Thank You for all your generosity over the Christmas services

£320.31 will go to each of 2018's nominated charities:- Alongside Africa, Christian Aid and The Children's Society.

£172.84 was raised at the Christingle Service and

£251.60 was raised for WaterAid from the church Christmas card scheme.



Messy Church, Saturday 19th January from 11am

This month we explore Gifts. £3 per person, £10 per family to include a light lunch. Contact Fiona to book 07951 777854

Church Quiz, 19th January 2019, St Nicholas Church Hall

Yes, it is the popular sausage* and chips at St Nicholas, in aid of Church funds. Table team of 6-8. £7 per person. If you can get a team of friends together please do contact Marianna to reserve a table. Individuals are very welcome and we can make up table numbers. marianna2@compuserve.com, 01622 751243 or Parish Administrator *vegetarian option tba when booking

Mums & Babes Pilgrim

Starting Friday 25th January from 10am,

An opportunity to discuss the Christian faith together, with tea and cake.



Men's Breakfast, Saturday 26th January, 8.30am

At our next breakfast we hope to be entertained by Malcom, regaling us with tales of his flight in a Spitfire! Look forward to seeing you there. Brian 759278

FREE Film Afternoon, Saturday 2nd February, 3pm in church

Bring a chair/bean bag, or use one of ours! Refreshments available

Loos and Lights Campaign, 17th February

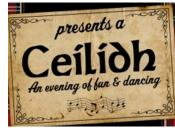
Unwanted Christmas Present Sale after Oasis Communion

Please donate any unwanted presents for our sale.

Leave them in the box in the porch or give to Sarah Lavender.

St Nicholas Church Social Committee Friday 1st March, 7pm in Church

Tickets £5 each or £15 family from Sarah or the office Bring your own drink and snacks





St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 13th January 2019 2nd of Epiphany

9.30am Oasis

11.00am Holy Communion

and the week ahead

Monday 14th January

8.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 15th January

3.20pm Palace Wood Explorers

7.30pm The Bible Project

Wednesday 16th January

8.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am Holy Communion
11.00am The Bible Project
3.15pm Allington Explorers
7.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 17th January

9.00am 2.30pm Prayer Space Mothers' Union

Friday 18th January

9.30am-11.30am Private Use

Saturday 19th January

11.00am-1.00pm Messy Church

Sunday 20th January - 3rd of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Oasis Communion with Oasis Explorers

January Prayers

In the first two chapters of the book of Revelation, to each of the seven churches, the word of the Lord is:' He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' We pray that as this new year goes forward, we will hear what God is saying to us. God had particular things to commend each church for and things to rebuke each church for. May we be aware of God's voice leading, guiding or admonishing us. We pray that we would have the grace to respond positively and to grow in spirit and wisdom during this year.

We ask that we may be the change God has called us to be in our world. We each have a part to play here in Allington.

We give thanks for all those working to keep the Winter Shelter functioning, we pray that their actions and words will show the love of Jesus to all who pass through. May the Lord watch over them throughout their sessions.

Let's ask the Lord to watch over those who are facing upheaval in family situations, ill health, financial difficulty, problems which seem to large to handle. May they be reminded of His promise: 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.' Isaiah 40:31

Let us remember all the blessings which we individually, as a church, as a community have received over the last year and thank the Lord for His goodness toward us. May we never take for granted the good things we have, the safety of our homes, friends, the freedom to worship, our beautiful country.

We pray for God's peace to envelop us throughout the year in good times and in difficult times. 'God's peace....is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.' Phil: 4v7.

We lift up to the Lord all those who are living under persecution, we pray that their leaders might come to know Jesus and repent of their actions, that peace will return to those countries existing in turmoil. Maybe we could each pick just one place to pray for over this month?

As the date for Brexit draws close we ask the Lord to be gracious toward us, that the right decisions are made. We especially pray for all those politicians who put Jesus at the centre of their lives. Please give them wisdom and make their voices heard.

Please continue to pray for each other!

'You who serve God, praise God! Just to speak His name is praise!
Just to remember god is a blessing now and tomorrow and always. From east to
west, from dawn to dusk, keep lifting all your praise to God!' Psalm 113:1-3

Amer



Pray for the sick and anxious

Hazel Neseyif, Kirsty, Kay Whittle, Tanay, Liz Boots, Anna, Carol Gray, Stephen Birt and Melvin.

<u>Pray for those who have been bereaved over recent days</u> We pray for the families of Olive Fuller and Daphne Acton

Pray for our Deanery This month our prayer focus is on the parish of St Martin's

Pray for our Diocese The G7

Clergy: Jack Bateson, Sheila Cox

<u>Pray for our Residents</u> This week we focus on the residents and businesses in Amhurst Close, Allington Way and Ash Grove.

Pray for our Community our Churchwardens

Charity for the month of January Maidstone Street Pastors

Cards Available

Baptism, Sympathy, Thank You and Thinking of You cards for sale in the Prayer Corner, £1 each. Please put your payment in the wall safe in the entrance foyer.

The Bible Project

Please collect a leaflet from the back of church for further information and dates

Oasis Explorers

A session for children during select services. See Fiona, our Children and Familes' Minister for further information

Prayer List

To add a name to the prayer list please let Jenny in the office know. Names will be removed after three months unless requested otherwise.