

### FINANCIAL GIFTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

By the end of this year All Saints is forecasting a drop of income of £41,000 compared to our usual annual year total.

These losses are as follows:

Plate offerings losses £5000 (these are the cash gifts we receive on Sundays and other services such as weddings and baptisms)

Planned Savings losses £6000 (these are the envelope and direct debit gifts we receive)

Hall rental losses £17,000

Property income losses £2000

Wedding fees losses £4000

Fundraising activities losses £5000

Gift Aid losses £3000

We urgently need to replenish our General Fund. As it is impossible for us to run our normal Fireworks and Christmas Fair in the usual way we would encourage you to give a gift to All Saints Whitstable if you feel you can.

If you have appreciated the ministry of All Saints Whitstable at some point in the past, and are grateful for its continuing ministry now, or if you simply are a well wisher wanting to help the church financially, then you can give online if you wish. Please make your payment to the following account

Account Name: All Saints Whitstable DCC

Account No.: 14372360

Sort Code: 30-99-61

International Codes if you live overseas

BIC: LOYDGB21533 IBAN: GB41 LOYD 3099 6114 3723 60

Alternatively cheques payable to All Saints Whitstable DCC can be sent to us at  
The Treasurer All Saints Church Office  
Church Street Whitstable CT5 1PG

Best wishes and many thanks for all donations.

Please let us know you have given a donation so we can thank you as online gifts are sometimes difficult to trace.



### Christmas at All Saints Church Whitstable - [www.allsaintswhitstable.com](http://www.allsaintswhitstable.com)

We would like to invite you to our church this Christmas time. Please see overleaf for our service times. This year is particularly complicated so we are having to send this out now so that pre-booking can take place effectively. Please email Rev Simon Tillotson at [simon@teamvicar.org](mailto:simon@teamvicar.org) to book your seats. Once seating is confirmed you will be asked to send a stamped addressed envelope to Rev Simon Tillotson at the Vicarage, Church Street, Whitstable, CT5 1PG and the tickets will be posted to you. Please do not send in an envelope till your seats have been confirmed. Services on Christmas Eve and close to Christmas Eve are likely to go the quickest.

All tickets are free of charge. We are though asking all those attending to make a donation to All Saints to help with our financial deficit for the year which is considerable due to the loss of hall and wedding income this year.

Sadly singing is currently not permitted in our churches but we will be listening to carols, hearing readings and poems, and reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas.

If we have to cancel because of increasing tightening of restrictions we will email all those who have contacted us.

**2 metre distancing is required for those not in household groups so therefore only 48 adults and children in total are permitted at each event. Facemasks are compulsory due to government law. Please arrive early so you can be seated at 2 metre distance from those outside your household or bubble.**

**We are keeping some tickets back for those not on email.**

**What is the content of each service and when do they take place?**

**Sacred Space** – An hour of reflective Christmas music with readings and prayers and periods of silence.

*These will take place on Wednesday December 2nd and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 8pm, finishing at 8.45pm*

**Children's Christmas Service** – Listening to joyful Christmas carols many with a youthful theme and a Christmas message with prayers suitable for all ages.

*These will take place from 4pm to 4.45pm on Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Christmas Eve, (Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup>). An additional service on Christmas Eve following the same format will take place from 2pm to 2.45pm.*

There is no Christingle service this year due to the health and safety aspects of the service.

**Christmas Carol Service** – Listen to joyful Christmas carols, hear Bible readings and prayers, and a message from the Vicar or whoever else is taking the service. Suitable for adults and older children but probably not very young children.

*These will take place from 7pm to 7.45pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December*

**The Christmas Eucharistic Feast** – Holy Communion services where we listen to carols and readings and Holy Communion is available in bread form only using social distancing and all other health precautions.

Midnight Mass – Christmas Eve at 11.15pm

Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Please email [simon@teamvicar.org](mailto:simon@teamvicar.org) to let Simon know how many people are planning to attend and which service. Prebooking is essential. He will then send you your tickets after you have sent him a stamped addressed envelope (see front page of this flyer for full details)



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Dear Friends,

I am aware that many people today do not describe themselves as religious but at the same time we still find a huge cross section of our population attend our church over the Christmas period.

We are putting out this flyer early therefore so that we can book people into the church properly using social distancing. We do not want a situation where people may arrive and not be able to sit safely.

May I also say that I do hope you are well and surviving this extremely difficult time for us all. As I write this in late September we do not know how the autumn and winter will evolve. My prayers are with you all. It is a deeply worrying time for the whole world and my prayer is we may find faith and courage to face the coming months.

If you know of someone who is particularly lonely and who would appreciate a visit or phone call please do not hesitate to contact me on 07833 448287. Loneliness is one of the worst things there is in this world but we do have people in the community who can offer support and friendship at this time of need.

Please note that our Remembrance Sunday service will be online this year via our website [www.allsaintswhitstable.com](http://www.allsaintswhitstable.com) at 10.15am on 8<sup>th</sup> November. If you wish to be sent the Youtube link direct in advance please email me at [simon@teamvicar.org](mailto:simon@teamvicar.org). It promises to be a great service. Thank you and many blessings to you and your loved ones.

Rev Simon Tillotson