



# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD

## 24th DECEMBER 2017 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### TODAY

**Holy Communion:** Communicant members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive the bread and wine. If you would prefer a prayer of blessing, please hold your service card in your hands as you kneel at the rail.

#### 9.00am Holy Communion

president: The Rector  
preacher: The Rector  
readings: Romans 16:25–27  
Luke 1:26–38

After the service you are invited to come into the hall for refreshments and a chat

#### 3.00pm Children's Crib Service

leader: The Rector  
The collection will be given to The Children's Society

#### 4.30pm Children's Crib Service

leader: The Rector  
The collection will be given to YMCA Chelmsford

#### 6.00pm Carols for Christmas

leader: Roger McFarland  
The collection will be given to the Church Mission Society

#### 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas

president: The Revd Rufin Emmanuel  
preacher: The Rector  
The collection will be given to Chelmsford CHESS

### THIS WEEK

#### Mo 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

##### 8.00am Holy Communion

president: The Rector  
preacher: The Rector

##### 10.30am Communion Together

president: The Rector  
preacher: The Revd Rufin Emmanuel

Tu 26 STEPHEN, DEACON, FIRST MARTYR

We 27 JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

10.00am Morning Prayer

Th 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS

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#### Su 31 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

##### 8.00am Holy Communion

President The Revd Rufin Emmanuel  
preacher: The Revd Rufin Emmanuel

##### 10.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

president: The Revd Rufin Emmanuel  
preacher: The Revd Rufin Emmanuel

##### 10.30am Sunday Special party

leader: Vic Leverett

##### 11.30pm Watch-Night Service

leader: Robin Stevens

#### For your prayers:

Those who are unwell: Brenda Baggs, Sharon H, Anne Burns, Edward Thorn, Rose Smith, Martin Dunn, Patricia Lisk, Louisa M, Iris Solway, Marion Hodges and Jonathan Thompson.

Those who have been bereaved: The families and friends of Frank Kelley, Steve Bishop and Avril Symes.

From the Churches Together in Chelmsford Prayer Rota: we pray for the chaplaincy team at Mid-Essex Hospitals.

**Frank Kelley:** His funeral service will be at the Crematorium at 11.00am on Wednesday 17th January.

**Watch-Night Service:** The service at 11.30pm next Sunday will be an opportunity to reflect prayerfully on the events of the past and look ahead to the future – finishing with the chimes of Big Ben. We will renew our covenant with our Lord and commit ourselves to witness and service. It won't be an occasion for prosecco and party poppers!

**Church Centre bookings:** Will Church organisations please note that they should make a new booking with Andrew Britter, the Church Centre Manager, if they plan to extend or change their usual regular meetings.

There will be no Morning or Evening Prayer (except on Wednesday) between Christmas and the New Year.

**Assistance Appreciated:** The voluntary church cleaners would welcome some additional help from willing ladies and gentlemen who can give less than an hour every four or five weeks to help keep our lovely church clean and welcoming. The work involves only vacuuming and light dusting with a team of friendly fellow parishioners and many hands do make light work. If you feel you could offer some of your time please contact Sue Almond, 268664.

**Foodbank:** For a number of years Maeve Kay has organised the collection of donations for the Foodbank and delivered them to the warehouse. Maeve is now hanging up her car keys... so we need a new volunteer to take over the delivery of food to the Foodbank. If you think you could help or need more information please speak to a churchwarden.

Those who contribute food have recently been very kind and the Foodbank is inundated. They ask if we can moderate donations until the New Year.

**Refreshments:** Do you enjoy coming into the hall after the 10.30am service for refreshments and a chance to chat? This is an important part of our fellowship but it relies on someone being prepared to make the drinks! Could that person be you – on a rota? For various reasons some of our refreshment providers have had to stand down and we need to find new ones. Please speak to Carol Leverett (221379) if you can offer help.

# HAPPY CHRISTMAS!