

# All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page



**Dear Friends,**

## **A very happy New Year!**

A new year begins! I wonder if you have great expectations of this year? I wonder if you make New Year resolutions – hoping against hope that somehow you will be able to do what you resolve to do? I wonder what your 'track record' is like with such resolutions? Perhaps I shouldn't ask!

The New Year can be time for looking back and looking forward, of 'taking stock', reviewing where we are, of where we would like to be, all things being equal. Yet none of us knows for sure what lies ahead. Experience shows us that whilst we can have hopes and dreams, we don't know what is really going to happen. For some of us that is a scary thought – like setting out on a journey without a map or satnav. Many people don't like surprises, we prefer to know, so that we can be prepared. Life has many elements of faith.

There is a song of faith that includes the following phrases:

'I know who holds the future, and He'll guide me with His hand; with God things don't just happen, by Him everything is planned; so as I face tomorrow, with its problems large or small, I trust the God of miracles, give to Him my all.'

We can trust God with this New Year, so let's encourage one another to renew our trust, to strengthen and deepen our faith, and to look out for one another as the weeks go by. We can depend on God's love whatever lies round the next proverbial corner of life, and His love is for sharing.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

**With my warmest New Year greetings**

**Revd Richard Zair**

## **Prayer of the Month:**

Almighty God,  
as we begin this New Year, please strength our faith and trust in You, that we might know You in the daily course of life. Please guide us, guard us and provide for us, that our lives may reflect the wonder of Your love, and the joy of Your presence;  
through Christ, Your Son, our Saviour. Amen.

## **January calendar:**

### **A Christian Foundations course:**

**We are starting this course in the New Year. If you would value going over some of the foundations of the Christian faith you would be most welcome to come along. The dates are:**

January: 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>; Feb.: 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>; March: 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>; April: 19<sup>th</sup>; May: 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>; June: 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>; July: 5<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Venue: 1 All Saints' Close, Marcham OX13 6PE

Interested? Please contact the Revd Richard Zair  
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## **Parish events:**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**Christingle Service at All Saints' at 4pm**

**Tuesdays**

**10am Toddlers Group  
at All Saints Church**

**TAG**

**4 15 – 5 15pm at Buildings Farm  
for years 7, 8 and 9**

**Wednesdays**

**10 30am Holy Communion  
at Duffield Place**

**12 noon Café**

**at Sports Scouts and Social Club**

**Fridays**

**5 30pm Friday Club at church  
for Primary Age children**

**Saturdays**

**8 30am Men's Breakfast  
2 January, 6 February**

**at Sports Scouts and Social Club**

**Sundays**

**4 -5pm ASK at Buildings Farm  
for years 5, 6 and 7**

**St. Luke's, Garford  
Holy Communion on  
3 January, 7 February**

## **Parish people:**

**In memoriam:**

**Geoffrey (Jack) Dix (11 December)  
of Fettiplace Road**

*We extend our sympathy to his widow Jean  
and all his family*