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Harvest Collection

Each year we give our Harvest produce to the Manna Food Bank based at Christ Church, Staines.

As the number of people accessing the food bank continues throughout the year, we have collection points at our services every week.

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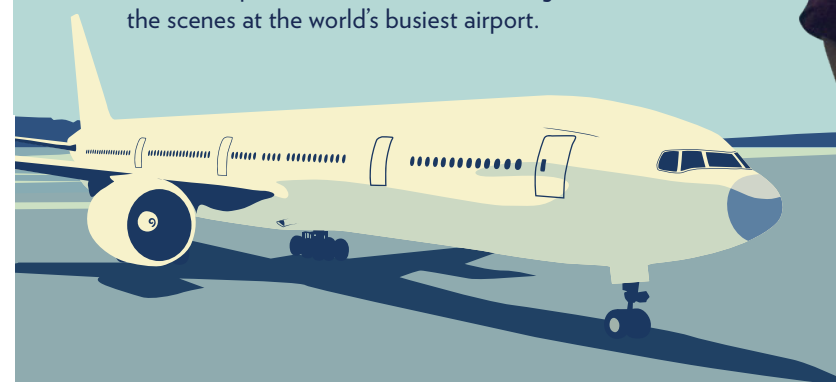
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AIRPORT CHAPLAIN

AN SMAILES LIVES IN LALEHAM AND HAS BEEN COMING TO ALL SAINTS' CHURCH FOR OVER 35 YEARS.

With a scientific background, Ian had a long career in the Ministry of Defence, including working with submarines and aircraft. After retirement Ian trained to be a Church of England minister, and was ordained in 2007. Ian serves in a voluntary capacity in all aspects of church life at All Saints', including taking weddings and funerals, and visiting the sick. A significant strand of Ian's ordained ministry beyond the parish is working as a Chaplain at Heathrow. Every week, Ian gives a day as part of the multi-faith chaplaincy team based at the airport, being available to help staff and passengers. Ian says, "Every day is different because you never know what's coming around the next corner! It's rewarding to try to help people with whatever issues they are facing in their lives." Why not ask Ian for one of his many stories?

Earlier in the year Ian showed Bishop Graham, our Area bishop, around Heathrow, including a look behind the scenes at the world's busiest airport.



Giving the gift of joy this Christmas

All Saints' has been taking part in Operation Christmas Child for many years, the largest children's Christmas project in the world.

Last year, children and adults from across the UK and Ireland packed over 1 million shoeboxes full of gifts and goodies, which were then sent to disadvantaged children around the world. Why not pick up a ready-to-fill box and a leaflet with all the details, at any of our services. **The final service for collecting shoeboxes is Sunday 17th November.**



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BACKPACKERS HOLIDAY CLUB

THIS YEAR'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB WAS CALLED BACKPACKERS.

The children were taken on an imaginative, fun-packed journey around several European destinations. Do you recognise Your Guides Tony and Tammy? As well as games, songs and jokes – like 'Knock, knock' 'Who's there?' 'Europe' (I'll leave you to work out the punchline!) – we learned about God's love from our theme Bible verse:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." JOHN CHAPTER 3 VERSE 16.



Welcoming a new neighbour

We welcomed the new Vicar of St Mary's and St Peter's Staines, the Rev Jonathan Samadi, at a great service of Institution and Induction at the end of September.

With Jonathan in the photo is our Vicar as Area Dean of Spelthorne, Bishop Graham and Christine Bannister one of the Staines churchwardens.

Jonathan has written about his journey of faith.

"I was born in the Middle East and started to search for the meaning of life since the age of nine. The question in my mind was "why has God created humans?" Nobody gave me a satisfactory answer but a deep desire was shaped in

my heart for knowing God and having a personal relationship with Him. I started to seek God in different religions but none of them could offer me a personal relationship with Him.

When I totally lost my hope about finding God, a friend told me "if you call Jesus' name He will answer you, He is not a dead prophet, He is the living God!" Although it sounded utterly unacceptable to my mind, a new hope came to my heart about finding God and I started reading the Gospel on the same night.

I became a Christian by reading the Sermon on the Mount and experiencing Jesus' love, forgiveness and compassion while I was studying Biotechnology in university."



Photo credit: Mike Bannister

Confirmation Service

Our Confirmation this year was conducted by Bishop Graham, our Area Bishop of Kensington.



Our candidates were a mix of teenagers and adults. As they confirmed the promises made on their behalf at Baptism, so the Bishop prayed:

"God has called you by name and made you his own. Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit."

Memorial Service

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER / 3PM IN CHURCH

Each year we hold a special service for any who have lost loved ones.

This quiet service lasts about 45 minutes with the option to stay on for tea.

During the Service we read out the names of loved ones and everyone is invited to light a candle and place it at the front of the church.



Remembrance Sunday

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER / 10.50AM

The annual Act of Remembrance by Laleham War Memorial is at 10.50am on Sunday 10th November.

Each year we use the words from Laurence Binyon's poem: "For the Fallen".

**They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.**



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Lighting up Laleham

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER / 6.15PM

Lights, fireworks, mulled wine, minced pies, and a 15-minute Advent Service of Light will mark the start of the Christmas season on Sunday 1st December.

Gather at the Church from 6.15pm for a glass of mulled wine, Advent Service at 6.40pm followed by fireworks at 7pm. Hosted by All Saints' Church and the Laleham Residents Association, this is a great community event, do come and join in.

Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER 2019

SUN 3	09:30. Morning Service 10:30. Morning Service 15:00. Memorial Service for the Bereaved 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 10	10:00. All Age Service 10:50. Act of Remembrance 11:15. Holy Communion 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 17	09:30. Morning Service 10:30. Holy Communion 18:30. Evening Service
SUN 24	09:30. Morning Service 10:30. Morning Service 18:30. Holy Communion

DECEMBER 2019

SUN 1	09:30. Morning Service 10:30. Morning Service 18:15. Lighting Up Laleham
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Services at 10.30am in Laleham School Hall. Other services in All Saints' Church, unless specified.