



Newsletter



Archbishop Sarah

We have a new Archbishop designate, Dame Sarah Mullally, as Edmund Blackadder would say hurrah, hurrah and hurrah. What a remarkable woman and what a great appointment. Former chief nurse of the NHS after only a moderately short time nursing, now she is to be Prelate of the Church of England after a moderately short time ordained. Well done to the appointments committee for your bravery in choosing the first woman for this important role as head of the worldwide Anglican community, a choice that may well have gone down poorly in some quarters.

Now 'let us pray', and then pray some more and then some more. It must be fairly unique to be the head of a worldwide organisation by consensus with no practical power, but I imagine her skill set seemed to be the best fit for our church at this time. Please continue to hold her and our church before God at this particular time.

On another churchy note, how lovely to see the King and the Pope praying together. A process that made the appointment of the ABC look positively supersonic.

Mike

SCONES OF PRAISE!

Here at All Saints at 3.00pm on Sunday 16th November we will be holding our first ever Scones of Praise - like Songs of Praise on the BBC, but with the added bonus of a range of homemade scones with jam and cream, served with and tea and coffee. Do join us and bring a friend, maybe someone who doesn't normally come to our Sunday service. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship, friendship, and exercising our vocal cords. For more information pick up a flyer or speak to John Kidney.



ALL SAINTS CHOIR



Advent Sunday

On Advent Sunday, 30th November at 6.00 pm. We will be leading an Advent Carol Service of carols, readings, reflections and hymns. This year they will be drawn from a Royal School of Church Music resource - Advent Pilgrimage. Do join us as we reflect on Advent.

Nine Lessons and Carols

This year our annual carol service will be on Sunday, 21st December at 6.00 pm. Do put this date in your diary and invite friends and neighbours to come along to this traditional Christmas celebration.

CRAFTY SUNDAY & SmAll SAINTS



SmAll Saints

We've had a very positive start to September and October when we have welcomed several lovely new families. We had a Macmillan coffee morning which raised a wonderful £121.00 during which the children iced their own



cupcakes! We have also made hedgehogs, Autumn leaf wreaths, and 'space' plates! The children love music time and book time when we look for pictures and objects linked to the day's theme. We look forward to coming back after half term for lots more fun!

Crafty Sunday

September's Crafty Sunday was very busy with lots of regular and new families joining us to create lots of ideas to celebrate Harvest. In October we made some wonderful Remembrance themed craft when again we welcomed more new families..... we were so engrossed in our activities we forgot the time, what a lovely problem to have!



We are all so pleased with how both SmAll Saints and Crafty Sunday are growing and we are looking forward to welcoming many more from the community over the coming months.



Messy Church

To all parents & their children! Why not come along to St. Katharine's Church Centre on Saturday 8th November from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm and enjoy an afternoon of fun together with our friends from St. Nicholas and St. Katharine's.

Free event, including refreshments (full details below)



'Follow the Star' knitting patterns – Are you a knitter?

Please pick up a knitting pattern for 'stars' (at the back of church) and get knitting! The stars are needed to go into Southbourne Grove shops for a children's Christmas treasure hunt through Advent (run by Churches Together in Southbourne). Extra stars are also needed to give out to children at their Christmas event on Southbourne Green on Saturday 13th December. Thank you!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

It was lovely to see so many in Church for our combined Harvest Festival and lovely baptism service of Rebecca's grandson, Arthur. Thank you to everyone for all the donations at our Harvest which weighed in at 122.8kg for Bournemouth Foodbank which were gratefully received.





Scouts Start the Autumn Term with Energy and Achievement!

Since returning after the summer holidays, our Scouts have thrown themselves into a busy and exciting half-term. From outdoor adventures to creative indoor challenges, they've shown incredible teamwork, enthusiasm, and resilience — and between them, they've earned an impressive 28 badges already!

Our term kicked off with fun team challenges to rebuild connections after the break. Scouts then took on a variety of badge work, including athletics events, learning about disability awareness, and exploring important health topics such as making positive lifestyle choices around smoking, drugs, and alcohol. Each week brought new opportunities to develop confidence, skills, and friendships — all while living the Scouting values of care, respect, and adventure.

A particular highlight was our Chef badge evening, where Scouts planned and cooked their own weekend menus. From tasty campfire kebabs to creative desserts, the kitchen buzzed with energy and the results were delicious! We've also been preparing for future expeditions, learning essential map and compass skills, and practising teamwork through games and challenges.

It's been a wonderful start to the Scouting year, and we're so proud of how much our young people have achieved already. As we move into the rest of the term, the excitement continues with plans for more skill-building sessions, creative projects, and festive fun before Christmas.

From the Team.



Guides and Rangers have been very busy, as usual they have planned a varied programme for us to facilitate. We had a fun evening Beetle drive pyjama party as a send off for Harriet going to University, she is staying on as a leader and will help out in the holidays.

The girls requested sorting out our badges and sewing so we had a camp blanket/badge evening which we all decided was very relaxing.

Celebrating International day of the Girl Guides we looked at our strengths and aspirations and were hugely proud of the girls responses. The following week they turned these into a box theatre making evening to present their 'future girl'.



24 Guides & Rangers went to Fright Night at Fernycrofts and had a fantastic time. We are having a 'seasonal' crafts evening for the last week before half term.

Christine & the team



FELLOWSHIP CLUB

We very much enjoyed the film "Downton Abbey - The Grand Finale. Our lunch in October was at The Beachcomber in Barton which was a new venue for us. On Wednesday 19th November at 12.30 pm lunch will be at the Brew Cafe and our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 17th December at 12.30 pm (details to follow)

Rose

All Saints Dramatic Society

October has been an exciting month for us at All Saints Dramatic Society as we started rehearsals and preparations for our January Pantomime 'Puss In Boots'. The fun and energetic cast are being put through their paces by our Choreographer, Renée Claude, and Musical Director, Jane Lee, as they learn all the amazing songs and dances that make up this fun family panto for all ages to make a thoroughly enjoyable experience to beat the January blues.



Feline Frenzy as Panto cast supports Cats Protection!

Members of the Puss in Boots cast and production team also swapped the stage for the outdoors, volunteering at a Cats Protection Charity event to help raise funds for this wonderful cause supporting our feline friends.



Following our support for Diabetes UK during our Steel Magnolias production, this year we have teamed up with Cats Protection - and it's safe to say the event was a hit with plenty of kitten cuddles on offer. The hardest part of the day was saying goodbye!

Tickets now on sale for Puss In Boots from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/asds

Tickets are only £15 for Adults, £12 Concessions and £8 for Children with automatic 10% discounts available for group bookings of 10+ so why not get a group together and prepare to Boo and Hiss the baddie while cheering on Jack in his quest to win the hand of the princess. We are always welcoming of enthusiastic individuals who wish to join in with our upcoming productions to help backstage, volunteer Front of House, or support in various technical roles, there's a place for you! To find out more contact our membership secretary at:

asdslifesocial@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

Remembrance Sunday, 9th November at 10.30 am

Scones of Praise – Sunday 16th November at 3.00 pm (full details contained in Newsletter)

Advent Carol Service – Sunday 30th November at 6.00 pm. A service of carols, readings, reflections and hymns

Toy Service – Sunday 7th December at 10.30 am

Christmas Film Day – Saturday 13th December at All Saints' Church (full details to follow)

Christmas Children-led Service – Sunday 21st December at 10.30 am

9 Lessons & Carols – Sunday 21st December at 6.00 pm

Christmas Midnight Mass – Wednesday 24th December at 11.15 pm

Christmas Day Family Communion – Thursday 25th December at 10.00 am



Parish Office open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am -12.30pm

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