



St Paul's  
Little Eaton Church

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# THE VICAR'S LETTER

JAMES HUGHES



*Dear Friends,*

I quite like September. I know it is not everyone's favourite month, because it's back to School, and the beginning of Autumn, but I quite like it.

I like the possibility of new beginnings that September offers. And I can remember back to various times in life when September meant doing something new and exciting. Of course, some new things are easier to be excited about than others, and whether it is starting school, moving to secondary school, starting university or starting a job, all those new and exciting things come with a level of anxiety about them. But still, the possibility of new beginnings.

I also like September because it is the end of the summer. Not because I want the summer to end, but because you can still get some proper summer days in September; but because we are all thinking about how autumn is

around the corner, they come as more of a gift. We can be disappointed when the sun doesn't shine in June, July and August, but a lovely summer day in early, or even mid-September, always feels like a bonus.

September is also a gift because it is harvest time, particularly for gardeners. Ripening fruit is ready to harvest, and seeds sown in expectation come to fruition. That's why churches hold harvest festivals at the end of September or in early October, to mark God's good gifts to us, and to give thanks for them. We'll be doing the same (5th October) – do put the date in your diary; although as you'll see from elsewhere in the magazine, you can also get involved with Harvest before the actual Sunday.

And enjoy September, late summer, and early autumn.

Yours in Christ,



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# Bewildered...

**B**ewildered... there are many reasons why someone may be bewildered. At this season, some children (and their parents) are bewildered by exam results and the resulting choices – whether better or worse than expected. But then there are other possibilities for confusion. It may be over choices, like “*should I move house?*” or “*should I change the car?*” All these are, shall I call them, “the stuff of life”? We all get those questions, and we can often ask advice from others because they’ve perhaps faced the same issue.

Maybe we should also add the bewilderment about international affairs: why do nations continue to fight each other, and non-combatants always suffer?

But I have a personal reason for bewilderment right now. I am recovering from what ought to have been a healthy run around the park but was abruptly ended with an accident of which I have no memory. I am bewildered about those events – and still recovering from the head bang and other damaged bits of me, and the hospital stays and the tests that have dominated the past few weeks.

What is it all about?

For many, there is another key variable to add in: we are often



bewildered because we don’t understand whether there is a Master Plan to the world or not? So let me answer that.

Before my memory lapse I had been studying the last book of the Bible – Revelation. It is quite long and complex and is basically a vision given by God to the Apostle John in the turbulent period at the close of the New Testament history. It was given to encourage the believers. But the content is apocalyptic – stuff about the end of time and it is alarming. It is also in visionary language – full of symbolic references. So, it has been the subject of many fanciful ideas. Yet the portion in the middle (chapters 6 to 19) are clearly God doing something – He is in charge – not others, and it is not chance. The text describes tribulations, →

→ authorised by God, to bring people to their senses: they are NOT in control, God is. One portion inserts a splash of clarity of God's aims. In spite of all the things that man was experiencing, they did not turn to God – they did not repent. (Revelation 9:20)

The wonderful end of Revelation shows God's promised new creation where evil is judged and properly dealt with and everything is put right; no more crying or pain, no more death and no more bewilderment. It's a wonderful hope to cling to through the hard times.

Our bewilderment should drive us to God, firstly in repentance for our lack of trust in our Sovereign God, then in prayer as we submit to Him and His guidance, and finally in hope as we keep trusting him and wait for the promised end to all the hard things of this life and joy with our God forever.

So, if you'd welcome being less bewildered about what God is doing in the world, do come and learn more with us at St Paul's on a Sunday afternoon. You will be very welcome to join us anytime.

*Richard Nicholson*

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St Paul's  
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## Calling all TOTS!

TOTS is a free group for all babies and pre-school children with their parents, grandparents or carers. Everyone is welcome to come, play and chat, sing songs, make a craft, make a mess, and drink good coffee!

Every Thursday during term time  
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# Carnival Day – 100-year celebrations

## Church Flower Festival

**W**OW – I'm sure everyone will agree what a fantastic day this year's Carnival was – a great day where the community of Little Eaton came together and celebrated our beautiful village. A great atmosphere, an amazing turnout, a fantastic effort by all involved and, of course, great weather – just perfect for Carnival Day.

It was lovely to see so many people coming into St Paul's Church to see the beautiful flower arrangements created by some of our village groups – the Women's Institute, Rotary Day-break Club, Little Eaton in Bloom, Little Eaton Gardening Club, our Church Craft group, our Benefice Album Club (*Martin Holland-Lloyd's turntable may never be quite the same again!*) and our amazing village TOTS group.

Lovely chats were had on the day with many folk, along with some discussions and enquiries about our various different Church groups – groups which help to 'make connections' and which are available for anyone to join in with. St Paul's Church is here for everyone; all are welcome to come along anytime to see who we are and what we do as a church. If you



have any questions, you can contact the church office (email [office@stalkmundsduffield.co.uk](mailto:office@stalkmundsduffield.co.uk)), or pop into church on a Sunday afternoon. You are very welcome to come along anytime and find out more.

**Caroline Walker, Lucy Bailey,  
Gemma Holland-Lloyd,  
Liz Hardwick and  
Sandra Barber**

# Church Services: September – November

## Sunday Afternoon Services

4.30 pm St Paul's Church (Every Sunday, apart from Remembrance Sunday 9th Nov (10.15am–*tbc*), with Holy Communion usually on the 4th Sunday of the month). *Refreshments are served before services, from 4 pm*

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## Holy Communion at All Saints' Chapel

8.30 am Hazelwood Road, Duffield (Usually the first and third Sundays of the month): 7th Sept, 21st Sept, 5th Oct, 19th Oct, 2nd Nov, 16th Nov & 30th Nov.

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## Tuesday Morning Prayer

9.30 am St Alkmund's Church, Duffield  
9th Sept, 16th Sept, 23rd Sept, 30th Sept, 7th Oct, 14th Oct, 21st Oct, 28th Oct, 4th Nov, 11th Nov, 18th Nov & 25th Nov.

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## St Paul's Regular Events

**Salt Cafe** – Sundays in St Alkmund's Church Hall at 6.00pm. For any youth in school years 7–13. Chat, games, pizza and lots of fun.

**Benefice Prayer Meeting** – 1st Wednesday of the month, at 7.30pm, St Alkmund's Church Hall.

**TOTS Group** – Thursdays from 9.30am to 11.30am term time, in St Paul's Church Hall.

**Ladies' Craft Afternoon** – Last Saturday of the month from 2pm to 4pm in St Paul's Church Hall.

**Board Games** – 4th Saturday of the month, 1.30pm to 5.30pm in St Alkmund's Church Hall.

# *‘Why do we do what we do?’*

## **Why do Christians *pray* in church, and what about the *Lord’s Prayer*?**

**I**wonder what springs to mind when you see or hear the word “prayer”? Perhaps you view it as a special activity for those uber-religious types, or maybe something a bit superstitious or ritualistic? Even for those who’d say they’re a Christian, prayer can sometimes seem as a bit daunting or difficult.

Continuing our ongoing series looking at different aspects of church, this article briefly summarises some key themes on the topic of prayer.

The first reason Christians pray – the foundational reason – is because as *sinners* we need God’s *mercy* – all prayer starts here. As we explored in previous articles, Christians believe that as creator of the world, God has the right to say how humankind should live and to judge how we live. But the Bible teaches that humans have *sinned* – they have rebelled against God and his laws on how to live and have sought after and worshipped other things instead of God. This is what the Bible calls sin.

But God loves to show *mercy* to sinners and He is able to do that through Jesus and His death and resurrection, where Jesus defeats sin and death on the cross, to enable us to be restored to God. And as the Apostle Paul tells us in the book of Acts (chapter 17, verses 24–31), in His grace and mercy, God wants us to seek Him, and God is not far from us. And we can do that through praying to God.

Another key reason that Christians pray is to grow in *relationship* with God. Jesus challenges His disciples in the Sermon on the Mount to grow in relationship with God, by praying to God the Father, who has created humans to live in a close relationship with Him. Christians can pray simply and honestly, seeking God the Father’s



help; knowing that God the Father loves those who follow Him and isn’t far away or uninterested.

And the **Lord’s Prayer**, which Jesus teaches His disciples in the Bible (in the gospel of Matthew, chapter 6, verses 9–13) is focused on, or structured around, these things. The first half of the Lord’s Prayer, in verses 9 and 10 of

Matthew 6, are all about the good news of what Jesus has done to defeat sin and death and enable us to be reconciled to God and have a restored relationship with Him:

***Our Father in heaven; hallowed be Your name...*** – Firstly, God’s name is hallowed, or honoured, through what Jesus has done at the cross, to enable us to have a restored relationship with God in God’s mercy. Then ***...Your Kingdom come; Your will be done...*** – secondly, God’s ‘kingdom comes’ as people *respond* to the good news of what Jesus has done and come to faith in Him, and seek to live rightly for God as His followers.

And as Christians grow in relationship with God, depending on Him and seeking His help, the second half of the Lord’s Prayer (verses 11–13 of Matthew 6) – ***...Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...*** are all about what we most need. Not just our daily physical needs (which *daily bread* is shorthand for), but also our ongoing need for God’s forgiveness and for God’s help in living rightly for Him as His followers.

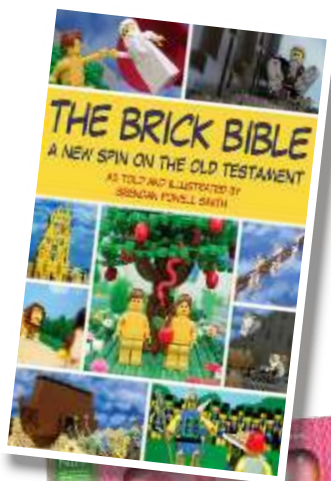
There’s much more to consider of course in respect of prayer and praying. Why not join us on a Sunday to find out more? You will be very welcome.

*James Rollin*

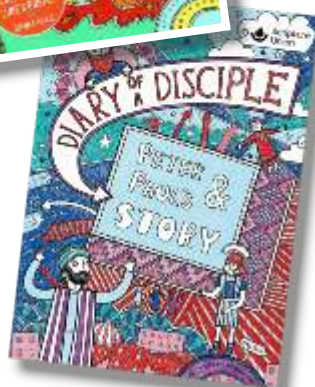
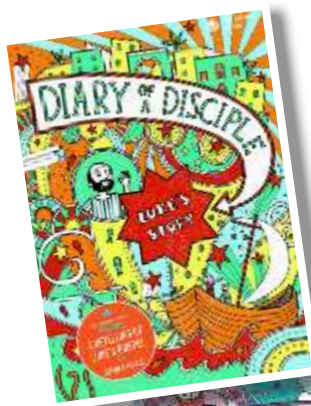


Ruth Graves is a member of our 'sister' church St Alkmund's Duffield and a volunteer at Cornerstone Christian Bookshop in Matlock. In this article, Ruth reviews books for primary-age children. Ruth is happy to get books she's reviewed from Cornerstone Christian bookshop; contact Ruth through the Church Office.

**T**oday there are many attractive Bibles for children, ranging from traditional Bibles with covers that appeal to children and young people, through to those written with children's interests in mind, such as Lego-Builders or Minecraft Bibles, as pictured.

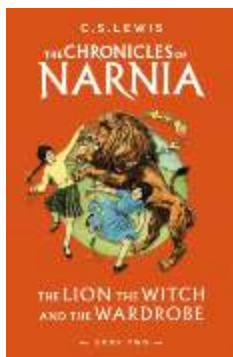
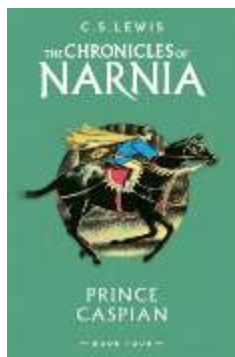


The most popular books for 6–12-year-olds are *Diary of a Disciple Luke's Story* and *Diary of a Disciple Peter & Paul's Story*, by Gemma Willis and illustrated by Emma Randall. These

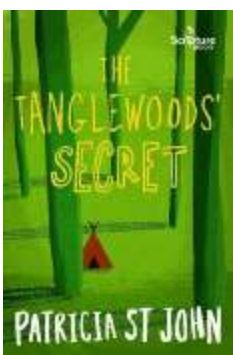


books are written in the style of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books. They are a retelling of the Gospel of Luke and the book of the Acts of the Apostles, from the Bible. There is also a work book for Luke's Story.

There are also plenty of Christian novels for children and young people. Of course, there are those perennial favourites – C.S. Lewis – Narnia Series

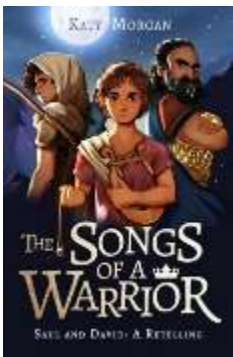


and Patricia St. John, that I remember from my childhood; which are always



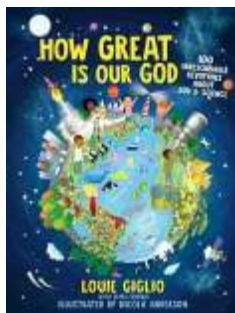
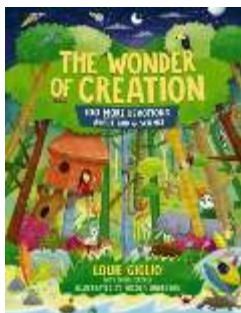
coming out with new and attractive covers. Some examples are pictured.

Alongside these perennial classics,

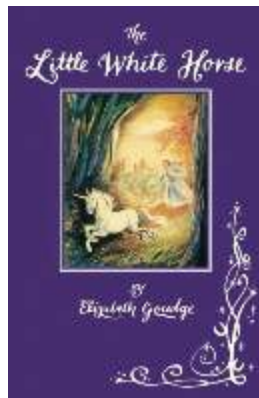


there are modern fiction books written for this age group. Again, a couple of examples (by Bob Hartman and Katy Morgan) are pictured.

There are also many devotional books to encourage children to read their Bibles; for example by Louie Giglio, who writes for both children and adults. ***The Wonder of Creation*** is a popular one (pictured), which is a follow-up to his bestselling kids' devotionals ***Indescribable***, and ***How Great Is Our God*** (pictured).



I hope that these book suggestions will help you to find some different reading material for your little ones, but there are a lot more books out there. I would encourage you to come to the shop (Cornerstone Christian Bookshop Matlock) and have a look, or browse the Eden Christian Bookshop online ([eden.co.uk](http://eden.co.uk)).



*Ruth*

# Benefice 'Album Club'

**O**ur Benefice Album Club, with members drawn from both of our churches, continues to meet month by month, to enjoy listening to an album together over a few snacks and a drink or two. The music chosen continues to be as interesting and varied as ever!

In June, Nick Peacock hosted the Album Club at his home in Duffield, choosing **Brothers and Sisters**, the fourth studio album by The Allman Brothers Band. Originally founded in 1969, the band comprised brothers Duane Allman (slide guitar, lead guitar) and Gregg Allman (vocals, keyboards), Dickey Betts (lead guitar, vocals), Berry Oakley (bass), Butch Trucks (drums) and Jai Johanny "Jaimoe" Johanson (drums). The band's first two studio albums (1969's *The Allman Brothers Band* and 1970's *Idlewild South*) stalled commercially; however their 1971 live album, *At Fillmore East*, was a critical and commercial breakthrough, showcasing the group's trademark 'extended-jamming' style.

Tragedy struck when group leader Duane Allman and bassist Berry Oakley were both killed in motorcycle accidents, in October 1971 and November 1972 respectively; however the band continued, releasing a dual studio/live album, *Eat a Peach* in 1972, which further cemented the band's popularity. Following Berry Oakley's death in 1972, the group subsequently recruited keyboardist/pianist Chuck Leavell (who has since served as principal touring keyboardist and musical director of the Rolling Stones) and replacement bassist Lamar Williams for the *Brothers and Sisters* recording sessions.

Co-produced by Johnny Sandlin and the band, *Brothers and Sisters* was recorded at Capricorn Sound Studios in Macon, Georgia, and was first released in August 1973. The album's most well-known songs are its lead single, "Ramblin' Man" and its second single, the instrumental track "Jessica"; famously used as the longstanding opening theme-music for the BBC TV series *Top Gear*.

The album's artwork was taken at "The Farm", a property in Juliette, Georgia, purchased by the band, which became a communal "group hangout". The front-cover features a photograph of Vaylor Trucks (*below left*), son of drummer Butch Trucks and wife Linda, whilst the back-cover features a photograph of Brittany Oakley (*below right*),



daughter of bassist Berry Oakley and wife Linda; together with a photo of the band and their extended families (*below*) on the the inner gatefold.



The album represented the Allmans' commercial peak: the record was immediately successful, going gold in retail sales within 48 hours of release and hitting Number One on the US Billboard Chart for five weeks. It has since sold over seven million copies worldwide. "Ramblin' Man" became the band's first and only Top Ten hit single, peaking at Number Two on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart.

Nick explains why he picked *Brothers and Sisters* as his album of choice:

***"I joined the Album Club after it had been running for a few months and had only attended three sessions before 'my turn' arrived, which was slightly stressful—I was surrounded by a lot of real musicians, whereas I simply enjoyed listening! →***



➔ *Like most people, I first started buying LPs when I left home and had some spare cash: marriage soon fixed that, however! I first heard of the Allman Brothers when a housemate bought this LP soon after it was first released. I liked it immediately. It did not seem to fit into any particular musical genre. It is not my favourite album of all time (that's for another day) but I judged that the club might appreciate it! After all, if Top Gear used it....."*



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Meanwhile, in July Paul Spilling from St Alkmund's Duffield hosted the Album Club for a second time. Having previously picked a Strawbs record, this time Paul chose the debut studio album by King Crimson, ***In the Court of the Crimson King***. King Crimson has existed in many different incarnations, with guitarist and band leader Robert Fripp the only constant member throughout the band's long history.



First formed in late 1968, the band officially became King Crimson in early 1969, making their live debut in April 1969 at The Speakeasy Club in London. In July 1969 King Crimson were one of the support acts at the Rolling Stones' free concert in Hyde Park. The band played songs from *In the Court of the Crimson King* (ahead of the album's release in October that year) and according to some accounts, nearly stole the show.

Often cited as the genesis of progressive rock, *In the Court of the Crimson King* was recorded during the summer of 1969 at Wessex Sound Studios in London, featuring the band's original lineup of Robert Fripp on guitar, Michael Giles on drums and percussion, Greg Lake on lead vocals and bass guitar and Ian McDonald, who played various woodwind/reed instruments plus keyboards, including organ and Mellotron. The album's characteristic lush orchestral sounds were the result of Ian McDonald spending many hours overdubbing his instruments, no easy task in the days of recording on 8-track tape.

The album-sleeve's famous artwork was painted by Barry Godber, with the original painting now owned by Robert Fripp. Featuring songs including '21st Century Schizoid Man' and the title-track 'The Court of the Crimson King', it reached No. 5 on the UK Album Chart and No. 28 on the US Billboard 200. It has since been certified Gold in the UK and the US. →



➔ Paul explains why he picked *In the Court of the Crimson King* as his album for the July meeting:

*"I remembered coming across this album about three years after its release and was taken by how good it was, with a set of very contrasting tracks – quite different from other bands around at the time. I have been a fan of King Crimson ever since, to such an extent my original vinyl copy is now unplayable! So, this was the perfect excuse to purchase a new copy and to introduce, or re-acquaint, others to it. The title track is a true classic and certainly left me spellbound, upon first hearing it as a sixteen-year-old."*



Our Album Club will be continuing to meet monthly and new members are always very welcome to join us. If you'd like to find out more, you can speak to either Chris Asker, Bill Bailey, or Martin Holland-Lloyd at St Paul's church; or alternatively contact the Church Office.

*James Rollin*

*At a loose end?*



Little Eaton Ladies Craft Group meets on the last Saturday of each month in the Church Hall, 2-4pm

Bring your knitting, sewing or other crafts, or simply join us for tea, cake and chat

# Harvest Festival 2025

## Supporting the Padley Centre

**St** Paul's Church would like to invite the people of Little Eaton to join in with our regular giving to the Padley Centre in Derby this Harvest time.

The Church will be open on Saturday 4th October between 11am – 5pm for you to bring along any donations. Your generosity ensures that the Padley Centre can continue to make a significant difference in the lives of those in need, especially as we approach the winter months. Any donation you are able to give will be greatly received.

The Church will also be open from 3pm on the day of our Harvest festival, on Sunday 5th October. You are welcome to drop in any items and/or stay for the service at 4.30pm; we would love to welcome you! All donations collected will be taken to the Padley Centre following our service.

If you are unable to get to church but would still like to help, we are very happy to collect your donations. Please email the Church office on:

[admin@littleeatonchurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@littleeatonchurch.co.uk) or call 01332 987550 and we will arrange this.

The Padley Centre works in collaboration with the YMCA to combat homelessness and poverty in the city, giving more opportunities for individuals and families in need to access the support they need.

This is a list of items that the Padley Centre are most in need of:

| Food                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Hygiene                                                                                                                                                                               | Clothing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Household                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Cooking oil; fruit squash; long life milk; tea & coffee; gravy; biscuits; chocolate; cakes; cooking sauces; sugar; table sauces; jam; tinned fish/meat; tinned vegetables; tinned fruit; tinned pasta in sauce; rice pudding; custard.<br><br><b>Please could all tinned items have long best before/use by dates</b> | Shower gel; shampoo; conditioner; soap; deodorant; shaving foam; disposable razors; sanitary products; kitchen roll; toilet roll; washing up liquid; laundry powder/liquid, softener. | <b>Men's, women's and children's of all sizes including:</b><br>Coats; jumpers; hoodies; cardigans; shirts; t-shirts; blouses; trousers; shorts; skirts; dresses; hats; gloves; scarfs; socks; bras; underwear (must be unworn); shoes; jewellery; belts. | Sleeping bags; books; bric-a-brac; games consoles & games; TVs; blankets; duvet covers; pillow cases; bed sheets; towels; tea towels; cutlery; crockery; tea caddies. |

*Lucy Bailey, Gemma Holland-Lloyd & Caroline Walker*

## *Tell us a little bit about yourself...*

**JIM WIGGLESWORTH**



*Continuing our new, occasional feature in the Parish Magazine, this month we meet Revd Jim Wigglesworth, who has recently joined our Ministry & Staff team.*

### **1 Who are you and what do you do (or used to do) for a living?**

Hello, my name is Jim Wigglesworth; I am the new Curate (trainee Vicar) here at the United Benefice of Duffield and Little Eaton. Before entering into ministry, I spent my 20s as a Rugby player before retiring; I then worked in mental health and performance coaching. Finally, I was fortunate enough to travel to large parts of the world with an international evangelistic organisation.

### **2 What do you do at church?**

Well, at the time of writing, I am only in my second week, so I am just getting my feet under the table at the moment. I have spent my time so far meeting people and getting to know our two churches. Ultimately, my role here at church is to complete my training as a Priest. That will mean getting involved in all the various parts of church life; from leading services, preaching, weddings, funerals, baptisms, spending time with people and much more.... Not to forget learning the art of tea and cake with the Vicar!

### **3 What first brought you to the local area and to the benefice?**

I was born and raised in Duffield/Little Eaton, so this place is home to me. I was christened and married in St Alkmund's church, as were a large number of my family, so in many ways it is our home church as a Wigglesworth Family. However, I spent most of my twenties in various places around England, but moved back to Duffield with my wife during Covid. Finally, when it came to my Curacy, I was really excited about the opportunity to come back to St Alkmund's, to serve this community, and I am really enjoying it so far.

### **4 What's the best thing(s) about the united benefice?**

Obviously, in many ways, I am new here and so still getting to know everyone and the church. But for me, I love the beauty of this place, not just the Duffield valley, but also the churches. I find this place to be an effortless place to meet with God. There is a warmth and a presence to this place, as well as the beauty of the river going past. I'm enjoying being here and settling into our churches.

### **5 Favourite Bible book, Bible passage and Bible character?**

My favourite book of the Bible is the Song of Songs. I wrote my master's dissertation on the third chapter, combining both mystical theology and Analytical Psychology views of

the text, and really enjoyed it. I love the depth and mystery of the book, viewed by many of the Church's greats as the very heart of the Bible. The book is one of only two books which does not contain a mention of God by name. That does not mean that He is absent, but that the divine is being communicated to us in a different way, through imagery, symbol and love; we learn about God in a completely unique way.

#### **6 What do you like to do in your spare time, and why?**

I am a big sports fan, so I am happy watching and playing. Rugby was my real passion, but I am really into anything. I enjoy playing golf when I get the chance and spending time with friends. Having two small daughters means that much of my spare time is currently spent playing with them at various parks in the area.

#### **7 Your most favourite meal, and why?**

I am a big fan of Asian food, anything from that part of the world is usually my go-to choice. I used to love travelling there and seeing all the slightly different variations and flavours of similar dishes. I also love a good ploughman's lunch (with chips on the side). Pudding would have to be melted cookie dough and strawberry ice cream, because why not!

#### **8 What, if push comes to shove, is your all-time favourite Album?**

That is a difficult one; of all time, it would probably have to be a John Mayer album, most likely *Continuum* – and if you forced me to pick just one song from it, it would be 'Vultures'. I think the guitar riff is just epic. I have been fortunate enough to see him live twice, which was amazing. For more current listening, I am enjoying a lot of Sam Fender at the moment.

#### **9 Do you have a favourite film, and why?**

It would have to be the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy; just epic storytelling and fantasy, plus the filming is similarly epic. I would also highly recommend reading Tolkien's short essay on fairy stories. At the end of the essay, he talks about the incarnation of Christ, making storytelling and 'mythology' a holy act. It is a fascinating perspective that underlies much of his work.

#### **10 Tell us something else about yourself others might not already know?**

I enjoy painting... badly. I have 10 very large canvases in our shed, and I hope to have some time to start painting again during my curacy. I have been inspired by the Renaissance project launched by Saint church in London, which is trying to rediscover and reimagine the arts, given the Church's incredible history of divinely inspired work. I doubt my work will ever see the light of day, but I enjoy the process.

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*We hope to make this 'Ten Questions' a recurring feature in the magazine, so if you'd consider yourself a 'regular' at St Paul's and would like to be featured, then please get in touch with the Church Office.*

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# Children's Work

## Autumn-Winter 2025



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### Our Children & Youth Workers

James Munro

Adam O'Dowd



Here at St Alkmund's and St Paul's, we have lively and welcoming groups of young people exploring the Bible and life in church together. Everyone is invited and questions are warmly encouraged. Here's what's happening across the benefice:

## Sparks

**St Alkmund's Children's Church | Sunday 10am | Age 3-11**

If you're between the ages of 3-11, come along and join us at Sparks during the morning service in the hall for games, biscuits and story. Each term we will be exploring different topics that encourage our children to gain a fundamental understanding of God and what it means to have a relationship with Him.

## EXPLORERS

**St Paul's Children's Church | Sunday 4:30pm | 7 - 14s**

If you're between the ages of 7-14, come along and join us at Explorers, as we aim to equip our young people to engage with sermons through our guided explanation of the topics being discussed on a Sunday with a youth leader, while remaining in church with the rest of the wider church family.



## FAMILY EVENTS

We love hosting opportunities for the church family and the whole village to get together. Try out Board and Brew, our free pop-up boardgame cafe every fourth Saturday, or our next Pandemonium quiz night in November.

# SALT CAFE

**St Alkmund's Church Hall | Sundays 6-7pm | School Years 7-13**

Chat, pizza, and games Poetry for Neanderthals and Taco Cat. Salt Cafe is our Sunday youth group, meeting in term time to enjoy a meal, games, big questions, and time to relax before Monday comes around again. Head home afterwards or stay for our relaxed and fantastic 45min 7pm service.

Email Adam for more and find us on Instagram [@alkmundsduffield](#)

## Fuel

**St Alkmund's Church Youth | Sunday 10am | Year 7-9**

Our younger youth also nip out during the sermon for our Bible time, big questions, catch up and games with our amazing leaders (and a bit of breakfast). See you there soon!

# ASSEMBLIES

**Primary School | Assemblies and Services**

If you attend William Gilbert Primary, Little Eaton Primary or Duffield Meadows Primary we look forward to seeing you regularly as we explore what Christians believe and how that relates to their actions in life outside of church. This term we are looking at the book of Genesis and focusing on chapters 1-11.



**St Alkmund's Church Hall | Fridays 10am - 12 &  
St Paul's Church Hall | Thursdays 9.30am - 11:30**

TOTS is a group for parents, grandparents and carers to bring your pre-school-age children to play, craft, sing, and enjoy story time. The Tots team love to support you with a chat, a coffee, and probably some playdough.

Drop in when it works for you or come and see us every week, we're looking forward to meeting you.

# Pie & Quiz Night

*Bar & Raffle*

**Adult: £20**

**Under 18s: £10**

(inc. hot meal & pud)

Tickets available from

Phil 07539275911 or

Kathy 01332 842603

**Friday  
10 Oct**

**7.30pm**

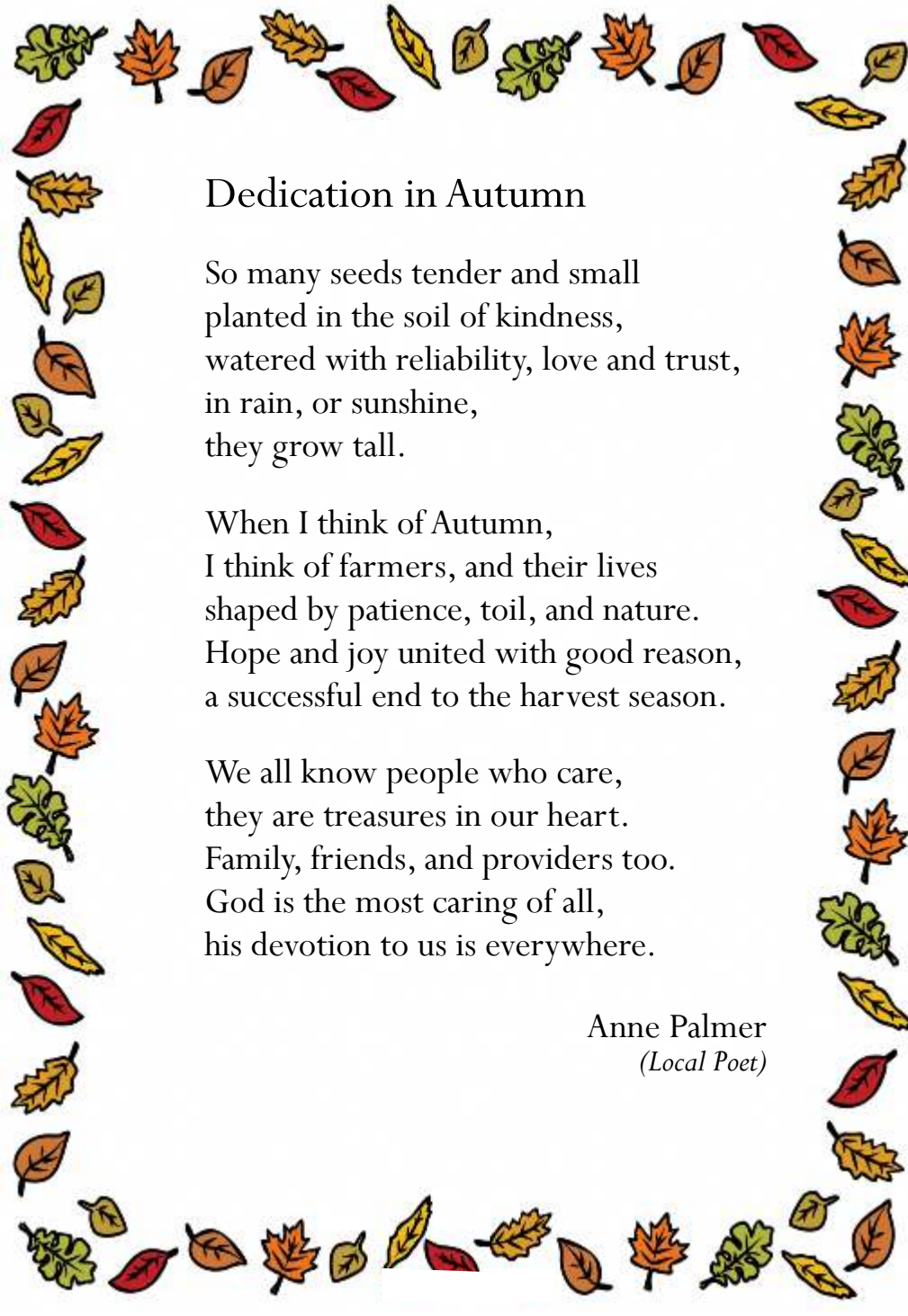
(Doors open 7.15pm)

**Little Eaton  
Village Hall**

**St Peter's Park DE21 5EA**



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## Dedication in Autumn

So many seeds tender and small  
planted in the soil of kindness,  
watered with reliability, love and trust,  
in rain, or sunshine,  
they grow tall.

When I think of Autumn,  
I think of farmers, and their lives  
shaped by patience, toil, and nature.  
Hope and joy united with good reason,  
a successful end to the harvest season.

We all know people who care,  
they are treasures in our heart.  
Family, friends, and providers too.  
God is the most caring of all,  
his devotion to us is everywhere.

Anne Palmer  
*(Local Poet)*



## St Paul's Little Eaton Church

Vicarage Lane, Little Eaton, Derby DE21 5EA

You are very welcome to join us for our 4.30pm afternoon services, either in the church building, or alternatively online, via our Benefice YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheUnitedBeneficeofDuffieldLittleEaton>

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