

## Sunday gatherings at 10am

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec **Altogether Communion**  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec **Holy Communion**  
including celebrating a 'Blue Christmas'.  
*With Kids Creation Station for age 3-12.*

17<sup>th</sup> Dec **Service of the Word**  
@ 4pm **Carols by Candlelight**  
*featuring The Greenway community singers,  
with seasonal refreshments.*

24<sup>th</sup> Dec **Holy Communion**  
@4pm **Christingle Service and Nativity**  
@ 11:30pm **Midnight Mass**

25<sup>th</sup> Dec **Christmas Day Family Service**

31<sup>st</sup> Dec **New Year's Eve**

## Weekly

**Baby & Toddlers group** 9:30 - 11am Monday mornings

**Alpha Course** Tuesdays

**Kintsugi Hope** Group, Fridays

**Friendship Café** Weds 10am – 12noon

**Bible Study** 1.30pm Wednesdays

## Coming up

**Wreath Making** Dec 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

All welcome: please book your place with Tenna

**Give it Back Mak** 21<sup>st</sup> Dec @1pm

*with Riding Lights Theatre company*

followed by Santa's Grotto.

Tickets £3: please speak to Ali in the office for more details.

## Date for PCC

Our next PCC is 15<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like anything discussed please speak to a member of the PCC.

## How to contact us

Emails and telephone messages are checked at least 3 times a week.  
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There is also a website contact form  
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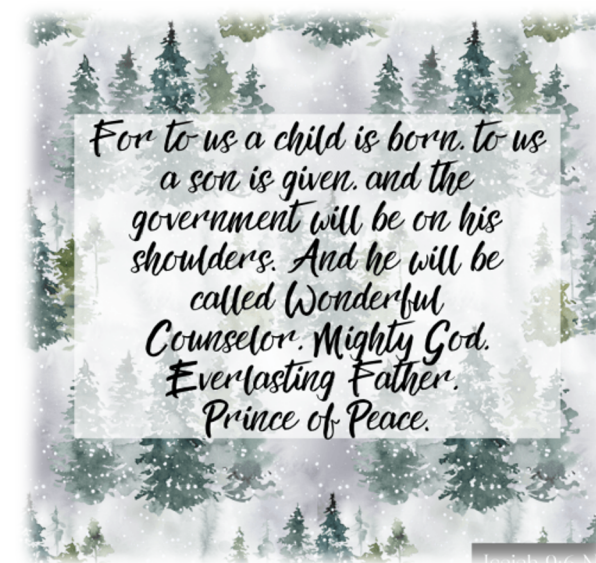
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# St Stephen's Southmead

## Bulletin December 2023



*A warm welcome  
whether it is your first time visiting  
or you are a regular part of the  
congregation! We are so glad to see you  
and gather as a church family. Please do  
ask if you have any questions or are unsure  
about anything.*

*Our prayer is that as you spend time with  
us you might meet with the Living God*

## Prayer - changes things

Let's pray for all those missing someone at Christmas.

Those homeless, grieving going through divorce those separated from family. Let's pray for families who don't talk may they reconcile their differences.

## Weekly meeting to pray

Anyone available is welcome to join us for an informal prayer meeting every Wednesday at 9.30 am. For details, ask Janet.

## Bible Study

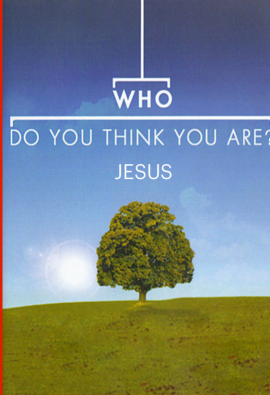
**Advent study**  
Matthew 1:1-17  
Luke 3:21-38

Wednesday 22nd Nov. -  
Abraham to David

Wednesday 6th Dec. -  
David to exile

Wednesday 20th Dec. -  
Exile to Jesus

WHO  
DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?  
JESUS



Our weekly Bible Study runs on Mondays at 1.30pm Everyone is very welcome: please speak to Jenny for more details, [revjennylow@gmail.com](mailto:revjennylow@gmail.com)

## Kids & Babies Matter

Kids Matter continues to run at Fonthill School. Please also pray that a Baby's Matter group will be able to start in the new year. If you would like to be part of either of these, Trenna will be happy to tell you more.



## Alpha



Alpha has finished now, and we had a lovely group of people; we've shared meals, thoughts, and encouragement, with some great discussions over the past few months. We also enjoyed a Saturday together in early November, learning about the Holy Spirit. If you're interested in joining the next Alpha course at St Stephens, we're planning another one in the Spring, so watch this space!

## Toddler Group



Our toddlers group runs Monday morning 9:30-11:30 in term time.

All with babies and preschool children are very welcome.

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## Wreath making



Monday  
DEC | 4 | 7.30PM  
ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH ULLSWATER RD  
to reserve your materials please contact  
Trenna 07446375698 | £5

An evening to enjoy seasonal refreshments and make a lovely decoration. 7.30pm on **Monday 4 Dec** Please contact Trenna to reserve your materials.

## Greetings from our Minister

Happy Christmas everyone!

This year we have a selection of different services over the Christmas season that we'd love to invite you to. For those that have had a difficult year, on 10 Dec we have our 'Blue Christmas' space, where we are creating a tree with memories of those who have died or losses that we have sustained this year. Come and join us as we do this together on 10 Dec. We also have lots of fun for all with our Nativity Carol Service at 4.30pm on 17 December. On both 17 and 24 at 10am we will be having a quiet communion service but there are family services in the afternoon for all to enjoy. We have a community Christmas event Give it back Mak on Thursday 21 December at 1pm, followed by Santa's Grotto! All are welcome to join us for the play and to visit Santa after. Tickets are £3 a family and your ticket covers both events. Christmas Eve, we have the ever-popular Christingle at 4pm, and Midnight Mass at 11.30pm which we hope to livestream. Christmas Day, we gather at 10am for a short service of fun and celebrations with the church family. We are here at 10am every Sunday and you are always welcome! We would love to see you this Christmas, to pray with you, to celebrate with you and to share sadness and joy. We are a healthy family who are related because we all have the same Heavenly Father, and we offer a warm welcome. Love and prayers for a wonderful Christmas and a Happy 2024.

*Rev Gaby Doherty*