

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

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

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 & All Saints for decorating our Churches so beautifully.

Eco Church Award

We are delighted to let everyone know, that we have been awarded a Bronze Eco Church Award! Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards this achievement. We are now working towards the Silver Award.



Christingle Service Collection

'We are pleased to report that £170.77 was raised at the Christingle service last Sunday for the Children's Society. Thank you to all who contributed'

Parish Office

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Christmas Day & New Year's Day.

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

Next Sunday's Bible Passages are:
Isaiah 63: 7-9 & Matthew 2: 13ff



Upcoming Christmas Events & Services



TODAY - Sun 22nd Dec, Christmas Open House, The Rectory, 4 Leewood Way @ 3pm – 5pm
All welcome to pop in for mulled wine & mince pies!



TODAY - Sun 22nd Dec – Village Carol Service, St Lawrence @ 6pm
All very welcome! If you have children, they are invited to help lead us in singing 'Away in a Manger' during the service. Festive refreshments to follow.



Monday 23rd Dec – Blue Christmas, All Saints @ 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 Eve – Crib Service, St Lawrence @ 4pm
Join us for our Crib Service! Children are welcome to dress up appropriately. All are very welcome!



Christmas Eve – Midnight Mass, St Lawrence @ 11pm
Please do join us for Midnight Mass. The traditional 'First Communion of Christmas' service.



Christmas Day – Family Service, All Saints @ 10am
Our Christmas Day Family Service, followed by optional communion. Children (and adults!) are encouraged to bring a favourite gift to show.

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 31st 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 2nd Jan - Meets fortnightly, 2.15pm in the Methodist Church, Effingham. Mrs Sylvia Lindsay 457383.

“Connect” Group - Thursday 2nd Jan - 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 29th December:

8am - Service @ St Lawrence

10am – Ecumenical Service @ All Saints

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 22nd
December 2019

‘4th 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

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**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