

Notices

Covid guidance: masks are now compulsory in church

We are also asking everyone to sanitise their hands when they come into All Saints and maintain a safe distance from others.

Help needed on Friday mornings

The Small Saints team is seeking extra pairs of hands to come and help out with refreshments, setting out and putting away toys and chatting to parents & carers on Friday mornings 10.15-11.45. Please let Becky know if you can help on as regular or occasional a basis as you like (smallsaints@all-saints.org.uk).

This week's services

Midweek Services in All Saints

None this week

Morning Prayer

Resumes 5 January

Link at www.all-saints.org.uk/services-this-week

Evening Prayer

Resumes 5 January

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This Sunday 26 December St Stephen

10am Sung Eucharist

Acts 7.51-end

Galatians 2.16-20

Matthew 10.17-22

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Welcome to All Saints Church

One in worship

Open in faith

Outward in community



Saturday 25 December 2021 Christmas Day

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

This morning's music

30 (omit 4,5), *See amid the winter's snow*, 32
(omit 4), 26 (omit 4)
Anthem: *O little one sweet* - Bach

Readings

Isaiah 52.7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who
announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Hebrews 1.1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many
and various ways by the prophets, but in these
last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom
he appointed heir of all things, through whom
he also created the worlds. He is the reflection
of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's
very being, and he sustains all things by his
powerful word. When he had made purification
for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the
Majesty on high, having become as much
superior to angels as the name he has
inherited is more excellent than theirs.

John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God. He was
in the beginning with God. All things came into
being through him, and without him not one
thing came into being. What has come into
being in him was life, and the life was the light
of all people. The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name
was John. He came as a witness to testify to
the light, so that all might believe through him.
He himself was not the light, but he came to
testify to the light. The true light, which
enlightens everyone, was coming into the
world.

He was in the world, and the world came into
being through him; yet the world did not know
him. He came to what was his own, and his
own people did not accept him. But to all who
received him, who believed in his name, he
gave power to become children of God, who
were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh
or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among
us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of
a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

See, amid the winter's snow,

Born for us on Earth below,
See, the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn,
Hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits among the cherubim.

Hail...

As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light:
Angels singing 'Peace On Earth'
Told us of the Saviour's birth.

Hail...

Sacred Infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this.

Hail...

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility.

Hail...

Prayer Matters

Please keep in your prayers over the next few
weeks:

All Saints

Pray that we can rejoice in the birth of our
Saviour on Christmas Day and look forward to
2022 with all its challenges and blessings to
come. Pray that we will part of meeting the
challenges and be a source of blessing to
others.

Our country

We pray for the safety of all people as the new
variant of Covid seems to be spreading very
quickly. We pray for our hospitals that they will
not be overwhelmed and that the vaccination
programme will produce the predicted
Protection.

The world

As we hear the words 'Peace on earth good
will toward men', let us pray for the parts of our
world torn by war, strife, political unrest and
hunger.

Charity of the week:

Robes, the homeless charity that we support

Since 2007, Robes has operated across
Southwark and Lambeth to provide shelter for
people who find themselves homeless in
London. It's hard to imagine how tough it is
sleeping rough through the cold of the winter
months. The winter night shelter stands at the
heart of everything done by Robes, bringing
together 30 or so churches and around 1,000
amazing volunteers to offer 35 warm beds for
the night from November to April, but the
support doesn't end there. Shelter from the
cold is for one night, but the practical and
emotional support continues far beyond. Robes
also supports people with vital welfare advice,
enabling them to access services and
accommodation.

Commemorated on 29 December:

Thomas Becket

Also known as Saint Thomas of Canterbury,
Thomas of London and later Thomas à Becket,
Thomas Becket was Archbishop of Canterbury
from 1162 until his murder in 1170. He is #
venerated as a saint and martyr by both the
Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion.
He engaged in conflict with Henry II, King of
England, over the rights and privileges of the
Church and was murdered by followers of the

king in Canterbury Cathedral. Soon after his
death, he was canonised by Pope Alexander III.

Those who are sick or in need

Paula and any known to us.

Those with longer term needs

Lisadore Klenck, Ruth Kirk Wilson, Robert
Shafto, Margaret Legg, Simon Berlyn, Rosemary
Cave, Lorraine Falzon Gaughan, Hyacinth
Brown, Wisdom Kari Kari, Anthony Backs,
Isabelle Backs, Do Jones, Chris Worden, and
Gina Vaughan; all who support and care for
them.

Those who have died recently

Any known to us.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Gerald Wells, Maureen Kathleen Jones and
Hugh Russell Jenkins.

Thought for the Christmas period

Jesus is God's perfect, indescribable gift. The
amazing thing is that not only are we able to
receive this gift, but we are able to share it with
others on Christmas and every other day of the
year.

Joel Osteen

If you would like prayer for yourself or another,
please contact judithcpowles@gmail.com

DEC Afghanistan appeal

Christian Aid is one of the charities taking part in
the Disasters Emergencies Committee's major
appeal to help Afghanistan and its millions of
vulnerable families during the coming winter.
You can donate to the appeal through the
Christian Aid website, where you will also find a
prayer for Afghanistan:

[www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/
dec-afghanistan-crisis-appeal](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-afghanistan-crisis-appeal)