

Sun 8th	9.30am 11.15am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Morning Worship Alpha Week 11 (food served at 6pm)
Mon 9th	9.15am 7pm	Staff Prayers - West Wing Badminton - Fort Regent
Tue 10th	12.30pm	Intercessors - Centre
Wed 11th	2.30pm 6pm 6.30-8pm 7.30pm	Wednesday Special Carol Service Grands Vaux School Carol Service Youth - Centre St Helier Prayer Lighthouse - Hospital Chapel
Thu 12th	7pm 6-8pm 7-8.30pm	Young Adults - Centre St Paul's Prayer House - Church Christmas Choir - Church
Fri 13th	10-11.30am 4.30pm	Tiny Tots - Church Friday Feast - Centre
Sat 14th	1pm 2.30-4.30pm	Grace Trust Lunch Christmas Choir - Church
Sun 15th	9.30am 11.15am 6.30pm	All Age Nativity Morning Worship Carol Service

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **Jersey Baptist Church** as part of the Church in Jersey
- **West Sheppey**, as part of the Diocese of Canterbury
- All those with ongoing health issues, including mental health

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Staff days of rest:

Paul Brooks - Thursday Peter Clayton - Wednesday, Saturday
Sophie Moulson - Thursday Dianne Maguire - Friday, Saturday



SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER

9.30am Morning Worship

Leader: Paul Brooks Speaker: Ray Speck
Isaiah 11:1-10

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Food served at 6pm - **6.30pm Alpha Week 11** (final week)
What about the Church?

Leader: Paul Brooks

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

2.30pm Wednesday Special Carol Service

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

9.30am All Age Nativity

Leader: Sophie Moulson Speaker: Paul Brooks

11.15am Morning Worship

Leader: Paul Brooks Speaker: Ian Le Marquand
John 11:2-11

6.30pm Carol Service

Leader: Neil Fowler Speaker: Paul Brooks

**PRAYER MINISTRY IS AVAILABLE AFTER EACH SERVICE
& DURING THE WEEK ON REQUEST**

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Christmas @St. Paul's - Our Christmas celebrations have begun this week. Please do be praying for your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues and do invite them along to our various Christmas services and events. Details are on the invitations in the fellowship area. Please do take a handful and give them away! This is the time of year when we can share with so many the good news for the whole world that our Saviour has been born at Bethlehem.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the **Nativity Photo Booth**.



St Paul's Prayer House we will be having our prayer meeting in Church on **Thursday 12th**. Meeting 6-7pm for a light meal and 7-8pm for prayers.

Claudia is organizing a **festive fundraiser** for the grown ups in the Centre on the Friday 20th December from 7pm, with live music, mince pies, mulled wine & light bites. To reserve a ticket please speak to/email/message Claudia. Donations on the night.

If you ordered **resources from Walk Through The Bible**. Please contact Mary in the Church Office.

Nativity Festival - we would like to decorate the church windows with Nativity sets. Do you have one at home that is out of the ordinary that you'd be willing to lend? If so, please contact Gwen (gwen.phillips@live.co.uk)

Mince Pies & biscuits are still needed for all our Christmas events we are also hosting two school carol services and would like to be able to provide them with refreshments. If you can bake or buy, please be bringing them in ASAP! Thanks.

The next **St Helier Prayer Lighthouse** will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th December at the Hospital Chapel. All welcome to pray for the parish of St Helier.

Mark Iles & Diana Stievenard are starting a Level 1 course '**Developing Your Prophetic Gift**' on Friday 24th January 2020. The course will run for six monthly sessions on Friday evenings or Saturday mornings, from January to June. For more details see the leaflet in the fellowship area. It is a beginner to intermediate course; no previous experience necessary. To book your place, email diana.schoolforprophecy@gmail.com

Cheshire Home and Pinewood Nursing Home - we will be sharing in carol services at both of these homes on December 18th, Cheshire Home at 2.30pm and Pinewood at 6.30pm. Members of the fellowship are very welcome to join us for either or both of these services as we celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas with the residents.

There's a Christmas card and note from George & Beryl Healey on the letters board.

Verse of the week: 2nd Sunday in Advent

Habakkuk 3:17-19

"Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places."

The prospects were bleak indeed for the prophet Habakkuk, which is evident in the context of his pleading with God in the first chapter. He was probably a contemporary of Zephaniah and Jeremiah and maybe later of Ezekiel and Daniel and his prophecy anticipates a disastrous time for the people of Judah. God was raising up the Babylonians who were to attack and destroy the holy city of Jerusalem, slaughter many and carry most of the nation's leaders and others away into captivity for a generation.

Having begun his prophecy with a virtual instruction to God about how He should run His world the whole tenor has changed dramatically.

Here the prophet acknowledges the reality of His situation – no stiff upper lip or massaging of reality. He says it as it is. Fruitfulness in the Bible is usual an indication of God's blessing on his People – arid hopelessness seems to suggest judgement.

Here also he is moved to acknowledge in hope and anticipation the salvation of our God. It is only in God and in his glorious work of redemption that there can ever be hope. It's extraordinary that before he concludes his message Habakkuk can even set a tone of triumph.

But surely that is the Gospel. The context in which we live may speak of Godlessness and despair – but we have a Saviour, who even yet is Lord, does save, does transform lives. He will "make me to tread on high places." (RS)