

24TH DECEMBER 2023

All Saints Church, Allesley

Service Information and Focus Newsheet

Christmas Eve Services

8:00 a.m. 4th Advent Sunday BCP

The readings are: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Luke 1:26-38

The link is: <https://youtube.com/live/gN283FrNbNc?feature=share>

4:00 p.m Crib Service Key Stage 1 and Younger

5:30 p.m. Crib Service Key Stage 2 and Older

11:30 p.m Midnight Communion

The readings are: Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-14

The link is :

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m Holy Communion/Party

The readings are: Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:1-7

The link is: <https://youtube.com/live/5N04pCOctek?feature=share>

Your Church Wardens would like to wish you all a Merry, Blessed and Holy Christmas, and to thank everyone for their support during this year of upheaval. If you have suggestions about how things might be improved or how you can volunteer to help as we head into 2024 then please get in touch. We are both looking forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Ros Hosiene and Paul Payne

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



Dates for week 25th December

**The office will be closed
over the festive period.
Janette will return to work
on Thursday 28th December**

Friday 29th

**10:30 a.m Bereavement
Group**

Sunday 31st

**10:00 a.m. Family Service
Top Ten Worship Songs**

6:00 p.m. Evensong

RNIB Stamp Appeal

Used stamps are a great way to raise funds for charity. Please save your used stamps and put them in the box at the back of church.

Thank you

New Book

If you remember one of our previous Rectors, Tim Britton, you will remember his wonderful ability to teach us Christian life-skills in a way that had an impact on our normal everyday lives. Tim has just published a book sharing his reflections on Paul's letter to the Romans called "The Giver of Peace". It is very readable and if you're thinking of some way of progressing your Christian faith in the New Year, it could be just what you're looking for. It could also form a subject for your small group to engage with.

It is available in paperback from Amazon and also as an ebook (available free from Apple Books, Google Books, or Kindle



Children and Families News

Mainly Music and Mites and Minders families had a great time during our Christmas Celebration sessions... the following messages were posted in the group WhatsApp chat:

'Thank you for a lovely party today. Harvey, Isla & Alice loved it.' from a childminder.

'Thank you for the lovely Christmas party! Mia had a wonderful time. Happy Christmas to you all xxx' from a grandparent.

What a privilege to have Allesley Primary School choir perform at All Saints Carol Service last Sunday... and it was a pleasure to welcome pupils from Years 2&3, 4,5&6, their teachers, support staff and families to All Saints for their Christmas Concerts this week. The children's performances were amazing!!



We had a really enjoyable 'bake through the bible' activity last Sunday in Worship Zones retelling the story of the First Christmas whilst making and then of course eating some scrumptious, really chocolatey 'Rocky Road to Bethlehem' in which each ingredient represented part of the story.

You can find the recipe on the sunhats and wellie boots website

Children and Families Prayer Request,

Please pray for:

The 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Crib Services on Christmas Eve and the Family Celebration at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day...

* that families will come along to find out about the greatest Christmas Present Ever!!

* for all those taking part

Merry Christmas Everyone

Lesley and the Children and Families Team

Date for your diary...

#fun#food#fellowship#faith

The first session of this new group for Y5,6&7aged pupils will be on Thursday 11th January from 6 to 7.30pm:

*If you have a child in this age range put the date in your diary!

* If you know a family who has, please tell them about it and encourage them to contact me via email allesleychildrenswork@outlook.com or text 07832862894 for more information.

Muddy Church ...Christmas 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



Christmas at All Saints Church Allesley

Christmas Eve, 8:00 am: BCP Holy Communion (online and in church)

Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm: Key Stage 1 and under Crib service

Christmas Eve, 5:30 pm: Key Stage 2 and 3 Crib Service

Christmas Eve, 11:30 pm: Midnight Communion

Christmas Day, 10:00 am: 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)

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

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