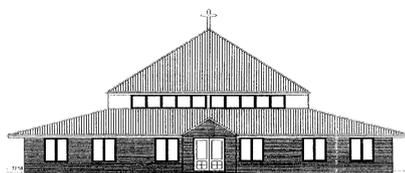


ALL SAINTS' Oxhey



TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

1st December 2013

ADVENT Sunday

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ

TODAY:

9.15am Prayers
10.00am Holy Communion

Hymns: 48, 353, O come, O come, 14, 305, 123,

Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5...Romans 13: 11-14...Matthew 24: 36-44

THIS WEEK 1A:

Thursday 10.15am Holy Communion

The Hatch is open Monday to Friday from 11.45am to 1.45pm

NEXT SUNDAY 2A: 8th December 2013 ADVENT 2

Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10...Romans 15: 4-13...Matthew 3: 1-12



CHILDREN WELCOME!



at all our services

Each week we have Sunday school groups for children over 3 years old, and we have a crèche, Small Saints, for the 0-3's. On the 1st Sunday of the month we have All-age worship when children, whatever their age, are encouraged to be part of the service.

Come and join us and bring the children!

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, for healing or for any other reason, please ask a member of the ministry team who are wearing name badges, or a member of staff.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Please pray for those on your heart, ill or in need of Prayer for any reason.

For our missions for this year: National Autistic Society, Mothers Union Kenya, Shelter Box, Herts Young Carers & ASCEND....For...Those who mourn For...Those who are ill at home or in hospital...In your daily prayers please pray for those listed below...Julian & Rebecca, Tina Kearney, John & Rosemary O' Connor, Andrew Wyard...For our community and for the residents of...Ainsdale Road, Alderwood House, Burnley Close, Buxton Path, Fleetwood Way, Forfar House...For...Those who receive Communion at home, Operation Christmas Child and all those who will receive the Shoeboxes and all those who filled, collected or delivered them.

Monthly Prayer meetings for ASCEND

Staff, Volunteers and visitors are welcome to join in prayers for the future of ASCEND and the people in the local community. Please feel free to express your prayers, thoughts, poetry or visions, or bring along your favourite reading to share at these meetings. The prayer meetings are usually on the first Tuesday of each month.

The next one is: - **Tuesday 3rd December 2013 at 12.15pm.**

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – CAN YOU HELP?

Every year we hold a Christingle service which includes a nativity play for younger children and this year I am on my own and would greatly value some help with the children and the service. Are you able to come along and help on Christmas Eve from 3.00pm – 4.00pm?

Let me know...I will be very grateful and you will get an orange and maybe even a chocolate or two!! **Pam.**

MAKING THE CHRISTINGLES

Can you spare an hour at 10.30 on Christmas Eve morning to help make the **Christingles**. It doesn't take long but the end result gives a lot of pleasure to a lot of children (and adults!). Please let Pam or Alison know if you can come along, the more the merrier. You get to eat the spare sweets!

FOR YOUR DIARY 2013:

7 th	December	10.30-12.30	Table Top Sale
15 th	December	9.30am	Breakfast service
22 nd	December	4.00pm	Carol service in Oxhey Chapel (1612)
24 th	December	3.30pm	Christingle & Nativity service

Diocese Advent Challenge 2013

Advent begins in two weeks. The Advent Challenge this year is called **Encounters**. It offers individuals a simple way of taking time each day to reflect and making time to act. .

If you are on the internet you can sign up to receive the daily emails or texts. Simply Google “**live the challenge**” and sign up.

Encounters explores the songs of hope in the Bible, using some of the canticles used at Morning and Evening Prayer. How do we live that hope in the world? Where are the places we can sing God’s song? Participants are invited to upload photos and videos of those places where they have sought to sing God’s song of hope.

If you would like to print out the daily verses you can find [weekly sheets](#) at <http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk/download/> . Week 1 is already up and others will follow shortly, at least a fortnight in advance. You can also obtain more information about **Encounters** from the same web site and now you can follow the Challenge [@live_challenge](#) on Twitter.

South Oxhey Choir Xmas Concert

7:00pm Saturday 7th December 2013

at St Michaels & All Angels Church

Guest Choir: North Watford Community Choir

Some of the songs in the programme for the evening:

Quem Pastores Laudavere - Starmaker - Gaudete

Always a Woman - Jar of Hearts - Viva La Vida.

And of course some of your favourite carols:

Once in Royal David’s City - Away in a Manger – The Coventry Carol

Ding dong merrily on high - Hark the Herald angels sing.

Tickets £10.00 are available from:

Telephone **or the South Oxhey Choir**
on Tuesday evening at Oxhey Wood School

TRAVELLING CRIB

The Travelling Crib will be visiting homes in our parish in ADVENT.

It will be passed on during the Sunday services.

The Crib consists of a small knitted Mary & Joseph, a candle and some prayers, and has been adapted from an old Mexican custom, where people dressed as Mary & Joseph travelled around a village knocking at doors and requesting hospitality.

If you would like to be a host for the crib please see Pam

Our new website is up and Running!!

www.allsaintsoxhey.org.uk

Our website will be the place to go for the latest news, events, service times and general information about All Saints' Church. And don't forget you can like us on **Facebook** www.facebook.com/allsaintsoxhey.

Photographs and video recordings taken at services and during events may be used on this website and on social media sites (e.g. Facebook) to publicise All Saints' Church and the work we do here.

We may also use these photographs in print publications.

Please let Chris Thomas or Pam know if you do not wish images of you or your family to be used and we will give you a form to note your request.

Pedal for Pounds - Charity Exercise Bike Ride

Sponsored event in aid of ASCEND

9am to 9pm Thursday 5th December 2013

The Centre South Oxhey

Come and help us to pedal 200 miles on exercise bikes.

Sponsored half-hour slots still available!

Contact ASCEND on 020 8420 1364

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