

Christmas Services

3rd December

8:45 Service

10:30am Shortened Communion - postcard drop, lunch, tree decoration

6:30pm Advent reflection

9th December

2-4pm Christmas Kaleidoscope

10th December

8:45 Service

10:30am Family Carols

2pm Memorial Service

6:30pm Pub carol singing

17th December

8:45am Carol Service (no 10:30 Service)

4pm Christingle service in Holgate Community Garden

7:00pm Traditional Carol service followed by mince pies and mulled wine

24th December

8:45 Service

No 10:30 Service

4pm Tea-towels and Carols interactive service for families with young children

11:45pm Midnight Communion service

25th December

10:30am Christmas Day Service

31st December

8:45 Service

10:30 Service

No 6:30 Service

We do need volunteers for the **postcard drop on the 3rd December**. The more people who come, the less dropping there will be for everyone!

New here?

Please do have a word with me after the service and ask for a Welcome leaflet.

John Lee

Services

Today

8:45

Holy Communion

10:30

Service

18:30

Encounter

19th November

8:45

Morning Service

10:30

Dedication Service

18:30

Encounter

Gospel Street
Sunday 26th November, 7pm at St Paul's

Riding Light's new touring production is described as: "... a powerful mix of theatre, music, comedy and spoken word - a collaboration between award-winning writers, including hip-hop artist Testament."

Tickets are £10, concessions £8, are available from Ian in the office. See Notice Board for more information.

Reading the Bible Together
Thursdays in November at 12:15-1:15pm, in church

During November we will read and explore Paul's letters to the church in Galatia on Thursdays. Everyone is welcome, regardless of how used you are to reading the Bible, or whether you are able to attend regularly or only occasionally. We look forward to seeing you, Vladimir and Jayne Andrie.

Men@St Paul's Weekend 2017
1st - 3rd December 2017

Men at St Paul's you are invited to the annual weekend away at Barmoor in Hutton-le-Hole. This year's speaker will be Antony Billington, Head of Theology at LICC. The price is £70. Please see Nigel Sweasey.

Preferred route revealed for York Central Access Road

This is part of a press release dated 7th November: "York Central Partnership has announced it is proposing a western approach for the new road access into the York Central site. The decision has been made based on the advice of technical experts and the access consultation feedback. The Partnership's preferred choice for an access option from Water End will now go before the Council Executive for consideration on 15th November. If supported by (them), the preferred access will be progressed with further opportunities for public consultation as part of the statutory planning process." The full press release is available from the office, As is a copy of the Community Forum Access consultation feedback.

Small group in the pub

Pete Clark is starting up a new small group on a Friday night at Wetherspoon's. If you are interested in joining, please contact him at church, email him on p.clark91@gmail.com or ring him on 07742 865500. He is looking to start it up mid-November.

Holgate Community Gospel Choir

The choir meets on Wednesdays at St Paul's School at 7:30-9pm. It's friendly and fun - all ages and ability levels are welcome! Feel free to come along and join in. We still need more men! We are starting to look at some Christmas music.

Unravel - a craft group for women and children of all ages

In the Café area of church from 2 – 4pm, drop in for the whole session or as long as you can spare, you will always get a hot drink and a warm welcome (and sometimes cake!), it's free. Everyone welcome, tell your friends. We meet on Fridays usually twice a month every 2 weeks - see the website calendar or check with the Church office.

Bring your colouring, knitting, sewing, crochet, card making, anything creative, or just yourself. There is usually someone around who can help you learn to knit or crochet and we have yarn and needles available so you don't have to buy anything to start with.

Our dates for the next few weeks are as follows:-
November 24th, December 8th and 15th, January 5th.

Leprosy Champions

The EU has generously agreed to uphold the offer made before June 2016 to increase every donation to the Leprosy Champions Fund fourfold! Yes, every £1 you give before December will be worth £4. Leprosy Champions are local people trained to befriend and support those who are discriminated against because they either have or come into contact with leprosy. If you would like to make a donation please complete one of the forms you will find on the Information desk, or see Ian.

SIAMS Inspection Report

The result of the recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools report at St Paul's School was "Outstanding". Here is an excerpt from the report: "Partnerships with the church, other faith groups such as YoYo Trust and the community are very strong and mutually beneficial. School productions and holiday clubs, requiring large space are held in the church. The Community Gospel Choir meets in the school and staff love listening to the singing at the end of the day. Children love attending and leading church services and there is a recognition that 'the church is seen as another part of the school' and 'feels as one with the school'."

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York City Gospel Choir
**Friday 1st December, 7:30pm, Clifton
Parish Church**

Go along to the Choir's Christmas Concert and new CD launch. Admission is free, but entry is by ticket only to secure a seat. Tickets from CPC's office 01904 628552 or contact Heather Priest 07788 123538. See information in church.

St Luke's Church Forget-me-not Service
**25th November - 11am arrival, 11:15am
short service, 11:45am refreshments**

Join them for singing and prayers if you or a family member or friend have experience of losing memories. See poster on church notice board for more details or contact Reverend Jackie on 01904 628337.

York Interfaith Week
12th-19th November

Please see the groups website at:
Yorkinterfaith.org/news.html if you are interested,
or contact Mark Cosens on 07796095152 or at:
yorkinterfaithgroup@gmail.com

Enjoy some Christmas cheer
Tuesday 5th December, 10am and 2pm

York residents, aged 65 and over, are invited to attend the Lord Mayor's and Sheriff's "Christmas Cheer" reception. The 2 receptions are for 200 people and will take place at the Assembly Rooms. If you are interested please complete one of the forms at the back of church and send to the address on the form. The council will make a draw on 20th November to see who will receive a ticket.