

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight  
paths for him."' - Luke 3: 4b



### Notices

**TODAY – Christingle Service @ SL, 3.30pm**

#### **Village Carol Service Choir**

The choir will soon be practising for Christmas, if anyone (Male, female, young or old) would like to join please contact Anne Bleming on 458321 or [annesparker@btinternet.com](mailto:annesparker@btinternet.com). The service will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 6pm @ St Lawrence.

#### **2019 Church Diaries**

These are now available at the back of church if you wish to take one.

#### **All Saints Church - Opening & Closing**

If you have a key there is a list for 2019 on the font regarding the above; please can you kindly sign up for a weekend convenient to you. Many thanks, Val.

#### **'The Nativity' BBC Film**

On Saturday 15th Dec @ Effingham Methodist Church, 2pm, Reverend Mandy will be leading this session where we will watch the film and have this opportunity to remind ourselves of the true meaning of Christmas.

Please come and enjoy and stay for refreshments afterwards. Film is certificate PG.



**Father Christmas on his Sleigh  
coming to a road near you in December**

**Wednesday 12th** - Norwood Road, Strathcona Ave, Links Way & Orchard Gardens in Effingham.

**Friday 14th** - Leewood Way & Orestan Lane in Effingham.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** - The Street, Home Farm, Browns Lane, Beech Close & The Garden in Effingham.

**He will visit between 5pm & 7.30pm**

The Rotary Club of Bookham & Horsley  
Collecting for local people & charities.  
Charity no.264727



### Upcoming Events

#### **Ecumenical Advent Talks – 10th & 17th Dec**

The new Effingham Roman Catholic Priest, Fr Stephen has begun a series of talks for Advent about The Kingdom of God & New Evangelisation. The next one will be on 10<sup>th</sup> 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, and 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) – and 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December, anytime between 3pm – 5pm at The Rectory, 4 Leewood Way, Effingham, KT24 5JN.

#### **Christmas & Advent in our Parish**

- **Sat 15th** – Showing of the BBC Film 'The Nativity' @ Effingham Methodist Church, 2pm
- **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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Do join us!**

## Regular Events

**Chatterbox:** Tuesdays from 10.30am-12pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays in St Lawrence & on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at All Saints. Contact 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: 13<sup>th</sup> Jan** - Monthly on 2nd Sunday in the Bowdler Room, All Saints' after 8am Communion. Catherine Hall 453183.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact either Gill or Keith Walker on 457987.

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

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**, at Little Bookham Village Hall (but usually 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](http://www.effinghamwithlittlebookhamparish.org.uk)**

Please remember we can be found on



### **Where & When Next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December:**

**8am** - Service @ St Lawrence

**10am** - Service @ All Saints

**3.30pm** - Carol Service @ Gracewell Care Home

### **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 9<sup>th</sup>  
December 2018

'2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
Advent'

# 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.

**Parish Administrator:** Hayley Rheinlander at the Parish Office: 01372 451697. St Lawrence Church, Church Street, Effingham, KT24 5LX.

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

**E:** stlawrence1939@btinternet.com

**W:** [www.effinghamwithlittlebookhamparish.org.uk](http://www.effinghamwithlittlebookhamparish.org.uk)



### **Pattern of Monthly Services**

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

### **Church Wardens**

Val Winter 454 273  
John Amos 453 552

### **Deputy Church Wardens**

Laura Smith 459 010  
Pat Mills 454 293