



All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

Our warmest congratulations to Prince William and Kate Middleton on their engagement!

A royal wedding - what a wonderful occasion to look forward to in the summer of next year! What excitement! We wish them every happiness and God's richest blessings.

In December we also look forward to another great event: it is the season of Advent, the prelude in the church calendar to the great festival of Christmas later this month.

Advent: a time of looking forward, waiting, longing, hoping; looking for light in an often dark world. Jesus the Light of the world: promised, expected, anticipated, and desperately needed, bringing with Him the promise of a new start, new beginnings, new birth!

Christmas: in the season of gifts, Jesus is the only gift we really need. In this season of family get-togethers, we celebrate Jesus being part of the human family. In this season of memories, we celebrate the journey of human experience with Christ the Light at the centre. In this season of peace, Jesus continues to offer peace with God and with one another, even within ourselves. In this season of hope, Jesus' coming is like the dawn after a long cold night – bringing light, warmth, colour, and new horizons.

You are warmly invited to the Christmas services at All Saints and St Luke's. Details are outlined in the next column. Let's celebrate together the wonder and joy of Jesus' coming, and look forward to being part of all He can bring – to us all, whatever our age or background.

With my warmest Advent and Christmas greetings,
Revd Richard Zair

Prayer of the Month:

Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of light, you came to draw us out of darkness into your glorious light. We come to you again this Christmas, longing for a new start and another chance. Take our Christmas celebrations and fill them with the golden, glowing hope of your presence, and guide us with that hope into the possibilities of the coming year.
Amen.

December calendar:

Sat 4th Dec: 8.00am Men's breakfast at the Sports and Social Club

Mon 20th Dec: 2 pm – "Nearly the Goat"

The Riding Lights Theatre Company will be performing their family Christmas show at All Saints'. Tickets are £4 for 11's and under, £6 for over 11's and are available from Janey Cumber (391 327).

Christmas Services:

Friday December 10th:

5.30pm Christingle service/Family Friday at All Saints

Sunday December 19th:

3.00pm Carols by Candlelight at St. Luke's

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight at All Saints

Friday December 24th (Christmas Eve):

4.00pm Crib Service at All Saints

11.00 pm Midnight Holy Communion at All Saints

Saturday December 25th (Christmas Day):

8.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints (no music)

10.00 am Family Service at All Saints

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Luke's

Sunday December 26th:

10.00 am Holy Communion (no music)

Parish People:

We welcome in Baptism: Jana Rehorova on November 28th.

Regular services:

Sundays at All Saints': 10am and 6pm
(8am first Sunday)

Wednesdays: 10.30am Holy Communion
at Duffield Place

Sundays at St. Luke's: 10.30 am on the first
Sunday of the month

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