



ALL SAINTS MESSENGER

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.

SUNDAY 22nd December 2019

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Followed by mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee

MONDAY 23rd December 2019

8.00am Morning Prayer

CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Family Christmas Communion

With blessing of toys

SUNDAY 29th December 2019

10.30am Benefice Communion

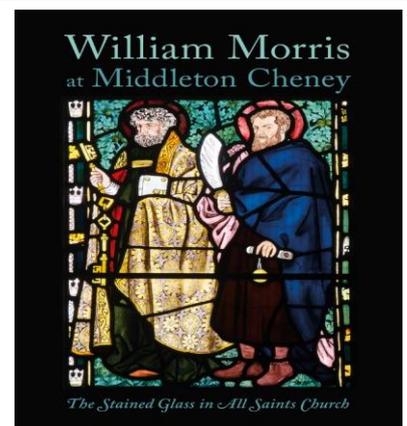
SUNDAY 5th January 2020

10.30am Family Worship

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.*

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. If you would like to buy a copy look out for them on sale from the table by the south door, at every service throughout the Christmas period.



BRING-AND-SHARE in 2020

The next Bring-and-Share meal will in All Saints Church on **Sunday January 5th** at 12.30pm following the Morning service. Baked potatoes will be provided, just bring a topping for the potatoes, or a pudding, to share. Everyone welcome, start the New Year with hot potatoes and in good company!



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!



ROOF UPDATE

The torrential wind driven rain on 12 December exposed a number small leaks on the south aisle, investigation the next day by the architect and contractor revealed that these were not leaks in the new roof itself, but in the surrounding stonework. Consequently we have decided to replace some clearly porous stones and carry out more pointing. Weather permitting this work by the stonemasons will be carried out on 2 & 3 January. The whole roof project is still on track for completion at the end of January. Some observant people have queried the new design of the rainwater downpipe hoppers; these have a pipe linking with the downpipe as before, but they also incorporate a rainwater chute. The chute will discharge rainwater from the roof should the downpipe become blocked, a good precaution as extreme rainfall events are becoming more common. All the old lead has been removed from the roof making it unattractive to thieves, but we must assume that our church is still under periodic reconnaissance by them, as Thenford had all its lead stolen again on the night of 13 December. Please report any persons who seem suspicious. We have had a very positive local response to the book on the stained glass windows which we have published, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Packed with facts and beautiful colour photography it is very good value at just £10, over 75 copies have been sold in the first two weeks. The book is on sale in the church.

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: leggettluwe@yahoo.co.uk

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