



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

**Services this Week: Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

**Morning Prayer:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.00am  
Saturday 9.15am

**Wednesday:** Holy Communion 11.30am

**Services next Week: Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

**COLLECT :**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58 –67**

So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my

master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

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

**SECOND READING: Romans 7: 15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end**

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you

rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

#### **MEDITATION:**

#### **PRAYERS:**

#### **WE PRAY FOR:**

- we remember those who are ill, Joan Mendham, Eileen Pearson, 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 and Joan Howes.
- we remember those who have come to the end of their journey here on earth Herbert Moncrieffe, and in our Year's Mind Margaret Wall, Dorothy Budd, Harold Webster, Harry Brown, William Budd and Gerald Dutton

**Meditation Group:** The next meeting of the meditation group is at 29 Portman Road on Thursday 13th July 7.30 for 8.00 start. All are welcome. Daniel Wilson.

**The latest issue (for July & August) of our parish magazine, *Saints Alive!*, is out now, with the next published at the start of September. This is your magazine and everyone can be involved! We'd love to hear reflections from across the seas or down the road; read concert or book reviews from leisurely summer afternoons; or even receive ideas borrowed from other churches you may visit on holiday! - anything that you think would be of interest and would like to share with the congregation and the wider *Saints Alive!* readership. Comments, suggestions, articles and ideas**

for features are always welcome – the broader the range of contributors and viewpoints, the more appealing the magazine will be. We know what an active and varied community All Saints is – let's make sure everyone else does! **Ben & Clare Noakes**, [saintsalivemagazine@gmail.com](mailto:saintsalivemagazine@gmail.com), **441 3709**

**VICAR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:** Friends, it is some time since we appealed for this fund. Some of you may not even know of its existence. As its name suggests the fund, held separately from other church monies, enables David and other members of the Ministry Team to make small occasional payments to people in need. We used to hold a fund specifically for asylum seekers and refugees and for some time this has been absorbed into the VDF. The money can be for those who come to our church seeking help but, more frequently, it goes to members of our own congregation who suffer real hardship. We need to secure this important part of our ministry and ask any of you who feel able to support it to speak with Steve Brittle, Sarah Wilson, or any member of the Ministry Team. Thank you

**On Sunday 16th July**, PSP, Little Aztec and a big Aztec will be joining together during the service to celebrate the end of another school year. The theme this year will be "The three wise monkeys" and we will be learning about what we see, hear and speak". Afterwards, we will have a bring and share picnic, hopefully outdoors. PSP- please bring savoury, Little Aztec- some fruit and veg, Big Aztec- crisps and dips. Or, bring anything you fancy. Martha Ann Brookes

**Friday Evenings, with live music, in the Cafe** The café is now open on Friday evenings until 9.30, for our usual meals, drinks, and cakes. We have a varied programme of live music from 7 – 9pm, organised by Sarah Wright Owens, who is looking for performers if you would like the opportunity. Contact Sarah on [sarah@singertrain.com](mailto:sarah@singertrain.com).

Please see our board, or the different Facebook pages (Café, Village Square, or Church) to find out the programme for the week. Hope to see you there!

### **Free Summer Session:**

Stories are the best way of putting ideas into the world today and every Christian has a unique, meaningful story to tell about God's transformative love in their lives. The Communications Team would love to be able to support lay and ordained people across the diocese in telling their story - or the story of their church or a particular group. To this end, we will be hosting a number of storytelling skills sessions at 1 Colmore Row on Wednesdays (7.30-9.30pm) over the summer that will introduce people to the many ways we can shape and share our stories, which we'd like to invite you to:

26 July - ***Making Films on a Budget***

2 August - *Writing and Blogging*

9 August - ***How to Take Great Photos (on your smartphone or DSLR)***

16 August - ***Design: Making Things Look Awesome***

23 August - ***How to Share Your Story: Press and Social Media***

You can attend any number of the sessions. To book a place, please click below.

Please share this information and the link to the booking form ([www.cofe.io/summer](http://www.cofe.io/summer)) with your congregations.

### **The next ASCA exhibition in the Welcome Space will be**

**MOVEMENTS OF THE EAST** a photographic exhibition by Roy Anthony Reid from July 9 - September 3 2017 Open daily from 9.00am - 5.00pm and after church services on Sundays. Roy was born in Kingston, Jamaica and lived in Kings Heath, working as an engineer for many years and later as a learning mentor in secondary schools . Roy passed away suddenly on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and his family has set up a charitable Trust in his memory. The Roy Anthony Reid Foundation's aim is to help recognise, support and inspire the aspirations of young African Caribbean people in the West Midlands and the Caribbean. **MOVEMENTS OF THE EAST** offers a vibrant visual photo essay featuring images of Indian Classical , Contemporary & Folk dances captured from live performances of International and local artists , aiming to explore the dynamic relationship of music , movement and dance in Hindu mythology .

The forthcoming exhibition will be Drawings by Joyce Rimmer from September 3 - October 15 2017 .

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

**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

### **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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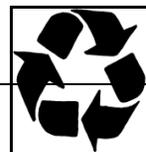
**Recycling at All Saints:** We recycle the following materials:

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  
this notice sheet is printed on sustainably sourced paper

**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



**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.