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# St Paul with All Saints Church

## WEEKLY NEWS – SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018



### Collect for The Epiphany

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

From your royal throne, O God,  
you sent your living Word  
to pierce the gloom of oppression;  
so, in our soul's night,  
come with your saving help  
and penetrate our darkness  
with the rays of your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Services at All Saints

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January

**9am Holy Communion**

Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12

**10.30am All Around the Altar**

Matthew 2:1-12

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

**8.45am Morning Prayer**

Psalm 110 & Genesis 1:1-19

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January

**9.45am Holy Communion**

1 Samuel 4:1-11 & Mark 1:4-end

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January

**10.30am Holy Communion**

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 4:12-22

**2pm – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child**



**This week, please include  
in your daily prayers:**



Diane Hatcher, Betty Hart, and each that are in  
need of God's healing and loving presence at this  
time.

If you know of anyone who needs prayer,  
please let Andrea know.

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(Day off – Friday)

### New Parish Administrator

Our new Parish Administrator, Verity Betts, starts on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January. Verity's working hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9-1pm. Our thanks to Jayne Donner, who has continued to cover important aspects of the role during the last few months.

### All Saints' Away Giving 2017

The following is a summary of donations by the church in 2017 towards God's work in the world:

Donations to The Children's Society: £118.24  
Donations to Medway Winter Night shelter  
£161.50

From the church's tithe account, the following was given:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Compassion child support £25<br>per month                 | £300.00          |
| Medway food bank  | £200.00          |
| Rochester Diocese Poverty &<br>Hope                       | £200.00          |
| Medway Family Trust                                       | £300.00          |
| CAP £20 per month   | £240.00          |
| INF (International Nepal<br>Fellowship) via Clare Grimble | £800.00          |
| ASCPT   | £700.00          |
| Appeals (African famine)                                  | £300.00          |
| Cornerstone City Church (CAP<br>donation)                 | £60.00           |
| <b>Total given</b>  | <b>£3,100.00</b> |

### JustOne, Priestfield Stadium

A date for your diary - on June 9<sup>th</sup> the evangelist, J. John, will be speaking at Priestfield Stadium. This will be a wonderful opportunity to take along just one friend (or many more!) to hear him speak. More information will be available in the New Year.

### "Faith in action" - Alpha follow-up

Following on from the Alpha Course in the Autumn, we are holding three evenings on Wednesdays 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January, each including a period of informal praise and worship, and some teaching followed by an opportunity to put into practice what we've been learning. The themes are:

- January 17<sup>th</sup> - Listening to God
- January 24<sup>th</sup> - Praying for one another
- January 31<sup>st</sup> - Sharing our sacred story (our personal faith story)

We'll meet in the church at 7.30pm, and you can come along to as few or as many evenings as you like. While this is a follow-up to Alpha, **everyone is very welcome**. Do hope you can join us.

### New Sermon Series

Beginning on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, we shall be thinking together about our Vision Statement: *"St Paul with All Saints seeks to encourage all people to follow Jesus Christ, by growing in our personal relationship with him, with one another and with the community"*. This will include a Prayer Breakfast on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### PCC meeting

The next meeting of the PCC is on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Church Lounge.

### Refreshments after 10.30am Service

It's great to enjoy a cuppa after the morning service, and we're very grateful to our team who enable that to happen. We'd like a few more people on the team, so if you think you could help, please speak to Linda Fiddymont.

### Communion wafers

Wafers are available for all at communion. Should people need gluten free ones, they must say when they come up.

### **“Closer”: Exploring Christian Spirituality**

**Closer** is a one-year experiential course in Christian Spirituality starting in February 2018, led by Revd Suzanne Carlsson at 65 Maidstone Road. Starting in February 2018, the course will be held on 7 Saturdays through the year, and will include trying new ways of praying, exploring discernment and decision making, and learning about different Christian Spiritualities. Please see the leaflet at the back of church for more details and for booking information.

### **Magpie Centre**

The Magpie Centre re-opens on Monday 8 January 2018.

### **Magpie Community Centre**

If anybody or group in the Church is planning an event which may involve the use of the Magpie Community Centre, it is essential that enquiries are made of the Centre Office FIRST as to dates, the type of the event and related matters such as opening, caretaking etc

### **Listmas Road Wall**

Following a further delay, we've been informed that work will commence on the wall on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Prayer at Christ Church, Luton**

Every Wednesday evening there is the opportunity to pray with others at Christ Church, from 7-9pm. Everyone is welcome.

### **Companions of Christ, Chatham**

The following are some of the events happening at the Community at 65, Maidstone Road in the next few months, to which you are invited.

***Sharing Bread & Life:*** Wednesdays, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 11<sup>th</sup> April. 6pm A shared meal (Please bring something to share), 8pm Eucharist.

***Quiet Day:*** March 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am-4pm  
*“Even the darkness will not be dark to you - encountering God in the desert”.*  
Led by Madeleine Dahl & Sue Cherry. Please bring a packed lunch; no charge, but donations are welcome. To book your place please contact Madeleine Dahl, 07469 246443 / madeleine.dahl@outlook.com

### **St Philip and St James Church, Walderslade**

#### **The PCC wish to appoint a 17 hours pw Church Operations Officer**

The successful applicant will join an amazing team of staff and volunteers to oversee the operational life of the church - ordering supplies as well as often being the first point of contact with the public, then add in some financial admin and marketing too. We are looking for someone capable and adaptable. Could it be you?  
For an information pack contact the vicar: [martyn.saunders@pipnjims.co.uk](mailto:martyn.saunders@pipnjims.co.uk)  
Closing date currently Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 12noon. Interviews 26<sup>th</sup> January. We are committed to paying at least the real living wage.

# All Saints Community Project

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## All Saints Community Project Trust

The Magpie Centre re-opens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

## Sam's Place After School Club

In need of after school care for your child? We have an Ofsted Registered After School Club that picks up children from 6 local schools daily and providing a snack and play opportunities. Cost is £9.75 for care up to 6.00pm on Tuesday and Thursdays and 6.15pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Contact the office on 01634 845419

## Ukulele Classes

A Ukulele Class is held every Tuesday from 1pm to 2pm. If you are interested contact the office on 01634 845419 or turn up on the day.

## Knitting Group

Every Thursday in the Café from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and join in – bring your knitting or if you want to find out how to knit just come along.

## MAGPIE CENTRE CAFÉ

Open from Monday to Friday at  
9.30am to 3.00pm.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Coffee/Tea £1.00 per cup – come and enjoy a chat over a cuppa or order some food from the menu

## Exercise Class

Exercise Class Mondays from 7pm to 8pm at a cost of £4.00 for the class.

## Coffee Morning

Every Monday from 10.00am to 12.00pm in the Café. Come and join us!

## Collection Boxes

If you have a collection box for the Community Project could you kindly return it as soon as possible for Diane in the office to empty it.

## PATCHWORK GROUP

Patchwork Group – Mondays weekly from 9.30pm to 12pm. Hand and machine sewing.

To book a place, speak to Linda.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

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