## UPDATE

# All Saints Church 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 HALF TERM UPDATE



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Dear Friends,

#### The clocks go backwards this Sunday!

Let's gather to worship God on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 for Holy Communion and I lam for All Age Worship. If you have any need and would like help to access worship in any way, please speak with Adam or before our worship begins.

### Green Day - This Saturday - All Saints' Gardening Morning - I 0am this Saturday!

This Saturday is our regular gardening day in the church grounds between 10am and 12 noon. Come along and help keep the grounds looking good—please bring your own tools.

We have visitor joining us this Saturday - Heather from The Climate Partnership, who have just given the Church a grant of £1400 to help improve the grounds by increasing biodiversity. The main aim of the Climate Partnership Grants is to support climate action by community groups in The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM) and to help new sustainability groups get established and existing groups develop further by providing quick funding to help start initiatives and projects. Heather is coming to advise All Saints' on things we can do around the grounds and offer support as needed. Do come and see what we are planning.

#### All Saints' now has an emergency defibrillator:

On Tuesday we took delivery of a new life-saving device that was donated to us by the charity Thames Valley Heartbeat. We give thanks for the support from TVH, those in Men's Matters, The Lions Club of Windsor and Mike Brooks, who has brought things together between all the groups to make the installation possible. TVH have also offered the Church free CPR training—more on that soon!



### **Churches Together in Windsor Songs of Praise!**

Sunday 27th October at 6pm at the Methodists' Church, Alma Road. There'll be a short Annual Assembly meeting at 6pm, then our Songs of Praise service at 6.30pm. Each church has been asked to nominate their favourite hymn which they will briefly introduce. This will be a great opportunity to sing praise together and hear a little more about Churches Together. Refreshments will be available after the service.

#### No youth groups this week, though the Youth Café will launch after Half Term!

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November Youth Café - Years 5-8 - 18:00 - 19:30 Years 9-13 - 19:45 - 21:15

Halloween Outreach-let's help share God's light: On the 31st October please come along to the Church Centre from 4pm onwards to support the event. Thanks so much for the sweets!

#### **Christmas is coming!**

All four Dedworth First Schools Years 3 and 4 are coming to All Saints on Wednesday I I<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13th December, to experience Christmas Through the Keyhole. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to help these children to truly understand the meaning of Christmas. It is all about Jesus! Your help is needed! Please sign up to lend artefacts to make the six zones realistic. We need volunteers both to plan and develop prior to the day, as well as

on the days. We will also be open to the wider community on the morning of



Saturday 14th December. Please get involved. For more information please see Ruth or Paul. Thank you.

MP Surgery at All Saints': Our local MP, Jack Rankin, will be hosting a surgery in the Café Studio on 6<sup>th</sup> November between 9am and 12noon, in order to give people the opportunity to come and meet with him and discuss local issues. No appointment necessary.

Whodunnit? Saturday November I 6th 7:30pm: Please email <u>angelawest574@btinternet.com</u> or speak to Andrew Giles to participate in an Evening of mystery and fun, including a 3 course meal.

Vine & Fig Tree Café: We have an exciting new menu! Come down for a coffee and delicious new range of sandwiches and snacks. Thanks so much to all those who are volunteering! Opening times: Mon – Fri - 10am – 2pm



Come and Pray: 9:00-9:30 Monday – Friday in the Church Centre. Prayer focused around the Lectio 365 material. It's good to gather together to pray!

## **Adult Life group offering:**

**Honesty over Silence:** Join a Life Group style course that seeks to open up conversations around topics such as trusting God when life is painful, dealing with anxiety and depression, learning to look after ourselves, developing our character, and living with thankful hearts even in tough seasons. No fixed day yet

Wednesday Morning Come and See: Seniors Life Group – Meeting in the Café Studio for worship, crafts and refreshments – Coordinator: Sue Morgan



• The Wednesday morning Life Group are looking more deeply into the subject of Ageing Faithfully. From 10am.

**Wednesday Evening Life Group** – 19:30pm location Church Centre - Coordinator: Angela West

• The Wednesday evening group is running "The Character Course" with individual sessions on: Learning, Hope, Love, Forgiveness, Gratitude, Humour, Persistence and Curiosity

**Thursday Morning Life Group** – 10:30 at the Church Centre - Coordinator: Ruth Norris

• On Thursdays they are looking at the Five Marks of Mission using the Oxford Diocesan video resource - Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure.

Thursday Evening Life Group – 19:30 at John and Michelle Sturgeon's home (they are also the coordinators for this group).

 They will be looking at the book <u>The Supernatural Ways of Royalty:</u> Discovering Your Rights and Privileges of Being a Son or Daughter of God

Thursday Evening Life Group – 19:30 at the Church Centre —speak with Adam Wingrove.

Please try any group, without feeling you need to commit!

New Wine Festival 2025. Enjoy great teaching, worship, Holy Spirit ministry, community, connection, and transformational encounters with God. There will be programmes for all ages, with New Wine Kids groups and LUMINOSITY for 11-18s. Be sure to book your Church as All Saints Dedworth. If you have any questions, have a chat with Sheree or Paul.

#### Please pray:

- Please pray for those who are struggling to pay for heating and electricity bills as it get's colder and days shorter.
- Pray for each of the communities that we spend time with during the week and ask that God would give you an opportunity to help lead someone to know Jesus.
- Pray for those in areas of war, especially, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon and Russia, and also pray for those who are in the midst of civil war. Ask that followers of Jesus would help make peace.

With Love and every blessing, Paul