

**1<sup>st</sup> December - Morning Service**

Isaiah 4:2-6 – Walking in the light

Ben Thorndike (preaching), Andrew Gibson (leading)



***Next week – Morning Service***

Isaiah 5-6 – Vision of the king

Rob Dillingham (preaching), Abi Lattimer (leading)

**Other news and events coming up this week and beyond...**

- **St Richard's Gift Day 2019.** A massive thank you to all who reflected and prayed and pledged to give last Sunday. We were hoping to increase our annual giving by £7,000 to cover the deficit budget and remove the need for the grant from All Saints. Figures just in suggest that through God's kindness and the generosity of the church family, we have increased annual giving as a church family by £9,390. Another blessing from the Lord and His provision for our work and ministry. **"Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name." (1 Chronicles 29:13)**

*(It is still not too late to give if you have not already done so – you can still bring forms this Sunday, or send to the Treasurer, at the church office!)*

- **Christmas publicity!** Cards are available from this Sunday. Please take a bundle to give to friends, family, neighbours... Christmas is still a fantastic opportunity to invite people to come to church and hear the Gospel. Good news!
- **Mon 2 Dec: Alderbrook coffee morning, 10am-12pm** – drop in anytime for coffee and cake. An easy opportunity to support the local community and meet those who are part of it.
- **Wed 4 Dec: Hub prayers, in the lounge, 12-1pm.** Weekly meeting in the lounge to pray from last week's sermon, and to share wider prayers for the life and ministry of St Richard's together.

- Thu 5 Dec: **StR monthly prayer meeting**, 7.45-9.30pm. Come and join with those at the heart of the church family to hear news, share and pray about the life and ministry of our church. The most important meeting of the month outside Sunday mornings!
- Fri 6 Dec: There will be a **service of thanksgiving for Felicity Partridges' life** on Fri 6 December, 12.30pm at All Saints church. Dick and the family would like to extend a welcome to all who knew Felicity and would like to join with them.
- Sun 8 Dec: **Outreach event for families – Christmas Family Fun afternoon**, 3.00-4.30pm. A great event for pre-school and primary children, this year Alderbrook Community Association are also helping us at the event. **We have lots of children signed up but NEED MORE HELPERS PLEASE! Speak to Jane Thorndike asap for more info or if you can serve on the afternoon.**
- Wed 18 Dec: **Alderbrook Carol singing**. In addition to our Christmas services and events (all on publicity card) we will also be Carol Singing round Alderbrook estate on **Wed 18 December. Meet at St Richard's at 7pm**, ending back at church for mulled wine and mince pies around 8pm. All are welcome, do come and join us as we try to bless the community this way.
- Sat 18 Jan: **Count Everyone In**, 9:30am-4:30pm in The Stables at All Saints. 'Know and Grow' training, equipping churches to welcome and be relevant for those with learning disabilities so that they can know Jesus and grow in their faith. Contact Sarah Thrift for more information: [sarah@allsaintscrowborough.org](mailto:sarah@allsaintscrowborough.org)