



## Update for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

The readings week are **1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a** and **Luke 4: 14-21**

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

**At 10 am we gather for Morning Worship.** Revd. Emma will lead, and Revd. Buffy will preach. As part of this service there will be '**God in our Everyday**' an opportunity for anyone to share an encouraging Bible reading, vision, picture or answered prayer with the congregation. There are no groups for our young people and children. All are welcome to stay for refreshments served in our church hall after.

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 – Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemass

This week the readings are **Hebrews 2: 14-end** and **Luke 2: 22-40**

**At 8am** we gather for a **traditional BCP Communion Service** Revd. Buffy will lead and preside and Canon John Byrne will preach.

**At 10am we gather for a Holy Communion with groups for Kids and Youth at Ten.** Revd. Buffy will lead and preside, and Canon John Byrne will preach. This service will be live streamed. All are welcome to stay for refreshments served in our church hall after.

**At 6pm we join for a Taizé Candlemass service** lead by Canon David Lindsay and team. A service of prayers and chants and Bible readings. All are very welcome.

ALL SAINTS  
YOUTH  
AT 10AM  
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KIDS  
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#### Alpha

Alpha 2025 is underway!

We welcomed 11 people on Wednesday night, who have joined us for Alpha for a variety of reasons.

Please do pray for

- everyone to enjoy friendship and trust as we meet, eat and talk together.
- that each person on Alpha to grow in understanding and faith in Jesus.



- give thanks for those who help make Alpha happen by planning, cooking, leading and listening. (If anyone is able to make a gluten free, veggie meal for 6 on the 29<sup>th</sup> Jan that would be fab)
- that the team and the guests know your love and grace around them each week.

### Saturday 1st February - Big Family Quiz

Night 4.30pm – 6pm

**LAST CHANCE! Big Family Quiz Night - 4.30**

**- 6pm - Saturday 1st February**

Bring your family, friends, or just yourself for a lively evening of trivia, laughter, and community! Whether you're a quiz whiz or just in it for the fun, there's something for everyone.


There's still time to book your place, but don't wait too long – spaces are filling up fast! The deadline for booking your space is midnight on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Pre-registration is required! Sign up your team (*max. 9 people*) or join as a solo player to be added to a team (*smaller groups may be grouped with others*).



### **What to Expect:**

- Fun, family-friendly quiz rounds
- Hot and cold food and drink: including Pizza, cake, crisps, tea, coffee, and juice
- Small activities for kids (for when the quizzing gets too much, including a Lego table)
- Prizes for the winning team and even the most creative team name!

 This is a free event, with donations warmly welcomed. Funds raised will support future community activities. Register via email, phone, or text before midnight on **Sunday, January 26th**.

- Team name
- Number of adults
- Number of children (and their ages)
- Dietary needs
- Contact name and email

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## **Holiday Club 2025**

Holiday Club will run from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 9:30-3:30pm each day with a Celebration service on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am

We're thrilled to announce that preparations for this year's **Holiday Club: Explorers – The Greatest Journey** are well underway! From Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> August, our church will transform into an exciting hub of discovery and adventure as we welcome up to 90 children from our community to explore the greatest story ever told.

This year's theme will take children on an interactive journey across deserts, mountains, and seas as they uncover hidden treasures and learn about the incredible love and hope found in Jesus. It's a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of children and families in our community—and we need YOUR help to make it happen!

### **We're Looking for Volunteers to Join the Team!**

Whether you can spare a few hours, a few days, or the whole week, there's a role for everyone:

- **Group Leaders:** Could you empower our Years 5 and 6? Guide the children through games, crafts, and activities.
- **Group Helpers:** Support the group leader and help children craft and discover the message for each day's story.
- **Refreshments Team:** Fuel the adventurers with snacks and smiles.
- **Decorating Crew:** Before the event could you help bring our explorer theme to life with vibrant, creative decor.
- **Prayer Support:** Uplift this ministry and all involved as we prepare and deliver the program - a special prayer diary will be out soon to help guide your prayers.

Your involvement—no matter how big or small—could be the spark that helps a child encounter God's love for the first time.

If you feel prompted to step into this exciting ministry, please contact Revd. Buffy, Lesley Handy, Mags Waters, Peter Markham or Lewis Jones on [holidayclub@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk](mailto:holidayclub@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk) or phone/message Lewis on 077 8098 1235. support and resources will be provided to ensure you feel confident and equipped!

Let's work together to make this year's Holiday Club an unforgettable journey of fun, faith, and discovery. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can be part of this life-changing week.

*Lewis Jones, Youth and Families Community Leader*

## **Should the Parish Chronicle continue?**

Sorry to be mentioning this again, but I will definitely be standing down at the end of this year from my role in producing the Parish Chronicle. In order for the Chronicle to continue beyond December 2025, we need a volunteer as soon as possible to assist with it. I can give whatever help and guidance is needed, but the main requirements are an ability to use suitable computer software and a few (3-6?) hours available per month. If you would like to know more about it, please contact Karen in the office, or email or speak to me.

Thank you, Steve Venn, 07803595915 [steve.venn@gmail.com](mailto:steve.venn@gmail.com)

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