

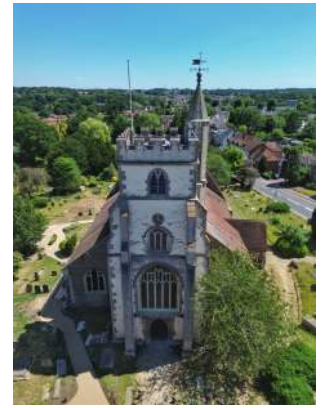


All Saints Church

W O K I N G H A M

Sunday 5th January 2025

Epiphany



Services this week

Sunday 5th January

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Services for next week

Sunday 12th January

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

**Junior Church & Youth Church are
restarting on 12th January.**

Collect

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your incar-
nate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever. Amen.

Weekly Services

- Morning Prayer: Tue, Wed, Thurs 9am
- Tuesday Holy Communion 10am
- Wednesday Mums aimed at pre-schoolers and carers , every Wednesday at 10am

All Saints Church Café

Mondays, Thursdays 10-2pm, Fridays and Saturdays
10am - 12pm



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

This week's bible readings

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,

Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men

and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Little Steps - New Baby and Toddler Group, starting 16th January

We are starting a new baby and toddler group on Thursdays at 1.30pm in The Cornerstone. Please spread the word and if you would like to volunteer (subject to the usual checks) please contact Rev Hannah.

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 before 16th January.

For more information visit the website or see the leaflets.

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



Junior Church & Youth Church

Junior church is aimed at Primary School children. Parents can drop children off at The Cornerstone hall, before the church service, for craft, games and a bible story.

Youth Church meet at 9.25am in the De Vitre room and is aimed at secondary school children, to chill, chat and explore faith and other topical issues. Breakfast available to those who turn up on time! Both groups rejoin the congregation for communion at about 10.15am

Under 5's

For parents with children under 5, please feel free to use the Children's area in church, where there is colouring and toys available.

Restarting after Christmas on Sunday 12th January

Coffee and Questions

An opportunity to have a good chat about some of life's big questions.

Dates for 2025: Friday 24th January 7pm-9pm, Saturday 25th January 10am - 12pm

Friday 14th February 7pm-9pm, Saturday 15th February 10am-12pm

Meet in the church café. All Welcome.

Charity Giving

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/>



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

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