



All Saints' Church

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Sunday 11th October

9.45am Holy Communion led by Revd John Kirkby

4pm Messy Church

Readings

Philippians 4 vv 1- 9
Matthew 22 vv 1-14

Hymns

335 Rejoice the Lord is King
504 May the mind of Christ
590 Jesus we thus obey
334 Praise to the holiest

Thought for the week: Prisons Week

Jesus tells a story of a wedding banquet. When the invited guests failed to come, the master sent the servants out into the streets to gather all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good (Matthew 22:1 – 14).

The message at the heart of this parable of Jesus and of Prisons Week 2026 is beautifully captured by N.T. Wright:

Jesus' love reaches us wherever we are but refuses to leave us as we are.

God's desire is that all would respond to his invitation, both good and bad. God seeks us out whatever our behaviour and calls us to be changed; to take off the old and to put on the new.

For more information, see <https://www.prisonsworld.org/>

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

Friendship Club meets at 2.30pm on Tuesday afternoons in the Lower Hall. This week Rob Wakely will be talking about DENS.

Harvest Appeal – many thanks to all who were able to contribute gifts of food and other items for DENS, and the £1,375 (including gift aid) that was given for USPG and All We Can.

Food pantry: thank you for the impressive Harvest collection for DENS last Sunday. Church Council would like to remind the congregation that weekly donations to the All Saints’ Food Pantry (open every day via the cupboard in the church porch) are very much appreciated, as there continues to be a regular uptake of the items we offer.

Memorial Service: our annual Thanksgiving and Commemoration service for those who have died is on **Sunday 25th October** at 4pm. Everyone is very welcome, whether your bereavement is recent or many years ago. There will be an opportunity to light a candle. Please give names you would like read during the service to Ruth Treves Brown by 21st October.

On **Sunday 1st November**, All Saints Day, very appropriately we shall have a special service to welcome several people in our congregation into membership at All Saints’. It will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Lower Hall. All are welcome to join us for lunch.

Circuit Vacancies: The West Herts & Borders Circuit is seeking to make three key appointments to its staff team:

- Circuit Administrator (17.5 hours per week)
- Circuit Safeguarding Officer (10 hours per week)
- Circuit Property Officer (10 hours per week)

These are permanent posts at a salary of £36,000 per annum FTE (£19.78 per hour). Applicants are welcome to apply for one or more of these posts. Closing date is Friday 16th October. For a job description, person specification and application form, please contact office@highstreet.church

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; Joshua Pryce; Chris Billington

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 for all those affected by recent disasters, and we pray that the changes in our climate will be treated seriously;

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



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