



# All Saints' HERALD

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## *Vicar's Final Welcome Message*

As I write this, my final Welcome Message in All Saints' Herald, I'd like to thank you for all of your partnership over the last six years and three months. I have learned a great deal, and grown as a priest. It'll soon be time for me to be the one being welcomed, as I start work as Lead Chaplain for Thames Valley Police in January. As All Saints makes final preparations to enter the vacancy ('interregnum' in churchy language) please give whatever support at your personal disposal (enthusiasm, participation and, yes, your giving to church funds). Love and look after one another and remember - far more than any vicar who stays for a few years - as a parishioner and a worshipper, you are the Church, the Body of Christ. From my family and I, "farewell".

~ Rev. Nicky Skipworth

## Sunday Morning Worship

*refreshments served after worship every Sunday - please stay and enjoy some hospitality!*

10 am Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Parish Mass for Advent Sunday
10 am Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Parish Mass for Christmas Jumper Sunday
10 am Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Parish Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent
10 am Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Parish Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
10am Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Parish Morning Worship for first Sunday after Christmas
10 am Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Parish Morning Worship for Epiphany Sunday
10 am Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Parish Morning Worship for the Baptism of Christ
10 am Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Parish Morning Worship for Second Sunday of Epiphany
10 am Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Parish Morning Worship for the Conversion of Saul

*7pm Sundays (only until 22<sup>nd</sup> December) - Evening Worship (online)*

*10am Thursdays - Midweek Worship (in-person) (only until 19<sup>th</sup> December)*

*Open Church will begin in January (Fourth Thursday of every month) – There will be no regular Midweek Worship from 26<sup>th</sup> December onwards).*

## SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Ensuring that children and young people as well as adults are kept safe whilst in our care is an integral part of our church life. If you have any concerns about safeguarding please contact: Sandra Miller, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator 07903 756492 and/or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor

01636 817200. Out of Hours for Children & Adults:  
Nottinghamshire: 0300 4564546. Bawtry: 01302 796000

### **Midweek Worship**

Please be aware that Midweek Worship will continue until 19<sup>th</sup> December (which will be the last Midweek worship). From 26<sup>th</sup> December onwards, there will be no midweek worship. We will be having an “Open Church” every fourth Thursday in the month from January (please see ‘Open Church’ article for more information).

For church team  
contact details, please  
call the Parish Office  
on 07907 022858.

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Vicar 07734 233742

### **Next PCC meeting**

Will on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm – location to be confirmed.

### **All Saints’ Church with Harworth Brass Christmas Concert**

Our annual Christmas concert tickets are now on sale. The concert will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6.30-9pm and tickets are £5 pp (0-15 yrs free) from Ann or Beryl in church or speaking to Gayle in the Parish Office on 07907 022858. Excess tickets and all raffle tickets will be on sale on the door.



***Please use the QR Code to view our event poster***

### **Christmas Worship**

We have a packed calendar of Christmas services (please see our Advent and Christmas poster) , celebrations and festive get togethers throughout December.

Don’t forget (if you wish) to wear your festive Christmas Jumpers to our Sunday Parish Mass on the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Come to Church in your PJs (and lots of extra layers if the current temperature is any indication of the Winter we’re in for) for our “Carols in Pajamas” on Christmas Eve 4-4.45pm. Followed later by our annual Traditional Midnight Mass at 11pm.

We have a small and informal Christmas Parish Mass here at All Saints’ Church from 10am to 10.30am with the Skipworth family.

## Parish Office Closed

Please be aware that the **Parish Office** will be **closed** for the half term holidays from 2.30pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Please send any enquiries to [allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com)

We will endeavour to send any requests to the appropriate team member but responses will not be swift at this time.

## Upcoming Church Team meetings

10<sup>th</sup> December - 10am

13<sup>th</sup> January – 10am

Both at Beryl's house

## Admissions for Schools

If you would like to visit us regularly to assist your child's application to a faith based school – please follow the QR code link for our Guidance to School Admissions information.



## Small Saints

This is our (usually) twice-monthly 'chat and play' group for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers (plus younger home-schooled children)! All kinds of families welcome.

### Friday:

13<sup>th</sup> December 10 -11am (at the Vicarage)

### Thursdays:

9<sup>th</sup> January 11am-12pm (at the Church Hall)

23<sup>rd</sup> January 11am-12pm (at All Saints' Church)

On every fourth Thursday of the month, Midweek Mass takes place at 10am and Small Saints folx are welcome to come early and join in with this, too.

*Please scan or click the QR code for the poster.*



## Staying warm in Church

Please note this Winter we will only be serving refreshments after Sunday worship.

Blankets and hot water bottles available!  
The heating on Sundays will be on 8-11am.

## Open Church

In January we will be starting our new "Open Church" - every fourth Thursday of the month. The church will be open from 9am - 12pm for worship and followed by Small Saints (our baby and toddler group). Open church will, for now, replace our weekly Midweek Mass and take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 9am.

## **‘Simply...’**

Our beautiful and innovative spiritual service will go back to a once monthly session in December. These services will lead by our LLM Gillian, and Ron.

“Simply Something...” will be the first service in December (4<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm) and will focus around the festive period but it will be unique, in the way Simply always is.

‘Simply...’ that you have come to know and love – celebrating a less traditional style of worship and encouraging us to find our spirituality in a safe, sensory filled space will continue on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

***Please scan the QR code for the latest “Simply...” dates.***



## **Pastoral visiting**

Did you know we provide monthly visits to Meadow View (formerly Hesley Village) in Hesley, Brailsford House on Main Street and Rose Farm Care Home in Styrrup?

We also offer one to one visits to people living in their own home, including follow up after a funeral. Just call/WhatsApp our Parish Office for more information on 07907 022858, or the Vicar on 07734 233742.

No previous church connection is necessary to receive a visit and we are always delighted to be asked. Please pray for Beryl and Ann currently in training by Nicky for visiting care home settings and will taking on the role from January.

## **Preparing for Holy Baptism**

We are always pleased when families contact us to ask for a baptism booking.

Those interested are asked to attend worship any Sunday and our Baptism Coordinator, Stella Hardy, will take your details and invite you to a rehearsal, which is usually Sundays at 2pm.

For Stella's contact details, please call the Parish Office.

## **Snuggle Box**

Snuggle Box will continue to take donations of warm items (such as coats, hats, scarves, hot water bottles, blankets, etc.) to help locals fend off the cold until the end of March 2025. If you know someone in need please contact our Safeguarding Officer and Snuggle Box Co-ordinator Sandra Miller on 07503 756492.

It's already proving to be cold this Autumn and as always heating costs are set to increase in the new year – if you feel; you, a neighbour, friend, loved one, etc. may be in need this winter please do get in touch. Items for referrals are dealt with discreetly and are not, in any way, linked to income. If you are in need, we are here to help. Please see the Snuggle Box poster for more information.

### **All Saints' Herald (ASH) Submission Deadline**

Please ensure you send your submissions for the December and January edition of All Saints' Herald to Gayle by 18<sup>th</sup> November. You can send them to the office email on [allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com) or phone the office on 07907 022858 (open M-F, 9.30am to 2.30pm in school term time)

## Online Host

Do you have a good grasp of Facebook? Do you have a few hours to spare every month? Would you like to be part of our team from the comfort of your home?

You could become one of our growing team of Online Hosts. We primarily welcome and host viewers throughout our Sunday service, but this can also extend to weddings and funerals, when the request is made by family. All training is given and there is an expectation that any willing candidates will be open to an enhanced DBS and safeguarding training, provided to those that successfully complete their training and trial integration period. Please contact Gayle at the Parish Office if this role interests you.

## All Saints' Herald Ideas

Is there something you would like to see in future edition of The All Saints' Herald? If so, please send these ideas to us. Equally if you would like to advertise your event in future editions of the ASH – please contact the Parish office.

## Are you dyslexic? Do you avoid gluten or alcohol?

Gluten free Communion bread and wine is always provided. If you have a challenge with alcohol, or are dyslexic, please speak to the Vicar or a Churchwarden, who can enable personalised adjustments to suit your circumstances.

## Give A Little donations

As we have explained in recent services, the church needs your donations as much now, as ever before. The cost of living crisis has hit us all very hard and we are no exception. So whatever amount BIG or small is incredibly important.

Please follow the QR Code for our 'Give a little' donations page  
Or we can take cash, or contactless payments in church.



## Online Links & Information

[Dec 2024 & Jan 2025 General Church Rota](#)

Service Booklets: [Advent](#) [Christmas to Candlemass](#) [Saints Days](#)

[Upcoming Facebook live-streams](#) [Past Facebook live-streamed events](#)

[Parish Prayer List](#) [Current hymn list](#)

Parish office: 07907 022858 [allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com)

Website: [www.allsaintshbsh.co.uk](http://www.allsaintshbsh.co.uk) **Click logos below for our affiliations.**







Reopens for 2024-25 on 30th September  
until end of March 2025.

A locally run bank of warm and warming things

~ Snuggles ~

Ready to be gifted to any household in Harworth & Bircotes,  
helping them stay warm at home over the Winter.

#### REQUEST A SNUGGLE

Please text Sandra Miller on 07904 481415  
stating whatever you need from the list below.

Self-referral only - no intrusive questions. Collection or home  
delivery.

#### DONATE A SNUGGLE

Please text Sandra Miller on 079044 81415

Shop-bought or hand-knitted gloves/mittens, scarves, hats, shawls,  
jumpers, throws, blankets; dressing gowns, sleeping bags, fleece  
jackets, fluffy socks, onesies, hot water bottles, flasks & duvets.  
Items must be brand new or in excellent second-hand condition,  
and only as per listed above. No electrical/gas items, thank you.

If from a smoking or pet home, please wash before donating.  
You can donate by dropping off in the porch at The Vicarage on  
Tickhill Road any time, drop off in the grey Snuggle donation bin  
in the Town Hall Lobby or bring to All Saints' Church 10am any  
Sunday.

Local collection can also be arranged through Sandra.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SNUGGLE BOX !





## **CELEBRATING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WITH ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HARWORTH & BIRCOTES**

### **FREE Kids' Christmas Party at Harworth and Bircotes Town Hall**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 3-5pm - just turn up for food, games and loads of fun!

### **Come and help decorate All Saints' Church for Advent and Christmas!**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7-8pm (*decorations provided*)

### **Advent Sunday - Christmas Jumper Sunday at All Saints' Church**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December (and every Sunday) Parish Mass at 10am

*Why not come in a Christmas jumper or other special outfit?*

Kick off Advent in style with wonderful music and the wonderful story of faith, hope and love that's more than two thousand years in the making.

### **The Christmas Tidings Tree**

Leave your messages for the Christmas angels anytime 1<sup>st</sup> December to 6<sup>th</sup> January on the big tree at the top of the church steps in All Saints' Churchyard (*for step-free access, go through the Churchyard gate at the top of Church Lane*).

### **'Simply Christmas' with Gillian and Ron**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 7-8pm in All Saints' Church

Beautiful music with candles, incense and fairy lights in an ancient setting.

### **Small Saints for Christmas**

Our little church group for pre-school children and anyone who cares for them.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10-11am at The Vicarage, Tickhill Road, H&B, DN11 8PD.

Come and enjoy FREE refreshments and time for caring conversations.

### **Queer Carols with Harworth and Bircotes Pride**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 4-5pm at Harworth Methodist Church, Waterslack Road

Join a merry throng for fabulous songs old and new among the Christmas trees of the Christmas Tree Festival.

*Special guest: Josh Atkinson-Pass, Chair of Harworth and Bircotes Pride*

### **All Saints' Church hosts The Harworth Brass Christmas Concert**

with Festive Sing-Along, Prize Raffle Draw and Refreshments

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm - 9pm at Harworth and Bircotes Town Hall

Tickets £5 pp (0-15 yrs FREE) via Parish Office 07907 022858 or from Church.

### **Christmas Eve** (at All Saints' Church)

**4pm - 4.45pm Carols in Pyjamas**

One last big blast of fun before bedtime for all ages! Wear jammies or a onesie!

**11pm Traditional Midnight Mass**

Sacred worship and much-loved carols to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God with us

### **Christmas Day** (at All Saints' Church) 10am - 10.30am Informal Parish Mass