

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).

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

This week's services

Midweek Services in All Saints

None this week

Morning Prayer

Resumes 4 January

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

Evening Prayer

Resumes 4 January

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Next Sunday 2 January Second Sunday of Christmas

10am Sung Eucharist

Jeremiah 31.7-14

Ephesians 1.3-14

John 1.10-18

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Church notices

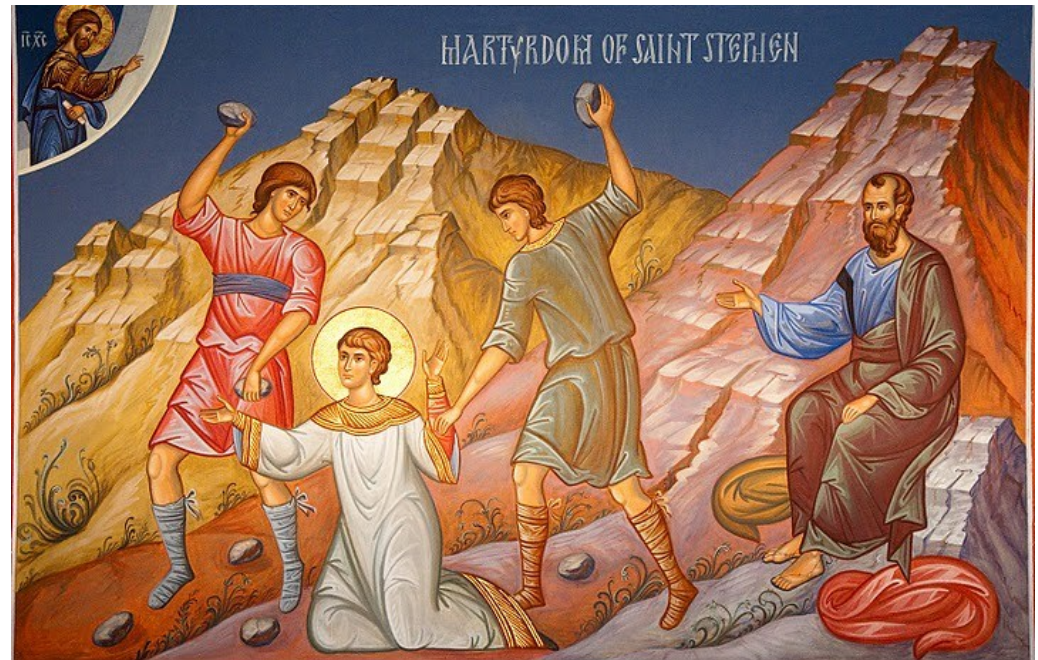
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Welcome to All Saints Church

One in worship

Open in faith

Outward in community



Sunday 26 December 2021 St Stephen

The Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life
of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This morning's music

Good King Wenceslas, 36 (omit 3,5), 39, 28,
Angels from the realms of glory

Readings

Acts 7.51-end

'You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.'

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Galatians 2.16-20

yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Matthew 10.17-22

Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not

worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Good King Wenceslas looked out

On the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay round about
Deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night
Though the frost was cruel.
When a poor man came in sight,
Gathering winter fuel.

Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?
Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence
By Saint Agnes fountain.

Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Bring me pine logs hither.
Thou and I shall see him dine
When we bear them thither.
Page and monarch, forth they went
Forth they went together
Through the rude winds wild lament
And the bitter weather

Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger.
Fails my heart, I know not how
I can go no longer.
Mark my footsteps, good my page
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shall find the winters rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.

In his masters step he trod
Where the snow lay dinted.
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye, who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

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

Angels from the realms of glory,

wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship Christ, the newborn King;
come and worship, worship Christ, the
newborn King.*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:

Come and worship Christ...

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Come and worship Christ...