

## Youth and Children's Work at St Alkmund's

### Sunday by Sunday

This term in our youth groups we're learning the meanings of lots of big words from the Bible that end in "Shun". From Creation to Regeneration we're discovering the amazing riches found in God's salvation plan for us.

Over the term the two youth groups will be competing in writing a poem that explains the meaning of each word that they learn, so if you need to brush up on your terms, go check out our youth board in the hall!

This term in Fuel our young people are exploring God's word in the Psalms, where both assurance, deep emotions and wisdom can be found.

And in Sparks we are continuing our journey through the Exodus, learning about how God rescues His people.

Sunday club are also investigating passages from the Old Testament this term, looking at Genesis and 1 and 2 Samuel.

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



# St Alkmund's Duffield Parish Church

## Weekly News 7th October 2018

### Today's services - Sunday 7th October

8am	Holy Communion	All Saints Chapel
10am	Morning Service	Living Stones (1 Peter: 2:4-10)
6.30pm	First Sunday Special	Modern Idols: Sex (1 Samuel 11:1-8)

### Next Sunday (14th October)

8am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
10am	Morning Service	Sojourners & Exiles (1 Peter 2:11-17)
6.30pm	Holy Communion	True Authority (Deuteronomy 17:14 - 18:22)

*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:

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Or email on [office@stalkmundsduffield.co.uk](mailto:office@stalkmundsduffield.co.uk)

**Parish Safeguarding Link:** If you have a safeguarding issue call either James Hughes on 07966 026723 or Helen Hawley on 07738 824982

The Vicarage  
7th October 2018

Dear Friends

This week I was at the William Gilbert harvest service, and had the opportunity to reflect on 2 Corinthians 9:6-9, and I thought I would share that reflection with you, to help us think about giving.

The most striking verse in the passage is probably verse 7:

*2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Paul is writing to the Corinthians encouraging them to give generously for the collection for those suffering hardship in Jerusalem, in 2 Corinthians 8-9, and as he comes to the end of his exhortation, we read these words: *for God loves a cheerful giver.*

But what makes our giving cheerful? Perhaps we can be cheerful because we have plenty – and giving is therefore no hardship. Perhaps we give cheerfully because we recognize the need. Or perhaps we give cheerfully because we love the one to whom we are giving the gift – Christmas is like that. But sometimes these reasons won't apply. How can we give cheerfully?

Paul gives us two reasons. The first is the one we often remember at Harvest – that God gives us all the things that we need – the earth is the Lord's and everything in it. We remember that God is our creator who supplies our needs. Verse 9 reminds us of this:

*2 Corinthians 9:9 As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."*

### **Remembrance Sunday Helpers Needed.**

Helen is looking for help with various crafts for Remembrance Sunday in the hall. If you could help in anyway, please could you let her know by 21st October. Thank you.

### **Coming Up**

**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.

**Churchyard work-in.** Saturday 27th October from 9am. Working party to get all those little jobs done before the winter really sets in.

### **A Dickens of a Christmas**

On Saturday 24th November, The DCC Homelessness group are proud to announce that they will be hosting a performance by Mike Severn of "A Dickens of A Christmas". This will be at 7.30pm in St Alkmund's Church and seasonal refreshments will be available in the hall. Come along as we look at an age-old story; sing some timeless traditional carols. Tickets are £7 and can be bought from a member of the Homelessness group, or on the door.

### **Artificial Intelligence & The Future of Humanity.**

Woodlands Evangelical Church 24th November 7.30pm. John Wyatt is Emeritus Professor of Neonatal Paediatrics at UCL. For more details go to [www.woodlandchurch.org.uk](http://www.woodlandchurch.org.uk).

**10 of Those** will be coming on 25th November to do a bookstall. Lots of good reads for the long winter evenings or for Christmas presents.

### **Confirmation Tea**

Before Confirmation service on 21st October at 5pm, we will be having a bring and share tea. Bring along a plate of food to share and enjoy fellowship with one another and the candidates who are being confirmed. There will also be an opportunity to meet Bishop Rod Thomas.

## Prayers

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

**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.

**Monday 8th:** James is leading an assembly, and Helen are running the after school club at William Gilbert's. Carys at Uni.

**Tuesday 9th:** Carys at Uni.

**Wednesday 10th:** David doing Harvest festival at Little Eaton Pre-school.

**Friday 12th:** David leading a Harvest Festival in Little Eaton church for the school.

**Sunday 14th:** The Youth band will be leading worship at the evening service.

## Take Note

**We are looking** for someone to open and lock up the hall after bookings at the evening and weekends (there can be some late finishing times). If this is something you might be interested in doing, please speak to James Hughes, the vicar. Thank you.

**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.

## Opportunities to Serve

### Parish Magazine Ideas

What would you like to see in the Parish Magazine?

Can you contribute in any way? We would love to hear from you. Speak to Jeff, Anna, or Pamela, or email [duffieldparishmag@gmail.com](mailto:duffieldparishmag@gmail.com)

### Evening Coffee Rota

Thank you to all those people who volunteered to do refreshments in the evening services.

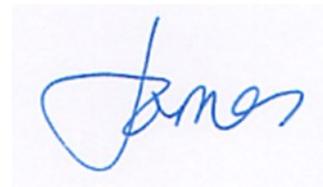
The completed rota is available on the back table in church. If you would like to volunteer as a reserve, please let the office know. Thank you.

God is the gift giver and we rejoice in all the good things we have. The second is something that Paul flags up earlier in the passage, in 2 Corinthians 8, where we read:

*2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

We are reminded of God's grace to us in sending Jesus who, although rich in heaven and having all power and authority, came down to earth, becoming poor – and more than that, enduring the poverty of dying on the cross for us, for our sins, that we might become rich, having peace and a restored relationship with God. And so we give cheerfully, because we are responding cheerfully to God's goodness to us.

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><b>8th October</b> 10am Babes &amp; Bouncers</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p><b>9th October</b> 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition 8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p><b>10th October</b> 10am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>Growth Groups</p>	<p><b>11th October</b> 10am The Way, The Truth &amp; The Life Course</p> <p>7.30pm The Way, The Truth &amp; Life Course</p>	<p><b>12th October</b></p>	<p><b>13th October</b> 3pm Guiding Trefoil 75th Anniversary Service</p>	<p><b>14th October</b> 8am Communion St Paul's 10am Morning Service <i>Sunday Club &amp; Fuel</i> 5pm Confirmation Class 6.30pm Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>15th October</b> 10am Babes &amp; Bouncers</p> <p>2pm Tea, Cake &amp; Chat</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p><b>16th October</b> 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition 8pm Men's 5 A-side Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p><b>17th October</b></p>	<p><b>18th October</b> 10am The Way, The Truth &amp; The Life Course</p> <p>7.30pm The Way, The Truth &amp; The Life Course</p>	<p><b>19th October</b></p>	<p><b>20th October</b></p>	<p><b>21st October</b> 8am Communion All Saints 10am Communion <i>Sunday Club &amp; Fuel</i> 5pm Bring &amp; share tea 6.30pm Confirmation Service</p>
<p><b>22nd October</b> 10am Babes &amp; Bouncers</p> <p>7am Impact</p>	<p><b>23rd October</b> 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition 8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p><b>24th October</b> 10am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>Growth Groups</p>	<p><b>25th October</b> 10am The Way, The Truth &amp; The Life Course</p> <p>7.30pm The Way, The Truth &amp; The Life Course 7.45pm Music Practice</p>	<p><b>26th October</b></p>	<p><b>27th October</b> 9am Church yard work-in</p>	<p><b>28th October</b> 8am Communion St Alkmund's 10am Morning Service <i>Sunday Club &amp; Fuel</i> 6.30pm Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>29th October</b> Schools on half term— No Youth Activities this week.</p>	<p><b>30th October</b> NO Morning Prayer due to Half term</p>	<p><b>31st October</b></p>	<p><b>1st November</b></p>	<p><b>2nd November</b></p>	<p><b>3rd November</b> 10am Midland's Men's Convention at Cornerstone Church</p>	<p><b>4th November</b> 8am Communion at All Saints 10am Morning Service <i>Sparks &amp; Fuel</i> 6.30pm First Sunday Special</p>