

10TH DECEMBER 2023

All Saints Church, Allesley

Service Information and Focus Newsheet This Sunday's Services

10:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday Advent Scratch Nativity

A Nativity Poem by Emma Perkins

The link is: https://youtube.com/live/_NYBYXY5XCQ?feature=share

6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday Advent Holy Communion

The readings are: 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-11

The link is: <https://youtube.com/live/sQCjxtyF-YQ?feature=share>

Welcome to All Saints

A special welcome if you are new here today. We hope that you enjoy being part of this time together and experience the love of God in this place. If you would like to keep in touch, get our weekly newsletter to your inbox or find out more about what happens here please follow this link to share your details with us or scan a QR code in the pews:

<https://forms.gle/9W1e4Z7ZMZbo6uxB9>

All Saints Prayer Meetings

Hi Everyone,

After your regular service (whichever service you usually attend - 8am, 10am or 6pm) you are invited to stay behind for **15 minutes** for collective prayer on three topics:

- **New Rector**
- **Children and Youth Work**
- **Our Communities**

It would be great if you feel able to commit to this after your usual service, it doesn't matter if you can't make each Sunday Prayer Meeting in church but it would be wonderful if you could participate when you can.

Suggested Prayer Resource on the table at the back of church if needed.

Love in Christ

Shera x

Christmas Tea, Cakes and Carols 12th December at 2:30 p.m.

You are very welcome to come with your friends to the Christmas Tea Cakes and Carols.

Because numbers are larger for this event, offers of Christmas food or lifts would be really helpful.

Please speak to Fey or Angela about this. Thank you.



Dates for week 11th December

Tuesday 12th

2:30 p.m.
**Christmas Tea, Cakes and
Carols**

**7:30 p.m. Bell Ringing
Practice**

Wednesday 13th

**9:30 a.m. Mites and
Mindors**

Friday 15th

8:30 a.m. Church Cleaning

**10:30 a.m. Bereavement
Coffee Morning**

Saturday 16th

9:30 a.m. Mainly Music

Sunday 17th

8:00 a.m. BCP

10:00 a.m. Family Service

**6:00 p.m. Carols by
Candlelight**

Rector Recruitment update

Your prayers are being heard!

As you know, the advertisement for the post of Rector of All Saints Allesley was due to be published this week. To complicate matters, the PCC Representatives (Karissa Coley and Paul Payne), the PCC Lay Chair (Michael Jones) and our Patron (Donald Hamilton) held informal conversations with a candidate suggested by Archdeacon Barry. Following those conversations it has been agreed that the candidate should be invited to submit an application for the post of Rector and be formally interviewed as the sole candidate.

If the candidate is successful, then we might have a new Rector sooner than we expected, but if it is decided not to appoint after formal interview, then we will advertise the post nationally soon afterwards. A date hasn't been set for interview yet, but this is likely to be during January.

Please don't ask for any more details!

Paul Payne, on behalf of the PCC of All Saints, Allesley

Coventry City Mission Giving Tree Project

Thank You to everyone who donated presents to the Giving Tree Project. A car full of toys was presented to Coventry City Mission from our Church. Because of your generous action many disadvantaged children in Coventry will receive a Christmas gift. Fantastic!
Love from the Payne Cell.

Children and Families News

A big **thank you** to everyone who helped with the Advent in NARNIA events last week and an extra special thank you to the children who played Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy. You were amazing. The family and school events were a huge success once again and the awe and wonder experienced by the children who braved the rain and came to the new relaxed, sensory Narnia last Sunday afternoon was truly heart warming. We will definitely be holding all three events again next year...



Dates for December

Tuesday 12th
2:30 pm Christmas Tea,
Cakes and Carols

Thursday 14th
9:00 a.m. Childminders Story
Bag

Friday 15th
10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m. Primary
School Rehearsal

Saturday 16th
12 noon - 4:00 p.m
Coventry Arts Concert

Tuesday 19th
Allesley Primary School
Carol Service

Thursday 21st
Allesley Primary School
Carol Service

Sunday 24th
4:00 p.m. Crib Service Key
Stage 1 and under
5:30 p.m Crib Service Key
Stage 2 and above

Children and Families Prayer Request, please pray for all of those taking part in:

- The Nativity story bag sessions for Yr 1 children at Allesley Primary on Tuesday 12th December
- Open the Book assembly at Allesley Primary on Wednesday 13th December
- Nativity Story Bag for local childminders in church on Tuesday 14th December

Sunday 10th December Scratch Nativity

A reminder that if you've always wanted to be in a nativity play but missed out on your dream role be it a cow or Mary you're welcome to take part in our Scratch Nativity this Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Absolutely all ages welcome to dress as a Bible nativity character (or borrow one of our costumes) or if you don't want to dress up that's fine - come and join in the voice of the crowd. An opportunity for everyone from 0 to 100 + to join in an interactive retelling of the Nativity Story through Carols and Rhyme.

After the Scratch Nativity, and available until Christmas Day, there is also a stable scene "photo booth" in the churchyard where you can dress up children and take photos - do the whole cast!

Muddy ChurchChristmas in the Churchyard:

During December there will be places to pause and reflect or explore Christmas Story Trails. There will be something for all ages...

- A Remembrance Tree, where you can add a ribbon in remembrance of a loved one.
- A Christmas Bauble Blessing Tree, please take a bauble for yourself or a friend to hang in your home.
- A Nativity Scene, an opportunity to pause and reflect on what Jesus' birth means to you.
- A Photo Opportunity Stable, dress up as a Nativity Character and come along or use the clothes available then take a selfie.
- Trails for all Ages including a Lego Christmas Story Trail with QR code links to 5 short videos to find and watch.

Many thanks Lesley



Coventry Arts

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Presents

A Christmas Concert

Saturday 16th December 2023

2pm

All Saints Church, Allesley, Coventry

All donations going to Coventry Resource Centre for the Blind Charity

Washbrook Meadows Retreat for Advent

Intro to Pilgrimage on 15th December.

All retreats are bookable on the 'what we offer' page at www.washbrookmeadowsdretreat.com with all money raised going to the wildlife site.

Christmas at All Saints Church Allesley



Sunday 10th December 10:00 a.m.

Scratch Nativity: Come dressed as any nativity character, online and in church

Sunday 10th December onwards:

Come and see the **churchyard nativity scene**

Tuesday 12th December, 2:30 p.m:

Tea & Cake Social with Carols

An informal event for those who are older or less able

Sunday 17th December, 6:00 p.m.

Carol Service by Candlelight (online and in church)

Christmas Eve, 8:00 a.m. **BCP Holy Communion** (online and in church)

Christmas Eve, 4pm: **Key Stage 1 and under Crib service**

Christmas Eve, 5:30 p.m. **Key Stage 2 and 3 Crib Service**

Christmas Eve, 11:30 p.m. **Midnight Communion** (online and in church)

Christmas Day, 10:00 a.m. Family Communion Service (online and in church)

Check out the churchyard throughout December for lots of spaces to reflect and rejoice!

For more information check out

@AllSaintsChurchAllesley on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram
or contact: allesleychurch@gmail.com; telephone: 024 7640 2006

Refreshments and allergies

If you are serving refreshments or food at church please be mindful of allergens and contamination.
If you need any support please speak to Roz. If you have any allergies please make the server aware.

Find us on: www.facebook.com/allsaintsallesley www.allesley-church.org.uk

YouTube: All Saints Allesley

Rector - vacancy

Church Wardens - Rozila Hosiene: 07504 983618 Email: roz60ila@hotmail.com (at work Thurs & Fri)

Paul Payne: 07814 639944 Email: paulpayne02@aol.com

Parish Administrator: Janette Eaton Phone: 07838 142387 /024 76402006

Email: allesleychurch@gmail.com (08.00 - 12.00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

Children & Families Worker - Lesley Borrell: 07832 862894

Email: allesleychildrenswork@outlook.com (Day off is Thursday)