

ALL SAINTS'



This week's Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

Services for this week

4th Sunday of Easter 25th April

10.00 Family Eucharist on Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 872 7159 3002

Passcode: 967985

Tuesday 27th

11.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88015708219>

Meeting ID: 880 1570 8219

'Zoom'-ing by 'phone

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

'Have life abundantly'

Dear Friends,

On Sunday we will hear in the Gospel reading the words of Jesus; *'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly'*.

Jesus promises a life in which each of us will fulfill our God given potential and know ourselves loved by God and able to offer that love to others. We will also hear the reading from Acts in which Peter's words to the people result in a mass turning to Christ and a whole new way of living.

Our vision at All Saints is based on these crucial Bible passages: to live and grow in God's Love and to serve our community.

The passage from Acts gives us a picture of what this could look like; a transformed community of hospitality, generosity, celebration and worship, a community which is deeply attractive in every sense. It looks good and people want to join it. What an amazing model for us to follow as we, too, want to grow, serve and flourish.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting for All Saints Church this Sunday 25th

April, online this year. I do hope that you can join us. It's an important time when we can elect Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council. Reports have been put together, the major paper being the Annual Report and Accounts, I hope that you will read them. We will be sharing our vision for the way ahead for All Saints during these challenging times.

Please get in touch with me if you cannot attend to let me know any questions or issues you would like to raise. And, whether you can attend the meeting or not, I ask your prayers for those in Office and for our ministry in these especially challenging times. All Saints is for everyone and so as followers of Christ this meeting is about us and for all of us and those we serve.

Love and prayers, Jo (01992 584899)

Annual meetings 25th April

We will be holding two meetings on Zoom:

A 'Meeting of Parishioners' at 11.00, solely to choose two Churchwardens. This is open to "the persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish; and the persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence."

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.05

Open to those on the Electoral Roll of the Parish. In accordance with the guidance from the Diocese this meeting will cover the following:

- a report on the changes to the Electoral Roll since the last Annual Meeting.
- An annual report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally,
- the financial statements of the PCC for the year ending on the 31 December preceding the meeting,

- the annual Fabric Report under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018
- a Report of the proceedings of the Deanery Synod and
- Election of PCC Members.

Please note that other things, e.g. election of sides-people are matters for the PCC and not the APCM and so have not been included.

Further information and links to financial statements, reports etc:

<https://www.allsaintshertford.org/apcm.php>

Zoom links (for both meetings) are as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85453042971?pwd=VIF6eEFBaXJWMWx0TkdmU5zcE5tQT09>

Dial by your location 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240

Meeting ID: 854 5304 2971 Passcode: 320130

Thy Kingdom Come - Global Wave of Prayer 13th to 23rd May

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since its start in May 2016, God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly

devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby.

What we can do at All Saints

Follow this link for the 2021 [Prayer Journal and Novena](#)

For children: [Cheeky Pandas](#) and [videos for teenagers](#)

- Everyone will be invited to commit to praying for half an hour – there will be an opportunity to sign up for a particular slot to try to cover as much of the period between Ascension and Pentecost as possible.
- Prayers every evening from 13th to 22nd May on Zoom 7:00 – 7:30,
- Church open at safe intervals

Making Use of the Churchyard

- Posters celebrating the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, Prayer. Please let us know if you have art work or photographs that we can use.
- Wind chasers, wind chimes, ribbons. Pinterest and YouTube have plenty of ideas – we are happy to share some.

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