

St Paul with All Saints Church seeks to encourage all people to know Jesus Christ by growing in a personal relationship with him, with one another and with the community.



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WEEKLY NEWS – SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2017



The First Sunday of Advent

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.
Amen.

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to
us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the
weeks of Advent,
as we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
our Saviour.
Amen.

Services at All Saints

Sunday 3rd December

First Sunday of Advent
9am Holy Communion
Isaiah 64:1-9 & Mark 13:24-37
10.30am All Around the Altar
Luke 1:46-55

Monday 4th December

8.45am Morning Prayer
Isaiah 25:1-9 & Matthew 12:1-21

Thursday 7th December

9.45am Holy Communion
Isaiah 26:1-6 & Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Sunday 10th December

10.30am Holy Communion
Isaiah 40:1-11 & Mark 1:1-8
4pm Christingle Service
Isaiah 9:2,6-7



**This week, please include
in your daily prayers:**



Rosie & Benji Ambrose; Emma Truelove-Ralph,
following the death of her cousin; Diane Hatcher,
Betty Hart, and each that are in need of God's
healing and loving presence at this time.
If you know of anyone who needs prayer,
please let Andrea know.

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Ethan Ambrose-Shonk

The funeral service for Rosie Ambrose's baby, Ethan, will take place on Friday, 15th December at Chatham Cemetery. There will be a service in the Chapel at 1pm, followed by a burial service. Everyone is welcome to attend, and to join the family afterwards for refreshments at the Magpie Centre.

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to the Social Committee and everyone who helped make the Christmas Fair such a brilliant event. We raised a grand total of £1228.16!

"All Around the Altar" Lunch

There is a Bring and Share after the "All Around the Altar" service this Sunday, 3rd December. Everyone welcome.

Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service will be at 4pm on Sunday, 10th December. We shall be sending the collection at the service to The Children's Society, and donation envelopes are available to take away, this Sunday.

Christmas Card Collection

As is our custom, there will be the opportunity in December for you to put a Christmas card to the All Saints congregation on our noticeboard. This year, donations will go towards the Medway Winter Night Shelter..

Medway Winter Night Shelter

Do you have a heart for the homeless? A couple of hours a week / fortnight to spare? The Medway Winter Night Shelter, which offers a hot meal, care and conversation and bed & breakfast to a group of 12 homeless people each night in the winter months, is due to run from January 2nd to March 26th. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles. If you're interested, please Belinda at medwayshelter@gmail.com
More information is available at the back of church.

Finance update for Notices (based on October accounts)

A big thank you to all at All Saints. This year so far we have raised £55,020 of the £67,600 needed in our budget. We still have two months to go so please continue to donate, give and gift aid your offerings to God. Our expenditure so far is £53,555 that is £1,516 less than budgeted.

We have some additional expenditure in the coming year as urgent repairs to the external brickwork of the church need to be done. This is being costed and we will need find imaginative ways to pay for this urgent maintenance on the church building.

Our away giving so far this year is £2,500 and we have supported Compassion, Medway Foodbank, Medway Family Trust, CAP, Clare Grimble and The Community Project. Thank you.

Communion wafers

Wafers are available for all at communion. Should people need gluten free ones, they must say when they come up.

Magpie Community Centre

If anybody or group in the Church is planning an event which may involve the use of the Magpie Community Centre, it is essential that enquiries are made of the Centre Office FIRST as to dates, the type of the event and related matters such as opening, caretaking etc

Parish Administrator

Thank you for your prayers for the interview day on Tuesday. An appointment has been made, subject to references and DBS clearance.

While we have no Parish Administrator, Jayne will continue to answer all her emails and calls when she is free and will be in the office on a Saturday morning.



All Saints Community Project

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Knitting Group

Every Thursday in the Café from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and join in – bring your knitting or if you want to find out how to knit just come along.

Sam's Place After School Club

In need of after school care for your child? We have an Ofsted Registered After School Club that picks up children from 6 local schools daily and providing a snack and play opportunities. Cost is £9.75 for care up to 6.00pm on Tuesday and Thursdays and 6.15pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Contact the office on 01634 845419

PATCHWORK GROUP

Patchwork Group – Mondays weekly from 9.30pm to 12pm. Hand and machine sewing. To book a place, speak to Linda.
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Ukulele Classes

A Ukulele Class is held every Tuesday from 1pm to 2pm. If you are interested contact the office on 01634 845419 or turn up on the day.

MAGPIE CENTRE CAFÉ

Open from Monday to Friday at 9.30am to 3.00pm.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Coffee/Tea £1.00 per cup – come and enjoy a chat over a cuppa or order some food from the menu

Exercise Class

Exercise Class Mondays from 7pm to 8pm at a cost of £4.00 for the class.

Coffee Morning

Every Monday from 10.00am to 12.00pm in the Café. Come and join us!

Collection Boxes

If you have a collection box for the Community Project could you kindly return it as soon as possible for Diane in the office to empty it.

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