



## Christmas 2024

Along with our usual Christmas services this year there will be a few different services and events that will be happening that as a church community we hope you will support and encourage others to attend.

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| December 1 <sup>st</sup>  | St Stephen's | 9.15am | Advent Morning Service                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                           | All Saints'  | 11am   | Christingle Service<br><br>(our popular service to start the Advent Season, for all ages but especially children).                                                                                        |
| December 8 <sup>th</sup>  | St Stephen's | 9.15am | Holy Communion                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                           | All Saints'  | 11am   | Holy Communion                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                           | All Saints'  | 4pm    | Blue Christmas<br><br>(a peaceful, reflective service for all those who find Christmas difficult, for whatever the reason. There will be opportunity for those who are bereaved to remember a loved one). |
| Saturday                  |              |        |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| December 14 <sup>th</sup> | All Saints'  | 2-4pm  | Christmas Café with Santa<br><br>(Come for crafts, carols, community, chat, cake, a cuppa. Enjoy some fun time together this Christmas. Everyone welcome, bring your family and friends).                 |
| December 15 <sup>th</sup> | St Stephen's | 9.15am | Morning Worship                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                           | All Saints'  | 11am   | Morning Worship                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                           | All Saints'  | 6pm    | Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight<br><br>(come and experience this popular traditional service with the community choir and preaching by Bishop Malcolm Macnaughton).                                |

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| December 22 <sup>nd</sup> | St Stephen's | 9.15am  | Holy Communion                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                           | All Saints'  | 11am    | Holy Communion                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| December 24 <sup>th</sup> | St Stephen's | 3pm     | Christingle Carols Round the Tree                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                           |              | 6pm     | Christingle Carols Round the Tree                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                           |              |         | (the 3pm and 6pm service are repeats of the same service. The 3pm service may be particularly suitable for the under 5's and their families although everyone is very welcome at either service). |
|                           | All Saints'  | 11.15pm | Midnight Communion                                                                                                                                                                                |
| December 25 <sup>th</sup> | All Saints'  | 10.00am | Christmas Day Celebration                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                           |              |         | (share in the excitement of Christmas Day. Service will last less than an hour).                                                                                                                  |

#### Posada

New this year to our parish and wider community. A South American tradition during the days leading up to Christmas Day. Figures of Mary and Joseph travel around the community and stay for a night or two at peoples' homes and possibly our local cafes and schools ... they are offered a room at the inn! They will begin their journey by leaving All Saints' on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Christingle Service and arrive home at All Saints' at the Christmas Day Celebration.

Will you spot them round the village ?

Will you give them a room for the night?

We will be having sign-up sheets and more details to follow.