

## Coming events

### December

7 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Festival of Trees
5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	MU Advent Eucharist 7.30 Pilgrim Course (6 <sup>th</sup> )
7 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Opening Service of Tree Festival - 7pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Start the Day - 9am - 4 Castle Drive Concert - The Fishpond Choir - 7.30
11 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Rotary Carol Service at Ashford 12 noon Christingle 6.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Lady Manners Carol Service -7.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Friday	The Game Birds and the Beekeepers Concert7.30
16 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Wedding 12 noon 2pm Nativity around town and Blessing of Crib
17 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service (closing of Trees Festival) 6.00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Benefice Eucharist <b>10 am</b> . All Saints
28 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Seniors Lunch Club
30 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	10.00 to 13.30 Sheffield Cathedral Bellingers
31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Benefice Service <b>10am</b> at Rowsley



Every third Sunday of the month

A service combining  
Fusion with Eucharist  
A new worship experience

**11.00am**

**Next service 17th December**

## Cafe church



Every fourth Sunday of the month

A short informal service, with  
worship songs, introduction to a  
discussion around a common table  
of refreshment

**5.00pm**

**Next service 3rd December**



All Saints with St. Anne's

## Parish Pump

DECEMBER 2017



### .CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

A reminder that the annual Christmas Tree festival will begin at 7pm on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, with a short opening service, followed by refreshments. We are very fortunate this year to have Bishop Jan to formally open the festival.

As well as daily musical contributions from local schools and talented musicians, Festival events are as follows:-

7.30pm Saturday 9 December - The Fishpond Choir.

6.00pm Sunday 10 December - Taize service

6.00pm Monday 11 December - Bakewell CofE Infant school  
Christingle service

Tuesday 12 December - late night until 8.30pm with mulled wine and piano duets by Sue Clark and David Winder

7.30pm Wednesday 13 December - Lady Manners school carol service

4.00pm Thursday 14 December - S. Anselm's carol service

7.30pm Friday 15 December - The Gamebirds and the Beekeepers,  
traditional folk music in close harmony

2.00pm Saturday 16 December - Town nativity

(N.B. Church will be closed for a wedding from 11.30am to 1pm)

6.00pm Sunday 17 December - closing Community carol service

The Open Door cafe will be open daily, from 11am to 4pm (1-4pm on Sunday), serving delicious home made cakes, light lunches, tea and coffee. If you haven't yet tried Sue and Jeff's "Christmas Special", it is time you did!

**Help is still required, particularly to staff Open Door.**

But, whether or not you can help, do come along to enjoy the magic of the trees. The festival is so very special.



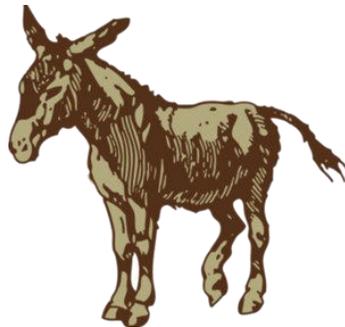
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## What the Donkey Saw

No room in the inn, of course  
And not that much in the stable,  
What with the shepherds, Magi, Mary,  
Joseph, the heavenly host—  
Not to mention the baby  
Using our manger as a cot.  
You couldn't have squeezed another cherub in  
For love or money.

Still, in spite of the overcrowding,  
I did my best to make them feel wanted.  
I could see the baby and I  
Would be going places together

*U.A. Fanthorpe*



**MU Book Project- Five 'Helpful Books for Children'** -have been presented to Bakewell CofE Infant School. See Report & picture on MU Notice Board

**Our next branch Meeting and Events in December:**  
**Tuesday 5th December MU Advent Service in Church 11.15am**  
followed by **Mulled Wine, Soup and Mince Pies. Everyone welcome**

Wed 6th	Setting up MU Christmas Tree	9am-7pm
Mon 11th	Preparing Christingles in the Newark	10am
Tues 19th	Tots & Teds 'Christmas Preparations'	1.30-2.45pm
Thurs 21st	Corporate Communion, All Saints	9.30am

### **Looking ahead to January 2018**

Tues 2nd Jan Branch AGM and Epiphany Tea at The School House 2.30pm

Carol Wicksteed



### **100 Club November Draw**

1st prize	Alan Piggot	£31.00
2nd prize	Rick Naylor	£15.50
3rd prize	Tony Short	£ 7.75
	Tony James	£7.75



Mothers' Union 7th November 2017

We all know the words of John 3:16, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life". This is our Father's supreme example of generous love.

Generosity was the theme of "Babette's Feast", a Danish film, part of which was shown to us by Jane Proctor. Babette, a penniless refugee from the French Revolution, was taken in by two sisters living in a tiny settlement of which their father had been the pastor. When, after depending on their generous hospitality for years, Babette came into some money, she decided to repay their kindness by cooking a splendid French meal for the villagers. They were confused, not knowing how to accept this gift, and it took them a while to relax enough to enjoy the food and each other's company. Babette had spent all her money on the feast and was happy to have done so.

Hospitality is vitally important to the Mothers' Union, an example of faith in action. It can be difficult to offer generosity and often hard to receive it. Both Babette and the villagers experienced this, but in the end succeeded, as we must do, following the divine example.

Ruth Short



## December News and Events

**Methodist Coffee Morning Stall 23rd Oct. raised £303.** Thank you for fund-raising for South Sudan through the MU Community Development Officers.

## Worship at All Saints

What are services about? Worship, prayer, discipleship and learning - in order to connect with God and develop our relationship with Him. We praise the Lord, thank Him, petition and intercede for ourselves and others, follow the path of Christ and learn how to grow through the Scriptures in faith, hope and love.

Those who lead us are the facilitators to guide us into worship, prayer, discipleship and learning, so that we might experience a deeper connection with the God we serve and adore.

Of course, we all come to the services with our own personalities. For some, quiet contemplation is helpful, for others, joyful expression is an aid. In our church family, we have the usual mixture of personality traits. Whilst some can sense God's presence in tradition, others require the contemporary. Ritual is helpful to some and the lack of it is beneficial to others - in creating a place of communion with God. Some of us like the silence of solitude in a pew, whilst others wish to be spoken to. We come together on a wide spectrum from the catholic to the charismatic.

We are privileged at All Saints that the services provide a huge variety of worship patterns and with the onset of Messy Church, Fusion and The Gathering, we can minister to a wider group of people, incorporating but not exclusive to families - something we hoped for in the Away Day. No one service pattern is better than another, just different. There is no competition and no support required by the leader.

Of course, we have to try the various worship styles to know what works for us in deepening our awareness. Our pre-conceptions sometimes misguide us - so we grow when we come open-hearted and minded, willing to be surprised at finding new ways of entering.

The aim is for us as individuals to find the place where we can best respond to the call and guidance to worship, pray, follow and learn - so that we sense God's presence in our lives and connect with Him. I thank God that All Saints provides us all with that opportunity, whatever our disposition or previous experience.

Judith Hargreaves

**You might actually find these WORSE than Christmas cracker jokes!**

What do you call Santa's little helpers? Subordinate clauses.

The Three Wise Men sound very generous but you've got to remember those gifts were joint Christmas and birthday presents.

Mary and Joseph - now they had a stable relationship.

What did Adam say to his wife on the day before Christmas?  
It's Christmas, Eve!

A very happy Christmas to you all!

*O M Witherby*

*And a very happy Christmas to you Mr Witherby and thank you for a year's worth of jokes. Ed.*



**Say Goodbye to 2017, Hello to 2018**

Pat and Bill would like to invite you for drinks and nibbles at Church House on Sunday 31st December after the 10.00 service at Rowsley

Raise a glass, with friends, to see the Old Year out and the New Year in

If you haven't been to the service, come along about 12.00  
Please let us know if you are coming so that we can cater adequately!

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**Greetings from Zababdeh**

Revd. Saleem and Adma Dawani send Christmas greetings from St. Matthew's church Zababdeh to all members of All Saints church Bakewell



Picture of their baby girl Leila  
And with her mother Adma.  
She has a dimple, just like her mother! (Ed.)



**The first pantomime**

A little girl named Charlotte was cheerfully skipping along the pavement between her grandparents, who had taken her to a Theatre, to experience a pantomime for the first time. Suddenly she said 'Nanny?' who replied, 'Yes Charlotte', to which Charlotte answered, 'How did you know what to shout?'

Sent in by Hilbre



**Children in Need**

On a cold and frosty morning, seven of us hit the streets of Bakewell in various disguises and shook our buckets for an hour and a half

**We collected a whopping £500**