



## Update for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Happy Christmas

Over this next week we will be celebrating hope, peace, love, and **JOY** as we remember that God sent his Son, Jesus, Emmanuel (God with us) - the best gift ever! May you know Christ's healing, reconciling, transformational presence with you, in your homes, and with your loved ones this Christmastime.

A **BIG** thank you to all those who volunteer at All Saints: giving your time, energy, and commitment sacrificially this past year. Whether its leading groups, shepherding children, serving refreshments, leading worship, serving on a team, arranging flowers, or any one of the countless other (and often unseen) tasks that keep our community running – we are so grateful – thank you for all that you do.

We also wanted to thank those who have given us gifts and cards this year. All much appreciated. We wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing you as we enter 2026. With love from Revd. Emma, Revd. Buffy, Lewis, Karen, and Peter. X

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

This week the readings are **Isaiah 7: 10-16, Romans 1: 1-7 and Luke 1: 26-38**

**At 8am** we gather for a **traditional BCP Holy Communion Service** Revd. Emma will preside and Karen Gaskin will preach.

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

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### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

**Crib Services at 3pm and 5pm**. This year we are again 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**.

**At 11.15pm** we gather for **Midnight Mass** as we welcome in Christmas morning. The readings will be **Micah 5: 2-5a, Titas 3: 3-7 and Luke 2: 1-14** Revd. Emma will lead and preside, and Revd. Buffy will preach.

### Thursday 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. Buffy will lead and Revd. Emma will preach.

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

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

This week the readings are **Hebrews 2: 10-end and Matthew 2: 13-end**

At **9am** we gather for Holy Communion. Canon John Byrne will lead and preside and Peter Mitchell, our Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) will preach. All are welcome to join us for refreshments in the church hall afterwards. No 8am or 10am services today!

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany

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

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

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

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### Lewis Jones – Sick Leave

Lewis remains on sick leave at present. Please be praying for Lewis, Sophie and family.

### Liz Crane

There is a book of memories of Liz being put together for Penny, Daniel and Della. They would love as many of the church family as possible who knew Liz to write a memory two. This can be sent via Revd Buffy's email or by popping it in an envelope and dropping it into the curate's pigeonhole in church or to the office.

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

The **Parish Office** will be **closed** from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December and will re-open on Friday 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 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. It will recommence on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan at 8.30am.

The **Church** will be open each day over Christmas from **9am until dusk** for private prayer.

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

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 10am – Inspire Women's Group

Please save the date - more details to follow for our Women's Breakfast in the church hall. *Revd. Buffy, Katherine, Sophie and Karen*

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 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.

The cost this year is £25.00 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)

### STOP Domestic Abuse

A big thank you to all who gave so generously at our recent Gift Service. We have received the following letter from the team at Stop Domestic Abuse.



*"Dear Emma and all involved at All Saints church. We would like to thank you for your recent Christmas Gift donations. We are extremely grateful for your contribution to our vision of a world without domestic abuse and thank you for your continued generosity. Thanks to supporters like you, we can continue to provide high quality services and much needed support to the women, children, men and families affected by domestic abuse in our community.*

*All Christmas Gift donations will go to those we support in refuge and those using our support services out in the community. Your kind support will have an immediate effect locally, making this Christmas a time for making happy memories with loved ones, and having presents to unwrap will make all the difference to those who have experienced domestic abuse. Thank you for making a change for the better"*

Ella O'Neil

### It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas....

Our amazing flower team have filled All Saints with beautiful Christmas floral arrangements.



Look out for the golden angels heralding great JOY...how many can you spot?!

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