

All Saints Church Newsletter

Worship Matters

Advent Sunday 3rd December 2023

An order of service with music links will be for use at home will be posted on the website.

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion - All Ages Together

5pm Kings Heath Business Association Carol Service with the Central England Concert Band. All welcome, with a free meal afterwards.

(No 6.30pm evening Service)

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is a local choir (including some members of All Saints) who rehearse here. They are holding a performance Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols accompanied by harpist Rachel Schweizer Saturday 9th December 2023 7./30pm. Tickets are £14 (Concess£12). Book at tkt.to/notorious

They are generously sharing the proceeds with All Saints.

Blue Christmas

3.30pm Saturday 9th December Lady Chapel, St Mary's Church, Moseley

Blue Christmas is a short service of reflection (30-40 minutes) for anyone who isn't finding the festive season easy, for those who are grieving, or for those of us who find the winter time and longer nights difficult.

Blue Christmas will be followed by a chance to chat and find quiet companionship over hot drinks and homemade cake in the West Room.

The service and space afterwards are open to everyone, regardless of faith.

Please do feel welcome to come.

Fellowship and Music matters Village Band

Anyone playing any instrument who would like to join the village band for the Children's Carol Service 3pm Christmas Eve, please speak to **Martha Ann Brookes**

Carol singing

There are a couple of opportunities for singing carols coming up in which all are welcome to take part.

Firstly, as part of the musical accompaniment for the Advent Craft Fair **this Saturday, 2 December** there will be communal carol singing for 45 minutes or so from around 12:45 in church.

Then, on **Saturday 23 December** do come and join us for our annual carol singing on the Village Square – singers, instrumentalists and enthusiastic

bucket-shakers are all welcome to help us raise money for a local charity from 11:00 for around 90 minutes.

Do please contact us as below if you are interested in either of these, and/or in singing with us in any church services over Christmas – we look forward to hearing from you!

Ben & Clare Noakes

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Inclusive Church?

St Francis Bournville are exploring the possibility of joining the Inclusive Church Network, and a small group would value conversation with some of us from All Saints, as a church who have made that journey. This is not to claim we have got it right, but humbly to share our experience. If you would like to come to St Francis with David on the evening of Wednesday 31st January to share in that conversation, please tell David.



All Saints Big Christmas Card

Everyone of any age is invited to join in a Quiet Time during coffee after the 10am service on Sunday 10th December to contribute to a Big Christmas Card sending greetings to all in our congregation and friends in our community.

There will be opportunity to simply sign your name; add a message; create a small piece of collage or

artwork to be included in the card which will be displayed in church during Advent.

This will replace the usual Post Box for individual cards - though this does not of course preclude anyone

who wishes to send or give personal cards to church friends.

Demonstrating that we are reducing our consumption in this way

may help All Saints' application for a

Silver Eco Church award.

There will also be a Reflective Space to bring and write your own cards prayerfully to loved ones who are further afield.

All are welcome to gather together for this creative and meditative activity.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

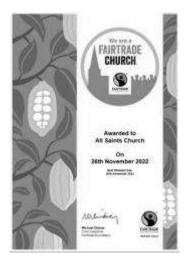
If you are unable to join on 10th, and would like to be included in the card, please contact

Angela, David, Tariro, Vivien or Lindsey for an alternative arrangement.

For our prayers

Among those who are unwell we pray for Adrian Koslowski,

Among those who have died we remember Robin Centre volunteer Greg Mason, Norman Brookes, Dorothy Jones, Eric James, Helen Hunt (from Kings Heath Cricket Club) and Pat Flynn.



Fairtrade Chocolate Advent Calendars

Divine Milk Chocolate and Plain Chocolate Advent Calendars are available again this year, price £4.99 each.

You can see examples on the Fair Trade Stall. To order, see Gill on Sunday or contact her on 07752838070

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Best wishes, **David** The Revd Canon David Warbrick, Vicar of All Saints Kings Heath vicar@allsaintschurchkh.org (0121) 444 0260

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