

**All Saints Parish Church, Kings Heath
2nd Sunday before Lent
19th February 2017**

Welcome to all visitors. Everyone is welcome to coffee after the service

Before the service the choir will sing 25 All things bright and beautiful. You are very welcome to join in this and the hymns during communion

Services this Week: Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am
Saturday 9.15am

Wednesday Holy Communion 11.30am

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COLLECT :

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and

everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING Matthew 6:25-34

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MEDITATION:

in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;

PRAYERS:

WE PRAY FOR:

- those who struggle with the Big Questions
- those who are engaged in Theological Education and Research

- those who by writing about their thoughts, encourage us to think more widely
- those who try to raise our awareness of environmental issues
- those who try to get us to take action over environmental issues
- those who see our relation with the rest of creation as part of our Ministry
- the sick, and those who care for them. Bob Ebbitt, Lovetta Campbell, Pauline Elcock, Yvonne Ford, Val Hems, Josephine Hickin, Kathryn Steventon, Helen Ross, Helen McMahon and those in our circle of prayer Jannette Cunningham-Green, Teresa, Clare Moody, Dereck Brown and Betty Tilley
- the recently dead and in our Year's Mind Hilda Styles, May Hands, Arnold Holland, George David, Albert Watts, Rosina Stephens, Thelma Cox and Barbara Coley

RIP

Elizabeth Horton died on Tuesday 24th January. Her funeral is on Thursday 23rd February 11.30am at All Saints and 12.30 at Robin Hood Crematorium. Please remember her dear brother John in your prayers

Sunday 26th Feb is Poverty Sunday. Ruth Wild from the Student Christian Movement will be leading an After-Church Conversation on Inequality and Food Poverty; she will tell us about the End Hunger UK campaign. It would be great to see as many people as possible at this meeting to discuss the very important issues of inequality and hunger in our country.

Our neighbours at St Bede's Brandwood need assistance with their bookkeeping as their treasurer is moving away. Is there anyone willing and able to help? If so tell David and he'll put you in touch with Andy, their Vicar.

Brexit and the developing world. The Fairtrade Foundation, Traidcraft, Christian Aid and others are concerned that, without new measures, Brexit may have serious consequences on the people who trade with us from the poorest countries of the world. Currently there is tax-free access through different European schemes but on Brexit they could face £1 billion in extra taxes. In addition there could be unfair competition if the UK signs free trade agreements with wealthier competitors. Traidcraft and others are

calling for the government to safeguard the current position and make it possible for producers in poor countries to continue to export valuable products and trade their way out of poverty. Please consider sending a postcard to your MP asking for a fair deal for the people who trade with us from the world's poorest countries. There is more information on the table at the back of church.

LOST PROPERTY: Please take a look at the items of lost property laid out at the back of church to see if any of it is yours! Any items not claimed will be sold at the Jumble Sale on 25th February. Thank you Sarah and Marilyn

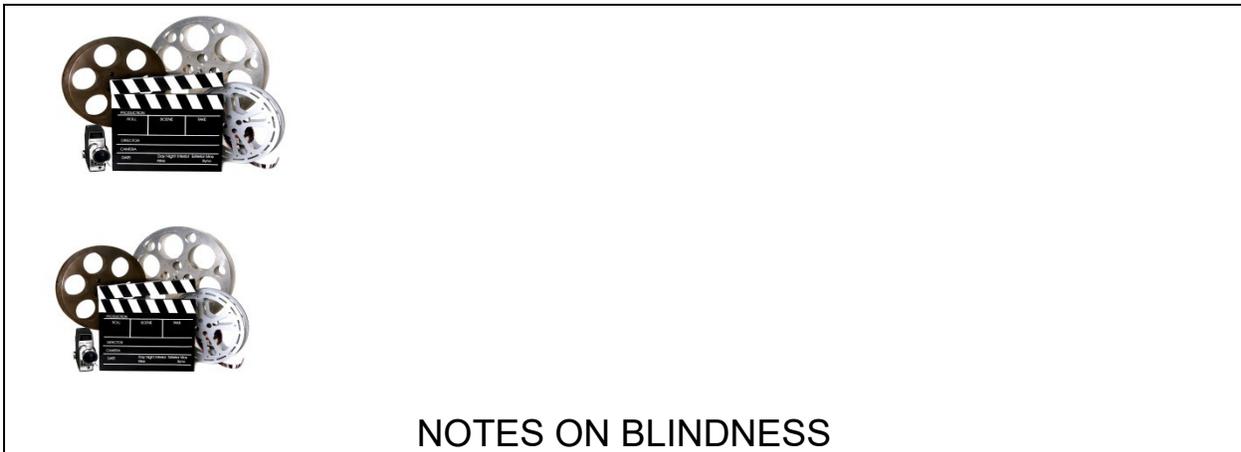
Crafternoons - There will be a Bible-based craft, games and story session with Emily in the Cafe during half-term on Tuesday 21st Feb between 4-5pm. Come along families and join in! It's £2 per child (5-11 years ideal but younger children with parents, or 12+ is fine if you don't mind helping out!) Please let me know if you're coming so I can make provision, and come along! Thanks, Em

26th February – 7th April Gillian Lever Painting Exhibition

Colourful abstract compositions. *"The creative process, like a spiritual journey, is intuitive, non-linear and experimental. It points us towards our essential nature, which is a reflection of the boundless creativity of the Universe."* John Daido Looi 'The Zen of Creativity'

The Welcome Space is open daily from 09.00 - 17.00 hrs and after Sunday services .

The forthcoming exhibition will be photographic works by Bernard Davis from 7 April - 28 May



The film of John Hull's remarkable journey will be shown in the hall on **Sunday February 26th at 3.00pm**. Notes on Blindness is the BAFTA nominated, award winning drama documentary based on the audio diaries of local teacher, author and member of our congregation John Hull who died in 2015.

At the age of 47, about two years after a final failed eye operation, John found himself in complete darkness. In order to make sense of this experience and the devastating changes that it brought to his life, he began to record his thoughts on a cassette. Some years later he published this as a book. "Touching the Rock" which is the basis for the film, an intimate portrayal of love and loss and ultimately, an exploration of what John came to describe as "the gift of blindness".

Notes on Blindness will be shown in the Church Hall at 3.00pm on Sunday February 26th. John's wife Marilyn who was extensively involved during the making of the film will introduce it and there will be an opportunity after the film to stay for a discussion with her.

The showing is Free but there will be a retiring collection for the Vicars Discretionary Fund which is used to help the vulnerable and those in need. Refreshments will also be available. Please sign the sheet at the rear of church if you are intending to come as we would like an idea of numbers attending. many thanks - more information from Des 443 5292

CtiKH Women's World Day of Prayer: will be held at St Dunstan's on Friday 3rd March 2.00pm. This year praying for the Philippines. All are welcome

Date for your diary: The next Family Day, based on Roald Dahl's 'BFG' is on Saturday 4th March between 10:00am-12:30pm. Please save the date! Helpers very much appreciated, please do let me know if you're available to help on a craft table or mingle. Thanks!

JUNK, JUMBLE and BOOKS Saturday February 25th 10am until 2pm in the Church Hall Come and find some collectables, come and browse the full selection of books we have and bag a bargain, come and get a bargain! we want your unwanted gifts, your quality jumble, your knick knacks you no longer need, whether it is an old radio, a unwanted pair of garden shears or the picture of the Algarve from a long a go holiday - bring it to Church and we can sell it and raise money for All Saints at our Junk Jumble and Book

Sale. (if you cannot get it to church- we can collect) for more information speak to Des Workman, Tony Cocks, Pam Coley or Sarah Wilson or phone 443 5292

Quiz Night: Churches Together in Kings Heath are organising a Quiz Night, Saturday 25th February at the Baptist Church. It is hoped All Saints will send two teams of six people. Tickets cost £5, pay at the door, including supper. If you are interested in organising a team or being in a team please contact Margaret Healy-Pollett on 444 7267 or email margarethealeypollett@gmail.com.

We need one or two people willing to represent All Saints on CTiKH. There are around four evening meetings a year. Our most important activities are shared social justice issues, organising the Good Friday Walk of Witness and Lent Groups.

CTiKH Lent Course 2017: There are six groups available from w/c 6th March. See poster and leaflet in Church and send your form in the addressed envelopes helpfully provided.

Fairtrade in Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight (26th February to 12th March) by finding out more about the coffee and pineapple producers visited by John and Gill on their Traidcraft "Meet the People" Tour to Costa Rica and Nicaragua. The illustrated talk will be on **Sunday March 5th at 4.30p.m in Church**. Refreshments will be available - any donations will go to the 2017 "Let it Grow" Campaign. Short video clips from Traidcraft about their work in Kenya will also be shown

All Saints Centre Café is recruiting. Fully qualified, experienced cook/chef. 16 hours a week Saturdays and weekday lunchtimes. Additional hours may be available in the future. Please bring CV, contact details of 2 referees and copies of relevant certificates in to All Saints Centre Café fao Margaret Healey-Pollett. Closing date Friday February 24th.

Taize comes to Birmingham: Friday April 28th to Monday 1st May, hundreds of young people associated with the Taize community come from across Europe to celebrate faith in Birmingham. In its post war founding

principles Taize affirms our common humanity and deepens faith while reconciling communities. Young people will be hosted in homes all over the city. Led by St Dunstan's, Kings Heath can be a host neighbourhood. If you would like to play a part, you can do so in two ways: Hosting a young person (aged 18-35) for three nights, or join the ecumenical planning group. It is a short term commitment, but might give us a timely dose of something positively and faithfully European. Please tell David if you are interested. info@davidwarbrick.co.uk

ALL SAINTS

is a Fairtrade Church, see: www.fairtrade.org.uk
supports the Statement of Belief of 'Inclusive Church',
see: www.inclusivechurch.net
has signed the Living Wage Pledge, see: www.church-poverty.org.uk
belongs to the Christian Ecology Link, see www.christian-ecology.org.uk
is a Jubilee Congregation,
see www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk
is affiliated to Amnesty International and Pax Christi

Communion: Gluten-free wafers are now available, please mention to a member of the clergy before the service if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer when taking Communion

Cards – All Saints no longer recycles cards, birthday, Christmas or any other occasion cards. Please dispose of them with your household recycling. **PLEASE do not leave them in church.** *Thank you*

Power for Good

Second Project: Solar panels for the rear roof of New Life Baptist Church, Kings Heath

Power for Good is a registered, not-for-profit Community Benefit Society. We install solar panels on the roofs of churches and other buildings belonging to faith communities. This reduces their fuel bills and their carbon footprint. Our first project, completed in 2015, raised enough money to install photo-voltaic panels at St Richard's, Lea Hall, and St Andrew's West Bromwich. We are now receiving income from the Feed-in Tariff from these installations.

In 2017 a second project: the installation of solar panels on the rear roof of New Life Baptist Church on the High St, swings into action. For this we are looking for investments (minimum £250, maximum £5,000 per person or

organisation) totalling £24,600. Each investment is withdrawable, subject to decision of Board. The Share Offer closing date is 13th March, 2017. We would like to invite you to invest in this project. For full details and a copy of the Share Offer Document, please visit our website, www.pfg.coop, phone 0121 241 5830 or email powerforgood.coop@gmail.com. Our business plan includes provision for a 2% return on your investment from Year Four. See Margaret Healey-Pollett if you would like to discuss this further.

Rolling Calendar

February

Thurs 23rd Funeral 11.30am
Justice, Peace and Green Group meeting
Sat 25th 2.00pm Private service in church

March

Sat 4th Family Day 10.00am -12.30pm
Sun 5th 4.30 Talk on Traidcraft Tour to Nicaragua and Costa Rica

Join 'All Saints Children and Families' group on Facebook, and follow @allsaintsfamily on Twitter for updates on our ministry with children and families

Recycling at All Saints: We recycle the following materials:
Old stamps for charity (main beneficiary is St. Mary's Hospice)
Redundant mobile phones for Christian Aid
Spare knitting wool
Clean jam jars required by Craft Group
please don't throw these items away – help a good cause
this notice sheet is printed on sustainably sourced paper



PHOTOGRAPHY: Photographs may occasionally be taken by our photographer during services. They are to record our church's story and may be used for publicity. If you do not wish your picture or that of your child to be used, please speak to a Sidesperson or Churchwarden. We respectfully ask that others do not take photographs at church without permission



Parking: Our site is wonderfully busy during the week. Grateful for that activity, then, this is a reminder to ourselves as congregation members that parking is not generally available at All Saints when the Medical Centre and Robin Centre are open. Apart from disabled parking, loading and unloading, we encourage church family to park elsewhere if at all possible.

All Saints no longer collects aluminium foil for recycling and this is now being done by Birmingham City Council. So in future please put your clean foil into your domestic recycling bins. PLEASE do not leave in Church



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Sunday 26th February 2017 at 4.00pm – 5.00pm
at Hazelwell Church, Vicarage Road, Kings Heath/Stirchley

Arrangements:

This is planned to involve the congregation of Hazelwell Church with the congregations of the two parent churches of our Ecumenical (Methodist- Church of England) Partnership, Cambridge Road Methodist Church and All Saints Anglican Church. We can accommodate up to 150 people, so we are inviting up to 50 people from each church who want to have a 'good sing' in worship to our God and Saviour.

We hope to sing about 15 hymns, so we are asking for about 5 hymns per church. It is probably worth choosing about 10 hymns each as there may be

duplication and we want to have a good range of well-known hymns, that everyone will enjoy singing.

We would like people who suggest hymns to also say why that hymn is especially liked by them, so that either they, or someone on their behalf, can let us all know why it is special. Finally, can you also, if possible, say what tune you prefer, so that we can choose the right music? You may have to ask your own organist about this.

Please let us know how many are likely to attend from your church, so that we can invite members of the local community to join us if there are any spaces.

Please let us have your potential numbers and your choices by Sunday, so that we can pull together a final programme and let everyone know what the final list of hymns will be.

There will not be a collection during the service but plates will be left available if anyone would like to donate to our Centenary Appeal to reorder the chancel to provide better access for those with some problems with mobility.

We hope that you will come to sing together as a way of celebrating our special historic links.