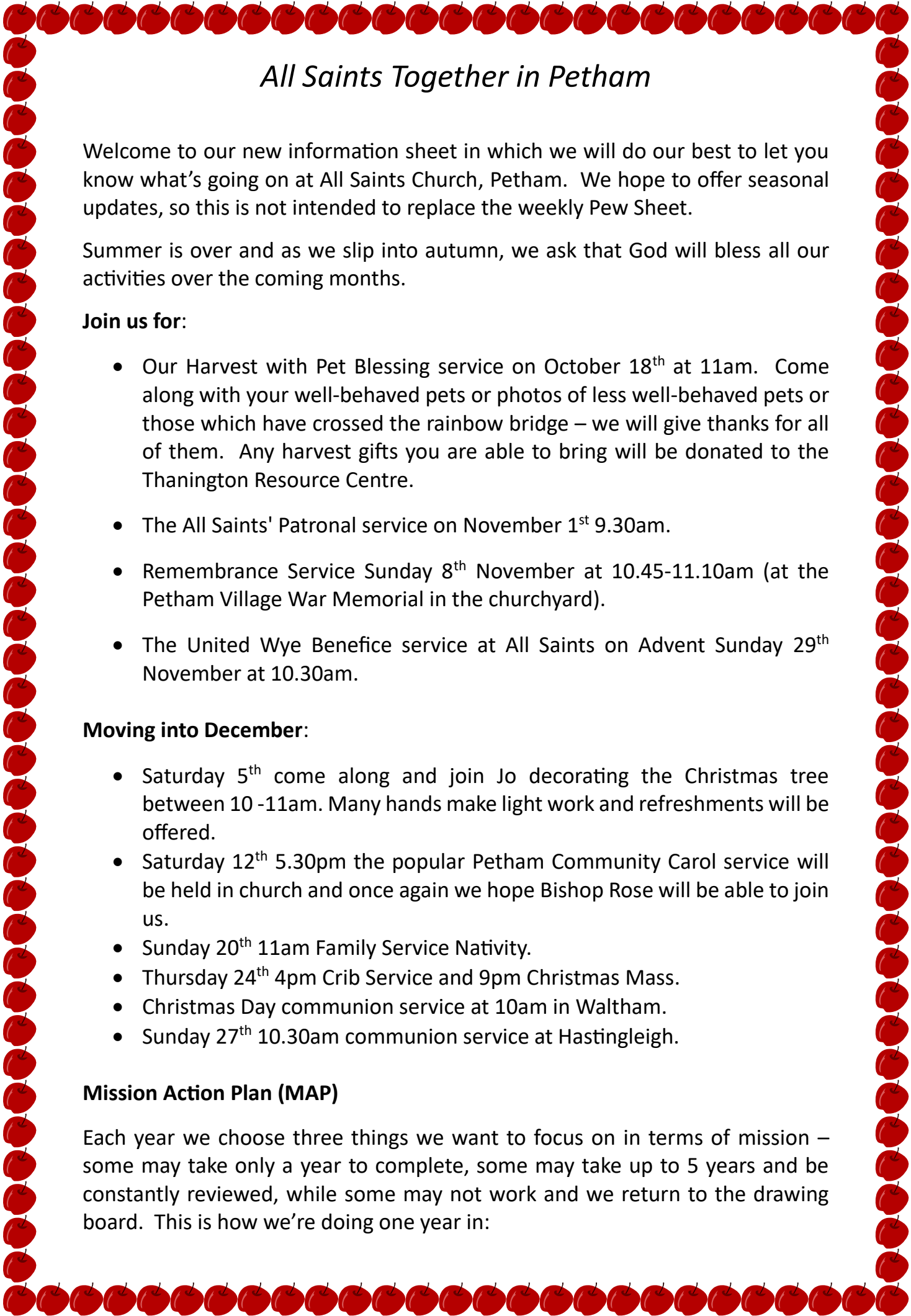




All Saints Together in Petham

Welcome to our new information sheet in which we will do our best to let you know what's going on at All Saints Church, Petham. We hope to offer seasonal updates, so this is not intended to replace the weekly Pew Sheet.

Summer is over and as we slip into autumn, we ask that God will bless all our activities over the coming months.

Join us for:

- Our Harvest with Pet Blessing service on October 18th at 11am. Come along with your well-behaved pets or photos of less well-behaved pets or those which have crossed the rainbow bridge – we will give thanks for all of them. Any harvest gifts you are able to bring will be donated to the Thanington Resource Centre.
- The All Saints' Patronal service on November 1st 9.30am.
- Remembrance Service Sunday 8th November at 10.45-11.10am (at the Petham Village War Memorial in the churchyard).
- The United Wye Benefice service at All Saints on Advent Sunday 29th November at 10.30am.

Moving into December:

- Saturday 5th come along and join Jo decorating the Christmas tree between 10 -11am. Many hands make light work and refreshments will be offered.
- Saturday 12th 5.30pm the popular Petham Community Carol service will be held in church and once again we hope Bishop Rose will be able to join us.
- Sunday 20th 11am Family Service Nativity.
- Thursday 24th 4pm Crib Service and 9pm Christmas Mass.
- Christmas Day communion service at 10am in Waltham.
- Sunday 27th 10.30am communion service at Hastingleigh.

Mission Action Plan (MAP)

Each year we choose three things we want to focus on in terms of mission – some may take only a year to complete, some may take up to 5 years and be constantly reviewed, while some may not work and we return to the drawing board. This is how we're doing one year in:

1. Promote climate justice: We want to be good stewards of our planet so last year we registered with the A Rocha Eco Church project. As a PCC we are working through the award scheme's survey and hope to apply for our bronze award shortly.

2. Encourage discipleship: We have been considering different ways of bringing people together in an informal way to think about where we see God in our daily lives. We had our first Brick Church service which went well and intend to offer this to children and parents/carers of the local primary schools on a weekday, initially once a term.

3. Encourage our family service congregation to engage with the life of the church for future sustainability: Rev Dawn gave a talk at a family service about what it means to be part of the life of All Saints. We provided a simple guide about going onto the Electoral Roll and what it means to join the PCC. Attracting families and young people is a challenge for many churches and we continue to pray for inspiration as we discern the way forward.

In other news... for the second year running All Saints have produced a calendar with 12 lovely photos covering 'all things bright and beautiful' in and around Petham Village. It is hoped sales of the 2027 calendar will raise much needed funds towards the upkeep and life of our ancient church. All the photos will be on display in church throughout November and Calendars can be bought for £10 – please speak to churchwardens Jo or Mary. We also have a QR code on our church leaflets which can be used for donations although you may need to step beyond the lychgate to find a signal!

And finally.. if any of the above is of interest to you or you think you'd like to be a bit more involved with church life whether it's bellringing, helping to tidy the churchyard or taking part in services, please do get in touch with any member of the PCC who would be delighted to chat about what's involved.

Until next time, every blessing from Petham PCC: **Jo and Mary** (Churchwardens), **Andy Walker** (Treasurer), **Emma Walker** (Secretary), **Rosie Hannibal** and **Rev Dawn**.

'Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver' **2 Corinthians 9:7**