

All Saints Church, Allesley

Focus Newsletter



Welcome to All Saints!

This Focus newsletter is our way of keeping you informed about upcoming events, services and prayer meetings, as well as sharing uplifting stories, and important updates within our church family. See the final page of Focus on ways to follow us on social media.

What to Expect at Church:

We love to welcome visitors or new people, so if you're considering joining us please do come along! If you're reading this and are new today - please say hi to someone nearby, we'd love to get to know you. During our services we do a mixture of singing, praying, listening to a sermon and chatting to each other. You are welcome to join in however you feel comfortable, or to just sit quietly.

Kids at Church: We love to welcome children as part of our Church family. During most 10am services, children go into the hall for Worship Zones - a fun interactive session where they explore a story or theme. Parents do not need to join them unless children are pre-school aged or have a specific need - please discuss with our team. Teenagers are invited to stay in the main Church, or join Worship Zones as young leaders - please speak to our team about what you'd like to do.

December's Theme:



December's Sunday Services:

1st Dec: 8am BCP, 10am Narnia Family Service (Psalm 9:1-8 John 3:1-17) **NO LIVESTREAM** for 10am

8th Dec: 10am Morning Worship, 6pm Evening Communion (Luke 1:1-25 (57-80)/ Isaiah 40:1-11)

15th Dec: 8am BCP (Isaiah 35 Luke 1:57-end) , **NO 10am**, 6pm Carols by Candlelight

22nd Dec: 10am Family Service (Luke 1: 26-45 (46-55)) , 6pm Blue Christmas (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)

29th Dec: 10am Family Service (Luke 2:22-39)

5th Jan: 8am BCP (Isaiah 60:1-6/Matt 2:1-12), 10am Morning Worship & Kids movie (Matt 2:1-12)

You can find the livestream for our Sunday services here: www.youtube.com/@allsaintsallesley6162

Contact Information for All Saints Church, Allesley

Find us on:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/allsaintsallesley
- Website: allesley-church.org.uk
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/@allsaintsallesley6162

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CHRISTMAS DATES

- SAT 30 NOV** FAMILY NARNIA EVENT, 3PM
- SUN 1 DEC** HOLY COMMUNION, 8AM
..... NARNIA FAMILY SERVICE, 10AM
..... SENSORY NARNIA, 2-4PM
- TUE 3 DEC**..... QUIET COMMUNION, 2:30PM
- SUN 8 DEC**..... MORNING WORSHIP, 10AM
..... MUDDY CHRISTINGLE, 4PM
..... HOLY COMMUNION, 6PM
- TUE 10 DEC** TEA, CAKE & CAROLS, 2:30PM
- THU 12 DEC**..... YOUTH NATIVITY ESCAPE ROOM, 6PM
- SUN 15 DEC** HOLY COMMUNION, 8AM
..... CHURCHYARD TRAIL, ANYTIME
..... CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT, 6PM
..... *****NOTE NO 10AM SERVICE*****
- SUN 22 DEC** FAMILY COMMUNION, 10AM
..... BLUE CHRISTMAS, 6PM
- CHRISTMAS EVE** CRIB SERVICE (UNDER 6YRS), 4PM
..... CRIB SERVICE (6YRS+), 5:30PM
..... MIDNIGHT COMMUNION, 11:30PM
- CHRISTMAS DAY** MORNING COMMUNION, 10AM
- SUN 29 DEC** MORNING WORSHIP, 10AM

Information, Updates & Requests

Christmas 2024: Who could you invite?

Our Christmas dates are out now! Christmas is a fantastic time to invite friends to church to hear the good news of joy and peace! Could you invite a friend, family member or neighbour? Particularly good events to invite to would be:

Muddy Christingle: for families who like to be outdoors, around fire pits!

Carols by Candlelight: including a school and church choir, traditional carols and readings

Tea, Cake & Carols: what it says on the tin! A daytime opportunity to gather together.

Youth Nativity Escape Room, for any young people who enjoy a challenge!

Blue Christmas, for those who find Christmas hard for any reason



Advent Resources:

Follow the Star: Church of England resources including a devotional booklet for adults and family prayer cards: www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/follow-the-star

Godventure: resources such as sticker advent calendars, kids Christmas devotional book, reflective colouring, and a Christmas planning sheet www.godventure.co.uk

Cheeky Pandas: Animated TV series including Festive Special of 5 episodes on Christmas: cheekypandas.com

Prayer Spaces at Home: A resource to help you reflect on the past year:

<https://prayerspacesinschools.com/resources/joy-to-the-world-home/>

“A Better Than Anything Christmas: Explore how Jesus makes Christmas better” family devotional book, available from most online bookstores

“Women of the Nativity: An Advent and Christmas Journey in Nine Stories” by Paula Gooder



1st December 10am: Please note there will be no livestream available for our Narnia Service. Livestreaming will take place as usual for 8am.

Carols by Candlelight: Sunday 15th December

Please note there is **no 10am** service on this day. 8am BCP will happen as usual. Families may like to bring their children to explore the Churchyard Trail on this day, any time.

Morning Prayers: Our final morning prayers together will be on Tues 17th/Thurs 19th December. Gathered prayer will resume on Tues 7th/Thurs 9th January - all are welcome.

The Church Office will be closed between Tues 24th Dec - Weds 1st Jan to allow our staff to have a well-earned break. Janette’s last working day is 19th Dec so please see her before then if needed.

Carriers of Hope and Clothing Coventry

Even in the build-up to Christmas these charities both need and accept their normal donations. So their drop-off details are here:

Drop-off details: Carriers - tel: 024 7666 7008; Unit 4b, Lythalls Lane Industrial Estate, Holbrooks CV6 6FL, Thursday and Friday 9:30-1;

Clothing Coventry - tel: 0770 4044 230; 19 Napier St, Hillfields CV1 5PR, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10-2 and Wednesdays 10-7. (In both cases you may want to phone to check)



Giving at All Saints

Information on how to give or donate to All Saints Church can now be found on our website:

www.allesley-church.org.uk/donate

All financial gifts are very gratefully received