

ALL SAINTS MESSENGER

SUNDAY 1st December 2019

10.30am Family Service
3.00pm Messy Christingle

SUNDAY 8th December 2019

10.30am Holy Communion



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 SERVICES & 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

Midweek Holy Communion – Every Wednesday, in 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 Bellingring practice every Thursday, please contact Richard Solesbury-Timms on 07456716031 for details.

Please check with group activity 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.*



Middleton Cheney Singers
present

Carols for All 2019



Saturday 14th December 2.30 p.m.
All Saints Church, Middleton Cheney

Come and enjoy some of your favourite Christmas Music

**Merry
Christmas**

Proceeds towards the church roof and the choir

Margaret White would like to Thank all those who helped with the Flower Arranging Demonstrations.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

7th December 11.00am to 4.00pm

8th December 12.30pm to 4.00pm

Entry to this spectacular festival in the church is free. **However, if you would like to display a tree and have the public judge it, the fee is £10. You need to contact Caroline Stacey on 01295 710258 or cmstacey50@gmail.com to book a space in advance.**



CHENEY HOUSE SERVICE

The next short service at Cheney House will be on Tuesday, December 3rd at 11.00am. It will have an **Advent theme**, so extra voices would be very welcome, to help swell the singing of "Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes," Details from Claire (711516) or Bob (712265).

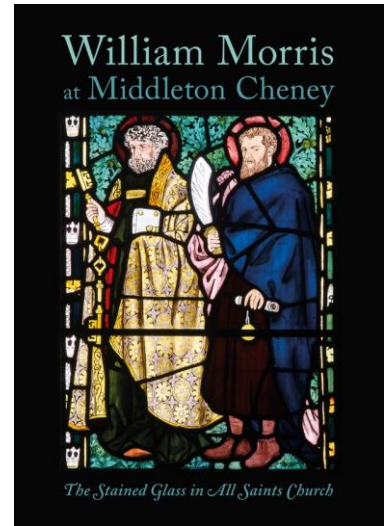
FOOD BANK

Many thanks to everyone for giving so generously to the Salvation Army Food Bank. This week we asked if there were any special items they needed for Christmas, and it seems that in addition to the usual kind seasonal donations they would really appreciate some men's toiletries and gifts (eg socks!) Apparently when it comes to the gifts they distribute at the Christmas lunch that they serve, the men sometimes get left out. Thank you!



HAVE YOU EVER LOOKED IN AWE AT OUR CHURCH WINDOWS?

This is the front cover of the book which we have created to bring knowledge about the beautiful stained glass windows in the church to a wider audience. For the first time it assembles what is known about these windows by Morris & Co. It contains stunning colour photography, revealing details impossible to see from floor level. As well as being a comprehensive account of the windows it contains an architectural history of the church, a short history of Morris's involvement with stained glass and a theological commentary on the windows. Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, it costs £10, is an informative tribute to All Saints and will make an excellent Christmas present. We hope to have copies on sale first at the Christmas Tree Festival on 7 & 8 December.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX GIFTS – 2019

We are delighted to announce that:- **238 gift-filled shoe boxes have been collected this year!** This follows the 3 'Wrap & Fill / Drop Off' coffee mornings held at All Saints Church and the Library, and with the wonderful support of our local community, including Chacombe, who dropped gift-filled boxes and goodies into the The Butler's Pantry, Co-op Store, Co-op Chemist and McIntyers Estate Agents. **We find out soon which country our boxes get sent to, where the children in need will be delighted to receive their gifts (probably their first ever gifts for any Christmas or birthday) and know they are 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 bags, glove puppets, hats, gloves, wrist warmers and scarves; the box wrappers, fillers and card writers; everyone who made their own shoe boxes of fun; for the donated goodies and cash donations; the coffee makers and cake bakers; the drop-off points listed above. The Coffee and Cake Mornings held during the 'Wrap & Fill' sessions were enjoyed by all who visited, they helped towards raising the vital funds needed to pay the distribution costs of £5.00 per box. £441.56 has been forwarded to Samaritan's Purse to help pay those costs they incur when processing and sending our 'Wrap & Fill' boxes to the children (this is in addition to cash, cheques and online payments people made to cover these costs for sending their own boxes). A grand total of 2709 filled shoe boxes have been sent to needy children during the 16 years our church and the local community have supported this appeal. **Let's get ready for next year!** Please start collecting through the year. We need lots of fun toys, small soft toys, toiletries (*NO liquids, toothpaste or sweets*), school supplies and empty shoe boxes (12" x 7" x 5" ideal size), please. A list of suitable goodies (new please) is available online at samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ Including knitting and crochet patterns to make homemade fun goodies! or contact Mary Phipps 07522 807 146.



CHRISTMAS 2019 AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday 1st 10.30am - Family Service of Advent Praise

3pm—5pm Messy Christingle

Sunday 8th 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd 6pm Carols by Candlelight

Followed by mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee

Christmas Eve 3.00 pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 9.30 am

Family Christmas Communion with blessing of toys

Weekday services

Each Monday—(2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd)

8am Morning prayer

Each Wednesday (4th, 11th and 18th)

10.30 Holy Communion

Each Friday (6th, 13th and 20th)

5.30pm Evening Prayer

these will be short 20—30 minute services



Friday 20th December 7pm ~ Social evening *A light-hearted event with Mince Pies and Carols*

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;
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Associate Priest – Rev. Carolyn Oley: 01280701311
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