

WEEKLY NOTICES

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2024

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SERVICES SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

8am – Holy Communion BCP

9.30am – Family Holy Communion with Kids' Church

11am – Morning Prayer

Malachai 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-6

SERVICES SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER

9.30am – Crib Service Dress-Up Nativity

11am – Holy Communion

Here are two ways in which you can help in the lead up to Christmas:

Mince Pies Please!

We will be serving mince pies at several of our Christmas events this year so we would love **donations of mince pies please.**



You can leave them in the Vestry or the church porch. Thank you.

Flyer Drop

Thank you to everyone who has already taken a bundle of our Christmas flyers and delivered them. We have a lot more still to deliver so please do take a bundle (or two or three) to deliver to local blocks of flats and streets in our Parish.





ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
BRANKSOME PARK

You're invited for Christmas

Sunday 15th 9.30am
Crib Service Dress-Up Nativity

Friday 20th 6pm
Beer and Carols at the Inn in the Park

Saturday 21st 2.30pm
Live Nativity at Canford Cliffs Pirate Play Park
with The Church of the Transfiguration

Sunday 22nd 5.30pm
Traditional Christmas Carol Service
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Monday 23rd 10am-12pm
Christingle Making, Coffee, and Croissants
for kids and families

Christmas Eve 3pm **Christingle Service**
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve 11pm **Midnight Communion**

Christmas Day 10.30am **Christmas Service**



New Gates



The sharp eyed amongst us will have noticed that we have a brand new set of beautifully crafted oak gates to the front of the church. We are very grateful to Mrs Margaret Blackwell who has most generously sponsored the new gates in memory of her late husband, Mr John Andrew Blackwell. It wasn't easy to read but the old gates were engraved in memory of a past churchwarden, Mr Howard Dunn.

The Diocese directed that any new gates must also commemorate him.

Underwear Please!

With the weather turning much colder this week, Faithworks are asking for **donations of new underwear** to donate to homeless people. If you would like to help, then please bring donations of **new small/medium male and female underwear** to the Church porch or to the Vestry. Thank you!



Men's Christmas Meal

All Saints' Men plan to enjoy a pre-Christmas dinner together at **Inn in the Park** on

Tuesday 17th December - 6.15pm for 6.30pm

Please see the **poster in the church porch** for menu details.



A £5 non-returnable deposit is payable, which is deducted from the final bill. The balance, plus drinks, is payable on the evening. Please **choose your menu in advance**. If you would like to attend, please **pick up a leaflet from the porch**, complete your menu choice and hand it to the church office together with your **£5 deposit** in cash.

Carol Singing in Care Homes

As with previous years we will be singing carols in the local care homes on the afternoons of

**Monday 16th December and
Thursday 19th December**

If you would like to come along, please add your name to the list in the porch.



All Saints' Christmas Tea Party with Carols

The Christmas tea party will be in the Church Hall on

Wednesday 11th December at 2.30pm

All are welcome to come along and enjoy **festive** fellowship, tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes.

Stepping Stones Walk

The next walk will be on

Thursday 12th December

Alder Valley Greenway with lunch at Aruba.

4 miles, flat.

Meet at Church at **10.30am.**

A leaflet is available in the porch with details of walks for 2025.



Slow Strollers Walks

The next walk will be in January – details to follow.
A schedule of walks for 2025 will be available from the porch shortly.



Poole Foodbank
Special Christmas Requests

As Christmas approaches the **Foodbank** are requesting
Christmas items.

Please drop items into the **box in our Church porch.**
Please pick up a couple of items with your weekly shop and bring them
along to church on a Sunday or any morning during the week.

7 urgent items needed this week are:

**Boxes of biscuits, Christmas puddings,
Mince pies, Selection boxes, Tubs of
sweets, Laundry tablets/pods,
Washing up liquid.**



Any items you can donate would be very much appreciated but you
can **download the Bank the Food app** to see which items they
require urgently each week.



Knit & Natter

Knit & Natter is in the Church Hall on
Fridays between 2.30pm and 4.30pm
All are welcome!

Teddies Baby and Toddler Group
Every Monday (term-time)
between 2pm and 3.30pm

Calling all mums, dads, grandparents and carers of
babies and pre-schoolers! Come along for a fun
time of free play, tea & coffee and great company.



The last Teddies before Christmas will be Monday 16th December.

Eco Collections

There are black collection boxes in the porch for **plastic milk carton lids**.



Please do not give plastic lids from other products and please do not leave any other items in the porch. Thank you.



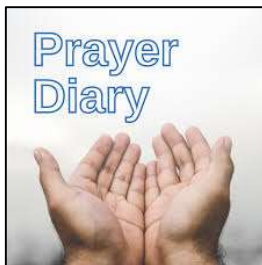
Also, please continue to save **used stamps** for **The Bible Society**. There is a box in the church porch where you can leave them but please **do not** put other items into the stamps collection box.

Weekday Prayer Meeting

A half-hour prayer meeting is held in church on **Wednesday mornings at 9.15am**.

Come along for this quiet time to pray for our church, our community, and the wider world.

A reminder that we have the **Prayer Box** in the church for all your prayer requests and answers to prayer.



Prayer Diary

We would love you to send in any prayers for the prayer diary concerning the world, our church and the community we serve. With love and prayers 😊🙏

Howard and the Team

Prayer Requests

Gary Hiscock (Libushka's husband), Joyce Firkin, Sue Thomas and Jennifer Simpkin.

We pray for the bereaved family and friends of Isobel Evans, John Thorpe and Pam Arnold.

Funeral of Isobel Evans

We are sad to announce that Isobel passed away on 21st November. Her funeral will be at **11.45am on Friday 13th December at St George's Church, Oakdale**, followed by a short committal service at Bournemouth Crematorium. A gathering will follow at The Grasshopper.

Also please pray for those approaching the anniversary of their bereavement.
*(Please note prayer requests stay on for 4 weeks,
after which you need to let the office know if they are to be renewed).*

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For **urgent prayer requests** contact the Office on 01202 701822
or email Suzie Myatt on doversole@aol.com to activate the **prayer chain**.