



All Saints' Church

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Sunday 16th November

9.45am Morning Worship led by Revd Caroline Wickens

4pm Messy Church

Readings

Isaiah 65 vv 17 – 25
Luke 21vv 5 – 19

Hymns

StF 443 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love
StF 3 Eternal God, your love's tremendous glory
StF 481 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
StF 639 Through the love of God our Saviour

Thought for the week: Sunday 16th November Interfaith Week

Many of our faith communities have faced challenging times in the past year. It is so important that as people of different faiths (and none) we stand together in solidarity. If one of us is demonised or attacked, then we all suffer. Inter Faith Week is a time when we support one another as people of different religions and work together for the good of all in our communities. It is also an occasion to celebrate the religious and cultural diversity of our society and the way it enriches all our lives.

Churches Together in Britain & Ireland

Blessings, Caroline

Morning Prayer at 9am and **Eucharist** at 9.30am continue on Tuesday morning. All welcome. There will be no Friday Evening Prayer for the moment.

“**Coffee, Chat and Play**” takes place on **Tuesday mornings** from 10 - 11.15am. Everyone welcome to enjoy some time together in the Lower Hall.

Friendship Club meets on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm in the Lower Hall. This week will be a talk on the Leprosy Mission.

“**Songs on the way to the stable**”: Revd Caroline will be leading a series of reflections for Advent on Monday evenings (7.30 - 9pm) in Advent starting on **Monday 1st December**. Full details are on the flyers on the table. All welcome - please contact Caroline on cwickens1985@outlook.com for the Zoom link.

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be after the morning service **next Sunday (23rd November)**. Do come if you can!

Annual Report of the Church Council and the Accounts for the year to 31st August 2025 - a reminder that these are to be presented at next Sunday's Annual Congregational Meeting. Do have look at them beforehand. A copy is attached to this email, and is also on our website. A few printed copies will be available in church on 16th November.

Zoom Compline: the service will be on **Thursday 20th November** at 8.45pm and the Zoom link is below. Everyone is welcome.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76009907718?pwd=9EFUak750C7uVQh1ooUFSxjt6WN6Pk.1>
Meeting ID: 760 0990 7718 Passcode: 9gKqQW

All We Can, working with the Methodist Church in the Caribbean, has launched an **emergency appeal** for those affected by Hurricane Melissa. Details, including how to donate, are here: <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/appeal/hurricane-melissa/> or you can post cheques to All We Can, 25 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SF.

Food pantry: Following the closure of Open Door, All Saints' is going to start hosting a food pantry. There will be a cupboard in the church porch, which will be **open on Tuesdays**, from 10am - 4pm, beginning on Tuesday 25th November. Donations will be welcome; there will be a box in church, along with one in the entrance to the halls. We will also receive supplies from the town's working party.

Poppies: if you still have your paper poppies, I'd love to add them to my collection for display next year. I'll leave a box for them on the shelf on the west side of the church. Thank you, Sylvia Smith.

All Saints' is part of the Methodist group of churches called the West Herts and Borders Circuit. It has the right to send three representatives to circuit meetings, which happen three times a year. This meeting provides space to discuss circuit policy around mission, finance, property, staffing and many other issues. **We need one new rep** to join Kate Spall and Linda Morgan on this group. Transport can be arranged if necessary. If you're interested in getting involved in this, please speak to Kate, Linda or Caroline

Service streaming: the link to watch the service on Sundays is: <https://www.youtube.com/@Allsaintshp4/live>

Prayer Requests

For: Jonathan and Ann Hayes; Helen and Sarah; Marion and Julian; Audrey and Paul Cox; Mark, Nicola and family; Terry; Heather Gifford; Ida; Penny;

For all those affected by Hurricane Melissa;

We give thanks for the ceasefire in Gaza and pray that it will lead to a lasting peace;

We pray for our neighbours throughout the world whose lives have been changed by the events in Israel, Palestine and Lebanon, and pray especially for all those who have lost loved ones and homes due to the conflict. 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 pray for the people of Myanmar following the devastating earthquake at the end of March;

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.

We pray that all MPs may serve their constituents and country with integrity and care for all they represent.

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; the Swan Youth Project and for all those who work in these organisations.

We continue to pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Julia Wright; Corinne & William; Gary Andersen; Charlie; Graham Rule; Clare Hancock; John Malcolm; Valerie Ruddock; Jenny Wells; Barbara Conway; Marnie Taylor; Leslie; Lesley Whittaker; Chris Billington; Jean Emsall



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