



# St. Alban's

## Hindhead



# Welcoming Everyone | Following Jesus | Sharing Life

Sunday 3rd December 2023 Advent Sunday

## Hello

A warm welcome to St Alban's. If you are new, do speak to one of our Welcomers or clergy or fill in the form on the back of this sheet. We have a loop system available for those who need to use it.

## St. Alban's diary

### Sunday 3rd December

9.00am Communion  
10.30am All Age Celebration  
6.30pm Contemplative Celtic Prayer

### Monday 4th December

11.00am Coffee Morning (Vestry)  
7.30pm Alpha

### Tuesday 5th December

9.00am -1.00pm Office Open  
9.00am Team Meeting  
7.45pm Toddlers social (Good Shepherd chapel)

### Wednesday 6th December

9.15am Babies and Toddlers (Hall)  
11.00am Communion (Manorhead)  
2.00pm Midweek Healing Service with Communion

### Thursday 7th December

7.00pm Christmas Choir rehearsal (St. Alban's)

### Friday 8th December

9.00am Online Prayer gathering.  
9.30pm- 1.30pm Office Open  
11.00am Mission Committee meeting  
12noon Thanksgiving Service for Thomas Dorman

### Saturday 9th December

10.00am Decorating the church for Christmas

### Sunday 10th December

9.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship  
6.00pm Evensong (St. John's)

### Monday 11th December

11.00am Coffee Morning (Vestry)  
7.30pm Alpha  
1.30pm St. Alban's Community Gospel Choir

The links to our online meetings are available from the office. Email [admin@stalbanhindhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stalbanhindhead.org.uk)

**Keep in touch** with what's going on at St. Alban's. We have a weekly email update. Please complete the Contact form at the back of church and give it to Rebecca in the office.

**Safeguarding** At St. Alban's safeguarding is at the heart of what we do. It is everybody's responsibility. If you have any concerns, please contact our Safeguarding Officer Jacqui Maybury details overleaf.

## Notices

**Christmas Cards** If you can help deliver cards to local roads, please take a bundle from the back of church.

**This evening (3rd)** Enjoy a quiet start to Advent at our contemplative service at 6.30pm.

**Christmas Choir** If you would like to join the joint Benefice Christmas Choir to sing at our Carol Services, the next rehearsal is on Thursday 7th December at 7.00pm at St. Alban's. All are welcome.

**Christmas decorations** Please come along to help decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday 9th December at 10.00am. All are welcome.

**Carol singing** Come along and bless two of our local homes on 12th December. We'll be at Crest Lodge at 6pm, and Springkell House at 7pm.

**Carol service** Our carol service will be taking place on Monday 18th December at 7.00pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies. All are very welcome.

**Christingles** Would you like to come and help make Christingles on Saturday 23rd December 10.00-11.00am. All the parts will be provided! See Richard for details.

**New Year's Eve** instead of services at St. Alban's, there will be a joint benefice service at St. John's in Churt at 10.00am on Sunday 31st December.

**Small Projects.** Please consider making a gift towards our four 'small projects'. Details available on the flyer, website, or from Duncan Willows [duncan.willows@gmail.com](mailto:duncan.willows@gmail.com)

**More helpers needed** Junior Church will be looking for a couple of extra helpers in the new year. It will involve supporting the leaders during the Junior Church session as an extra pair of hands and will be once every five weeks. If you can help, please talk to Derek or Liz Holbird, or Rebecca Willows for further information.

**Haslemere Foodbank** is collecting Christmas items until 13th December. Please donate mince pies (pack of 6), small Christmas cake, Christmas pudding (500g), tins/boxes of fancy biscuit, tins/boxes of chocolates/sweets, packs of nuts, Pringles, Christmas crackers. The box is available in the porch when the church is open.

**Beacon Hill URC will become a Warm Space** from January 2024 during the Hub opening hours Monday and Wednesday 9am - 12noon. They are keen to recruit volunteers to be trained to help at the coffee regularly. All volunteers are required to follow their Safer Recruitment process. Contact Bridget Mitchell 01428 606236.

**Lunch Club urgently needs an enthusiastic cook** to make lunch for the Lunch Club once a month. You will receive plenty of support from an established team and it is lots of fun! Please call Janet Harmer - 01428 606921 for more details.

**Creative Movement** Course of 4 classes for adults run by Caroline Hutchings. Bringing harmony and wholeness for the body, soul and spirit. You'll need suitable clothing, and shoes comfortable for moving in. St Alban's Community Hall, Tuesday 1.30 - 3pm 30th January; 27th February; 26th March; 30th April. Cost: £15 for the 4 sessions or £5 per session To book or for further details, please email Linda [lindadaruvala@icloud.com](mailto:lindadaruvala@icloud.com) or Caroline [pennants@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pennants@tiscali.co.uk)

**9.00am**

**Hymns:**

The Lord will come and not be slow (655)  
Come thou long expected Jesus (128)

**Readings:**

Isaiah 7: 10 – 17 (p.692)  
Matthew 1: 18-25 (p.965)

**PRAYER**

**Please pray:**

- Give thanks for three things.
- For all those who mourn.
- For peace where there is conflict.
- For those who are lonely or isolated.
- That we would be open to opportunities where we are part of God's answer to someone's prayers.
- Creator God inspire world leaders at COP28, with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change and with courage to act urgently and wisely.

**Can we pray for you?**

If you would like us to pray for you or someone you know, please contact the prayer team Irene 609807. (Daily prayer for ongoing needs) or Jung & Linda text 07896 797104 or call 607460 for urgent needs. All prayer requests are kept confidential by the prayer team.

**Giving at St. Alban's**

You can now give digitally to St. Alban's using the Payaz machine in church or use the QR code below. If you would like to give regularly by standing order, please contact Duncan - 07766 682211 or duncan.willows@gmail.com



**Eco Tip from the Eco church team.**

Try to buy biodegradable household products which don't damage the environment such as recycled toilet paper, natural ingredient shampoo, natural deodorant, bamboo toothbrushes, washcloths made from hemp or agave fibres.

**St Alban's Hindhead – Get in touch**

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**Caring for Children** - Please remember that parents are responsible for their children and be aware of some of the potential hazards on the premises. **Please do not allow your children to go into the Oratory, The Vestry, the Link or the Hall unsupervised after the service.** Thank you.

**WELCOME FORM**

If you are new, we'd love to welcome you. Please complete this form and give to a welcomer or clergy.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_