### DIARY THIS WEEK 2025

Monday 15th

10:00am Craft Drop In - Church Centre

3.30pm Kid's Stuff in Church centre

7.30pm Hand bell ringing practice in Vestry

**Tuesday 16th** 

8.30am First Steps (see below)

Thursday 18th

10.30am Luncheon Club Festive meal for members.

Saturday 20th

2.00pm Walking Nativity in Chesterfield town centre.

Next Sunday 21st December 2025. THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am SAID EUCHARIST

9:30 am SUNG EUCHARIST

**Readings:** Isaiah 7: 10-16; Psalm 80; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18 to end. 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols.

#### FIRST STEPS - NATIVITY FROM SCRATCH.

8.30am to 11.00am All are welcome to join in with this joyous event where the children prepare for Christmas. Parents please note there will be no First Steps until 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026. We are always willing to welcome new babies and toddlers to our group.

#### **CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE WINNERS**

Wine Hamper – Linda Logan Food Hamper – Susan Smith Beauty Hamper – R Smith Christmas Cake – Geoff Pollard.

#### **Parish Lunch**

The next Parish Lunch will be 1:00pm Tue 16<sup>th</sup> at Santos at Higham. (Pre booked only.) Contact Sandra Harris for details **01246 601470** 

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Sunday 21st

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols.

Christmas eve 24th

4.00pm Nativity Service

6.30pm Crib Service.

NO MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas day 25th

10.00am First Eucharist of Christmas.

WALKING NATIVITY – CHESTERFIELD TOWN CENTRE. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2.30pm from outside old M&S shop on High Street. Please come and support if you can.



# All Saints Church

## SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to all who join in our worship today, especially newcomers and visitors.

Please join us in the Church Centre for coffee after our 9:30 am service.

We offer thanks to Revd. Canon Allan Lacey who Presides at our Eucharist today.

8.00 am SAID EUCHARIST 9:30 am SUNG EUCHARIST

Hymns: 128, Ps 146(sung), 656, 56, 480. 11.30am Baptism of Rhiannon Alia and Olivia

**Nellie Mansell** 

#### COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,

who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:

grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries

may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,

that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;

for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

#### Amen

#### **POST COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;

kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Amen

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#### FIRST READING

#### Isaiah 35, 1-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,

2 and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

8 A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

#### PSALM 146 (Sung)

## RESPONSE: Come Lord, come and save us.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! Whose hope is in the Lord their God; 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

#### **RESPONSE**

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down

#### **RESPONSE**

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

#### **RESPONSE**

The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia! Alleluia

#### **RESPONSE**

#### SECOND READING

#### James 5: 7-10

A reading from the letter of James.

7 Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors!

10 As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

#### **GOSPEL**

#### Matthew 11: 2-11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples

3 and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

4 Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

6 And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

8 What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

10 This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."
11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'