



All Saints' Church

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Sunday 26th April

9.45am Morning Worship led by Revd Caroline Wickens

Readings

Acts 2 vv 42 – 47
Psalm 23 (StF 805)
John 10 vv 1 – 10

Hymns

134 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
479 The King of love my shepherd is
350 I cannot tell why he whom angels worship
672 Where can we find you, Lord Jesus our Master?

Thought for the week: Easter 4 'Good Shepherd Sunday'

Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.
Lord, we would follow you.
Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.
Forgive us when, distracted we lose our way.
Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold,
the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold.
Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.
Lord, we would follow you.

John Birch, from re:worship

Blessings, Caroline

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

Church Cross: the new cross is now in place on the church roof and Revd Caroline will rededicate it at 9.30am on Sunday before the morning service.

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

“Coffee, Chat and Play”: everyone is welcome to enjoy some fellowship and time together from 10 - 11.30am on Tuesday mornings in the Lower Hall.

Friendship Club is meeting this week at 2.30pm on **Tuesday afternoon** at 2.30pm. This week Karen Holt will be talking about “Highlights of South Africa”.

The next **Circuit Zoom service** is **this Sunday (26th April) at 6pm** and will be led by Revd Caroline. This is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/99553498272?pwd=djPd9lP1ChcCY6et0geAFKZ5WnZbi9.1>

Organ recitals: the first in the next series of the Sarah Garrett recitals will be on **Sunday 3rd May** at 2.30pm in church and will be given by William Fox, who is the Director of Music at St Albans Abbey. Everyone very welcome - entry is free and there will be a retiring collection for the series and church funds with refreshments at the interval.

Newsletter: the copydate for the next newsletter is **Friday 8th May**. Please let Chris Billington have your articles, photos, poems, prayers and jokes, suitable for the newsletter by then.

If you have enjoyed your Mothering Sunday plant and are returning your basket do keep your plant flowering by dead heading. Once it is over replant in your garden or larger pot for it to grow on flower again next Spring. Nowhere to put it then do leave it in the church garden next to the raised strawberry bed and a home will be found for it. The secret garden at the side of the church is flourishing once again. Do help yourselves to herbs, sage, chives, garden mint and rhubarb. A little later there might be gooseberries, strawberries, and red/black currants. Sylvia Smith

We were sorry to hear that Barbara Conway has died and we remember her husband Alan and her family and friends in our prayers. Barbara was for many years the representative from St Peter's on the All Saints' Council. Her funeral will be on **Tuesday 28th April** at 11am at St Peter's.

Friends will be sad to hear that John Watkins has died. For many years he was a Methodist local preacher. His funeral service will be held at St Martha's in Tring at 12.30pm on **Monday 27th April**, followed by refreshments. We send our deep sympathy to all who knew him, especially his wife, Jennifer, and his family.

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; James; for Ann Braddick's family and friends; for Barbara Conway, who has died and her family and friends.

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 pray that the ceasefire in Gaza 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; 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; Marnie Taylor; Leslie; Lesley Whittaker; Chris Billington; Jean Emsall



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