

WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS' CHURCH Hempstead Part of the Team Ministry Of South Gillingham



We are a small and friendly church.

Please take a few moments to browse through our leaflet and find out more about who we are and what we do.

You will always be made very welcome at any of our services and in addition to these; you will find that we have a number of other activities that may interest you. We offer a range of worship styles and a service especially for children. You can find us halfway up Hempstead Road between the Post Office and the Infant School.

A BRIEF HISTORY

All Saints Church was built in 1911 as a Mission Church and its design is cross shaped. The village of Hempstead, initially a few small houses, was beginning to grow into a larger community and therefore the locals felt the need to raise funds and build a Church.

On All Saints Day, 1st November 1911 the foundation stone was laid by Lady Lonsdale, the sister-in-law of Canon Robins, Vicar and Rural Dean. The Dedication service took place on December 13th 1911.

All Saints was not officially recognised by the Diocese of Rochester until after the Second World War. It is situated in the heart of the old village in Hempstead Road, and can seat up to 120 people.

All Saints is part of the Parish of South Gillingham which covers the communities of Bredhurst, Parkwood and Wigmore. We are part of a team of ministers; both lay and ordained, that share in the daily mission and outreach of the churches.

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OUR FAITH AND OUR CHURCH

Christians believe that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16) That Jesus was crucified on the cross for us because of our sin. And that God raised Jesus to new life and invites everyone to share that new life. Worshipping Jesus is at the heart of our lives. We believe that the Bible is God's living word and that he speaks to us through his word. Our aim is to grow more like Jesus through prayer, reading the Bible and through serving and loving one another.

All Saints is a Christian Church. We put Jesus Christ at the centre of our lives and teach and encourage each other to live our lives this way. All Saints is an Anglican church. We belong to the Church of England. The Anglican Church is one branch of the largest family in the world, the whole Christian Church. It also means that we have a legal responsibility for the parish we work in. We baptise, marry, and take funerals for people who live in the community. We aim to reach out to the community in service, in love and in prayer.

MUSIC IN CHURCH

We sing a variety of worship music from the traditional style to modern songs. We have a small choir and music group who enjoy singing and lead our worship. We always welcome new members to join us and would encourage those who play a musical instrument to take part in our services.

SERVICES & ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

On the 1st Sunday of every month at 11.00 am we have a Sunday Service held in Church especially for children and their families. It lasts approximately 45 minutes with refreshments included. Activities range from stories, crafts and action songs!

Sunday Club is hosted in the Village Hall from 9.30 am while the adults are attending the main service in Church. We have plenty of resources to occupy children during our services and there is always some-one to be with them and help. All our leaders and helpers are CRB checked.

SUNBEAMS

Sunbeams is a Baby and Toddler Music Group. We meet every Tuesday in Church during term time between 1.15-2.45 pm. The session costs £1 per family which includes refreshments. Sunbeams is a relaxed and friendly group open to all pre-school children and their families. We use instruments, action songs and a wide range of music to develop abilities, broaden experiences and also to have fun! For further inquiries please contact Vivien Fuller on 377177.

SATURDAY MORNINGS

Our Church is open every Saturday morning from 10 .00 am – 12.00 pm. Please feel welcome to call in for refreshments, a chat, a moment of quiet, or to light a candle.

LUNCH CLUB/SOCIAL EVENTS

We have a Lunch Club which meets in the Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1.00 pm. It is an opportunity to enjoy a two course meal followed by tea or coffee in a friendly atmosphere to meet new people and make friends. The cost is £3.

We also arrange many social events throughout the year; details are on our notice sheets and in our monthly Parish magazine.

If you would like to attend any of these, please contact Jean Bird on 234149.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in the month in the Village Hall (behind the Church) from 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm. Refreshments are available. The evenings vary each week for example: talks by qualified speakers, games nights, cake stalls, and raffles, outings and events are also organised.

BIBLE STUDY & COURSES

We have ongoing Bible study and various courses lead by our Team Vicar and hosted at the Vicarage. Everyone is most welcome to come along. Please check our weekly notice sheet for details or contact Rev'd Chris Ferris on 322711 if you would like to know more.

SUNDAY SERVICES

1st Sunday

9.30 am Service with Holy Communion
11. 00 am Children's Service

2nd Sunday

9.30 am Service with Holy Communion
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday

9.30 am Service with Holy Communion and prayers for healing & wholeness

4th Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Family Service

5th Sunday

Family Service / Songs of Praise

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Tuesday 9.00 am Morning Prayer
Thursday 9 .00 am Morning Prayer
Friday 9.15 am Holy Communion

CONTACT US

For booking Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals please speak to Kelly the Parish Administrator on 01634- 231736
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