

All Saints, Turvey  
Newsletter  
Easter and April  
2016

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## Church Notices for Easter :

A last minute reminder of what's happening over Easter at All Saints:

### **Cream Teas at the Church**

**Easter Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 5.30pm.**

Come and have a delicious cream tea and see the church decorated for Easter. All welcome.

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### **Children's Easter Workshop**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 11.30am at All Saints Church**

Lots of Easter activities and crafts ...Cost: £4 per family towards cost of craft materials.

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### **Church Services for Easter including Holy Week**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Maundy Thursday**

**7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper**

**Revd. Jo Spray**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Good Friday**

**2pm Liturgy for Good Friday**

**Lay Leaders**

**7.30pm Requiem – Faure.**

**Sung by the Choir with members of the choir of St. Andrew, Bedford**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Easter day**

**11am Parish Eucharist**

**Revd. Jo Spray and**

**Revd. Canon Peter Mackenzie**

### **Easter Lilies:**

Easter is early this year and the church will be decorated for Easter on **Sat 26<sup>th</sup> March**. Thanks to our flowers team who always make the church look so wonderful and to those who donated in memory of loved ones.

**Contact Jacqui Darrington with last minute requests!**

*All Saints Turvey*  
*Pilgrimage to St Albans with All Saints Leavesdon*  
*Easter Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016*

All Saints' Leavesden have kindly invited our church to join their members (all ages) on the Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans. Leavesden will host a parish family breakfast for our church before a short service to bless all the pilgrims as they set off on their 5 mile pilgrimage through the fields and ancient byways to St Albans Cathedral. The walk is quite easy. The very young can be transported to the cathedral so they do not miss out.

Pilgrims from all over meet at noon for a picnic in the cathedral orchard (or in the cathedral if it's wet) – please bring a picnic. There will be bouncy castles and fun games for everyone to join in, and at 3pm, a celebratory service in the cathedral with lots of parish banners, and pilgrims waving Alleluia flags. Pilgrims will receive a badge as a souvenir of their St Albans pilgrimage.

**If you would like to come on this trip, please see the board by the coffees or speak to Sharon Tew.**

St Albans Cathedral (Abbey) is the oldest site of continuous worship in the UK, and those who have been on the pilgrimages before have rated them as really good!

Timetable for the Pilgrimage:

- Arrive at All Saints' Church Leavesden around 8am
- Join the Parish Family Breakfast at 8.30am
- Short service to 'bless pilgrims on their pilgrimage' around 9.30am
- Pilgrimage from Leavesden Church to St Albans Cathedral at 10.00am
- Arrive at St Albans Cathedral Orchard by Noon - timing allows for slower walkers
- Picnic in the Cathedral Orchard (or the Cathedral) - please bring a picnic. Toilets, and some food/drink are available in the Cathedral
- Bouncy Castles and Fun Games for everyone to join In
- Pilgrimage Service in St Albans Cathedral at 3pm - filmed by the BBC.  
Please Bring an Alleluia Flag to wave
- All Pilgrims Receive A St Albans Pilgrimage Badge as a souvenir
- Return to Leavesden Church between 4.30-5.00pm

For more information please contact Sharon Tew on: 0797 434 3650 or email on:  
[sharontew1@aol.com](mailto:sharontew1@aol.com)

## Our Journey Together Prayer

All the churches in the vacant parishes in the western deanery are praying this specially written prayer regularly to do all they can as the adverts go out for a priest to fill the vacancy.

Please include it in your daily prayers. Thank you.

### *On Our Journey Together*

*Shepherd of souls,*

*give to us, for the leadership of your Church in these parishes, a priest after your own heart: a priest of faith and prayer, filled with the Spirit; a priest of vision, wisdom and sound judgement; a priest with a pastoral heart and a true love for people.*

*Help us, Father, to find a priest who will share in our journey to care and serve and who will inspire us to live in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

## **Little Lights**

Little Lights for preschool children, toddlers and babies will be meeting in church at 9.15am on the following Mondays:

**11<sup>th</sup> April, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Come and join us for a story, activity and craft plus refreshments.

## **Coffee Mornings**

**March Coffee Morning** took place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at Grove Farm House by kind invitation of Rod and Carol Petty. It raised a brilliant £168 towards church funds. A big thank you to Rod and Carol and to all who helped and supported a lovely morning.

**April Coffee Morning** will take place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April** 10.30am to 12 noon, by kind invitation of Malcolm and Christine Watson at 9 High Street, Turvey.

There will be a Bring and Buy stall and Raffle – for which all donations are welcome. Please join us, all welcome.

## **Lunch Club April:**

At the time of going to press the April Lunch Club date has not been confirmed to the writer – either Friday 1<sup>st</sup> or Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Apologies. Please check church notices and website for confirmation. All ages are welcome. Come along and enjoy great food and excellent company!

May Lunch Club will take place on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Charity for the coming year:**

Thank you for your nominations. The following charities have been shortlisted by the P.C.C and there will be a board at the back of the church with more detail on each charity:

**St. John's Hospice, Moggerhanger**  
**Homestart Bedford.**

**Salvation Army Bedford,**

**Road Victims Trust**

Please TICK THE SHEET OF THE CHARITY YOU PREFER and the charity with the most ticks will be chosen.

## **Vacancy at Diocesan office:**

The Diocesan office is looking to appoint a full-time Estates & Trusts Administrator based at the Diocesan Office. Details are available on the website at

<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies/>

deadline 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank yous:

## **Mothering Sunday**

Our **interactive celebration of Mothering Sunday** was very well attended and a lovely celebration of our mothers and carers. Please take a look at the wonderful photo display in church. Thanks to all who helped prepare the service and flowers and to those who attended.

## **Parish Electoral Roll**

The roll is revised each year before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

From Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March the electoral roll is available for revision until 3<sup>rd</sup> April. A copy of the roll can be found on the Tithe table near the entrance to the church. Please check that your name is included and that we have your current address. If you would like your name added to the roll, or there are any amendments necessary, please contact Paul Gentry on 881637 or speak to a Church Warden.

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April Vestry Meeting, Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Bring and Share Lunch:**

### **Vestry Meeting Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12.15pm**

The Vestry meeting will take place immediately after the Church service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April. This meeting - immediately prior to the APCM - is specifically for the Election of Church Wardens. David Nightingale has decided to step down from his duties as Church Warden at the 2016 APCM. We therefore have a vacancy. If you are interested please speak to Rod Petty.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

If you are on the Electoral Roll you are welcome to attend both meetings. If you are not on the electoral roll you may attend the Vestry Meeting only. We look forward to seeing you.

**Elections, Nominations, Vacancies:** Nominations are sought for a number of positions on the Parochial Church Council. In total there are 9 P.C.C member positions plus the 2 Church Wardens, Electoral Roll Officer, Secretary and Church Administrator.

The Deanery Synod representatives stand for a 3 year term.

All other positions would normally be for a period of 3 years.

**Existing P.C.C members are invited to stand again for another year and to confirm their willingness to do so at the next P.C.C. meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April.** Jacqui Darrington has chosen to step down from the P.C.C at the APCM in April. We thank Jacqui for her many years of service to the P.C.C. **We are looking for new P.C.C members to join us.**

**Vacancies:** there is a **Church Warden and a Secretary** vacancy. (Note this is not including the Administrator position and the role has the full support of the Church Administrator). Please speak to Heather Whelbourn or Rod Petty if you are interested or would like more detail.

Anyone on the electoral roll is invited to join the P.C.C or express an interest in one of the positions.

Please contact one of the Church Wardens or Heather Whelbourn ideally before 4<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Bring and Share Lunch**

This will follow the APCM as usual and a list for food donations will be put up in Church closer to the event. We hope you will join us for the A.P.C.M and the Lunch – always a very enjoyable social event.

# Services April 2016

Date	Calendar	Celebrant	Sunday	Service	Time
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Revd. Jo Spray	1 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Eucharist	11 am
				Evensong	6 pm
10 <sup>th</sup> April	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Revd. Jo Spray	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parish Eucharist	11 am
17 <sup>th</sup> April	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	n/a-Lay Leader	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Family Service ( Non – Eucharist)	11 am
				Evensong	6 pm
24 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Revd. David Powell	4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Eucharist	11 am
1 <sup>st</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	n/a -Lay Leader	1 <sup>st</sup>	Morning Prayer	11 am
				Evensong	6 pm

**All services are correct at time of going to press.**

**Coffee is served after each 11am service – please stay after the service and join us.**

Please see the church notice board for updates

**Please check the All Saints Church website [www.allsaintsturvey.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsturvey.org.uk) for services.**

## **Subscriptions:**

If you have not yet paid your £3 annual subscription for the Newsletter please place it in an envelope labelled 'Newsletter' and pass to one of the Church Wardens or Sidespersons in church. If you would like the monies collected please contact Heather Whelbourn 881728.

## **Newsletter entries:**

We welcome entries to the Newsletter. Deadline for May Newsletter is 20<sup>th</sup> April.

# PRESS RELEASE:

## Heritage Lottery Fund East of England Press Release

**East of England churches receive Easter boost thanks to National Lottery players!**

**Four of the East of England's most historic churches in need of repair have been awarded over £650,000 in grants by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).**

The churches, spread across the East of England, and which provide a vital resource at the heart of rural communities in the region, will now see crucial repairs made possible in addition to programmes of community activities, ensuring the future of these very special buildings.

The grants, all made to Grade I or II\* listed churches, have been awarded through HLF's Grants for Places of Worship (GPOW) programme, thanks to National Lottery players.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has invested over £66million into religious buildings and monuments across the East of England, and these latest awards demonstrate HLF's commitment to repairing and restoring places of worship.

**All Saints Church, Turvey in Bedfordshire has received a grant of £113,000. The grant will enable essential, urgent work to be carried out on the leaking roof, including the renewal of the roof timbers. A new children's area will be created together with a child's guide to the church, and work is planned outside to record the gravestones as well as restore a grassed, tranquil area in the churchyard and install a new bench.**

**The church, listed Grade 1, is situated at the heart of Turvey and has been at the centre of village life for a thousand years. It is one of the finest and oldest churches in the Diocese of St. Albans, with parts of the present building dating to Saxon times. It features in "England's Thousand Best Churches" by Simon Jenkins. In addition to regular church services, in recent years All Saints has been used as a venue for music concerts and drama performances involving the local community, including the "Turvey Mysteries" cycle of Mystery Plays.**

Robyn Llewellyn, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund East of England, said:

"Churches have been at the heart of our communities for hundreds of years. We are delighted that All Saints has been awarded a grant to address the urgent repairs needed to its structure. The church itself is a very important building, both architecturally and to its community, and this project will enable it to continue to function as a space for worship, and serve local people of all ages for a range of activities."