

**All Saints Parish Church, Kings Heath  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
28th May 2017**



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

*Before the service the choir will sing God has gone up with a shout of rejoicing, an introit for Ascension written by David Lee and based on Psalm 47. You are very welcome to join in the songs during communion. The music for the final hymn is a setting from 2007 by Moseley-based composer John Joubert.*

*During communion, Robert Brookes will play Nocturne in C sharp minor by F. Chopin*

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

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

**Morning Prayer: No Morning Prayer Monday**

Tuesday, Thursday 9.00am

Saturday 9.15am

**Wednesday:** Holy Communion 11.30am

**Services next Week: Pentecost**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Worship

6.30pm Iona Evening Prayer

**COLLECT :**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**FIRST READING: Acts 1: 6-14**

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4: 12-14 5: 6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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**GOSPEL READING: John 17: 1-11**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **MEDITATION:**

*Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds*

## **PRAYERS:**

### **WE PRAY FOR:**

- those who gather to celebrate and share Birmingham Pride
- Muslin communities beginning their Ramadan fast
- children and young people during exam season
- the work of All Saints Centre including Antoinette Hasson, Dave Priday and every volunteer and member of staff who works here throughout the week
- all affected by the attack in Manchester this week
- police and emergency services asked to work extra hours and put themselves on the front line
- we remember before God those who are ill Dorothy Gardner, Michael O’Cleirgh, Lovetta Campbell, Val Hems, Josephine Hickin, Kathryn Steventon, Helen Ross, Helen McMahon and those for whom we regularly Lara Tikonova, John Robertson, Jo Bailey, Jack Gauder and Iain Galloway
- we remember those who have died and in our Year’s Mind Daniel Jones, Lena Smallwood, Win Burton, Maud Horton, Kathleen Brown, Robert Edwards, Stewart Leney and Winifred Horton

Moving: I was very moved last Sunday morning feeling the ordinariness yet richness of worship, knowing All Saints is exactly where I want to serve. I felt wistful in the afternoon, gradually getting things together for the spacious weeks of study and exploration ahead. Then, I found an envelope pushed through our door with a very generous anonymous gift towards my Sabbatical travels. I am hugely grateful and very moved. It makes the difference between nagging worry and freedom that it’ll be all right. Thank you. And thank you for being All Saints. *David, your Priest*



### Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> Please note:

There will be NO access to the top car park on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> for either parking or access to church. The car park will be out of action from 6.30am to erect a marquee for The Daffodil Society representatives. People with mobility difficulties will have to be dropped off at the front door of church and vehicles will then have to be moved off the square and parked elsewhere. If you need to have your car in close proximity to the church please drive on to the square and speak to one of the sidespersons, who will direct you where to park. DO NOT drive over the Labyrinth, drive ROUND it. Daffodil Society members using the hall will be arriving from 9.30am which may mean limited space in the lower car park. Please come prepared to park off site.

**Meditation Group:** The next meeting of the meditation group is at Viv's on Thursday 8th June at 7.30 for an 8.00 start. All are welcome. Please see Daniel Wilson for further info.

**Martha Ann Brookes** will have tomato, cucumber, courgette and red chard plants for sale today. Proceeds to the forthcoming summer fair.

**'Dance' at All Saints Church - 23 May to 11 June:** Last year artist Jake Lever was, along with writer Mandy Ross, artist-in-residence at the Birmingham Conversations. As well as participating in these discussions between people of different faiths and none, Jake produced this artwork as a reflection on the experience of being involved, now on show at the back of church. In turn, Mandy Ross produced a map called 'Birmingham Conversationland' and there are free copies available too. Andrew Smith, Director of Interfaith Relations for the Bishop of Birmingham, states; *"This came out of deep discussions between people of different faiths, it is a visual response to the honest, robust good friendships that exist in Birmingham and will go on"*. So, enjoy the artwork whilst it tours to us, and for further information, have a look at the short film on the Conversations at <https://vimeo.com/175722012>. Jake Lever

**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](mailto:margarethealeypollett@gmail.com)) or Sarah Wright-Owens know

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

### **Care Assistant Post: The Robin Centre**

The Robin Centre is recruiting a full time Care Assistant to work in the Centre each weekday. We are looking for someone qualified and experienced in the care of the elderly, who can communicate in a warm and positive way with clients who may have dementia and are likely to be frail. This is an excellent job opportunity, in a very supportive and friendly environment. Applications can be obtained from the Welcome Desk in the All Saints Centre between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. or downloaded from [www.allsaintscentrehk.co.uk](http://www.allsaintscentrehk.co.uk). Closing date for applications is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**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

### **ALL SAINTS**

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supports the Statement of Belief of 'Inclusive Church',

see: [www.inclusivechurch.net](http://www.inclusivechurch.net)

has signed the Living Wage Pledge, see: [www.church-poverty.org.uk](http://www.church-poverty.org.uk)

belongs to the Christian Ecology Link, see [www.christian-ecology.org.uk](http://www.christian-ecology.org.uk)

is a Jubilee Congregation,

see [www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk](http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk)

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**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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**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.