

Children's Society: Money from the collection boxes for this year has now been counted and paid into the bank, and the boxes have been returned to their holders. The terrific support raised a wonderful figure of £435 and this amount is even more impressive when we consider the turbulent year we have experienced, where people have not been able to get out and obtain those smaller coins to pop into their boxes. The Society would like to pass on their thanks and appreciation to everyone involved. The income from 7069 churches supporting the work of the Children's Society improved the lives of 554,000 children and young people. At present there are 19 box holders at All Saints and the Society is always looking for more donors. If you feel you would like to contribute to this very worthy charity then please contact me and I will be happy to supply you with a box and explain how the system works. Terry Sault 01270 584612

Christingle: Sunday 29th November: 10am on our parish Facebook page. For those of you who receive weekly printed materials, I will put a pack of resources together for you to make a Christingle at home. ***If you do not usually receive the printed weekly resources and would like the Christingle pack, please let either Becky or myself know if you would like us to deliver a pack of resources to you at home.*** If you prefer to arrange this yourself, here's what you will need:

Large orange, Cocktail sticks, Sweets or dried fruit
A length of red ribbon, long enough to go around the orange and a candle to go on top of the orange

Jigsaw available to borrow: Maggie Thomason has a 1000 piece jigsaw she is happy to lend to anyone during lockdown. Please contact Rachael if you are interested in borrowing it.

Lockdown in 50 Objects (All entries very welcome. Please send to Rachael)

Item 16: Poppies. This difficult period has been for me a stark contrast of emotions ranging from fear and despair right through to hope and joy. At the beginning the shock of the speed and the severity of the measures put in place was really hard. As time moved on all the acts of kindness and caring surfaced giving me hope that our human spirit would prevail. In terms of the timing, the fact that Easter occurred at the start gave me a real chance to re-engage with God. As a 50 mile commuter, for many years I have not had the opportunity to experience Lent and Holy Week to this depth and it was a real blessing to be at home and have the time to reflect on that special time.

In trying to find an object that summed up all that, I have to look no further than something in my back garden throughout April to August, a host of poppies! Everyday a new crop giving hope and beauty to the new day. Starting with one or two in April as time went on more and more. Helping us to remember those who have gone before and to look forward to the future. Every day a new crop different colours and sizes, always there through the window to cheer me. Bees, hover flies, spiders and even our friends the dreaded wasp bumbling through their blooms! Making me thankful for what I have during this most strange of times. Tony



Weekly Link

Sunday 22nd November: Christ the King

Sharing the love of Jesus with All

Facebook: All Saints' Weston & St Mark's Shavington
For service materials: www.allsaintsandstmarks.com

Today:

All day All Saints open for private prayer
10am Morning Worship online

This week:

Tuesday 24th November

⇒ 7:30pm: Night Prayer online

Wednesday 25th November

⇒ 9:10am: Morning Prayer online

⇒ All Day: All Saints Open for Private Prayer

Sunday 29th November

⇒ All day: All Saints' open for private prayer

⇒ 10am Christingle online (Let Rachael know if you want a pack delivered, see opposite)

A prayer for the world

Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you. In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster. Do it again we pray.
Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers
Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.
Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days,
turn your face towards us,
have mercy upon us,
and heal our land, we pray. Amen.

As a parish we pray:

Monday: Christ the King and the end of the church's year
Tuesday: Those who are long term carers at home and those they care for
Wednesday: The preparations for the parish's cafes
Thursday: Those who live in The Orchards and The Vineyard
Friday: For people of all ages who are feeling very lonely in the second lockdown
Saturday: That as winter draws near we remember the homeless and asylum seekers
Sunday: Advent Sunday and the Children's Society

Christmas Cards

Juliana has painted some gorgeous Christmas cards that can be bought in packs of 5 for just £3. Please contact Juliana on 01270829 044 or Sue on 01270 587 566 to order. They are happy to deliver in the Crewe area. Money raised for church funds. Please make cheques payable to 'PCC of All Saints' Weston & St Mark's Shavington'.



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Usual days in the parish Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday services.