

THE UNITED BENEFICE

I'd like to bring you up to date with changes happening at St Paul's in the coming months. In 2003 the parish of Little Eaton was 'pastorally re-organised' so that it was no longer joined with St Michael's Holbrook as a benefice, but rather with St Alkmund's Duffield. This sounds rather academic, but the issue is to do with how churches are staffed by clergy. Rather than managing the slow decline in clergy numbers, the then vicar of Duffield, Mark Pickles, set about increasing the number of ministers in the newly formed benefice from two to three, so that a full-time minister could be appointed in Little Eaton. In 2006 I was appointed here. Working with St Alkmund's, and under the vicar of Duffield, I've functioned as the vicar of the village. However, in 2016 the Diocese of Derby restructured how parishes fund ministry, following years of decline across churches in our county. The result has been a substantial increase in what we, as a benefice, are asked to contribute (an increase of £35k per year), and so we have not been able fund three ministers in the benefice. After much thought, discussion and prayer, the decision has been made to restructure ministry across the benefice, so that from 2020 there will be just one clergy assisted by several other staff to serve both churches. In the mean time, we will be transitioning towards that future model. We already share a church office and have a flourishing youth work across the benefice, and benefit enormously by sharing youth leaders (both paid and volunteers); Our 8am Services have been benefice services since 2004. This means that in the coming months, my role will still be Associate Vicar, however, my time split across both churches; St Paul's being served by both James Hughes (the vicar of Duffield) and myself. In August 2020 my post will be coming to an end and we shall be leaving to pastures new and as yet unknown. That is still a long way off, of course (who knows? Sheffield Wednesday might win the Premiership by Aug 2020!:) Sunday service times will have to change, and much else beside. But somethings won't change—our God, mission, and wonderful good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH
FROM DAVID BARNSLEY



Men's Group

Pub night at the New Inn

Friday 8th February

Please contact us for more information
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Annual Memorial Service

A Service of Remembrance for bereaved families

Sunday 3rd March 2019
St. Paul's Church
3.00pm



Interested in the history of St Paul's?

On Monday 11th March David will be speaking at the Little Eaton Local History Society meeting on the history of St Paul's. For more information about the work and events of Little Eaton Local History Society visit their website: <http://lelhs.org.uk/>



Café Church
Sunday 24th February
& 24th March
from 9.30am in the Village
Hall. Start the day with
croissants, pastries and an
informal service.

February– March

February

Sun 3	5.30pm	Salt Café
Mon 4	7.00pm	Impact
Tue 5	10.00am	Growth Group
	7.30pm	Ignition
Thur 7	2.00pm	Songs of Praise
	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	7.30pm	Life Explored
Mon 11	7pm	Impact
Tue 12	7.30pm	Ignition
Thur 14	7.30pm	Growth Groups
	7.30pm	Life Explored
Thur 21	2.00pm	Third Thursday
	7.30pm	Life Explored
Sun 24	9.45am	Café Church
Mon 25	7pm	Impact
Tue 26	7.30pm	Ignition
Thur 28	7.30pm	Life Explored

March

Sun 3	5.30pm	Salt Café
Mon 4	7.00pm	Impact
Tue 5	7.30pm	Ignition
Thur 7	2.00pm	Songs of Praise
	7.30pm	Bible Overview
Mon 11	7.00pm	Impact
Tue 12	7.30pm	Ignition
Thur 14	7.30pm	Bible Overview
Mon 18	7.00pm	Impact
	7.30pm	P.C.C. Meeting
Tues 19	7.30pm	Ignition
Thur 21	2.00pm	Third Thursday
	7.30pm	Bible Overview
Mon 25	7.00pm	Impact
Tues 26	7.30pm	Ignition

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Putting the Bible Together

An overview of the whole Bible, its big story and how it fits together.

A six week course for Lent starting 7th March, 7.45pm in the Church Hall



A short service of favourite hymns, chosen by you.
First Thursdays (7th Feb, 7th March, 4th April) 2pm in the Church Hall, followed by tea and cakes.

Third Thursday

21st Feb, 21st March, 18th April.
2pm in the Church Hall.
Tea, cake and company!



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

Feb 3rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Feb 10th	10.00 am	Morning Service
Feb 17th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Feb 24th	10.00 am	Café Church
Mar 3rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Mar 10th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Service
Mar 17th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Mar 24th	10.00 am	Café Church
Mar 31st	10.00am	Morning Service

8am Communion in Feb has been moved to All Saints, Duffield.

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)	
Tuesday 10am	Thursday 7.30 pm
Church Prayer Meeting	1 st Thursday
Church Hall	7.30 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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