

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday 24th December 4.00pm	Crib Service Elizabeth Bryson & Young Saints
CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30pm	Midnight Mass of the Nativity Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr Neil
Thursday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY 8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
	10.00am Family Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Neil Preacher: Fr Jeremy
Saturday 27th 10.00am <i>John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
Sunday 28th	The Holy Innocents
	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
	10.00am Parish Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy Crèche

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.

PARISH OFFICE (next to Church)

Tel: 01628 621933 (Answerphone)

Open Monday to Wednesday 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 21st December 2014 FOURTH 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.

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

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

Organ Prelude Es ist ein' Ros' *R Clark*

Opening Hymn

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| <p>1. It's rounded like an orange,
this earth on which we stand ;
and we praise the God who holds it
in the hollow of his hand.</p> <p><i>So, Father, we would thank you
for all that you have done,
and for all that you have given us
through the coming of your Son.</i></p> | <p>3. The ribbon round the orange
reminds us of the cost ;
how the Shepherd, strong and gentle,
gave his life to save the lost.</p> <p>4. Four seasons with their harvest
supply the food we need,
and the Spirit gives a harvest
that can make us rich indeed.</p> |
| <p>2. A candle, burning brightly,
can cheer the darkest night,
and these candles tell how Jesus
came to bring a dark world light.</p> | <p>5. We come with our Christingles
to tell of Jesus' birth,
and we praise the God who blessed us
by his coming to this earth.</p> |

Basil Bridge (b. 1927)

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mary's gift beyond all telling
we recall today :
Son of God within her dwelling,
born to show the way.
Who could guess the final story ?
— cross and glory; Easter Day *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**

EPISTLE Romans 16: 25 — end *Harrison Hawkes*

Gradual Hymns **611 The angel Gabriel from heaven came**
276 Shalom, my friend

GOSPEL Luke 1: 26 — 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Sermon Elizabeth Bryson

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE CHRISTINGLES

Intercessions led by Florence Wilson

Offertory Hymn **609 Tell out, my soul**
There will be a collection for the Children's Society

During Communion the Choir will sing *Sing of a girl with the ripening hair*

Closing Hymn

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| 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. | 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. |
| <i>Christ, be our light !
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light !
Shine in your church gathered today.</i> | 4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. |
| 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. | 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)

Organ Postlude Fantasia in F major *W A Mozart*

Refreshments will be served at the back of the Church thanks to
Barbara Bannister, Gillian Churchill & Sally Gaines

6.00pm

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Led by Elizabeth Bryson

and followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Father Jeremy's Notes

Thank you:

To all those who have been cleaning the church on a regular basis between the many services we have been hosting this Advent and Christmas.

To all the people of All Saints who enable the Christmas services to take place. It is a busy time and we do rely on the goodwill of people to help us offer the various services.

To Anne Clark for organising the Children's Society Christingles. Thanks to Anne and the team of helpers who made the Christingles yesterday and to Elizabeth and the Young Saints for the input into today's service.

To all those who have spent time delivering CTIM cards this year. This is an activity that enables people across the town to find the service that helps them to celebrate the message of Christmas in a church near them.

Christmas Eve 4.00 pm Crib Service with Elizabeth, the Young Saints. Please come and join us for this wonderful Christmas service with all the children.

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.

And may the family of All Saints have a peaceful and joyful Christmas, with love from Fr Jeremy, Fr Neil, Elizabeth and our wardens Stella and Rod.

Other News

Christmas services assistance Help may still be needed for our Christmas services with welcoming visitors and undertaking normal sidespersons activities. Anyone who feels that they can please sign the list at the back of the church.

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 help. 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, to the church by 9.30am 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