



St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter



DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018

Returning due to popular demand!



St Paul's Christmas Tree Festival

8th – 10th December



Admission free – donations to St Paul's renovation appeal welcome

Come and vote for your favourite tree!

Festival Programme (all events in church):

Friday 8th	1.30 – 6pm	Church open to visitors
	2.00pm	Mini Outing to visit the festival
Saturday 9th	10am – 6pm	Church open to visitors
	2.15pm	Mrs Englefield's Recorders
	2.45pm	St Nick's Music Group sing Christmas
	7.30-9pm	Concert: 'Candlelit Christmas Medley' With David Johnson on organ and The St Clements Singers
Sunday 10th	10.00am	All Age Worship (with band, puppets and more...)
	11am-4.30pm	Church open to visitors
	4.30pm	Carols around the trees (an informal service for everyone – come and join in carols and readings around the piano) with The St Helen's Singers
	5.30pm	Announcement of competition winners

Refreshments will be available throughout the festival

ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS FOR DEC 2017/ JAN 2018

DEC	3	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	8-10		Christmas Tree Festival
	10	10.00 am	All Age Worship
		4.30 pm	Carols round the trees
	17	10.00 am	Christmas Praise & SHINE
		4.00 pm	Candlelit Carol Service
	19	2.00 pm	Curzon Carol Service
	24	4.00 pm	Nativity Service
		11.15 pm	Midnight Communion
	25	10.00 am	Carols round the crib
	31	10.00 am	Joint service at St Nick's
JAN	7	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	14	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	18	7.30 pm	PCC
	21	10.00 am	Holy Communion & SHINE
	28	10.00 am	Morning Worship with ANNA (Children's Worker)

In addition to these services Rev Becky is also saying Morning Prayer at St Nick's on Mondays and Tuesdays and at St Paul's on Wednesdays and Thursdays in term time. Please contact her for times. There is also the opportunity to join in a service of Holy Communion on Wednesday lunchtimes in the chapel at St Nick's at 12.30pm. Bring your sandwiches and stay for a cuppa. Please note there will be NO service at St Paul's on Dec 31st as we join our friends at St Nick's for a joint service.

This Christmas St Paul's is supporting **Christian Aid's 'Enough for everyone' appeal** and there will be envelopes in the pews for you to take home and return to church with your gift if you would like to contribute to the appeal. For every pound you give, the Government will give a pound more – double the support for people living in poverty!

Something for everyone in our Christmas services:

Sunday 10th Dec

10am All Age Service – informal service with band and puppets.

Sunday 17th Dec

10am Christmas Praise.

4pm Candlelight Carol Service - An atmospheric retelling of the Christmas story with traditional carols – followed by seasonal refreshments.

Sun 24th Dec

NO 10am service.

4pm The Pop-Up Nativity Service especially for children and families. **Come dressed as a character from the nativity and help us tell the story!**

11.15pm traditional Midnight Communion to welcome in Christmas.

Christmas Day 10am - 'Carols round the Crib' On this special day come and celebrate Jesus' birth with festive refreshments followed by carols and readings. A simple, lay-led service of celebration for everyone. Children may bring a gift to show us.

CHURCH NEWS

Messy Church and Edward Bear: Some of our regular helpers have had to stand down recently, for various reasons, but we are very grateful to them for all their support in the past. We have decided to take a break for a while to consider the overall pattern of our children's work at St Paul's. If you have any comments or suggestions to make please speak to Becky or to one of the churchwardens.

Mini Outings: In December we stay close to home with a visit to the Christmas Tree Festival in St Paul's Church on **Friday 8th** at 2pm. Come and join us to view the trees and enjoy the refreshments. On **23rd January** we are trying a new venue - The Yard at Pride Park, meeting there at 2.15pm. As usual, if you need a lift to either of these outings please contact Jill Reed by the previous day. All are welcome to join us.

SHINE, our new Sunday School, is growing. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month in the church hall. Parents can drop their children off at the back door (in the car park) from 9.45am and the children will rejoin them in church towards the end of the service. And don't forget to look for the SHINE tree at the Christmas Tree Festival!

PCC - The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th January at 7.30pm in church.

Rev Becky invites you all to a '**Cuppa and Cake**' at the vicarage (4 Lawn Ave, Allestree) on Sunday 3rd Dec. Just drop in any time between 4 and 6pm for seasonal refreshments.

We are planning to hold a **Confirmation** service at St Paul's next year. For all enquiries about Baptism or Confirmation please speak to Rev Becky Mathew (see back page for contact details).

There will be a **Christmas Holiday Club** on Thursday 21st December from 10am to 1pm at St Nicholas Church, Allestree. All children from 0 – 11 years are welcome (an adult must stay with pre-school children please). Bring a packed lunch (any food provided must be nut-free please). Places are limited and must be booked in advance at charlie.ward@gmx.co.uk or contact the church office.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/NOTICES

Start your Christmas Festivities off at **Quarndon Cricket Club**

Sunday Dec 10th at the pavilion

Christmas prize draw

5pm onwards

SANTA is our Special Guest

Music and Christmas spirit!



MONTHLY ORGANISATIONS

Quarndon Friendship Group

Thursday 14th December we have our fund raising afternoon. Plenty of stalls, tombola, lucky dip, and produce. Raffles for a large Christmas hamper and surprise bag of shopping. Please come early to enjoy the fun before we start our Christmas tea party. The table is always groaning under the weight of lovely food!

Thursday 21st December we have our Christmas lunch outing to The Boar's Head at Sudbury. The coach will leave the Church hall at 11.45am to give us time for that all important pre-lunch tippie.

Thursday 11th January at 2.30pm we start back for our winter session. It may be cold outside but there is always a warm welcome for everyone.

Thursday 25th January at 2.30pm our guest speaker is Peter Branson with a talk on humour. It should brighten up a dull winter's day for us.

Women's Institute

We meet on the first Thursday of most months. Most meetings are currently held in Members' houses. Please phone 550478 for details.

Church Hall bookings.

The church hall is available for private or group hire and this can now be done through our church website. Just visit www.stpaulsquarndon.org.uk and click on 'Hall Hire' to complete an online booking form. Alternatively you can telephone or email Pat Glover (see below).

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The deadline for copy for the newsletter is the 16th of the previous month, so copy for the Feb/March edition must be with the editor no later than **16th Jan**, please.

We wish you all a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.