



## All Saints' weekly email: Christmas 2

Dear Friends,

This email is being sent earlier than usual today to wish you a happy and blessed 2021 on this Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. This year our noon Mass today will be a Sung Mass with incense; if you'd like to join us online you can find the link on the website.

The Feast of the Holy Name, linked to the old Feast of the Circumcision, is now celebrated on 3 January and so this year it gives way to Sunday, Christmas 2. But as we revisit the Prologue to St John's Gospel this Sunday the beauty and significance of the Holy Name can never be far away from our contemplation of the Word made Flesh.

I often turn to Austin Farrer's incisive and elegant 'Paragraphs for the Holy Sacrament'. His New Year paragraph can't be bettered:

*When a calendar year comes to an end, we feel cheated. Nothing in fact has been ended, nothing rounded off and finished. The year is not a piece of work completed and done; we cannot hold on to, or possess, what it has accomplished. We have learnt many things, but all our learning seems still to lie before us. We have enjoyed many things, but our happiness has yet to be earned. We have served God - how little - and we have still to find out what the service of God truly is, and who the God truly is whom we serve. Yet in every moment while time thus bafflingly slips from us, we are in the hands of him who is eternal and changes not. Our Christ, the Christ we offer up here, the Christ on whom we feed here, the Christ whose body we are here, is eternal God as well as changeable man. Our grasp of eternity is small, but eternity grasps, fills and uses us. For we are the body of an eternal Christ.*

With prayers and good wishes for the year ahead,

*Fr Michael*

Click on the following links for Sung Mass on SUNDAY:

[Propers for Christmas 2](#)

[YouTube link for live stream](#)

and for Evensong and Benediction at 3pm:

[Order of Service](#)

[YouTube link for live stream](#)

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The flowers this week have been given by **Craig Williams** in memory of his father, **Richard Williams** whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

If you would like to have flowers in church to mark an anniversary or special occasion, please contact **Shawn Welby-Cooke** on 07988 287 663 or [shawnwilbe@outlook.com](mailto:shawnwilbe@outlook.com)



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This month's **Walsingham Devotion** will be offered on Saturday 9th January at 1130 - Rosary, followed by Mass of the BVM.

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### **Prayer list**

Prisoners and captives:

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, Ismaeil Maghrebinejad, Nasrin Satoudeh, Ahmed Almour, Mayshee Eyob, Maira Shabhzaz.

The sick:

David Fettke, Joan Cooper, Vallery Tchukov, Sara Vice, Katherine Lee, Nicky Yeo, Lorna Smith, Beth Klausing, Hilary Porter, Keith Peers, Bruce Ross-Smith, Benjamin Woolf, James Shrimpton, Tony Rodger, Rachel Pereira, Victor Sharp, Fr Michael Gudgeon, Audrey Williams, Chris and Carole Radley, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Simon Little, Rosemary Orr, Andrew Rodger, Martin Berka, Bishop Mano Rumalshah, Barbara Schiefer, David Aspenal, Margaret Feaviour, Sybil Priestnall, John Mather, Joan Anna SLG, Barbara June SLG, Sylvia Welby-Cooke.

Those known to us recently departed:

Rita Mather  
Jean Baarson  
Jean Claxton  
Miles  
Elaine Bullock  
Robert Greene  
David Palmer *Pr*  
Evelyn Born SLG

Anniversaries of death:

3rd - Berdmore Compton *Pr* (second vicar of All Saints), Eileen Prior  
4th - Henry Howell, John Wylde *Pr*, Joan Banyard, John Auton  
5th - Ernest Waggett, Timothy Shaw, Emily Finnis, Tom Ryder *Pr*, Mary Park, Constance Tweed  
6th - Robert Routledge, Winifred Nash  
7th - Fay Ireland, Jill Horley, Anthony Bullock  
8th - Kay Leahy, Christine Ellis  
9th - Sylvia Scott



## Supporting All Saints

### **Parish Giving Scheme:**

Thank you to all who give in various ways to support the work of All Saints. While we regret that the previous online registration facility for the Parish Giving Scheme is no longer available, our Treasurer recommends that this remains our preferred option for giving: it allows contributions to be anonymous and deals with GiftAid, which saves our office a lot of time.

It is no longer possible to register for the scheme online.

There are now two options, for each of which you need the parish code: 230623075.

You can join the scheme either

by phoning 0333 002 1271 and quoting the code

or

by requesting a form from the parish office.

The following link will take you to a page which explains how the scheme works:

[www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/how-it-works](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/how-it-works)

Donations for general Church purposes: To give by BACS please use the following details, advising the Administrator to collect Gift Aid:

PCC All Saints (Charity # 1132895)

Sort Code 60-09-15

A/C 04559452

*Parish Legacy Policy* We are always delighted to hear from anyone who wants to support us with a donation. Our PCC Legacy Policy encourages people to leave bequests specifically to one of our two related charities to be used for purposes of lasting value (rather than day to day costs):

*All Saints Choir & Music Trust* (Charity # 802994) or

*The All Saints Foundation* (Charity # 273390).