

CHURCH NOTICES

Our monthly Bereavement Support Group meeting in the Lounge offers a gentle time with a small group of folk who have a shared experience, and chat over a cuppa and cake for about an hour. If you feel you would like to join, please just turn up or have a word with Ann S, Lynne H or John R.

Do come for Toast, juice and tea or coffee at 9am - 9.45 **promptly** in the Lounge each first Friday of the month.



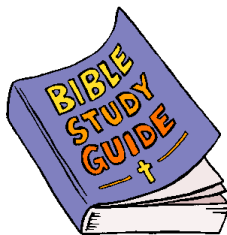
(before the Coffee & Cake)
Our purpose is to bring to our Lord in prayer our heartfelt needs at All Saints, His kingdom and the faith of Christians around us and in the world today.



PANCAKES & BINGO
on
Shrove Tues.
at 2.30pm
in the Hall

Book in with Lesley - £5
and enjoy an afternoon of
fellowship and fun with our
popular Caller -
Chris Mills.

ALL are welcome to The Lenten Discussion Group starting on Thursday, Feb. 22nd in the Lounge at 2.30pm.



Our 4 sessions (29th, March 14th & 21st) will be variously led by John, Steve, Rosanna and Canon Rod, with ample opportunity for others to join in.

A short study book will be available so that everyone can participate even if unable to attend.



Thank You

from the Shrewsy *Your gifts for the children at our Christmas Party in December were delightful. We are very grateful for the generosity shown over several years- Thank you very much indeed. May God bless you.*

**I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me.**

Phil. 4:13

With prayerful best wishes for 2024 from the leadership team

All Saints Church

BULLETIN for FEBRUARY 2024

*Neither the one who plants
nor the one who waters is anything,
but only God who gives the growth*
1 Corinthians 3:7



SUNDAY SERVICES

4th Feb. 10am Holy Communion (Canon Rod Garner)
11th Feb. 10am Morning Worship
18th Feb. 10am Holy Communion (Canon Roger Wikeley)
25th Feb. 10am Morning Worship

WEDNESDAYs –

9:30am Holy Communion (BCP) In the Lounge
*n.b. 14th Feb. 10am in Church Ash Wednesday Communion
with imposition of ashes*

Dear Friends

Christmas 2023 : In Retrospect

It's encouraging to report that our Christmas Services brought new faces to church, in some cases for the first time.

We had almost a hundred people present on Christmas Eve for the Crib Service, including families, children and babies. As you can see from the photograph, it was a happy occasion. It was also gratifying to be able to send a cheque for £1000 to Medical Aid for Palestinians - the result of our special services and parish carol singing.



We want to build on what we achieved over the Festive Season. In the March edition you'll be able read about some of the proposals, accepted by the PCC at its last meeting, that will seek to add to our membership and outreach to the parish.

Canon Rod Garner

The year ahead will be a challenging one for our Leadership Team, so we need YOUR help in a variety of ways; please step up and offer to 'roll up your sleeves' to assist us and serve the Lord within our church fellowship. We MUST 'grow' both spiritually and numerically in the coming months, so to further this we are starting a short Prayer Breakfast in February - do come along.

John Lloyd

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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 FEBRUARY

for Services - see front of Bulletin

Fri. 2nd 9 - 9.45am Prayer Breakfast (lounge) (P.T.O.)

Fri. 2nd 10-11.30am Monthly Coffee & Cake (lounge)

Thur.7th 2pm Bereavement Support Group (lounge)

Tue. 13th 2.30 Bingo & Pancakes - book with Lesley.(P.T.O.)

Ash Wed. 10am Communion & Imposition of Ashes - in Church

Thur. 22nd & 29th 2.30 - 4pm Lent Discussion Group (lounge)

Advance Notice: World Day of Prayer service prepared by the committee in Palestine Friday, March 1st starting at 10am at St Marie's on Seabank Rd.....



Prayer Points

Pray for our CMS Mission Partners, Marc, Helen & young family in North Africa, living and working very close to the autumn earthquake disaster area;

also for the Wilson family in Ethiopia. Remember, too, the work of Kanzi Kibera Friends in Nairobi's slum schools and community.

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.

Pray for those who are housebound and their carers, and those being cared for in residential homes.

Remember those around us in these winter months - reach out in kindness to neighbours and those living on their own

Pray for recently bereaved families and friends as they face a future without their loved ones.

Lift to the Lord 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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