

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
DANEHILL WITH CHELWOOD GATE
'To know and share the love of Christ'
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NEWS SHEET

14th December 2025
(Third of Advent)

WELCOME – to the Parish of All Saints, Danehill with Chelwood Gate website.

TODAY (14th) – Paddy is preaching at both morning services at All Saints, the nine thirty being Holy Communion, led by Paddy, and the eleven o'clock Informal, led by Kirsti Watson. The readings at both services are Isaiah 35:1-10 and Matthew 11:2-11.

NEXT SUNDAY (21st) – Paddy will be preaching and leading at both morning services at All Saints, the nine thirty being Holy Communion and the eleven o'clock Informal. And there will be Carols by Candlelight at six o'clock in the evening, with a rehearsal for singers at five o'clock (see below). The readings at both services will be Romans 1:1-7 and Matthew 1:18-25.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (21st) – The much-loved traditional service of lessons and carols will be at All Saints next Sunday 21st December at 6pm. With mulled drinks and mince pies. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to join the **singers** who will rehearse at All Saints an hour beforehand.

THURSDAY PRAYERS – We meet weekly for Thursday Prayers – on Zoom at 9.15am. Click on <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79541125884?pwd=MjJVU1kvVE9YVjNXMUxSYWx5eXVRdz09> or enter the Meeting ID: 795 4112 5884 and the passcode: letuspray.

ONGOING SUPPORT – We are thankful to all who donate to the work of the church, enabling us to cover our costs and to show God's love in action. Why not join the Parish Giving Scheme which has no fees and Gift Aid (www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk / parish code: 100610523) or paper forms are at the back of the church.

NOAH'S ARK – Noah's Ark is now on break for the Christmas holidays. Any queries to Sue on 01825 790936.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER – The group will meet this month, on Wednesday 17th December, at 10am in Chelwood Gate church. We will be using as our focus for this Advent waiting time words from Matthew 25.13: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour". All are welcome to come along for a quiet hour of prayer, with intercession. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month so will be gathering again on 21st January 2026.

ASHDOWN CAFÉ – Many thanks to all who contributed to the Café on Friday, especially the Handbell Ringers and members of Danehill School.

TNT YOUTH GROUP – Our next event is a Club Night on Thursday, 8th January at Danehill Memorial Hall from 6.30-7.45pm. See also the church website: <https://www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk/weekdays/tnt-youth-group> or message Josh on the TNT phone 07305 659290.

HOME GROUPS – Home groups meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to try one.

1. Wednesdays at 3pm on Zoom with Sue Hicks and Barbara Beedle.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84493971647?pwd=MjFiaUJSN0RtejU2Njdscm9ibndPd309>
2. Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Westwatch with Gabriela MacBain and Heather Kauffman.
3. Wednesdays at 7.30pm at 53 Oak Tree Cottages with Ash Kauffman and Josh Watson.
4. Thursdays at 11am with Heather Heath at 3 Searles Cottages.

Please speak to Ash or Paddy if you are interested in coming to one of the above groups.

WELCOME BAGS – If you know of people who have recently moved into the village, we have some welcome bags for them to enjoy, containing food gifts along with local and church information. Please speak to Paddy or to Shelagh Gilliam for further details.

FROM THE FOOD BANK – East Grinstead Foodbank is unfortunately still in great need of donations (which include personal care and cleaning products) so thank you for continuing to place items in the foodbank at the back of church, it really does make a difference.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING – If you are shopping online this year, please remember to do it via www.easyfundraising.org.uk. It won't cost you any more and the church will benefit from your online spending (we have now raised over £1300 this way).

UPCOMING DATES

- 21st Dec - Carol Service 6pm
- 24th Dec - Christingle 4pm
- 24th Dec - Christmas Eve 11.15pm
- 25th Dec - Christmas Day, C. Gate 8.30am
- 25th Dec - Christmas Day, All Saints 10am

BIBLE ON YOUR PHONE – A recommended free Bible app is YourBible. It is easy to follow and provides help and comfort for difficult situations in life. For more information, download the app on your mobile phone or visit www.yourbible.io

Source-Release International Prayer
Shield.Dec.15/16/18/21 2025.

Please pray for all Lebanese and Syrian Christians who suffer persecution because of their faith in Jesus.

With thanks from Barbara.

VERSE OF THE WEEK – ‘Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.’ (Romans 15:7)

PRAYER FOCUS

- Amid the global concerns about health and conflict, please pray for peace and healing.

- At this busy time, pray for our church wardens as they oversee the church, for wisdom and guidance.

- Pray for Diana and for the family of Donald Freeland, who died recently. There will be a memorial service at All Saints on Friday 9th January at 11am.

- Ann Dale, Ruth Rowan, Evelyn Quarles, Amy Parrish, Michael Titmuss, Will Loveridge, Gabriel Iacaban and Keith Usher.

RELEASE INTERNATIONAL

LEBANON - Pray for our partner church and give thanks for its flourishing ministry among both Lebanese and Syrians. Pray for God's protection and blessing on the pastor and his growing ministry team.

Pray for 'Fatima', a Syrian refugee who lives in fear because her family back home have threatened to kill her for becoming a Christian.

'Michael', a Syrian refugee who leads Bible study groups for new believers in Lebanon, ministers with energy and joy despite his relatives trying to kill him for having changed his faith. Pray for protection for him and his family.

Pray for young Lebanese Christians such as 'Charles', who are using social media to spread the gospel in Arabic and reaching wide audiences. Pray that their efforts will bear fruit and that God will bless and protect those hearing the Good News whose families may try to prevent them following Christ.