Family News

Focused Prayer: As a PCC we are calling St Mary and All Saints to a season of focussed prayer for the church, its leaders and for the appointment of the new Rector God has for us. Specifically, we are planning to hold two days of prayer on Monday 30th November and Monday 4th January 2027, the latter being the closing day for applications for the Rector position here. The plan is to hold three prayer meetings on each of those days at 930 am, 100 pm and 730 pm. There will be led prayer, quiet prayer and open prayer times including worship. The first two prayer times will be about half an hour and the evening prayer time around an hour.

We encourage as many people as possible to join us in the prayer space/church and pray with us for God's Kingdom purposes for St Mary and All Saints and our town of Bingham to come. During service on Sunday, we will speak more and encourage as many as possible to write their prayers for one or all of the church, its existing leaders or the appointment process so that others may be able to use it as a prayer during the prayer gatherings.

Help Needed: We are looking for someone who would be prepared to take on the role (paid) of supply cleaner for Old Church House. This would be to cover for William the caretaker/cleaner when he is on holiday or on sick leave. If this is something you'd be interested in, please speak to John Woodman.

Temporary Heating: As mentioned, at the last PCC Meeting it was agreed that in view of the fact that new heating for church will be extremely expensive and will involve a lengthy process of applying for grants, having plans drawn up etc, that we would follow what other churches are doing and buy some patio heaters which can be very effective in offering a temporary solution. We would be extremely grateful if you could prayerfully consider whether this project is something you would be prepared to donate towards. If you would, please speak to our Treasurer, Sue.

Craft Club: This continues to run on Wednesday mornings - please see Chrissy for more information.

Welcome Cafe: Do go along to the welcome cafe on a Thursday morning (10am-12.00) and encourage those you know to join in too. This is currently held in Old Church House.

Monday morning prayer: 9.30am – 10.00am in church, all welcome. It's important that we pray together as a church, please join with us to pray for our community, our nation and the world around us. We usually go for coffee afterwards, please feel free to join us.

Soup Service: Friday nights from 5.30 – 6.30pm. Homemade soup with crusty bread plus treats like mince pies and doughnuts. Come and join us, we'd love to see you there!

Warm Heart Project: The following message is from Chrissy as this new initiative is launched. We are concerned about the cold weather and families who are struggling to stay warm and dry. We would like to run a "Warm Heart Project". However, we cannot run this project without your help. Please consider donating the following items for men, women and children:- warm coats, hats, gloves, scarves and warm fleece blankets.
Over the next few weeks you can drop off these items to Chrissy Sanderson at church on Sunday at 11.30am or you can take these items to Chrissy on Thursday 10am- 12, at the Welcome cafe at Old Church House 3rd/10th and 17th December. For more information please speak to Chrissy. Items left over will be donated to Emmanuel House homeless centre.

Emmanuel House: Further to Lesley and Wendy's visit to Emmanuel House to deliver our Harvest donations, they were struck by how much great work is done there for the homeless. To this end, the PCC have agreed to a link between ourselves and this charity. There will be a collection bin in church for donations to be given which in turn will be periodically delivered to Emmanuel House. For more information please speak to Wendy or Lesley

Achievements: Big congratulations to Lesley and Emma who received a Bingham Community Oscar for their work in offering the Soup Service on Friday evening and which is to be presented at the Bingham Christmas Fair on Friday (27 November). This is an initiative that was borne out of a sermon given by a visiting preacher which spoke to both Lesley and Emma individually. It has been a great success and continues to grow in unexpected ways as God uses the initiative to reach out into our community.

We also celebrate the achievements of one of our younger congregation, **Violet** who isn't able to attend church with her family every week because she has been doing lots of swimming. So much so that she, with her swim team take part in the Junior Inter-League 2026 and have reached the final which is taking place today (29 November) and is a major national swimming championship. Please do pray for Violet and her team as they enter the final this weekend and we look forward to seeing her next week when she will be able to tell us how it all went.

Bible Readings

10:30am – Joint service with holy communion - Bible readings – Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13:24-end

"..... this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."– Lamentations 3v21-23

Please pray for:

- **Community:** That there will be a working of the Holy Spirit in our town, to stir curiosity in the people, to know more about God.
- **Church:** That as we love, serve and worship God we will increasingly live as those who constantly bring our Father's love, compassions and mercy to mind.
- **Outreach:** That, by prayer and intentionality, we will be willing and ready to meet the needs of those people whom God sends us through the Thurs café, Soup Service etc.
- **World:** That in the words of Psalm 46v10, God will be exalted in the earth even in the midst of wars, political upheaval and above Godless secular or religious ways of approaching solutions.
- **New Rector:** That the person God is calling to Bingham would become aware of the opportunity and be stirred to apply..

Please remember to make use of the Prayer Board, located near the kitchen. Write and date your prayer requests and the prayer team will pray through them for a month (or longer if required). If you would like prayer after the service, please speak to Lesley, Andy or Wendy who would be happy to pray with/for you.

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St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church, Bingham



29th November 2026

First Sunday of Advent

10:30am Joint service of Holy Communion, followed by a Bring & Share lunch



