



All Saints Church Newsletter

Compline (night prayer) is said this evening in the chapel at 9pm. A short 10 minute service of prayers and readings prepares us for the night.

Church is too full. Bah, humbug.

Last year's Carols by Candlelight was enormously moving, but worryingly full. The PCC felt we needed to ensure everyone's safety, while enjoying the beauty of the occasion. As we are very reluctant indeed to turn anyone away, this year we experiment:

There will be **two identical services of Carols by Candlelight**, at **4pm**, then again at **6.30pm**.

Please spread the word among friends, neighbours and enquirers.

Please think carefully about which service is best for you.

If enough come at 4pm, we will not need to turn anyone away at 6.30.

We are deeply grateful to our musicians for being willing to offer two services.

If anyone would like to help provide tea and coffee for our singers between the services (around 5.15 in the Garden Room) please tell David, or Ben and Clare.

Next Sunday, 14th December, Advent III

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion with commissioning of our Eco Church group leaders.

Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-22

There is no evening service this Sunday



ASYP Big Christmas Quiz 2025

Our annual festive fundraising quiz was a winner last Christmas, so we have a new fun quiz this year! A fun activity which can be easily shared with friends and family whilst supporting the running costs of the All Saints Youth Project. As with all charities, the current economic climate makes fundraising both a necessity and a challenge.

This year's quiz is now available electronically on the ASYP website allsaintsyouthproject.org.uk or direct from the email tedhammond74@gmail.com.

Last year we raised over £1,000 and this year our ambitious target is £1,500!! Please join in the fun and enter the quiz this year. We suggest a minimum donation of £3.00 but your added generosity would be greatly appreciated. However, it is equally important that you share the quiz as widely as possible with family and friends. The wider we share the quiz; the more people will have an opportunity to support this wonderful work and raise funds for the charity.

Donations can be made through the ASYP website or by bank transfer – details are on the quiz.

Once again there is a prize for the winner (£30.00) and the runner up (£20.00) plus all entries will be entered into a prize draw for one of three £10.00 M&S vouchers.

Lindsey & Ted Hammond and Liz Haskins



September 1

Christmas Eve and beyond

On Christmas Eve please 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 [Birmingham](#)

[Christmas Shelter](#) from 11:00 for around an hour and a quarter.

Do please contact us as below if you would like any more information, either about this or in singing with us in any church services over Christmas.

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Music and Dance

Saturday 7th February 2026 for a Musical Celebration of the late Jean Caswell and Alma Beattie

6-7pm in church followed by a **ceilidh**. Refreshments available. More info and ceilidh tickets from Des and Jenny in the New Year.

BIRCH – a favourite very local charity supporting refugees, launch their **Christmas Appeal**.

At BIRCH, your support means so much, especially to those who rely upon us for help. In simple terms, we just couldn't do what we do without you.

That comes across in BIRCH's Annual Report (<https://birchnetwork.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7cc5baa5ab1dea7da1f2d2897&id=3a5a9192b7&e=66afd91afd>) which, as you'll see, details the tremendous work of the charity.

And that work is more necessary than ever as those who seek sanctuary and security in the UK are increasingly vilified, their very presence here resented, the reasons they flee their homelands dismissed or ignored.

It may well be Christmas, but it seems peace and goodwill may be thin on the ground for these individuals and families, who will have experienced all manner of trauma in their lives.

This is why BIRCH is launching a Christmas Appeal (<https://birchnetwork.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7cc5baa5ab1dea7da1f2d2897&id=fdd02d5d65&e=66afd91afd>) where the focus is on a particular item that represents an absolute lifeline for refugees and asylum seekers – a mobile phone.

This may seem an unusual request, but it is an urgent one as the JustGiving page outlines.

Last year, we raised over £3,000 with our Christmas Appeal – an incredible figure, and we are enormously grateful to all of you for your astonishing generosity.

And we'd again be tremendously grateful if you felt able to make a donation to this year's Appeal, which we've headed: A Call for Help at Christmas. If you felt able, too, to share this request with others, that would be fantastic.

We realise there will be many demands on you during the festive season, yet your kindness can show that Christmas really is a time for peace and goodwill for all, wherever they may come from in our troubled world.

Donate here (<https://birchnetwork.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7cc5baa5ab1dea7da1f2d2897&id=4821829365&e=66afd91afd>)

BIRCH Christmas shop

Another way to support our work is to buy from our Christmas Shop (<https://birchnetwork.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7cc5baa5ab1dea7da1f2d2897&id=f7e3d071c7&e=66afd91afd>) – we have 50%

off all existing items (excluding gift vouchers). Grab yourself a bargain and buy a gift that makes a difference this Christmas.

Gift Aid:

We need to update our Gift Aid records so we'd be very grateful if **anyone** who supports All Saints financially (occasionally or regularly) and is an income tax payer would fill in a simple form available in church and return it to Martha Ann Brookes.

Remember, gift aid allows us to claim back from HMRC and additional 25p for each £1 you donate.

Even if you give through the Parish Giving Scheme, we still need a form from you. Even if you have made a declaration before, we need a new form.

Also, if you **cease** being a tax payer and have offered gift aid in the past, **please tell Martha Ann as soon as possible** so we can stop claiming from your gifts.

Many thanks.

David, Steve, Ted and Martha Ann, and indeed all the Church Council.

All Saints Crafters' MINI CRAFT FAIR – last Saturday raised more than £450 for All Saints, and Andy's Cards raised over £60 for the Youth Project. More than anything, with our singers, they raised a lot of smiles.

Thank you all.

For our prayers

For those who are unwell: especially Duncan Hill-Brown and Ruth Tetlow.

Among those who have died we remember Mary Bryant and Jill Bowen.

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Best wishes,

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