



All Saints' Church

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Sunday 21st December

**9.45am Holy Communion
led by Revd Caroline Wickens**

3pm Concert by Hemel Hempstead Band

**4.30pm Carol Service
led by Revd Caroline Wickens**

Readings

Isaiah 7 vv 10 – 16
Matthew 1 vv 18 – 25

Hymns

13 Sing of a God in majestic divinity
180 O come, O come, Emmanuel
568 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
188 There's a light upon the mountain

Thought for the week: Sunday 21st December

Gift-giving God, may Advent be for us a time of giving and receiving.

Holy God, sharing your love is work that is often hard.
But when we sit back and look at what a difference we've made
we rejoice that we are made with love and live to love in your name.

Gift-giving God, may Advent be for us a time of giving and receiving.

Blessings, Caroline

Source: Methodist Church UK, Gifted: resources for Advent 2025

At **3pm** this Sunday afternoon (**21st December**) there will be a **Christmas Concert** by Hemel Hempstead Band. This will be followed by mulled wine/fruit punch and mince pies. At **4.30pm** we are having our **Carol Service**, accompanied by Hemel Hempstead Band. Everyone is very welcome.

The **Crib Service** is at 4pm on Christmas Eve.

The service on **Christmas Day** is at the slightly earlier time of **9.30am**.

The service on **Sunday 28th December** will be Morning Worship led by Revd Donna Fowler-Marchant.

Morning Prayer at 9am and **Eucharist** at 9.30am continue on Tuesday morning. All welcome.

“Songs on the way to the stable”: reflections for Advent led by Revd Caroline on **Monday evenings** from 7.30 - 9pm. This week will look at StF 186 – Tell out, my soul and Luke 4 vv 16 – 19. Full details are on the flyers on the table. Everyone welcome - please contact Caroline on cwickens1985@outlook.com for the Zoom link.

Christmas Appeal: this Christmas, we **are** as usual supporting **The Children’s Society** and **Action for Children**, with the money raised being shared equally between them.

Where possible, donations should be made through online banking into the All Saints’ CAF Bank account: sort code 40-52-40, account number 00021409, account name All Saints Church Berkhamsted. Please quote “Christmas” and your surname as your reference.

For those without online banking, a cheque made payable to “All Saints Church Berkhamsted” (with a note saying Christmas Appeal) **can be given to me** as Church Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 1JH. The retiring collection plate will also be available.

Whichever way you donate, we will add 25% to your donation by claiming Gift Aid on it where we already hold a declaration from you.

Further information about the causes we are supporting can be seen here:

[The Children’s Society](#) [Action for Children](#)

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

“Coffee, Chat and Play” is now taking a Christmas break but will be back on **Tuesday 6th January**.

Thank you from the Christian Aid Team to the carol singers who came last Saturday; we collected £177.

Food pantry: All Saints' is hosting a food pantry once a week. There is a cupboard in the church porch, which will be **open on Tuesdays**, from 10am - 4pm. 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.

Father Stuart will be walking around 50 miles through the longest night of the year to raise money for local suicide prevention charity Hector's House. If you would like to support the great work of Hector's House, you can sponsor Father Stuart here:

hectorshouse.org.uk or www.justgiving.com/page/stuart-owen-9

There will be no notice sheet next week, so the next one will be for **Sunday 4th January**.

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

The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!

We do not walk the world alone, we tread in the footsteps of others.
Others do not walk the world alone, they tread in our footsteps.
Together and not alone we are God's people walking with God.
Emmanuel, God is with us!

The Lord is King! Let earth rejoice!

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With all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

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; Ros;

For all those affected by Hurricane Melissa and other extreme weather events;

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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