ALL SAINTS'



This week's Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

Sunday 21st (PassionSunday) 10.00 Family Eucharist on Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87271593002?pwd =Um5QT3Z2ZEZXS0VLa3pTaG13cUxTZz09

Meeting ID: 872 7159 3002

Passcode: 967985

11.30 Said Eucharist in All Saints

We will follow the government guidelines of distancing, sanitising, facemasks and no conversation.

Tuesday 23rd March National Day of Reflection 11.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88015708219 Meeting ID: 880 1570 8219

12.00 Minute of Silence

14.00-16.00 Private Prayer in All Saints

19.30 Live Lent Session 5

Passing on the story of Jesus https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84970984521 Meeting ID: 849 7098 4521

20.00 Shine a light

'Zoom'-ing by 'phone

Call 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240 or 0131460 1196 and use meeting id followed by #

Gentle restart

Dear Friends,

At last, we will be holding a service in Church on Sunday – Passion Sunday - at 11.30 am. Coming after our main Zoom Service together at 10.00, it will be a short, said Eucharist with a different but related reading and prayers. Leon and Verity will be there at the door to greet you, taking your contact details and dispensing hand sanitiser. I will bring communion to you in your pew.

In line with Government restrictions, there will still be no singing (but some great recorded music), no shaking hands at the peace or sharing of the same cup, and – alas - even chatting afterwards or coffee is not permitted!

Of course this is absolutely necessary if we are going to safely ease back into public worship.

On Tuesday 23rd, the National Day of Reflection, All Saints will be open for private prayers between 2.00-4.00 pm. It will be a time of prayer, reflection and candle lighting. We are commemorating a year since our country went into lockdown. It will be a chance to reflect on all those who have died, time and events that have been lost, what we have learned from this pandemic and our hope for a brighter future.

https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/day-of-reflection

March 28th is Palm Sunday. We will have the great reading of the Passion Narrative at our Zoom Service. If you would like to pick up a Palm Cross please drop into church between 11.30 – 12.15 or on Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm.

Love, Jo

A Peregrine Falcon Comes to Stay!



A peregrine falcon has been nesting on the tower of All Saints Church while we have been away. It's a blue-grey, crow-sized bird with white underparts and a black head and a distinctive black mark looking like a moustache contrasting with its white face.

It is very swift and can fly at 200 miles per hour when it swoops down in its hunt for prey. It's the fastest bird in the world and faster than any animal. You may have seen quite a bit of evidence of its presence just outside the church door!

The falcon is mentioned several times in the Bible. 'That path no bird of prey knows, and the falcon's eye has not seen it. The proud wild animals have not trodden it; the lion has not passed over it.' (Job 28.7-8).

It was forbidden to eat it but also it was the source of great admiration as an amazing creature that sees so much and flies so high and yet God's wisdom is far greater.

Electoral Roll

Being on the electoral roll of All Saints gives you a vote at the APCM and shows full membership of All Saints Church.

If you are not sure or want to know more about it please contact Andrew Povey-Richards, our Electoral Roll Officer on ero@allsaintshertford.org.

Welcome Back to All Saints!

We remain in lockdown currently and while we appreciate many of you have had your vaccine jab – even both jabs, you may feel safer now, but not everyone is there yet, and many of us are still very wary of mixing.

We must remember those who have not yet been protected. Covid-19 remains out there and is a lethal disease killing many people every day.

The Government has asked that we continue to socially distance and not to mingle with others either inside or outside All Saints, and please refrain from talking to others – however much you would like to – in Church or in the car park.

It is only a few days until March 29th when you can speak in the carpark / outside, so we do request that you stick to the restrictions until then. Thank you!

The Emerging Church of England

The Emerging Church of England is the name for four strands of work which together will help leaders in every diocese to discern the shape, life and activity of the Church of England in the 2020s.

The main aim of the Emerging Church of England is to follow a shared vision - to share what God has done for us in Jesus Christ and continues to do through the Holy Spirit - with simpler national governance structures.

This work began before the coronavirus pandemic but has been intensified and adapted in light of the changing circumstances. The work is to:

Review our strategic context: the Church and the impact of the social, political and economic world around us

Determine key strategic priorities for the next ten years through a shared Vision and Strategy

Deliver simpler governance structures

Transform our national operating model for the future i.e. the practical ways the Church is organised and functions.

https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/emerging-churchengland

or sign up for a Webinar with Archbishop Stephen on March 25th 12 noon at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/9316158277 192/WN_Y7MnUoYaQhCoBBsz1RkhCQ

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