

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday 11th December</b>	2.00pm	All Saints School Christmas Service in Church
	6.30pm	All Saints School Service for Parents & Governors
<b>Tuesday 12th</b>	7.30pm	The <b>Pilgrim Course in the Birinus Room</b> Week 6: <i>Do You Renounce Evil?</i>
<b>Wednesday 13th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Eucharist</b> with refreshments Celebrant: The Revd Dr Judith Thomas
	2.00pm	<i>Service at Normanhurst Care Home</i> <i>Jeanette &amp; the Pastoral Team</i>
	7.30pm	<i>Community Choir at Boyn Hill School</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Men of Boyne Hill meet at the Windsor Castle</i>
<b>Thursday 14th</b>	2.00pm	Claire's Court Carol Service in Church
	7.00pm	Altwood School Carol Service in Church
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday 15th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre</b> <i>The Shepherds Visit Jesus</i>
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b>	
	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> Celebrant : Fr Jeremy Preacher: Mrs Maggie Garton
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> Celebrant : Fr Jeremy Preacher: Mrs Maggie Garton Crèche & Young Saints
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Nine Lessons &amp; Carols</b> followed by mulled wine & mince pies in the Parish Centre

**FLOWER FAIRIES STALL.** If you haven't already spotted the beautiful display of handicrafts for sale at the back of the Church do take a look. And have a guess at the name of their super-sized bear. All proceeds to OAK (Ordinands Appeal, Kenya).

### PARISH OFFICE (next to Church)

Tel: 01628 621933 (Answerphone)

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 10th December 2017 SECOND 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*

**8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** Collect & Readings as below  
**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr Jeremy

**10.00am THE PARISH EUCHARIST & CHRISTINGLE WORSHIP FOR ALL**  
**Service:** *Christingle & The Parish Eucharist* **Hymns:** *Hymns Ancient & Modern*  
**Celebrant :** Fr Jeremy

Organ Prelude                      Awake, Awake, for Night is Flying                      Flor Peeters

**Opening Hymn                      27 On Jordan's bank**

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

**Prophet voices loudly crying,**  
making pathways clear;  
glimpsing glory, self-denying,  
Calling all to hear.

Through their message—challenged, shaken -  
hearts awaken: God is near

*Mark Earey (b 1965)*

### COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**

O T READING                      Genesis 1: 1 — 5 (OT p 1)                      Ronald Fullarton

**Gradual Hymn                      31 Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

GOSPEL                      John 1: 1 — 5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Sermon                      The Revd Dr Judith Thomas

### BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE CHRISTINGLES

**We sing                      Shalom my friend, Shalom my friend,**  
Shalom Shalom,  
till we meet again, till we meet again  
Shalom Shalom

## Offertory Hymn

### 1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light !  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light !  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Bernadette Farrell (b 1957)*

There will be a collection for the Children's Society

## Communion Hymn

### 1. With Mary let my soul rejoice,

and praise God's holy name —  
his saving love from first to last,  
from age to age, the same !

2. How strong his arm, how great his power !

The proud he will disown ;  
the meek and humble he exalts  
to share his glorious throne.

3. The rich our God will send away  
and feed the hungry poor ;

the arms of love remain outstretched  
at mercy's open door.

4. So shall God's promise be fulfilled,  
to Israel firmly made :

a child is born, a Son is given  
whose crown will never fade.

5. All glory to the Father, Son  
and Spirit now proclaim ;  
with Mary let the world rejoice  
and praise God's holy name !

*David Mowbray (b. 1938) based on Luke 1.46-55  
(Magnificat, The Song of Mary)*

## Closing Hymn

### 1. Earth lies spellbound in darkness, sin's oppressive night

Yet in Bethlehem hope is burning bright  
Mysteries are unfolding, but the only sign  
Is a manger bed where a baby cries.

*Wake up wake up it's Christmas morning  
Christ's eternal day is dawning*

*Angels sing in exultation*

*Fill the streets with celebration*

*Now to God on high be glory*

*To the earth proclaim the story*

*Ring the bells in jubilation*

*Tell the news to every nation*

*Christ has come*

2. Crowding stairways of starlight, choirs of angels sing

Glory glory to God, in the highest heaven

Peace is stilling the violence, hope is rising high

God is watching us now through a baby's eyes

3. Weakness shatters the powerful, meekness shames the proud.

Vain imaginings, come tumbling down

Ancient mercies remembered, hungry satisfied

Lowly humble hearts, are lifted high.

ROCK SHOP

Noel

*C Tomlin*

Refreshments will be served at the back of the Church thanks to the Hill Family

6.00pm Christmas Tree Festival Closing Service at St Luke's

## *Father Jeremy's Notes*

Arthur Channon's funeral will take place in Church at 12.30pm on Monday 18th December. Please continue to keep Wendy and family in your prayers. I'm also sad to relate that Ruth Forsey, who was at one time a regular communicant at the 8.00am BCP service, has died. Please keep Ruth's husband Peter and their family in your prayers. Ruth's funeral will be at 11.15am on Tuesday 19th December at Thatcham Crematorium.

**Sunday 24th December** Please note there will be no 8.00am Holy Communion on Christmas Eve.

## OTHER NOTICES

### Sidespeople and welcomers at Christmas services

Please see the sign-up list at the back of Church to see where help is needed.

**If you enjoy singing Christmas Carols** please feel free to join Fr Jeremy, the Pastoral Care team and me for our Christmas services at the care homes. On 13th December we will be at Normanhurst Care Home at 2.00pm, and on 20th December at Boyn Grove Day Centre at 11.15am and Larchfield Care Home at 3.15pm. Christmas jumpers are optional!

*Jeanette*

**Nine Lessons and Carols 6.00pm Sunday 17th December** We shall have a significantly enlarged choir as we welcome the men and boys of Reading Minster to join forces with the augmented All Saints Church Choir. There will be a mix of carols sung by the choirs separately and combined as well as the usual range of congregational carols which will make for a wide range of musical colours and the power to raise the roof with festive praise.

*Brian Graves*

It is our tradition to offer mince pies and mulled wine after this service. If you are able to offer help please sign the list at the back of the church.

**Let there be light** We are trying to improve the lighting in our beautiful church by switching to LED bulbs and need to purchase another 85 or so to complete the task. They cost around £2 each - £10 for a box of 5 - and last much longer than the ones we have been using, at half the present cost. If you would like to donate a box to the church for Christmas, please talk to **Chris or Mike Watts**