

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday 5th December	4.30pm	<i>LOT Christmas Party at Larchfield Community Centre</i>
	7.30pm	<i>Week 5 of the Pilgrim Course in the Birinus Room</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Tuesday Club in the Parish Centre</i> <i>Christmas Flowers with Marian & Jo</i>
Wednesday 6th	9.00am	<i>Open the Book at Larchfield School</i>
	10.00am	Eucharist with refreshments <i>Celebrant: The Revd Dr Judith Thomas</i>
	2.30pm	<i>Mothers' Union in the Parish Centre</i>
	7.30pm	<i>PCC Meeting in the Birinus Room</i>
Thursday 7th	9.45am	<i>Open the Book at All Saints School</i>
	1.30pm	<i>Altwood Christian Union Christmas Eucharist</i>
Friday 8th	10.00am	Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre <i>The Baby Jesus</i>
	10.30am	<i>Claire's Court School Nativity Service</i>
	6.30pm	<i>Film Club at the Vicarage</i>
Saturday 9th	10.00am	Christingle making in the Parish Centre
	1.30pm	<i>Marriage of Cory Hamelin and Catherine Jackson</i>
Sunday 10th	Second Sunday of Advent	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy</i>
	10.00am	Worship for All for Christingle <i>Celebrant: Fr Jeremy</i> <i>Preacher: The Revd Dr Judith Thomas</i> <i>Crèche</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Christmas Tree Festival Closing Service at St Luke's</i>

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PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL

Sunday 3rd December 2017

ADVENT SUNDAY

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:** Fr John Chadwick

10.00am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Service: *The Parish Eucharist for Advent Sunday* **Hymns:** *Celebration Hymnal*

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

Organ Prelude

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 J S Bach

Opening Hymn

*Fling wide the gates, unbar the ancient doors ;
salute your king in his triumphant cause !*

3. He comes to save all those who trust his name,
and will declare them free from guilt and shame.

1. Now all the world belongs to Christ our Lord :
let all creation greet the living Word !

4. Who is the victor glorious from the fight ?
He is our king , our life, our Lord, our right !

2. Who has the right to worship him today ?
All those who gladly serve him and obey.

Michael Perry (1942-1996)
based on Psalm 24 (A Song of the King's Glory)

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent candles tell their story

As we watch and pray;
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness on that Day

Mark Earey (b 1965)

Young Saints (3yrs and over) go to the Birinus Room after this.

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

O T READING

Isaiah 64: 1—9 (OT p721)

Stella Harding

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1: 3—9 (NT p177)

Julia Wakeling

ANTHEM

Zion Hears the Watchmen's Voices

J S Bach

GOSPEL

Mark 13: 24 – 37

Jesus said to his disciples: '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. 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. 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.'

Sermon Fr John Chadwick

Offertory Hymn 498 **Hills of the north, rejoice**

Communion Hymns 812 **Unless a grain of wheat shall fall**

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

Closing Hymn 195 **Mine eyes have seen the glory**

Postlude Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme Op 67 No 41 M Reger

Refreshments will be served at the back of the Church
thanks to Carole Deverill & Alison Leigh

12 noon HOLY BAPTISM

Please pray for Jack Arthur George Baker, his parents and godparents

4.00pm ROCK SHOP SING FOR JOY

Everyone is welcome to join us in singing seasonal hymns and carols - this promises to be a fun and sociable event, not to be missed. There will be percussion instruments for children to play. Refreshments will be provided.

6.00pm *Advent Ring service at St Luke's*

Fr Jeremy's Notes

Arthur Channon, a much respected member of our congregation, sadly died last week. Please keep Wendy, Alison, Andrew, Steven and all the family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

Also last weekend **the Revd Roy Taylor** died. Roy officiated at a number of services at All Saints and was instrumental in developing ministry in the Diocese of Taita/Taveta in Kenya. I was privileged to travel to Kenya with Roy in 2013 and witnessed the high regard that the people of that part of Kenya had for him. Please pray for Jenny, his wife, and their family.

Tuesday 5th December 7.30pm in the Birinus Room Session 5 of the Pilgrim Course *Do you repent of your sins?*

Friday 8th December 6.30pm Film Club at the Vicarage The film will be *ELF* which is open to all ages of children.

OTHER NOTICES

The Churches Together in Maidenhead Christmas Cards are now ready at the back of church for distribution. These cards contain information about all our Christmas services as well as those available at the other churches in Maidenhead. Last Christmas I welcomed a family to church who came because they said they had seen the service advertised after someone had delivered the card through their door. Please help us by taking a pile (or two) to deliver. Many thanks. **Jeanette**

Tuesday Club 5th December 8.00pm in the Parish Centre Our ever-popular evening making Christmas floral decorations. Bring along some seasonal greenery and with a little help from Marian and Jo you can take home something wonderful.

Brenda Ilott

Mothers' Union – Wednesday 6th December at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre

Please note that this December meeting is **one week earlier than usual**. We shall be organising a suitable programme, so do please come and join in our festivities. We promise a warm and welcoming atmosphere!

Margaret Hill/Wendy Channon

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY & CHRISTINGLE There will be a collection for the Children's Society at the Christingle Service on Sunday 10th December. (Suggested donations of £1). Helpers will be needed to make the Christingles between 10am and 11:30am on Saturday 9th December in the Parish centre. Please sign the list at the back of the church and add your contact details if you can help, even for a short time. New volunteers are always welcome (no previous experience required) and it is usually a fun morning.

Anne Clark.

Nine Lessons and Carols 6.00pm Sunday 17th December 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.

Brian Graves

It is our tradition to offer mince pies and mulled wine after this service. If you are able to offer help please sign the list at the back of the church.

Let there be light

We are trying to improve the lighting in our beautiful church by switching to LED bulbs and need to purchase another 85 or so to complete the task. They cost around £2 each - £10 for a box of 5 - and last much longer than the ones we have been using, at half the present cost. If you would like to donate a box to the church for Christmas, please talk to **Chris or Mike Watts**

FLOWER FAIRIES STALL If you haven't already spotted the beautiful display of handicrafts for sale at the back of the Church do take a look. And have a guess at the name of their super-sized bear. All proceeds to OAK (Ordinands Appeal, Kenya).