

'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' – Isaiah 9: 6

Today's Bible Passages are:

Isaiah 35: 1-10 & Matthew 11: 2-11

Notices

Rev. Mandy & Paddy & their family wish everyone at St Lawrence & All Saints, many blessings for Christmas & the New Year. Thank you for all your support & friendship during 2019.

Pulse Online

34 people have already signed up to receive their copy of the Pulse online, if you would also like to join in, please email the church office: stlawrence1939@btinternet.com

The Charity Christmas Post

If you send local Christmas cards please support the Christmas Charity Post. Stamps are still 30p & available from Parkers & Sibleys. Cards should be clearly addressed to Fetcham, Great Bookham, Little Bookham & Effingham only, not further afield. **The last post is Dec 18th.** Info from Barbara Henry 452024.

Parish Treasurer – Thank you to Jennifer

We are very grateful for the many years that Jennifer Blackburn has given us as Parish Treasurer. She now feels it is the time to retire. For the time being, Chris Peers who has been the assistant Treasurer will be dealing with the Parish finances on a 'stop-gap' basis.

He can be contacted at: chris.peers@tiscali.co.uk This does mean that we are still very keen to appoint a new Parish Treasurer. Do you think God might be calling you for this role?

Parish Display at Guildford Cathedral Treasury

You may notice one or two objects have 'disappeared' from St Lawrence and All Saints, if so, you will be pleased to know, they are safely being displayed at Guildford Cathedral Treasury. Our Parish is the focus of this special display which will run from now until Easter 2020. Please do make a point of visiting when you can.

Christmas Church Flowers

Thank you to the flower teams in both St Lawrence and All Saints for decorating both our Churches so beautifully.



Next Sunday's Bible Passages are:

Romans 1: 1-7 & Matthew 1: 18ff

Upcoming Events

Gracewell Carol Service

TODAY - Sunday 15th December @ 3.30pm. You are welcome to join us at Gracewell Residential Home, Rectory Lane, KT23 4DY for the Carol Service which we provide for the residents and their families.

'Living Nativity'

Friday 20th Dec @ 6pm, starting & finishing at The Douglas Haig Pub, Effingham.

Please do join us for this annual 'outreach' to the community as we walk through our village telling the story of Christmas. Welly boots, warm clothes & torches are a necessity. (Actors to arrive by 5.30pm)

Mince pies & hot chocolate will be served during the final scene which takes place in St Lawrence Church and The Douglas Haig Pub will be laying on a **free buffet** after the play.



Sun 22nd Dec, Christmas Open House,

The Rectory, 4 Leewood Way @ 3pm – 5pm

All welcome to pop in for mulled wine & mince pies!



June 2020 - Charity Run in Memory of Pat Wakeford

Marketa Burrows will be undertaking a strenuous charity run in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. To sponsor her, please go to:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marketa-burrows1

Ecumenical Advent Talks

The final talk entitled:

A Cosmic Designer: Evolution & the Multiverse

will be given by Fr Stephen (Effingham's Roman Catholic Priest) at The Catholic Church Hall (St Alphege's), Lower Road, Effingham KT24 5JP from 7.30pm on Monday 16th Dec. Light refreshments will be available.

December Services

Sunday 22nd Dec – Village Carol Service, 6pm @ SL

Monday 23rd Dec – Blue Christmas, 7pm @ AS

Christmas Eve – Crib Service, 4pm @ SL

Christmas Eve – Midnight Mass, 11pm @ SL

Christmas Day – Family Service, followed by Optional Communion, 10am @ AS



Regular Events

Chatterbox: 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.

Tues 28th Jan: Parish Pint (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).

Tuesday Tea - Tuesday 17th Dec: Alternate Tuesdays, in the Catholic Church Hall, Lower Rd, Effingham. From 2.30pm-4pm. A donation of £1.50 is all that is required. Gill or Keith 457987.

Christian Meditation Group - Thurs 19th Dec - Meets fortnightly, 2.15pm in the Methodist Church, Effingham. Mrs Sylvia Lindsay 457383.

“Connect” Group - Thursday 19th Dec - For carers & partners living with dementia meets fortnightly at 10am-12pm, St Lawrence Church Hall. Contact Gill Walker 457987.

Messy Church – Wed 8th Jan: at St Lawrence Church Hall) 3.30pm-5pm. 2nd Wednesday of each month. Contact Gill Walker on 457987.

Let’s Find Out – Monday 6th Jan: We meet (usually) every first Monday evening of the month at 7.30pm at Sylvia Lindsay’s, Elmhurst, Lower Rd, Lt Bookham. Catherine: 453183 Sylvia: 457383

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 22nd 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 15th
December 2019

‘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.

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

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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

Deputy Church Wardens

Pat Mills 454 293
Paddy MacVean 458 314