

ALL SAINTS MESSENGER

SUNDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2018

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2018

10.30am Advent Family Praise



A very warm welcome to All Saints. If you are a visitor, we do extend a particularly warm welcome to you. If you would like any help or more information about the church or the services, then please speak to one of the welcome team. Back Supports and large print copies of hymns are available, as well as in induction hearing loop – please ask for details of how to make use of this. Toilets & baby changing facilities are located at the back of the church under the bell tower. Children are very welcome at all our services and there are activities available for them. If you have young children, please ask for a ‘pew bag’ which contains some specific toys/activities for them or please make use of the children’s area. Please check the notices for children’s’ activities.

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 – First Wednesday in the month, now permanently in the Church, preceding The Jolly Teapot. Join for coffee afterwards.

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 Bellingring 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.*

CAROLS SING-ALONG

Saturday 8th December, enjoy festive carols and Christmassy songs 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the church with the Middleton Cheney Singers



Community Choir and the Hand Bell Ringers. Sing-along to some of your favourite carols and join with children from the audience singing ‘Little Donkey’. This is a fun seasonal event with lots of audience participation. Proceeds shared between the church roof repair fund and choir expenses, entry by suggested donation of £5 per family. Interval refreshments of mince pies, hot drinks or wine, by additional donation.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The Festival will be open Saturday 1st Dec. 11.00 to 4.00 and Sunday 2 Dec 12.30 to 4.00. Entry is free, donations would be very welcome. Refreshments will be available. There is a fun ‘Best Tree’ competition, programmes listing the names and numbers of the trees for voting will be on sale. Deciding which tree to vote for is a great way of involving accompanying children. There is still time to enter a tree yourself, contact Caroline Stacey on 01295 710258 or cmstacey50@gmail.com, tree entry fee £10.



Easyfundraising.org.uk – would you like to raise funds for the Church with your on-line shopping? It's easy and you don't pay a penny. On many retailers' sites you will see a donation pop-up – once you have registered with easyfundraising.org.uk for All Saints Church, Middleton Cheney, simply click on this and retailers will pay a small percentage of your spend with them to the church. The more people who register, the more funds – over £600 has been raised over the years so far. Please take 5 minutes to register before your Christmas shopping!

The next Messy Church
will be



**MESSY CHRISTINGLE
SUNDAY
16th DECEMBER
3pm - 5pm
ALL SAINTS CHURCH**





Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Gifts 2018

We are delighted to announce that:-

**282 gift-filled shoe boxes
have been collected this year!**



from the three 'Wrap & Fill' sessions held by the Methodist and All Saints Churches in Middleton Cheney and supported by the local community including Chacombe.

Our boxes are destined to needy children in Central Asia (a group of 5 countries:- Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan).

The children will be so happy to receive their shoe box gifts and know that they have been remembered this Christmas.

Massive thanks to our many contributors and helpers for their support and time to produce these boxes of fun, including: the wonderful knitters and sewers of glove puppets, hats, gloves, wrist warmers, scarves and bags; the box wrappers, fillers and card writers; everyone who has made and dropped off gift-filled boxes; for the donated goodies and cash donations; the coffee makers and cake bakers; to The Butler's Pantry, Co-op Convenience Store and McIntyers Estate Agents for being drop-off points.

The Coffee and Cake Mornings held during the 'Wrap & Fill' sessions were enjoyed by all who visited, they helped to raise the vital funds needed to pay the distribution costs of £5.00 per box. £705.92 has been forwarded to Samaritan's Purse to pay towards project / distribution costs incurred by the charity to process and send our 'Wrap & Fill' boxes to the children (this is in addition to cash, cheques or online payments people made to cover these costs for sending their own boxes).

Here is a break-down of this year's boxes:

	BOY	GIRL
2-4 years :	28	44
5-9 years :	63	62
10-14 years:	52	33

A grand total of 2470 filled shoe boxes have been sent to needy children during the 15 years our churches and the local community have supported this appeal.

Let's get ready for next year! – We need lots of empty shoe boxes, fun toys, small soft toys, toiletries (*NO liquids, toothpaste or sweets from now on*), school supplies. A list of suitable goodies (new please) is available from Mary Phipps 712894 or Carol Souch 521605

FOOD BANK

Any contributions for the Salvation Army Food Bank can be left at the back of All Saints on Sunday morning or during The Jolly Teapot on Wednesday mornings 1100-1300.

Thank you for your important gifts.



SMALL MICROWAVE NEEDED!

Do you have a small microwave you no longer need? Or one sat in a cupboard gathering dust? We are looking for a new small microwave to replace the old one in the kitchen, as it is too big for the space in the kitchen and no longer working properly. If you have one, you'd be willing to donate to the church, please let us know!



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: leggett1uwe@yahoo.co.uk

Associate Priest - Carolyn Oley: 01280701311 Email: Carolyn.oley@btinternet.com

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