

NOTICES FOR WEEKS BEGINNING
Sundays 17th - 31st December 2017

– Services and preachers for 17th December –

St Paul's, Aberystwyth:

10.30 am in English – Sara Windsor-Hides (All Age Worship)

10.30 am in Welsh – Dionne Sherwood

6.00 pm [Traditional] – at St David's

6.00 pm [Open Space] – *The next service will be on January 7th, when the students return.*

2.15 pm – Hafan Y Waun – Rev Roger Hides and Sara Windsor-Hides (Communion)

2.30 pm Tregaron (at Bont) – Lavina Porter

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

– Services and preachers for 24th December –

St Paul's, Aberystwyth:

10.30 am in English – Rev Roger Hides

10.30 am in Welsh – Rev Marty Presdee

6.00 pm [Traditional] – Rev David Whitehouse

6.00 pm [Open Space] – *The next service will be on January 7th, when the students return.*

2.15 pm – Hafan Y Waun – Rev Marty Presdee

2.30 pm Tregaron – Rev Roger Hides

– Services and preachers for 31st December –

St Paul's, Aberystwyth:

10.30 am (Bilingual) – Rev Marty Presdee

6.00 pm [Open Space] – *The next service will be on January 7th, when the students return.*

2.15 pm – Hafan Y Waun – Rev Heather Evans

2.00 pm Tregaron [Bryntirion] – Rev Marty Presdee

A **telephone prayer chain** of volunteers is available to pray for you and for those about 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

- On the 17th December, in the evening, St. David's are holding their annual **Carols by Candlelight**. As always, this is open to anyone, so as usual St. Paul's members are warmly invited.
- **Come along for some joyful Carol Singing around the wards at Bronglais Hospital** at Monday, Dec 18th, 6.15pm. We will meet in the Chapel (Reflection Room). All welcome! (We usually split into two groups, Welsh and English, led by the two chaplains, who provide words on leaflets and we finish before about 7.45pm.)
- **The Tuesday Friendship Group** will be meeting on 19th December for a Christmas afternoon of carols and readings. All are very welcome to join us.
- **If you are coming to the carol singing at Hafan Y Waun** (see below) on Wednesday Dec 20th, you may like to prepare for it by joining us on **Tuesday Dec 19th** at 6.30pm at St. Paul's. We will be practising a few well-known carols, including some verses in Welsh. All welcome.
- **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 – plus, see the notice above this one!
- **Our next meeting for Taizé Prayers** will be on Thursday 21st December in the Octagon at 7.30pm. You are very welcome to join in this special time of song, prayer and meditation.
- All are welcome to come along to a **short lunchtime service for Advent at Holy Trinity Church** on Friday Dec 22nd, 12.45 - 1.15pm. The service will be based on an Old Testament passage foretelling the coming of the Messiah and will be led by lay people.
- The Christmas tree is beautiful and is the main decoration, but **we usually put a bit of holly around and a couple of festive vases**. Would you like to help on Dec 23rd from 9.00-11.00 (before the Frugal lunch)? It is fun, so please do come! Also: donations of foliage and other seasonal colour would be gratefully received.

- Why not escape and come to the **Pre-Christmas Eve Frugal Lunch at St Paul's on Saturday 23rd December from 12 noon to 1.30pm**. Donations will contribute to the Aberystwyth Christian Aid fund raising for a Community Partnership Project.
- **The Singers will not be meeting on the following Fridays:** Dec 22 & 29, nor Jan 5.
- **The Christingle service** will be held at St Paul's on **Saturday December 23rd**, at 2pm.
- **PLEASE NOTE that there will NOT be a 7.30am Communion** on Wednesday January 3rd. The next one will be on Wednesday February 7th.
- For your 2018 diary: The **January Christian Aid Bread and Cheese Lunch** will be on **Monday 8th January** from 12 noon to 1.30pm in **St David's, Bath Street**. Please support this event if you can.
- Can't think of a suitable Christmas 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.
- **Charity Calendar!** Harriet has created a photography calendar in aid of LATCH, the Welsh children's cancer charity. If you would like to buy one, find her after the service or email hmsproductions@live.co.uk or call 07376 389362.
- **Watch out** for a musical evening later in January! More details in the next Notices.
- **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.
- Some of you might have known **Janet Jones** (warden at Holy Trinity until very recently, also known as Janet Reid-Jones) who came to coffee bar on Tuesdays frequently and knew the ladies there. Her funeral is at Holy Trinity on Tuesday 19th December at 1pm and then afterwards at the crematorium. **Ann Bates** also recently passed away. She was a keen singer at various choirs including those for joint services and choirs when Holy Trinity joined with St. Paul's. Her funeral is on Thursday 21st December at 1pm.
- **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.
- **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!*

**Wishing you all a wonderful and blessed Christmas
and all the best for the New Year!**

LECTIONARY FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126 *or* Luke 1:46b-55

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46b-55 *or* Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

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If you *cannot* use email you may leave them in the 'N' or 'Notices' pigeon-hole at St Paul's, or post them to 'NOTICES, St Paul's Methodist Centre, Queen's Road, Aberystwyth'

* (If you are looking at this online, please do **not** submit new notices by replying to the mailing list)

Please let us know when any notice should be discontinued!

– Services and preachers for Sunday January 7th 2018 –

St Paul's Aberystwyth:

10.30 am in English – Chris Price

10.30 am in Welsh (with Bethel) – Bet Holmes

6.00 pm [Traditional] – David Lowe

6.00 pm [Open Space] – Chris Price

2.15 pm – Hafan Y Waun – Sara Windsor-Hides

2.30 pm Tregaron [Bont] – David Lowe

2.30 pm Llanina – Rev Marty Presdee

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

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