

This Sunday

17th December

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

4:30pm Carol Service in Holgate Community Garden

7:00pm Traditional Carol Service followed by mince pies and mulled wine - please bring mince pies!

For the Garden's annual Community Carols, take a lantern or torch as it's going to be dark in the park! They will have music to accompany the singing - and hot drinks and mince pies.

Christmas Services

24th 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

25th December

10:30am Christmas Day Service

31st December

8:45 Service

10:30 Service

No 6:30 Service

Alpha at St Paul's

Starts Monday 15th January at 7:30pm

Whatever you think about life, faith, meaning and God, we would love for you to join us and bring your questions! Coffee and cake will be provided at each session. For more information please see Hannah or email her at curate@stpaulsyork.org.uk

New here?

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

John Lee

Services

8:45

Carol Service

10:30

No Service

4:30

Carol Service in Holgate

Community Garden

7pm

Traditional Carol Service

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Morning Service

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4pm

Tea towels and carols

11:15pm

Midnight

Communion Service

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10:30

Christmas Day Service

Holgate Community Gospel Choir **Restarts on 10th January**

After Christmas the choir will be meeting again on Wednesdays at St Paul's School at 7:30-9pm. It's friendly and fun - all ages and ability levels are welcome! New members welcome.

Jenny Rankin

We are very happy to announce that the PCC of St Paul's have agreed that Jenny Rankin should increase her number of paid hours on the staff team at church.

This will give Jenny more time to give to her role leading the Children and Youth team and will also enable her to broaden her ministry. Jenny will also take a significant role in the 6.30 service team and will take overall responsibility for the development of our small group life.

Jenny will work for 30 hours p/w from February 1/2 term

Jean Graham

After many years (ask her how many!) our good friend Jean Graham is stepping down as one of St Paul's "Flower Arrangers". We owe her a great debt of gratitude for her commitment to this job. The results of her labours have been much appreciated by us all and we'll miss her involvement in this area of church life. Jean is one of our many unsung heroes and heroines so it is good to have this opportunity to say **'Thank you so much Jean for all that you have contributed'**.

If you are interested in playing a regular or occasional role as a flower arranger then have a chat with Anne Horner, Barbara Thompson or the office. Also if you wish to give flowers, or a donation towards them, the "Giving" rota for 2018 is now in the folder on the stand at the back of church.

New Year dates for your diary

7th Jan - full immersion baptism at 10:30 Service. If anyone is interested please see John, Jenny or Sam

In the new year - John is starting a new housegroup. Please see him for details

Luke's Larder - a community project **Open 27th, 28th and 29th December, 10am-noon**

This is an initiative between local community groups and hosted at St Luke's Church Hall, Shipton Street, York.

All food stuffs will be donated by local shops and you are invited to come and help us reduce food waste in York by taking away up to two carriers of food in exchange for a "pay as you feel" donation.

If you are a local business concerned about the quantity of food you are likely to throw away, donate this would-be-waste to Luke's larder. We are collecting on 26th (Boxing Day), 27th and 28th December. Phone York - based your café on 07874129514 to arrange for one of our friendly volunteers to collect your surplus food.

Please help us to reduce food waste in York!

York Foodbank

The Foodbank is looking to recruit for the position of Foodbank Manager. This is an exciting and challenging opportunity to work for a great local charity who provide emergency food to people who hit a crisis in York and the surrounding area. This is a part time role (24 hours per week) starting from February 2018.

More details can be found at: york.foodbank.org.uk/jobs

Job Opportunity

Jenny Rankin's increase in hours at St Paul's means there is now an opening for a child care post.

Di and Steve Savkovic are looking for three hours after-school child care per weekday during term time to care for three children, aged 12, 10 and 7 in their own home from 3.15pm- 6.15pm, to start 19th Feb 2018. If you are interested please contact Di at dianecampbell@ntlworld.com or on 07970 621922.

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Iranian Christian Worship

Iranian Christians from different churches around Yorkshire and the North East will be gathering for an evening of worship and teaching at Stockton Parish church on Sunday 17th December at 6-9pm. English speakers are warmly welcomed and there will be a translation from Farsi. Doug and Carole Meikle are going and have some spare seats so please contact them on 07834 166226 if you are interested.

2018 dates for your diary

Weekend of 13th July - Wydale weekend
13th-17th August - Pulse Holiday Club
7-9th December - Men's Weekend

Family Matters

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities - Each Monday 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.