



# St Alkmund's Duffield Parish Church

## 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.

## Weekly News 25th November 2018

### Today's services Sunday 25th November

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

### Next Sunday (2nd December)

8am	Holy Communion	All Saints Chapel
10am	Morning Service	Shepherds and Sheep (1 Peter 5:1-14)
6.30pm	First Sunday Special	Modern Idols: Education (Genesis 3)

*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***

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

Dear Friends,

Last time I spoke about Christmas I offered an apology – but that was 6 weeks ago, and so I am somewhat less apologetic now, as we are just a month away from Christmas day. Last time I encouraged you to think about getting involved, and thinking about who to invite – now we are getting to the point of doing the inviting, and thinking what to invite people to.

As you know, we have a variety of Christmas services. We begin with **Christingle** on the 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm (there is a tea at 4pm in the Church Hall). This is a great service to invite all the family to – after all, we give out oranges skewered with sweets! The service itself is short, only around 35-40 minutes, and so this is a very easy service to invite friends to.

We then have two Christmas services on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December: our **Nativity** at 10am and a **Carol Service** at 6.30pm. In the Nativity we will sing and read our way through the Christmas story, with parts played by our children and young people. Any children are welcome to join in as sheep, shepherds, wise men or angels (or even as a donkey), so make sure invitees come equipped with dressing gowns and tea-towels!

On the Monday, Christmas Eve we have two **Crib services**. These are known as ‘William Gilbert’ and ‘Meadows’, because we encourage children from our local schools to come to one or the other, to balance numbers, as both services are very well attended. But don’t worry – you are welcome whichever school your children go to, and

We are also **STILL** in need of welcomers, candle lighters and extinguishers and collection plate holders for various services: Tuesday 11th Dec 7.30pm, Thursday 13th Dec 10am, Sunday 16th 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 16th December at 5pm. We are planning a tea before the service and are looking for helpers please add your name to the sign up sheet if you can help in anyway by either bringing some food, or helping to set/tidy up.



### **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 Welcomers 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 Tuesday 27th Nov. Packing the cards will take place on Monday 26th 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 17th and 18th 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 17th December.

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Carols on the Train.** (a repeat of last year’s highly successful event organized by Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, linking the communities along their line). Local Churches have been invited to lead the singing, & we will also be joined on board by Bishop Jan. Reserve your **FREE** train tickets in advance via the EVR website or by signing up on the form at the back of Church (tickets required for safety reasons). Anyone wishing to join the musicians very welcome - please contact the office. Assemble at the station to sing from 18.45 & board from 19.00 for 19.20 departure; after calling at Shottle, Idridgehay & Wirksworth it’s back to at Duffield at 20.45 arriving 21.15.

## 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.**

**Ministry Team Prayer Diary.** Please include these in your prayers this week.  
**Monday 26th:** James is taking assembly at William Gilbert's. Funeral of William Russell in church.

## 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 1 ticket left. Contact Kirsty on 07807 019612 or [kirstyjhughes@btinternet.com](mailto:kirstyjhughes@btinternet.com).

### Helpers for Christmas Services.

We have several areas where we need volunteers over Christmas:

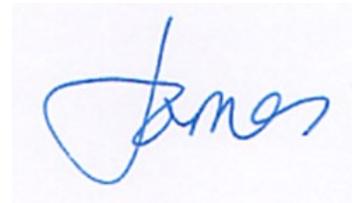
Fiona is looking for **MORE** singers to join us in the Christmas Eve Carol Service. Rehearsals begin on Thursday evenings after half term (8th November) 7.30pm in church. You don't need to be able to sight read, just hold a tune. Speak to Fiona for more details.

you are even allowed to come to the *wrong one*. At 6.30pm we will have our second **Carol Service**. Our carol services are a really good opportunity to bring friends along to a service which will have Christmas music, but also an opportunity to really explore what Christmas is all about.

And don't forget to join us on **Christmas Day**, if only to sing the last verse of O come all ye faithful.

Next week we will have publicity available for you to take away and give to friends, so do pick that up and make use of it. So let's get praying planning for the opportunities which lie ahead.

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>26th November</b>  <b>10am</b> Babes &amp; Bouncers  <b>11am</b> Funeral for William Russell in church  <b>7pm</b> Impact</p>	<p><b>27th November</b>  <b>9.15am</b> Morning Prayer  <b>7.30pm</b> Ignition  <b>8pm</b> Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p><b>28th November</b>  <b>10am</b> Ladies Bible Study              Growth Groups</p>	<p><b>29th November</b>    <b>7.30pm</b> Music Practice (Christmas Rehearsals)</p>	<p><b>30th November</b>    <b>7.30pm</b> Ladies Christmas Craft Evening</p>	<p><b>1st December</b></p>	<p><b>2nd December</b>  <b>8am</b> Communion at All Saints    <b>10am</b> Morning Service <i>Sparks &amp; Fuel</i>  <b>6.30pm</b> First Sunday Special</p>
<p><b>3rd December</b>  <b>10am</b> Babes &amp; Bouncers    <b>2pm</b> Songs of Praise  <b>7pm</b> Impact</p>	<p><b>4th December</b>  <b>9.15am</b> Morning Prayer    <b>7.30pm</b> Ignition  <b>8pm</b> Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p><b>5th December</b>    <b>8pm</b> Prayer Meeting</p>	<p><b>6th December</b>    <b>7.30pm</b> Music Practice (Christmas Rehearsals)</p>	<p><b>7th December</b></p>	<p><b>8th December</b></p>	<p><b>9th December</b>  <b>8am</b> Communion at All Saints    <b>10am</b> Morning Service <i>Sunday Club &amp; Fuel</i>  <b>6.30pm</b> Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>10th December</b>  <b>10am</b> Babes &amp; Bouncers    <b>7pm</b> Impact</p>	<p><b>11th December</b>  <b>9.15am</b> Morning Prayer    <b>7.30pm</b> Ignition  <b>8pm</b> Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p><b>12th December</b>  <b>10am</b> Ladies Bible Study              Growth Groups</p>	<p><b>13th December</b>    <b>7.30pm</b> Music Practice (Christmas Rehearsals)</p>	<p><b>14th December</b></p>	<p><b>15th December</b></p>	<p><b>16th December</b>  <b>8am</b> Communion at All Saints    <b>10am</b> Communion <i>Sunday Club &amp; Fuel</i>  <b>5pm</b> Christingle</p>
<p><b>17th December</b>  <b>10am</b> Babes &amp; Bouncers    <b>7pm</b> Impact</p>	<p><b>18th December</b>  <b>9.15am</b> Morning Prayer    <b>7.30pm</b> Ignition  <b>8pm</b> Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p><b>19th December</b></p>	<p><b>20th December</b>    <b>7.30pm</b> Music Practice (Christmas Rehearsals)</p>	<p><b>21st December</b></p>	<p><b>22nd December</b></p>	<p><b>23rd December</b>  <b>8am</b> Communion at St Alkmund's    <b>10am</b> Nativity Service  <b>6.30pm</b> Carols at Christmas</p>