



All Saints' Church

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Sunday 18th January

9.45am Morning Worship led by Richard Hackworth

Readings

Isaiah 49 vv 1–7
John 1 vv 29–42

Hymns

186 Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
233 When Jesus came to Jordan
556 Just as I am, without one plea
470 Lord, for the years

Thought for the week: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling."
(Ephesians 4:4)

Unity is a divine mandate at the core of our Christian identity. It represents the essence of the Church's calling – a call to reflect the harmonious oneness of our life in Christ amidst our diversity. This divine unity is central to our mission and is sustained by the profound love of Jesus Christ, who has set before us a unified purpose.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity resources, ctbi.org.uk

Blessings,
Caroline

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

“Coffee, Chat and Play” meets on Tuesday mornings. Everyone is very welcome to drop in to the Lower Hall for refreshments and fellowship between 10am-11.15am.

Friendship Club meets at 2.30pm on Tuesdays in the Lower Hall. This week Trevor Woodcock will speak on a visit to Sri Lanka.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Dawn Savidge, who is the ecumenical facilitator for Churches Together in Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire will be hosting two **online gatherings for prayer** during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **19th and 21st January** at 8pm. The Zoom link is below and all are welcome.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84436613127?pwd=KSPFWaQDBMKaQInlMcC0N3JUHo5KNn.1>

Christingle Service: our service of Morning Worship on **1st February** will be led by Revd Caroline and will be a Christingle service to celebrate Candlemas. Please feel free to invite any children you know who you think might like to come.

Lights for Ukraine: The Rotary Club, in collaboration with the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain and other charity partners, are collecting both used and unused candles. These candles will be sent to Ukraine, where they will provide light and heat during frequent power cuts. Partially used candles are also welcome, as volunteers will melt them down to create new ones. They are also looking for baby and children's clothes especially hats, coats, tinned food in date with a long shelf life and knitted blankets. Please bring any contributions to church **by next week (Sunday 25th January)** and we shall pass them on.

First Aid Training: It is important that we are able to deal with medical emergencies which may arise. The Church Council is willing to fund attendance at a certified training course. St John's Ambulance offers a Blended Emergency First Aid Course which combines online training with half a day of in-person instruction. It provides a set of practical skills needed by first aiders, giving both the ability and knowledge to deal with first aid emergencies. The nearest venue is in Hemel Hempstead and there are currently spaces on **Friday 13th March**. If you would like to take up this offer of training, please let David Pain know.

Home Library Service: do you like reading but have difficulty getting to the library? Hertfordshire Libraries run a Home Library service, which can deliver a selection of books to you and return them to the library. You can apply for this service online: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/other-library-services/home-library-service/home-library-service.aspx or call 0300 123 404

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 Andy, Heather Wignall's Dad; for Priscilla who has died, and for all Neil's family;

For all those affected by 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 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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