



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Friends,

Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth—God's son living amongst us. What many don't know is that it's also the beginning of the New Year for the Church.

I don't know about you, though I gave up making New Year's resolutions ages ago, possibly as I never managed to keep them! What's interesting is that the New Year for the Church begins not by our making promises we seldom manage to keep, but by us preparing to recollect God's promise of a saviour. As Isaiah said hundreds of years before Jesus' birth:

'For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Isaiah 9:6

As we prepare to celebrate that together, I wonder how at the start of this new Church Year we can prepare our hearts to hear that promise in a fresh way this Christmas?

*With love and every blessing,
Paul*

Christmas Preview

Dedworth Community Christmas Fair



Sing Advent in! Come along to the **Dedworth Community Christmas Fair at the Pirate Park between 2 and 6pm on Sunday 28th November**. Let's share the hope of Jesus with Dedworth as we sing carols as the **Christmas Tree lights are switched on at 4pm**. **We'll gather at around 3:30** in the park—we'll have carol sheets at the ready! (Please note that Flames are encouraged to meet at the park—with their parents—to support this outreach—there will

be no evening group. Those in Fire Pit are encouraged to come too!) Buy your Christmas gifts, enjoy mulled wine and support St Edward's First School Christmas Stalls. Meet Santa in his grotto!

Christingles and Carols — Schools' outreach

Hilltop are visiting the church centre on Monday 6th December to take part in a Christingle trail and spend time with us celebrating the meaning of Christmas. We'll also be joining them on their Carol singing walk on the 13th. Other activities include Christingles and carol singing with Homer and Dedworth Middle School will be making Nativity decorations for the Church Christmas tree. Please pray that all involved would discover the joy of Jesus at these events!

Christmas Gatherings to Worship: Sunday 19th December

9:15am - Holy Communion

Our last Communion before Christmas Day. Fortify yourself for the week ahead!



11am - Christmas Nativity

This will be an All-Age Family gathering around our Nativity scene. Not to be missed!



6:30pm - Family Carols

Join us for a wonderful mixture of family time and traditional carols as we start the Christmas week.

Friday 24th December – Christingle time!



Come and meet the characters of the Nativity as you build a Christingle & sing carols along the way.

Hot chocolate, mulled wine & mince pies too!

Come & celebrate!

SMALL GROUP SLOTS from 4 - 7pm

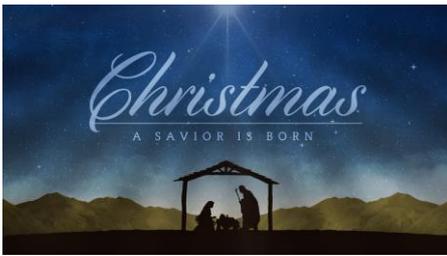
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SCAN ME

Saturday 25th December



10:30am Christmas Day All Age gathering . . . If you can make Christmas Day the day we gather to celebrate Jesus' birth together please do. This'll be a short 45 minute celebration with a prize for the person up the earliest and those who have travelled the furthest! Wear your Christmas jumpers and bring along a prezzie, as we give thanks for God's greatest gift to us—Jesus!

11:30am - Christmas Communion

26th December



9:15 Holy Communion Join us for a quieter reflective service after the busyness of the main Christmas time and a chance to reconnect with Him and prepare spiritually for the year ahead. Rev Paul will be taking some time off after completing this service!

STOP PRESS —Caring for each other:

From Sunday 28th November, we ask that people wear masks while moving around the building, while communion is distributed and while singing. At other times, including when taking refreshments, people can feel free to not wear a face covering if they feel comfortable with that. Those who are feeling vulnerable or who would like to are encouraged to sit in the well-ventilated area at the rear of the Church, where we request people continue to wear masks at all times. (The area in question will be clearly shown.)

Sunday Morning 9:15am Worship Continues



It is great to see many back together as we worship on Sunday mornings. We are still taking sensible precautions with social distancing and asking those attending to wear masks at both services

We continue to receive communion on all except the first Sunday in the month, when we have it at the 11am.

11:00am gathering: Sunday Morning Life Groups and All Age Services



Our 11:00am services continue to grow and be most enjoyable -although Paul recently received a surprise present from his daughter!





Sunday Mornings
EVERY AGE GROUP
 Activities - Games - Bible stories
 During the I am meeting

Our children’s life groups have been meeting since the start of term, there been a good turnout and a few new faces, it’s been great fun! We have ten leaders and helpers who have agreed to look after the young people for which we give grateful thanks! There are three groups split by age: 3+, School years 1-4 and School years 5-11. They meet every Sunday from now until 19th—which will be an All Age Nativity where we worship God collectively as a family.

Youth Life Groups – Sunday Evenings

FIRE PIT YOUTH LIFE GROUP 7:00pm – 8:30pm at the church for school years 9 and above on alternate Sundays! (5th December)



Fire Pit has made a welcome return, looking together at Youth Alpha. There’s still time to join and get involved and ask questions of life and faith. Email the Alpha team at: allsaintsalph@icloud.com You can watch a trailer by following this link: https://youtu.be/_fjL4NsAfM If you’re an Adult and would like to come on Alpha for adults, please also let us know using the same email! Do please pray for our youth and leaders who are taking part.

FLAMES CHILDRENS LIFE GROUP at the church for school years 5 – 8 meeting on alternate Sundays (28th November meeting at Dedworth Christmas Fair)



All sorts of activities and fun for this lively group, also run by Michelle Sturgeon and her team.

**Flames and Firepit join together on the
 19th December at 6:30-8pm
 for the Super-Duper Christmas Challenge!!**

God and Play now every Monday 10:00am during term time!



Our team is growing and we have had the joy of welcoming up to 11 families at a time since the start of October!

Just as a reminder: The session is completely free of charge and refreshments are included too! It has always been a particularly friendly and welcoming group forming lasting friendships! We start off with playing with all the toys, have a craft activity and catch up. Then there is usually a time for singing songs followed by a children's Bible story time and back to playing with the toys

again—lots of chatting for the parents/carers and grandparents and sharing God's love!

One mother said "It was brilliant, the best one I have ever been to – it has everything: welcoming, structured time, chatting, tea and coffee, is unashamedly Bible based and has so many activities -like foot painting that you can't do at home!!"

Let's Lower the environmental impact of Christmas

Sadly, Christmas can be a wasteful time, so let's make plans to lower the environmental impact of our celebrations this year. You could:

- Consider experiences or charity gifts rather than things – and if you are buying gifts, take a look at the gems to be found in charity shops (including online)
- Make your own gifts and decorations (BBOWT [wreath kits](#) are available)
- Reuse wrapping paper or wrap items in a scarf from a charity shop
- Avoid glitter
- Try not to massively over-cater. When planning food shopping, reflect on how we would use up left-overs if we over-estimate.
- See which ingredients we could swap for local or Fairtrade ones
- Avoid chocolate selection packs with their layers of wrappings and choose a Fairtrade chocolate bar instead
- If we're using Christmas lights, put them on a timer for a few hours in the evening, not 24-7
- When washing your Christmas jumpers, first put them in a wash bag which catches plastic microfibres
- Plan to get outside and enjoy God's creation, maybe join [#TeamWilder](#).



An evening with Bishop Steven – Sunday 1st December



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The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft is visiting the Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery on Wednesday 1 December.

You are warmly invited to join Bishop Steven from **19:30 – 21:00** at:

Holy Trinity Church
Cookham
SL6 9SN

The evening will include a time of worship, a short reflection from Bishop Steven and an opportunity to ask questions.

No need to sign up, just come along.
For more information, please call **01628 529661**.

Please note there are roadworks in the centre of Maidenhead scheduled on Wednesday. The A4 will be closed on Castle Hill, west of the roundabout with the A308. If travelling through Maidenhead, please consider an alternative route.

Running Man Café – More Volunteers Needed

Open every weekday



Jackie Sadler, Loice Mamdizvidzn and Astra Parsons under the wise stewardship of Sue Morgan are pleased that the Running Man Café is still opening on weekdays from **10:00am to 1:30pm**. **We need some more volunteers please!**



If you would like to consider supporting this gentle outreach that enables community, then please let Sue Morgan our Café Manager know

Thames Hospice Christmas Bazaar

The Thames Hospice Christmas Bazaar will be taking place in All Saints Church Centre on Friday 26th November between 5:30 and 9:00pm. Entry is £2. Ruth is running a Christmas themed table for All Saints'. If you could volunteer to man the stall for any period or can help with either setting up or packing away, please let Ruth know by calling 01753 869787. If you want a separate stall please email mmt1132@hotmail.co.uk to book your pitch!



Christmas Bazaar
in aid of
Thames Hospice
Friday 26th November 5:30pm - 9:00pm
All Saints' Church Dedworth, Dedworth Rd, Windsor SL4 4JW

£2 entry **Cakes**

Pre-loved clothes, accessories & more

Tombola

Prosecco

£6 for a pitch
Email Margaret for details: mmt1132@hotmail.co.uk

Looking Back

Treats only – A wonderful night of celebration on the 31st October!



There was a real feeling of celebration and community as we held our first big event since the last lockdown. Michelle & John Sturgeon, and Carolyn Carter hosted the event as ever with Rev Paul and Sheree Walker helping for the first time! It was our biggest ever Halloween event –we think around 150 people came to see us and all our 80 bags of treats got used up! Vast quantities of coca and marshmallows were consumed as well. The weather was kind and it was amazing to see so many happy faces and the Church reaching out once again! We had some great chats with old friends and new—a great way to grow relationships!



More than a Shelter for the Homeless



As dormitory style night shelters are not allowed this winter MTaS have decided to offer our guests the opportunity to 'Meet Up' in the evenings where they can have company, have a hot meal and/or simply relax.

We will open from 6.00pm to 10.00pm from Sunday 9th January 2022 through to the end of March 2022 on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at various central Windsor Churches. Please consider volunteering as we feel God is calling us to support this initiative again. Please contact Rev Paul for more information.

Macmillan Coffee morning

We had a great time at the Running Man Café on Wednesday 20th Oct and raised the sum of £160 for Macmillan. Thanks to Ruth Norris for organising and everyone who took part and made the great sacrifices of eating all those cakes!!



Farewell tea parties for Mary Morgan



We had the opportunity to say goodbye to Mary at an excellent tea party run by Angela West who with her team laid on a magnificent spread (a small section is shown!), this followed a tea party with some of those who attended our social lunch earlier in September. Mary, pictured here with husband Eddie, is departing off to Somerset to be nearer her daughter. She is leaving soon (final date to be confirmed.) Mary has been with us for 50 years and has been a fantastic servant to God and his

Church and has been part of so many lives of those at All Saints. She has already found a new Church to join! God's blessing over you both!

What happened to all the grapes on the vine at the back gate?

A small group of men have picked them and crushed them and some delicious red wine will follow! Pictured are John Wiggins and Steve Rawlinson hard at work!



West Windsor Hub (WWH)



West Windsor Hub is becoming a real Hub! While the number of shopping trips and related work is a little lower, the tea/coffee morning on a Tuesday are bringing in a wide range of people from the community who are dropping in for a chat, a catch up and a bit of self help! Pictured are John Kipping who is helping Sandra with her IT and Astra and Alison having a chat with Paula. We are having quite a crowd of people on a Tuesday and drop ins have also started happening on the Friday as well!



We continue to work in practical ways for the community - We did a Winter coat swap for 0-16 years on Tuesday 5th October 10 -12 at All Saints. In another development, a surprising number of women in our community find it difficult to afford sanitary towels and the team have now procured some machine washable versions which are reusable (and good for the environment!) The Hub is also holding a meeting with the Citizens Advice Bureau about the important subject of Fuel Poverty.

