

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER

Second Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion BCP (Preb. David)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Revd. Dave) *also live-streamed*
11.30am Messy Mass for Advent Toy Service (Preb. David/Revd. Dave)
2pm Rotary Club Lantern Making
2.30pm Bereavement Support Cafe
6pm Sung Evensong (Canon Malcolm)

MONDAY 8th DECEMBER *The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

1pm Vergers' Christmas Lunch

TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER

9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Cedars School Visit 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop
11am Rosebery Court Communion 1pm Funeral – Brian Vaughan 2pm MU Meeting

WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER

9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Toddler Time 11am Pulford Setting Up
3.30pm Pulford Christmas Fayre

THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER

9am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Communion (Canon Grant)
11.30am Carol Service for Dementia 2pm Lower Schools Carol Concert
7pm Scouts Christmas Service

FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER

9am Morning Prayer 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop 10am Big Clean for Christmas
6.30pm Young Singers Club 6.30pm Treble Choir Practice
7.30pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER *Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304*

9am Holy Communion (Preb. David) 10am – Noon Coffee Shop
10am Rotary Club Lantern Making 4pm Christmas Open House at The Vicarage
7pm Mayor's Carol Concert

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER

Third Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (Canon Grant/Geoff Huskisson)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Revd. Alison) *also live-streamed*
11.30am Rotary Club Lantern Making
4pm Christingle (Revd. Dave)

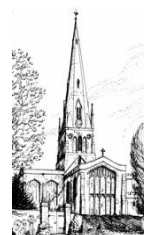
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Sunday 7th December 2025

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We warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to our church. If any of you are from other denominations and are accustomed to receiving Communion in your own church, you are welcome to here. Please notify a sidesperson if you require a gluten free wafer. For the hard of hearing the church is equipped with a loop system. Switch to T please. The news sheet is for you to retain and use for reference and prayer.

December 6th - Chocolate Day for Dutch Children

Amongst many others, Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, children and pawnbrokers. His reputation evolved among the pious, as was common for early Christian saints and his legendary habit of secret gift giving gave rise to the folklore of Santa Claus (Saint Nick) through the Dutch Sinterklaas.

In Northern Europe, especially the Netherlands and Germany, children will often receive a small gift, usually chocolate on this day as a present prior to Christmas.

This perhaps arose because on the 6th December every sailor or ex sailor (which would be most of the population) would attend a church celebration and on their way home, would attend a fair and buy a gift for their family. The custom survives as children will leave an empty shoe in the foyer in anticipation of a present from Saint Nicholas.

When the Dutch first colonised New Amsterdam (now New York) the tradition of Sinterklaas morphed into Santa Claus.

Out of interest it is quite possible that Saint Nicholas attended the council of Nicaea and was an opponent of Arius and in one legend he slapped him across the face much to the anger of the Emperor!

Geoff Huskisson

Collect for the week: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER

<i>Sick:</i>	Carol Steward, John Brennan, Susan Burge, Peter Metcalfe, Teresa Lamb, Lyn Randall, Sheila Tate, Steve Cross, Sarah Randall, Dougie Goodman, Valerie Jackson, David Lycett, Doug & Denise Winsor-Jowett, Josef Moise, Juliette Austin Chandler
<i>RIP:</i>	Jeanette Slow, Sue Revis, Brian Vaughan, David Grieff, Christine Cook, Pam Morris
<i>Year's Mind:</i>	George Lee, Derek Williamson, Kathleen Meredith, Brian Willett, Peter Eglesfield, Edie Skevington, Edna Carpenter, Daphne Washington
<i>In our Team:</i>	Pray for local schools
<i>In the World:</i>	Pray for the Mayday Trust and Kilgour Court
<i>In the Diocese:</i>	Pray for Churches in the Deanery of Elstow
<i>In the Wider Church:</i>	Pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda

NOTICES

VICARAGE CARPARK: Parking in the rear carpark will revert to a 'first come' basis, with the exception of a reserved parking space for the Office Manager, for those volunteering in the church. Please ensure your permit is clearly displayed and double park if necessary. Please do not park in the front parking area at anytime.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE COFFEE AFTER THE 9.30 SERVICES:

If you enjoy sharing a cup of coffee and a biscuit after church, could you join the team and help to serve once in a while? There are a few spaces in the rota for next year, and we could do with a few more people to help. It's a lovely way to meet people and is always much appreciated. With a few more people, your turn would come round about once in 2 months. Please talk to Julia Dickens (07791 394284) or leave your name with Lindsay.

COFFEE SHOP: We are looking for a volunteer on a Tuesday, twice a month, 12noon – 2.30pm. If you would like more information please speak to Val Fellows or contact the office.

BIG CLEAN: There will be a big clean of the church to make it ready for Christmas. It is on Friday 12th December 9.30 til 12.30. If you can spare an hour to help with this, please sign up on the notice board. Many Hands Make Light Work. Thank you.

HELP REQUIRED AT CHRISTMAS SERVICES: If you would like to help by being a Reader at the Festival of Lessons and Carols or the Epiphany Carol Service, or sidesman or fire-watcher at 5pm Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Eve, please sign up on the sheets on the noticeboard.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you are able to contribute towards the flowers in church this Christmas, a time to show our church in all its glory to our congregation and visitors, please leave your donation in the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS DAY PROCESSION: If you are coming on Christmas morning, children may bring one of their new toys and join the procession at the beginning.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Please take a card detailing the services over the Christmas period, and also give one to a neighbour.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: The Coffee Shop will close at 2pm on Tuesday 23rd December and reopen at 10am on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

CAROL SERVICE FOR DEMENTIA: Thursday 11th December, 11.30am. An informal Christmas Carol sing-a-long for those suffering with dementia, and their carers.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: Saturday 13th December, 4pm – 6pm at The Vicarage.

SUE REVIS RIP: Sue's funeral service will take place at All Saints on Friday 9th January 2026 at 11am.

BURNS NIGHT: Saturday 24th January – more details to follow!

Team Rector: Preb. David MacGeoch
Email: vicar@allsaintslb.org.uk Tel: 01525 373217 / 07949 401942
Rest Day: Monday

We would like to politely request that you turn off your mobile phones or switch them to flight-safe mode.

Second Sunday of Advent

7th December

Sunday Services

Readings: RCL: Year A: Page: 3

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

8.00am Holy Communion Celebrant: Preb. David Preacher: Preb. David

Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10 or Romans 15: 4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

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9.30am Parish Eucharist Celebrant: Preb. David Preacher: Revd. Dave

Setting: New English Folk Mass

Hymn Book: NEH

THE ADVENT WREATH: Advent 2: The candle represents The Prophets – who foretold the coming of God.

Introit: 10

Advent Prayers for the lighting of the Advent Wreath

1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4-13

Gradual Hymn: 5

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Intercessions: Geoff Marchant

Offertory Hymn: 500

Anthem: Like a candle flame – Kendrick (arr. John Wearmouth)

Like a candle flame, flickering small in our darkness, uncreated light shines through infant eyes

God is with us, Alleluia. Come to save us, Alleluia, alleluia

Stars and angels sing, yet the earth sleeps in shadows. Can this tiny spark set a world on fire?

God is with us, Alleluia. Come to save us, Alleluia, alleluia

Yet His light will shine from our lives, spirit blazing as we touch the flame of His holy fire

God is with us, Alleluia. Come to save us, Alleluia, alleluia

During this time, please observe a period of quiet reflection, as we receive Communion

Communion Hymn: 282

Post Communion: 15

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11.30am Messy Mass for Advent Toy Service Preb. David/Revd. Dave

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6.00pm Sung Evensong Canon Malcolm

Hymn Book: NEH

Introit: 3

Responses: Ferial

1st Reading: 1 Kings 18: 17-39

2nd Reading: John 1: 19-28

Office Hymn: 8

Canticles: Set C

Hymn: 248

Advent Series

1700 years of the Nicene Creed

We invite you to join us at the 9.30am service as we welcome Max, Dave, Kirsty, and Alison to preach on the Nicene Creed. Following the service, there will be an opportunity to meet the Preacher and ask any questions about the sermon.



Sunday 30th November
The Revd Max Bayliss, Vicar, Chelsea Old Church

At the beginning of my exile from Leighton Buzzard, I went off to Queens' Cambridge where I was Chaplain, Fellow, and Tutor, and got married to Alice, whom I had met during my masters, towards the end of my time at LB. It was a marvellous job but found that I missed the glorious glimpse of parish ministry I was given at All Saints'. Inspired by a stint looking after a lovely church in Cambridge during their interregnum, I applied to be the Vicar of Chelsea Old Church, where I have been for just over three years. I recently took a funeral at St Giles, Cheddington and gazed wistfully across the County border to the home of the Black Lion, Little Buzzard Bakery, and the great Lindsey Bevis - little did I know I'd be back with you all soon on Advent Sunday!



Sunday 7th December
The Revd Dave Heather, Associate Priest, All Saints Leighton Buzzard

I grew up in the market town of High Wycombe before relocating to Leighton Buzzard as a young adult. I studied Theology at King's College London and have spent over 25 years teaching at schools in the town. First at Cedars and then, for the last 17 years at Pulford. I commenced my training for the Priesthood in 2000 and undertook a Post Graduate Diploma with Durham as part of that process. I was ordained in June 2022 and have been serving as an Associate Priest at All Saints since the summer of this year. I am married to Virginia (Funky). We have three adult children and three grandchildren as well as Bozley - a great big German Shepherd goofball.



Sunday 14th December
The Revd Alison Tolson, Curate

I am Alison Tolson and I am a 3rd curate in the Benefice of Porlock and Porlock Weir with Stoke Pero, Luccombe and Selworthy and the Benefice of Oare and Culbone, on the edge of Exmoor in Somerset. It is the most amazing place to undertake my ministry and a very varied learning experience. My training before ordination was context-based, being at Ripon College, Cuddesdon for part of the week and a parish local to our home in Somerset the rest of the time. I grew up in South Wales before joining the Royal Air Force, which is where I met Nick who I married in 1985. We went on to have six children by 1995! by which time we were living in Wells and working as

Virgers at the Cathedral. We now have two grandchildren and are foster carers to siblings aged 6 and 2. Although late in age to ordained ministry, God and Church have always played a big part. I felt a strong calling as a child however, for a variety of reasons, it took quite some time for me to reach the place I now find myself.



Sunday 21st December
The Revd Dr Kirsty Borthwick, College Chaplain, Christ Church Oxford

Kirsty was the Assistant Curate at All Saints from 2021-2024. She is now College Chaplain at Christ Church in Oxford. Beyond her role at Christ Church, Kirsty is involved in ecumenical work on behalf of the Church of England, and particularly in dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church.