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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
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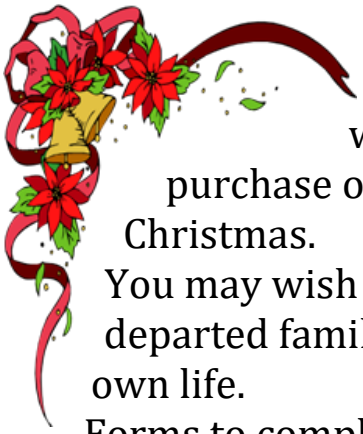
The Real Advent Calendar:
Advent Calendars are on the shelves but none of those for sale in the shops have anything to do with the Christian season of Advent. The Real Advent Calendar (£4.95) has a line from the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows and includes a 24 page Christmas story-activity 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.



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.

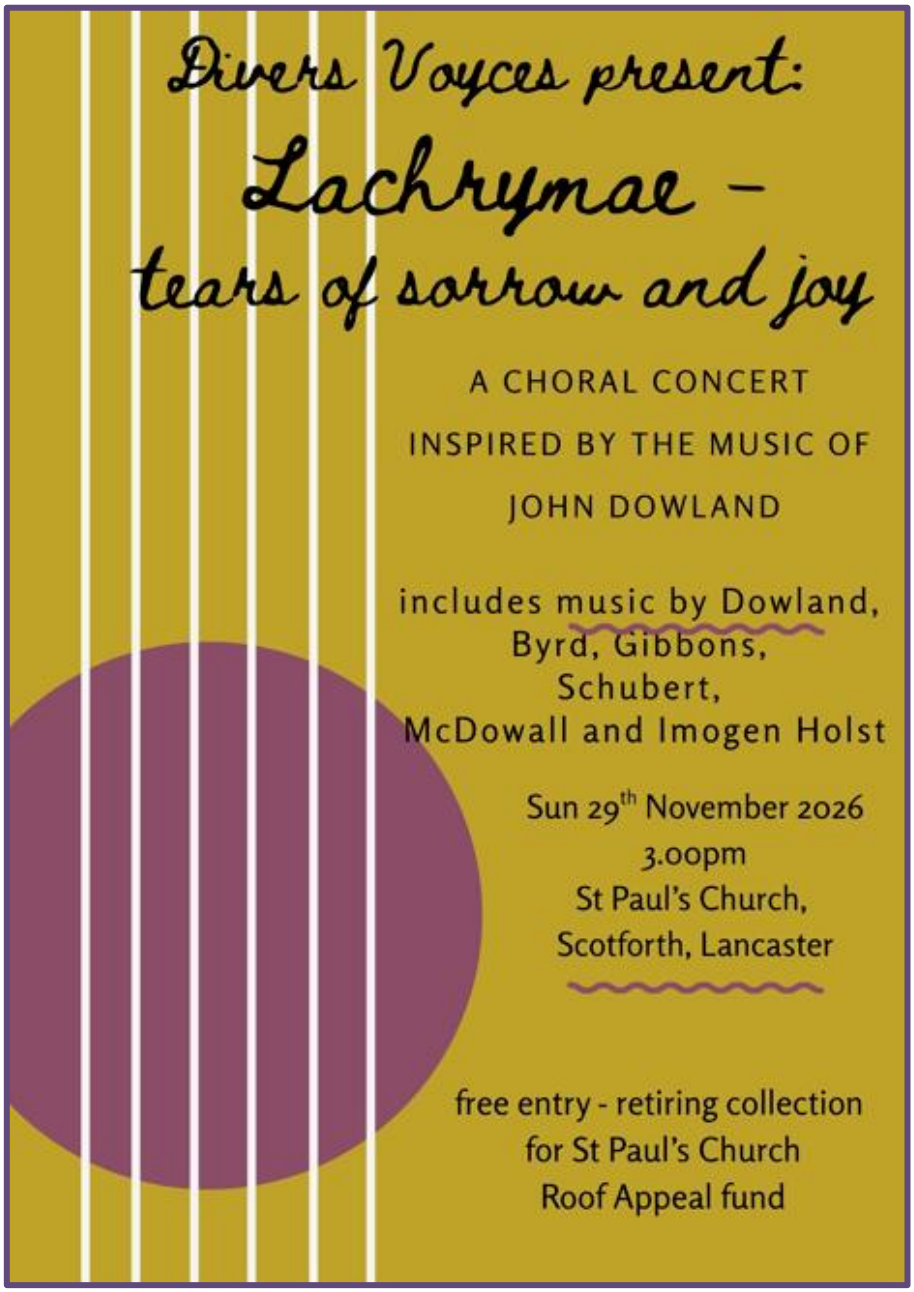
A call out to those who would like to contribute to our Hala Pantry Toy Appeal:

We can allocate a child to support, and will be provided with age, gender and preferences. We also welcome any contribution to support our appeal including wrapping paper or chocolate for the children.

The deadline to receive donations is **11th December**.

Please contact Vikki Pattinson who is coordinating the appeal on: 07789 936406. ***Thank you***





Choral concert - Sunday 29th November at 3pm in Church:

Divers Voyces, a small choir based in the Lancaster/Lune Valley area, will be performing a programme inspired by the music of John Dowland (1562-1626). Entitled "Lachrymae - Tears of Sorrow and Joy", the programme will be varied and include pieces by Dowland and his contemporaries Byrd and Gibbons through to present day music by Cecilia MacDowall and Billy Joel. The concert will be approximately an hour long with no interval. Admission is free, with a retiring collection in aid of the church roof fund.

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Celtic Advent Reflection Service

Sunday 29th November

at 6.30pm

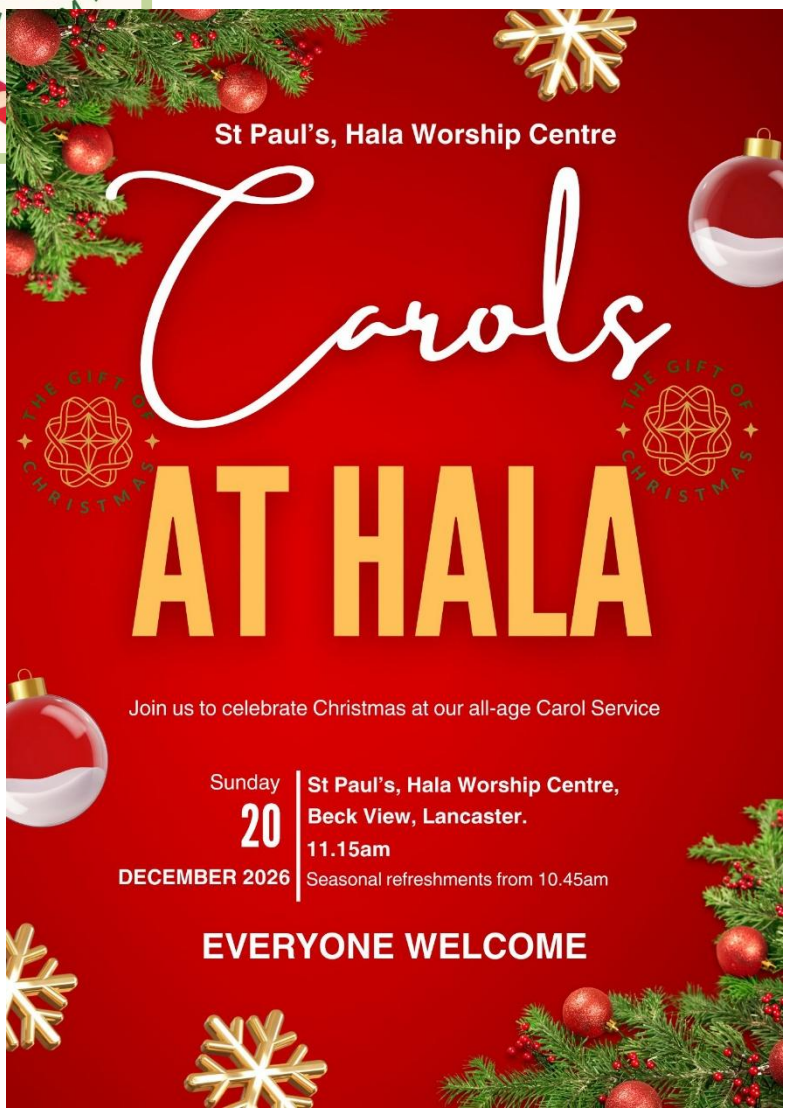
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