

All Saints Parish Church, Kings Heath
Fifth Sunday of Easter
14th May 2017



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

The song before the service will be 915 Who put the colours in the rainbow. During communion Liz Haskins will play movements from Robert Schumann's Three Romances for Oboe and Piano Op 94.

Services this Week: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer: Monday Tuesday, Thursday

Saturday 9.15am

Wednesday: Holy Communion 11.30am

Services next Week: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

COLLECT :

Almighty God who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so

by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy

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

SECOND READING: Acts 7: 55-60

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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

GOSPEL READING: John 14: 1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

MEDITATION:

Think about how you say goodbye to people. Is there anything you might say to build their confidence? If it turned out to be the last time you saw them, what might they need from you

PRAYERS:

WE PRAY FOR:

- wisdom to discern when someone is raising their voice because deep down they know they are wrong;
- courage to challenge any who try to punish someone for being right;
- confidence to speak up when someone is mistreated out of resentment at their joy.
- grace to notice when someone in embattled silence needs to hear that they belong.
- humility, when we shout too much, to hear your words: “do not be afraid.”
- we remember before God those who are ill Peter Bate, Jean Bevan, Lovetta Campbell, Val Hems, Josephine Hickin, Kathryn Steventon, Helen Ross, Helen McMahon and those for whom we regularly pray loyal to All Saints but no longer able to come to church including Eileen Holder, Joan Dainter, Joan Howes and Dorothy Gardner
- we remember those who have died Bob Ebbitt and in our Year’s Mind George Slater, Daisy Nuttall, Esther Chandler, Peggy Bannister and on her tenth anniversary Mrs Esther Oladunni Osinaike

Thy Kingdom Come: Archbishops Justin and John encourage us to join in a wave of prayer each day between Ascension Day (25th May) and Pentecost (4th June). At the back of Church there are sheets of suggestions to assist. Please take one. Feel free to take one for a friend or family member, or someone who can't get to church. There are different sheets for Adults, Young People and Children

Traidcraft stall: The stall with craft goods on display will take place today **Sunday 14th May.**

Coming up in the Cafe.....Friday 19th May, and Friday 26th the cafe will be open until 9.30 for light meals, wine, beer and cakes and coffee. There will be live music from local musicians. Hope to see you there!

Musicians needed. If you would like to take part in one of our Friday live music evenings, please let Margaret (margarethealeypollett@gmail.com) or Sarah Wright-Owens know

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 or leave a message on 600 7251 with contact details.

I, Daniel Blake

There will be a screening of this thought-provoking film

Monday 22nd May at 7.30pm

St Dunstons Conference Room

Kingsfield Road B14 7JN

[Cars should enter via Institute Road Car Park]

A free event, with refreshments, all welcome.

There will be a retiring collection.

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.

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

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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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