

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.

Anyone with a 4x4?

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.



St Alkmund's Duffield Parish Church

Weekly News 16th December 2018

Today's services Sunday 16th December

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

Next Sunday (23rd December)

8am	Holy Communion	St Alkmund's
10am	Nativity Service	
6.30pm	Carols at Christmas	

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
16th December 2018

Dear Friends,

It is at about this time every year that I am putting the finishing touches to the preaching programme for the first four months of the next year – so whilst we are in the midst of the season of Advent and Christmas, I am generally working out what we are doing at Easter! Which can of course be a bit disconcerting, but is also useful – useful because we need to know what is next, and useful because it is helpful to look up and think about what lies ahead.

I think this is especially useful when we come into a New Year. It's good to think ahead a little, and plan. Many of you will already be doing this at work – whether that is January's rota, or meetings going in the diary for February and beyond, or even just booking holiday for next summer. But have we put any thought in to what we might try and do as followers of Jesus next year? Well, let's start small.

Perhaps we could plan to **read the bible**, or at least the New Testament **in a year**. There are 260 chapters in the New Testament, so if you aim to read one a day, you'll be done by next Autumn. There are plenty of reading guides available online, but reading through, say, Matthew's gospel, then a letter or two, and then another gospel and so on wouldn't be a bad idea. Or perhaps you might plan to **read a Christian book**. Maybe one you already have on your shelf, or something else. We have a library – and I am more than happy to make suggestions.

Christingle

Don't forget our service tonight is 5pm, with a tea beforehand in the hall at 4pm.

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 after the Christingle service ready for the school coming in in the morning? Thank you. Please speak to a 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.

DCC Carol Singing, 22nd December, meet at the Co-Op at 10.30 am for a good old sing.

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, this will be slightly longer than usual, 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. If anyone would like to volunteer to cook the breakfast, please speak to James Hughes, or email the office. Thank you.

January Concerts

Find January a miserable month? To try and lift your spirits (rather than add to the misery, hopefully) Emma Rollin will be putting on a series of lunchtime concerts on Wednesdays at 1pm in church during January (beginning 9th). Everyone is welcome and there's no charge.

Burns Night Celebration Saturday, 26th January, 2019

We are holding an Informal Burns' Night Celebration in the Parish Hall on 26th January at 7pm. This is an opportunity to invite friends and neighbours to a social evening of Scottish Fayre and dancing, with haggis in a bun and pud. BYOB, soft drinks will be provided. Tickets available from Tom and Jodi priced £6/head.

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 & Graeme & Bequi Innes, Mission Partners in Moldova.

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 17th December James taking funeral of Margaret England

Impact Sing for your Supper

Tuesday 18th December Helen & Carys at C.U.

William Gilbert's Carol Service

Ignition Sing for your Supper

Friday 21st December Little Eaton School Carol Service at St Paul's

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.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone at St Alkmund's, for all their sustaining prayers and tremendous support over the last few months. I am not sure how I would have coped with them all. I find I'm struggling with Christmas greetings and cards that I would normally send; so for this year, may I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a very peaceful time spent amongst family and friends.

Brenda Norreys.

Opportunities to Serve

Helpers for Christmas Services.

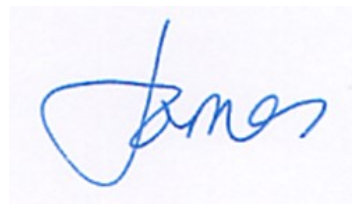
We have several areas where we need volunteers over Christmas:

We are **STILL** in need of data and sound help: 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.

Or maybe your New Years resolution will be to get more involved in a **small group**. This is a great way to get to know God's word better, to pray more, and to get to know God's people better. Or perhaps the opportunity of a New Year is an opportunity to think through other ways of getting involved in church. Either way, if you are interested, speak to me.

Happy planning.

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>17th December 9.30am WG Carol Service Rehearsal 10am Babes & Bouncers 1pm Funeral of Margaret England 7pm Impact</p>	<p>18th December 9.15am Morning Prayer 2pm William Gilbert Carol Service 7.30pm Ignition 8pm Men's 5 A-side at Ecclesbourne School</p>	<p>19th December</p>	<p>20th December 7.30pm Music Practice (Christmas Rehearsals)</p>	<p>21st December 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 10am Nativity Service 6.30pm Carols at Christmas</p>
<p>24th December 3pm Crib Service, William Gilbert's 4.30pm Crib Service, Meadow's 6.30pm Carol Service</p>	<p>25th December HAPPY CHRISTMAS 8am Communion at All Saints Chapel 10am Family Service (followed by a short service of Communion)</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 10am Family Service NO EVENING SERVICE</p>
<p>31st December</p>	<p>1st January HAPPY NEW YEAR</p>	<p>2nd January</p>	<p>3rd January 9am Office re-opens</p>	<p>4th January</p>	<p>5th January</p>	<p>6th January 8am Communion at All Saints 10am Morning Service 6.30pm First Sunday Special</p>
<p>7th January 10am Babes & Bouncers 2pm Songs of Praise 7pm Impact</p>	<p>8th January 9.15pm Morning Prayer 7.30pm Ignition</p>	<p>9th January 10am Ladies Bible Study 1pm Lunchtime Concert in Church 8pm Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>10th January 8pm Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>11th January</p>	<p>12th January 9am Joint Prayer Breakfast at St Alkmund's</p>	<p>13th January 8am Communion at All Saints Chapel 10am Morning Service 6.30pm Communion</p>