

St Paul's Church Scotforth Celebrating 150 years



ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS
5TH NOVEMBER 2026



Sunday Worship – 8th November 2026
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY / 3 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

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 9th November at 2pm **Wednesday 11th November at 2pm** **Friday 13th November 7:30pm-9pm**	Women's Fellowship in the Parish Hall Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome 'What Next?' Evening Prayer at St Paul's Church
Sunday 15th November 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 12:30pm 6:30pm	**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, Hala Baptism at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Songs of Praise at St Paul's Church, Scotforth

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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: Toll Bar Crescent, Rays Drive
From our Church prayer diary: All Service Personnel
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.

Reminder from Rev Catherine:
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, please sign up at the back of church to tell us what you can bring. ***Rev Catherine***

Collect for Sunday 8th November:
God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 8th November:

1 Thessalonians 4.13–end

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do
who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose
again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who
have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that
we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by
no means precede those who have died. 16For the Lord himself, with
a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of
God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will
rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in
the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we
will be with the Lord for ever. 18Therefore encourage one another
with these words.

Matthew 25.1–13

25 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil
with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout,
"Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7Then all
those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish
said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going
out." 9But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you
and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves." 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went with him into the wedding
banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids came
also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12But he replied, "Truly I tell
you, I do not know you." 13Keep awake therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour.

Post Communion Prayer for Sunday 8th November:

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Readings for next week:

1 Thessalonians 5.1–11; Matthew 25.14–30

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 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.

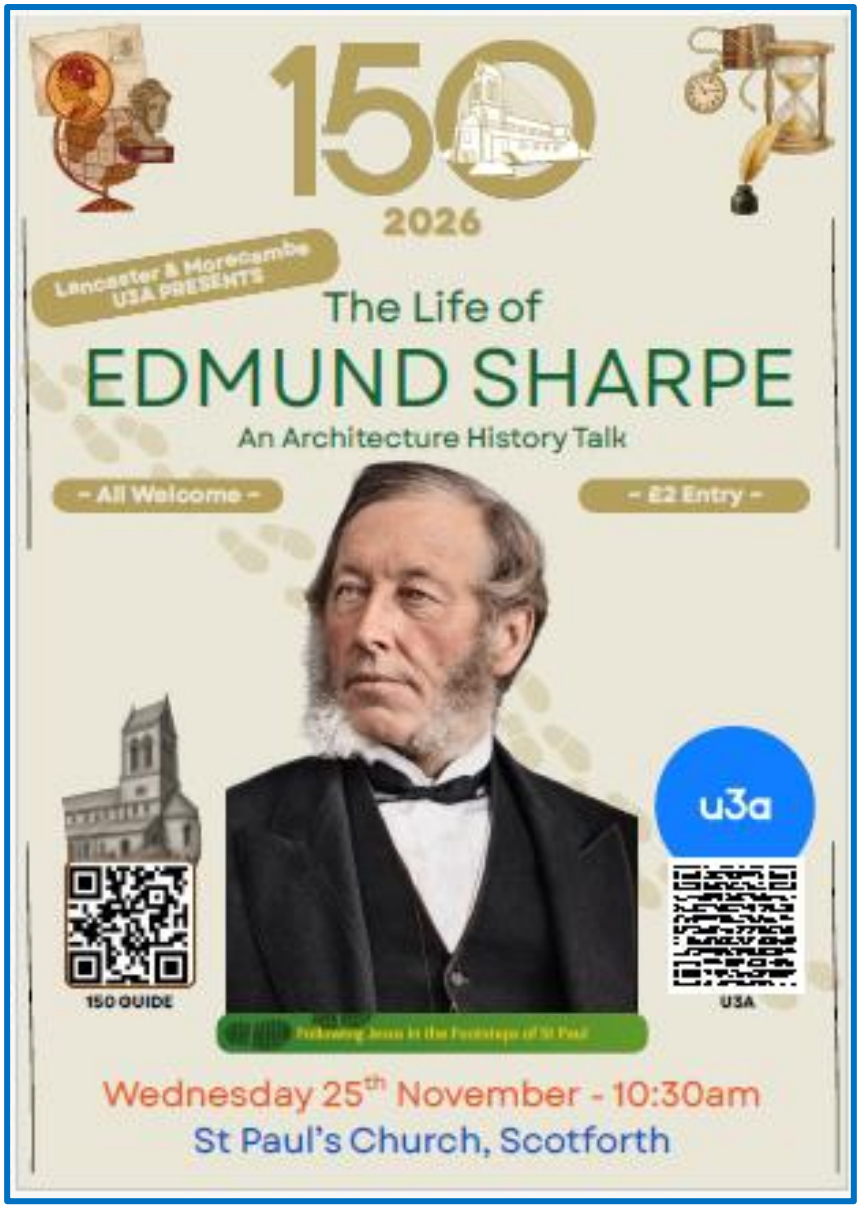
Submissions for the Parish News: The deadline each week is **Tuesday at 11:30am**, but we can always add contributions to the following week's Parish News. We look forward to receiving your contributions and supporting each other in the Body of Christ. Please email the parish office, leave a message on the answer machine for a telephone submission or post/leave an article for the Parish Office in the Parish Hall letter box.

Women's Fellowship:
The Women's Fellowship will be meeting at the Parish Hall this coming **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***

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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 next one will be on **Tuesday 10th November at 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

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?'

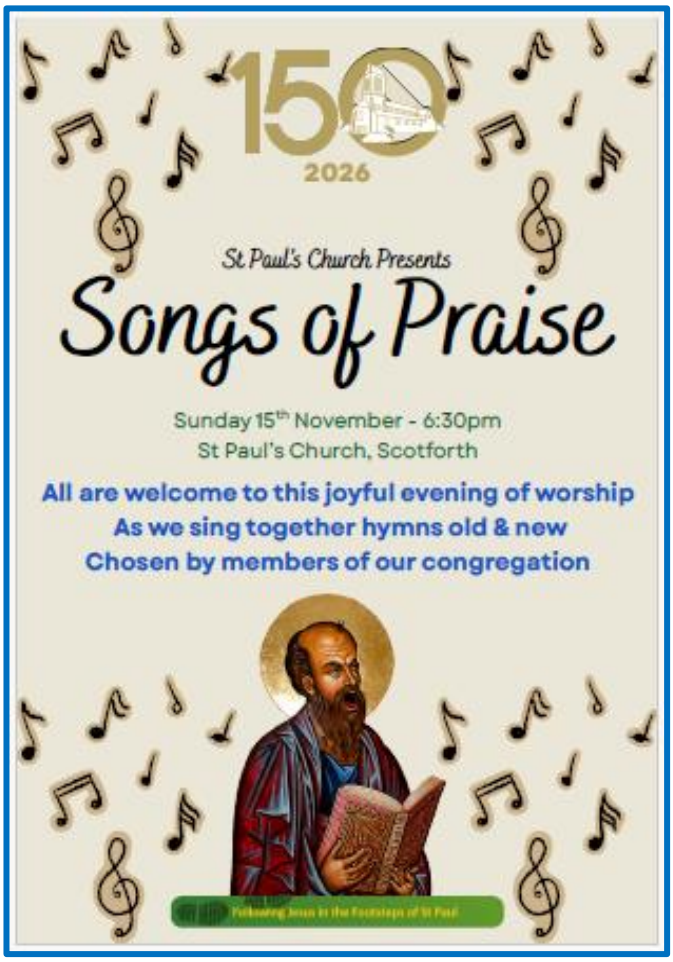
Prayer: On **Friday 13th November** we will have an evening prayer meeting in church at **7:30pm**. There will be lots of resources and ways to pray, with the intention of praying for our church future. Whether or not you have previously been to a prayer meeting like this, do come and be encouraged. 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 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. 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 **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





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