

# A DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS

Carols, seasonal songs and readings from  
*A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens



Presented by

*Strings Attached*

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
commencing 7.30 pm

**ST ALKMUNDS CHURCH,  
DUFFIELD**

Church Drive, Duffield DE56 4BA

Tickets £7.00  
Including mulled wine  
mince pies and stolen.

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Duffield Churches and  
on the door.



St Alkmund's  
Duffield Parish Church

Weekly News 18th November 2018

## Today's services Sunday 18th November

8am	Holy Communion	All Saints
10am	Holy Communion	Living in the Light of the End (1 Peter 4:1-11)
6.30am	Evening Service	Living Justly Before God (Deuteronomy 21-22)

## Next Sunday (25th November)

8am	Holy Communion	St Alkmund's
10am	Morning Service	Rejoicing in Suffering (1 Peter 4:12-19)
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Cleanliness & Justice (Deuteronomy 23:1-25:4)

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.

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The Vicarage  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Friends,

This Thursday we came to the end of the first part of our 'The Way, The Truth and The Life' course, as we finished working through the Apostles Creed together. Fitting, with finished with the last things: *I believe in ... the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

In preparing for the course, and in talking with folk on Thursday, I was struck again by how we need to keep reminding ourselves of the reality of the Resurrection of Jesus, as the guarantee that those in Christ will rise, and will be with God and Christ forever in a new heavens and a new earth. As Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians: *1 Corinthians 15:<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.*

Christ has been raised, so we will be raised. God's action in the past – raising Jesus from death and defeating death, gives us confidence for the future. The image of first fruits keys into the idea that when we see the first fruit of the harvest -the first apples ripening on the tree, or the first tomatoes growing on the plants – then we have confidence in the harvest to come – we haven't had it yet, but we know it is coming.

And that action in the past not only gives us confidence for the future, it also helps us to live know: this world is not all there is, and we must live today, with all the challenges that life presents us with, in the light of that which is to come, in the light of a new heaven and a new earth.

Let us keep reminding each other of this truth.

Yours in Christ



### Helpers for Christmas Services.

We have several areas where we need volunteers over Christmas:

Fiona is looking for **MORE** singers to join us in the Christmas Eve Carol Service. Rehearsals begin on Thursday evenings after half term (8th November) 7.30pm in church. You don't need to be able to sight read, just hold a tune. Speak to Fiona for more details.

We are also **STILL** in need of welcomers, candle lighters and extinguishers and collection plate holders for various services: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 5pm, Christmas eve for the crib and carol services and Christmas Day 10am service. If you have a DBS and can help with any of these, please see James Rollin or Martin Boyce.

### Christingle

Our Christingle service will be on 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. We are planning a tea before the service and are looking for helpers.

### Duffield Christian Council Christmas Cards.

As usual the DCC has produced a combined churches Christmas card, which will be delivered to all the houses in Duffield. Thank you to all our Street Welcomere who deliver them. This year the cards are being given to Welcomers through the churches as far as possible. Members of our congregation can pick up their cards from the back of church from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. Packing the cards will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 2pm at the Catholic church in Duffield, if you can help.

### Coming Up

**Sing for Your Supper:** Helen & Carys are looking for people to host and help with this youth group event on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please see them if you can help or for more details.

**Tea, Cake & Chat.** Come along for a get together on the third Monday of the month in the church hall. Just drop in anytime between 2pm and 3.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

### Artificial Intelligence & The Future of Humanity.

Woodlands Evangelical Church 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> November to do a bookstall. Lots of good reads for the long winter evenings or for Christmas presents.

## 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 (now at Milford House); & Florence Owen (following a stroke).

**For those who have been recently bereaved.** For the family and friends of Lisa Foster (who recently passed away)

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

**Monday 19th:** James is taking assembly at William Gilbert's

**Tuesday 20th:** Joint Impact & Ignition social at Clip & Climb

**Thursday 22nd:** David is attending a Church Pastoral Aid Society Council meeting.

**Saturday 24th:** David going to Ventures Conference . Dickens of a Christmas concert.

## Take Note

**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.

### Dear St Alkmunds

We are both very grateful for the fellowship here and the great teaching & courses.

Thank you for your support and friendship, both during Elaine's illness and the welcome to Susie when we married two and a half years ago has been a joy to both of us.

We wish every blessing for the ongoing gospel ministry at the Church and look forward to seeing you again

With love and thanks

Kim and Susie (Jeffrey)

## Opportunities to Serve

### Helpers needed for the Christmas Craft Evening.

Kirsty is looking for a team of people to help with setting up, making nibbles, preparing crafts, (for which recipes and materials will be provided), preparing bags to give to participants, to lead a craft table, serve drinks and nibbles on the night and to sell tickets. Please also be thinking of who you could invite.

Only a few tickets left. Contact Kirsty on 07807 019612 or [kirstyjhughes@btinternet.com](mailto:kirstyjhughes@btinternet.com) .

## 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.

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>19th November</b> 10am Babes &amp; Bouncers</p> <p>2pm-3.30pm Coffee, Cake &amp; Chat</p> <p>No Impact tonight, joint social tomorrow</p>	<p><b>20th November</b> 9.15pm Morning Prayer</p> <p>7pm Impact &amp; Ignition Clip &amp; Climb</p> <p>8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p><b>21st November</b></p>	<p><b>22nd November</b></p> <p>7.30pm Music Practice (Christmas Rehearsals)</p>	<p><b>23rd November</b></p>	<p><b>24th November</b></p> <p>7.30pm "A Dickens of a Christmas" Homeless concert. 7.30pm.</p>	<p><b>25th November</b> 8am Communion at St Alkmund's</p> <p>10am Morning Service <i>Sunday Club &amp; Fuel</i></p> <p>6.30pm Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>26th November</b> 10am Babes &amp; Bouncers</p> <p>11am Funeral for William Russell in church</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p><b>27th November</b> 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition</p> <p>8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p><b>28th November</b> 10am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>Growth Groups</p>	<p><b>29th November</b></p> <p>7.30pm Music Practice (Christmas Rehearsals)</p>	<p><b>30th November</b></p> <p>7.30pm Ladies Christmas Craft Evening</p>	<p><b>1st December</b></p>	<p><b>2nd December</b> 8am Communion at All Saints</p> <p>10am Morning Service <i>Sparks &amp; Fuel</i></p> <p>6.30pm First Sunday Special</p>
<p><b>3rd December</b> 10am Babes &amp; Bouncers</p> <p>2pm Songs of Praise</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p><b>4th December</b> 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition</p> <p>8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p><b>5th December</b></p> <p>8pm Prayer Meeting</p>	<p><b>6th December</b></p> <p>7.30pm Music Practice (Christmas Rehearsals)</p>	<p><b>7th December</b></p>	<p><b>8th December</b></p>	<p><b>9th December</b> 8am Communion at All Saints</p> <p>10am Morning Service <i>Sunday Club &amp; Fuel</i></p> <p>6.30pm Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>10th December</b> 10am Babes &amp; Bouncers</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p><b>11th December</b> 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition</p> <p>8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p><b>12th December</b> 10am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>Growth Groups</p>	<p><b>13th December</b></p> <p>7.30pm Music Practice (Christmas Rehearsals)</p>	<p><b>14th December</b></p>	<p><b>15th December</b></p>	<p><b>16th December</b> 8am Communion at All Saints</p> <p>10am Communion <i>Sunday Club &amp; Fuel</i></p> <p>5pm Christingle</p>