

## MESSAGE FROM PAUL, OUR VICAR

Happy New Year!

Just a week or two ago we celebrated Christmas, where we remembered that baby born in a manger some 2,000 years ago. He goes by many names, such as Immanuel, meaning God with us, and Jesus which means God saves. 2,000 years ago God entered our world to save us. To save us from all the things we do wrong – we call them sins.

I would encourage anyone who reads this to live differently in 2018. So many of us live without reference to Jesus. Many people in Britain live today without giving Jesus a second thought and yet those who turn to him, and believe, gain so much.

John 3: 16 is perhaps the best known verse in scripture. “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life”.

Those people who make time for Jesus and believe in him will not die but will know everlasting life.

God Bless  
Paul

**JANUARY 2018**

### Worship at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Water Orton

9.00am	Holy Communion every Sunday
11.00am	All Age Worship every Sunday
10.00am	Holy Communion every Wednesday

### **BFG - Church for all the family at The Link**

Sunday 14th January - 4.00pm - 5.30pm, craft activities, fun with friends, songs and food, run by St Peter and St Paul's Church, free for everyone, come and join in.  
Contact [waterortoncfm@gmail.com](mailto:waterortoncfm@gmail.com) for information.

### Worship at Water Orton Methodist Church

Sunday 7th January	10.30am	Mrs F Beadle
	2.30pm	“Sacred Space” at Orton Manor Nursing Home
Sunday 14th January	10.30am	Rev. Farai Mapamula Covenant Service
Sunday 21st January	10.30am	Mrs Woodall
Sunday 28th January	10.30am	Mrs K Tilley
	7.30pm	“Songs of Praise” at the White City Community Centre

### **'Messy Church' for young families at Water Orton Methodist Church**

Sunday 21st January 3.30p.m. - 5.50pm An afternoon of crafts, activities and fun for young families followed by a short Christian message and a delicious afternoon tea. All free and everyone welcome.

Methodist Church Contacts: Rev. Farai Mapamula - 07753443430  
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# THE BRIDGE



**Linking people & churches  
In Water Orton**

## COMPANY OF THE CURTAIN

Our first play of 2018 will take place on 6th - 10th February at Curdworth Village Hall. It is called "A Tomb with a View" by Norman Robbins. It is a comedy taking place in an old library, where a will is to be read to a family, one member of which has very sinister werewolf tendencies!!

Tickets will be on sale via the website or email tickets@companyofthecurtain.com or telephone Anne on 01675 463095. We look forward to seeing you at Curdworth village Hall.

## WATER ORTON WAR MEMORIAL

There will be a 2nd consultation day at the Methodist Church, on Saturday 6th January, to inform villagers of the progress of the fundraising and to give a chance to discuss, again, the finer details of the memorial. Please come along to voice your opinions before the final decisions are made.

We will be fundraising again and our first event is a Quiz at the Cricket Club on 9th February, tickets will be £5. Tickets will be available from Derek's shop, or Judy Macdonald (07914812509).

We would love to entertain you for an evening. Please come and support the fundraiser.

### **Date for your diary:**

Women's World Day of Prayer is set for Friday 2nd March 2018. This year the service will be held at the Methodist Church. More details next month.

## MEMORY CAFE

The Memory Cafe is held in the Robert Lloyd room on the 1st Friday of every month. Anyone is welcome to call in to chat over refreshments, hopefully enabling your memories to help and remind others of times past and present.

## WOMEN ALIVE

The Advent concert was a great success again, with the Coleshill Youth Brass Band playing for us and the Church choir singing. Mulled wine and mince pies were very welcome. We are now looking forward to 2018 and meeting up again in the Robert Lloyd room at the Parish Church. The programme for Women Alive, for the first 6 months of 2018, is as follows:

**4th January** A talk by Stephen Record on Birmingham Cathedral, focusing on the Burns-Jones windows.

**1st February** "Let's go to the Movies" - with ice cream and popcorn.

**1st March** Kol Kinear Choir - Jewish choir concert

**12th April** Mary Quant -The 1960's. Talk by Ruth Lowe

**3rd May** Micro Artist - Graham Short

**7th June** BBC WM Radio presenter - Caroline Martin

June - Midsummer trip - date to be advised.

Everyone is welcome, we look forward to seeing you in 2018. Happy New Year to you all.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE LINK

### SUNDAY

4.00pm—5.30pm

### MONDAY

10.00am - 11.30am

5.00pm - 6.00pm

6.30pm - 7.30pm

7.30pm - 8.30pm

### TUESDAY

10.00am - 12noon

2.00pm - 3.30pm

6.00pm - 6.45pm

### WEDNESDAY

10.00am - 11.30am

1.00pm - 2.30pm

7.30pm

### THURSDAY

10.00am - 11.30am

2.00pm - 3.30pm

5.00pm - 6.00pm

6.15pm - 7.15pm

7.15pm - 8.15pm

### FRIDAY

9.15am - 10.00am

12noon - 1.30pm

6.00pm - 7.00pm

\* For more information contact The Link 0121-748-6360

**BFG. Church for all ages. Every 2nd Sunday in the month \***

**Kiddoodle's Parent & Toddler Group for 0 – school age \***

**Dodgeball for 9yrs - 14yrs** (Contact Rachel on 07850409192)

**Zumba & Tone**

**Kettlebells & Cardio** (Contact Rebecca 07565 620275)

**Art Class - All ages and abilities welcome** (Contact Mark on 07774 026169)

**Dance,Dance,Dance - Adult Beginners Ballroom and Latin dance class**

(Contact Dawn on 0121 783 5584)

**Stretch/Yoga** (Contact Sarah 07772 432485)

**Little Baby Buntings - Mum & Baby Group for 0-3 years \***

**WOMBATS - Mother & Toddler Group 0-School age \***

**Slimming World—Just come along for more information**

**WOMBATS - Mother & Toddler Group 0-School Age \***

**Dance,Dance,Dance Adult Beginners Modern Sequence class and practice**

(Contact Dawn on 0121 783 5584)

**Karate class for age 4yrs +** (Contact Jason 07515 360586)

**Kettlebells & Cardio**

**Clubbercise** (Contact Rebecca 07565 620275)

**Stretch/Yoga** (Contact Sarah 07772 432485)

**Meet & Eat - Lunch and a chat for the retired \***

**Boxercise** (Contact Jason 07515 360586)

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCILLORS

A New Year always brings the excitement of opportunities and change. What will 2018 hold in store for Water Orton? Well, the obvious answer is a fair bit of building work. There is the obvious, with construction work proper starting on HS2. In November a team of engineers and designers visited the village to look at the site of the Water Orton viaduct and to start discussions about what it will look like. Locally we are pushing hard to ensure that as a community we have some say in what the final design will look like. Old Salts Rugby Club now has full planning permission for its new site on Vicarage Lane and the club are in the final stages of signing legal and compensation agreements with HS2, as are the County Council who will be building our new school on the Plank Lane site and will publish plans in early 2018. We must not see these projects purely as an inconvenience and the mess of construction sites. They will all create local opportunities for jobs, education, health and leisure, and we must maximize them.

Exciting new projects are in the pipeline too. As a village we really need to sort out the station car park and old toilet site. It's all looking a bit scruffy. The main Heritage Lottery grant for Tame Valley Wetlands Partnership ecological project finishes in March and with the other Board members we are now hard at work to sustain the project for the next five years and beyond. And finally, community fundraising continues at a pace to erect a new public space war memorial for the village. If you would like to get involved in any of these projects please let us know.

Wishing you a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year,

Dave Reilly and Ray Payne. North Warwickshire and Warwickshire Councillors