All Saints News

Third Sunday of Advent (Third Week of Advent) Fr Charles' Notices:

17th December 2017

Lighting in Church

Hoorah! It's now lighter in the Baptistry and in the Sanctuary! However, things will continue to change as the new lights come in, the temporary lights go out, and all the hanging wires disappear. The end result will be splendid – just a few more weeks to go....

Christmas Services This Year

In addition to the traditional services (such as Midnight Mass) there are other services which attract a much wider audience. These are great events to which we can invite others who don't regularly come to All Saints. In particular this year there are:

Christmas Carol ServiceToday at 4.30pmCrib and Christingle CelebrationChristmas Eve 4.30pmChristmas Day Family MassChristmas Day 10.30amEpiphany Journey (with Llamas!!)Saturday 6th January 3.30pm

Christingle Making

This will really get us into the spirits of Christmas. The Christingle making event (supported with suitable refreshments) will take place on Saturday 23rd December in the Atrium at 10.00am. All are very welcome to join in with this regardless of age or competence.....

The Family Service – Christmas and New Year

Don't forget that on Sunday 24th December (**Christmas Eve**) the Family Service will combine with the afternoon **Crib and Christingle Celebration** at 4.30pm. (This means there will not be a 9.30am Service).

On Christmas Day the main Service will be a Combined Family Mass at 10.30am.

On **New Year's Eve** (Sunday 31st December) there will be a Combined Family Mass at 10.30am.

From Sunday 7th January the Family Service will be back at the original time of Sunday at 9.30am. it will also have a slightly different feel and energy!!

Lighting the Trees TRE I ECO I FEST

Thank you Karen, Wendy and team! The lighting of the Eco Trees was a great success and started the whole preparation for Christmas in an excellent way. Also it was great to see that the proceeds of over £300 will be going to support the work of the '**Bristol Hospitality Network**'. This is also our charity for this Christmas period

BHN extends solidarity to people seeking asylum and experiencing destitution in Bristol through accommodation and creative community involvement. For more information look at: https://www.bhn.org.uk/



Crib & Christingle Celebration

Celebrate the start of Christmas with Mary and Joseph's journey to the stable, Christingle candles and lighting the Christmas Tree.

Sunday 24th December at 5.00pm

Mince pies, mulled wine and juice from 4.30pm.







We need lots of help providing refreshments. Please sign the list in the porch or speak to Janice Hopkins.



Save the Date!

Thursday March 8th 2018 7.00 pm

Our Grand Celebration

Community Choral Concert



with participation from local schools and choirs, All Saints musicians - and audience!

Britten 'Saint Nicolas' cantata

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The River of Life

a cantata specially commissioned for **All Saints 150 years** from Bristol composer **John Marsh** with libretto by **Julie Nicholson**

*If you are a singer and would like to join the choir for this occasion, or know a singer who would like to, please contact John Davenport as soon as possible Rehearsals will take place in February.

Admission will be free, but tickets will be required, and will be available from the church office in the New Year.

Cynthia Ashford would like to send Christmas Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to everyone at All Saints



All Saints Christmas Cards Just a few more streets to go !

Please select those that you are able to deliver to friends and neighbours during the coming week. The Christmas cards not only bring greetings from All Saints but also contain information about Christmas services and celebrations.

18 M	Mass 9.00am O Adonai (O Lord) Heavenly Father, you prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as
	she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge
19 T	Mass 7.00pm O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse) O Root of Jesse, that stands for an ensign of the
	people, before whom the kings keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: come, to deliver us, and tarry not.
	Standing Committee Meeting
20 W	Mass 9.30am. O Clavis David (O Key of David) O Key of David, and sceptre of the house of Israel,
	who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: come, and lead forth the captive who sits in the shadows from his prison.
21 Th	Mass 7.00pm O Oriens (O Dayspring) O dawn of the east, brightness of light eternal, and sun of
	justice: come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
22 F	Mass 10.30am O Rex Gentium (O King of the nations) O King of the gentiles and their desired One,
	the cornerstone that makes both one: come, and deliver man, whom you formed out of the dust of the earth.
23 Sa	Mass 10.30am O Emmanuel (O With Us is God) O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the
	nations, Saviour of all people: Come and set us free, Lord our God.
24 Su	Advent 4 and Christmas Eve
	Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth
	with your glory and be for us a living hope. Mass 8.00am
	Parish Mass 11.00am
	Crib & Christingle celebrations 5.00pm
	(Mince pies from 4.30pm)
	Midnight Mass 11.30pm
25 M	Sunday Christmas Day
	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.
	Mass 9.00 am
	Family Christmas Mass 10.30 am Evening Prayer 6.00 pm
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