

ALL SAINTS MESSENGER

SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER 2018

3pm Messy Christingle

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Services listed overleaf

SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2018

6.00pm

Carols by Candlelight



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 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.*

CHRISTMAS FUND RAISING - A big thank you to all who supported this year's three Christmas community events which had fund raising elements for the church roof repair. The Flower Arranging Demonstration raised £800, the Christmas Tree Festival £1,906 and the Carols Singalong £600, which was shared with choir, so the roof repair received £300. We are in the process now of applying for the next stage of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant to carry out the work. We have a future bride who does not want to get married in a church covered in scaffolding who has given us a deadline of next October, so we best get on with it!



Messy Christingle

SUNDAY

16th DECEMBER 2018

3pm – 5pm

**Come and join us as we celebrate
Christ, The Light of the World
and find out more about what our
Christingle means**



UPDATE ON ROOF - We have now been given permission by the diocese (a Faculty) to press ahead with putting on a tarne-coated steel roof. This week we are sending the final documents to the Heritage Lottery Fund in the hope of getting the majority of the money from them. If this is accepted, we would hope to start the work as soon as possible in the Spring 2019. And we will then need to do some serious fundraising to top up the HLF grant. If we do not get the grant for any reason - then we will have to think about alternative options.

UPDATE ON REORDERING - On the plans for new heating, lighting, seating and storage, the diocesan committee looked again at our plans in November - and want yet more information before taking any decision. We are asked, for a photo of the church taken before the 2000 reordering. So, if you have any church photos before 2000, please can I borrow them to take a copy - or can you scan and send it to me. We are also being asked for the plan of the seats before 2000. Again - any help would be welcomed. It is frustrating that they are more interested to know how things were in the past rather than how they can be in the future!

JOLLY TEAPOT- Next Wednesday (December 19th) The Jolly Teapot coffee morning will open half an hour later than usual because of the Pre-School Carol service in Church that morning. Please come any time from 11.30am to 1.00pm for mince pies, coffee, and a chat. There will be no Jolly Teapot on December 26th or January 2nd, it will re-open for the New Year on **Wednesday January 9th**. Everyone welcome.



Very many thanks to all the people who so generously donated sweets and toys at the Community Spirit Christmas Tree at the Christmas Tree Festival. Salvation Army staff send you their thanks, the goodies will be very much appreciated by the children they serve.

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX UPDATE

Thank you for bringing your group's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to The Peoples Church during November. In total, we sent off 1,823 gift-filled shoeboxes for needy children overseas. It was only when we took our final batch of cartons to the exporting warehouse in Coventry on 30th November, we learned that our shoeboxes were not going to Central Asia as I had previously been told. For logistical reasons, the destination had to be changed but I am pleased to advise you they were loaded last week onto a lorry for Romania. I am sorry for any inconvenience the previous information may have caused you. Here is the age/gender analysis of shoeboxes sent from the Banbury processing centre, which you should find interesting and may help you in choosing which groups to pack for next year. **Boys, 2-4yrs – 160, 5-9yrs – 350, 10-14yrs – 313. Girls, 2-4yrs – 194, 5-9yrs – 491, 10-14yrs – 315 TOTAL BOXES 1823.** In closing, let me thank you again for your support in helping us achieve such a fantastic outcome to this year's shoebox appeal and wish you a peaceful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.
Eunice Harradine, Volunteer Area Coordinator

December/Christmas Services and Events

Sunday 16th December

3.00pm — 5.00pm Messy Christingle at All Saints

Friday 21st December

7.00pm Carols and Mince Pie Social at the Methodist Church

Sunday 23rd December

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight at All Saints
Followed by mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee

Christmas Eve

3.00pm Crib Service at All Saints

7.00pm Traditional First Communion of Christmas at All Saints

N.B. We will be joining the congregation at Chacombe Church for Christmas Eve Midnight Service

11.15pm Midnight Service at St Peter and St Paul Chacombe

Christmas Day

9.30 am Family Christmas Communion with blessing of toys at All Saints

Sunday 30th December

10.45am Benefice Communion at Greatworth

Sunday 6th January 2019

10.30am Informal Worship at All Saints



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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Please note there will be no printed notices on the 23rd December or the 30th December 2018. Email notices may be sent if any notices are required, otherwise the next printed notices will be on Sunday 6th January 2019.