

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 18 December 4.30pm

Carol Service & Blessing of the Crib followed by seasonal refreshments at the Old Schoolhouse

Sunday 25 December 9.15am

Christmas Day service with Holy Communion

Sunday 8 January 9.15am

Christingle Family Service

Friday 3 February 7.30pm

A "Spanish evening" at the home of Judy Meredith

Friday 9 March 2012 7.30pm

The Annual Quiz at *Tattenhall Sports Club*

A reminder that all services now start at 9.15am, to allow the Rector to spend more time with us before his next service.



Following a recent Family Service these brave youngsters went up the tower with a Churchwarden. They said it was "Awesome"

THE CHURCH

The Communion Service in October was taken by Canon Peter Lee, formerly Rector of Christleton and now retired and living in Tattenhall. The November Communion Service will be taken by Canon Bob Evans, a canon in Liverpool



Cathedral and formerly chaplain at Seaforth Docks. We are delighted to add these eminent clergymen to the All Saints roster.

At a recent PCC meeting it was agreed to replace the increasingly threadbare pew seat runners. These were delivered on November 1st and have brightened up the church. This is another project funded by **Friends of All Saints**.

Another recent **Friends-funded** improvement was the purchase of 4 large bags of stone which was laid alongside the north and south sides of the church and has smartened up the sunken chambers.



THE CHURCHYARD

The restoration of the last 20 metres of churchyard wall is now underway and will be finished by Christmas. The railings have been straightened and replaced. Again thanks to Brian Whalley for painting the railings.

BELLRINGING UPDATE

Another 4 new bell-ropes have been ordered as the lead time is about 2 years!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The church was beautifully adorned with flowers and fruits of the field for the service on 2 October which was led by lay reader Andy Morris. This year the congregation brought gifts of non-perishable food for Chester Women's Hostel Association, a local charity that provides temporary accommodation for homeless women.

DONATION HORSE RIDE

Our annual horse ride gets better and better, and the 4th ride held on Sunday 21st August was the best yet. 115 riders took part over a marked route of up to 10 miles, with optional jumps, on a perfect summer's day. Every rider taking part received a rosette, paid for by the Friends. Everyone, riders and helpers alike, had a wonderful time, and the helpers partied on into the evening, joined by Lameck and Perpetua.

Over £1,800 was raised for church funds, and special thanks were extended to Vicki, Alex and Tim Park who hosted the event, and to Grosvenor Estate and Brian Steele for kindly allowing us to use their land. (Photos courtesy Sal Norris)



Some of the happy organisers & workers



Jumping a fence in style

COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 10 September, Jane and Neil Matthews, ably assisted by their daughters Kate and Emma, held another lively coffee morning at their home, Poplar Hall Farm. There was a great array of stalls and £200 was raised for church funds. A big thank you to the Matthews.

LAMECK'S VISIT TO ZIMBABWE

Lameck writes:

"My recent visit to Zimbabwe coincided with the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, who was visiting on a pastoral mission aimed at bringing stability to the Anglican Church. The situation in the Church has deteriorated as parishioners now have to worship either in classrooms or other church buildings belonging to other denominations. The police continue to deny them access to the buildings that they built with their own hands. But despite the issue of authority and buildings, it is joy to learn that these problems have managed to give birth to a new Church where Christians now realise that salvation is through Christ and not manmade buildings. These people need our prayers and spiritual support as we hope that the president of Zimbabwe will one day realise that they are in the right."

THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS

Friends of All Saints are now scattered far and wide across the country and their continued support is much appreciated.

New Friends are always welcome and if anyone reading this newsletter would like to become a Friend of All Saints, please go to our website to complete an application form. Alternatively please contact a member of the Friends' Committee (see below).

THE NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is produced by the PCC and is available on the website; printed copies are sent to Friends. The next edition will be due in May 2012; if anyone has items they would like to put forward, please contact a member of the PCC

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