

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:

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Narnia 2024!

We had a fantastic time at Narnia!

Saturday afternoon was the Family Event, which was its usual fun packed, energetic time. Sunday afternoon was the Sensory session, designed for children with extra or special needs and their families. On Monday we welcomed 60 children from Yr 4 from Allesley Primary for a bespoke school session.



The White Witch...keeping Narnia in constant winter.



The Beavers never lose hope because Aslan is on the move...

"I felt relaxed knowing my child could be themselves and wouldn't get overwhelmed. Thank you for a lovely experience."

Sensory Session Parent

Sharing the story of Narnia is a fantastic way to share the message of hope and life that Christians believe comes from knowing Jesus. It is the ultimate story of good triumphing over evil, one which brings peace to a broken world. Across 3 days we shared this with over 100 children and many parents & family members too!



Saturday Family Event



Across the 5 days it takes to run Narnia, we had a team of 31 adults and 14 children.

Thank you and well done!

There's lots of ways to get involved from setting up, packing down, set design, acting, kitchen team, table leading, sound & tech, "backstage logistics," welcoming and more!



The ladies who got the actors to where they needed to be at the right time!



Some of the school team having a well deserved cuppa & mince pie before packing up!

You and your team work absolute magic for the children in the parish. My class had a wonderful time!

Year 4 Teacher
Allesley Primary

Information, Updates & Requests



Coventry City Mission Giving Tree Project

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

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.

Thank you to those who helped at the Christmas Makers Market on 23rd November. Offering refreshments was a fantastic way to welcome people to the event, and made £270 towards Church funds.

Youth Nativity Escape Room is on Thursday 12th December, 6pm-7.30pm, dinner provided. Contact Lesley for more info: allesleychildrenswork@outlook.com

Christmas Flowers

If anyone would like to make a contribution to the Christmas flowers please speak to Lesley Borrell or Paul Payne. Thank you



"It's the most wonderful time of the year..."

But sometimes it's not...Christmas can be difficult for many reasons. We may have lost someone we love, lost our job or be facing financial pressure, have tricky family dynamics, struggle with our mental health or have other kinds of struggles.

Our "Blue Christmas" service, with carols and readings, acknowledges the need we have for space, reflection and the enduring hope of the Christmas story.

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



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