



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

Services this Week: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion with Holy Baptism

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.00am

Saturday 9.15am

Wednesday: Holy Communion 11.30am

Compline 9.00pm

Services next Week: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Parish Communion

6.30pm Iona Service

COLLECT :

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

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

GOSPEL READING: John 9

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of

the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MEDITATION:

What, for you is "the darkest valley"? (this week's Psalm 23:4)

PRAYERS:

WE PRAY:

- for all injured and bereaved in the attack at Westminster. Wary of the righteous indignation of the Pharisees, who lost all perspective,
- for wisdom and perspective as we may be tempted to play to our worst self righteous superiority. We pray for any in Birmingham who find themselves caught up in the investigation and for the peace of this city. As the blind man's parent's struggle to know how much to interfere and how much to leave alone, (John 9:23)
- for any wondering about their child's attitudes and fortunes, possible extreme views and the vulnerabilities that lead to them.
- we remember before God those who are ill John Horton, Elaine Pemberton, Bob Ebbitt, Lovetta Campbell, Val Hems, Josephine Hickin, Kathryn Steventon, Helen Ross, Helen McMahon and those for whom we regularly pray Jannette Cunningham-Green, Teresa, Clare Moody, Dereck Brown and Betty Tilley
- we remember those who have died William Humpage, Anthea Bennett and Jonathan Thompson and in our Year's Mind Vincent Sadler, Frederick Conlon, Kenneth Styles, Mary Adkins, Robert Shirley, June Mason and Ronald Foster

The next Traidcraft Stall will be today Sunday March 26th instead of April 2nd (as the first Sunday in April is the APCM). This will be the last occasion for ordering Easter Eggs for delivery before Easter. It will also mark the 20th Anniversary of the setting up of "All Saints Traidcraft" so please support us on this special occasion



Hello there, to anyone who has not yet received their envelopes for giving for the forthcoming financial year, and are a tax payer, you can collect them from me today. If you are a non tax payer, you will receive them from Tony Price. Anyone not set up for regular financial giving either through envelopes or direct debit, or would like to find out a bit more about planned giving to All Saints, please speak to Steve Brittle or myself, even if you are not a tax payer. Many thanks for your continued giving to All Saints. It is very much appreciated. Martha Ann Brookes

PA system: The PCC is very aware that the PA system is not providing the service we would wish. Actions are being taken to address this, although much of it is down to how it set up and used by those speaking. In the short-term we need to assemble a team of volunteers to ensure that someone with knowledge of how the system should be set up to achieve optimum performance is on hand for every service (Sunday and weekdays) to take responsibility for its operation. Full training will be given. If you would be willing to put your name on the rota, please contact me (in person, by phone or by email). Feedback (no pun intended) would also be welcome from those who use the loop system or are hard of hearing, so we can continue to assess the main areas for improvement, acknowledging that there may not be a 'quick fix' for all problems. Clare Noakes, 441 3709, noakes.clare@gmail.com

Tea, Cake and Music afternoons every Thursday are proving successful (22 for the last 2 weeks). Our own Rosie Cross plays the Clavinova as does Kathy Ward from Kings Heath Evangelical Church. They are supported by Sarah Bertram, David Inions and Des Workman. Would you like to come and help welcome or talk to older people attending? If you are interested please contact Des Workman On 0121 443 5292

The Great School Bake Off Sale on Friday 31st March 2017 12.00 - 2.00pm on the Village Square (or in the Hall if the weather is inclement).

All cakes are 50p each. Seven schools have set up a Student Parliament engaging with the local community for positive change - Students Together Encouraging Positive Solutions (STEPS). There will be seven stalls, one for each school, with pupils from each school selling the cakes. The funds raised will be for All Saints Church and other school nominated charities. Please support if you can. For more information contact Antoinette Hasson on 07429744332

All Saints Kings Heath Church Electoral Roll

The church Electoral Roll is a basic list in every parish of all lay persons entitled to vote on elections within the Church of England. This means that electoral roll members of a church can shape the local mission and ministry by electing the officers necessary to do that hard work.

Those entitled to have their names on this roll have to be 16 years of age on or before the date of the annual parochial church meeting (APCM), and they must reside in the parish or be regular worshippers in church whose roll they wish to join.

It is required to update the roll prior to the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (APCM) to be held on **Sunday 2 April 2017** to enable a report to be made at the APCM.

A notice has been placed on the Notice Board at the South Door of the Church which you should consult for more detail if you would like to be included on the roll and you satisfy the above criteria.

If think you are already on the roll and have recently changed name or telephone number, have moved or would like to have your name removed, please see Anthony (Tony) Cocks.

If you do not know who Tony Cocks is, please ask.

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

Rolling Calendar

March

Fri 31st Funeral in church 11.00am

April

Sun 2nd APCM after morning service

Wed 5th School visit pm

Fri 7th Funeral in church 11.00am

Sun 9th Palm Sunday

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

*There are places available on **Weekend Silent Retreat, 19th -21st May***

'Meeting Jesus'

at Shallowford House, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NZ

6pm Friday - 4.30pm Sunday, with guided Gospel meditations and optional individual interview, exploration of the labyrinth and art facilities

Guides; Rob Hingley, Juliet Fletcher and Enid Thomas

£162 for further information contact **Rev Rob Hingley**
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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

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

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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*

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

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

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.