

*'This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."' - Matthew 2: 15b*

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

### Notices

#### **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.

#### **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.



#### **Parish Office**

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

#### **Confirmation Classes**

Revd Mandy is preparing people for confirmation to be at Guildford Cathedral on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April in the evening. If you would like to be prepared for confirmation, please contact Mandy asap. Classes will be running on Wednesday evenings starting in January.

#### **Effingham Farmers' Market**

We are planning to run a monthly 'Farmers' Market' (to include food and crafts) on a Saturday in St Lawrence Church. Stalls will be charged at a set amount, but stallholders will retain any profits.

Refreshments will be available.

If you would like to run a stall at the market, please speak to Revd Mandy.

#### **Thank You Anne**

After 20 years of faithful leadership, Anne Bleming has decided to retire as Choir Mistress (although she will still be singing with the choir). We thank her for all that she has contributed to the life of this Parish through her musical leadership.

**Next Sunday's Bible Passages are:**  
Isaiah 60: 1-6 & Matthew 2: 1-12

### Upcoming Events

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan - 'Scones of Praise' Churches**

Together Service, All Saints @ 4pm

A chance to enjoy some favourite hymns together with members of the Methodist & Catholic Churches, followed by tea, coffee and scones with jam.

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January - First TGIS of 2020 & Creation of Community Orchard, St Lawrence Church @ 10am**

Please join us for our first TGIS of 2020.

After the service, Jon Hargreaves will be organising a session to start clearing the land for our proposed Parish Community Orchard in Effingham. Please consider joining us with your gardening tools.

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Evensong for Candlemas, All Saints @ 4pm**

Please join us for this special service which marks the end of the Christmas Season.

#### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Newcomers Tea Party (Time & Location TBC)**

If you have joined our Parish in recent months and are yet to attend a Newcomers Tea Party, please look out for an invitation in early January. Please do not be afraid to ask for an invite if yours has not arrived by 26<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Lent Course, Effingham Methodist Church @ 2pm**

This is the first session of 5, the course is called 'Another Story Must Begin' and is based on Les Misérables. The course will be run by Revd Mandy and Revd Kim together.

Alternatively, Revd Mandy will be running the same course on Thursday evenings starting on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

A sign up sheet will be available in the New Year.

#### **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](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marketa-burrows1)

### Children & Families:

#### **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 26<sup>th</sup> January - Do join us!**

#### **'First of the Month (FOM)' - Informal Family Communion**

This service takes place at All Saints on the First Sunday of each month starting at 10am. It includes a children's talk & the children are encouraged to help in the running of the service. Aimed at 3 years+.

**Next FOM 5<sup>th</sup> January - All Welcome!**

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan -** Meets fortnightly, 2.15pm in the Methodist Church, Effingham. Mrs Sylvia Lindsay 457383.

**"Connect" Group - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan -** For carers & partners living with dementia meets fortnightly at 10am-12pm, St Lawrence Church Hall. Contact Gill Walker 457987.

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

**Let's Find Out - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.effinghamwithlittlebookhamparish.org.uk)

Please remember we can be found on



### Where & When Next: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January:

**8am** - Service @ St Lawrence

**10am** - FOM Service @ All Saints

**APOLOGIES - NO TAIZÉ PRAYER THIS MONTH**

### 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 29<sup>th</sup>  
December 2019

'First Sunday of  
Christmas'

# 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**

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## Pattern of Monthly Services

St. Lawrence		All Saints'
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  
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