

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Monday 14th December	7.00pm	All Saints School Carol Service
Tuesday 15th	10.00am	Toddlers' Group Christmas Service in the Parish Centre led by Elizabeth Bryson
	<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Larchfield Care Home Christmas Service</i> led by Elizabeth Bryson
	2.30pm	Claire's Court Junior Carol Service Fr Jeremy
	8.00pm	Tuesday Club in the Parish Centre Christmas Decorations & Social Evening
Wednesday 16th	10.00am	Requiem Eucharist with refreshments Celebrant: The Revd Dr Judith Thomas
Friday 18th	10.00am	Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre
Saturday 19th	10.00am	Eucharist of Our Lady Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
	10.30am	Christingle-making in the Parish Centre
Sunday 20th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: Fr Neil Preacher: Elizabeth Bryson
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist & Christingle WORSHIP FOR ALL Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Activity: Elizabeth & Young Saints Crèche
	6.00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols followed by mulled wine & mince pies

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PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL

Sunday 13th December 2015 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please 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.

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) Collect and readings as below

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy **Preacher:** Fr John Chadwick

10.00am THE PARISH EUCHARIST & CAFÉ CHURCH

Service: *The Parish Eucharist in Advent*

Hymns: *Hymns Ancient & Modern* **Celebrant:** Fr Neil **Café Church:** Fr Jeremy

Organ Prelude

Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland

H Herzogenberg

Opening Hymn

27 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

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.'

Café Churchers (9yrs and over) go to the Birinus Room, and Young Saints (3years and over) go to the Parish Centre after this

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare the 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 for ever. **Amen**

O T READING

Zephaniah 3: 14—20 (OT p 911) *Roger Simpson*

EPISTLE

Philippians 4: 4—7 (NT p 213)

Jo Hawkes

Gradual Hymn

24 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

GOSPEL

Luke 3: 7—18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with

expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Sermon	Fr John Chadwick	
Offertory Hymn	470 Hills of the North, rejoice	
Communion Hymn	442 Christ, when for us you were baptised	
Closing Hymn	31 Come, thou long-expected Jesus	
Organ Postlude	Tuba Tune	C S Lang

Refreshments will be served thanks to the Tuesday Club

6.00pm Christmas Tree Festival Service at St Luke's

Father Jeremy's Notes

It's a pleasure to welcome back our friend, Fr John Chadwick, as preacher at both services this morning.

Thank you to the choir and friends of the Minster Church in Reading and to Andrew Stafford and Elizabeth for co-coordinating the excellent service last Sunday evening.

OTHER NOTICES

Tuesday Club 15th December 8.00pm in the Parish Centre Do come along to make a festive decoration for Christmas or just to join us for refreshments. **Brenda Ilott**

There are still some **Churches Together in Maidenhead Christmas Cards** awaiting delivery. These cards contain information about all the Christmas services in various churches in Maidenhead and are a great way to invite new people to worship with us at this joyful time. If you can help deliver the cards, please take a pile (or two) from the table at the back of church. **Jeanette Lock**

Children's Society : There will be a collection for the Children's Society at the Christingle Service on Sunday 20th December. (Suggested donations of £1). Helpers will be **needed to make the Christingles between 10.30am and 11.30am on Saturday 19th 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 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. **Rod & Stella**

Notices for 27th December pewsheet to Jan (jan.moss@btinternet.com) by Tuesday 15th December please.

NEWS FROM THE FLOWER FAIRIES

1. Decorating the church for Christmas

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on **Wednesday 23rd December** from 10.45am (after the Communion Service) 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 10.45am or leave it outside the vestry door the day before. Many thanks for your assistance, we look forward to seeing you

2. FLOWERS FOR 2016

The rota is on the cross aisle table and we shall be grateful if you will add your name to the week you would like 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 and the Flower Fairies

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 also 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. **Rod Broad**

Treasurer, Book Keeping and Stewardship recording. Peter and Lynn May will shortly be stepping down from the roles of All Saints Treasurer and Book-keeper/ Stewardship recorder respectively. We would like to thank them for their work, time and support over the past four years. As we move ahead into the New Year we are looking at the best way of ensuring these vital activities are provided to All Saints – there is an opportunity for people in our congregation to consider these roles, which could be combined, or, as at the moment, be managed separately. **The Treasurer** role is responsible for the financial management of the Church, controlling finances, making payments and reporting to the PCC. The Treasurer is also normally a member of the Standing Committee. **The Book-keeper/Stewardship recording** role is responsible for maintaining all entries in the computerised church accounting system along with the computerised Donations Manager system, reconciling bank accounts, producing gift aid reclaims and running standard reports. If you feel that you could offer either, or both, of these roles please speak to one of the Church Wardens, or Father Jeremy for further information and estimated time commitment. Induction training and full handover support will be given by Peter and Lynn. **Rod Broad**

Maidenhead Night Shelter 2016 Final Volunteer Information and Training Sessions for existing and new volunteers will be held at High St Methodist Church from 7.30pm - 9.00pm on the following dates. Monday 14th December & Wednesday 16th December. More men are needed to help cover the overnight shifts.