## All Saints' Church Dedworth

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Christmas Services	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December Sunday	5:00pm 4:00pm 7:00pm	Annual Christian Aid Service Service of Light Carol Service	For all our supporters: Celebrating Christmas JOY. Mulled Wine, Mince Pies & more afterwards! Service for the loss of friends and family and will be by candlelight with songs and Christmas carols 9 lessons and carols	
	22 <sup>nd</sup> December Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	4:00pm	Christingle	Fun for all the family	
	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	6:00pm	Christingle	Fun for all the family	
	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	11:30pm	Midnight Service	Communion service	
	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00am	Christmas Day Service	Family celebration	
	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00am	Morning worship	Combined service	
More than a Shelter(MTaS)	The new "More than a Shelter" programme is being finalised and will run from the <b>19</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>January finishing in March 2020 in Central Windsor</b> . "Our" night will be Thursday at the garrison church but of course there will be high demand for All Saints volunteers on other nights! Speak to Nigel or Liza. 250 volunteers across Windsor will be needed. Please fill in the forms provided. It is mandatory to attend one course on Volunteer Training and one on Shelter Conflict Management, more details of when these are available in January soon				
	(Evening entertainment for homeless + friends continues but not overnight with dinner and entertainment every Thursday evening at All Saints until the start of the night shelter – and we are hoping other churches will offer other nights)				
Shower room for homeless- diocesan grant success!	We have received a grant of £1,980 towards the cost of building a new shower and washroom at All Saints to give our homeless guests a chance to clean both themselves and their clothes! Now we have to find somewhere to put it!				

Are you feeling a bit prickly ?? Fund - raising for the homeless!	Carolyn has been growing several cactuses and all are available on the back shelf near the urn. For £2.50 take one of these hardy plants home to decorate your house! All proceeds towards the homeless. <b>**PLEASE TURN OVER**</b>
Parish inspection Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	This had faint echoes of an Ofsted inspection, focussing on the paperwork but also giving time to understanding our mission plans. Jim Tucker (Lay Chair) and Sally Lynch (Associate Area Dean) were pleased with the paperwork and are both supportive of our current work for God describing it as an "inspirational visit" reporting <i>"We could</i> <i>not fail to be impressed by the extent of outreach activity at All Saints, in which you</i> <i>engage with many sections of the community, including those in need. You are to be</i> <i>congratulated on the extent to which the building is put to community use, all</i> <i>requiring, and receiving, the willing attendance of team members.!</i>
Singing for Christmas – every Tuesday at : 09:30 – 10:30am or 7:45pm – 8:45pm in the Chapel	Every Tuesday there is now a chance to practice our singing for all the various carol services and carol singing that take place every Christmas so that we are in fine voice for the community! Do come along and enjoy singing old favourites and less well- known works. Sue has postponed the Beatitudes bible study until after Christmas
"Open Church" Prayer Evening	From 7.30-9pm every Monday 'Open Church' is a new informal prayer opportunity, a time of stillness and reflective worship, including open prayer for our community, prayer ministry to each other and listening to God.
Emergency Food Bank	Alan Gass has asked for more of the following: Mr Kipling type cakes (Christmas slices in particular) or Stollen cake – mini bags of nuts and raisins – Ready made custard –- cylinders of pringles. No more mugshots/pasta with boiling water needed, we have loads!
Christmas Hampers for vulnerable	Alan is also putting together approximately 15 Christmas Hampers to give some of those suffering hardships amongst the elderly, vulnerable and single parents some real treats at Christmas. We are looking for Mince pies, Christmas Cake, individual Christmas puddings, nuts and other seasonal treats
Safeguarding reminder	The parish inspectors were pleased and impressed by the work of Jackie Wiggins and the number of us who had taken on board the implications for safeguarding that outreach work brings and who had taken up opportunities for safeguarding training. We discussed the need for and difficulties of safeguarding behaviours in the context of a church and Jackie reported our disappointment with the basic online training modules in this respect. The 'live' sessions have been interesting, thought provoking and helpful. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and I urge you to take up future opportunities for training, especially those sessions that will be held here or at another local church.