

All Saints' Church 2025-2026

This year has seen a lot of change. We started with a new boiler, having not had heating for a whole year. It was lovely to have a warm church again. We then welcomed Patrick, our new rector, in July. August was a busy month, while we prepared for the church works, packing up the whole vestry and having a good sort out of accumulated extras. September saw the arrival of the builders and one third of the church closed off, as well as all access from the north side. At the end of February we opened up again although, as we are still waiting for connection to mains drainage, we cannot yet fully use all facilities. However, the built-in cupboards and works in the vestry do look good. There is ongoing sorting of contents of the cupboards but we are slowly getting organised.

Patrick has made some changes to our services, so they are now at 11am every week. Family service with Keble Club is now on the 1st Sunday of the month. He has also recently introduced a 10.30am communion service on a Thursday in Hursley and will be introducing a Forest Church on a Sunday afternoon.

The Tree Festival had to be split between the church and the Parish Hall again this year, because of the building works in the church. It was once again a successful event. We look forward to holding the whole event in the church in December 2026.

Keble Club

This is now held at 10.30am before the 11am Family service on the 1st Sunday of the month. We discuss the theme of the week, maybe do a game and do a craft-based activity. It would be lovely to welcome some more children from the village. There is no obligation to come every month.

Mums and Tots

This is now a benefice group, held in St Matthew's Church Room in Otterbourne on Wednesday mornings in term time. If you would like to join us, please come and see me or contact me via Hursley Friends or details are inside the cover of the parish magazine. This is because while the group is small, we sometimes go out but if I know you are coming, I will make sure we are there.

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