

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.

Congratulations to the members of the youth groups and the candidates from Little Eaton who are being confirmed today in our evening service. Please be praying for them as they take this important step in their faith, that God would continue to guide them and bless them, as they continue their journey with Him.



Weekly News 21st October 2018

Today's services - Sunday 21st October

8am	Holy Communion	All Saints Chapel
10am	Holy Communion	Our Example of Submission (1 Peter 2:18-25)
6.30pm	Confirmation Service	

Next Sunday (28th October)

8am	Holy Communion	St Alkmund's
10am	Morning Service	Wives and Husbands (1 Peter 3:1-7)
6.30pm	Holy Communion	A Restraining Hand (Deuteronomy 10-20)

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.

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The Vicarage
21st October 2018

Dear Friends,

You will know that we have been running our 'The Way, the Truth and The Life' course for a number of weeks now, and last Thursday we were looking at the person and work of the Holy Spirit. And so we talked about how the Spirit is the Spirit of God, worshipped with the Father and The Son. We talked about the role of the Spirit in revelation, how He applies the work of Christ to us, so that we are adopted as children of God, how He shows us our sins and helps and guides us so that we can become more and more the people we are called to be. All these things are worthy of further reflection (if you want to catch up on the course you can listen to the audio on the website <https://stalkmundsduffield.co.uk/midweekother/leadership-course-2-3/>).

However, I have been struck by the way in which the work of the Holy Spirit is described in the book of Acts, and the focus we find there on our mission. Right at the start of Acts we read this:

Acts 1:⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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.

Helpers for Christmas Services.

We have several areas where we need volunteers over Christmas: Fiona is looking for singers, rehearsals on Thursday evenings after half term.

We also need 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.

Coming Up

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.

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 19th November.

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 & friends 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.woodlandschurch.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.

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. For the family and friends of Elizabeth Nickson, who's funeral is on 29th October.

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

Sunday 21st: Our Confirmation Service with Bishop Rod Thomas.

Monday 22nd: Helen & Carys assembly at William Gilbert, and James H at Meadows. James is also attending a governors meeting at William Gilbert

Tuesday 23rd: Joint Benefice Staff Meeting, Helen & Carys leading C.U. at Ecclesbourne and James & David are attending a ReNew meeting

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.

The End of Summertime. Please remember the clocks go back next Sunday 28th October. So, after helping at **Churchyard work-in**, Saturday 27th October from 9am, you can have an hours extra sleep!

Duffield Homelessness Committee would like to thank St Alkmund's for all their donations throughout the year. "We are now able to increase the Tesco vouchers value to £10 rather than the usual £5 for the residents served by Riverside Project, which is a little more helpful with today's prices".

Opportunities to Serve

Helpers needed for the Christmas Craft Evening.

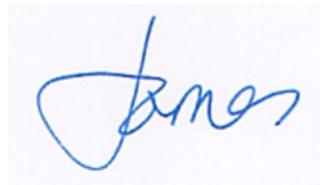
Kirsty is looking for a team of people to help with setting up, making nibbles, preparing crafts, (for which recipes and materials will be provided), preparing bags to give to participants, to lead a craft table, serve drinks and nibbles on the night and to sell tickets. Please also be thinking of who you could invite. Contact Kirsty on 07807 019612 or kirstyjhughes@btinternet.com.

And that of course is how the narrative proceeds. We come to the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), and once the disciples receive the Spirit Peter stands up and preaches: bearing witness to Jesus. We meet Stephen (Acts 6-7), a man full of faith and the Spirit, who is martyred for proclaiming the good news. We meet Paul who, once he has come to Christ and received the Spirit, immediately goes and preaches about Jesus (Acts 9:17-22). Not to mention the many other believers who do the same.

So let us pray that we might be empowered by the same Spirit, to comforted, strengthened, convicted of sin and emboldened that we might too be witnesses for Jesus to the end of the earth that is Duffield and Derbyshire.

As we pray for our confirmation candidates today, *'Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and inward strength; the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.'* May that prayer also be for ourselves.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

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>22nd October 10am Babes & Bouncers</p> <p>7am Impact</p>	<p>23rd October 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition 8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p>24th October 10am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>Growth Groups</p>	<p>25th October 10am The Way, The Truth & The Life Course</p> <p>7.30pm The Way, The Truth & The Life Course 7.45pm Music Practice</p>	<p>26th October</p>	<p>27th October 9am Church yard work-in</p>	<p>28th October 8am Communion St Alkmund's 10am Morning Service <i>Sunday Club & Fuel</i></p> <p>6.30pm Holy Communion</p>
<p>29th October Schools on half term— No Youth Activities this week.</p>	<p>30th October NO Morning Prayer due to Half term</p>	<p>31st October</p>	<p>1st November</p>	<p>2nd November</p>	<p>3rd November 10am Midland's Men's Convention at Cornerstone Church</p>	<p>4th November 8am Communion at All Saints 10am Morning Service <i>Sparks & Fuel</i></p> <p>6.30pm First Sunday Special</p>
<p>5th November 10am Babes & Bouncers</p> <p>2pm Songs of Praise</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p>6th November 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition 8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p>7th November 8pm Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>8th November 10am The Way, The Truth & The Life Course</p> <p>7.30pm The Way, The Truth & The Life Course 7.30pm Music Practice</p>	<p>9th November</p>	<p>10th November 10am Dove and Derwent Deanery Day</p>	<p>11th November 8am Communion at St Paul's 10.45am Remembrance service</p> <p>5.30pm Special Remembrance Service (See red flyers at the back of church).</p>
<p>12th November 10am Babes & Bouncers</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p>13th November 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition 8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p>14th November 10am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>Growth Groups</p>	<p>15th November 10am The Way, The Truth & The Life Course</p> <p>7.30pm The Way The Truth & The Life Course 7.30pm Music Practice</p>	<p>16th November</p>	<p>17th November</p>	<p>18th November 8am Communion at St Paul's 10am Communion <i>Sunday Club & Fuel</i> 6.30pm Evening Service.</p>