



**Welcome to All Saints,
Stand
1st Sunday of Advent
29th November 2020**

All Saints Church Family

**Services will resume on
SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

when COVID 19 restrictions are lifted

WORSHIP ON THE WEBSITE

Thanks to Rev. Deborah for today's worship with St. Margaret's,
Prestwich
Website links at the end of the Notice Sheet

Today we light the first Advent Candle



Today,
light a candle of hope,
knowing that in dark times
there is always a light that can be lit.
Let us, people in dusk and dawn,
light the light of vigilance,
knowing that God is always calling us
to justice, mercy and humility –
at this time of year,
and all times of the year.

Amen.

Collect for the Day

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Gospel reading for this Sunday

Mark 13. 24 – 37

The Coming of the Son of Man

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

The Necessity for Watchfulness

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Isaiah 64. 1-9 I Corinthians 1. 3-9

Intercessions

In the darkness of winter,
and in anticipation of Christ’s coming,
we pray.

Come, O come, Emmanuel.

To all who lead us:
those who make plans that shape our lives
and our communities,
give courage.

Come, O come, Emmanuel.

To all who support us:
those who are there when we need them,
give courage.
Come, O come, Emmanuel.

To all who are in need:
the sick and the suffering,
the poor and the hungry,
the lost, the lonely and those in despair,
give courage.
Come, O come, Emmanuel.

To your Church:
awaiting your coming to transform the world,
give courage.
Come, O come, Emmanuel.
Amen.

God of light and night,
you are to be found, whether at dusk or dawn.
Sometimes the light seems far,
and the night seems long.
May I find comfort, ^{SEP}whether in the soft night, or the kind dawn,
knowing that you created both,
and you wait for me, as I wait for you.
Amen.

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Parish Prayers

We remember before God those who are ill at home or in hospital and those who care for and about them

Trevor Williams, Joan Brookes, Lesley Wilkinson and family, Sandra Brown, Joan Coyne,
Howard Taylor, Helen Cannon, Margaret Day, Ruby, Trish Jones, Revd Deborah Sandercock,
Brenda Read, Betty Heyworth, Michelle Bitton, Miriam Leventiz,
Doreen and Ernie Hall, Harry Hutchinson aged 4

If you would like to add or remove a name please let Mandi know:
mandi.davies1@ntlworld.com, 0161 766 9514
or send a message via the website enquiry form.

We remember before God those who have died
Sybil Roberts Iris Clifton Margaret Ettey Canon Alan Cooper

And those whose anniversary of death falls this week including:

Leslie Smith, Elizabeth Mackay Dutton, Donald Porter, Marion Ingham,
Angela Ramsbottom, Freda Overington, Mavis Bell, Nat Snape

Family News - Joys and Sorrows

Other Events and Information

Breathing Space – Tuesday December 8th 7.30pm

The service follows the Compline service. It is a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. The service will start by following the Compline service, a reflection and completing the Compline Service. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise.

The reflection part of the service will look at a poem or reading and there will be time to reflect. Details will be emailed to you. The service takes place via Zoom.

If you are interested in 'attending' the meeting or would like a little more information please contact Mandi on: 0161 766 9514 or email: mandi.davies1@ntlworld.com

From the Vestry Team

It's good to have Good News! - The good news is that Lockdown2 is being lifted from December 2nd which will allow us to commence our services from Sunday December 6th. Please book your place for the service on December 6th from 10am, Monday November 30th using the Church Mobile 07508 369589.

Services up to the end of December are:-

- Sunday December 6th 10am – Holy Communion – Revd Carole Barnet
- Sunday December 13th 10am – Holy Communion – Revd Elizabeth Binns
- Sunday December 20th 10am - A service of 9 lessons and Carols with an augmented choir.
- Friday December 25th 10am – Holy Communion – Archdeacon Jean Burgess
- Sunday December 27th – NO SERVICE

First service in 2021:-

- Sunday January 3rd 10am – Holy Communion – Revd Ian Jorysz

Sunday November 29th is Advent Sunday, we have in the past enjoyed advent courses given by our own incumbent, there are many courses available on the internet but we are pleased to let you know of two offers of joining churches from our own Deanery, Christ Church, Ainsworth or St Mary Prestwich, here are the details :-

- Christ Church, Ainsworth – **Light in the Darkness:** A 4-part Advent course helping to reflect, at the darkest time of the year, on our calling to be Lights for Christ. The aim is to reflect upon our experience during an extraordinary year which is now drawing towards its close. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, beginning on 1st December. Email Revd Dave Thomson vicar@ainsworthparish.org.uk to register and receive the Zoom link
- St Mary Prestwich – **'Signs of Life'**, exploring the signs and symbols at the heart of Christian worship and how this affects us during the Pandemic. Whilst we wait for the coming of Jesus during Advent, delve into the 'Signs of Life'.

Contact Revd Carole Barnet caroleabarnet@gmail.com or phone 0161 766 2774

The Pantry at St Andrews - A fantastic collection of chocolate and selection boxes have been delivered to the Pantry this last week. Your generosity means that every child on the list of families that are helped through 'The Pantry' will get chocolate this Christmas. During December we are concentrating on collecting plain crisps and 'upmarket crisps' i.e. Kettle ... Tyrells crisps, Pringles, nuts etc. Mince pies (please watch the expiry date) . In January we are collecting some 'Basic items' Hair Shampoo, Shower gel, Comfort, Washing tablets etc. .

The message from the volunteers at St Andrews is the biggest 'Thank you All Saints'

We are pleased to continue opening church for private prayer and to receive any donations for 'The Pantry', Church will be open on the next two Mondays

Monday November 30th between 10am and 11am

Monday December 7th between 10am and 11am

Please keep communicating with each other, that phone call or email means so much to those who are alone or are having family problems. Keep praying and keep safe.

'The Vestry Team'

From 'The Vestry Team' ...November 22nd 2020

This week a small band of walkers have been delivering envelopes containing a booklet of Prayers for use during the coronavirus and an update of what is going on. We hope you enjoyed receiving yours and find the booklet of prayers useful to add to your personal prayers. We sent out 92 letters and only 15 needed to be posted to those who live well outside our Parish. Thanks go to Barbara, Linda, Janet and Chris D. for delivering. During the Covid19 restrictions we hope to continue to send out updates, the next one before Christmas. If you are one of those who take walks regularly and would like to help to deliver the next batch please let Chris H know via phone 0161 723 3015 or email chris7.haworth@btinternet.com We have received many messages of thanks especially from those who are isolating during lockdown2 and those who are 'not connected' to the internet and don't pick up the weekly Notice sheet.

We were pleased to give the update on our donations to 'The Pantry' and a reminder that church will be open for personal prayer and to receive any donations for The Pantry of Christmassy items, selection boxes, crackers etc. on the following Days :-

Church open for personal prayer and any donations:-

Monday November 23rd between 10am and 11am

Monday December 7th between 10am and 11am

We hope that lockdown will be lifted on December 2nd to allow us to be back together for a service of Holy Communion at 10am on December 6th, a reminder that to book a place for that service please phone from 10am Monday November 30th. using the church mobile 07508 369589. We then will wait for any advice that is received on December 2nd. Also hoping for the lockdown to be lifted are Christina and Peter who should be married on Friday 4th December.

Keep praying and keep safe and well 'The Vestry Team'

Childrens Society House Boxes for Christingle

If you have a Children's Society House Box please could you arrange to bring it into church when we re-open or if you would like it collected please phone Judith Ellis on 0161 766 7827 who will arrange to collect from you whilst socially distancing. Unfortunately due to Covid19 there will be no Christingle service in church this year. All Saints school will be making their Christingles in class in school.

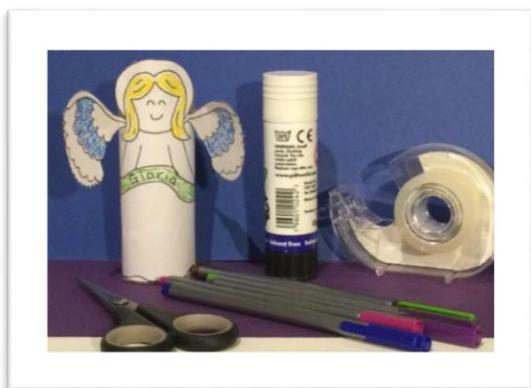
Thank you - Your support is appreciated.

Advent Resources

Messy Church Advent Activities

There will be a series of activities during the 4 weeks leading to Christmas. The sessions will include a craft activity, a reading about part of the Christmas story from the Bible and prayers. Younger children may need an adult working alongside to help. The sessions are suitable for all ages including the young at heart! The sessions will start at 4pm and take place using Zoom.

Each week you will need the following items: glue stick, scissors, felt pens or crayons or coloured pencils, sellotape, card (toilet paper or kitchen paper tubes, cardboard from cereal packets or similar.) Plus the activity sheets which will be emailed to you in advance You might like to include glitter. You need a something to cover your activity area e.g. a sheet of newspaper. Things might get Messy!



Week 1 - Angels - Sunday 29th November 4pm

Elizabeth and Mandi

If you are interested or need any more information please contact Elizabeth Cameron or Mandi Davies for further details, to receive your activity sheets and for Elizabeth to send you a Zoom invite.

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Mandi Davies: mandi.davies1@ntlworld.com Home: 0161 766 9514

Week 2 - Shepherds and sheep

St. Mary 's Advent 2020

SIGNS OF LIFE

why church matters



Join us and discover the riches of our
worship traditions, liturgy and
sacraments during Advent,
and what this means to us
during the Pandemic.

SIGNS OF LIFE

THE WAY OF LOVE

JOIN US, in exploring the signs and symbols at the heart of Christian worship, and how this affects us during the Pandemic.

Whilst we wait the coming of Jesus during Advent this year

we invite you to consider taking something on: delve into the 'Signs of Life' and discover the riches of our worship traditions, liturgy and sacraments, We hope this study, by 'Zoom' will help you to dig deeper and experience the meaning of these signs and to explore how we might respond at this time.

SIGN UP, by email or speaking to Rev'd. Carole for our Advent group to be held each Friday evening during December.

Contact Details: email: caroleabarnet@gmail.com

Or

tel. 0161 766 2774



LIGHT

Where is the light in your life?



WATER

What keeps you afloat?



FOOD

For what do you hunger?



SHELTER

Where do you feel most at home?



COMMUNITY

Who is your community?

Coffee Morning

You are invited to a Zoom Coffee Morning

Wednesday November 25th 11am

If you would like to join in please email Chris Haworth to let her know and she will send you an invite to the Zoom meeting. You will need to download the Zoom App.

chris7.haworth@btinternet.com

PARISH OFFICE AND NOTICES The Office is closed until further notice. For all enquiries and any items for this notice sheet please now contact Mandi Davies: mandi.davies1@ntlworld.com 0161 766 9514 Do you know anyone who is celebrating a special birthday or anniversary and you would like to share the news?

Any items or notices to be sent by Wednesday.