

# United Benefice of Aston-cum-Aughton with Swallownest & Ulley

\* All Saints, Aston \* Christ Church, Swallownest \* Holy Trinity, Ulley \*

## NEWSLETTER FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

\* Christians of all denominations are very welcome to share with us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. If you are not confirmed, do please come to the altar rail to receive a blessing. \*

### Advent 2

#### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Readings are over the page

- 9am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity  
Revd. Dagmar Wilkinson & Mr. Jim Nuttall
- 10.30am Holy Communion at All Saints  
Revd. Frances Eccleston & Mr. Jim Nuttall
- 10.30am Holy Communion at Christ Church
- 3.30pm Christingle at All Saints  
Revd. Dagmar Wilkinson
- 7pm Ring Out: New Chamber Choir with Amber Bells Concert at Holy Trinity

#### NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

Advent 3

- 10.30am Holy Communion at All Saints
- 10.30am Christingle & Crib Service  
(joint with Holy Trinity) at Christ Church
- 6pm Carols by Candlelight Service at All Saints

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup>: 1.30pm Praise and Play at All Saints
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>: 9am Morning Prayer at Christ Church
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>: 9.30am Midweek Holy Communion at All Saints  
10am Judith's Bible Study group at All Saints
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>: 9.30am Toybox Toddlers Christmas Party at Christ Church  
6pm Crib Blessing at the Outdoor Crib on the junction where Church Lane meets Worksop Road
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup>: 7pm Boys Brigade Christingle at All Saints
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>: 11am Carol Singing outside Del's Supermarket in Swallownest.

### NEWS

**Christmas is Coming. Invite your friends and neighbours to church!** Postcards are still available outlining our special services for the Christmas Season. Please take a card and give it to a friend or neighbour as an invitation to join us.

**Giving letters** are available today. Please do take a letter home and pray and reflect how you might be able to support our mission and ministry at All Saints, Aston

**Christingle** celebrates it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The Children's Society last year worked with 11,000 vulnerable children, including those at most risk of abuse. Please bring your donation for the Children's Society to our Christingle service **this afternoon**.

**Carol Service.** Please join us for our candlelight carol service **next Sunday evening at 6pm**. Mulled wine and mince pies are available after the service.

**Judith's Bible Study.** Judith is currently running an Advent Bible Study group after the 9.30am Communion service. During these sessions, she will continue to take a fresh look at some well-loved carols. All are welcome.

**Carol Singing.** All are welcome to join in singing popular carols with Aston Churches Together in front of Del's Supermarket in Swallownest on Saturday at 11am. There will also be carol singing around the parish from 7pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### *The Collect*

**Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes  
again as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.  
Amen**

### **Psalm 28.**

<sup>1</sup> Unto thee will I cry, O Lord, my strength: \*  
think no scorn of me; lest, if thou make as though  
thou hearest not, I become like them that go  
down into the pit.

<sup>2</sup> Hear the voice of my humble petitions, when I  
cry unto thee; \*  
when I hold up my hands towards the mercy seat  
of thy holy temple.

<sup>3</sup> O pluck me not away, neither destroy me with  
the ungodly and wicked doers, \*  
which speak friendly to their neighbours, but  
imagine mischief in their hearts.

<sup>4</sup> Reward them according to their deeds, \*  
and according to the wickedness of their own  
inventions.

<sup>5</sup> Recompense them after the work of their  
hands; \*  
pay them that they have deserved.

<sup>6</sup> For they regard not in their mind the works of  
the LORD, nor the operation of his hands; \*  
therefore shall he break them down, and not  
build them up.

<sup>7</sup> Praised be the LORD; \*  
for he hath heard the voice of my humble  
petitions.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is my strength, and my shield; my  
heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped;  
\* therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my  
song will I praise him.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD is my strength, \*  
and he is the wholesome defence of his  
anointed.

<sup>10</sup> O save thy people, and give thy blessing unto  
thine inheritance: \*  
feed them, and set them up for ever.

### **The First Reading: Philippians 1: 3 - 11**

I thank my God every time I remember you,  
constantly praying with joy in every one of my  
prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in  
the gospel from the first day until now. I am  
confident of this, that the one who began a good  
work among you will bring it to completion by the  
day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this

way about all of you, because you hold me in  
your heart, for all of you share in God's grace  
with me, both in my imprisonment and in the  
defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God  
is my witness, how I long for all of you with the  
compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my  
prayer, that your love may overflow more and  
more with knowledge and full insight to help you  
to determine what is best, so that on the day of  
Christ you may be pure and blameless, having  
produced the harvest of righteousness that  
comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and  
praise of God.

### **The Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 1 - 6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor  
Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of  
Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his  
brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and  
Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during  
the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the  
word of God came to John son of Zechariah in  
the wilderness. He went into all the region  
around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is  
written in the book of the words of the prophet  
Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the  
wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and  
every mountain and hill shall be made low, and  
the crooked shall be made straight, and the  
rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see  
the salvation of God.'"

### **Advent Song**

Advent candles tell their story  
As we watch and pray;  
Longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness  
Changed for gladness on the Day

Prophet voices loudly crying,  
Making pathways clear;  
Glimpsing glory, self-denying,  
Calling all to hear.  
Through their message – challenged,  
shaken –  
Hearts awaken: God is near!