

Youth and Children's Work at St Alkmund's

Sunday by Sunday

Children are very welcome in this church. You may wish to consider sitting where the children are able to see (joining in with actions is positively encouraged). All children are invited to join the following groups:

Crèche (ages 0-3): In the vestry.

Sunday Club (preschool to school Year 6): In the hall.

Fuel (school years 7-9): In the Smith Chapel.

If you are visiting, or joining us for the first time, please ensure you've completed a temporary consent form.

Midweek

Babes & Bouncers (baby and toddler group): Monday Mornings, 10am-11.30am, in the church hall. £1.50 per family. A lovely morning of toys, crafts, biscuits, drinks, songs and a bible story.

Impact (school years 7-9): Monday Nights, 7pm-8.30pm in the church hall

Ignition (school years 10-13): Tuesday Nights, 7.30pm-9pm in the church hall

What are we doing this term?

Sunday Club are learning about God's big plan for his people from creation to covenant.

Fuel are looking at how to listen to a sermon, using "Listen up!" by Christopher Ash.

Sparks are venturing through the story of the Exodus and learning about how God rescues his people.

Impact and Ignition are looking at 1 Thessalonians, a letter from Paul in the New Testament to a group of newly converted Christians. This letter is full of encouragements to hold fast to Jesus in a hostile world, and advice about how to live a life pleasing to God. As you can imagine, the world that the Thessalonians were living in is pretty similar to the one our young people are growing up in!

Please do be praying for our children and young people – that those who are still deciding what they believe will see something of God's amazing love for them this term, and that those who are professing faith will be emboldened to live out their faith and enjoy knowing Jesus!



St Alkmund's Duffield Parish Church

Weekly News 8th July 2018

Today's services - Sunday 8th July

8am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
10am	Holy Communion	Barnabas and Saul (Acts 12:25-13:12)
6.30pm	Holy Communion	A Question of Love (Malachi 1:1-5)

Next Sunday (15th July)

8am	Holy Communion	All Saints Chapel
10am	Morning Service	Remembering (Psalm 9)
6.30pm	Evening Service	A Question of Honour (Malachi 1:6-2:9)

Everything you need for today's service will be on the screen. Service sheets, including large print, are available if you prefer.

Toilets are located in the hall next door.

*Please switch your hearing aid to the T setting for our **Induction Loop system***

For more information see:

www.stalkmundsduffield.co.uk

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Call the office on 01332 840536 (open Monday-Friday 9.30am-3pm)

If you would like to see **James Hughes**, the Vicar, about any pastoral or church matter, please contact him at home on 841867 or at the office on 840536.

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Dear Friends,

This week I want to reflect on a few thoughts post-GAFCON, as I've been back in the country a little over a week. (If you want to know more about the conference, and read the Letter to the Churches that has come out of it, then go to <https://www.gafcon.org/> - there is plenty of material available). There were some key highlights – just being there was a great privilege, being united in the gospel with Anglicans from all over the world was a joy, and of course that was enormously encouraging.

I have three reflections.

First, to recognise that as Christians we face presenting issues and underlying issues. At the moment, the presenting issues are all to do with human sexuality; at the time of the Reformation, they were to do with how we are made right with God. But the underlying issue is the same: are we seeking to listen to what God is saying to us in his word? And are we seeking to live for Him?

Second, it really came home to me in Jerusalem how faithful Anglicanism is biblical, credal, and articular. Faithful Anglicans seek to listen to God's word, and we recognise that we have the creeds and documents like the 39 Articles to help us to do that. As Anglicans we recognise that *'it is not lawful for the Church to ordain any thing that is contrary to God's Word written'* (Article 20) and that church councils *'may err, and sometimes have erred, even in things pertaining unto God'* (Article 21) (see <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/book-common-prayer/articles-religion#XX> for the 39 Articles, or find a copy at the back of church). So as faithful Anglicans, we stick to God's Word.

Opportunities to Serve

Sound technicians.

We are in need of people to train for this task, and be available for Sunday evening service. Please contact the office if you can help.

Youth and children's ministry .

Could you help with this important ministry? On Sundays, or during the week at Babes and Bouncers or with the youth groups. Contact Helen or Carys.

Wedding Blessing.

Please would anyone be able to help serve tea and coffee at Stan and Brenda Pearce's blessing on 21/7/18? Contact the office if you can help.

Coming Up

14th July at 7.30pm (for anyone not on the church weekend) **the Homelessness committee are hosting a concert here at St Alkmund's with the Duffield Singers and The Daz Kelly band.**

Tickets are £7 (available from Emma Rollin) or on the door.

19th July. 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm C1 (1000-1300) & C2 (1400-1700) safeguarding training. Please contact Jonathan or Ruth Saunders if you are interested or you require this training.

28th July to 4th August Hope Valley Venture .

Mission Partners update

On the 5th August Dan and Vicki Byrne will be joining us for our morning service.

Prayers

Please pray for all activities in church, and preparation for the Church Weekend Away and Hope Valley Venture over the summer.

For those who are ill: Hazel Gilman; Doreen Curl; Glan Evans; Brenda Norreys; Norman Wainwright; Laura (a friend of Joanna Saunders); Maurice Shenton; Marie-Claire Carswell; Joy Hall.

For those who have been recently bereaved.

Take Note

GDPR consent forms. A number of you will have received a consent form via e-mail to comply with the new regulations concerning data protection. Copies of the forms are also at the back of church. Our privacy notice is displayed on the notice board, or on the website. Please complete these and return to the office as soon as possible.

Church Weekend Away - 13th—15th July.

Please be praying for all those attending the church weekend away; that it will be a good time of fellowship, teaching and sharing. For all staying behind, there will be services here at 10am and 6.30pm as usual.

Glod Camps. Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of ways at Glod camps through the summer (14th to 23rd July, 25th July to 3rd August or 5th to 14th August). See Gloddaeth Holidays website for details at www.glod.co.uk.

Third, we want to obey the gospel imperative. Again and again we came back to this message at GAFCON, and I'd like it to be ringing in our ears as a church, just as I left the conference with it ringing in mine:

We will proclaim Christ faithfully to the nations.

So, as we press on, and do what God has called us to do where we are in Duffield and Derbyshire, let us continue to hold fast to God's word, and to share the good news of Jesus who died and rose again for us with those around us.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

Dates for your Diary.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p style="text-align: center;">9th July</p> <p>10am Babes and Bouncers</p> <p>2pm Songs of Praise</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10th July</p> <p>9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition</p> <p>8pm Men's 5 a-side</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11th July</p> <p>10am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>7pm Growth Groups</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12th July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13th July</p> <p>Church Weekend away</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14th July</p> <p>7.30pm Homelessness Concert</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15th July</p> <p>8am Communion All Saint's</p> <p>10am Morning Service (No youth or children's groups due to Weekend Away)</p> <p>6.30pm Evening Service</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">16th July</p> <p>10am Babes and Bouncers</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17th July</p> <p>9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition</p> <p>8pm Men's 5 a-side</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18th July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19th July</p> <p>Safeguarding Training</p> <p>10am-1pm C1 (Speak to Jonathan or Ruth Saunders for details on these sessions).</p> <p>2pm-5pm C2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20th July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21st July</p> <p>2pm Wedding Blessing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22nd July</p> <p>8am Communion St Alkmund's</p> <p>10am Morning Service</p> <p>6.30pm Communion</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">23rd July</p> <p>School Summer Holidays</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24th July</p> <p>9.15am Morning Prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25th July</p> <p>10am Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26th July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27th July</p> <p>12.30pm Wedding in church</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28th July</p> <p>Hope Valley Venture begins</p> <p>12pm Wedding in church</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29th July</p> <p>8am Communion All Saints</p> <p>10am Morning Service</p> <p>6.30pm Evening Service</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">30th July</p> <p>School Summer Holidays</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31st July</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1st August</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2nd August</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3rd August</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4th August</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5th August</p> <p>8am Communion All Saints</p> <p>10am Communion—Dan & Vicki visit</p> <p>6.30pm Evening Service</p>