

This Sunday

The 8.45 Service is happening as normal. Then we will have a shortened 10:30 Communion Service, followed by decorating the Christmas trees and a postcard drop to advertise our Christmas programme. **Please bring along mince pies to share. If they are long dated, any spares can be used for the Carol Services.**

Christmas Services

9th December

2-4pm Christmas Kaleidoscope

10th December

8:45 Holy Communion Service

10:30am Family Carols

2pm Memorial Service

6:30pm Pub carol singing - Meet at St Paul's at 6:25pm or

6:30pm Crystal Palace, 7:15pm The Volunteers' Arms,

8:00pm The Fox. We still need volunteers

17th December

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

5pm Carol 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

11:15pm Midnight Communion service

25th December

10:30am Christmas Day Service

31st December

8:45 Service

10:30 Service

No 6:30 Service

New here?

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

John Lee

Services

8:45

Morning Service

10:30

Shortened
Communion
Service, postcard
drop, tree
decoration

6:30

Encounter Advent
Reflection

10th December

8:45

Holy Communion

10:30

Family Carols

2pm

Memorial Service

6:30

Pub Carol Singing

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. Entertainment will be a Christmas medley introduced by Keith and his keyboard, including carols, guitar ensemble and seasonal music quiz. 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.”

Christmas at Archbishop Holgate’s School

Wednesday 13th December at 7:30pm is the **Carol Service** in York Minster. The theme is “The One Who Saves” and it contains a wide variety of musical, dance and drama items from students and others. The Right Reverend Alison White, Bishop of Hull will be preaching and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will be there. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available at the end of the service.

Monday 18th December at 11:30am is the first ever **Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch**. There will be a sherry or juice welcome, entertainment and carol singing, a full Christmas lunch and a gift for each attendee. The event is open to all and is totally **free**, but numbers are limited. To book a place, ring 01904 411341 or email: reception@archbishopholgates.org Please let us have your full name and that of any other people you are booking places for. **The final date for registering for a place is Monday 11th December.** Please see the posters at the back of church for more info.

New Year dates for your diary

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

15th January - a new Alpha course is starting. Please see Hannah if you are interested

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

Summer dates for your diary

Weekend of 13th July - Wydale weekend

13th-17th August - Holiday Club

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:- December 8th and 15th, January 5th.

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'."

Iranian Christian Worship

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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.

Drum kit

Urgent: temporary home needed for standard 5-piece drum kit with stool, sticks and Zildjian cymbals. I can deliver and set it up for you if required. Please contact Stuart Priest on 07942 819357 or

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.