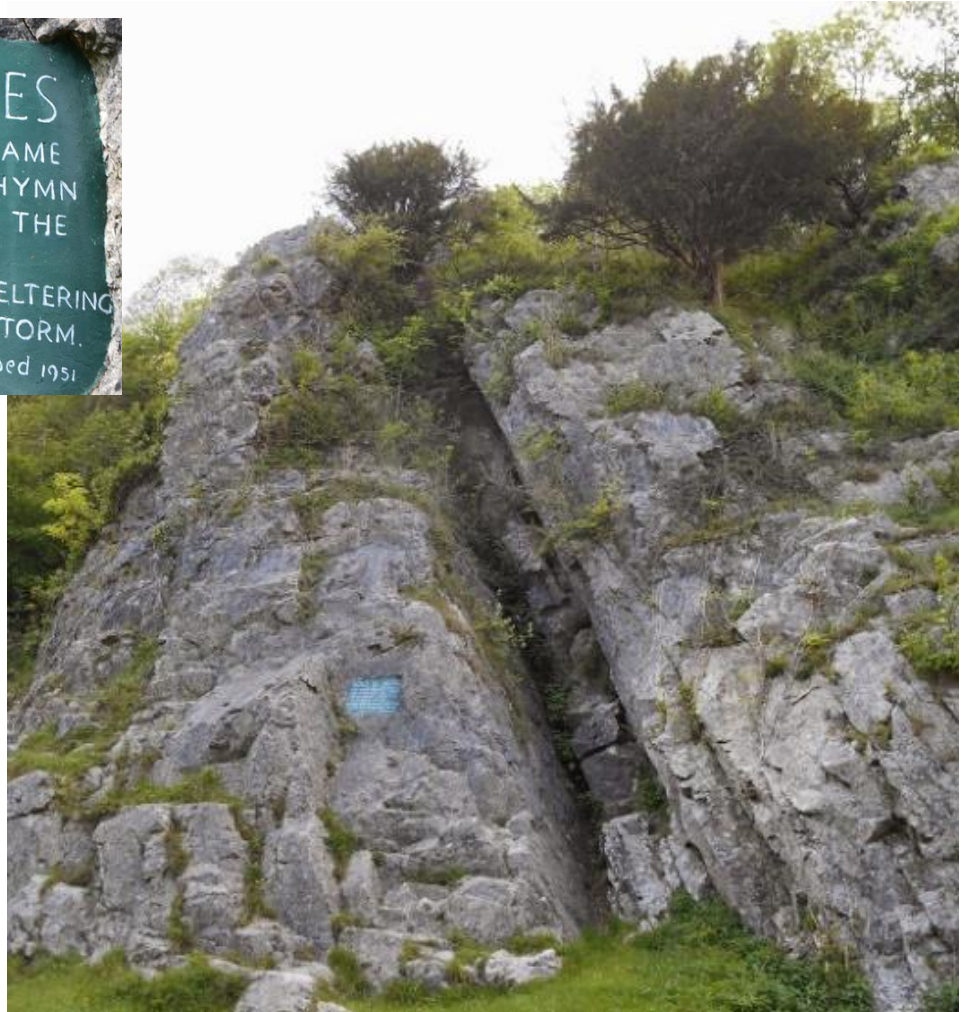
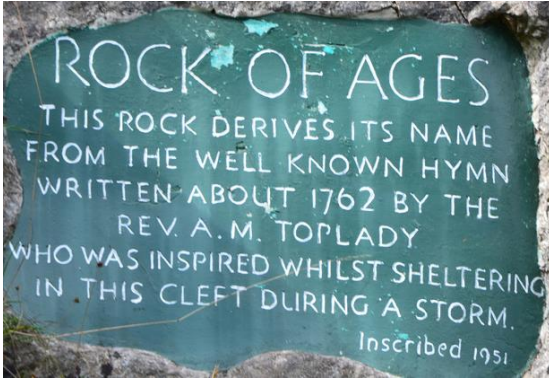


Kingfisher Church

Sunday 9th December



The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18 v 2

Children: Christmas foretold

Please join us for tea, coffee, biscuits & chat after the service today

Prayer Ministry

The prayer ministry team will be available after the service to quietly pray with anyone who would like prayer.

What's on?

Sunday evenings 6pm: **Your Kingdom Come** at Holy Trinity

Sunday evenings 8pm: **Open House for Prayer** at the Bennetts': Come along if you would like to pray for our ministry and mission at Kingfisher Church or you would appreciate someone praying with you about anything! You can come for 5 minutes or an hour, or more.

Thurs 13th Dec 8pm: **Advent Reflection:**
#GodWithUs 3 – Waiting at the Bulls'

Fri 14th Dec 6-8pm: **YMCA (KFC2) Christmas Meal**

Fri 14th Dec 6.10-8.10pm: **CREW** (Christians Ready, Equipped and Willing)
Christmas Meal at the vicarage

Fri 14th Dec 8pm: **Mens social** at the Red Admiral

Sun 16th Dec 4pm: **Carol service** with Alison leading and speaking



Coming up!



Thurs 20th Dec: morning at Castle Mead School and afternoon at the Mead School.

We hope to provide characters for a '**living nativity**', so we are looking for volunteers to take part - please speak to Alison if you've always wanted to be an angel/ shepherd/ Mary!!



At the Mead this will include a **Christingle service** with the Year 1 children and their families.



Sun 23rd 10.30am: Short **Communion Service** with Reuben immediately followed by **Carol Singing** in the Red Admiral

New Year

Sat 5th Jan: **Church walk** in the afternoon with a visit to a local hostelry afterwards!

Please Pray for...

Prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out. Ephesians 6 v18 (the Message)

Church family

- **Supernatural strength and security for those facing challenging times: Protection** over our mental health, **healing** for those who are currently struggling with these issues and **wisdom** for how to **walk with God** and experience more of his **peace** and **rest**.
- **Stella** - for her **treatment to work well with minimal side effects and steady progress**; for **peace and protection** for her and all the family
- **Laura's mum, Maree**: for a **speedy and pain free recovery** after she had her kidney removed.
- **Paul Blocksidge**: for **strength, for health, and relationships** in his family for the Holy Spirit's help in this
- **Alan Foy**: **give thanks for better news for continued healing for his eye**
- **Paul Barber**: for **more stability in his condition and good help and support** from the medical professionals for **peace, strength and encouragement** for all the family
- **Richard Bristow**: for **healing and freedom from pain**
- **Stephen Bull**: **peace and freedom from worry** as doctors investigate blood iron levels. **Wisdom** for the doctors

Please continue to pray for: Jo's sister, **Steve's Dad, Jo's Mum, Ruth** - the child we sponsor in **Ecuador, Alison's and Alice's parents**

Young People

For the Holy Spirit to move in power among all our young people, that they would be **strengthened spiritually** and know and **experience how much God loves them**.

- The **new group for years 6 & 7** meeting monthly at the Bennetts'. For the **older group**: that God would **strengthen their friendships & faith**.

- **GSUS Live** coming to 6 local secondary schools this term (**St Laurence school** this week). That the 3 themes - **fear, forgiveness** and **rejection** - would **resonate** strongly with the young people. Also for wisdom in how to **follow up** those who express an interest. www.countiesuk.org/schools-work/gsus-live

Community

- **Give thanks** for the life of the local man who we have been visiting to **read the Bible & pray with**; Please pray for his **family** as they **grieve** following his **death** and **funeral**.
- **As we plan to run an Alpha course in the New Year...** for a venue, who to invite, volunteers to help run the course, prayer support...
- **Mentoring at Castle Mead School**: For a **strong connection** with the new children and their families; that the mentoring will continue to be a **blessing** to the school. For **spiritual protection** over this at the moment.
- Continued **strong links** with the schools and the opportunity to **serve them** and share our **experience of faith**.
- **Christians** who are involved in our local shops: Paxton's, Lloyds Pharmacy, Castle Mead Co-op
- For continued **good relationships** with the **manager** and **staff** at the Red Admiral
- Join with others in praying for increased **opportunities to share the gospel with others** in this year of **HOPE** 2018.

Advent Reflections

Steve will be leading us a in a series of 4 reflections for advent, to help us prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas. These will be based on material produced by the Church of England called #GodWithUs

The 4 sessions are:

1. #GodWithUs 1 – Listening - 29th Nov
2. #GodWithUs 2 – Watching – 6th Dec
3. #GodWithUs 3 – Waiting – 13th Dec
4. #GodWithUs 4 – Welcoming – 20th Dec *with Christmas refreshments*

