# **ALL SAINTS**

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6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 The Feast of Epiphany

### The Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

### Looking Toward 2019

Living together is never easy. Families have all sorts of arguments.

At this time of year especially, we get together, enjoy company, but sometimes get on each other's nerves. Here at Lambeth Palace, where Archbishops have lived and worked for centuries, we've been trying an experiment.

Since 2015 we've been bringing together young Christians from around the world to live as a community for ten months. They have an extraordinary range of backgrounds, cultures and opinions. They live together, cook together, volunteer with charities together, pray together, and - because they're human- they clash together. That can be over something as small as the washing up, or as big as their politics. They are united by one thing: their faith in Jesus Christ. But their own faith is not what holds them together.

In John's Gospel, Jesus says to his disciples: "I have called you friends [...] I chose you." He didn't always get on with them – in fact, sometimes they drove him up the wall. But they were united by something greater than their differences, his friendship. In this community, I find it so powerful that these remarkably different people decide to choose each other.

There's a parallel with our country today. We're wonderfully much more diverse than we used to be. Yet we disagree on many things. And we are struggling with how to disagree well. Turn on the television, read the news, and you see a lot that could tempt you to despair. Hope lies in our capacity to approach this new year in a spirit of openness towards each other.

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Committed to discovering more of what it means to be citizens together, even amid great challenges and changes. That will involve choosing to see ourselves as neighbours, as fellow citizens, as communities each with something to contribute. It will mean gathering around our common values, a common vision, and a commitment to one another. With the struggles and divisions of recent years, that will not be easy.

But that difficult work is part of the joy and blessing of being a community. Whether it's the twenty people here - or millions of us. So: will we choose each other again? Because in that choosing lies our hope.

I wish all of us a happy and – more importantly – hope-filled New Year.

The next All Saints Arts Matinee is on 2nd February at 4.00pm

An Organ Recital by John Davenport (All Saints Clifton) playing Bach, Franck, Langlais.





Candlemas Service A candlelight Choral Evensong for Candlemas on Sunday Feb 3rd.



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## A procession of Llamas and Royalty to celebrate EPIPHANY 2.30pm Procession from All Saints

3.00pm LLAMAS EPIPHANY PARTY The procession is followed by a short service and party refreshments

## Parish Retreat to Llangasty Retreat House 8<sup>th</sup> February to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

There are only three places left for the Parish Retreat, if you would like to participate please sign the list in the porch or speak to Liz Badman for further details

Epiphany SHARED LUNCH

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 after 11am mass

Just bring along some food, we will lay it all out, and share the feast!

Pay bar available - courtesy of the All Saints Society

**EVERYONE WELCOME** 

Please sign the list in the porch and say what you intend to bring - just to make sure we don't end up with too much of the same thing.



Come – Bring – Share - Enjoy

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7 M	<b>Mass 9.30am</b> (Old Rock Day) Pray for earth scientists (all fields of natural science where the area of study is the planet earth). May all who study this area, those who write about the topic and those who engage in positive environmental action serve to increase our awareness and improve our ability to be good stewards of this part of creation. We pray for those engaged in climate change research and communication.
8 T	Mass 7.00pm Pray for Physicists and also Earth Scientists who study all aspects related to planet earth. May their work inform us so that we are better able to care for creation. (Today is Rotation of the Earth Day and we remember Leon Foucault and his pendulum)
9 W	<b>Mass 9.30am</b> <i>Pray for all those who look toward the coming year and are planning for the future – for businesses, families, individuals, our Church and this diocese</i>
10 Th	<b>Mass 7.00pm</b> William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645 Pray for the Church of England and the Anglican Communion. Laud, as well as being a supporter of more catholic practice, worked to generate uniformity on the Church. Pray for our divided Church and the challenging debates and decisions on human sexuality.
11 F	Mass 10.30am Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915 Pray for all who work on behalf of Women's Rights. Even today equality, justice and safety are not guarded in law for women. Pray for Christians in Nigeria who experience some of the most violent persecution in the world.
12 Sa	Mass 10.30am Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167 Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar, 689
	Pray for the industrial areas of the NE – Teesside and Tyne and Wear. Areas that have seen huge change over the last decades and will continue to do so as global need for chemicals, oil, shipping, mining and steel change.
	Epiphany 2 Baptism of Christ
13 Su	In Christ You make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory. Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children.
	Mass8.00amFamily Worship9.30amParish Mass11.00amEvening Prayer6.00pm