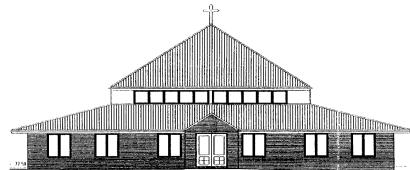


ALL SAINTS' Oxhey



TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

22nd December 2013

ADVENT 4

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our greatest salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

TODAY:

9.15am Prayers
10.00am Holy Communion
Hymns: 307, 308, 243, 171, 178, 306.

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

THIS WEEK 4A: No Thursday Service this week

The Hatch is closed until the 6th January 2014

NEXT SUNDAY 5A: **29th December 2013 Christmas 1**

Readings: Isaiah 63: 7-9...Hebrews 2: 10-18...Matthew 2: 13-23



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, 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 Nisbet, Neil Pulman, Leslie Pulman...**For our community and for the residents of...** Kenilworth Gardens, Kilmarnock Road, Muirfield Road, Mullion Walk, Seacroft Gardens, Shanklin Gardens...**For...** Crisis at Christmas, All Homeless people who are living on the streets, All those who will be spending Christmas in hospital, All those who will be alone for Christmas, All those who will be working over the Christmas period.

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!

ROTAS, ROTAS, ROTAS

PLEASE COLLECT THEM FROM YOUR PIGEON HOLE!

Due to difficulties in finding replacements at short notice please ensure you are here in plenty of time for your duty!

If you are on the Sound Desk: -

Please make sure you are here by 9.30am!

If you are on any other list: -

Please make sure you are here by 9.40am!

If you change duty with someone please change the Rota List on the notice board in the kitchen corridor and let me know in the office.

Thank you BOBxx.

CAROL SERVICE TODAY!!

Today the service of Lessons and Carols will be taking place in

Oxhey Chapel at 4.00pm

(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:

24 th	Today at December	4.00pm Carol service in Oxhey Chapel (1612)
25 th	December	4.00pm Christingle & Nativity service
		10.00am Christmas day service



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, Vik & Jean.**

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