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**NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING**  
**Sunday 3rd December 2017**

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– Services and preachers for today –

**St Paul's, Aberystwyth:**

Please join others in a quiet time of reflection, meditation, and personal prayers of thanks and intercession in the *half hour prior to the morning service* upstairs in Room 2.

**10.30 am in English** – Rev Roger Hides (Communion)

**10.30 am in Welsh** – At Bethel

**6.00 pm [Traditional]** – United service at St David's

**6.00 pm [Open Space]** – Ann Price

**2.15 pm – Hafan Y Waun** – Sara Windsor-Hides

**2.30 pm Tregaron [at Bont]** – Rev David Whitehouse

**2.30 pm Llanina** – Lavina Porter

*Please note that our Communion bread is gluten-free and our 'wine' is non-alcoholic.*

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**THIS WEEK** (at St Paul's unless stated otherwise)

Mon	12.15 – 1.30 pm.....	Bread & Cheese lunch (see notice)
Tues	8.00 pm.....	Methsoc P&P
Weds	7.30 am.....	Early Communion
	7.30 pm.....	InDeed
Thurs	11am -1.30pm.....	Pay-As-You-Feel Café
	7.30 pm.....	Music Group
Fri	7.15 pm.....	Singers

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**A telephone prayer chain** of volunteers is available to pray for you and for those for whom you are concerned.

If you need them please phone any of the following:

Yvonne Bonner; Norma and David Green;

Heather Jones; Margaret Jones; Liz Lee;

Sara Windsor-Hides

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- **At 3pm this afternoon (Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec)** our minister, Roger, will be leading the service in the Faith Room at the hospital. If you would like to join him at that service, he would be delighted.
- **The December Bread & Cheese Lunch** will be TOMORROW, Monday 4th December, from 12.00 to 1.30pm in St Paul's, organised by several of our members. There will be no Coffee Bar. Please support this event if you can.
- The **Tuesday Friendship Group** will be having their Christmas lunch on 5th December at the Wildfowler.
- Come along to join **the Singers on Fridays at 7.15** for an hour of joyful singing.
- **On this coming Wednesday (December 6<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm**, there will be a BIG Carol Service in the Great Hall. The guest speaker is J. John. If you haven't heard of him, look him up on Google. He is a very gifted communicator, and has led many large and small outreach events. The Christian Union, the local Churches and the community are partnering together to plan and lead this service.  
**Please be praying about it**, whether or not you are part of the prayer meetings, response team or choir.  
**Please be praying about whom you could invite**, and be prepared to bring them along. This isn't just a Carol service for Christian believers - it's for the community, and is specifically an outreach event. So, plan to bring someone else along.  
 Thanks, God bless, Roger
- All are welcome to come along to a series of **three short lunchtime services for Advent at Holy Trinity Church**, Aberystwyth on Fridays: December 8th, 15th and 22nd, 12.45 - 1.15pm. Each service will be based on an Old Testament passage foretelling the coming of the Messiah and will be led by lay people.
- **We have been invited to sing carols "on the wings" at Hafan y Waun** on Wednesday evening, December 20th, 6pm - 8pm, (after the Residents' Christmas Party.) All are welcome! Although some angel voices would be good, a happy smile is even more important! More information from Sylvia.
- **Advent Boxes...** Messy Church would like to encourage members of the Messy Church congregation, and others, in their discipleship by sending home Advent Boxes. Each box would contain a small Nativity set, a version of the Nativity story and a prayer activity. The idea is that each family would keep the box for a few days and then pass it on to the next family. If you would like to take part and receive one of these boxes for a few days, please either sign the list on the notice board or email Ann Price (anninaber@gmail.com). In order to work out a sensible route for the boxes on their Advent journey we need to know your family name and where you live (name of village or area - not full address). If you know of another family taking part, and you see them frequently and know it would be easy to pass a box onto them, or receive one from them, please tell us their family name as well. Please pray that God would use these boxes to help our families to focus on the reality of Emmanuel, God with us, during all the rush and business of getting ready for Christmas.

- There will be an **early morning communion service this week** at St Paul's, at 07.30 on Weds, 6 December. All welcome.
- If anyone would like to provide **cakes and snacks for P & P** (approximately 30 students) at the Manse during term time, 7.45 pm start, please sign up on the list in the concourse. Many thanks, Sara
- Join AberFood Surplus next **Weds 6th Dec** - from **6.30 pm** in Taste Café, Terrace Road, Aberystwyth for our next Community Café event:  
***The Food Power Dynamic: does surplus food tackle food poverty?***  
As always, the event is a three-course meal and Pay As You Feel.
- **Christmas is coming!** Can't think of a suitable present for friends or relatives? Why not take a look at the **All We Can's Extraordinary Gifts** catalogue. You can find a copy on the table in the concourse. You may find there a present to appeal to the recipient and at the same time help someone who really needs a helping hand.
- **We now have a St Paul's Facebook Page!** We're still looking for volunteers to help run and contribute to the page, so if you'd like to get involved please contact Harriet at [hmsproductions@live.co.uk](mailto:hmsproductions@live.co.uk)  
Find us at [facebook.com/stpaulsaber](https://facebook.com/stpaulsaber) and don't forget to like and share the page!
- **Might you be able to give an occasional lift** to Jenny-Joanna and David, from Llanilar to church, on Sunday mornings? David, her husband, will be with her to help her get into your car and also to get her chair, which folds down, into your boot.
- **Weekday Coffee Bar Volunteers needed!** Even just once a month could make a huge difference to the rota and **it's such a valuable service to the community, including to new students, and to visitors.** If interested, please contact Jenny Smith.
- **And just as importantly...** Please add your name to the rota on the notice board if you would like to help serve coffee **after morning services.** *The time after the morning service is so valuable for giving everyone in the church family the chance to hear about each other's news and problems and to welcome any visitors and newcomers, so please bear in mind that no volunteers means no coffee. That would be really sad for visitors and regulars alike!*
- **Missing Augustus?** Augustus may have been gone for a little while now, but you can still listen to his music! A recording of the 'Augustus & Friends' concert was made, so if you would like a CD of the concert please ask Martin Crampin or the office for a copy, making a donation to the Silver Jubilee fund. It might even sort out one or two of those awkward Christmas presents you were puzzling over.

**- PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR NOTICE SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED -**

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**Please let us know when any notice should be discontinued!**

### **Lectionary readings this week:**

Isaiah 64:1-9 \* Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 \* 1 Corinthians 1:3-9\* Mark 13:24-37  
(from: [lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/Revised Common](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/Revised Common))

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### **– Services and preachers for next Sunday –**

#### **St Paul's Aberystwyth:**

**10.30 am in English** – Dionne Sherwood

**10.30 am in Welsh** – Rev Marty Presdee (Communion)

**6.00 pm [Traditional]** – Rev Phillip Poynor

**6.00 pm [Open Space]** – Rev Roger Hides (MethSoc Nativity)

**2.15 pm – Hafan Y Waun** – Sara Windsor-Hides

**2.30 pm Tregaron [at Bont]** – Rev Roger Hides (Communion)

**Room bookings in St Paul's:** If you would like to book a room in St Paul's – either for a church meeting or for use by an outside organisation – please contact the

Bookings Secretary, Ruth Flatman, on:

Email: [stpaulsbookings@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsbookings@gmail.com)

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