Parish of Sawley -All Saints' with St Mary's

Prayerful and welcoming churches at the heart of the community

NEWS SHEET – Sunday 27th November

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Please pray for the family of those who have died especially Barbara Warner and Shirley Clarke
Please pray for those known to us who are ill, thinking of:- Charlie, Nigel, Sheila, James, Rosetta, Phil T, David, Jenny B, Barrie, Katrina, Steven, and Richard. We keep in our prayers-Bill, Donald, and others who can't join us

ADVENT SUNDAY

During this time of vacancy, we ask that everyone holds the appointment process, the running of the church and the preparation for our next incumbent in their prayers. :

We pray for the person to be appointed as our new incumbent:

Almighty God, we praise you for those whom you have called to the ministry of the Church. May the person you are leading to serve in our churches of All Saints and St Mary's hear your call. Equip them with the gifts of leadership and prayer, patience and understanding, preaching and teaching, courage and compassion, as we work together in this community for the growth of your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We pray for the running of the church:

Almighty God, we give thanks for all the wonderful people that strive to make our church community the best. As they lead our church in through this vacancy we pray for the Church Wardens, may they be sustained and supported over the coming months.

We pray for all those who lead our services, for those within our church and visitors from further afield. We pray too Lord for everyone else who plays a part to ensure the smooth day to day running of the church so that we can meet to praise your name and work to serve your people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 27th November ADVENT SUNDAY

9.00am Morning Prayer St Mary's

10.30am Family Morning Worship and Sunday Club Church Hall

Wednesday 30th November

9.30am Holy Communion with refreshments afterwards St Mary's

Sunday 3rd December

9.00am Morning Worship St Mary's

10.30am All Age Worship Church Hall

Shoe Boxes for Romania are available in the hall or from June Oliver. Please fill and return to June by first week of December Now that Manna food boxes are being given out from All Saints as well as St John's we still need more volunteers to help put the boxes together. It's about an hour of preparing boxes at lunch time on Wednesdays in All Saints church hall. There is some lifting and bending involved. You don't need to go every week. For more information please talk to Sue or Mary Phipps.

The Children's Society Box Opening The Society has asked me to pass on their grateful thanks to all Box Holders for their very kind gift of £700. Last year, thanks to supporters like you, they worked with over 11,500 vulnerable children, which included helping families trapped in poverty and debt, providing support to young carers and combating child sexual exploitation. Box holders raise over £1 million annually. If there is anyone who would like to help in this way, please contact me .Once again, thank you all very much for your support. Nora Grammer 01332 850321

Forthcoming Events

<u>Saturday 10th December 11am</u> LECF Carols with Silver Prize Band – Long Eaton Market Place <u>Sunday 11th December</u> Christingle Service All Saints'

<u>Saturday 17th December</u>- Decorating All Saints' 10am to 2pm. Carols by Candlelight 4pm <u>Wednesday 21st December 9am Carol Service St Mary's</u>



Flyers are available in both churches and the hall, please give to your friends and neighbours so we can celebrate as a community once again this Christmas

winter months Due to the high cost of heating All Saints and getting it warm enough on cold mornings, most morning services will be in the church hall from now to mid-March. Larger services-including Carols, Christmas and Easter, weddings and funerals will still be in church. Sunday Club will meet in the back room. Refreshments will still be served after the service

Merry Christmas











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> Deck the church with boughs of holly, Tinsel & flowers or anything jolly Baubles & bunting or Christmas bling, Come along and do your own thing

As we prepare to welcome people over the Christmas period, please come along and decorate the church. Decorate a windowsill or alcove on your own, with a friend or maybe with a group you are part of.

All Saints' will be open from 10am – 2pm on Saturday 17th December.

Pop in anytime to enjoy festive tunes, mince pie and hot chocolate while we put up the tree.

We would also be grateful for cuttings of Holly, fir trees and other foliage.

Please speak to Sandra <u>Mellors</u> for more information and to sign up

REAL CHRISTMAS.

Dovedale School will come to St, Mary's on Thursday 8th December and Sawley Schools to All Saints on Friday 9th December to discover the Christmas Story..

Several of you have offered help already, thank you. If others would like to help, please let me know by text to 07941291223 or via my details in the Church Directory. Rosie Broadbent

