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Welcome to the Churches of St Paul's with All Saints' Willian



*We wish you a warm welcome.
If you are new here do make yourself known to one of the clergy team, we'd love to chat with you after the service - either during coffee in the church hall or at the back of church.*

Sunday 2nd December 2018

St Paul's 8.30am

Holy Communion
Led by Rev Jeni McQuaid.
Speaker Rev Jeni McQuaid.

St Paul's 10.00am

Altogether Advent Service
Led Mr Paul Townsend.
Speaker Rev Amanda Ferris.

All Saints' 11.00am

Parish Communion
Led by Mrs Joan Clark.
Speaker Rev Jeni McQuaid.

*Readings for All Saints' - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end & Luke 21:25-36
Reading for St Paul's - Isaiah 9:6-7*

Prayer for today:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please pray for...

Jeannette Jackson, Michele Parker, Jill & John Eve, Chris Jenkins, Dee Ford, Jeff Garner, Mary Smith, Andrew Middleton, Mark Field, Rodney, Caroline, Richard Joyanah, and Monnay.

Home groups

There are home groups meeting on every weekday, where we can come together to share our lives and Christian experience, learn from the Bible, pray together and have fun. Details of who to contact are at the back of the church and on our website:

<https://stpaulslethworth.co.uk/welcome/small-groups/>

This week:

Wednesday 5 December:

- Service of Holy Communion: 8.30am in St Paul's Church.
- Christmas Journey: 2.00-4.30pm in St Paul's Church. For members of the public.
- JAM: 4.30pm in St Paul's Church.
- JSD: 6.30pm in St Paul's Church.
- Alpha: 7.30pm in St Paul's Church Hall.

Saturday 8 December:

- Christmas Journey: 9.30- 10.30 at St Paul's Church. Please sign up at back of church.
- Just Coffee: 10.30- noon at St Paul's Church.

Sunday 9 December:

- Service of Holy Communion: 8.30am at St Paul's Church.
- Family Communion: 10.00am at St Paul's Church.
- Parish Communion: 11.00am at All Saints' Church.
- Christmas Celebration: 5.00pm in St Paul's Church

Next week: commencing 10 December:

Wednesday 12 December:

- Service of Holy Communion: 8.30am in St Paul's Church
- Mothers' Union Advent Service: 1.30pm (NB time) in St Paul's Church. Everyone welcome. Seasonal refreshments follow the service.
- JAM: 4.30pm in St Paul's Church.
- JSD: 6.30pm in St Paul's Church.

Sunday 16 December:

- Service of Holy Communion: 8.30am at St Paul's Church.
- Family Communion: 10.00am at St Paul's Church
- Parish Communion: 11.00am at All Saints' Church.
- Carol Service: 4.00pm at All Saints' Church.
- Carol Service: 6.30pm at St Paul's Church.

Other dates to note:

Confirmation service: 6.30pm on TONIGHT at Tilehouse Baptist Church where Adam Kelly, Daniel Townsend and Pam Farquhar will be confirmed by Bishop Michael. Please pray for them as they prepare.

Licensing service for Fr Robert Kozak at St Michael's Church Letchworth. Monday 3rd December 7.30pm. We have an open invitation to attend Fr Robert's licensing service and to celebrate with St Michael's the beginning of a new chapter as they look to work in partnership with us and other churches in Letchworth. They would love to fill the church as we did for Jeni's collation.

Next Joint Churches Prayer Meeting will be Tuesday Dec 4th at 7.30pm. A reflective prayer time around our Christmas Journey.

Kings Community church: are holding a carol service outside Jackman's Community Centre at 11am on December 15th and would welcome any support. The service will last approximately 1 hour.

What's happening soon...

Mince pies and mulled wine donations please: There will be a box in the porch for the next few weeks for any donations of biscuits, mulled wine and mince pies for us to offer as refreshments after the carol services. Thank you!

Recycled Christmas Cards: made by Jan Hensman now on sale at All Saints'.

Christmas Journey: There are two opportunities to visit the Christmas Journey. The full guided tour takes place on Sat 8 Dec from 9.30am to 10.30am followed by Just Coffee and an opportunity to have a "selfie in the stable". Please sign-up sheet at the back of the church. If you would prefer a self-guided wander through the scenes, the church will be open for this on Wed 5 Dec from 2pm. to 4.30pm. Refreshments will be available.

B&B to Bethlehem: Our travelling nativity will be moving from house to house over advent to meet as many people as possible. Please sign yourselves up at the back of St. Paul's. If you have any questions please speak to Claire H.

Christmas card distribution : St Paul's Christmas Cards, which as usual we will deliver to every household in the parish, are ready for distribution. If you delivered a bundle last year, we would be grateful if you could do the same again. If you are new to the church or could not offer help last year, we would love to have additional volunteers. Any queries, please speak to Maureen Phillips or Brian Evans..

Lifts to Church – We currently have 4 volunteers offering lifts to St Paul's on a rota basis, but we really need another 4. If you feel that you could do this, please contact Nigel Carrick or one of the church wardens.

Drivers needed for Luncheon Club: from January 2019. This involves transporting 2 people to the church hall and then returning them home, one Monday a month. Please contact Julie Goodwyn 686929 or jeremy.goodwyn@ntlworld.com.

St Paul's Christmas Market: We are pleased to announce that just over £500 was raised from the Christmas Market held last week in the Church Hall. Monies are being divided between St Paul's, the Youth Spree weekend 2019, and the Garden City Hospice. Many thanks to everyone involved in this hugely enjoyable event.

The Flower Guild will decorate the Church on Saturday 15th December at 9.30.a.m. Gifts of greenery would be appreciated. Contact Christine on 672432.

Christmas Flowers: there will be a plate at the back of All Saints' for donations for flowers to decorate the church for Christmas.

PRAYING TOGETHER

"The birth of Christ is the central event in the history of the world." (C.S. Lewis).

Father, at the beginning of Advent, as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Your son - the birth of a "new world", bless the offering of our Christmas Journey, we pray. Grant that we may sow "seeds of Your light" (John 8:12) in the hearts of young - and in all who "journey"...



Advent Candle Prayer: First Sunday of Advent – Hope for all God's people

We light this candle for all God's people,
Struggling to be bearers of hope in a troubled world.

God, as we wait for your promise, give light, give hope.