



All Saints' Church

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Sunday 5th July

9.45am Holy Communion led by Revd Stuart Owen

Readings

Matthew 11 vv 16-19, 25-end

Hymns

88 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
251 Jesus Christ is waiting
568 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
571 As your family, Lord, see us here

Thought for the week: Matthew 11: 25 - 30

Jesus is able to speak with wisdom's voice, but he is more than a teacher of wisdom. He embodies wisdom in the sense that he illustrates obedience to God and humility in the way that he teaches and the way he lives. Responsive to the Father, he sets the pattern for all God's children.

Ivor Jones, The Gospel of Matthew

Blessings, Caroline

Morning Prayer at 9am and **Eucharist** at 9.30am continue on Tuesday morning.
All welcome. There will be no Evening Prayer in July on Fridays 10th, 17th and 24th.

“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 meets on **Tuesday afternoons** at 2.30pm in the Lower Hall. This week will be Jill and friends sharing sketches and songs.

DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal: All Saints' would like your support for this recently launched appeal. Thousands of people are injured, and the country's hospitals are under extreme pressure. The UN estimates that millions of people have been affected, with more than two million in the worst impacted areas. There are more details here:

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/venezuela-earthquake-appeal>

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 “DEC” and your surname as your reference.

For those without online banking, a cheque made payable to “All Saints Church Berkhamsted” (with a note saying DEC Appeal) can be sent to the Church Treasurer (Michael Robinson). Additionally, the “Red Bucket” will be in church for the next two Sundays.

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

The UK Government will match pound-for-pound up to £2 million donated by the public to this appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

Organ Recital: the final concert in our Sarah Garrett recital series will be **this Sunday (5th July)** at 2.30pm and will be given by the acclaimed organist Iestyn Evans, Director of Music at St James Spanish Place London, and of St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate in the City. Interval refreshments will be available. No booking required, and there will be refreshments at the interval and a retiring collection.

Newsletter: although the copydate has passed there is still time to send your articles to Chris Bilington for inclusion in the next newsletter.

News from the garden: Please help yourself to the gooseberries, rhubarb, herbs and strawberries in the garden at the side of church - the cut and come again lettuce should also be available soon. The south facing flowerbeds together with the millennium garden do need some TLC - please feel free to do some dead heading or remove a plant growing where it's not wanted.

The local **Christian Aid** team are grateful for your support during Christian Aid week. The total raised (before gift aid) was £3174.

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 John Malcolm who has died, and for all his family and friends;

We pray for the people of Venezuela following two large earthquakes that they may receive the support they need very quickly;

We pray for all those affected by the Ebola outbreak and those working on a vaccine;

We pray for the people of Iran and 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 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; Valerie Ruddock; Jenny Wells; Marnie Taylor; Lesley Whittaker; Chris Billington; Jean Emsall



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