

**All Saints Parish Church, Kings Heath**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**



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

**Services this Week: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Worship to launch 20 year  
Anniversary of ASYP

6.30pm Evening Prayer - Healing

**Morning Prayer:** Monday Tuesday, Thursday  
Saturday 9.15am

**Wednesday:** Holy Communion 11.30am

**Services next Week: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

**COLLECT :**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**FIRST READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

**SECOND READING: Acts 2:42-47**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved

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**GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10**

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate.

Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**MEDITATION:**

*They had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.*

*(Acts 2:44-45, describing the early church)*

**PRAYERS:**

**WE PRAY:**

- for the Youth project's continued flourishing,
- for youth young people who have grown through the project over twenty years and are now adults and some parents.
- for all young people who benefit from discrete, confidential time and attention in counselling.
- for staff, volunteers and fundraisers
- we remember before God those who are ill Jean Bevan, Lovetta Campbell, Val Hems, Josephine Hickin, Kathryn Steventon, Helen Ross, Helen McMahan and those for whom we regularly pray Pat Dyer, Carol Fallon, Rachel Hope, Jacqui Brown, Mary Goodhall and all who live at Rosemary Lodge
- we remember those who have died Bob Ebbitt and in our Year's Mind Willem Brassem, Colin Russell, Doris West, Clifford Bisseker, Ernest Mountford, Gordon James, Elizabeth Wright, Ethel Slater, Brian Gray, Reginald Gillingham and Maud Palmer.

**Traidcraft stall:** Unfortunately the usual "first Sunday" stall planned for today, Sunday 7th May, needed be changed as there is an event in the Welcome Space. The stall with craft goods on display will take place on **Sunday 14th May.**



### **Christian Aid Week Big Brekkie**

Whether you would like porridge, full English, croissants, toast, or the whole lot, come along to the cafe between 8.30 - 9.30 on Sunday 14th May and set yourself up for the day by enjoying a big breakfast. All proceeds will go to further the work of Christian Aid.

**HAVE YOU GOT GREEN FINGERS?** We would like to sell plants at the All Saints Summer Fun Day on 24 June so if you or anyone you know would be willing to grow or donate some plants for us to sell it would be greatly appreciated. We also plan to hold the Wheelbarrow Competition again this year so if you have a wheelbarrow you could lend us please let Sarah 07914667651, Des 0121 443 5292 or anyone on the Social and Fundraising Committee.

**All Saints Youth Project 20 Year Anniversary:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, All Age Worship to launch 20 year anniversary celebrations. Refreshments will be served after the service, then bio-degradable balloons will be released for a Balloon Race. Balloon labels can be purchased for £1 from ASYP or put your name down at the Welcome Desk. More information from ASYP, 443 1842, [info@asyp.org.uk](mailto:info@asyp.org.uk).

**ASYP: Donations for Tombola:** ASYP will be having a monthly stall at the Farmers Market throughout the year and need unwanted gifts and unused items for a Tombola. All the funds raised will go towards Celebrating ASYP 20th Anniversary Year.

They will be doing many events over the next year and it will end with an evening of celebration.

All events will be added to All Saints Outlook once we have confirmed them. Please hand any donations in to the Welcome Desk or the Youth Project office.

Birmingham Pride March 27th May: Ruth Yorke from Carrs Lane is coordinating a group of Christians who would like to take part. If you would like to join them, or help provide refreshments along the route, please email [ruth.yorke@live.co.uk](mailto:ruth.yorke@live.co.uk) or leave a message on 600 7251 with contact details.

**Bernard Davis 's photographic exhibition " INTIMATE DETAILS "**

which represents elements of a restored flaxmill in Dungiven , Northern Ireland continues in the Welcome Space until 28 May On Sunday May 7 Bernard Davis and Najma Hush will present a special reading of some of their poetry after church service in All Saints Centre at 11.15 am . The Welcome Space is open daily from 9.00 - 5.00 pm and after Sunday services .The forthcoming exhibition will be CORE CONTRASTS , paintings by Paula Gabb From 28 May - 9 July 2017

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

**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

*There are places available on **Weekend Silent Retreat, 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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*

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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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*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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**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.