



All Saints' Church

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Sunday 1st September

10 am Morning Worship with Baptism led by Revd Rachael Hawkins

Readings

James 1 vv 17-27
Mark 7 vv 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Hymns

STF 88 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
STF 476 - One more step along the world I go
STF 495 - Dear Lord and Father of mankind
STF 706 - Longing for light
STF 465 - Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Revd Rachael's reflection will return next week.

Morning Prayer at 9am and **Eucharist** at 9.30am continue on Tuesday morning.
There will be **no Evening Prayer** on Fridays until the roof work is completed.

"Coffee, Chat and Toddlers" is back! Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a coffee and some fellowship in the Lower Hall on **Tuesday 3rd September** from 10 - 11.15am.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the **concert at All Saints'** on **Saturday 21st September** given by the **Hemel Hempstead Band** and the vocal group Hexachord. Music starts at 4pm until around 6pm. Tickets cost £10 for adults and children are free. Get them from Andrew Hawkins or at this link <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DRC1>. All profits will go to All Saints' so please support this event, invite your friends and neighbours!

Newsletter: the copy date for the next newsletter is the **6th September**. Chris Billington would be very grateful for articles; jokes and photos would be welcome too.

Roof update: most of the scaffolding will be coming down in the 10 days or so from Wednesday 21st August. The lower scaffolding will remain to enable the lower roofs to be overhauled starting mid-September.

Bike 'n Hike: the annual Bike n Hike to raise funds for the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Fund will be on **Saturday 14th September**. As usual we shall offer simple refreshments to the riders and walkers calling into All Saints' so if you could help with that, please speak to Revd Rachael. It would also be good to have some who would like to visit some of the local churches and be sponsored to do so - again please speak to Revd Rachael if you are interested. Thank you!

Pastoral Coordinators' Meeting on Monday 16th September at 2.30pm in the Lower Hall.

St Martin-in-the-Fields Autumn Lectures. These begin in September. The theme is '**Inspiration: The Influences That Have Shaped My Life**'. Speakers include: William Dalrymple, Philippe Sands, Rowan Williams, Zadie Smith, Sam Wells, Zeinab Badawi, Neil McGregor. For further information see <https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/congregational-life/lectures/>

Eco Hub talk on Climate Justice: on **Sunday 8th September** from 2.30-4.30pm at the Quaker Meeting House, The Eco Hub will host speakers Richard Stanforth, Oxfam's Senior Policy Advisor, and Fousseny Traore, a climate and ecological activist from Mali who now lives in the UK. Free tea, coffee and cake. Everyone welcome.
theecohub.org.uk/

Online booking is now open for the **2024 Heritage Open Days (Friday 6th - Sunday 15th September)** with historic sites opening to visitors right across England. Locally there will be opportunities to look inside Berkhamsted Place, Berkhamsted Castle, the Foundling Hospital (now Ashlyns School), Rectory Lane Cemetery, Berkhamsted School and the BFI, plus guided tours around the town, a railway walk, a canal tour and much more - all for free! There will also be tours of historic sites in Tring and Chesham. Tours get booked up very quickly, so don't delay in reserving your places via the Heritage Open Days website tinyurl.com/yc899bxc

Collections - Nearly all of our regular congregation are donating to the church by monthly bank standing order so we are not receiving offertory collections during our services, but there is usually a plate by the door for a retiring collection. You can donate to us in several ways. Please see our Support Us page on our website for more information.

Prayer Requests:

For: Leslie; Sue and Tony Danbury; Penny Perry; Marnie Taylor; Ida Rance; Margaret;

We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide a few people from our congregation to become church stewards and support those who are presently stewards in sharing the privilege of serving in this way;

We pray for all those who are working on our church roof at this time, that they may be safe and able to complete the work without unforeseen delays.

We pray for our neighbours throughout the world whose lives have been changed by the events in Israel and Palestine, and pray especially for all those who have lost loved ones and homes due to the conflict. We pray that this conflict may not escalate further into neighbouring countries. We pray too for all aid workers who have died or been injured while trying to bring supplies to those in need and for their families.

We pray too for those who are caught up in war in other parts of the world, including Sudan and Ukraine and for those facing the threat of starvation in the ongoing hostilities;

We also pray for:

All who are refugees, especially those who are not receiving help to rebuild their lives in safety;

We pray that the issue of climate change may not be forgotten and all the nations may act to secure the safety of our world. We pray too for all whose lives have been badly affected by climate changes in the areas where they live, especially the people of Bangladesh;

We pray for all those recently elected to Parliament. May they serve their constituents and country with integrity and care for all they serve.

We continue to pray for the children and their families of our church and town and all who work in the NHS; Social Services and the charities who are supporting the sick or frail;

We pray for those who are helped by Embrace the Middle East, Karibuni Children; the Leprosy Mission; Phakamisa, DENS; the Way Inn with Open Door and for all those who work in these organisations.

We continue to pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Paul Sear and his wife, Peggy; Julia Wright; Corinne & William; Gary Andersen; Charlie; Graham Rule; Clare Hancock; Heather Gifford; John Malcolm; Valerie Ruddock; Jenny Wells; Jonathan and Ann Hayes; Sue Judd; Madeleine Brownell; Barbara Conway; Doug and Chris Billington; Lesley Whittaker.



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