



## All Saints' Church

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## Sunday 3rd May

### 9.45am Morning Worship led by Revd Michael Giles

#### Readings

Acts 7 vv 55-60  
John 14 vv 1-14

#### Hymns

403 God is love  
443 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love  
504 May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
673 Will you come and follow me

#### Thought for the week: Easter 5

Jesus' words in John 14 open up the depths of what it means to trust in God and in him. Dwelling is central to this. Where is our true home? Where are we utterly loved? Where can we feel comprehensively safe? The answers shift the focus of those questions from 'where' to 'who'? Whose is our true home? By whom are we utterly loved? With whom can we feel comprehensively safe? The key to all of them is 'where I am'.

*David Ford*

Blessings, Caroline

**Organ recitals:** the first in the next series of the Sarah Garrett recitals will be **this 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.

**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 Revd Caroline will be speaking on “Adventures of a mission partner”.

**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.

**Christian Aid Week** commencing on **Sunday 10th May** and ending with a **cake stall on the market** on **Saturday 16th May** from 9am - 12 noon. Envelopes are now only delivered without the need to return to collect the donations. This is undertaken only by a few people. If one doesn't arrive through your door there will be some available in the church. Gifts of homemade baking would be greatly appreciated on Saturday 16th. Seven days to make a difference - what can we do? All Saints' Christian Aid Team

#### **Dates for your Diary:**

**Ecumenical Picnic:** members of local Berkhamsted churches are gathering together for a picnic at Berkhamsted Castle on **Sunday 24th May** from 12.30pm. All are welcome.

There will be a **District Summer Event** at Studham Methodist Church on **Saturday 11th July** from 10am - 3pm, which will provide an opportunity for lay folk, both paid and volunteers, to come together to worship, learn and share together. It will include a bible study led by Revd Caroline, a keynote talk by Revd Andrew Brazier, and afternoon workshops. Everyone welcome and if you are interested in going the booking link is below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-empower-summer-event-studham-methodist-tickets-1987900531001>

**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; James; for Ann Braddick's family and friends; for Barbara Conway's 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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