

**December services:**

More details for all our services are on facebook or at

[www.stpaulstadley.org.uk](http://www.stpaulstadley.org.uk) . Special events in red

Date:	Services	Reading
<b>Sun 1 Dec</b>	8am Holy Communion - St Paul's 10am Church on the Green - communion at St Paul's	Matt 24.36-44
	6pm Evening Community - St Luke's	Ezekiel
<b>Every Week</b>	10am Wednesday communion - St Luke	
<b>Sun 8th</b>	<b>9.30am Messy Christmas - St Paul</b> <i>Come dressed as a Christmas character</i> <b>10am Christingle - St Luke</b>	Matt 3.1-12
	6pm Evening Community Communion- St Luke's	Daniel
<b>Sun 15th</b>	8am Holy Communion - St Paul's 10am Church on The Green - St Paul's	Matt 11.2-11
	3pm Tree of light memorial service at St Peter's Church, Tadley	Special
	6pm Evening Community - St Luke's	Malachi
<b>Sat 21st</b>	<b>3.30pm Living Nativity at St Pauls &amp; URC</b> <i>Come in warm clothing and footwear</i>	
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	10am Church on The Green - St Paul's 10am Holy Communion - St Luke	Matt 1.18-end
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	<b>5pm Carol service &amp; Christingle - St Paul's</b>	Special
<b>Tues 24th Christmas Eve</b>	<b>2pm Pre-school Crib service at St Paul's</b> <b>2pm Crib service at St Luke's</b> <b>4.30pm Crib service</b> <i>with Tadley Concert Brass at St Paul's</i>	Special
	<b>11.30pm Midnight Communion - St Luke's</b> <b>11.30pm Midnight Communion - St Paul's</b>	John 1.1-14
<b>Wed 25th Christmas Day</b>	<b>9.30am Holy Communion - St Peter's</b> <b>10am Holy Communion - St Luke</b> <b>10.30am All Age Christmas - St Paul</b>	Luke 2.1-20
<b>Sun 29 Dec</b>	8am Holy Communion at St Paul's <b>10am Benefice Communion at St Mary the Virgin in Silchester</b>	Luke 2.41-end
	No evening service	

**News** - if you have anything to go in January newsletter , please send it to [bryanwatson@onetel.net](mailto:bryanwatson@onetel.net) by 23 Dec



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## December 2019 Newsletter

### Our Clergy and Churchwardens:

Richard Harlow	Tel: 0118 9814860	(day off Friday)
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### Jesus - God for you

Christmas is one of our busiest times, both in church and in our social lives. Most of us have endless lists of jobs to do, and we are looking forward to spending time with family and loved ones, but for some Christmas is lonely or sad or heavy with dread.

We hope to offer in our churches something for every mood and every person. There will be fantastic family events - our Messy Church and Crib services (including a new crib service for pre-schoolers). There will be carol services and communion services that are adult themed, and we offer again our Tree of Light memorial service for all who grieve. We also want to make sure that nobody goes without food, warmth and friendship this Christmas. There are many ways that we can help neighbours and strangers in need - for Jesus was both.

The message remains the same: Love came down at Christmas. Jesus brings the love of God to us in terms that we can understand. Jesus is God with us. God is like Jesus: forgiving, kind, generous and loving, and misunderstood, suffering and vulnerable.

**Find us on Facebook - search: St Paul's Tadley or St Luke's Pamber Heath**

### **Feeling lonely? Fancy a chat?**

**Coffee Morning** - Every Thursday at St Luke's church, Pamber Heath, 10.30-12noon. Free coffee, cake and friendly people

**Afternoon tea** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 2.30 - 4pm

Contact Pat Arbin 9812241 for venue details.

### **Christmas Day Lunch**

Come and enjoy delicious home cooked Christmas lunch with great company and lots of entertainment. This free meal is open to all, especially those who would be alone over Christmas. Starts 12noon at The Ambrose Allen centre, Franklin Ave.

Booking essential: contact Tammy & Nathan 0118 9819905

### **Christmas Sheep**

Many people have been knitting Christmas sheep that will appear around Tadley on 4 different mornings in December. If you would like to join the brave team shepherding them out at 6am, please talk to Richard. Each sheep needs to find a home!

**Christingle** is an old custom that tells the purpose of Christmas through a decorated orange. At our Christingle services we raise money for The Children's Society, which works across the UK to support families and children in need, including refugees and runaway children. You can give at other times using the envelopes in church.

**Christmas cards** - we know that many of you like to give cards to people that you see in church. But we'd like to encourage you to save the environment and instead write a Christmas message on the board in church and donate the money to the Bishop of Winchester's appeal for Yellow Door, a Southampton based domestic and sexual abuse charity, which provides support services to adults, children, young people and families across the wider region.

**Confirmation and exploring faith** - do you want to explore what Christians believe and why and how it could make a difference to your life? We will be running the Alpha course in January for adults. Talk to clergy if you would like to be invited or email Richard [vicar@stpaulstadley.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stpaulstadley.org.uk)

### **Election 2019 Hustings**

The 4 candidates for North West Hampshire will be attending a hustings (question time) at St Paul's church on Thursday 5 December at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, please come and ask questions. We apologise that we haven't been able to set up hustings in NE Hampshire (for Pamber)

### **My giving to our church**

It costs about £90,000 to run our church in an ordinary year, but we have just faced a bill for £9000 to repair our hall drains; our main expenses are clergy costs and running our buildings, and we'd like to have more resources to enable us to tackle some of the local and global problems of poverty and the environment. There are many ways that you can give: time, prayer, money, gifts in kind. We are a family, where everyone puts something into the pot and everyone gets to receive too - and there is extra for the poor, the lonely and the vulnerable.

If you want to give financially, please pick up a form in church or leave an offering in the plate (we can claim tax back on loose giving).

### **Fellowship Fund**

If you would like to contribute towards the **Fellowship Fund** (for local people in need), please put money or a cheque in a marked envelope and place it in the offering, or make a bank deposit and let us know. If you know anyone in need, please talk to clergy or churchwardens.

### **Do you know someone who needs financial support over Christmas?**

We have access to essential food, children's presents and more substantial grants for local people in need. Please speak to clergy if you know someone who needs a little extra. Or phone Richard 9814860.

### **Looking after our local environment**

As a church we are committed to care for God's world, our home. Tadley Town Council have recently set up an Environmental Group, if you would like to be involved, please speak to Richard Harlow or Andrew Cobb.

### **Church Hall**

We have some regular weekly slots where our hall is available for hire, especially Friday after 3pm, and most Saturdays. Contact Marian if you would like to discuss hiring our hall: 9816505