

## Christmas Services

### **3rd December**

8:45 Service

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

6:30pm Advent reflection

### **9th December**

2-4pm Christmas Kaleidoscope

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

8:45 Holy Communion Service

10:30am Family Carols

2pm Memorial Service

6:30pm Pub carol singing

### **17th December**

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

4pm Carol 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

11:15pm 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** and for the **pub carol singing** on the **10th December**.

## **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

Service

19:30

Riding Lights

Gospel Street

### **3rd December**

8:45

Morning Service

10:30

Shortened

Communion

Service, postcard

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decoration

19:30

Encounter

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

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. See Notice Board for more information.

**Kaleidoscope Bible Reading**  
**Monday 27th November, 7-8pm at St Paul's**

Please tell friends or relatives who, because of additional needs, would appreciate an accessible way into the bible. Refreshments are available. Contact Lucy Brencher for more details.

**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.

**Young at Heart**  
**Wednesday 13th December 12:00-2:00pm**

The next Young at Heart lunch will once again be at The Carlton Tavern on Acomb Road. Details of entertainment to follow. There will also be a quiz and a carvery (£5.95). **From 14th February Young at Heart will be at The Ainsty on Boroughbridge Road.** The Ainsty has a Seniors Menu with two courses for £4.49. For more information please contact Hannah Shingler or Jenny Potter.

**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."

## **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>.

## **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.

## **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'."

## **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.

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## Date for your diary

Weekend of 21st July - Wydale weekend

## 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.

## Family Matters

**Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities** - Mondays at 9:30-11:30am, Tang Hall Children's Centre, for mums, dads and carers of children aged 4-15

**Drug Proof Your Kids** - Mondays 8,15,22,29 Jan & 5 Feb, 7:30-9:30pm, Joseph Rowntree School

**Time Out from Anger** - Tuesdays 9,16,23,30 Jan 12:45-2:45pm, New Earswick Children's Centre

**Time Out for Parents the Primary Years** - Tuesdays 9,16,23,30 Jan & 6 Feb, 9:30-11:30am, St Andrew's Church, Huntington

**Time Out for Parents the Teenage Years** - Wednesdays 10,17,24,31 Jan & 7 Feb, 9:30-11:30am, Tang Hall Community Centre

**Separated Parents** - Mondays 15,22 Jan, 12:45-2:45pm, Clifton Children's Centre

These are free courses. Please see church notice board for more details.

## 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.