

ALL SAINTS' COMMUNITY EVENTS
<b>Mar Thoma will be holding their Carol Service</b> at 17.00 on Sunday 3 December, with guest preacher Bishop Lusa.
<b>Our Christmas Tree Festival</b> continues. On <b>Sat 9 December</b> 10.00-16.00 there will be donkey rides to see Santa and the drawing of the Grand Raffle.
<b>The Carol service</b> will be on Sunday Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> at 17.00 followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Term Times for **All Saints' Pre School - Blackwell Hall** Mon-Fri 9.30–12.30  
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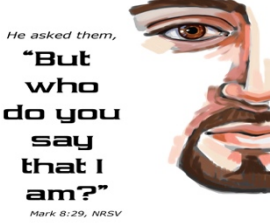
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*Please switch mobile phones off (or put on silent) during the Service*

**\*\* COVID AWARE.** Mask wearing is a personal decision. However, the North Aisle is also dedicated for those who wish to maintain social distance.

	<b>BULLETIN</b> Sunday 3 December 2023 <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
<i>Following Jesus; for the good of the world</i>	
	10.00 am Christingle Service and Family Eucharist Hymns: 399, 416, 60, 175 Readings: I Corinthians 1. 4-9. Mark 13. 24-37 12.15 pm Mar Thoma  Children's Society collection boxes for the Christingle service will be available at the back of Church.

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS'	
Monday 4th December	Tuesday 5th December 10.00-12.30 Craft Club – Blackwell Hall
Wednesday 6th December 10.30 Said Communion 12.00 Parish Christmas Lunch	Thursday 7th December 19.00 St John's School Carol Concert
Friday 8th December	Saturday 9th December Christmas tree festival. 10.00-16.00 with Donkey rides.
NEXT SUNDAY <b>10 DECEMBER</b> – Second Sunday of Advent Readings 2 Peter 3. 8-15a, Mark 1. 1-8. 17.00 All Saints Carol Service 10.00 Family Eucharist	
	12.15 pm Mar Thoma

**WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS!** We hope you find all you need to participate in the service, but please ask if you need help. We have a hearing induction loop and the service is livestreamed.  
**PLEASE NOTE: If you do not wish to be seen on camera, the North Aisle (by the Blue Corner) is out of view, and communion can be brought to you. Just mention this to one of our Welcomers**

**\*\* A SPECIAL WELCOME TO PARENTS.** If you have brought children with you today, we are delighted to have them with us. Please sit where you can see comfortably and follow what's going on. There is an area at the back of church (the 'Blue Corner') with colouring sheets and quiet toys for you to use if needed. You will find toilets, including baby changing facility, through the Vestry.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEKEND:** Will this December be dark or light?

This weekend we begin the season of Advent, when we prepare to celebrate once again the birth of Jesus. The Old Testament reading from Isaiah for this Sunday describes a longing for God to come down to earth. We can all echo this longing, and we seek an assurance of God's presence in our world and in our lives. We live in a world which so needs the healing touch of God. Advent is a time when we think of light but it is an honest season in which we also acknowledge the darkness. The world is not a happy place, we are surrounded by evil and suffering. It is okay to be truthful Christians who recognise that we are weary of hoping and waiting and long for our Lord to appear to sort out the dreadful mess. Our minds are filled with all manner of worries of the damage done by violence in our own country and around the world but each Sunday we will be lighting candles. They remind us that we live in times of darkness in which the light of Christ is present with us. May we feel that light, and share it, this Advent season.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND HARROW WEALD:**

**PARK LIFE CAFÉ:** a hub of activity led by the Harrow Weald Park Life Team with a variety of community activities; nature and gardening clubs; health and wellbeing events and fresh seasonal menu available every day.

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 16.00 CAROLS AND MULLED WINE IN BOXTREE PARK.

For more information on all the activities and social opportunities check their website at <https://harrowweald.co.uk>

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER 10.00 - SAID EUCHARIST**

**16.00 CRIB SERVICE FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

**23.30 MIDNIGHT MASS (FIRST EUCHARIST OF**

**CHRISTMAS)**

**SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER 10.00 SHORT AND INFORMAL FAMILY EUCHARIST**

**ON SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER, AT 10.00 WE WILL HAVE A EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION SERVICE LED BY BISHOP LUSA.**

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEKEND**

This is the Post Communion prayer for this Sunday, it calls for us to keep awake even during these short dark days: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FOR THOSE IN IMMEDIATE / SHORT-TERM NEED**

**For Healing:** George Baldwin, Nadine Baldwin, Eddy Morris, Elle Coleman, John Frith, Angela and Ian Kidd, Doris Lubin, Graham Mitchell, Carol Griffiths and Alexa.

**For the departed and all who are grieving:**

We remember and pray for families and friends grieving for loved ones.

**FROM OUR MEMORIAL BOOK**

December	3rd Lilian Talbot Russell	William Bradberry
	4th Stephen Andrew Courquin	
	5th Shirley Williams	Florence Emily Stillwell
	6th Mary Priscilla Douglass	Sylvia Madonna Lewis
	7th Norma Gertrude Brand	Grace Antoinette Butler
	8th Henry Charles Peterson	
	Wilma Imelda Sheils	Helen De Souza