



Update for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Morning Prayer is held every weekday morning 8.30am in our Chapel**

(Please note there will be no morning prayer from 25<sup>th</sup> Dec until 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

The readings week are **Micah 5: 2-5a, Hebrews 10: 5-10 and Luke 1: 39-56**

**At 8am** we gather for a **traditional BCP Communion Service** Revd. Emma will lead and Canon Jeanette Power will preach.

**At 10 am we gather for Morning Worship.** Revd. Emma will lead, and Canon Jeanette Power will preach. There are no groups for our young people and children. All are welcome to stay for refreshments served in our church hall after.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve**

**Crib Services at 3pm and 5pm.** This year we are holding two Crib Services – so you choose what time suits you best! Come and sing your favourite Christmas Carols and listen to the story of Christmas. You are welcome to come dressed as a nativity character, ready to join in! There will be a collection for the work of The Children's Society.

The  
Children's  
Society

No child  
should feel  
alone

**At 11.15pm** we gather for **Midnight Mass** as we welcome in Christmas morning. The readings will be **Isaiah 62: 6 - end, Titus 3: 4-7 and Luke 2: 1-7.** Revd. Buffy will lead and preside, and Revd. Emma will preach.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day**

The readings today will be **Isaiah 9: 2-7 and Luke 2: 1-14.**

**At 8am** we gather for a **traditional BCP Communion Service** Revd. Emma will lead and Revd. Buffy will preach.

**At 10am** we gather for a **Christmas Celebration Service followed by Holy Communion.** At this service Revd. Emma and Revd. Buffy will lead and preach.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

This week the readings are **Colossians 3: 12-17 and Luke 2: 41 - end**

At **9am** we gather for Holy Communion. Revd. Emma will lead, and Revd. Buffy will preside and preach. All are welcome to join us for refreshments in the church hall afterwards. No 8am or 10am services today!

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Epiphany

This week the readings are **Ephesians 3: 1-12 and Matthew 2: 1-12**

**At 8am** we gather for a **traditional BCP Communion Service** Revd. Buffy will lead and Revd. Emma will preach.

**At 10am** we gather for a **Holy Communion with groups for Kids and Youth at Ten**. Canon John Byrne will lead, and Revd. Emma will preach.

This service will be live streamed. All are welcome to stay for refreshments served in our church hall after.

ALL SAINTS  
YOUTH  
AT 10AM

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KIDS  
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## Church and Office Opening Times for Christmas and New Year

The **Parish Office** will be **closed** from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan at 9am. We will not pick up emails or calls during this time.

**If you need urgent assistance, Revd. Emma can be contacted by email or on the vicarage telephone number during this time. Thank you.**

The last **Morning Prayer** will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. It will recommence on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan at 8.30am.

The **Church** will be open each day over the Christmas period from **9am until dusk** for private prayer and the count the Star competition!

## Happy Christmas

A big thank you for all the cards and gifts the staff team have received this Christmas. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. Each of us will be making charitable donations rather than sending individual cards.

## Thank you

A HUGE thank you to all who have given so generously to the Foodbank in recent weeks. Two small teams have worked with volunteers at the Foodbank this week to package up 170+ parcels going out to families, couples, and individuals in this area. The need is great, but thanks to your generosity we can make a difference.



It has also been a great joy and delight to visit Wellington Vale, Copper Beeches and Denmead Grange this week, and share Carols, the Nativity story and Communion with residents. Thank you to those who sang in our 'mini choir'.

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 10am – Inspire Women’s Group

**ALL SAINTS**  
**INSPIRE**  
WOMEN'S GROUP

Inspire will be meeting on Saturday 11th January, at 10am in the church hall for a reflective craft session. Please do join us as we make mosaic labyrinths as a mindful way to pray or bring focus to our New Year.

Please message the Inspire WhatsApp group or email us to register interest. There will be a charge of £5 to cover the cost of materials but if this is an issue which stops you attending, please do speak to one of us in confidence as we'd love to see as many of you there as possible.

*Revd. Buffy, Katherine and Sophie*

## Alpha 2025:

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**Starting**

**Wednesday 15th January**



We will be serving a delicious hot meal each week to all those attending Alpha. If you could help by preparing a meal for about 20 (something like a shepherd's pie, or fish pie, or chilli, or lasagne) please speak to Revd. Buffy on 07747 819918 [curate@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk](mailto:curate@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk)

## Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Quiet Day

Quiet Days are a wonderful time to reflect, pray and just be. All are welcome to come to All Saints Quiet Day at Wisdom House, Romsey. The day will start at 10.00am and run until 16.30pm. Canon David Lindsay will lead us. The cost this year is £31.50, this includes a simple lunch, with tea, coffee and biscuits available throughout the day and tea and cake will be served before we leave.



If you would like to attend, please contact Karen in the Parish Office to be added to the list, Karen will also be collecting the money, but payment by bank transfer is available. Parking is limited at Wisdom House, so we will car share.

If anyone would like to know more, maybe you are not sure what a Quiet Day entails, please contact Kim Markham 9224 0150 or email [kim@markhams.me.uk](mailto:kim@markhams.me.uk) **We need to know numbers and have payment by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, please.**

ALL SAINTS  
CHURCH  
DENMEAD



CALM and BRIGHT

## Guess how many stars!

Our amazing flower team have been at work again and created the most fabulous Christmas floral arrangements across the church – they look wonderful, thank you!

So, the challenge this year is to count how many stars you can spot across all the arrangements (inside the church, chapel, porch and outside the porch) The church will be open each day from 9am till dusk.

You can pick up an entry form from the table in our welcome area, and once completed, post in the red-letter box. There will be a £20 prize for the winner!

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