



## CHRISTMAS FOODBANK

please continue support by leaving items in the porch basket. NO fresh produce, please.

Southport Foodbank is now at Victoria Centre, 197a Sussex Road, PR8 6DG

If you wish to support financially, please send cheques to the above address, or Online to Sort-code:40-42-30  
A/c no. 42087391

<https://southport.foodbank.org.uk/>

**GIFTS** for the Shrewsby Club (Everton Church) again we will be taking children's gifts. Attach a label with Boy or Girl, please, and suitable age --

5-7 or 8-10 or 11-13yrs.

Closing date : Dec. 3rd.



ALL SAINTS' GIFT DAY :THANK YOU for your support and generosity.

Over £2000 - WOW!

Some will be used to purchase new Pulpit and Altar frontals.



**11 am New Years' Eve** - In the Hall a time of worship, fellowship, sharing: Agape & Lunch..... You are most welcome to BOOK for the meal, but everyone is welcome for the Agape (a sharing of Bread and Wine) as we look back on the Old Year and offer the New Year to God.

£5 Minimum donation.

## WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

Thur.4th 2pm Bereavement Support Group (lounge)  
Fri.5th 10 -11.30 Coffee & Cake in the Lounge  
Sun.7th 10am Epiphany Carol Service  
Thurs.11th 10am PCC  
Sun.14th 10am Holy Communion (Canon Rod Garner)  
Sun.21st 10am Holy Communion (Canon Roger Wikeley)  
Sun.28th 10am Morning Worship

**Advance notice** Watch out for the announcement of our **January social afternoon** . Something different !!



# God is our refuge and strength

a tested help in times of trouble. And so we need not fear.

Psalm 46:1-2 Living Bible Translation

With prayerful best wishes for 2023 from All Saints Church

# All Saints Church

BULLETIN for DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024



*JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME.*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

[ NOTE SOME TIME CHANGES ]

Dec. 3rd & 17th 10am Holy Communion

**Dec.10th NO** Morning Worship **6.30** - Carols by Candle-light

Dec. 24th 10am Words & Music for Christmas

" " 4.30pm Children's Carol Service

Christmas Day 10:00am Holy Communion with Carols

**Dec. 31st 11am** Agape & Lunch for New Years Eve

**WEDNESDAYS** (not Dec. 27th) 9.30am BCP Holy Communion (lounge)

## Dear Friends

"Jesus is the reason for the Season." I see a few lapel badges around at this time of the year reminding passers by that Christmas is more than mince pies, migraines, and moaning about those terrible socks/soaps/smellies ( choose your own pet hate! ) that Uncle George sent at Christmas, for which we have no use or inclination. Conversely of course, quite a lot of those passing by will have no use or inclination for the Christian message at Christmas or any other time of the year. Globally, the world still remains very religious but here in the UK we are part of a strange minority - people who see Christmas primarily as a religious celebration in a wider culture that, increasingly, according to surveys, declares that it is not religious.

Here at All Saints, we'll be doing our bit in December to encourage the indifferent and undecided to give our message a second look. To step inside our church and sing; to be quiet and remember what really matters as another year ends; to look at the tree and crib and perhaps remind themselves that a sense of wonder is still possible, even in a dark and broken world. We shall be carol singing in the parish and holding special Christmas services: one that will bring friends from local churches at 6.30pm on Sunday, 10th December; the other at 4.30pm on Christmas Eve, with families and young children particularly in mind. Full details can be found in the notices and special leaflets at the back of church. Do tell others and be present yourself. Perhaps this Christmas, as we gather together, lives might be changed a little, and the love of Jesus known a little better.

*Canon Rod Garner*

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**N.B. The ministry team** are always available to offer private prayer, particularly in cases of illness or times of distress.

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## **WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER**

for Services - see front of Bulletin

- 1st 10 - 11.30am Monthly Coffee & Cake (lounge)
- 3rd Last day for Gifts for the Shrews
- 6th 2.30pm Advent Group (lounge) also Thurs.14th Dec
- 7th 2pm Bereavement Support Group (lounge)
- 10th **NO 10am Service 6.30pm Carols by Candle-light**  
12 noon Christmas Lunch (for those who have booked)
- 13th Day-time Carols at the Care-homes (see Helen for sign-up sheet )
- 14th Carols around Preston Rd - meet at Church 6.15pm (Rod, Martin & Jean)
- 31st New Years Eve Agape service with Lunch in Hall (need to sign up)

*NOTE : Archdeacon Pete Spiers will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10am on Advent Sunday, December 3rd. Please do attend and hear what he has to say about All Saints' future.*



## **FOR OUR PRAYERS -**

Pray for our CMS Mission Partners, Marc, Helen & family, in North Africa, living and working very close to the earthquake disaster area; also for the Wilson family in Ethiopia. Remember, too, the work of Kanzi Kibera Friends in Nairobi's slums.

Pray for our King Charles III, and Queen Camilla, in the first year of his reign, may God grant him wisdom in his new role.

Pray for our Prime Minister and government as they seek solutions for peace in Israel and Ukraine, and how to deal with the cost of living crisis.

Remember those amongst our families and friends recovering from recent sickness or undergoing surgery or long-term treatment.. Also pray for medical staff working under pressure.

- ☐ Those who are housebound and their carers, and those being cared for in residential homes.
- ☐ For recently bereaved families and friends as they face a future without their loved ones.
- ☐ For our church leadership as they seek God's plan for the way forward for the Church during the Interregnum, seeking to support the congregation at present and develop opportunities for mission; and for other church members to take up active responsibilities. *(Lots of extra little jobs need willing hands.... speak to the Wardens and join the crew!)*

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