



All Saints *focus*

19th December 2021

Simple - Gentle - Connected

Sunday Services

- 8.00am Holy Communion** The link is: [8:00am BCP Holy Communion 19th Dec](#)
10.00am Scratch Nativity The link is: [Sunday 19th December 10am](#)
6.00pm Carols by Candlelight The link is: [Carols by Candlelight service](#)



Christmas Services & Links

There are lots of special services happening this week as we welcome Jesus once again. All are welcome!

Tuesday 21st December: 10:30am Holy Communion and Carols.

Christmas Eve: Crib Services 4pm (the link is [Crib Service 4pm Christmas eve](#)) and 5:30pm (the link is [crib service 5:30pm Christmas Eve](#)).

Christmas Eve: 11:30pm Midnight Communion (the link is [Midnight Communion](#)).

Christmas Day: 10am Family Service (the link is [Christmas Day Celebration](#)).

Please note there will be no service on Boxing Day (26th December) and only 1 service on the 2nd January at 10am (the link is [10am 2nd January](#)).

Church Member Funerals

This coming week there are 2 funerals of church members happening at church:
Hilary Philpott, Monday 20th December at 2pm
Frances Seeley, Thursday 23rd December at 9am
Both families would love to invite church family to come to the funerals and the celebration of life afterwards in the church hall.

Holiday

Alison will be on holiday from Monday 20th December until Monday 10th January.
Lizzy and Lesley will be on holiday from Sunday 26th December until Sunday 2nd January.
During these weeks please contact a churchwarden (Roz or Candi) if there's anything you need and do pray for time to rest, be refreshed and enjoy time with family over these weeks.

Baptism Sunday Celebration

Sunday 9th January at 10am we will be celebrating baptism together as we remember Jesus' baptism and our own and reaffirm our vows together. All are welcome to this wonderful service of commitment and celebration.

19th December 10am - Scratch Nativity

Whatever your age you are invited to come along to All Saints 10am Scratch Nativity Service on Sunday 19th December, dressed as a Nativity character. There will be...

- an opportunity for everyone to get involved in a retelling of Bob Hartman's Christmas Story 'The Impossible Promise'
- prizes for the most creative costumes
- an opportunity to create a memory in the Church Yard Stable Photo Booth, after the service

Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service - especially for Families with preschool and KS1 children. [25/30 mins]

A short interactive reading of Tim Thornborough's 'A very Noisy Christmas' retelling of the Nativity Story with songs and carols.

5.30pm Crib Service - for families with KS2 and KS3 children [40/45mins]

Carols and a retelling of the Nativity Story reminding us all that... **Christmas... It's about Jesus.**

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day

10am - A Christmas Morning All Age Service **Celebrating Jesus' Birthday**, with a party feel.

Christmas in All Saints Churchyard...

- **Allesley Community Remembrance Tree...**
you are invited to add a ribbon for friends and family members who can't be with you this Christmas.
- **All Saints Angel Tree...**
with love from All Saints Church Family to you. Everyone is invited to come and collect a Christmas Angel to take home and hang on your tree.
- **Muddy Church The Adventure ...** a fresh **wander** through the Advent Story for all ages; as families, groups and individuals are encouraged to **wonder** and engage with the characters from the Christmas story.
- An opportunity to create a memory in the **Church Yard Stable Photo Booth.**
- As you wander through the church yard, check out All Saints' new **Outdoor Crib Scene** situated to the left of the Church Porch.



A Christmas prayer for you (taken from the Church Support Hub)

**Loving God, as we journey closer to the heart of Christmas,
Give us the strength and courage we need
to tell the good news of Jesus Christ
to all whom we meet through church, community, or home.
Help us to share in the joys of love and life even as
we bring comfort to those who face endings.
In the complexity of these days,
may we reflect your love, and know your peace.
We ask all this in your name, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Tea and Cake Event

Our next tea and cake event for older members of the community is on Tuesday 11th January at 2:30pm in the church hall. Do put the date in your diary and invite people who might enjoy coming.

Tech Training Weekend: 8th and 9th January

Watch this space for more information coming soon about opportunities to be trained on the different tech roles at church (laptop, livestreaming and sound) that enable our worship to be impactful for those in the building and online. Do mark the dates in your diaries.

8am and 6pm Service Pattern

Looking ahead to the new year we are planning the rota and would like to know if you are happy with our alternating pattern or if you would like to see us back to offering 3 services each Sunday. If you could let Lizzy know your thoughts before Christmas that would be really helpful.

Feedback for Leaders and Preachers

As a leading and preaching team at services we are eager to grow and learn and would really welcome congregational feedback to help us do that. What do you find really helpful in the way we lead worship and preach? Where do you feel we have space to grow? Please share your feedback and thoughts with Lizzy who will share with the team in the new year.

Dates for Week Commencing 20th December

For more information, links, signing up to our weekly newsletter or for support please contact Alison (allesleychurch@gmail.com or 07838 142387.

Please note Alison is on holiday this week so please contact Rev Lizzy instead (revlizzyholland@gmail.com or 07377449873)

Monday: 2pm Hilary Philpott's funeral (church and woodland)

Tuesday: 10:30am Holy Communion and Carols
2pm Burial of Ashes

Thursday: 9am Frances Seeley's funeral (church and woodland)

Friday (Christmas Eve): 4pm and 5:30pm Crib Services
11:30pm Midnight Communion

Saturday (Christmas Day): 10am Family Service (online and in church)

Sunday (Boxing Day): Please note there are no services this day



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1st onwards, churchyard ribbons and angels

2nd from 9:30-2:30 Advent Retreat Day

5th at 11:15am Final Carol Service Rehearsal

6th at 7:30pm Zoom prayer meeting

12th at 2pm Muddy Walk

12th at 6pm Outdoors Christingle

19th at 10am Scratch Nativity Service

19th onwards churchyard nativity scene

19th at 6pm Carol Service

21st at 10:30am Simple and Spacious Christmas Communion

24th at 4pm and 5:30pm crib services

24th at 11:30pm Midnight Communion

25th at 10am Family Christmas Service

Regular Services and Activities

1st and 3rd Sundays- 8am Holy Communion

2nd and 4th Sundays- 6pm Service
Every week 10am family service with children and young people's worship zones

Tuesdays at 9:15pm night prayer live on facebook

Wednesdays at 9:30am Mites and Minders

Saturdays at 9:30am Mainly Music

Fridays at 10:30am Bereavement group



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From the Pastoral Team

Do you know someone who would like to receive a card of support and encouragement from church? Please email/call Alison with their details.

Keeping Connected

Did you know that we have a church WhatsApp Group and a private Facebook group. It's a great place to encourage one another and to ask for prayer.

If you could like to be added to either or both, please contact Alison.

Useful
information

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