



All Saints' Church

Minister: Revd Dr Caroline Wickens
01442 866324 Email: cwickens1985@outlook.com
Church administrator: David Pain
07380 602361 Email: allsaintsberkhamsted@outlook.com

www.allsaintsberkhamsted.org.uk

Sunday 15th March ***Mothering Sunday***

**9.45am All Age Worship led by
Revd Caroline Wickens**

Readings

Exodus 2 vv 1 – 10
Luke 2 vv 41 – 52

Hymns

102	For the beauty of the earth
519	Father, I place into your hands
119	God of Eve and God of Mary
536	He's got the whole world in his hand

Thought for the week: Mothering Sunday

Loving God,
Thank you for mothers and children and for all the joy of family life.
Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;
Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;
Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.
Let your love be present in every home,
And help your church to be attentive to the needs of all who come.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Church of England

Blessings, Caroline

Today's organist: we are delighted to welcome Andrew Pennycook from HHMC who has kindly offered to play for our service today.

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 will be a talk by Revd Jonathan Gordon on “My bike-ride adventures”.

Lent Study Groups: Revd Caroline will be leading an online study group looking at the “People of the Passion” from 2 - 3pm on Thursday afternoons on the **19th and 26th March**. Please contact her if you are interested in joining in or would like to know more: cwickens1985@outlook.com. There are leaflets on the table with more details.

Other ministers in the circuit are leading reflections on different days - see the poster in the hall for details - and Father Stuart will be leading a course on pilgrimage on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings from the end of February.

The next **Lent Lunch** with homemade soup and crumbles, will be served on **Wednesday 18th March** at the Court House from 12 noon until 1.30pm. The meals are free. Donations for the work of Christian Aid would be appreciated. Everyone very welcome.

The Wednesday bible study group will be studying John's Gospel starting on **25th March**. We meet at Audrey Cox's house fortnightly at 2.30pm. New members are very welcome. Please contact Linda Morgan on 07895065701 or Audrey Cox on 01442 866394.

Concert in St Martha's Tring on Saturday 21st March at 7.30 pm. Misha Andreev will be giving a recital on the violin (including the Spring Sonata and Op 50 Romance by Beethoven) and the cello (Op 69 Cello Sonata by Beethoven and a Rondo by Weber) with Rebecca Holt and David Berdinner playing the piano. He is an outstanding young musician, having performed the Tchaikovsky and Sibelius violin concertos with orchestras in Surrey when he was just 13. Tickets £15. Tel: 01442 822305.

Workaid collection: the circuit has decided to mark Lent 2026 by collecting tools for Workaid, a charity based in Chesham that refurbishes tools to support projects in West Africa. A full list of the items they will (and won't) accept is here: <https://workaid.org/donate-tools>. Please bring to church around Easter anything you find in your cupboards and sheds that would be suitable (this includes dressmaking material and haberdashery) and the circuit will then arrange collection and delivery to Chesham soon after Easter.

The next **Church Tea Party** will be on **Palm Sunday, 29th March** from 3 - 4.30pm. Please put the date in your diaries. All will be very welcome, as will cake!

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 Daphne, twin sister of Neil's mother, who has died, and for all the family;

We pray for the people of Iran and especially for those who have lost loved ones and we pray for the hearts and minds of those who are causing so many deaths to be changed in accordance with your command 'Love one another';

We pray 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



All Saints' Church, Berkhamsted

All Saints' Church Berkhamsted is a registered charity, no. 1153162

