

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Second Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (Canon Grant)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Canon Grant)
11.30am All Age Communion (Canon Grant)
6.00pm Sung Evensong (John Wallace)

MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER *Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 850*

7.45pm-9.30pm Bellringers Practice Night

TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER

7.30pm Holy Communion with Healing (Fr. Ian)

WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

9.30am Toddler Time 1.30pm Toddler Time

THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER *Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c. 100*

10.00am Holy Communion (Mother Kirsty/Geoff Huskisson)
3.30pm Setting up Tree Festival

FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER

10.00am – 5.00pm Tree Festival 6.30pm Leighton Young Singers Club
7.30pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER *Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th Century*

9.00am Holy Communion (Fr. Noel)
10.00am – 5.00pm Tree Festival

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER

Christ the King

8.00am Holy Communion (Fr. Noel)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Mother Kirsty)
12.00pm – 5.00pm Tree Festival
6.00pm Evening Prayer in St. Hugh Chapel (Geoff Huskisson)

We would like to politely request that you turn off your mobile phones or switch them to flight-safe mode.

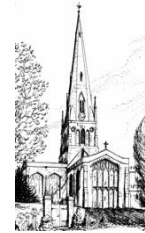
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We warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to our church. If any of you are from other denominations and are accustomed to receiving Communion in your own church you are welcome to here. For the hard of hearing the church is equipped with a loop system. Switch to T please. Gluten free wafers are available by prior arrangement.

The news sheet is for you to retain and use for reference and prayer

Today's services

8.00am Holy Communion (Canon Grant)

9.30am Parish Eucharist (Canon Grant)

Readings: RCL: Year A: Page: 384

Setting: Ives (Salisbury)

Introit: 192

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Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

1st Reading: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end

Psalm: 90 vv. 1-8, 12

Lord thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting and world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night. As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep: and fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and growth up: but in the evening it is cut down dried up and withered. For we consume away in thy displeasure: and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation. Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee: and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

2nd Reading: I Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Gradual Hymn: 233
Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30
Preacher: Canon Grant
Intercessions: John Wallace
Offertory Hymn: 336

During this time please observe a period of quiet reflection, as we receive Communion

Choir Anthem : Listen, sweet Dove – Ives
Communion Hymn: 249
Post Communion: 214

Please remember that it is not appropriate to applaud the final voluntary. Thank you.

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11.30am All Age Communion (Canon Grant)

Hymns: 604, 335, 432, 379, 284

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6.00pm Sung Evensong (John Wallace)

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Introit: 436
Responses: Ferial
Psalm: 89 vv. 19-37
Office Hymn: 244
Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis: Set B
Hymn: 408

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IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER

Sick: Tony Kempson, Alison Clabon, Barry Grocock, Valerie Jackson,
Marcus Flowerdew-Clarke, Thelma Harris, Anne Humphreys,
Gary Thomson, Keith Linger, Karen Nash, Judith Cundell,
Gary Hargreaves, Richard Griffin

RIP: Alan White, Rosemary Jean Hall, Mark Jefferson

Year's Mind: Jim Jury, Snowie Mead, Bessie Plummer, Revd. Peter Lymbery,
Gillian Macfarlane

In our Team: Pray for those who maintain the fabric of our churches

In the World: Pray for victims of war and violence

In the Diocese: Pray for churches in the Deanery of Dunstable

In the Wider Church: Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania

Continue to pray for us during this Vacancy and for the appointment of a new Vicar.

NOTICES:

PASTORAL CARE & SUPPORT: Please do bring any issues to our attention, via the office, so we can offer help as best we can during this period.

LAMINATOR: We have had to purchase a new heavy duty laminator for the church. Please note that all future laminating must be left, in advance, for the office to do. The laminator will not be available outside of office hours.

FRESH HANDMADE CHRISTMAS DOOR WREATHS made by All Saints Florists, £25 each, all proceeds to the Church Flower Fund. Orders in by 26th November with payment please. We cannot accept any orders after this date. Please put your name and money into an envelope marked for the attention of Kerry Sykes and leave in the Parish Office.

SHOEBOX APPEAL: A big thank-you to all those who so kindly filled the 16 shoeboxes for Link to Hope's 2023 appeal and for those who have knitted garments for the charity, either things to fill boxes or to sell in their shop. All boxes and garments have now been collected from the area organisers around the country and will be processed in Worthing before being transported by lorry to their final destination. People's time and generosity is so appreciated: your efforts will put smiles on many families faces this Christmas time.

KNITTED POPPIES: Thank you to everyone who supported the knitted poppy appeal. This year a fantastic £463.75 was raised, taking the total to date to over £10,000!

PULFORD SCHOOL: A reminder that we have a card scheme in place, with regard to meeting the Religious Affiliation criteria, for applications to attend Pulford School. For more information, or to obtain a card, please speak to a sidesperson or the Parish Office.

TEDDIES: Sally Kerr would be grateful for donations of your clean pre-loved teddies for the Preservation Trust Teddy Tombola at the Tree Festival. Please leave in the Parish Office.

TREE FESTIVAL: This year's Tree Festival will take place on Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th November. Helper's sign-up sheet is now in church. The Tree Festival is always a very busy weekend for the Coffee Shop. We would be grateful for any extra cakes that could be made for us. they can be brought on Thursday 23rd or anytime during the weekend. This would be very much appreciated.

ST. NICK'S SUPPER: 2nd December at 7.30pm at Hockliffe Grange. Tickets £15 in aid of St. Nicholas Church, Hockliffe, include supper, wine, music and good company. Booking essential - please contact Julia Dickens juliaedickens@gmail.com, 07791 394284 or 01525 210210.

TOY SERVICE: Sunday 3rd December, 11.30am. This year we will once again be supporting KidsOut Charity with donations of toys. Please support us by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to any service that day, or alternatively leave in the Parish Office.

EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS TRAIL 4th - 8th DECEMBER: If you are able to volunteer for a couple of sessions, either am 9-12.30 or pm 12.45-3.30, please speak to Lindsay for more information or to sign up! We are also looking for a Victorian suitcase.

BIBLE BOOK CLUB: The next meeting of the Bible Book Club will be on Friday 8th December at 7 pm in the Jim Chesterfield Room upstairs round the back of St Barnabas's Church Hall, in the Dorothy Hall Suite. We will be discussing the Great Divorce by C S Lewis.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD FESTIVAL SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Saturday 16th December, 7.30pm at St. Barnabas Church. Tickets @ www.lbfs.org.uk or from Paul Dickens.

ADVENT SEMINAR - WAITING ON THE WORD: RE-ENCOUNTERING THE SCRIPTURES: To aid our reflection during Advent this year, Mother Kirsty will be leading a seminar 8-9pm on Wednesday 13th December in All Saints. We'll be thinking together about the Scriptures - what story they tell, how they engage with the story of our own faith, and how they invite us to encounter the incarnate Word (Jesus!) on which we wait in this season. Some lecture style input and time to interact as we read a passage together. All welcome! Sign up poster on the red board.

ADVENT READING RECOMMENDATION: For those who like an aid to reflection during Advent, Mother Kirsty is suggesting 'Journeying to the Light' by John Mann (Messenger Publications, 2023) as Advent reading this year - it offers short daily reflections on the daily lectionary (bible readings).