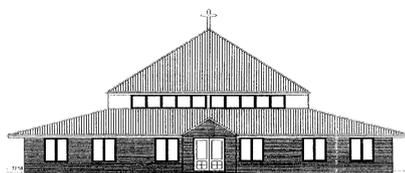


ALL SAINTS' Oxhey



TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

15th December 2013

ADVENT 3

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord

TODAY:

9.15am Prayers
10.00am Holy Communion

Hymns: 84, 10, 324, 21, 313, 85.

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

THIS WEEK 3A:

Thursday 10.15am Holy Communion

The Hatch is open from 11.45am to 1.45pm until
Thursday 19th December

NEXT SUNDAY 4A: 22nd December 2013 ADVENT 4

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16...Romans 1: 1-7...Matthew 1: 18-25



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...Tina Kearney, John & Rosemary O' Connor, Andrew Wyard, Vivienne Nisbett, Neil Pulman, Leslie Pulman...For our community and for the residents of...Alva Way, Anglesey Road, By The Wood, Caldwell Road, Foxgrove Path, Foxleys...For...Those who face pain and struggle in their lives, Those who receive Communion at home, The residents of 'Pinewood Lodge' & 'The Fairway' homes, All who suffer from Dementia.

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 7th January 2014 at 12.15pm.**

S.O. This is Christmas

Can you help? - Three Rivers have given ASCEND the use of a shop in the precinct for 4 weeks over Christmas. The shop – '**S.O. This is Christmas**' - will be having stalls that are run by ASCEND & local churches and charities. Mary Haycock has offered to run a crafts stall to raise money for our missions. Can you offer even a small amount of time to help in running the shop or assisting Mary. Please let Christine, Pam or Mary Know if you are able to help. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of ASCEND and our church and to raise money for the church missions. Please consider giving even an hour of your time. It should be fun. The shop is the old DIY shop opposite the Peace Hospice shop and will be open **Tuesday - Saturday 10.00am - 4.30pm from 12th December to 5th January.** Go and have a look!

CAROL SINGING AT PINWOOD

We will again be joining together with the members from other churches to share the Christmas message at Pinewood Lodge. We will meet at 3.30pm on **Wednesday 18th December** to sing carols, please come and join us!

CAROL SERVICE

This year the service of Lessons and Carols will be taking place on **Sunday 22nd December at 4.00pm in Oxhey Chapel** (temperature permitting – if it is too cold we will be in church!).

This is a truly beautiful service and a wonderful way to move into the celebrations of the arrival of the Christchild. Please join us this year and let others know – your family, friends and neighbours - and bring someone with you to share in this traditional start to Christmas. The service will be followed by tea and mince pies!

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

This beautiful service is especially for the little ones – it is their opportunity to learn about the real meaning of Christmas. They will sing 'Away in a Manger' to the light of their candles and be able to take part in a nativity play. We especially welcome children but of course all ages can really enjoy this lovely moment before Christmas. Come along and bring a neighbour! **It will take place on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm**

MAKING THE CHRISTINGLES

Can you spare an hour at **10.30am 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 get to eat the spare sweets! I will also need lots of help at the actual service – to help with the children and to assist visitors to the church. Please come along if you if possibly can. Many thanks, Pam

SERVICE HANDOUTS AND POSTERS

Do we really want to share our wonderful message of the coming of Christ into the world??? Yes???

Do we really want others to meet with God this Christmas???

Then we must tell them about our services. Please take as many handouts as you can possible distribute. It will be good if everyone puts the service leaflets through the doors of their nearest neighbours. Can you put up a poster in your window? Can you distribute posters to the shops? Please, please help with letting others know about our celebrations.

The Messiah came to save all people – and we need to tell them!

FOR YOUR DIARY 2013:

18 th	December	3.30pm	Carol service at Pinewood Lodge
22 nd	December	4.00pm	Carol service in Oxhey Chapel (1612)
24 th	December	4.00pm	Christingle & Nativity service
25 th	December	10.00am	Christmas day service

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

NEW YEARS DAY WALK & LUNCH

Why not blow away the cobwebs after all that
Christmas cheer and join us for a

New Years Day Walk

Please meet in the church car-park at 10.45am. The walk will start at 11am and we will be using local walking paths and will be suitable for all. This will be followed by a lovely lunch served here at the church. If you would like to take part in this now annual event, please sign up on the list in the foyer. If you are unable to manage the walk, you are still welcome to come and join us for lunch! **Chris, Vic & Jean.**

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