



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 2nd December 2018

Today's services 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)

Next 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)

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
2nd December 2018

Dear Friends,

Seasons greetings. Perhaps not the one you expect though – this Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent (and actually the start of the church year). And despite the popular associations of Advent calendars as a countdown to Christmas, Advent is actually about remembering Christ's return. For example, look at the collect or prayer for Advent Sunday:

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

Notice the focus. We ask for grace in this life, in which Jesus came and lived among us, but we are looking forward to his return in glory. And that return in glory will lead to eternal life for God's people. This is what we are celebrating in Advent: Jesus Christ is coming back.

And it is important that we do celebrate this, and that we live in the light of this reality. It is all too easy to become almost completely focused on this world and this life, and to forget the amazing promise of a new heavens and a new earth, where we will see God and Jesus face to face, and there will be as no more tears. As Revelation puts it:

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. It would involve hosting one course of a meal, for around 6 teenagers. Help is on hand if you need it. Please see them if you can help or for more details.

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.

Sat 8th 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.

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.

Mission Partners

Our mission Partners Graeme & Becqui 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).

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

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

Monday 3rd December: Carys is away on block week.

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. **This will affect next Sunday's 8am service**

Opportunities to Serve

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 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 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

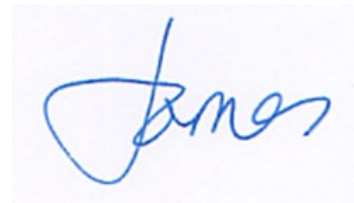
Our Christingle service will be on 16th December at 5pm. We are planning a tea before the service and are looking for helpers please add your name to the sign up sheet if you can help in anyway by either bringing some food, or helping to set/tidy up.



Revelation 21:³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Let us help one another, this Advent, to live in the light of this truth.

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>3rd December 10am Babes & Bouncers</p> <p>2pm Songs of Praise</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p>4th December 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition</p> <p>8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p>5th December</p> <p>8pm Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>6th December</p> <p>7.30pm Music Practice (Christmas Rehearsals)</p>	<p>7th December</p>	<p>8th December</p>	<p>9th December 8am Communion at All Saints</p> <p>10am Morning Service <i>Sunday Club & Fuel</i></p> <p>3.30pm Guides Carol Service</p> <p>6.30pm Holy Communion</p>
<p>10th December 10am Babes & Bouncers</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p>11th December 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>7pm Ecclesbourne Carol Service</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition</p> <p>8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p>12th December 9:30am Meadows Carol Service Rehearsal</p> <p>10am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>Growth Groups</p>	<p>13th December 10am Meadows Christmas Carol Service</p> <p>7.30pm Music Practice (Christmas Rehearsals)</p>	<p>14th December</p>	<p>15th December</p>	<p>16th December 8am Communion at All Saints</p> <p>10am Communion <i>Sunday Club & Fuel</i></p> <p>4pm Christingle Tea (in the hall)</p> <p>5pm Christingle</p>
<p>17th December 9.30am WG Carol Service Rehearsal</p> <p>10am Babes & Bouncers</p> <p>1pm Funeral of Margaret England</p> <p>7pm Impact</p>	<p>18th December 9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>2pm William Gilbert Carol Service</p> <p>7.30pm Ignition</p> <p>8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p>19th December</p>	<p>20th December</p> <p>7.30pm Music Practice (Christmas Rehearsals)</p>	<p>21st December</p> <p>4pm Church Office Closes for Christmas</p>	<p>22nd December 10.30am DCC Carol Singing in the Village outside the Co-op</p>	<p>23rd December 8am Communion at St Alkmund's</p> <p>10am Nativity Service</p> <p>6.30pm Carols at Christmas</p>
<p>24th December</p> <p>3pm Crib Service, William Gilbert's</p> <p>4.30pm Crib Service, Meadow's</p> <p>6.30pm Carol Service</p>	<p>25th December HAPPY CHRISTMAS</p> <p>8am Communion at All Saints Chapel</p> <p>10am Family Service</p>	<p>26th December</p>	<p>27th December</p>	<p>28th December</p>	<p>29th December</p>	<p>30th December 8am Matins at All Saints</p> <p>10am Family Service</p>