

# NewsExtra

The St Martin's Church, Aldington Newsletter

**Today's Services:**  
Welcome to this morning's **10.45am** Communion Service. Anne will be leading and Rev Gilbert Spencer will be preaching and officiating at the Communion.  
Today's Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16  
Matthew 1:18-25  
Songs for today:  
The first Nowell  
Hark the Herald angels sing  
It came upon the midnight clear  
O come, O come Emanuel  
Thorns in the straw  
Joy to the world  
Thanks to Sue T for organising the coffee after the service. Do stay if you can.

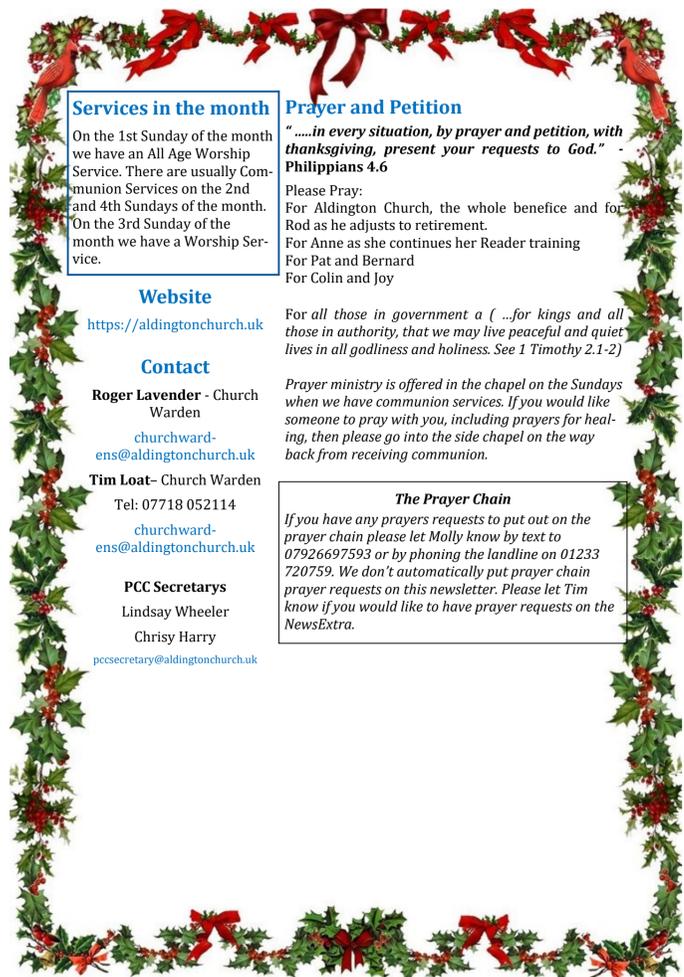
**This Week:**  
**Tuesday 24th December, 11.30pm.**  
Midnight Communion.  
The Lavenders are scheduled for church cleaning this week.  
(In emergencies Pauline is available to cover the cleaning on 07907 676829)

**Next Sunday:**  
**9.30am.** Prayers at the Mission Chapel  
**10.45am.** Next Sunday there will be a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols for all the Benefice.  
Sue L is scheduled to organise coffee after the service.

**Decorating the church for Christmas**  
We shall be starting to decorate the church at **10am** on **Monday 23rd December**. It would be lovely to have some **extra helpers**. It is a good time to see if you can do flower arranging when there are people there who can give help and advice. So why not come along and see? We all have other commitments, so we stay for as long as we can, but understand that people will have to leave earlier if they need to. It would be helpful to **bring secateurs and a rough sheet** for debris if you have them.  
If anyone can spare some **berried holly sprays**, please let me know. For any further queries do ring Molly on 01233720759.

**Dates for your diary: Saturday 4th January, 9am.** Breakfast and Prayer at the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet from 9am till 10.  
Your presence would be greatly appreciated as we pray for the Benefice, one another and a new incumbent.

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**Services in the month**  
On the 1st Sunday of the month we have an All Age Worship Service. There are usually Communion Services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. On the 3rd Sunday of the month we have a Worship Service.

**Prayer and Petition**  
".....in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." - **Philippians 4.6**  
Please Pray:  
For Aldington Church, the whole benefice and for Rod as he adjusts to retirement.  
For Anne as she continues her Reader training  
For Pat and Bernard  
For Colin and Joy

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For all those in government a (...for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. See 1 Timothy 2.1-2)  
Prayer ministry is offered in the chapel on the Sundays when we have communion services. If you would like someone to pray with you, including prayers for healing, then please go into the side chapel on the way back from receiving communion.

**The Prayer Chain**  
If you have any prayers requests to put out on the prayer chain please let Molly know by text to 07926697593 or by phoning the landline on 01233 720759. We don't automatically put prayer chain prayer requests on this newsletter. Please let Tim know if you would like to have prayer requests on the NewsExtra.

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