

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 (term time only).

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

Youth and Children's Ministry Training Course

This is an 8 week course starting on 3rd October at St Mary's Church Chaddesden. It is for anyone involved in, or interested in, working with children & teenagers.

The course includes:

Bible Foundations: What does the Bible say about working with young people?

Bible Tools: How do we go about teaching a Bible passage?

Cultural Analysis: How does the Gospel apply to young people?

To sign up contact Matt Simper on 07734 820257 or email matt@chaddesdenchurch.org.uk



St Alkmund's Duffield Parish Church

Weekly News 23rd September 2018

Today's services - Sunday 23rd September

8am	Holy Communion	St Alkmund's
10am	Morning Service	Taste and see that the Lord is good (1 Peter 1:22-2:3)
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Feasts and Worship (Deuteronomy 16:1-17:13)

Next Sunday (30th September)

8am	Holy Communion	All Saints Chapel
10am	Family Service	Harvest: Sowing and Reaping (Mark 4:1-20)
6.30pm	Evening Service	Joint Service: The Youth of Today (Deuteronomy 6:1-9)

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.

In the event of a fire please exit the building either through the main door or via the door to the church hall (Link), then turn right into the graveyard. Fire Assembly Point is the War Memorial, by the gate.

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

For more information see:

www.stalkmundsduffield.co.uk

Facebook: St Alkmund's Church Duffield

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

Parish Safeguarding Link: Jonathan & Ruth Saunders 07709002996

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The Vicarage
23rd September 2018

Dear Friends,

This week we have begun our 'The Way, the Truth and the Life' course, looking at what we believe (using the Apostles creed), The way we walk before God (The 10 commandments), and how we live in dependence and faith (The Lord's prayer). As I was preparing for this, I was struck again by the reality of how we approach God in the Lord's prayer, as *Our Father in Heaven*.

We pray to *Our Father*. He is the one who knows us personally – to us as Christians he is not just 'The Father', but Our Father, because in Christ we have a personal and privileged relationship with Him. He is our *Father*, the one who cares for us and gives us what we need; an analogy that means we apply all the best characteristics we know from human fathers to God, and yet recognise that He surpasses all these things. He will not let us down.

We also pray to Our Father *in heaven*. Now, when we talk about heaven we often think about God being somewhere 'up there' in the sky. We know that's not quite right, but it can be hard to dislodge from our minds. Perhaps it would help us to think of 'in heaven' as a reminder that God is above and beyond all things – he is not bound by having to be in one place at one time like we are. He is not bound by space, and he is not bound by time. He knows all things past, present, and future, and he knows us better than we know ourselves. He is all

Opportunities to Serve

Sound technicians.

We are in need of people to train for this task, and be available for Sunday evening and morning service. A couple of people are stepping down. Please contact the office if you can help. Full training will be given.

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.

Evening Coffee Rota

The rota for evening refreshments is currently kept at the back of church. However, the office are trying to look into doing a more robust rota, so, if this is something you could consider doing (say every 4, or 6 weeks) then please let the office know. The more people on, the less you'll be rota'd. Thank you.

Coming Up

The Way, The Truth and The Life

A new Thursday Course continuing on 27th September in the hall 10am and 7.30pm. Don't worry if you missed the first one, come along this week.

Harvest Supper 29th September

A perfect evangelistic event to invite friends to. 7pm—for 7.30pm start. Fun, Food, Fellowship and a Food for Thought talk. There will be games, entertainment plus much more. Bring you own drink & glasses. Dress: country casual. Tickets now available from the church office at £8.

Tea, Cake & Chat. New group , which started last month. Come along for a get together on the third Monday of the month in the church hall. Next meeting at 2pm on 15th October.

Mission Partners update

There is an update letter from Graeme & Bequi Innes on the notice board in the foyer.

Prayers

For those who are ill: Hazel Gilman; Doreen Curl; Glan Evans; Brenda Norreys; Norman Wainwright; Laura (a friend of Joanna Saunders); Maurice Shenton (now in a home); Marie-Claire Carswell; Susan Slawson; & Graham Newton.

For those who have been recently bereaved. Particularly for the family and friends of Elizabeth Newton.

Ministry Team Prayer Diary. Please include these in your prayers this week.

Sunday 23rd: David is be preaching at St Peter's, Stapenhill.

Monday 24th: School assemblies, James at William Gilbert, Helen & Carys at Meadows. Helen & Carys starting an after school club at William Gilbert.

Tuesday 25th: Helen & Carys C.U. at Ecclesbourne at lunchtime.

Wednesday 26th: Helen at a youth leaders meeting.

Take Note

Revision of Church Directory. We will soon be revising the Church Directory, using the information given on the GDPR forms that have been returned. If you have not filled in one of these we will not be able to include you in the new directory, which will now only be available to the people in it.

8am services at St Paul's. From December to February the 8am service on the 2nd Sunday of the month will be at All Saints chapel, not St Paul's.

Thanks to the Gardeners: Now that summer is (nearly) over, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped to keep the church yard looking so lovely. To the ladies who have planted and tended the geraniums and roses by the hall door, and to Brenda Woodings who has looked after this area for years; to all our mowers and strimmers who have laboured through the heat all summer and also to Colin Gilman who has had to step down from looking after the Quadrangle garden by the hall for many years. Many thanks.

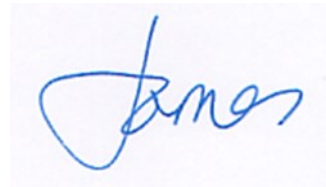
Thank you for helping with Youth Surge:

Thank you to everyone who gave up their time yesterday for Youth Surge, and for those that offered their time. You made my job so much easier and we had a good time! Thanks again, Helen & The Youth Surge leaders

powerful. He knows what we need, and he is able to help. We can have absolute confidence in his ability to keep the promises He has made.

So next time we pray 'Our Father in heaven', rejoice in the comfort this brings us. In whatever situations we face in the coming days, in Christ we can have confidence as we pray to our heavenly Father.

Yours in Christ,



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.

Dates for your Diary.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>24th September 10am Babes and Bouncers</p> <p>7pm Impact 7.45pm P.C.C. Meeting</p>	<p>25th September 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition 8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p>26th September 10am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>Growth Groups</p>	<p>27th September 10am The Way, The Truth & The Life Course</p> <p>7.30pm The Way, The Truth & The Life Course</p>	<p>28th September</p>	<p>29th September 7pm Harvest Supper</p>	<p>30th September 8am Communion All Saints 10am Harvest Service</p> <p>5pm Confirmation Class 6.30pm Evening Service</p>
<p>1st October 10am Babes & Bouncers</p> <p>2pm Songs of Praise</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p>2nd October 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition 8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p>3rd October 8pm Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>4th October 10am The Way, The Truth & The Life Course</p> <p>7.30pm The Way, The Truth & The Life Course</p>	<p>5th October</p>	<p>6th October 9am Midland Women's Convention</p>	<p>7th October 8am Communion All Saints 10am Morning Service <i>Sparks & Fuel</i> 5pm Confirmation Class 6.30pm First Sunday Special</p>
<p>8th October 10am Babes & Bouncers</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p>9th October 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition 8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p>10th October 10am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>Growth Groups</p>	<p>11th October 10am The Way, The Truth & The Life Course</p> <p>7.30pm The Way, The Truth & Life Course</p>	<p>12th October</p>	<p>13th October 3pm Guiding Trefoil 75th Anniversary Service</p>	<p>14th October 8am Communion St Paul's 10am Morning Service <i>Sunday Club & Fuel</i> 6.30pm Holy Communion</p>
<p>15th October 10am Babes & Bouncers</p> <p>2pm Tea, Cake & Chat</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p>16th October 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition 8pm Men's 5 A-side Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p>17th October</p>	<p>18th October 10am The Way, The Truth & The Life Course</p> <p>7.30pm The Way, The Truth & The Life Course</p>	<p>19th October</p>	<p>20th October</p>	<p>21st October 8am Communion All Saints 10am Communion <i>Sunday Club & Fuel</i> 5pm Bring & share tea 6.30pm Confirmation Service</p>