

Weekly Link

Sunday 27th November Advent Sunday

Sharing the love of Jesus with All

Services Today: First Sunday of Advent

9:30am Holy Communion @ St Mark's
11am Christingle @ All Saints'

Sunday 4th December

9:30am Christingle @ St Mark's
11am Holy Communion @ All Saints'

Sunday services at St Mark's are streamed to our Facebook page - All Saints' Weston & St Mark's Shavington.

All Saints' is open every day for private prayer

Sunday 27th November

⇒ *Launch of the Advent window trail in Shavington (maps available with locations of windows)*

Monday 28th November

⇒ *No Edward Bear Club for pre-schoolers. Next meeting Monday 5th December*

Tuesday 29th November

⇒ *1.30pm Toddlers in the hall at St Mark's*
⇒ *7:30pm: Evening Prayer online*
⇒ *7:30pm: Singers @ St Mark's Community Choir*

Wednesday 30th November

⇒ *9am-3pm: Cafe @ All Saints' is OPEN*
⇒ *9:10am: Morning Prayer online*

Thursday 1st December

⇒ *10am Assembly at Weston School*
⇒ *1.30pm Craft and Chatter meet in the hall at St Mark's*

Friday 2nd December

⇒ *9am - 3pm: Café @ St Mark's is OPEN*
⇒ *Nightingales Christmas Concert at St Mark's*

Saturday 3rd December

⇒ *3-6pm Shavington Christmas Festival*

Service materials can be found on our website:
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.

Prayer for Advent

Help us Lord, in all our preparations for Christmas.
The writing of cards, buying of presents,
wrapping of gifts,
decorating of our homes, all to make ready for you.

Help us to prepare ourselves in heart and mind to
worship you afresh and welcome you more fully into
our lives.

So that when the day of your coming finally dawns,
we may be ready

to greet you and celebrate a banquet,
not at *our* table, but yours.

Amen.

As a parish we pray for:-

Monday The joy of the World Cup. May the team you support do well.

Tuesday Those suffering from mental health problems, may they get the help they need and find friendship in our churches.

Wednesday Those finding the short days at this time of year difficult and lonely

Thursday Those who live in The Grove and Kendal Way

Friday CAFE @ ST MARK'S TODAY and at All Saints Weston on Wednesdays .Open 9am-3pm. ALL WELCOME

Saturday Abused children may they find the help they need

Sunday. Those who lead the prayers in our Sunday worship

If you would like to have anything included in the Weekly Link please send to Sharon by midday on Wednesday sharonmspooner@outlook.com



THE NIGHTINGALE'S COMMUNITY CHOIR

PRESENT

"LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH,
LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS"

A CONCERT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC OLD AND NEW

Date: Friday 2nd December 2022 Time: 7.00pm

St Mark's Church, Main Road,
Shavington, Crewe, CW2 5DP

Tickets £5.00 including refreshments available from the Cafés or on the door (children 12 years and under free)

Proceeds shared between the Church and MCFHT
Leighton Hospital Charity

Appeal for donations for Christmas hampers

Instead of one big hamper this year there will be two, one at each end of our parish.

Donations (such as mince pies, cranberry sauce, stuffing, crackers, wine, nuts and nibbles etc) can be taken to either Church or the cafes, or speak to Sue or Julia at All Saints, and Sheila McAlpine or Elizabeth Davies at St Mark's.

Tickets will be a £1 each and on sale at the Cafes (don't forget to put your name on the ticket!) The winning tickets will be drawn at the last café day which is 14th Dec at Weston and 16th Dec at St Mark's.

Thank you...

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Fund Raising Quiz at Weston Church Hall last Friday. The evening was enjoyed by many and raised £308 for our funds. Well done to the winners also! Julia.

Parish Energy Costs

As you are aware, the cost of energy has risen enormously and is having a significant impact on our parish finances. Last year, our total parish energy costs were around £4,300 (October 2021 - September 2022). This year, we expect that figure to rise to £13,200 (October 2022 - September 2023). Whilst there may be some help available in the form of a 'price cap' plus possibly some money from the Diocese, the reality is that we are facing a huge increase in our costs that we will struggle to meet.

At PCC last week, we shared some ideas about what action we might take to help address the problem:

- Turn the thermostat down
- Install smart thermostats
- Provide people with blankets and hot water bottles and/or offer hot drinks at the start of services as well as at the end
- Increase the amount we charge to rent our halls
- Charge more for funerals
- Move services at All Saints' to the hall which is cheaper to heat during the colder months
- Worship together during Winter, thereby only heating one building
- Improve insulation
- Change lighting
- Choose venues appropriate to the size of meeting
- Turn heating off in occasionally used areas such as porchway, passages, toilets etc.

All of the above are ideas to tackle the problem we are facing and the PCC continues to reflect and pray about what steps we might take. Please do the same. If you have any other ideas about things we could do, please let Rachael or Rob know. The PCC understands that people are facing their own financial challenges and it is a very worrying time for many. Please be assured of our prayers. Please also pray for guidance for our parish as we try to work out how to meet our rising energy costs in the coming year.


Christmas Services
All Saints' Weston
 Sunday 27th November 11am Christingle Service
 Sunday 11th December 4pm Carols by Candlelight
 Christmas Eve 3.30pm Crib Service
 Christmas Day 10am Christmas Morning Holy Communion
St Mark's Shavington
 Sunday 4th December 9.30am Christingle Service
 Sunday 11th December 6pm Carol Service
 Christmas Eve 5pm Crib Service
 Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion
 New Year's Day 10am Holy Communion
