



# All Saints Church

W O K I N G H A M

## Sunday 29th December 2024

### First Sunday of Christmas



#### Services this week

Sunday 29th December

**No 8am service**

9.30am Parish Communion

#### Services for next week

Sunday 5th January

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

*No Junior church & Youth  
Church until 12th Jan*

#### Collect

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an  
earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Weekly Services

There will be no mid-week services from  
24th December until 2nd January.

#### All Saints Church Café

Mondays, Thursdays 10-2pm, Fridays and Saturdays  
10am - 12pm. The café will be closed from  
24th December until 3rd January.



#### Intercessions: Please pray for:

Sandra, Cathy, Gabriela, Angie, Lyn, George, Amelia, Judy, Rayanne, Neil, Michelle, Michael,  
Shannon, Anne, Tony, June, Gareth, Joan, Alison, Ian, Chris, Judi

### Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Luke 2: 41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' <sup>49</sup>He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

### Wokingham Repair Café - Next date - Saturday 11th January 2025

All Saints Church, 10am - 1pm, every 2nd Saturday of the month.

Come with your broken items (household, bikes, toys, jewellery....) and a volunteer repairer will help you fix them!

TheCafé@AllSaints will also be open so you can have a drink and a slice of cake, while you wait. Please see our website for enquiries about repairs, to volunteer as a repairer, a receptionist or a triage person: <https://wokinghamrepaircafe.uk/>

### Piano Accompaniment at the Café

Enjoy a relaxing morning at our cafe with the accompaniment of the church's new addition - the beautiful Bechstein grand piano!, played by local pianist Debra Wong  
All welcome - Cafe opens from 10 am to 12 pm and music starts at 10:30 am (for approx. 1 hour).

**Dates: 10th January & 14th March**

### Churchyard Working Parties

Our churchyard is managed and maintained by volunteers. Come along to help out at our monthly working parties - meet some new friends and spend time in this beautiful space. All equipment provided. 9am-12noon.

**2025 Dates: 18th January, 15th February, 15th March, 12th April, 10th May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 30th August, 27th September, 25th October, 22nd November**

Please do come along to help out and keep our churchyard looking great!

The churchyard funds are very stretched at this time - if you might be willing to support the ongoing maintenance of the churchyard please consider either a one off gift, or setting up a monthly direct debit. For more information on how to give please visit -

<https://www.allsaintswokingham.org.uk/churchyard-donation/>

### Bags2School (Church)

We are organising another collection for **Friday 17th January at 9am.**

Over Christmas and year please have a look through for clothes, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, jewellery and belts which you no longer need. Pop it all in a bag and bring it to the church for collection from now until 16th January.

For more information visit the website or see the leaflets.

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>



## Christmas Opening

The Church will be closed on Christmas Day afternoon, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. On 29th December there will be one service at 9.30am (no 8am). There will be no mid-week services from 24th December until 2nd January.

The café will be closed from 24th December until 3rd January.

The Parish Office is closed from Monday 23rd December until Friday 3rd January.

The Cornerstone is closed from lunchtime on 24th December until Thursday 2nd January.

The Rector is on leave from Monday 30th December until Monday 6th January.

Should you need a member of the clergy **urgently** over the Christmas period, please contact Hannah on 07860 930547.

## Date for your diary

26th January 2025, 11am - 1.30pm consultation on mission giving.

The church currently donates 10% of income to various charities, local and global. We will meet to discuss whether or not we continue this principal and if so, which charities we should give to. Please bring your thoughts and ideas. Meet in church.

## Quench at the Café

Our café now stocks a range of cards from Quench bookshop. From January we will be offering a click and collect service for your Quench orders.

<https://www.quenchshops.com/>



## Soulscape Christmas Appeal

This festive season, help Soulscape continue its mission of supporting young people in Berkshire schools to explore life's challenges and to THRIVE.

<https://soulscape.org.uk/give-the-gift-of-wellbeing-this-christmas/>



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**Normal Office Opening Times:** Monday-Friday 10am - 12pm  
(Remotely on Thursdays)

**Don't forget to check our website for more information about events on our news page: [www.allsaintswokingham.org.uk/news/](http://www.allsaintswokingham.org.uk/news/) , Facebook & Instagram**