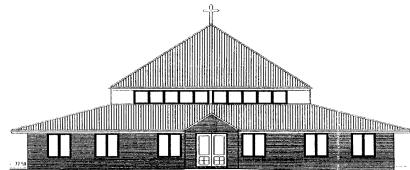


ALL SAINTS' Oxhey



TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

8th December 2013

ADVENT 2

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds, that when your
Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge
and saviour we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and God.

TODAY:

9.15am Prayers
10.00am Holy Communion

Hymns: 26, 204, 239, 97, 90, 57.

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

THIS WEEK 2A:

Thursday 10.15am Holy Communion

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

NEXT SUNDAY 3A: 15th December 2013 ADVENT 3

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10...James 5: 7-10...Matthew 11: 2-11



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...**Hindhead Green, Holmside Road, Matlock Crescent, Maylands Road, Piltdown Road, Prestwick Road...**For...**Operation Christmas Child and the 'Shoeboxes' on their way around the world, for those who will receive boxes and for those who filled, collected, delivered or processed them & all who made a donation, Crisis at Christmas, Watford New Hope Trust.

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 CHRISTINGS

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 know if you can come along, the more the merrier. You might even get to eat the spare sweets!

FOR YOUR DIARY 2013:

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

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.**

Our new website is up and Running!!

www.allsaaintsoxhey.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/allsaaintsoxhey.

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.

The Yellow Moon is Rising!!!!

The Yellow Moon Fundraiser catalogue will help us raise money for All Saints we will receive up to 20% cash-back on everything you buy. There are fun items, educational products and great value toys, so everyone benefits: Here's what you need to do:

Look in the catalogue (Catalogue's available at the back of the church).

Place your order with Yellow Moon online, by phone or fax

IMPORTANT - quote or input the unique source code shown on the front of your catalogue (To identify All saints' Church).

SPREAD THE WORD - don't forget to show the catalogue to friends and family as they may want to add to your order, Yellow Moon will send your order direct to your home! **Thanks, Melissa Pulman**

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

Stay-at-Home Christmas?

Could you offer someone a home far from home for just a day or two?

HOST, a well-established charity, is hoping to hear from people who enjoy making others feel at home, and who would love to meet interesting young adults from other parts of the world who are currently studying at universities in the UK, and who want to understand this country better. One host wrote: 'It is great to welcome these students and make them feel wanted. They get to see a good side of life in Britain in contrast to what they might learn from the media. It is also fun getting to know someone from another country.'

Invitations can be for a day, a weekend, or 3 days at Christmas. Sharing Christmas with someone who has little idea what Christmas is, can be really special – and for the guest, much better than being on a deserted university campus. Invitations are urgently needed from volunteer hosts, no matter how far they live from a university.

To find out more, please see www.hostuk.org or contact local organiser Sandra Purrett. Thank you.

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