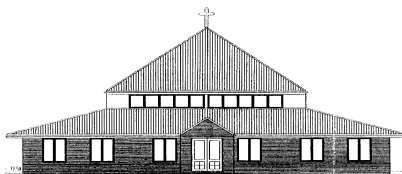


ALL SAINTS' Oxhey



TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

18th December 2016

ADVENT 4

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our greatest salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

TODAY:

10.00am Holy Communion

Hymns: 256, O Come O come, 33, 99, O spirit of the living God 41.

Readings: **Isaiah 7: 10-16...Romans 1: 1-7...Matthew 1: 18-25**

THIS WEEK 4A:

Thursday 10.15am Holy Communion

The Hatch is closed until the 5th January 2017

NEXT SUNDAY 5A: 25th December 2016 Christmas Day

Readings: **Isaiah 52: 7-10...Titus 3: 4-7 ...Luke 2: 8-20**



CHILDREN WELCOME!



at all our services

Each week we have Sunday school groups for children over 3 years old, and we have a crèche, Small Saints, for the 0-3's. On the 1st Sunday of the month we have All-age worship when children, whatever their age, are encouraged to be part of the service.

Come and join us and bring the children!

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, please ask Pam or Ricky or one of the prayer ministry team.

Your Prayers are asked for: -

Those on your heart, ill or in need of prayer...**For our missions for this year: Charis Tiwala, WTRRP, Tearfund & ASCEND...For...**Those who mourn...**For...**Those who are ill at home or in hospital...**In your daily prayers please pray for those listed below...**Helen & Trevor Crooks, Leon & Hyacinth Mullings, James, Andrew, Marjorie, Sonia, Leslie, Margaret, John, Rob Foster, Elizabeth & Carlos Borg, Sue Plummer, Vash & Li, Valerie Appleyard...**For our community and for the residents of...**Kenilworth Gardens, Kilmarnock Road, Muirfield Road, Mullion Walk, Seacroft Gardens, Shanklin Gardens...**For...**Crisis at Christmas, All Homeless people who are living on the streets, All those who will be spending Christmas in hospital, All those who will be alone for Christmas, All those who will be working over the Christmas period.

TRAVELLING CRIB

The Travelling Crib will be visiting homes in our parish in ADVENT. It will be passed on during the Sunday services.

The Crib consists of a small knitted Mary & Joseph, a candle and some prayers, and has been adapted from an old Mexican custom, where people dressed as Mary & Joseph travelled around a village knocking at doors and requesting hospitality.

If you would like to be a host for the crib please see Pam

Children's Community Choir

Our next choir performance will be on **Tuesday 20th December at 4pm at All Saints Church.**

We will perform the songs we have been working on this term. Please do come along and invite other family members and friends to come. This will be a great occasion to celebrate the hard work and musical talent of our choir. There will be coffee/tea/juice and Christmassy treats to share after the performance.

If you have any questions, please phone:
Ricky - 020 8386 1438.



Christmas Cards

Please leave any Christmas cards for the church family on the Nativity table in the foyer!

Christmas Services 2016:

Today	4.00pm	Lessons and Carols in Oxhey Chapel (built 1612)
24 th Dec	4.00pm	Christingle and Nativity
24 th Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25 th Dec	10.00am	Christmas Day service

TODAY CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 18th December at 4.00pm in Oxhey Chapel

This is a truly beautiful service and a wonderful way to move into the celebrations of the arrival of the Christchild. Please join us this year and let others know – your family, friends and neighbours - and bring someone with you to share in this traditional start to Christmas. The service will be followed by tea and mince pies! (In the main church).

SERVICE HANDOUTS AND POSTERS

Do we really want to share our wonderful message of the coming of Christ into the world??? Yes??

Do we really want others to meet with God this Christmas???

Then we must tell them about our services. Please take as many handouts as you can possible distribute. It will be good if everyone puts the service leaflets through the doors of their nearest neighbours. Can you put up a poster in your window? Can you distribute posters to the shops? Please, please help with letting others know about our celebrations.

The Messiah came to save all people – and we need to tell them!

MAGICAL CHRISTINGLE SERVICE!

Christmas Eve at 4pm

Come to our Christingle Service and find the **magic of Christmas** because this year we will a **fantastic magic show**. It will astound and amaze you!

From magic the children will learn about the real meaning of Christmas.

They will also sing 'Away in a Manger' by candlelight and can take part in a nativity play. We especially welcome children but all ages can really enjoy this lovely moment before Christmas. Come along and bring a neighbour!

MAKING THE CHRISTINGLES

Can you spare an hour at **10.30am on Christmas Eve** morning to help make the **Christingles**. it doesn't take long but the end result gives a lot of pleasure to a lot of children (and adults!). Please let Pam know if you can come along, the more the merrier. You get to eat the spare sweets! I will also need lots of help at the actual service – to help with the children and to assist visitors to the church. Please come along if you possibly can.

Methodist Covenant Service

We are all invited by the Carpenders Park and South Oxhey Methodist Church to the Annual Methodist Covenant Service on
Sunday 8th January 2017 at 4.00pm.
The service will be followed by a Fellowship Tea!

ROTAS, ROTAS, ROTAS

Please collect them from the back of the church!
If you change any duty please change the Rota List on the notice board in the kitchen corridor and let me know in the church office.
Thank you BOBxx.



Please join us after the service for a
cup of tea or coffee and a chat!



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