



The parish of
All Saints'
Hockerill

To make Jesus known

**Welcome to your Parish
Church
Stansted Road
Bishop's Stortford**



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

WELCOME to the Parish of All Saints', Hockerill

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HOW TO FIND US

All Saints' Church is on the Stansted Road, just north of the Hockerill traffic lights. The church is a beautiful light and airy building. It is open daily as a quiet place for visitors, for services and for private prayer.

At **All Saints'** we seek to celebrate in our worship the saving love of God revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ and to serve Him by sharing his inclusive love and Good News to all our local community and beyond.

We try to be a community of Christians, serving our Lord Jesus Christ in worship, serving one another and the wider community in love and fellowship and in acts of practical service.

OUR AIM: TO MAKE JESUS KNOWN

In a world where so many feel lost, confused and lonely, we offer ourselves as a community to our parish and beyond where friendship and companionship may be found in our journey of faith through life together.

We recognise that we are not perfect. We are a group of fallible people, just like everyone else, but are discovering the difference the love of God in Jesus Christ makes to our lives.

May God bless you,

Fr Simon Mansfield

Vicar

WORSHIP

All Saints' is a lively Anglican church in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, which welcomes and caters for people of all traditions. We seek to celebrate in our worship the saving love of God revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ and to share his inclusive love with all in our local community.

You can find worship with us which will ...

... be meditative;

... have a sense of holiness;

... be full of excitement and rejoicing;

... possibly bring solace and comfort.

At all times we seek **to make Jesus known**.

Different moments need different moods and styles in worship.

We celebrate each festival with special services. We include candlelight (especially for **Advent Carols and Christmas**).

Dramatic liturgy and wonderful music are used during **Holy Week** and **Easter**. A carpet of flowers is laid for the procession at **Corpus Christi**.

Join us to see just how special these different moments can be.

Check out the website for details:

www.allsaintshockerill.org.uk

REGULAR SERVICES

Our usual service is Mass, otherwise known as the Eucharist or Holy Communion.

Sundays:

8.00 am

1st Sundays

Mass (said with modern words);
Holy Communion according to the
1662 Book of Common Prayer

10.00 am

Sung Parish Mass (modern words)
(Sunday School on 1st & 3rd Sundays of the
month)

1st Sundays:

Mass for All Ages (with Sunday School)

Daily Services – please see noticeboard outside the church door
for weekly service details.

Morning Prayer is said Monday to Friday at 9 am.

Weekday Masses

Wednesdays at 9.30 am.

All services **Common Worship**

CHILDREN WELCOME

Children are welcome at all our services. Some services and events are designed especially for families:

Especially ...

Sunday School takes place during the **10 am Parish Mass for All Ages on the first Sunday of the month, and also on the third Sunday of the month.** There is a children's activity group during the service with stories, craft activities and prayers linked to Christian teaching, which takes place in the Church Hall. Children of all ages are very welcome. There are toys for babies and toddlers (it helps if parents stay with little ones), once coronavirus restrictions have been lifted. All the children rejoin their parents in time to receive a blessing.

Parish Breakfast, after every 10 am Mass, in the Church Hall. This is a chance for everyone to meet and chat over refreshments. The children enjoy the food, and they play as they would at any big family get together.

Children's Choir: Please see 'Music' information on page 8.

Quiet play and books area: There is a carpeted area at the back of church with toys and books for your children to use during a service. You can pop into church at any time in the week for "5 minutes' peace" while your children play in this area.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Baptism, or Christening, is the Sacrament whereby you commit yourself and your child to the Christian Faith, receive the loving forgiveness of God and become a member of Christ's family which is the Church. Baptism is the beginning of a journey in the Christian life for your child. You and your child will need help and support on the way. At All Saints' we are ready and willing to welcome you and give you that support.

Confirmation is the Sacrament in which you affirm your commitment to the Christian Faith. It is open to any baptised person who is old enough to think for themselves. Following prayerful preparation you receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit in a special service with the Bishop and enter into the life of the Church through Holy Communion.

Interested? Then contact the Vicar, Fr Simon Mansfield.

WEDDINGS

It is a great pleasure to welcome couples to All Saints' for their marriage. It is an opportunity for the bride and groom, and their family and friends, to receive the love and strength of God. When God is invited into a marriage then love can overcome all things.

Our beautiful church offers a lovely setting for your wedding. The organist is happy to discuss your choice of music and arrange for the robed choir to attend. The flower arrangers can work to your colour scheme.

To take the first step in considering a church wedding please contact our Vicar, Fr Simon Mansfield.



A rich variety of church music is an integral part of our worship and prayer life.

The fine Willis organ is used for most services but there is also a grand piano.

For the **Parish Mass** (Sundays at 10 am) there is a **robed choir** who sing a variety of Mass settings and anthems. The repertoire is always varied, encompassing a wide range of musical styles and periods. Hymns are usually from the *Hymns Old and New* edition. The children's choir joins the **All-Age Parish Mass** on the first Sunday of each month.

Occasional special services occur at important times in the Church Year like Advent, Christmas and Easter. Both traditional and modern settings of carols, hymns and anthems are used.

We are always delighted to welcome new members (men, women, boys and girls) to the choir. While no auditions take place, an ability to follow a musical line is desirable. Some basic understanding of musical notation is important as the choir often sing in parts. Further training is provided in rehearsals in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Children's choir practice is at 7.00 pm on Fridays – 1 hour of singing and learning about music. We are affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music and choristers are coached using the *Voices for Life* training scheme, including opportunities to earn choir medals and ribbons. Adults' practice follows at 8 pm.

Contact: Oliver Bond on 01279 505077

MORE TO EXPLORE

- Exploring life? Have you ever wondered: What is life all about? Is there a God? A home group, exploring basic questions about life and Christian faith, meets fortnightly in the evenings during term-time.
 - Contact Fr Simon Mansfield on 506542 or Nicola Jane on 07811 188506

- The Mothers' Union exists to support family life across the world.
 - Further information available from the website at www.mothersunion.org.

JESUS ... WHO?

JESUS was born in Bethlehem, an obscure town in Israel about 2000 years ago. He shared the daily life and work of an ordinary home for the first 30 years of his life. For the next three years he went about teaching people about God his Father and healing the sick around the shores of Lake Galilee. He called 12 ordinary men to be his helpers.

JESUS ...

- had no money;
- wrote no books;
- commanded no army;
- wielded no political power;
- never travelled more than 200 miles in any direction;
- was executed by being nailed to a cross at the age of 33;
- challenged the religious and moral beliefs of the day by his teaching.

JESUS claimed to be the only way to reach God and taught that his death was God's appointed means of bringing self-centred humanity back to God. Jesus also foretold that he would be raised to life again 3 days after his death on the cross and his followers did indeed meet him alive again. These frightened and defeated men became fearless and joyful messengers.

JESUS taught us ...

- **to trust in a loving and merciful Father to whom we should pray in faith for all our needs;**
- **that we are all infinitely precious, children of one heavenly Father, and that we should therefore treat one another with love, respect and forgiveness.**

He lived out what he taught by caring for those he met; by healing the sick; a sign of God's love at work; and by forgiving those who put him to death.

TODAY over 900 million people throughout the world worship Jesus as divine – the Son of God. Their experience has convinced them that in the wonders of the natural world we see God as our loving Father; in the living person of JESUS we discover God as Son; and in our daily lives we encounter this same God as Spirit. JESUS is our way to finding God: we meet him in prayer and in reading the Bible, particularly the New Testament; and in the sacraments of the church, especially in the Mass (Holy Communion).

CHRISTIANS are those who know what it means to meet the living JESUS, who have begun to experience how he can transform us, and who believe that he alone has the key to human life.

Find out more at All Saints'

To find out more about All Saints' you can:

- ☐ Log on to: www.allsaintshockerill.org.uk.
- ☐ Visit the church in Stansted Road (usually open in daylight hours).
- ☐ Join us for Parish Mass at 10 am any Sunday. See the 'Regular Services' information on page 5 for the full list.
- ☐ Drop in for Breakfast served at about 11.15 am every Sunday.

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