

A Report from All Saints Church Hollesley 2026

The Church of All Saints' Hollesley is the Parish Church for everyone living in Hollesley by right they can be baptised, married and buried there and we have records of generations of families for whom this has been the case.

A church has stood on this site for 1000 years, in the early medieval days it may have had wealthy sponsors, but since the reformation or earlier, the church has been supported by bequests from people of the Village and that generosity has continued until now.

The Church is open every day from 10am to 4pm or later in Summer time, everyone is welcome to come into the Church at any as it is a quiet place to be for prayer or reflection.

There is a service every Sunday taken either by the Revd Capt Simon Cake CA or by the Revd Judith or the Lay Elders. On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month there is a communion service on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month the services are more informal. Occasionally the pattern of services changes and on Easter day this year there will be a Communion service at 11am

On Wednesday afternoon except in cold weather and holiday times there is a weekly discussion group in the church looking at topics around the bible ,Christianity and other ethical issues.

At Festival times Hollesley school hold services in the church. Each year the children produce designs for our church Christmas card which goes to every house in the Village.

The Church has a ring of eight bells which are rung every Sunday before services

Bell ringing practice is every Friday evening and occasionally other bands of ringers come to ring and you will hear the bells rung at other times. Should anyone wish to learn to be a bell ringer, please contact Peter Harper the Tower Captain.

The Hollesley Singers meet and rehearse in the Church before concerts and other events they take part in .

A new "green" initiative set up by the Church is the ' Clothing Exchange" where Clothes in good condition can be brought/ collected, or both at no cost. Complimentary refreshments are available and people are welcome to come and see how it works without bringing clothes to exchange next 'Exchange' Saturday 23rd May 2pm in All Saints

The Church holds fund raising events through the year including the Carol singing , raising money either to support the church or for various charities, for example Just 42, Salvation Army, the EEAA (air ambulance) or the Friends of Hollesley School and takes part in the village fete in various capacities.

Easter Monday we will be holding a tea and cake and Easter Egg Hunt event at the Church Saturday 25th April at 6.30pm there will be an Italian themed meal tickets from allsaintshollesley@gmail.com

The Big Breakfast for Christian Aid is on 9th May in the Village Hall

Details of services and how to contact the Vicar are in Village Voices each month.

The day to day management of the Church is by the Vicar , Church wardens (currently vacant) and Parochial Church Council (PCC)

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which this year is on Sunday 19th April after 11am service we review the work of the previous year and vote for Church wardens and PCC members. Everyone is welcome to come to hear the work of the Church in Hollesley but only those on the Church electoral roll can vote .

Juliet Johnson and Sharon Bushnell

Secretary to the PCC of All Saints' Hollesley