



The Trinity Ecumenical Partnership



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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Methodist morning service led by Mike Dearsley

6.30 pm Ecumenical Advent Carol Service led by Revd Mandy Briggs

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am Team Celebration Communion Service at Holy Trinity followed by a bring and share lunch. A collection will be taken for the work of Christian Aid.

Midweek Communion is at **Holy Trinity** at 10.00am on **Wednesday 3rd December**

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Cafe Gift service at St Alban's (9.15am for breakfast) with Gifts for Beresford House welcomed led by Barbara Cory and Revd Mandy Briggs

7.00 pm Fusebox led by Ann Pearce

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am Sunday Praise with the Local Ministry Team and the Worship Band

FUTURE SERVICES AT ST ALBANS

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER – Methodist morning service led by Revd Robert Riddell with Holy Communion and Clergy led Holy Communion at 6.30pm

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER – All age Worship with Nativity led by Gareth Zimmerman and Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service at Holy Trinity at 6.30pm

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

BARRY'S FUNERAL

The family will attend a private service at Gloucester crematorium. This will be followed by a service of thanksgiving at St Albans at 2.00pm on **Thursday 18th December**.

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 be continuing on December 4th, 11th and 18th. Refreshments will be served at 7.00pm with discussions starting at 7.30pm.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Please note that the next Friday Night Fellowship will be on Thursday instead of Friday due to Goodwill carol singing. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 4th December** at the home of Paul and Sue Summersby.

GOODWILL EVENING

At Stroud Goodwill evening on **Friday 5th December**, Second String will be playing at their usual place outside the bed shop on the corner of Union St / John St, setting up in time for a **6pm start**. **Please come and join us to sing all your favourite carols.**

HELP FOR CAFE SERVICE

I am not around for the Cafe service on 7th December or the Cafe service on 1st February. Please let me know if you are able to help, particularly for December 7th. Thank you.
Karen Burrige kburrige1@sky.com

GIFT SERVICE AT ST ALBAN'S

The morning service at St Albans on **Sunday 7th December** is our gift service. We will be collecting gifts for Beresford House. We collect toiletries for women and children, books and games for children and hats, scarfs and gloves for women and children. Please do not wrap the presents, thank you.

ST LAURENCE CHURCH EVENTS

There's lots going on at **St Laurence** over the next few weeks. Here are just a few events to look forward to.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Friday 28th November to Saturday 6th December from 10am – 5pm

With over 100 trees from charities, organisations, and businesses across Stroud District, Stroud Christmas Tree Festival is a vibrant celebration of community.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Monday 1st to Friday 5th December from 4pm – 5pm

GOODWILL EVENING

Friday 5th December St Laurence church is open till 9.00pm, with the bells, Rock Choir, Red Band and Sing Your Heart Out choir

TOWN CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 7th December at 11.30am



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



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 20th December 9.30am-11.00am



CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION

Christian Conversation continues on Wednesday 10th December at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact Stuart



CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

The next Craft and Chat group is on Monday 8th December, this will be our last meeting before we break for Christmas, 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 Burridge, 752839, kburridge1@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.