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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 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

#### St Paul's 8.30am

Holy Communion  
Led by Rev Amanda Ferris.  
Speaker Rev Amanda Ferris.

#### St Paul's 10.00am

Morning Worship  
Led Mrs Claire Harald.  
Speaker Mr Martin Hannon.

#### All Saints' 11.00am

Parish Communion  
Led by Mr David Sellick.  
Speaker Rev Amanda Ferris.

*Readings for All Saints' & St Paul's - Philippians 4:4-7 & Luke 3:7-18  
Pages 1181 & 1029*

*Prayer for today:*

**God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right with Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, Julie and George Gorst 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 19 December:

- Service of Holy Communion: 8.30am in St Paul's Church.
- Wild Wednesday: 4.30-6pm, in St Paul's Church Hall. Family fun, craft, story, ending with a meal. £1 per person, sign up by 9am Tues 18 December.
- Christmas Compline with carols: 8.00pm at All Saints' Church

### Sunday 23 December:

- Service of Holy Communion: 8.30am at St Paul's Church.
- Family Communion: 10.00am at St Paul's Church.
- Morning Prayer: 11.00am at All Saints' Church.

## Next week: commencing 24 December: Office Closed

### Monday 24 December:

- Christingle Services: 4.00pm & 6.00pm at St Paul's Church. Please come dressed as an angel, shepherd or wise man.
- Midnight Communion: 11.30pm at St Paul's Church.

### Tuesday 25 December:

- Altogether Communion: 10.00am at St Paul's Church.

### Sunday 30 December:

- Joint Churches' Breakfast: 9.30am at St Paul's Church.
- Family Communion: 11.00am at St Paul's Church
- Parish Communion: 11.00am at All Saints' Church.

For more events see the December Events list in the back of each church.

**The church office:** will close at 1.15pm on Friday 21st December and re-open on Monday 7th January. Any items for notices for 23rd or 30th December, or 6th January must be in the office by lunchtime on Tuesday 18th December

### Advent Candle Prayer: Third Sunday of Advent – John the Baptist

We light this candle for all God's messengers,  
Preparing the way for change,  
Signs pointing to a new age to come.

**God, as we wait for your promise,**

**Give light, give hope.**

## What's happening soon...

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

**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](mailto:jeremy.goodwyn@ntlworld.com).

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

**Children and Families Worker post** – Sadly for St Paul's, Claire's departure is fast approaching. An 'advanced notice' of the vacancy has gone out in Children's Ministry News this week and it will be advertised widely from 18th December, with a closing date of 18th Jan and interviews on 30th Jan. PCC has decided to make this a full time post, given the workload and to make the post more attractive. Please pray for this process and please also feel free to tell anyone you know who may be interested. All information will be on our website from 17th Dec.

**Christmas Collections at St. Paul's:** The retiring Collections at our Christingle services will go to The Children's Society and at other services to The Letchworth Ark, the Sanctuary and North Herts Young Homeless, all supporting homeless and vulnerable people locally.

**Foodbank:** thank you for all the contributions so far. We still have the following shortages: Juice [Longlife], Milk [Longlife UHT] and Sponge Puddings.

**Christingle Services:** as usual we will be having services at 4.00pm and 6.00pm. The later one is always quieter so if you are undecided about which one to attend, please come along to the later one, and help us even out the congregations.

**Please note** there will not be a 8.30am Holy Communion on 26<sup>th</sup> December or 30<sup>th</sup> December.

## PRAYING TOGETHER

*...." in the celebration of Jesus' birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our own homes and daily lives"(Edward Hayes, "A Pilgrims Almanack".) Father God, grant that we may always "journey" with Christ as the centre of our lives.*

