

ALL SAINTS MESSENGER

SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2019

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 31st MARCH 2019

**10.30am Benefice Communion (Mothering Sunday)
at Chacombe**



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 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.*

LENT STUDY GROUP CHANGE OF VENUE

The next Lent group will take place on Thursday March 28th at 8.00pm at **10, Chacombe Road** (next to the bus stop, beside the lay-by). The subject for the evening is "*Living Courageously*" and we will be looking at Romans chapter 5 verses 1-5. Each of the Lent meetings is a separate, stand-alone study, so even if you can only manage to come for one meeting, you will be very welcome. Further details 712265.

EASTER LAID BARE

An Easter reflection through 6 songs and personal time for reflection

1. No more of this – the happenings in the garden of Gethsemane
2. Judas, why? – having everything, he gave it all away
3. The Marks – directly facing Jesus’s suffering and victory
4. Resurrection song – the experience of the 1st Easter and beyond
5. Reconciliation – Jesus sacrifice and the reason for the cross
6. Disciple(ship) Faith – what it means to be a follower of Jesus today

Maranatha - ‘Our Lord, come!’



**Monday
1st April
at 8pm
All Saints**

METHODIST CHURCH

Our final and closing Service will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday 24th. March, led by Rev. Lin Francis and Rev. Steve Swann. Followed by cups of tea and cake. We look forward to seeing you. We are holding a Balcony Clearance Sale on **EASTER MONDAY- 22nd. April** from 10 a.m. More details later. Many thanks, Carol, Steward MCMC.

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 gifts.



HYMNS FOR ALL

Last year Middleton Cheney Singers experimented with a new concert concept of favourite hymns and classical music which was well received, consequently they will be doing a similar event again this year.



Raising money for the church roof repair, put it into your diary, Saturday 6 April at 2.30pm. Come along and have a good sing !

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Celebration of over 150 years of worship and Christian evangelism at the **Methodist Chapel, Sunday 24 March 3.00pm**, followed by a tea.

Hymns for All concert by Middleton Singers at All Saints, **Saturday 6 April at 2.30 pm**.

APCM new date, 21 April (Easter Day) 12.00pm, after 10.30 am morning Holy Communion.

Civic service, dedication of new British Legion branch flag at All Saints, **Sunday 28 April at 10.30am**.

D Day commemorative concert by Middleton Singers in All Saints, **Saturday 8 June at 2.30 pm**.

Strawberry Fayre at All Saints, Saturday 22 June from 2.00pm.

Garden Party in conjunction with the Garden Club, raising money for Reroofing Morris, **Saturday 29 June, Irene Page @ 35 Main Road from 2.00pm**.

REROOFING MORRIS

We have held a meeting with the contractor who is going to repair the roof, Shaun Ward of Prestige Metal Roofing based in Leicester. The work on the roof will start on 23 April, the day after Easter Monday. The windows close to the position of the scaffolding will first be covered on the outside with correx plastic sheeting in order to protect them. The consequence of this will be reduced light levels within the building. The scaffolding will then be erected with the materials hoist being located in the corner near the north east door. There will be a secure storage area for the building materials, down by the churchyard shed. The building and churchyard will become a designated construction site. For safety reasons we plan to restrict entry to the building to the south door and to strongly discourage people from walking though the churchyard, walking around the building via the Lanes will be alternative route. **The church will remain open during the whole period of the works, with week time activities and weekend services running as usual.** There will be no restrictions on the internal use of the building. Normal construction working hours will be 8.00am to 4.00pm. The works contract runs to 4 November, but we expect that the work will be finished a little before then. If you have any queries contact David Thompson, 12 Church Lane, Tel: 711115. We have secured the grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, but we still need to raise £50,000 as our contribution to the cost.

I SPY IN THE CHURCHYARD

If you look high up into the flowering cherry tree, at the eastern end of the church, you will spot two large black boxes embossed in white with the shape of a bat. These are alternative homes for any bats which may be disturbed by the roof repair. We are required by law to provide the boxes on a temporary basis as a bat disturbance mitigation measure.

Amongst the spring flowers you may have noticed some new delicate daffodils, with deep yellow trumpets and pale yellow outer petals, these are wild UK native daffodils known in some parts of the UK as Lent Lilies. With this name it seemed only right that we should introduce some into our churchyard. Other newcomers are wild white violets, to be spotted under the edge of the cheery tree canopy, their flowers are very tiny. They have arrived all on their own, probably by seed in bird droppings, but they are very welcome.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is hereby given that under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment not later than 21st March 2019. This year we are required to draw up a new electoral roll rather than revise the existing one. If you take no action, then you will not be able to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and will not be eligible to stand for election to a church office. Forms of application are available in Church or from Sue Vickers-Thompson. Please complete the form and leave it in the box in Church or deliver it to the Electoral roll officer, Sue Vickers-Thompson, Church Cottage, 12 Church Lane, Middleton Cheney, OX17 2NR before 21st March 2019.

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 - Rev. Carolyn Oley: 01280701311 Email: Carolyn.oley@btinternet.com

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