

Our church magazine – ongoing call for content!

In his new role as Trainee Minister, James Rollin will now be coordinating the various articles/content for the church magazine going forward, working with Jeff Taplin as our magazine Editor.

If you think you might be able to write a contribution for a future issue of our magazine, do please have a chat with James, or alternatively drop him an email on james.rollin@btinternet.com

As the St Alkmund's magazine, our content mainly relates to our 'life & times' within church; however contributions could also reflect activities within our wider village community – for example the various youth & children's uniformed organisations, or other community groups (but please not a blatant 'recruitment-drive' or 'sales-pitch'!! :)

Articles are typically 300-700 words (1-2 pages), plus any relevant photos or illustrations. The content-deadline for our next (December) edition is 17th November 2019.

Prayers

People we can pray for this week: Ev Nove; Pam Barber (friend of Joy Hall), Doreen Curl; Glan Evans; Laura (a friend of Joanna Saunders); Susan Slawson; Florence Owen; Joyce Winwood; Ann Capel; Deena Smith; Graham Newton; Jeremiah Kashoboorozi; Maurice Shenton; Alisha diagnosed with Luekemia (relative of a friend of the Spruces).

Ministry Team Prayer Diary.

Please include these in your prayers this week.

Meetings & Planning in relation to flood damage and contingencies for continuing to meet together.

Monday 24th Carys on block week, James H leading assembly at William Gilbert.

Tuesday 25th November Helen at C.U. at Ecclesbourne.

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. (At St Paul's please ask a welcomer for the key)

In the event of a fire - if you're at Duffield, please note the schools evacuation process and

if you're at Little Eaton, leave through the door you came in, unless instructed otherwise and assemble on St Peter's Park.

*Please switch your hearing aid to the T setting for our **Induction Loop system.***



The United Benefice of Duffield and Little Eaton

Weekly News 24th November 2019

Services on Sunday 24th November

10am	Morning Service <i>At William Gilbert's</i>	From Corinth to Ephesus <i>(Acts 18:18-19:7)</i>
4.30pm	Afternoon Service <i>At St Paul's</i>	Giving thanks and looking forward <i>(2 Thessalonians 1)</i>

Next Sunday (1st December)

8am	Communion at All Saints Chapel	
10am	Morning Service <i>At William Gilbert's</i>	In Ephesus <i>(Acts 19:8-22)</i>
4.30pm	Communion <i>At St Paul's</i>	Truth And Lies <i>(2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)</i>

For more information see:

www.stalkmundsduffield.co.uk or www.littleatonchurch.co.uk

Facebook: St Alkmund's Church Duffield or St Paul's Church Little Eaton

Twitter: @StAlksDuffield

Call the office on 01332 840536 (open Monday-Friday 9.30am-3pm)

Or email on office@stalkmundsduffield.co.uk

Parish Safeguarding Link. If you have a safeguarding issue contact::

St Alkmund's: Gill & Paul Linford on 07486 560657 or email safeguarding@stalkmundsduffield.co.uk.

St Paul's: Lucy Bailey safeguarding@littleatonchurch.co.uk

The Vicarage
17th & 24th November 2019



Dear Friends,

So here we are – just over a week since we emptied out the church hall into the church as best we could as the waters rose – until we finally decided it was time to leave before we got stranded! As we come to terms with the impact of flooding on St Alkmund's, some thoughts to help us.

First of all, we give thanks for many things. No-one was hurt or injured at St Alkmund's as we cleared the building. Our insurance company (Ecclesiastical) have acted swiftly, and by Tuesday the Disaster Recovery company were in cleaning, drying, removing carpets, and otherwise getting on with the clean up operation. Their work continues. We will be able to get back into the building before too long. We have another place to meet. We have been able to sort out a temporary office, and the team have been working very hard this week making that work. It was lovely to join together at Little Eaton last Sunday afternoon, and we look forward to doing that again at 4.30pm today. Many people both inside and outside the church family have offered help, and we managed to make Remembrance Sunday 'work' despite the circumstances. So, we have much to give thanks for.

Second, we remember who the church is. St Alkmund's, Duffield is a lovely building, but it is that – a building – the place where we meet. But we are the church, whether in Duffield or Little Eaton, irrespective of the building we meet in. When we meet at the school, we are as fully church as when we meet at St Alkmund's. And so, whilst we face logistical problems, we are not spiritually disadvantaged: we still meet with our Lord and Saviour. He is with us, and His Spirit is here.

Finally, we pray. We pray that we will be able to be back in the building sooner rather than later, and particularly that we would be able to hold our Christmas services there. We pray for those worse affected. We pray for the family and friends of Annie Hall, as they come to terms with their loss. We pray for those who have been forced out of their homes, and who face the prospect of more flooding. When Kirsty and I came home last Friday we took off our wet boots and socks in a dry house, washed and warmed up; it is a shame to be out of our building, but we can still count our blessings.

Yours in Christ, James

P.S If you are not receiving the update emails, it may be that you didn't tick the correct box on the GDPR form. To receive church emails email the office with "Please add me to your distribution list" in the subject bar.

General Notices

Church Directory

For the new church directory, we would like to include pictures of people.

Work will progress on this once we're back to normal following the flooding.

Ladies' Christmas Craft Evening Friday 29th November

Would you like to be a part of a fantastic opportunity to reach many women with the good news of Jesus this Christmas-time? Please let Kirsty know if you would like to help at our Christmas Craft Evening. **We will be holding this at William Gilbert School.**

Christmas Singers

Rehearsals for Christmas will continue at The White Hart, upstairs at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st November. For more information see Emma or just come along.

Open the Book

Open the Book will be in William Gilbert School on 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November. Please pray that their words and God's love would make an impression on the children who are in the assemblies.

Songs of Praise and Cake & Chat

These are cancelled until further notice, but please take a look at St Paul's Songs of Praise and Third Thursdays, which are similar, but take place on Thursdays.

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree & Lunchtime Concerts

We have, sadly, had to cancel both of these events.

General Notices

Afternoon Service, help needed.

Now our new service has been running for a few weeks do you feel able to help? We need people to set up and serve refreshments or do a bit of baking or greet people as they arrive. See the rota at the back of church to see if you could fill any of the gaps, then speak to Diane.

Third Thursday

Come along on the third Thursday of every month for tea, coffee, cake and company. In the church hall from 2pm. Our next meeting is on 19th December.

David's changing role

David is settling into a new pattern of a working week. He'll be usually working Monday and Wednesday daytimes at St Peter's, Stapenhill; and so, won't be available during those times.

John Newton Webb

John will be joining us for our afternoon service on 24th November. This is a great opportunity to find out more about what he and Sian are doing and how we can be supporting them.

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Advent Songs of Praise

Will be on Thursday 5th December starting at 2pm. We will be singing traditional carols followed by high tea, we are asking for a donation of £5 to cover the cost of the high tea. (please note, we will not be serving lunch this year).

24th November 2019

Morning Service

Songs O for a thousand tongues to sing
From the highest of heights

Confession

Notices

Children's Talk

Song The greatest treasure

1st reading Numbers 6:1-8

Prayers

2nd Reading Acts 18:18-19:7

Song This life I live

Sermon "From Corinth to Ephesus" *James Hughes*

Song There is a hope that burns within my heart

St Paul's Little Eaton Afternoon Service 4.30pm

Songs Awake, awake O Zion
This is grace

Confession

Prayers

Notices (After this the children leave for their groups)

Reading 2 Thessalonians 1 (pg 1189)

Creed

Song How deep the father's love for us

Sermon "Giving thanks & looking forward" *James Hughes*

Song It is well with my soul



St Alkmund's



St Paul's



Biblical Parenting

NEW DATES: Saturday 18th & 25th January 2020

9.30am-12.30pm @ St Alkmund's Church Hall, Duffield

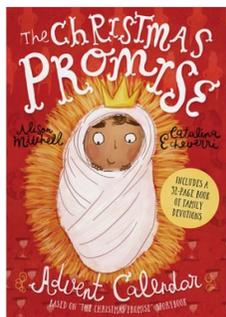
Join us as we explore what the bible tells us about parenting, and as we work out how to do it in today's world. There will be four talks across the two weeks, with plenty of time for discussion, for sharing ideas, and for reflecting with those at a similar stage of life. There will be discussion groups for parents of babies and toddlers, for those with primary school children and parents of teens.

Activities for children and young people will be provided during the morning.

To sign up, contact the church office at Duffield:

office@stalkmundsduffield.co.uk

A Christmas Promise



This year, The Good Book Company have released an Advent Calendar and family book of devotions based on a book by Alison Mitchell called "A Christmas Promise".

It is a look through the bible about just how long ago God promised to send the Saviour King.

A great resource for families to look at during advent, or to give to a family you know to share the Christmas message of Jesus birth.

Go to the link below to order.

<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/the-christmas-promise-advent-calendar-1>

Online Bookstall

We now have a bookstall provided by 10of those, which can be accessed through our website. You can either type in, <https://bit.ly/2pN1nuT> or, go the Website and look under About/Resources/Members Resources and scroll down to the green 10.



Mon 25th Nov	7pm	Impact (see Helen or Carys for venue)
Tues 26th Nov	9.45am	Growth Group
	7.30pm	Ignition (see Helen or Carys for venue)
Weds 27th Nov	10am	Ladies Bible Study (check venue with Jodi)
	8pm	Growth Groups
Thurs 28th Nov	7.30pm	Music Practice - Christmas rehearsal at The White Hart in Duffield.
Fri 29th Nov	7.30pm	Ladies Christmas Craft Evening - Village Hall
	7.30pm	Ladies Christmas Craft Evening - William Gilbert School
Mon 2nd Dec	7pm	Impact (see Helen or Carys for venue)
Tues 3rd Dec	7.30pm	Ignition (see Helen or Carys for venue)
Wed 4th Dec	7.30pm	Joint Prayer Meeting at St Paul's
Thurs 6th Dec	2pm	Songs of Praise with afternoon tea
	7.30pm	Growth Groups

During the upheaval that the flooding has caused, please do contact the church office if you need clarification on any event either by email, or after Tuesday by phone. Thank you for your patience.

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