



All Saints' Church

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Sunday 13th September

9.45am Holy Communion led by Revd John Kirkby

Readings

Genesis 50 vv 15-21
Matthew 18 vv 31-35

Hymns

748 Glorious things of thee are spoken
440 Amazing grace
556 Just as I am
465 Guide me O thou great Jehovah

Thought for the week: Education Sunday

Education Sunday 2026 invites churches to reflect on the theme "Living Well Together". The Biblical vision of reconciliation, forgiveness and mutual responsibility encourages us to consider how we can build communities where people from different cultures, backgrounds and beliefs can flourish together.

At a time when society is often marked by division, hostility and mistrust, education has a unique role in bringing people together. Schools, colleges and universities are places where children, young people and adults learn not only alongside one another, but also from one another. Education shapes habits of thought, patterns of judgement and ways of relating to others. The question is not only what we learn, but what kind of people we are becoming.

<https://cte.org.uk/educationsunday2026/>

Blessings, Caroline

Morning Prayer at 9am and **Eucharist** at 9.30am continue on Tuesday mornings. Evening Prayer is on Fridays at 4pm. 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.

Creation tide: Revd Caroline will be leading a series of study group sessions to celebrate Creation tide, the period in the annual church calendar dedicated to God as creator and sustainer of all life. These will take place on **Thursdays at 2pm** with the next session on **Thursday 17th September**. All welcome and if you would like to take part, please contact Caroline for the Zoom joining link.

The annual **Bike n Hike** for the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust is taking place on **12th September**. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help and thank you, too, to all those who have sponsored John and Heather Wignall who will be cycling to raise money for both the Trust and All Saints'. If anyone else would like to sponsor them please get in touch or donate via the JustGiving website on <https://www.justgiving.com/page/john-wignall-2026>.

Leprosy Mission Tea: last Sunday we enjoyed a well-attended Church tea party where Sheila from the The Leprosy Mission updated us on their life-changing work supporting those with leprosy in Odesha as well as sharing stories of her own experiences at Anandaban hospital near Kathmandu. Thank you to those who generously donated at the event or online afterwards. If anyone else would like to donate to this important cause this year, please make a bank transfer to All Saints' CAF Bank account: sort code 40-52-40, account number 00021409, account name All Saints' Church Berkhamsted quoting "TLM" and your surname as your reference. Thank you. Steve Spall

Our **Harvest Service** will take place on **Sunday 4th October** and as ever it would be nice to celebrate by bringing flowers and foliage to the church. It might be rather different, after the unusual summer heat and lack of rain, causing Autumn to arrive early. Please come and help on the morning of **Saturday 3rd October** between 10 am and 12noon. Raid your gardens and hedgerows or search, on the day, in the church garden. If you are able to contribute but not on that morning/day do let me know. I am sure alternatives can be arranged. Thank you. Sylvia Smith (text/email or in person)

Pastoral Coordinators' Meeting: the next meeting will be on **Thursday 24th September** at 10.30 am in the church.

People's Emergency Briefing: there will be a free screening of this 50 minute film at St Peter's on **Wednesday 23rd September** at 7pm. The film brings together leading UK scientists and experts to explore the impacts of climate change on our lives. Please register for free tickets at www.tickettailor.com/events/ecoberko

Phakamisa: on 25th September Revd Jonathan Gordon is hoping to cycle around the Isle of Wight to raise money to support Phakamisa. If you would like to donate please go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jonathan-gordon-5?>
More details of the work of Phakamisa can be found at <https://phakamisa.org/>

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

Prayer Requests

For: Jonathan and Ann Hayes; Terry; James; Doug Billington; Penny; Heather Gifford;

We pray for all those affected by recent disasters, particularly the people of Nepal and Tibet and those from other countries who were on pilgrimage;

We pray for the children and young people of our town at the start of the new school year and for all those involved in education;

We pray for an end to war and suffering in the Middle East and the other parts of the world where there is ongoing conflict. We pray for peace and respect for the rules of international law among the nations;

We pray that the changes in our climate will be treated seriously and pray for recovery for the land and forests which have been badly burned in the last few weeks;

We pray for those who find it hard to provide for their families, and for all those who work for a more just society. And we remember all those refugees who are seeking safety and peace in our country, praying for greater understanding of what they have suffered;

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; Mark, Nicola and family; Helen and Sarah; Marion and Julian; Jean Emsall; Ida; Audrey and Paul



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