



Austrey, Newton Regis, Seckington,
Shuttington & Warton
Parish of All Souls, North Warwickshire

Church News January 2021

Church Website - for latest news: <http://www.allsoulsnorthwarwickshire.co.uk>

Sunday 3rd January – EPIPHANY

(Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12)

8.30am - NO SERVICE

10.30am - Morning Worship **ONLINE**

Sunday 10th January – 1st Sunday of Epiphany BAPTISM OF CHRIST

10.30am - Family Worship **ONLINE**

(Genesis 1:1-5, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11)

6.00pm - Holy Communion, Newton Regis

(Revd Michael MacLachlan)

Sunday 17th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

(1 Samuel 3:1-10, Revelation 5:1-10, John 1:43-51)

10.30am - Morning Worship **ONLINE**

6.00pm - Evening Prayer, Shuttington

Sunday 24th January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

(Genesis 14:17-20, Revelation 19:6-10, John 2:1-11)

10.30am - Family Communion, Austrey

(The Ven Simon Heathfield)

6.00pm - Evening Prayer, Warton

Sunday 31st January – CANDLEMAS Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10.30am - Morning Worship **ONLINE**

(Malachi 3:1-5, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40)

6.00pm - Holy Communion, Seckington

(Revd Michael MacLachlan)

Sunday 7th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

(Colossians 1:15-20, John, 1:1-14)

8.30am - Holy Communion, Warton

(Fr Philip Wells)

10.30am - **SOUL CAFÉ** **ONLINE**

During the month of January, we plan to continue to offer a combination of live and online services, subject to government and Diocesan guidelines. Links for the online services will be posted on the All Souls website and the Soul Café Facebook page, as well as via the Prayer Circle and Bible Club. We hope there will be something for everyone! **Please note the wearing of face coverings is mandatory in church.**

PRAYERS

Prayers for the World: We pray for our world as the coronavirus develops new strains and spreads more rapidly. We pray especially for strength and resilience for our NHS workers as they struggle to cope with increasing demands on their services to treat the sick and comfort the dying. We give thanks for the successful development of vaccines, praying that they will be rolled out speedily across the world and be effective in halting the spread of the virus. We ask your blessing on all aid agencies, including Christian Aid, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Crosslinks, Bethesda Leprosy Hospital and Birmingham City Mission, bringing aid and hope to those in need in the name and love of Jesus.

Prayers for the Nation: We pray for Elizabeth our Queen and all in authority under her, that our government will continue to act responsibly to ensure the confidence and trust of the nation. We pray for reassurance and support for those facing financial hardship and loss of employment in the current crisis.

Prayers for the Church: We pray for the Church and its leaders as it seeks to bring hope to communities at the dawn of a New Year. Especially we ask your blessing on our Parish of All Souls, on the churchwardens and members of the PCC and on all members of our Church family, that we may continue to support and encourage one another as we await the appointment of a new leader.

Prayers for our Community: We pray for all those who reside or work in our parish, that you would continue to protect them, and that people will continue to behave with caution as we support those in need. We pray especially for all the staff and children in our three village schools as they face the challenges of keeping their learning on track.

Prayers for the sick: We ask for your healing touch to be on all those who are ill or in pain at this time, especially those of our church family and others known to us, that they might know your loving presence and find healing and peace.

Prayers for the bereaved: We pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time, especially those who find themselves grieving alone. Help them to find comfort in their sorrow, strength and hope for the days ahead.

“There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.” (Proverbs 23:18)

2021!

The Churchwardens and PCC of All Souls wish you, your families and friends a happy and healthy New Year. May it bring fresh blessings to us all!

Tithe for January Crosslinks

A tenth of all our offerings is given as a tithe. If you wish to supplement this, please place your gift, clearly marked in the offertory box or contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson: 01827 66282 or trishrich18@gmail.com

Future Dates

Monday 11 January 8.00pm All Souls PCC (via Zoom)

For up to date information on services please consult the parish website: www.allsoulsnorthwarwickshire.co.uk or your local church noticeboard. Baptisms, weddings and funerals can all be accommodated, subject to COVID regulations, and enquiries should be made to the PCC Secretary Alison Meredith – Tel: 01827 892796 or email meredithalison2@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

A special thank you to all who were involved in preparing for and delivering services during the Christmas season, from the Soul Café Nativity and Christingle services online to the celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in the festively decorated churches at Shuttington, Seckington and Austrey, with organ music and a small choir, suitably distanced.

DAILY HOPE: If you do not have internet access and as yet do not feel able to attend one of our live services, you might be interested in a free telephone service offered by the Church of England entitled “Daily Hope” which you can access by dialling **0800 804 8044**. There are a number of options offering hymns, prayers, reflections, as well as the opportunity to tune in to a full worship service. Well worth exploring.

CHURCH FINANCES: The effect of the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact church finances through the reduction in open plate collections, but All Souls has managed to meet all its costs in full till the end of 2020. The PCC will be meeting shortly to consider their response to the Common Fund asking for the year 2021 which has been set by the Diocese at £36,718. Any help you can give will be deeply appreciated. For further details please contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson – tel: 01827 66282 or email trishrich18@gmail.com

VACANCY PRAYER

Although all advertising is currently suspended by the Diocese, we continue to offer our Vacancy Prayer, trusting in God’s mercy to provide a new leader when the time is right: Father God we bring before you your precious church. We pray that, during this interregnum and time of change, all the people of “All Souls” will encourage one another and work together to honour and glorify your Holy name. We pray especially for the churchwardens and members of the PCC and all who will share responsibility until a new leader is found. Thank you, Lord, that you have gone before us and chosen the right person to lead us. In Jesus’ mighty name we pray. **Amen.** A longer version is also available, if preferred, for private use.

DOVE MAGAZINE: - The next edition of The Dove is due to be available in the first week of February. If you would like to write something – article, editorial, book review – please contact the editor Alison Meredith (email meredithalison2@gmail.com or Tel: 01827 892796) in good time to reserve space.

Copy deadline will be Wednesday 20 January.

“And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God... And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us” (Romans 5:2b, 5)