

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

7th December 2025
(Second of Advent)

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

TODAY (7th) Paddy is taking the early service at Chelwood Gate and preaching at both morning services at All Saints, the nine thirty being Traditional Morning Prayer, led by Paddy, and the eleven o'clock Noah's Ark Nativity Service, led by Josh Watson. All children are welcome to take part wearing shepherd, angel, wise men or sheep outfits from other nativities! The readings at nine thirty are Romans 15:4-13 and Matthew 3:1-12.

NEXT SUNDAY (14th) – Paddy will be 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 will be Isaiah 35:1-10 and Matthew 11:2-11.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (21st) – The much-loved traditional service of lessons and carols will be at All Saints next Sunday 15th 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 continues tomorrow Monday 8th December. Any queries to Sue on 01825 790936.

ASHDOWN CAFÉ – The Café continues this month in the Danehill Memorial Hall this Friday, 12th December, from 10am to noon. Coffee, cake and chat – all are welcome.

TNT YOUTH GROUP – Our next event is a Club Night this Thursday, 11th December 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?pwdmFiaUSN0RtejU2Njdscm9ibndPd309>
 2. Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Westwatch with Gabriela MacBain and Heather Kauffman.
 3. Wednesdays at 7.30pm at 53 Oak Tree Cottis 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.

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 in this way).

UPCOMING DATES

- 7th Dec - Church Nativity 11am
- 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

VERSE OF THE WEEK – 'The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.' (Romans 13:11)

PRAYER FOCUS

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

- At the start of the Christmas season, pray for new people who visit our church, may they feel welcome and a real sense of our love for God.

- 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 Iacoban and Keith Usher.

RELEASE INTERNATIONAL

ALGERIA - Please pray for the re-opening of the more than 47 Algerian Protestant churches that have been closed by the Government.

Pray for wisdom, courage and grace as they continue to struggle for legal recognition, freedom and rights for Christians and churches within Algeria. Pray for an end to the relentless hounding of the church by the authorities.

Please pray for God's protection and care for Algerian Christians such as our partner, pastor 'Yuba', and his wife and children who take great risks to stay in Algeria and continue ministering.

Give thanks for the technology that allows Algerian believers to have fellowship and to spread God's word even while their church buildings are closed. Pray for all those encountering the gospel for the first time through such media.

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Thank you for your prayers for Algerian Christians who suffer persecution.

From Barbara.