

ALL SAINTS MESSENGER

SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2018

**10.45am Morning Praise
United at Methodists**

SUNDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2018

**10.30am Holy Communion
at All Saints**



REGULAR ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAYS

THE JOLLY TEAPOT 11am -1.00pm

You'll see this sign hanging on the gate of All Saints every Wednesday morning, when the Church is open from 11.00am until 1.00pm. Come in for a chat and coffee and cake, (or tea). It's also a good opportunity for visitors to look round the Church and avail themselves of the printed guides, or for people to bring food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Some people may just want to sit quietly. All will be welcome. Donations for coffee go to All Saints Church Funds.

HOLY COMMUNION 10.30am

Monthly Midweek Holy Communion – Normally first Wednesday in the month, in Church through the summer, switching to house based in October.

FIRST STEPS 2pm -3pm (in term time)

For pre-schooler's & their parents/grandparents/carers – Stories, Songs, Craft, Activities, Refreshments. All Welcome

MOTHERS' UNION 2pm – 3pm

Held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Hall. Everyone welcome.

THURSDAYS

LADIES QUEST DISCUSSION GROUP 8pm-9.30pm

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month further details from Jane Bullock on 711 531

BELL RINGING 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Church Bellingringing practice every Thursday, please contact Richard Solesbury-Timms on 07456716031 for details.

SUNDAYS

MENS GROUP 8.00pm – 9.30pm

For further details please contact Peter Mackie on 711 935. *Please check with group leaders as some activities may run differently during holiday periods.*

PRAYER - If you have an urgent prayer request you can activate the prayer chain at any time. Please call or text either Di (01295 713838 or 07711 237 389) or Mary (07842 162 795) *All prayer requests treated with confidentiality.*

HYMNS AT CHENEY HOUSE: The next hymn singing at Cheney House will be on Tuesday September 4th from 11.00 - 11.30am. Details from Claire Wilks (711516).

BRING-AND-SHARE LUNCH: You are all invited to share in the next Bring-and-Share lunch on Sunday September 2nd at 12.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall. There is no need to book your place, baked potatoes will be provided so just come along and bring a topping for the potatoes, or a pudding to share. The meal follows the united service at 10.45am in the Methodist Church. Children welcome.



The Stewards at the Methodist Chapel are very concerned to hear rumours about the sale of the chapel. There are NO current plans for its sale. The Stewards are aware of the distress the rumours have caused to existing members. Please help to put the record straight

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS: We are providing guided tours of the church this September, as part of the nationwide scheme to make England's wonderful stock of listed buildings more accessible to the public. If you are intrigued to know the story behind William Morris's involvement with All Saints, this would be the perfect opportunity to find out. You may have friends or relatives who are interested in art/design/history who might be interested too? Tours will be free with unrestricted opportunities for photography, just turn up, the opening times will be Friday 14 September 10.00am to 4.00pm. Saturday 15 September 10.00am to 1.00pm (wedding at 2.00pm). Sunday 16 September 1.00pm to 4.00pm (service in the morning). There will be special coverage of the unique painted roof, which we are seeking to preserve through our roof repairs.

SPONSORED ORGAN RECITALS: In addition to all the cyclists, riders, striders, and drivers visiting the churches in our Benefice on Saturday September 8th, Jennie Taylor is planning to do a sponsored organ-play in three of the Churches. She will be playing, in turn, at Warkworth Church, All Saints Middleton Cheney and St Peter and St Paul Chacombe in the morning and hopefully returning to All Saints in the afternoon. She will be happy to play selections chosen by anyone who is in the Church at that time. Jennie would welcome sponsors from our congregation. Half of all the money raised in sponsorship will come back to All Saints funds.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2018 - SHOEBOXES BURSTING WITH JOY

A shoebox wrapped in cheery paper and filled with small gifts and goodies is probably the first and only Christmas present needy children around the world will ever receive. Samaritan's Purse run this project annually, we invite all Chenderit Benefice residents to please help us support it by making up a shoebox/es of goodies – perhaps team up with family, friends or colleagues – it's easy and rewarding! Information leaflets, with a list of suitable goodies for children (2-4 years, 5-9 years, 10-14 years) and how to do your box, are at the following Middleton Cheney locations:- All Saints' Church, Methodist Chapel, The Butler's Pantry, Co-op Convenience Store, McIntyers Estate Agents. These locations are also 'Drop-off Points' for completed boxes during their normal opening times. Join in our popular & sociable '**Wrap & Fill**' sessions with coffee/tea, cake & chat to enjoy, on:

*Saturdays 20th October, 3rd & 17th November, from 9.30am to 2.30pm,
in the Methodist Schoolrooms, Queen Street, Middleton Cheney, OX17 2NP.*

We welcome contributions of goodies (new please), empty shoeboxes (approx. size 12''x7''x5''), wrapping paper, and money donations towards the £5 project cost to get each box to a needy child. *Please note: 2018 will be the last year that sweets and toothpaste can be included, due to increasing customs regulations.*

Do call Mary Phipps 01295 712894 or Carol Souch 01295 521605 for further information, or if you would like some leaflets and a display poster for your group or village team. Knitting and crochet patterns are also available for home made fun goodies! **Final date for dropping off completed shoeboxes is Sunday 18th November.**

RIDE & STRIDE - Saturday 8th September 2018 – Organised Events in the Chenderit Benefice Area

Ride and Stride is a national event when churches throughout the country welcome walkers and cyclists raising money from sponsorship based on the number of churches they visit during the day. In the area of the Chenderit Benefice we are building on the national event by organising additional events intended to raise awareness of the ten churches and chapels in our area. Our events will be formally opened by Mr James Miller, a Deputy Lieutenant of Northamptonshire. Mr Miller is the author of the detailed descriptions of 100 of our county's most stunning and historic churches listed on the website of the "Northamptonshire: Britain's Best Surprise" campaign. Three of these churches are in our Benefice. Funds raised from sponsorship will be shared equally between the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, a registered charity, and the local church nominated by each participant. **WALKERS** - There will be one organised Benefice Walk which will start at Warkworth and will visit all ten churches in the Benefice area. Most of the Walk will be on public footpaths. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the route. The walk is intended to be great fun; it is not a race and people are welcome to walk at whatever speed suits them best. The route and (very) approximate times are as follows: Warkworth Depart 09:00, Middleton Cheney Depart 10:00, Chacombe Depart 11:00, Thenford Depart 12:30, Marston St Lawrence Depart 13:30, Greatworth Finish 15:00. If you would like to join the Benefice Walk, please make your own way to Warkworth Church and get there at 08:45. Please do not leave cars unattended in the field by the church. Please be aware that there are no toilets at Warkworth Church. The Benefice Walk is being coordinated by Nicholas Ward t. 01295 711530. **HORSE RIDERS** - There will be one organised horse ride which will start at Greatworth and take a circular route by road to Marston St Lawrence and Thenford and then back to Greatworth, visiting four of the ten Churches. Participants will meet at 11:00 at Bacon House, Greatworth, where refreshments will be provided. Riders will move off at about 11:20 and the ride should get back to Greatworth by 12:30 to 1:00pm. Children on ponies are welcome provided they are accompanied by an adult. The horse ride is being coordinated by Veronica Ward t. 01295 711530. **CYCLISTS** - Most cyclists prefer to plan their own route, either on their own or with friends. We are therefore not organising a Benefice bike ride. If you would like to be put in touch with other cyclists who are taking part, please call Nicholas Ward on 01295 711530. More experienced cyclists will want to visit 20 or 30 or more Churches but please be sure to visit all ten in our Benefice area. **CARS** - We are very keen that as many as possible of the residents of our Benefice should take part in Ride and Stride. If you do not want to walk or ride a horse or a bicycle, please ride in your car and visit some or all of our ten churches. **QUIZ** - A Quiz is being organised by Walter Stageman of Greatworth and copies of it will be available at all the churches. **VILLAGE SHOWS** - When you have finished your Ride and Stride activity, please remember to visit the Three Villages Show at Greatworth School and/or the Village Flower and Produce Show at Middleton Cheney Village Hall. **SPONSORSHIP** - Please get as many people as possible to sponsor you, using the forms provided. After the event, please make cheques payable to Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust and return your sponsor money and form (both sides) to your Local Organiser or to Sue Gale, The Tile House, Marston St Lawrence, OX17 2DA . Tel. 01295 711267. **Sponsorship forms are available in churches.**

NEW CHURCH WEBSITE

All Saints Church now has a new website and this can be accessed at the address below

www.allsaints-mc.church

More content will be added in due course but please check out the website for service details, events, Fundraising, Contacts and other information.

If you have any queries or wish to add anything to the website, please contact Stuart Fowler by email on **s.fowler@wg-plc.com**.

Please note the Benefice Website is no longer active

Notice should be submitted to Heidi Fowler by e-mail to h.fowler@wg-plc.com, or to 18 Astrop Road. Items for inclusion should be received by 5pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion for the coming Sunday.

Contacts - Church Wardens: Bridget Robb 710192 & Mike Wilks 711516. For Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms please contact Rector - Rev. Nick Leggett: 07925 419068 Email: leggettluwe@yahoo.co.uk Associate Priest - Carolyn Oley: 01280701311 Email: Carolyn.oley@btinternet.com

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