



Diary Dates

Saturday 13th December 2—4pm
University Nottingham Community Music Ensemble
All Saints Church



A Big Thank You

Our thanks go to everyone who so generously
 donated towards the Nottingham Toy Appeal



Christingle Services

Saturday 20th December 4pm
FAITH Christingle service
 All Saints Hall and Church

This service is open to all ages, both adult and children
 Please come and join us to make your own Christingle before
 going up to church for the service

Wednesday 24th December
 3.00pm St John's Kirkby Woodhouse
 5.00pm St Mary's Newstead Village



Morning and Evening Prayers on Zoom at 9.00am & 5.00pm
 Tuesday to Friday

Please note that all our churches may be found on Facebook :
 All Saints Annesley with St Mary Newstead Village &
 St. John's Church Kirkby Woodhouse



If you don't already receive Zoom links to our services and would like to
 join us please contact

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**THE CHURCH
 OF ENGLAND**



IN ANNESLEY, NEWSTEAD AND KIRKBY WOODHOUSE

Third Sunday of Advent



14th December	9.30am Holy Communion All Saints 11.00am Morning Prayer/Worship St John's 6.00pm Carol Service St Mary's
16th December	7.00pm Carol Service All Saints
20th December	4.00pm Christingle All Saints Hall & Church
21st December	9.30am Morning Prayer/Worship All Saints 11.00am Holy Communion St John's 6.00pm Carol Service St John's
24th December	3.00pm Christingle St John's 5.00pm Christingle St Mary's 11.30pm Midnight Mass All Saints
25th December	10.00am Holy Communion St John's
28th December	9.30am Holy Communion All Saints 11.00am Morning Prayer/Worship St John's 6.00pm Holy Communion St Mary's
4th January 2026	9.30am Morning Prayer/Worship All Saints 11.00am Holy Communion St John's



First Reading

ISAIAH 35.1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, 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. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 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.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 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; 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. 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. 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.

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.

Hymn Books

Thank you so much to everyone who generously supported the purchase of new hymn books for All Saints Church. We will give thanks for them and use them from this weekend.

The original copies of Songs of Fellowship will now be retired. We are conscious that some of these hymn books have dedications in memory of loved ones and want to give those who dedicated them the opportunity to claim them, so the books will be left in church until 11th January to give time for this to happen. Any books not claimed after 11th January will be removed.



Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Gospel Reading

MATTHEW 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: 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. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' 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? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 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." 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.'

Carol Services

Sunday 14th December 6.00pm
St Mary's Newstead Village

Tuesday 16th December 7.00pm
All Saints Annesley

Sunday 21st December 6.00pm
St John's Kirkby Woodhouse

