

# Weekly Link

Sunday 10th January: Epiphany 1

*Sharing the love of Jesus with All*

Services Today:

10am Morning Worship online  
11:30am Morning Praise at St Mark's

Sunday 17th January: Epiphany 2

10am Morning Worship online  
11:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'

The week ahead:

**Tuesday 12th January**

⇒ 7:30pm: Evening Prayer online

**Wednesday 13th January**

⇒ 9:10am: Morning Prayer online

⇒ 11am: Holy Communion @ All Saints (please book with Sue Moore)

⇒ All Day: All Saints Open for Private Prayer

Service materials can be found on our website:  
[www.allsaintsandstmarks.com](http://www.allsaintsandstmarks.com) and on our Facebook page: All Saints' Weston & St Mark's Shavington

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

**If you would like to have anything included in the Weekly Link, please send to Becky (admin@allsaintsandstmarks.com, 01270 582 585) by Wednesday evening.**

**A reminder to save any stamps for the Leprosy Mission.**

Many thanks to the anonymous benefactor who kindly donated £250 towards our Community Cafe project - it is really appreciated .



Thank you to everyone who bought our Christmas Cards. We had 200 packs printed and managed to sell 193! COVID-19 has meant that this year we have not only missed our community events and getting together, but much needed funds to keep our churches going. The profit of £288.00 from the sale of Christmas cards is only a small amount in the grand scheme of things but every little helps! Let's hope 2021 will see us all meeting again under more normal circumstances. Thank you again. Juliana, Sue and Julia

To all the wonderful bell knitters

In the run up to Christmas, I distributed bells to groups and organisations in both communities. Everyone was delighted to receive them. In particular, I received emails asking me to pass on thanks to all of you from Shavington Primary School, Weston Village Primary School and Rope Green Medical Centre. I also received a letter of thanks from the head teacher at Shavington Academy (see photo). All your hard work has been very much valued and appreciated, and you have helped to spread some Christmas cheer at a very challenging time for many public sector workers. So, a very big thank you to you all. Rachael.

Knit for Peace Project



Now that we have finished making Christmas bells, we can look forward to supporting Knit for Peace with scarves, hats blankets etc. Knit for Peace sends items they receive to

wherever they are needed, some overseas and some in this country. This is a picture of some things that I have made, you will find loads of free patterns for items to make on their website ([knitforpeace.org.uk](http://knitforpeace.org.uk)), so you can make a variety of items if you prefer. If you don't have access to the internet and are stuck for patterns or ideas then let me know and I will let you have some printed options. We also need donations to cover the cost of sending items to the depot. For more information contact Margaret Hodgkinson.



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10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Rev. Rachael Griffiths  
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Dear Rachael

I am writing on behalf of all of the staff here at Shavington Academy, to express our heartfelt thanks for the donation of the knitted Christmas bell decorations.

It really is a kind gesture and staff will very much value this token of appreciation from your church congregations.

Please pass on thanks to all the knitters who gave up their time to create such lovely decorations. I have begun handing them out and I am sure they will bring festive cheer to everyone receiving them.

Our very best wishes to you all.

Kindest regards

Miss Emma Morris  
Headteacher

### **A prayer for God's help.**

God of all, whenever we are blinded by the pain and turmoil of this broken world  
and we forget that:

You see more than we see;  
You hear more than we hear;  
You know more than we know;  
You grieve more than we grieve.

Remind us once again that as we cry out to you for our world, for our society, and  
for those who are most vulnerable within it. That you offer stability when all seems  
unstable. You offer security when all seems insecure.

You offer us Jesus when nothing and no one else will do.

Amen.

### **As a parish we pray:**

**Monday:** We give thanks for the coronavirus vaccine, and pray for a speedy  
administration for front line workers and the vulnerable.

**Tuesday:** All frontline workers caring for patients. Especially patients in Leighton  
hospital.

**Wednesday:** St Luke's Hospice, the staff and those they care for.

**Thursday:** Those who live in Abbey Park Way and Northfield Place.

**Friday:** Funeral directors and those who need their services.

**Saturday:** Children and young people unable to return to school after the Christmas  
holidays.

**Sunday:** Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith.

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

*Item 21: A tribute to a trowel.* Deciding to move house  
after 40 years and with Brexit looming, the spectre of a  
General Election on the horizon and the rumblings of a  
pandemic not seen for a hundred years, my timing  
could not have been worse.

However, I soldered on and moved unceremoniously  
on lockdown day. Alone, in a new house, with no

friends or family to visit, I looked out onto a very flat empty stretch of grass. I  
ordered sleepers by the score, mountains of topsoil and compost and bags of  
seeds. I looked up the internet and created a 'No Dig' vegetable garden.

Enter my friend, the Trowel. Uncomplaining, he dug, he raked, he drew lines, he  
sowed, he weeded and, despite his lack of conversation, kept me company through  
the sunny days of lockdown.

And our reward, a harvest of vegetables!

Now his time is done, I shall mount my faithful Trowel on the garage wall and know  
he served me well. Maggie

