

ALL SAINTS'



This week's Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

Dear Friends,

The CofE issued revised guidance on Wednesday at 18.45 that raises some issues for us in ensuring that we are keeping everyone as safe as we can. We are working hard to address these but have had to accept that we cannot do so by Sunday 6th. The St Nicholas Family Service will therefore be on Zoom and then available all week via our worship webpage..

It is the second week of Advent and we are thinking about preparing ourselves spiritually. We learn from John the Baptist the need for self examination and repentance of sins when we come to prepare ourselves to be in God's presence - and St Nicholas reminds us of the marvellous joy that giving can bring to the person who gives and how the gift can make all the difference.

On that issue, as you know, our Church – like many others at this exceptional time - is in financial difficulties as our usual revenues from concerts, carol services and casual donations will not be available to us this year. So please prayerfully consider your giving and sharing in the ongoing maintenance of our worship and ministry.

Advent Reflection

God of hope and mystery,
In our anticipation and preparation
We wait for a kingdom in this world and the next,
And a king appearing
When we least expect,
Heaven touches earth,
Footsteps of the divine
Walk dusty roads
And a people
Searching for a saviour,
Walk straight past the stable.
Open our eyes and hearts,
that this might be an advent of hope
for the world
where those who seek
will find the Christ child born for them. Amen

Linda Dye's lovely suggestion:

Hello Jo, I've had an idea. Recently pensioners have all received a letter confirming they are entitled again this Autumn to a Winter Fuel Payment. It's not means tested, everyone above

a certain age is entitled. Well, I've been thinking that maybe there are a number of people in All Saints that can really afford to heat their home and could give part or all of this benefit to heating our church. I've just been reading Mark chapter 12 v 41-44 and it made me think. It's easy to give to our churches directly from our bank accounts but if we receive a little extra maybe it's good to share with God out of our love for him. It costs a lot to heat our beautiful church, and I thought maybe this suggestion would help. See you soon. Love Linda. X

Services in December (Please double check on our website as due to government restrictions we may need to make changes)

Sunday 6th December

10.00 Family Service for St Nicholas Day
Video: prayers and reflection for Advent 2
available on the All Saints website

Tuesday 8th 12.00 Wedding

Thursday 10th December 11.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 13th December

10.00 Family Eucharist

Video: prayers and reflection for Advent 3 on the All Saints website

Thursday 17th December 11.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 20th December

Video: prayers and reflection for Advent 4
available (no morning service)

4.00 Messy Church Christmas on **Zoom**

6.30 A Service of Lessons and Choir Carols by
Candlelight **Bookable**

Christmas Eve

4.30 Crib service on **Zoom**

Christmas Day (Friday)

10.00 am Christmas Communion **bookable**

Video: prayers and reflection for Christmas
available on the All Saints website

Sunday December 27th

10.00 Service of Morning Prayer on **Zoom**

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