

'John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."' - Luke 3: 16



Notices

Gracewell Carol Service – Today

At 3.30pm today we are leading a carol service for the residents and their families. Members of the congregation also welcome to join us. The address is: Rectory Lane, Little Bookham KT23 4DY.

'Living Nativity'

On Wednesday 19th December starting at 6pm outside The Douglas Haig Pub.

Our opportunity to share the good news of the Christmas story with our community. Please make it a priority to support if you are able to. Please bring a torch if possible and remember that some of the scenes take place outdoors.

Crib Service Rehearsal Reminder

If your child has a **designated** part in either of our Crib services, please bring them to rehearsal if possible, on Friday 21st December at 9.30am in All Saints Church.

Village Carol Service Choir

Don't forget, our Village Carol Service will take place on Sunday 23rd December, 6pm @ St Lawrence.

The Silver Line

Do you know of someone elderly who may find it helpful to speak to someone over the Christmas period? If you can't be that person perhaps you could pass on The Silver Line help line: 0800 470 80 90.

It's a free helpline for older people that may just provide a listening ear when needed.

St Lawrence Flowers Sponsorship

The flowers on display in St Lawrence have been kindly sponsored by Chris Rigby in loving memory of Marjorie and Horrie Tanner.



Upcoming Events

Ecumenical Advent Talk –17th Dec

The new Effingham Roman Catholic Priest, Fr Stephen has been giving a series of talks for Advent about The Kingdom of God & New Evangelisation. The last one will be on 17th Dec in St Alphege Hall, Effingham, 7.30-9pm with a mid-way break for refreshments. All are most welcome to attend.

Blue Christmas Service – Thurs 20th Dec @ All Saints Church, 7pm

Christmas always seems to be accompanied by jolly songs, ringing tills, & the expectation that you will have a good time. But that's not how it feels for many people. Maybe your year has been hard – for whatever reason (bereavement, illness, estrangement, worry) – & Christmas seems to highlight the difficulties. Or maybe in an over busy life, you just want space to reflect, recall, regroup. Whatever the reason, whatever the need, you are welcome at the Blue Christmas Service.



Christmas Open House



Paddy & Mandy MacVean invite you to call in on Sunday 23rd December, anytime between 3pm – 5pm at The Rectory, 4 Leewood Way, Effingham, KT24 5JN.

Christmas & Advent in our Parish

- **Tues 18th** – Chatterbox Christmas Party @ SL, 11am
- **Wed 19th** - 'Living Nativity' starting at Douglas Haig Pub, 6pm
- **Thurs 20th** – Blue Christmas Service @ AS, 7pm
- **Sun 23rd** - Village Carol Service @ SL, 6pm
- **Christmas Eve:**
Crib Service @ AS, 3pm
Crib Service @ SL 5pm
Midnight Mass @ SL 11pm
- **Christmas Day** - Christmas Family Service, followed by optional communion @ AS, 10am

(**AS** – All Saints Church / **SL** – St Lawrence Church)

Children & Families:

Calling All Children

Did you know we now have a Sunday School for Primary aged children (Saints Alive) and a pre-school group (Diddy Disciples) which meets during our Sunday morning 10am services? Please ring Revd Mandy for further details or collect a leaflet from the back of Church.

TGIS (Thank God It's Sunday)

On the 4th Sunday of each month at St. Lawrence starting at 10am, with a delicious breakfast. This is an informal, contemporary service without communion and is especially appropriate for newcomers & young families.

Next TGIS 27th January 2019 – Do join us!

Regular Events

Chatterbox is on a break after the Christmas party, until 8th January 2019 @ All Saints -

Usually Tuesdays from 10.30am-12pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays in St Lawrence & on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at All Saints. Catherine Hall on 453183 for further info.

Parish Pint NOT IN DEC: (for the chaps): 4th Tuesday monthly at the Sir Douglas Haig, Effingham, 12pm. Contact Robert Hall: 453183 or Robert@whestons.co.uk if coming (for catering).

Sunday Breakfast - 13th Jan - Monthly on 2nd Sunday in the Bowdler Room, All Saints' after 8am Communion. Catherine Hall 453183.

Tuesday 18th Dec - Tuesday Tea, alternate Tuesdays, in the Catholic Church Hall, Lower Rd, Effingham. From 2.30pm-4pm. A donation of £1 is all that is required. Gill or Keith on 457987.

Thursday 20th Dec - Christian Meditation Group: Meets fortnightly, 2.15pm in the Methodist Church, Effingham. Mrs Sylvia Lindsay 457383.

Thursday 20th Dec - "Connect" Group for carers & partners living with dementia meets fortnightly at 10am-12pm, St Lawrence Church Hall. Contact Gill Walker on 457987.

Messy Church - Wed 9th Jan: at St Lawrence Church Hall) 3.30pm-5pm. 2nd Wednesday of each month. Contact Gill Walker on 457987.

We are delighted to announce that we have a new parish website. It can be found at: www.effinghamwithlittlebookhamparish.org.uk

Please remember we can be found on



Where & When Next Sunday 23rd December:

8am - Service @ All Saints

10am - Service @ St Lawrence

6pm - Village Carol Service @ St Lawrence

Weekday Services at St. Lawrence

Morning Prayer will be said on Tuesday at 9am

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Thursday at 9.15am at St Lawrence

Sunday 16th December
2018

'3rd Sunday of Advent -
Gaudete Sunday'

Parish Pulse

Children are welcome at all our services



*The Parish of St.
Lawrence, Effingham
with All Saints', Little
Bookham*



Parish Contacts

Rector: Revd Mandy MacVean - 01372 458314 (Day off usually Friday) The Rectory, 4 Leewood Way, Effingham, KT24 5JN.

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**Please send items for the Pulse (via email) by
Tuesday each week**

E: stlawrence1939@btinternet.com

W: www.effinghamwithlittlebookhamparish.org.uk



Pattern of Monthly Services

St. Lawrence		All Saints'
8am BCP Holy Communion 6pm Taizé Prayer	First Sunday	10am Informal Sunday Worship with Communion
10am Sunday Worship with Communion	Second Sunday	8am BCP Holy Communion
8am BCP Holy Communion	Third Sunday	10am Sunday Worship with Communion
10am Thank God it's Sunday (TGIS)	Fourth Sunday	8am BCP Holy Communion
8am BCP Holy Communion (alternating) 10am Ecumenical Eucharist (alternating)	Fifth Sunday	8am BCP Holy Communion (alternating) 10am Ecumenical Eucharist (alternating)

Church Wardens

Val Winter 454 273
John Amos 453 552

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Laura Smith 459 010
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