

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Monday 15th December	7.00pm	All Saints School Carol Service
Tuesday 16th	10.30am <i>11.00am</i> 8.00pm	Claire's Court Pre-prep Christmas Service <i>Christmas Carols at Larchfield Care Home</i> Tuesday Club Christmas Party in the Birinus Room
Wednesday 17th <i>Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer</i>	10.00am	Requiem Eucharist with refreshments Celebrant: Fr Neil
	10.00am	Parent & Toddler Service in the Parish
Friday 19th	10.00am <i>10.00am</i>	Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre <i>Larchfield School Carol Service</i>
Sunday 21st	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Neil
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist CHRISTINGLE Worship for All Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Elizabeth Bryson Crèche
	6.00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Walsingham for *The Men of Boyne Hill*

All Saints has been invited to join with a parish from Ruislip to share a weekend at Walsingham from Friday 30th January until Sunday 1st February. We will travel together in cars and enjoy individual rooms and 3 cooked meals a day. The cost is £122 and we will need a commitment of £50 by the end of December. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and joining in the worship at the Shrine Church as well as sharing conversations over a drink, going for local walks and making new friendships. Please fill in a form at the back of the church if you are interested.

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Open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Baptism & Wedding Enquiries

Saturday 10.30 - 12.00noon by appointment only

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PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL

Sunday 14th December 2014 Third Sunday of Advent

You are very welcome to take this pew sheet home with you to look at the readings, and to remind you of the events taking place. The Bible references are for the Bibles to be found at the back of Church, which you are welcome to use during the service

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

Service: *The Parish Eucharist in Advent* **Hymns:** *Hymns Ancient & Modern*

We welcome the Bishop of Reading, the Rt. Revd Andrew Proud to celebrate and preach this morning. Following the service refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to share time with Bishop Andrew.

Organ Prelude

Lob sei an allmächtigen Gott

R Clark

Opening Hymn

Fling wide the gates, unbar the ancient doors ;
salute your king in his triumphant cause !

3. He comes to save all those who trust his name,
and will declare them free from guilt and shame.

1. Now all the world belongs to Christ our Lord :
let all creation greet the living Word !

4. Who is the victor glorious from the fight ?

2. Who has the right to worship him today ?

He is our king , our life, our Lord, our right !
Michael Perry (1942–1996)
based on Psalm 24 (A Song of the King's Glory)

All those who gladly serve him and obey.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

John the Baptist, by his preaching

and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored:

'Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready for the Lord.'

Mark Earey (b 1965)

After this Young Saints (3 years & over) go to the Birinus Room

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

O T READING Isaiah 61: 1–4, 8–11 (OT p 718) Anne Clark

N T READING 1 Thessalonians 5: 16—24 (NT p 220) Rachel Juden

Gradual Hymn 31 Come, thou long-expected– Jesus

GOSPEL John 1.6–8, 19–28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord,"' as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

SERMON The Rt Revd Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading

Offertory Hymn 26 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Anthem Hark the glad sound D Thorne

Closing Hymn

1. You shall go out with joy and come again in peace ;
the mountains and the hills
shall sing and never cease ;
the Son of God is ris'n again,
his love has conquered death's domain.

2. The trees in every field
shall clap their hands, and say
'Come shout aloud, and help
us celebrate this day !'
Jesus, the King, has burst the grave,
and lives once more to heal and save.

3. The Word, like rain or snow,
has come down from above,
and now reveals to all
God's purposes of love ;
the Word made flesh, once dead, now
lives,
new life to all he freely gives.

4. The myrtle for the briar,
the cypress for the thorn,
shall rise to tell the world
of its awaking dawn.
Jesus, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
has ushered in God's great new day.

N.T. Wright (b. 1948) based on Isaiah 55.10-13

Refreshments will be served at the back of the Church thanks to
Doreen Jamieson & Anne Pennock

Father Jeremy's Notes

Church Running Costs and Planned Giving - a big thank you to everyone who gives so generously to help support the life and mission of All Saints. Not everyone may be aware that the Church costs around £2,500 per week to run, including ministry, normal buildings and operational costs. Whilst we fortunately receive some rental income that helps offset some of these costs; for the great majority of our income we rely upon regular giving from our congregation. It is very helpful, where possible, for giving to be made in planned way through the bank, which helps planning around a certainty of income. If you feel able to help by either starting, or converting, to planned giving via the bank the forms are available on the table at the back of the Church.

As we approach Christmas you might like to consider making a one-off gift to the Church alongside gifts to your family and friends. Gift Aid envelopes are available to make your gift go further.

Other News

Tuesday Club Christmas Party 16th December 8.00pm in the Birinus Room.

All welcome for festive fun and fare.

Brenda Illott

Children's Society There will be a collection for the Children's Society at the Christingle Service on Sunday 21st December. Helpers will be needed to make Christingles between 10.00am and 12 noon on Saturday 20th December in the Parish Centre. Please sign the list at the back of the Church and add your contact details if you can help with this.

Anne Clark

Christmas services assistance Help will be needed for our Christmas services with welcoming visitors and undertaking normal sidespersons activities. Anyone who feels that they can assist in helping these busy services run smoothly please sign the list at the back of the church. Please do not worry if you have not been involved in this before as you will be part of a team who will show and guide you in what is needed. Many thanks for your help.

Notes from the Flower Fairies

1. Decorating the church for Christmas We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on Tuesday 23rd December from 9.30 am and shall be most grateful for any help you can give us. No experience is needed, we shall be there to help you. Also, we are in need of greenery, particularly holly or variegated colours. Please bring any you have, or are able to acquire from friends and neighbours, to the church by 9.30 am or leave it outside the vestry door the day before. Many thanks for your assistance, we look forward to seeing you.

2. Flowers for 2015 The Flower Rota for 2015 is on the cross aisle table and we shall be grateful if you will add your name to the week you wish to sponsor. This is a very appropriate way to remember loved ones we no longer see, and to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays etc. Sponsoring a week ensures that we are able to have flowers in the church on that Sunday and relieves the PCC Funds of any cost whatsoever. I am sure you are aware of the pleasure the flowers give to everyone and thank you for your support. The Rota has been on the table for a week or so and is already filling up!

Barbara Bannister

See over for a note about Walsingham for *The Men of Boyne Hill*