

<b>Sun 15th</b>	9.30am	All Age Nativity
	11.15am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Carol Service
<b>Mon 16th</b>	9.15am	Staff Prayers - West Wing
	7pm	Badminton - Fort Regent
	7.30pm	Council Meeting - Church
<b>Tue 17th</b>	9-12pm	Springfield Rehearsal - Church
	12.30pm	Intercessors - Centre
	6.45pm	Springfield Carol Service - Church
<b>Wed 18th</b>	2.30pm	Carol Service - Cheshire Home
	6pm	Youth - Centre
	6.30pm	Carol Service - Pinewood
<b>Thu 19th</b>	7pm	Young Adults - Centre
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10-11.30am	Tiny Tots Christmas Party - Church
	3pm	Wedding Blessing - Church
<b>Sat 21st</b>	1pm	Grace Trust Lunch
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	9.30am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **St Luke's Church** as part of the Church in Jersey
- **Hawkhurst: St Laurence with All Saints**, as part of the Diocese of Canterbury
- **Helen Vandeborn** (formerly Bailey) whose cancer has returned & spread
- Rob Kelly & family whose father's funeral is on Wednesday 18th
- All those with ongoing health issues, including mental health

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### Staff days of rest:

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

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### SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

**9.30am All Age Nativity**

Leader & Speaker: Sophie Moulson

**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

### SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER

**9.30am Morning Worship**

Leader: Paul Brooks Speaker: Nicola Speck  
Revelation 22:6-21

**11.15am Morning Worship**

Leader: Paul Brooks Speaker: Nicola Speck  
Revelation 22:6-21

**6.30pm Evening Worship**

Leader: Peter Clayton Speaker: Esther Le Ruez  
Luke 1:26-38

**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! Please do be praying for your family, friends, neighbours & colleagues and do invite them along to our various Christmas services & events. Details are on the invitations in the fellowship area. Christingle bags are also available. Please do take some & 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.

The **Christmas offerings** this year will be going to support the Mustard Seed Food and Winter Fuel Appeals, to help the very poorest in Romania. For more, visit [www.mustardseed.org.je](http://www.mustardseed.org.je) or [facebook.com/mustardseedjsy](https://facebook.com/mustardseedjsy)

Claudia is still fundraising for her SoulEdge Training. She has another portion to pay very soon so she 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. If you would like to attend please contact Claudia ASAP. Any donations will be gratefully received. If you are able to help Claudia with catering making/baking please speak with her.

**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.

Date for the diary: Meet the new **Children and Families Deanery Development Officer**! Sophie will be holding an information sharing evening on 22nd January 6.30-9pm in the Centre. Would you like to find out what Sophie's new role entails? If you are currently servicing in the Children's Ministry you are invited to come along & find out what sort of support will be available & share your thoughts around training needs for the Island. If anyone would like to help set up and serve refreshments on the night, please speak with Sophie!

**Please note:** on 29th December there will only be a **JOINT SERVICE** at 10.30am.

Mark Iles & Diana Stievenard are starting a Level 1 course '**Developing Your Prophetic Gift**' in late January. 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](mailto: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 letter from **Mike & Angie Stear** on the letters board.

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

**Verse of the week:** Matthew 3:1-3

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

*In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said – the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'*

I left secondary school at the age of 15 as it was necessary to earn and contribute to the family finances. I received the princely sum of two pounds 18 shillings a week I remember. In consequence further study was undertaken at evening classes and I was able to gain a qualification in civil engineering at Westminster Technical College. Bear in mind that this was some 65 years ago so I think I can be forgiven for not retaining detailed recollections, but I do remember learning about some sort of formula for "cut and fill" – useful when planning railway cuttings and road improvements and ensuring that gradients were appropriate for the particular mode of transport.

The point that John is making in quoting from Isaiah is that Jesus the Messiah was on his way and that there is preparatory work to be undertaken. He described that preparation in terms of repentance – turning from sin and opening of lives to God.

As we look ahead to the return of Christ we too must "prepare" the way by being ready ourselves when we are called to meet him as Lord and King and Judge. (RS)

*"On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and listen for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings."*