



# 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.

We're very excited to announce another youth weekend away taking place March 8-10th 2019. However, due to unusually bad weather last year, Helen is looking for anyone with a 4x4 willing to be on call to pick up young people in case of emergency, in the unlikely event that we are caught out again in severe weather.

If the weather is forecast to be bad, the event will be cancelled, and so this is only in unexpected circumstances.

Thank you.  
Helen.

## Weekly News 9th December 2018

### Today's services Sunday 9th December

8am	Holy Communion	All Saints Chapel (NOT St Paul's)
10am	Morning Service	Beginning with Abraham (Matthew 1:1-17)
6.30pm	Holy Communion	Tithes & Offerings (Deuteronomy 25:5-26:19)

### Next Sunday (16th December)

8am	Holy Communion	All Saints Chapel
10am	Holy Communion	The Birth of Immanuel (Matthew 1:18-25)
5pm	Christingle	

*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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The Vicarage  
9th December 2018

Dear Friends,

No doubt most of us are now well into preparations for Christmas, and we are entering the season of special services and school events and Christmas parties and trips to relatives and so on. In the spirit of preparations then, I offer these verses from the first chapter of Luke's gospel:

*Luke 1:11 And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.*

These are probably not the most familiar words to us from the Christmas story. I don't think I've ever seen a nativity play that starts here, with Zechariah (John the Baptist's father) in the temple, meeting an angel as he burned incense. But this is where Luke begins his Christmas story.

And it is an amazing moment in God's salvation plan. Here was Zechariah the Levite offering incense in the Temple, as Levites had for days and weeks and years, ever since the temple was rebuilt after Israel returned for exile. For around 500 years God's people had waited, ruled by Persians, Greeks, and Romans. The last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, was written more than 400 years before, and since then, they had waited. Until the angel came to Zechariah and promised... more preparations:

*Luke 1:14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great before the Lord.*

We are also **STILL** in need of data and sound help: Thursday 13th Dec 10am, Christmas eve for the crib 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.

### **Help after Christingle**

Due to William Gilbert Primary School coming in on Monday morning (17th), please could we have some help to put up the chairs on the dais ready for the school coming in in the morning? Thank you. Please speak to James or Emma if you can help.

### **Coming Up**

**Tea, Cake & Chat.** Due to Margaret England's funeral on the 17th December, there will no Tea, cake & Chat, but we will reconvene in January on Monday 21st.

### **Help needed for Carols @ Christmas Service 23rd December 6.30pm**

Following this service we serve mulled wine and minced pies. If you are able to donate mince pies, or help serve the mulled wine, or clear away afterwards, please add your name to the sign up sheet. Thank you.

### **Week of Prayer**

Our Week of Prayer will begin a week later next year, beginning with Morning Prayer on Tuesday 8th Jan at 9.15am in church, then Prayer meetings at 8pm on Weds 9th and Thurs 10th in the hall. We will end with a joint prayer breakfast here at St Alkmund's on Saturday 12th January 9am.

### **Mission Partners**

Our mission Partners Graeme & Bequi Innes have asked for prayer, as the unstable situation in Ukraine, with parts now under martial law, mean that the troops are only 15 miles away from where the Innes are living. Please pray that they would have God's peace and wisdom at this difficult time.

## 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); & Bernie Robertson.

**For those who have been recently bereaved** & for the family and friends of Margaret England and David Moss.

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

**Monday 10th December** James doing assembly at William Gilbert

**Tuesday 11th December** James taking the funeral of David Moss  
Dave at Derby ReNew group  
Helen & Carys at Ecclesbourne Christian Union  
Richard Lindop taking Ecclesbourne Carol Service

**Wednesday 12th December** Dave & Helen at Little Eaton Preschool

**Thursday 13th December** James doing Meadows Carol Service (in church)  
Helen is on annual leave Wednesday & Thursday.

**Sunday 16th December** Dave preaching at St Peter's, Stapenhill.

## 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.

## Opportunities to Serve

### Helpers for Christmas Services.

We have several areas where we need volunteers over Christmas:

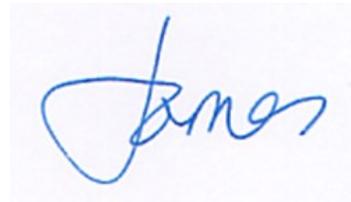
Singers are still welcome to join us in the Christmas Eve Carol Service. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings after half term 7.30pm in church. You don't need to be able to sight read, just hold a tune. Speak to Fiona for more details.

*And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.*

The promised child here is not Jesus, it is John the Baptist, the forerunner, who prepares the way for the Lord. More preparations. Why does Luke begin his gospel by telling us all this? Because all these preparations underline the significance of what is to come. Jesus will come, the Lord, and He will bring in His kingdom, and there will no longer be any need for sacrifices in the Temple day after day, because Jesus Himself will give His life for His people. God's plan from eternity was coming to pass, because God keeps His promises.

Our preparations take days, sometimes weeks even months. God's may take years, centuries, even millennia. But God always keeps His promises. So enjoy your preparations.

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>10th December</b>  <b>10am</b> Babes &amp; Bouncers</p> <p><b>7pm</b> Impact</p>	<p><b>11th December</b>  <b>9.15am</b> Morning Prayer</p> <p><b>7pm</b> Ecclesbourne Carol Service</p> <p><b>7.30pm</b> Ignition</p> <p><b>8pm</b> Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p><b>12th December</b>  <b>9:30am</b> Meadows Carol Service Rehearsal</p> <p><b>10am</b> Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>Growth Groups</p>	<p><b>13th December</b>  <b>10am</b> Meadows Christmas Carol Service</p> <p><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</p> <p><b>10am</b> Communion Sunday Club &amp; Fuel</p> <p><b>4pm</b> Christingle Tea (in the hall)</p> <p><b>5pm</b> Christingle</p>
<p><b>17th December</b>  <b>9.30am</b> WG Carol Service Rehearsal</p> <p><b>10am</b> Babes &amp; Bouncers</p> <p><b>1pm</b> Funeral of Margaret England</p> <p><b>7pm</b> Impact</p>	<p><b>18th December</b>  <b>9.15am</b> Morning Prayer</p> <p><b>2pm</b> William Gilbert Carol Service</p> <p><b>7.30pm</b> Ignition</p> <p><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>  <b>4pm</b> Church Office Closes for Christmas</p>	<p><b>22nd December</b>  <b>10.30am</b> DCC Carol Singing in the Village outside the Co-op</p>	<p><b>23rd December</b>  <b>8am</b> Communion at St Alkmund's</p> <p><b>10am</b> Nativity Service</p> <p><b>6.30pm</b> Carols at Christmas</p>
<p><b>24th December</b>  <b>3pm</b> Crib Service, William Gilbert's</p> <p><b>4.30pm</b> Crib Service, Meadow's</p> <p><b>6.30pm</b> Carol Service</p>	<p><b>25th December</b>  <b>HAPPY CHRISTMAS</b></p> <p><b>8am</b> Communion at All Saints Chapel</p> <p><b>10am</b> Family Service</p>	<p><b>26th December</b></p>	<p><b>27th December</b></p>	<p><b>28th December</b></p>	<p><b>29th December</b></p>	<p><b>30th December</b>  <b>8am</b> Matins at All Saints</p> <p><b>10am</b> Family Service</p> <p>NO EVENING SERVICE</p>
<p><b>31st December</b></p>	<p><b>1st January</b>  <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b></p>	<p><b>2nd January</b></p>	<p><b>3rd January</b></p>	<p><b>4th January</b></p>	<p><b>5th January</b></p>	<p><b>6th January</b>  <b>8am</b> Communion at All Saints</p> <p><b>10am</b> Morning Service</p> <p><b>6.30pm</b> First Sunday Special</p>