

## 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

### **10<sup>th</sup> 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

### **24<sup>th</sup> 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

### **25<sup>th</sup> 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

Morning Service

10:30

Dedication Service

18:30

Encounter

### **26th November**

8:45

Morning Service

10:30

Dedication Service

19:30

Riding Lights

Gospel Street

**Gospel Street**  
**Sunday 26th November, 7:30pm at St Paul's**  
**Tickets will be available this Sunday**

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.

**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.

**Church Renovation Project Update**

Steve Crowther writes "The church has now received five bids from companies to be appointed as the project architect for the renovation of St Pauls. The PCC is now evaluating these bids and will decide by Friday 1st December on a shortlist. They will then visit the church building and meet the Standing Committee of the PCC. A decision will be made on who to appoint in early January and a contract agreed to start work on the design to meet our Requirement Specification."

**Curry and Quiz Evening**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the curry and quiz evening last Saturday evening. Altogether, we raised £820 for the Marhabaan Project. This is a joint venture between Open Door and MAP whereby refugees meet together to befriend people and share a meal twice a week. The project was due to close at the end of November due to lack of funds but now it can continue well into the Spring.

**Preferred route revealed for York Central Access Road**

As reported in The Press, York City Councillors have opted to press ahead with plans for a western access road into the York Central development site taking the route away from Holgate. The decision means more detailed work can now start on the route before a planning application is drawn up.

## **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 24<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Leprosy Champions**

The EU has generously agreed to uphold the offer made before June 2016 to increase every donation to the CREATE Project which trains Leprosy Champions. Your donations will be worth 4 times as much until the target of £390,00, or until Dec 2018 (whichever is sooner) is reached. 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'."

## **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.

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**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 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.

**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.

**Prayer box**

Just to remind everyone, there is a faithful group of people who meet in church every Thursday at 8am to pray. Please feel free to come and join in. If you have any prayer needs, please fill in a prayer card and put it into the prayer box, both of which are on the information table at the back of church.