

Peace on Earth?



Christingle Service

7th December 4.30pm

Celebrate Jesus, the light in the dark,
with us at St Paul's this Christmas

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

JAMES HUGHES



Dear Friends,

No doubt as you read this, most of you will be in the midst of preparation and planning for Christmas. Some things will already have been done (even if that is only thinking about what needs to be done), some things will be being done, but there will no doubt be more to do. Christmas generally involves a fair amount of preparation, and a good deal of planning. But hopefully, when we get there it is worth the effort.

Our preparations may stretch back weeks, sometimes even months, before the big day. If you haven't started your Christmas fruit cake by now, it is probably too late, and some would say that this year's Christmas pudding needs to be ready from last year. However, God's Christmas preparations stretch back much further than that.

We can start by going back about 2,000 years, and see what Matthew's gospel has to say:

A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham (Matthew chapter 1 verse 1)

Many people, reading through the New Testament for the first time have started

in Matthew and no doubt wondered why he begins with a genealogy. One of the reasons is because it shows how God has been planning for a long time for Jesus to come. Jesus was born around AD 0 (the clue is in the name – *anno domini*), but God's preparations for that day stretch at least another 2,000 years further back, as Jesus comes as the fulfilment of God's promise to Abraham. That promise can be found back in the book of Genesis, where God says to Abraham:

"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis chapter 12 verse 3)

So God's Christmas preparations stretch at least 2,000 years before Jesus was born. God did not send his Son as a last minute fix to an unexpected problem, or because he couldn't work out what else to do, or because He had to. God sent his son to save his people. As the angel tells Joseph (speaking of Mary):

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew chapter 1, verse 21)

Jesus comes to save us from our sins. We need to reflect on what that means for us today. But, also, we receive this promise in Matthew 1:



→ *All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" – which means, "God with us." (Matthew chapter 1, verses 22-23)*

The prophet here is Isaiah, about 700 years before Jesus was born. Notice the promise of who Jesus is – Immanuel, God with us. God has prepared in advance for the coming of Jesus, and the coming of Jesus makes all the difference.

Let me encourage you to join us this Christmas as we reflect on the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ, God with us, and to reflect on what God's plan to bless his people, and to save them from their sins, means for us.

See you soon.

Yours in Christ,



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Drop-in Cafe

Come along and be creative or just
have tea and chat

Thursdays from 1.30 to 3pm

St Alkmund's Church Hall



St. Alkmund's
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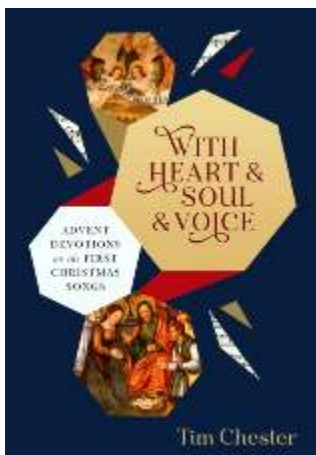


Advent Books!

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 two books suitable for the season of Advent. Ruth is happy to get books she's reviewed from **Cornerstone Christian bookshop**; contact Ruth through the **Church Office**.

The first book is a new book for 2025, by Tim Chester, who has written over 40 books and is a lecturer in Historical Theology and lives in Derbyshire. This new book is called ***With Heart & Soul & Voice*** and subtitled *Advent Devotions on the First Christmas Songs*.

The book takes the songs of Mary, Zechariah, the angels and Simeon, which covers the time from the announcement to Mary of the coming Saviour, to his birth and to his presentation as a baby at the Temple in Jerusalem. We look anew through this book at the events we

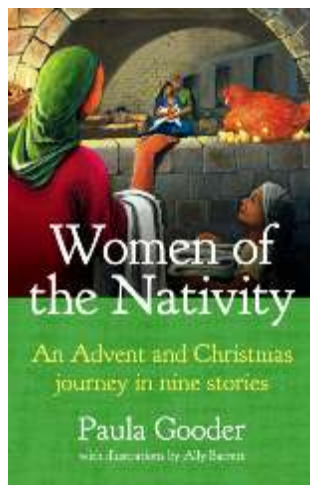


hear of every Christmas. The book takes a short passage every day for 24 days and explores it, finishing each day's reading with a short reflection. I have been dipping in and out of this since it was given to me in September and I can't wait for the start of Advent to read it properly.

The second book that I want to talk about is ***Women of the Nativity*** by Paula Gooder (who wrote *Women of Holy Week*, *Phoebe* and *Lydia*). This is such a beautifully presented book, with illustrations by Ally Barrett which

link all the women mentioned with a simple shawl. There are nine women written about; one for each Sunday in Advent, Christmas Day and other celebrations through to Candlemas on 2nd February.

The readings are as if they were by the women themselves talking about their very personal experiences. Then there are notes at the back of the book, telling where to find the stories mentioned in the Bible, reflections to consider, and other information about these women.



WITH HEART & SOUL & VOICE Tim Chester
ISBN 978 1802543223 The Good Book Company
WOMEN OF THE NATIVITY Paula Gooder
ISBN 978 1781404607 Church House Publishing

Looking for a Christmas present idea? Take a look at The Greatest Story Ever Told by Bear Grylls ISBN 978 1399820141. 'The tale of a child born into poverty in the first-century Roman empire, who grew up to be a wandering teacher, who changed the world.'

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Who Loves Ya, Baby?

Do you remember the catchphrase above? You may not want to admit it because it will date you! Younger readers or those hiding their real age may prefer to Google it. I suspect many people aren't sure they can answer the question, and they become even less sure if we ask whether God loves them.

The answer from previous generations that God loves me "because the Bible tells me so" (to quote an old hymn) isn't widely held today. We need to recognise that for over 2,000 years it has been a staple belief, and for many generations earlier by believers looking at the Old Testament. A great many people have enjoyed a definite, real and personal experience of God and relationship with Him. But does God love me, now in 2025?

I have been reading the first chapter of Mark's account of Jesus' life recently and the "Does Jesus love me?" question popped up – at least to me. Let me explain.

Mark records in a long first chapter that Jesus met John the Baptist, called his first disciples and spent time 'in the

wilderness' alone. Then, with those disciples, he went to the Synagogue in Capernaum, the town where Simon's home was. (Simon was later re-named Peter). During the service, Jesus healed a man with 'an evil spirit' who kept shouting. The authorities were displeased about healing on the Sabbath, but Jesus countered by asking if they had an animal that had fallen into a pit, wouldn't they rescue it – Sabbath or not? So what is Jesus saying? Jesus healed because he could and because he cared, just like a farming community cares for an animal in distress.

Then Jesus and the disciples went to Peter's home, and there found Peter's mother-in-law sick and in bed with a fever. I guess we'd just take some Paracetamol and wait until morning, but Jesus healed her. By then the Sabbath was over because it was evening, and many more gathered for healing. Jesus healed them too.

Next morning the disciples suggested getting back into Capernaum because in their eyes he was a success. However, ➔



→ Jesus said he wanted to go into other villages (not just towns like Capernaum) and teach and heal there too. So he moved on.

Why? Why did Jesus move on to teach and heal more people? In many cases we are told it was “because He had compassion on them”. His compassion (i.e. love) drove his actions.

I wonder how many people Jesus healed and fed and even raised from the dead during his 3-year ministry – it must be a huge number.

Now let me return to the opening question, does God love me? Yes, yes and yes again. He loves me, and he loves you

too. Jesus’ love is freely given. However, once we realise His love was finally expressed in dying in our place, then surely we will gladly follow Him and experience and learn more of that great love.

Please don’t dismiss Jesus but take Him at His word. Do you remember that famous verse John 3 v 16? “For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”

I pray that you may taste the joy of God’s love and salvation this Christmas.

Richard Nicholson



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Little Eaton Church





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
9:30am-11:30am
in Little Eaton Church Hall

For more information tel. 01332 987550 or email admin@littleeatonchurch.co.uk
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Christmas Wordsearch

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Church Services: December – February

Sunday Afternoon Services

4.30 pm St Paul's Church (Every Sunday, with Holy Communion usually on the 4th Sunday of the month). *Refreshments are served before services, from 4 pm.* 7 Dec (Christingle Service), 14 Dec, 21 Dec (Carol Service), 24 Dec (Family Crib Service, 4pm, and Christmas Eve Carols, 6.30pm, at St Alkmund's), 25 Dec (Joint Benefice Service at St Alkmund's: 10 am), 28 Dec, 4 Jan, 11 Jan, 18 Jan, 25 Jan, 1 Feb, 8 Feb, 15 Feb, 22 Feb.

Holy Communion at All Saints' Chapel

8.30 am Hazelwood Road, Duffield (Usually the first and third Sundays of the month, plus occasional fifth Sundays): 7 Dec, 25 Dec, 4 Jan, 18 Jan, 1 Feb, & 15 Feb.

Tuesday Morning Prayer

9.30 am St Alkmund's Church, Duffield
2 Dec, 9 Dec, 6 Jan, 13 Jan, 20 Jan, 27 Jan, 3 Feb, 10 Feb & 24 Feb.

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 (Jan/Feb) from 2pm to 4pm in St Paul's Church Hall.

Board Games – 4th Saturday of the month (Jan/Feb), 1.30pm to 5.30pm in St Alkmund's Church Hall.

Christingle

The Little Eaton Christmas Market is fast becoming a village tradition, but if you'd also like to take part in a much older Advent tradition, then please come into church on market day, Sunday December 7th and find out what's happening inside St Paul's. We will be open from noon for everyone to view our lovely Christmas decorations, and also to join with us in making some Christingles!

If you've not come across this particular tradition, which actually originated in Germany in the 18th century, a Christingle is a decorated orange, which represents the world. We put a red ribbon round it first, to symbolise the blood of Christ. Four cocktail sticks are then inserted into the orange, each with sweets on, representing the fruits of the earth and the four seasons. Finally, a candle is placed in the top of the orange, signifying Jesus as the light dispelling darkness. You can take your completed Christingle away to light at home (and enjoy the sweets later), or we'd love you to stay for our family-friendly Christingle service at 4.30pm, when we



will find out a bit more and light them all together. Our little lights shining together in the darkness always look very special!

But the Christingle is more than just a festive craft; it is a vivid reminder of goodwill, hope,

and togetherness at Advent, when we look forward to Jesus's return and Christmas, when we think about His coming to earth in human form. The Christingle continues to inspire people of all ages, shining its light through the heart of the season, and we hope you will come and join in this tradition with us this year.

Liz Hardwick

Our Benefice Album Club Celebrates its First Birthday!



As the old saying goes, time flies, and this autumn marked the first anniversary of our benefice Album Club! Having staged our inaugural meeting back in October 2024, I was very happy to once again be the host for our 'first birthday bash' on Tuesday 7th October this year, with friends from both our benefice churches [St Alkmund's Duffield & St Paul's Little Eaton] gathering at our home in Belper to listen to another album together, accompanied by snacks and a drink or two.



Back in 2024, I kickstarted Album Club with music by the US southern rockers Blackberry Smoke, playing their most recent album *Be Right Here*, released in February of that year. For our October 2025 anniversary meeting, I selected another American band; choosing this time round the music of Los Angeles band Little Feat and their third album *Dixie Chicken*, which was primarily recorded at Clovers Recorders, Los Angeles in late 1972 and released on 25th January 1973. It's an album I regularly return to at intervals;



indeed our benefice Album Club inspired me to ask for the remastered and expanded edition of *Dixie Chicken* on vinyl last Christmas!

With its R&B groove, *Dixie Chicken* pays particular tribute to the rich musical heritage of New Orleans. The record's landmark songs include title-track 'Dixie Chicken' and 'Fat Man in the Bathtub'; together with a cover of 'On Your Way Down', written by legendary New Orleans musician Allen Toussaint [he also wrote the song 'Southern Nights', subsequently covered by Glen Campbell].

Meanwhile, Bill Bailey kindly hosted our September Benefice Album Club for a second time, at his home in Little Eaton. Bill's record of choice second time round was Supertramp's 1979 album, *Breakfast in America*, Supertramp's sixth studio album, released on 16 March 1979, by A&M Records and recorded during May to December 1978 at The Village Recorder studio in Los Angeles. The album's famous front cover, which resembles an overlook of Manhattan through an aeroplane window was designed by Mike Doud and Mick Haggerty and features a 'Diner representation' of the Financial District within the New York City borough of Manhattan. American actress Kate Murtagh, dressed as a Diner waitress, stands as a Statue of Liberty figure.



Bill explains: "I always loved this album. It has the rare distinction [IMO!] of having no dud tracks on either side. My copy has survived several moves from school to university to medical school, and on to a selection of homes from Bristol to



Derbyshire that I've shared with my wife Lucy. Given the above, it is in amazingly good nick! It successfully blends prog rock and pop and benefits greatly from the harmonies of Davies and Hodgson and the saxophone [my favourite instrument] playing of John Helliwell. I can thoroughly recommend it for a trip back to 1979!" →

➔ In August, our Album Club was hosted for a second time by Phil O'Brien, with invaluable assistance from Phil's son Joe, who very kindly loaned Phil his DJ turntables and speakers for the occasion – a most impressive setup! Having previously chosen an Eagles album, for his second choice, Phil picked Peter Gabriel's debut solo album, *Peter Gabriel*, released in February 1977.



'Car' peaked at No. 7 on the UK Albums Chart upon release, with the album's single 'Solsbury Hill' reaching No. 13 in the UK. The album's front cover depicts Gabriel sitting in a 1974 Lancia 2000 owned by Storm Thorgerson of Hipgnosis, who designed the album's artwork. Because Gabriel's first four solo albums were not titled or numbered, the album later became informally known as 'Car'.

Phil bought the album new upon its release: "Having become a fan of Genesis in my mid-teens, I bought *Peter Gabriel* on the strength of that and wasn't disappointed. It was released during the week of my 19th birthday, when I was away at college, so it was played on my trusty Dansette portable. I was lucky that Joe lent me his kit for Album Club and joined us to make sure it worked. It was a delight to hear it on such a quality system – 48 years after I bought it, I was hearing some notes for the first time!"



Our Album Club will be continuing to meet monthly during the course of 2026 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, please contact the Church Office.

James Rollin, Bill Bailey and Phil O'Brien

‘Why do we do what we do?’

Why is there always a sermon in church, and why is it from the Bible?

I wonder what springs to mind when you hear, or see, the words “Sermon” and “Bible”? If – like me, you were a rather reluctant member of a uniformed organisation as a child, then perhaps those words conjure-up unhappy memories of tedious talks endured at the end of (equally tedious) St. George's Day Parades. Or, perhaps you picture the likes of Reverend Timothy Farthing (the petulant Vicar in *Dad's Army*), Reverend Clement Hedges (the superstitious town Vicar of *Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*) and so on.

Well, clergy caricatures and problematic parades aside, in this article – continuing our periodic Parish Magazine series looking at *why we do what we do* in church – I'd like to briefly explain why we always have a sermon at St Paul's Little Eaton, along with explaining why our sermons are always from the Bible. Let's start by firstly defining what a sermon is and why we have them each and every Sunday.

In his book¹, Allan Chapple helpfully describes a sermon (or preaching) as a form of public speaking which consists of exhorting, explaining, informing, persuading and proclaiming – a sermon aims to *change* its hearers. And the reason for this is because a sermon seeks to bring the Bible, God's Word, into people's lives powerfully and effectively; the aim is for



those hearing the sermon to *respond* to God's Word, the Bible, as it is faithfully spoken and taught.

To use a 'technical term', such a sermon from the Bible is known as Expository Preaching. That is, a sermon which sets-out and applies the meaning of a particular text or passage in the Bible; explaining what a passage *means* by what the passage *says* (i.e. we're not trying to somehow 'get behind' the text to some sort of 'hidden' meaning). As defined by theologian Tim Keller², expository preaching: "...grounds the message in the text so that all the sermon's points are the points in the text, and it 'majors-in' the text's major ideas..." And that brings us on to the second part of our question. Why are our sermons always from the Bible?

Well, Christians believe that the whole of the Bible is God's word; that the entirety of the Bible is divinely written →

¹ *Preaching – A Guidebook for Beginners*; Allan Chapple, Latimer Trust, 2013.

² *Preaching: Communicating Faith in an Age of Scepticism*; Tim Keller, Viking Books, 2015.

→ (through divinely inspired human authors) by God. In the Bible, God tells us about Himself; about His work past, present and future; and His will for people's lives. The Bible makes clear that God has a unified plan for all of history, culminating in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ at Christmas; who came to earth to die and rise again at the cross, in order to deal with human sin and wrongdoing, so that people can be reconciled to God and have a restored relationship with Him. And having been reconciled to God through Jesus, the Bible also teaches

Christians how to grow and develop in their faith and how to live rightly for God as His people¹.

And that, in summary, is why we always have a sermon in church and why it's always from the Bible. Needless to say, there is of course, considerably more to say about God's word, the Bible and why it's important; so why not come along – either to this year's Christmas services – or any Sunday afternoon to find out more? You're very welcome to join us!

James Rollin

¹ ESV Study Bible; Crossway, 2008; pp. 22, 2503, 2566.



 St Paul's
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Ladies Craft Afternoons

Come and join us on the last Saturday of each month
from 2-4pm in the church hall.

No charge and no commitment- please just drop in!
Bring your craft, or just unwind with some tea, cake and chat.



For more information, email admin@littleeatonchurch.co.uk

A Son at Last

Over 2,000 years ago, a man called Zechariah was a priest in God's temple in Jerusalem. He and his wife Elizabeth were quite old, and so despite their prayers, they thought that God wasn't going to bless them with a child. But then suddenly their lives were turned upside down leaving Zechariah speechless – literally!

That day, he had been chosen to go into a holy part of the temple to burn some incense on the altar. Suddenly out of nowhere there appeared an angel – a special messenger sent by God. Zechariah was startled and afraid all at once, but then the angel, whose name was Gabriel, spoke. He said “Don't worry Zechariah, God has heard your prayers!” “Which ones?” he wondered, but then the angel continued; “Elizabeth your wife will become pregnant and give birth to a son. He will be a delight to you, and he will cause many people to be glad. Oh, and more importantly, he will be special in God's eyes. Why? Because your son will cause many of the people of Israel to turn from their wickedness to worship God again. He will prepare people's hearts for the Lord”.



Zechariah didn't understand all of that, but as a practical person he could see one obvious flaw in the plan, and said so. “I am too old to have a child, and my wife is as well” he said boldly. He told people later that he never forgot the look of pity and disdain the angel gave him. Gabriel couldn't believe that Zechariah, who had trusted in God all his life, was saying that this time, God couldn't do what he'd promised. Throughout his life he'd seen numerous examples of God making promises and always keeping them. What a mistake to make, and him a religious leader too! “I was sent to bring you good news,” said Gabriel, “but because you didn't believe my words, you will be unable to speak until you son is born”. Zechariah tried to say ‘sorry’ and ‘thank you’ all at once, but no words came out of his mouth and the angel disappeared. He rushed back to all the people in the temple but couldn't tell them what had happened, and all they understood from his pathetic acting was that God had given him some sort of message – news that had obviously excited him greatly.

Of course, God did keep his promise, and Elizabeth found out she was expecting a baby. A few months later, the angel Gabriel also visited Mary to tell her she would have a baby too – Jesus. The women were in fact related, and Mary spent three →

→ months with Elizabeth before either baby was born. Zechariah meanwhile still couldn't speak and was getting frustrated. When Elizabeth gave birth to her son, despite what the family expected, she wanted him named John. When they asked Zechariah, he wrote down "Yes." John was to be the name of the baby. And as he did that, he regained his ability to speak, praising God and prophesying that a Saviour was coming to save the people from their sin, and that John would prepare the way for Him.

So, God had kept his promise to Zechariah, and his son grew up to become known as John the Baptist. As the last of the biblical prophets, he told the people to turn away from their sinful ways, baptising them in the River Jordan in preparation for the Messiah Jesus coming to bring salvation. He played a key role in preparing people's hearts and minds to understand their need to repent, and accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. And he reminds us that we all need to do the same – even in 2025.

You can read this story in Luke's Gospel Chapter 1 verses 5–25, and in Chapter 2 verses 57–80. Then in Luke 3, verses 1–21, you can read about John's ministry and how he baptised Jesus.

And do join us for any of our Christmas services to hear more of the Christmas story too.

Andy Hardwick

A poster for 'Cafe Church' at St Paul's Little Eaton. The background is a warm, textured brown. In the foreground, there is a black mug filled with a frothy coffee, topped with a dusting of brown powder. To the left of the mug is a small, lit candle in a glass jar. The text is white and arranged as follows:

 **Cafe Church**
at St Paul's Little Eaton

4.30 - 5.30pm

A casual service with refreshments
around tables in the church hall.
Everyone is welcome

**Come for coffee
Stay for Jesus**

Discover Life According to Jesus

Do you have questions about God, the world and you?

We will be running the '321' course on Tuesday 13th, 20th, 27th January and Tuesday 3rd February 2026, in the St Alkmund's Church Hall in Duffield. It's a four-week course designed to help see life the way Jesus does.

The sessions will start at 7:45pm with refreshments. If you'd like to attend, **please email the Church Office** on office@stalkmundsduffield.co.uk.



DISCOVER LIFE ACCORDING TO JESUS

Got questions about God, the world and you?

The 321 course invites you to see life the way Jesus does. Over the course of 4 sessions, Glen Scrivener presents Jesus' vision for life through interactive videos that help us better understand God, the world and ourselves.

The course considers God's Three-ness, the world's two-ness and your one-ness. Each session begins with a thoughtful question followed by stunning storytelling and compelling commentary.

Begin 321 here. Engage in thoughtful conversation as part of a small group hosted in a friendly environment. Interact with the videos then share your thoughts and experiences with others.

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.

The Gift of Christmas

Imagine the scene over 2,000 years ago.
Baby Jesus asleep in a manger,
shepherds watching in wonder.
Three Wise Men travelling from afar,
bringing precious gifts to Jesus,
their journey led by the Christmas Star.

For God the Father sent his son
So that we might trust in him,
believing in his word.
The gift of Jesus, so real and so true.
Let us rejoice in him, not just at Christmas,
but all the year through.

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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