

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Monday 18th December	12.30pm	Funeral of Arthur Channon
Tuesday 19th	11.15am	Funeral of Ruth Forsey at West Berks Crematorium, Thatcham
Wednesday 20th	9.15am—1.00pm	Christmas Holiday Club at Larchfield Community Centre, Desborough Park
	10.00am	Eucharist for Advent with refreshments Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
	11.15am	Christmas Carols at Boyn Grove Day Centre <i>Jeanette & the Pastoral Team</i>
<i>Home</i>	3.15pm	Christmas Carols at Larchfield Care <i>Jeanette & the Pastoral Team</i>
Thursday 21st	9.30am	Eucharist at Burnham Abbey Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
	8.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 23rd	10.00am	Eucharist of Our Lady Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
Sunday 24th Christmas Eve	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy Crèche
	4.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

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PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL

Sunday 17th December 2017 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

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) Collect & Readings as below

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy **Preacher:** Mrs Maggie Garton

10.00am PARISH EUCHARIST

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

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

Organ Prelude

Lob sei an allmächtigen Gott

R Clark

Opening Hymn

26 O come, O come, Emmanuel

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)

Jan Moss

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5: 16—24 (NT p 220)

Anne Clark

Gradual Hymn

30 Hark the glad sound

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 Mrs Maggie Garton

Intercession Response *Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!*

Offertory Hymn 484 Long ago prophets knew

Communion Hymn

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body,
come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people.

2. Come now, O God of love, make us one body,
come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people.

3. Come now and set us free,
O God, our Saviour,
come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile all nations.

4. Come, Hope of unity, make us one body,
come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile all nations.
Geonyong Lee revised by Marion Pope

Closing Hymn 28 Lo, he comes with clouds ascending

Postlude Rhapsody on Helmsley W Lloyd Webber

Refreshments will be served at the back of the Church thanks to the Mothers' Union

6.00pm NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

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. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served in the Parish Centre after the service

Father Jeremy's Notes

Thursday 21st December 9.30am Holy Communion at Burnham Abbey

If you would like to share a quiet service in the beautiful surroundings of Burnham Abbey please feel free to join me.

Sunday 24th December

Please note there will be no 8.00am Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. The 4.00pm Crib Service is a wonderful service for families. Rachel Juden is preparing the alternative Nativity this year.

Wishing you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. With our love and prayers, Fr. Jeremy & Monika, Churchwardens Rod and Derek

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 20th December we shall be at Boyn Grove Day Centre at 11.15am and Larchfield Care Home at 3.15pm. Christmas jumpers are optional! **Jeanette**

Notes from the Flower Fairies

1. Decorating the church for Christmas We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday 22nd 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 2018 The Flower Rota for 2018 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. **Jo & Marian**

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SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF ALL SAINTS

An inter-active meeting at All Saints School on Saturday 20th January
meet for coffee/tea and cakes at 9.00am for a 9.30am start
The planned finish time is 12 noon.

Please join us for an opportunity to help develop our Shared Vision for the future of All Saints along with the community we serve.

There is much going well at All Saints, however we also have some challenges to face in terms of the future, sustainability and our presence in the local community.

We are holding a visioning morning at All Saints School where we will meet to review where we are, where we wish to be and how we plan to get there. This will include looking at our Sunday Morning welcome, the Missional Activity being developed through PMC and the overall vision for the future.

This is an opportunity to have a real input and influence on our direction, please put the date in your diary, and sign the form at the back of the Church to aid planning for space and refreshments.