

WHEN GOD SPEAKS, LISTEN!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. (Hebrews 1:1-2)

It is basic to Christian belief that the God who is, has revealed himself to us. It's important to grasp this, because it is at the heart of why Christians believe in God. As Christmas and New Year have come and gone and life starts to get back into routines, it causes us to ponder what we are about. As a minister, I'll meet families for whom this year will bring the birth of a new life; others will experience the shattering pain and sadness of loss, expected or sudden. Life moves so fast. We make plans and dream dreams, yet as we look back, for good or for ill, things often don't work out as we expect. That's why taking time to stop and reflect is so important. One of the challenges of life is discerning the difference between the urgent and the important. I'd like to put it before you that the most important question in life is *Who is Jesus?* Suppose there is a God, a God who made the universe and us; wouldn't that God, who created language, want to communicate with us? And wouldn't it be reasonable, therefore, that this great and powerful Creator, who made us relational beings, be able to in some way meaningfully reveal Himself to us so that we could understand Him? Christians believe in God because they believe God has revealed Himself to us in the Scriptures, and supremely and fully in His Son, Jesus Christ. They've put away wishful thinking about a favourable deity in the sky, and instead engaged with the man who claimed to be God. This New Year, could this be something important that you need to make time to explore with us?

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH
FROM DAVID BARNSLEY



A short service of favourite hymns, chosen by you.

First Thursdays (4th Jan, 1st Feb, 1st March)
2pm in the Church Hall, followed by tea and cakes.

Third Thursday

18th Jan, 15th Feb, 15th Mar
2pm in the Church Hall.
Tea, cake and company!



Annual Memorial Service

A Service of Remembrance for bereaved families

Sunday 18th March 2018
St. Paul's Church
3.00pm



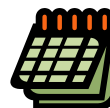
FROM THE REGISTERS...

Our sympathy to those who mourn the passing of

23rd November Alan Upton, aged 82
years, of Alfreton Road, Little Eaton.

19th December Gill Cain, aged 48 years,
of Barley Close, Little Eaton.

Keep up to date with latest events and happenings at St Paul's Church - visit:
www.littleeatonchurch.co.uk/calendar



January & February

Thur 4	2.00pm	Songs of Praise
Sat 6	9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
Sun 7	5.30pm	Salt Cafe
Mon 8	7.30pm	Standing Committee
Mon 15	7.30pm	P.C.C. Meeting
Thur 18	2.00pm	Third Thursday
Thur 25	10.00am	Church History Course Duffield Church Hall
	7.30pm	Church History Course Duffield Church Hall
Sun 28	10.00am	Café Church
February		
Thur 1	10.00am	Church History Course Duffield Church Hall
	2.00pm	Songs of Praise
	7.30pm	Church History Course Duffield Church Hall
Fri 3	7.30pm	Men's Pub Night (TBC) The Patternmaker's Arms
Sun 4	5.00pm	Prayer Meeting
	5.30pm	Salt Cafe
Mon 5	9.30am	Mend it Monday
Thur 8	10.00am	Church History Course Duffield Church Hall
	7.30pm	Church History Course Duffield Church Hall
Sat 10		Pancake & Waffle Party
Thur 15	2.00pm	Third Thursday, Church Hall
Sun 25	10.00am	Café Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

How do you know there is a God?



Café Church is a place to think about big questions about life and faith.

Café Church in the Village Hall | **Sun 28th Jan**
10.00 to 11.00 Coffee, croissants and pastries served from 9.45am

A ST. PAUL'S EVENT FOR FAMILIES



Waffles & PANCAKES

SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY • 4.00-5.30PM

For all ages. With quiz, play area for little ones & food for thought on the Christian faith

Did you know St Paul's Church is on Facebook? Search for 'St Paul's Church Little Eaton' and follow us.



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SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S

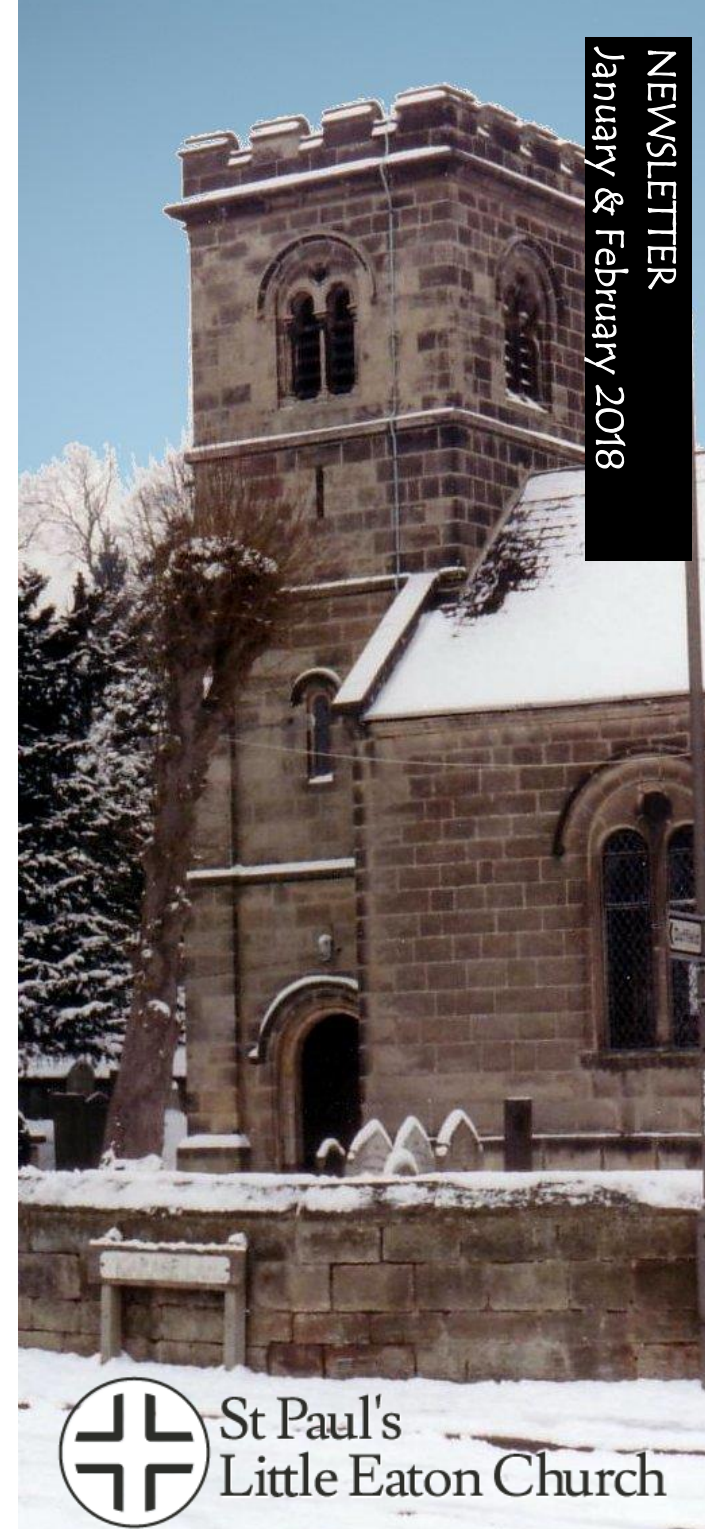
Jan 7th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Jan 14th	8.00 am	BCP Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Service
Jan 21st	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Jan 28th	10.00 am	Café Church
Feb 4th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Feb 11th	8.00 am	BCP Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Service
Feb 18th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Feb 25th	10.00 am	Café Church

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

3-11's	Explorers	Sunday at 10.00am
		Church Hall, Little Eaton
Y7-9	Impact	Mondays at 7.00pm
		St Alkmund's Parish Hall, Duffield
	Fuel	Sundays at 10am
		Church Hall, see website for dates
Y10-13	Ignition	Tuesdays at 7.30pm
		St Alkmund's Parish Hall, Duffield
Y7-13	Salt Café	1st Sunday at 5.30pm
		St Alkmund's Parish Hall, Duffield

REGULAR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Growth Groups (meet fortnightly)	
Tues 1.45pm	Thurs 7.30 pm & 8.00 pm
Church Prayer Meeting	1 st Sunday
Church Hall	5.00 pm
Songs of Praise	1 st Thursday
Church Hall	2.00 pm
Third Thursdays	3 rd Thursday
Church Hall	2.00 pm



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