

ALL SAINTS MESSENGER

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2019

10.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2019

10.30am Morning 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 an 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 at Evelyn Hutchinson’s, 3 Stanwell Lea. Everyone welcome.

THURSDAYS

LADIES QUEST DISCUSSION GROUP 8pm-9.30pm

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month during Term Time, 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.*

FOODBANK

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 Weds mornings 1100-1300. Thank you for your gifts.



- Church open for Heritage Open Days, Friday 13 September 10.00am to 5.00pm.
- Messy Church Sunday 29 September 3.00pm to 5.00pm.
- Harvest Festival Sunday 6 October 4.30pm service, followed by supper.
- Middleton Singers Concert Saturday 12 October.
- Shoeboxes Wrap and Fill morning session Saturdays 26/10 and 9/11
- Messy Christingle 1 December
- Christmas Tree Festival 7 & 8 December

FIRST STEPS - New term begins Wednesday 11th. September. 2pm to 3pm OPEN TO ALL - and aimed at 0 to going-to-school age children, their parents/ grandparents/ carers. Songs, stories and related activities, with refreshments provided afterwards - all free of charge. A great chance for tots and their mums to meet and find friends, in a Christian setting. If you have neighbours, friends or family with young children, please tell them about First Steps and invite them to come along. Every Wednesday in term time or come when you can. We welcome all.



PREPARE FOR AUTUMN JACKETS! - Yes, the **Bring-and-Share lunch** is making a come-back on **Sunday September 8th at 12.30pm** in All Saints church after the Morning Service. This was always very popular when it was regularly held in the Methodist Hall, and it's hoped we can do it justice in All Saints. Everyone is very welcome to stay after the service, or to come along at 12.30 if they haven't been to the service. Baked potatoes will be provided, so please bring a topping, or a pudding, to share. Please don't bring anything that needs to go in the oven - because All Saints hasn't got one!

GROUND CONTROL TO MAJOR SWING

Is the appropriate title of a concert taking us back 50 years, performed by the Adderbury group Voices across Time, consisting of 4 singers and a band of 5, at All Saints on Friday 13th September at 7.30pm. Website: www.voicesacrosstime.com Set in September 1969, two months after the first manned lunar landing by the Apollo mission 50 years ago, it will include dancing and songs from the time such as 'Fly Me to the Moon' and 'Rocket man', plus some 'big bang pieces' from the last night of the proms, such as Rule Britannia. You can dance as well if you wish in the second half – come and show off your moves! This lively evening's entertainment will finish at around 9.30 pm, drop off point by the churchyard south gate, interval refreshments. The proceeds will go jointly to the village Age Concern and the All Saints Roof Appeal. Tickets cost £12.00, OAP & Children concessions £8. Available online from boxoffice@voicesacrosstime.com, from Bridget, or on the door.



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

The church is again participating in the September national Heritage Open Days, throwing open the doors of historic monuments and buildings with guided tours; last year 2.6m visitors across the UK took advantage of this special opportunity. Our Grade I listed village church with its William Morris stained glass windows present residents with a great way of learning about aspects of the local community and church history. Free guided tours and refreshments will be offered on us participating days of Friday 13 September 10.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday 15 September 12.30pm to 5.00pm (10.30am service in the morning).



RIDE AND STRIDE: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14th

Last year several walkers joined the cyclists progressing from church to church in the Benefice to raise money for Northants Historic Churches Trust. Since then, All Saints has received a substantial grant from the Trust, so it's even more important to support the Trust again this year, by walking, cycling or manning the Church, or by offering to sponsor them. Sue and Bob Hunter would be very grateful to be sponsored again. Last year we couldn't face the hill up to Greatworth Church, or the hill home from Chacombe Church, so this year we're planning to do it on power assisted bikes, which isn't really cheating as we still definitely have to pedal!



ROOF UPDATE - Good progress is being maintained on the roof repair, this last week has seen some finishing touches being made to the south aisle roof, the flashings completed and some of the parapet re-pointed. A chimney flu was discovered at the east end of the south aisle roof, most likely from a heating stove. An old floor plan shows that there were two stoves, with the other at the west end of the north aisle. (Probably neither very effective!). There is rot in the end of one of the north aisle roof beams; we are proposing to 'repair' this by the use of a bespoke metal 'bracket', we are awaiting advice from the structural engineer about the required dimensions. This is a much cheaper solution than complex carpentry, the repair will be invisible when completed. Temporary scaffolding inside the church will be needed in the north aisle during this work. Replacing the drain pipes will start soon, they will be mat grey in colour.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2019 - SHOEBOXES BURSTING WITH JOY

A gift filled shoebox with lid and box wrapped in cheery paper 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 packing a shoebox of gifts such as fun small toys, hygiene items (no liquids) and school supplies – perhaps team up with family, friends or colleagues – it's easy and rewarding! Leaflets with details are at the following Middleton Cheney 'Drop-off Points' during their normal opening times:- All Saints' Church, the Library, The Butler's Pantry, Co-op Store, Co-op Chemist, and McIntyers Estate Agents. We welcome completed shoeboxes, goodies (new please), empty shoeboxes (approx. size 12"x7"x5") wrapping paper, and donations towards the £5 project cost to get each box to a needy child. Join in our sociable 'Wrap & Fill' sessions with coffee/tea, cake & chat on: **Saturdays 26th October & 9th November 9.30am to 2.30pm, at All Saints Church. A 'Wrap & Drop-off' morning will be at the Library on Saturday 12th October, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Please note sweets and toothpaste can no longer be sent due to import regulations.** Further local information from Mary Phipps 07522 807146 or Carol Souch 01295 521605, or website samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ
Final 'Drop-off' of completed shoeboxes is Monday 18th November.



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 KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AT ALL SAINTS CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE www.allsaints-mc.church or sign up to receive messenger by email by contacting h.fowler@wg-plc.com**