



The Trinity Ecumenical Partnership



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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Methodist morning service led by Revd Sue Peat

4.00pm Afternoon Tea service led by Revd Mandy Briggs with tea and cake at 3.00pm.

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am Service for the Persecuted Church, with speaker, Chris Lowther from the Open Doors charity. (see more information below)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Methodist morning service led by Revd Stan Brown

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am **No Service at Holy Trinity. We'll be joining the 'Festival of Wonder' Service at St Laurence at 10.30am**

FUTURE SERVICES AT ST ALBANS

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER – Methodist morning service led by Mike Dearsley and Ecumenical Advent Carol Service at 6.30pm led by Revd Mandy Briggs

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER – Cafe Gift service at St Alban's (9.15am for breakfast) with Gifts for Beresford House welcomed and Fusebox at 7.00pm led by Ann Pearce

St Albans Safeguarding officer: kburridge1@sky.com

All items for the next news sheet please to Janet Email: cfn@live.co.uk

For all bookings of the Wesley Room please contact Sarah Turk at sarah.turk@stroudparishchurches.org.

NEWS ITEMS/DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL SERVICE AT HOLY TRINITY

There will be a service for the Persecuted Church on Sunday November 16th at Holy Trinity at 11.00am with Chris Lowther from the Open Doors charity. He is articulate, informed and utterly passionate about supporting our brothers and sisters around the world, who are being persecuted just for calling Jesus Lord. Always an emotional yet ultimately uplifting service.

MANDY HOLIDAY COVER

Mandy will be on leave between November 17th - 21st. During this week, cover is being provided by Rev Jimmy Cullingford who can be contacted if needed via 07831 406437 or email jimmy.cullingford@methodist.org.uk

JOINT ADVENT GROUPS

We will be holding joint Advent groups in the Wesley Rooms at St Alban's, on Thursdays leading up to Christmas. They will begin on Thursday 27th November, in order for us to get 4 sessions in before Christmas, continuing on December 4th, 11th and 18th. Refreshments will be served at 7.00pm with discussions starting at 7.30pm. More information on the resources for our discussions to follow, but please put these dates in your diary/calendar now to keep the evenings free.

ART4LIFE AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AMBERLEY

An exhibition of arts and crafts for all, Saturday November 22nd 9am-4pm and Sunday November 23rd, 11am -4pm. Charley Harvey, Tony Morris, Rachel Hope and Karen Burridge are exhibiting their works of art and crafts in the lovely Amberley Church. The shop and cafe that operate in the church will be open at the same times as the exhibition. Do come and see us.

JIGSAW LIBRARY

Now that the nights are drawing in and the days are getting shorter, I thought I would just remind you all that we have a jigsaw library at St Albans. The jigsaws are in the large wooden crate next to the piano in the Wesley Room. Please feel free to borrow and return jigsaws and if you have any at home that you no longer want, please add them to the crate. Thank you. Have fun puzzling!

KNITTING – CAN YOU HELP?

The craft and chat group are busy knitting squares for our Christmas Tree in St Laurence's this year and we're fast running out of time! If you like to knit and would like to help, please knit 12" squares in double knit on 4mm needles in bright colours and when completed please drop them off at St Albans by **Sunday 23rd November**. After Christmas the squares will be sewn together to make blankets and donated to a suitable charity. Thank you.



DATES FOR CHRISTMAS



Thursday 27th November 7.00pm for 7.30pm Advent groups St Alban's continuing for 4 weeks

Sunday 30th November 6.30pm Advent Carol service St Alban's

Friday 5th December 5.30pm Goodwill Evening Carols

Sunday 7th December 10.00am Cafe Gift service St Alban's (9.15am for breakfast) with Gifts for Beresford House

Saturday 13th December 12-2pm Soup and Carols St Alban's

Saturday 20th December 5.00pm-6.00pm Community Carols in the Car Park St Alban's

Sunday 21st December 10.00am Nativity service St Alban's Dressing up encouraged followed by Bring and Share lunch

Sunday 21st December 6.30pm Christmas Carol service Holy Trinity

Wednesday 24th December 4.00pm Christingle service Holy Trinity

Wednesday 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Communion St Laurence's

Thursday 25th December 10.00am Christmas service St Alban's

Thursday 25th December 11.00am Anglican Christmas Communion



There's now less than a month until we throw open the doors of this year's Festival of Wonder.

Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd November at St Laurence Church in Stroud.

We hope you will all join us for some (or all) of the wonderful events across the weekend - There are circus shows galore, local and international acts as well as new interactive spaces and workshops. A full programme and ticket information can be found at festivalofwonder.org

Preparing with Prayer event - short evening session on **Wednesday 19th November** in St Laurence church – an opportunity to pray for the weekend, guests, volunteers and performers. **7.30pm - 8.30pm** - with short sung worship

And finally - one thing church communities do so well is **cake!** In order to make sure our wonderful pay as you feel cafe is well stocked, we are looking for kind donations of cake to be delivered to St Laurence Church between 9am and 3pm on Friday 21st November or 9am and 11am on Saturday 22nd November (More details below)

Any questions please do get in touch with the team

Thank you!
Anne Townsend

CAKE BAKING

Please bake cakes in trays so that they are easy to cut into squares - no need to cut them up we can do that on the day. Or please bake individual cookies / biscuits or cupcakes.

Please avoid anything particularly sticky / gooey that are likely to make a mess; this includes using minimal icing only (glace icing is fine) and no butter icing (we don't have a fridge!) Also, no nuts please!

Ideas are Brownies, blondies, flapjacks, lemon drizzle, chocolate chip cookies, shortbread biscuits, cupcakes. When bringing the cakes to the festival, please ensure they are either secure in an air tight box (with your name on) or wrapped in cling film, clearly labelled with the type of cake/biscuit and a FULL list of ingredients.



Pip & Jim's Autumn Lectures 2025

THE ARTS AND CHRISTIANITY TODAY

Five speakers, five illustrated lectures
exploring fresh perspectives on the
relationship between the arts and the
Church today.

Tuesday 4th November, 2pm
Adrian Barlow: Stained Glass

Tuesday 11th November, 2pm
Peter Francis: Film

Tuesday 18th November, 2pm
Ash Fawcett: Architecture

Tuesday 25th November, 2pm
Andrew Taylor: Jazz

Tuesday 2nd December, 2pm
Ben Quash: Visual Art

Tickets: £10 per lecture
Tea and cake on sale afterwards.
*Special offer: Book all five lectures
and get five for the price of four.*

Please book in advance via:
www.pipandjims.org.uk/concertsandevents
St Philip and St James, Leckhampton, 60 Grafton
Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2DD



REGULAR MEETINGS



PRAYERTIME

Please come and spend Prayertime in private and shared prayer on Monday evening at 7.30pm – 8.30pm. In St Albans Church, starting with brief prayerful socialisation over tea and biscuits. Folk from all churches and none are very welcome.



HOLY TRINITY SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME

Do join us on every third Saturday morning for a time of informal prayer, including prayers for those on our Prayer Board, the next date is: Saturday 15th November 9.30am-11.00am



CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION

Christian Conversation continues on Wednesday 26th November at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact Stuart



CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

The next Craft and Chat group is on Monday 24th November from 2.30pm-4.30pm at St Alban's, generally in the Wesley Room. Everyone welcome, to craft and/or to chat. Help available and beginner crafters welcome. More info from Karen Burr ridge, 752839, kburr ridge1@sky.com.



FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Friday Night Fellowship will next be meeting on **Thursday 4th December** at the home of Paul and Sue Summersby. Food will be shared and fellowship enjoyed. All welcome and lifts can be arranged.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL

Please note: apologies but we will not be meeting December. Our next meeting date is to be confirmed from 3.30pm onwards with our usual bring and share tea. Do come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon of friendship and games. All ages are welcomed; bring your own favourite board games along with you or your knitting or whatever you like. It is simply an opportunity to spend some time together.