



# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD

## 31st DECEMBER 2017 – FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

### 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.

#### 8.00am Holy Communion

*president:* The Revd Rufin Emmanuel  
*preacher:* The Revd Rufin Emmanuel  
*readings:* Galatians 4:4–7  
Luke 2:15–21

#### 10.30am Holy Communion

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*It is our custom to use the Communion Service from the Book of Common Prayer (1662) on the 5th Sunday of the month.*

*The Prayer Ministry Team is available at this service*

#### 10.30am Sunday Special (in the hall)

*leader:* Vic Leverett

*After the services you are welcome to come into the hall for refreshments and a chat*

#### 11.30pm Watch-Night Service

*leader:* Robin Stevens  
*readings:* Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
Revelation 21:1-6a

### THIS WEEK

Mo	1	NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS <i>Bank Holiday</i>
Tu	2	8.30am Morning Prayer (said) 5.00pm Evening Prayer (said) 7.30pm North Springfield WI: Ageing gracefully – Ailsa Hichens
We	3	10.00am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Meeting for prayer in the Quiet Room 7.45pm The Church Council meets
Th	4	8.30am Morning Prayer (said) 5.00pm Evening Prayer (said)
Fr	5	8.30am Morning Prayer (said)
Sa	6	9.30am (to noon) Please come and help to tidy up the churchyard 12 noon Luncheon Club

#### Su 7 EPIPHANY

##### 8.00am Holy Communion

*president* The Revd Rufin Emmanuel  
*preacher:* Keith Otter

##### 10.30am Worship Together – Christingle

*led by* Ros Webb, *Sunday Special* and a speaker from the Children's Society

##### 4.30pm Evening Prayer

*preacher:* Keith Otter

#### 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 North Springfield Baptist Church and its minister, the Revd Peter Thomas.

**Watch-Night Service:** The service at 11.30pm this evening 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!

#### The Christmas collections for charity:

**Embrace the Middle East:** £447.13 plus Gift Aid providing an additional £56.58. Thus a total of £503.71.

**Church Army:** £185.05 plus Gift Aid providing an additional £17.50. Thus a total of £202.55.

**YMCA:** £226.65 plus Gift Aid providing an additional £21.33. Thus a total of £247.98.

**CMS:** £274.25 plus Gift Aid providing an additional £6.25. Thus a total of £280.50.

**Children's Society:** £287.10 plus Gift Aid providing an additional £33.89. Thus a total of £320.99.

**Chelmsford CHESS:** £369.45 plus Gift Aid providing an additional £52.70. Thus a total of £422.15.

#### A summary of recent requests for help:

■ 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. If you feel you could offer some of your time please contact Sue Almond, 268664.

■ We need a new volunteer to deliver the food given in church to the Foodbank. If you think you could help or need more information please speak to a churchwarden.

■ Do you enjoy coming into the hall after the 10.30am service for refreshments and a 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.

**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.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!