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NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING
Sunday 10th December 2017

– 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 – 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 – Rev Roger Hides (Communion)

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

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

Weds	7.30 pm.....	InDeed
Thurs	11am -1.30pm.....	Pay-As-You-Feel Café
	7.30 pm.....	Music Group

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

- The notices team will both be away over Christmas so next week's notices will cover until Jan 7th ... **Please send any notices you'd like us to include over that period by midday of Wednesday next week.**
- All are welcome to come along to a **short lunchtime service for Advent at Holy Trinity Church**, Aberystwyth on Fridays: December 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.
- On the 17th December, in the evening, St. David's is holding their annual **Carols by Candlelight**. As always, this is open to anyone, so St. Paul's members are welcome as usual.
- **The Tuesday Friendship Group** will be meeting on 19th December for an afternoon of carols and readings. All are very welcome to join us for a Christmas afternoon.
- **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!
- Thanks to all who support and pray for Messy Church. **We had a very enjoyable session last Saturday (2nd December.)** It is really good to see that our regulars keep on returning. They know what to expect from Messy Church, and they seem to feel relaxed and comfortable with us. We have sent out two Advent Boxes to help our families in their Christmas preparations. Please pray that the Boxes will prove to be a blessing to the families that receive them. The graffiti wall in the concourse shows Christmas greetings from the Messy Church family to everyone who uses our building. Please feel free to add your own greetings. The next Messy Church will be on 10th February.
- **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.

- **The Singers will not be meeting on the following Fridays:** Dec 15, 22 & 29, nor Jan 5.
- There will be NO service on **New Year's Eve at St David's** (despite our optimism in putting it on the Plan!) but there will be an evening service here on Sunday 24th Dec at 6 pm.
- The Christingle service will be on **Saturday December 23rd**, at 2pm.
- **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
Find us at 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 -

<p>These notices can be made available in a large print format. Please tell us if you would like a copy printed next week.</p>
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Please send notices for the next copy ...
... before *midday* of Wednesday either by
(PREFERABLY) emailing* them to: stpaulsnotices@hotmail.com
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!

Lectionary readings this week:

Isaiah 40:1-11 * Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 * 2 Peter 3:8 -15a * Mark 1:1 – 8

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2.30 pm Tregaron [at Bont] – Lavina Porter

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
Booking information including room hire charges can be found at:
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