



All Saints Parish Church, Kings Heath
Sixth Sunday of Easter
21st May 2017

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

Before the service, Dan Johnson will play "Give me oil in my lamp", and at the end "Curtain Call" by Carol Barrett. During communion, Philip Brookes will play the 2nd mov. of Sonatine by A. Tansman

Services this Week: Sixth 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: Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

COLLECT :

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our 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 3: 13-22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

SECOND READING: Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human

ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

GOSPEL READING: John 14: 15-21

”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we also thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

MEDITATION:

[We] search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us.” (St Paul, Acts 17:27)

PRAYERS:

This coming week we welcome Jake Lever's magnificent painting reflecting on interfaith conversations in Birmingham. Today we hear St Paul's inter-faith conversation in Athens.

WE PRAY FOR:

- rich, neighbourly, inquisitive and trusting conversation between the faiths in our city and neighbourhood
- any craving God's tangible presence, that they may feel the breath of the Spirit and know that they belong

- we remember before God those who are ill Lovetta Campbell, Val Hems, Josephine Hickin, Kathryn Steventon, Helen Ross, Helen McMahon and those for whom we regularly Jannette Cunningham-Green, Teresa, Clare Moody, Dereck Brown and Betty Tilley
- we remember those who have died and in our Year's Mind Sydney Bubb, Jeremy Brookes, Elizabeth & William Pullin, Kathleen Stidwell, John Heath, Harry Williams, Doris Sadler, Winifred Price, Dennis Morris, Joan Allen, Clifford Beech, Margaret Baddeley, Clifford Webb, Thomas Bailey and Sheila Houghton

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.

Lunch Club: If anyone is interested in helping at the Wednesday lunch club, maybe just every few weeks, we would really appreciate it. Please contact Liz Turner, number 604 6086.

Coming up in the Cafe.....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 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.

All Saints Community Arts ' next exhibition in the Welcome Space will be : CORE CONTRASTS : paintings by Paula Gabb from 29 May - 9 July 2017. Open daily from 9.00 - 5.00 pm and after Sunday church services.

Paula Gabb is inspired by both landscape and cityscapes focusing on her local area with an interest in the history, and landmarks around Birmingham and the outlying regions. Her paintings do not attempt to represent an accurate depiction of a visual reality but instead use shapes, colours, forms and gestural marks to achieve their effect .Painting has allowed Paula to express herself in ways that would otherwise not have been possible due to suffering from Dyslexic / Verbal Dyspraxia.

The forthcoming exhibition will be MOVEMENTS OF THE EAST a photographic exhibition by Roy Anthony Reid from 9 July - 3 September 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,

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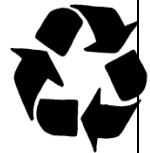
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Spare knitting wool

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