



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

Before the service the choir will sing O God, you search me and you know me by Bernadette Farrell.

You are very welcome to join in the hymn during communion.

Services this Week: Sixth 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: Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

COLLECT :

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that

we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ 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: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

There is not any god beside you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins

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

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not

hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of 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 Lara Tikonova, John Robertson, Jo Bailey, Jack Gauder and Iain Galloway
- we remember those who have come to the end of their journey here on earth, and in our Year's Mind Dorothy Marshall, Anthony Grey, Kenneth Blockley, Harold Pearce, Llechides Owen, Jean Lowe, John Hull and Margaret Brady

After Church Conversation 30th July: In view of the fact that the first Sunday in August is Hiroshima Day, on 30th July there will be an after-church conversation on Nuclear Disarmament. The conversation will be led by Kelvin Gascoyne from Christian CND. We look forward to hearing the views of members of the congregation who support our Nuclear Deterrent as well as those who would like to see us unilaterally disarm.

It's PANTOMIME time! We are looking for people who would like to be involved in the All Saints production of Cinderella, to be performed on Saturday 3 February 2018. If you're interested in acting, singing, dancing, making costumes, organising props, doing the sound or lighting, or anything else, please do let us know – we'd love to have you involved. Sunday afternoon rehearsals start in October, with a casting and production meeting at 15:00 on Sunday 17 September. Clare, Ben & Fiona (allsaintspantomime@gmail.com / 07929 593097)

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

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) 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 18th 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.

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. 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!

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

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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

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.

The words to the Gospel hymn

1 The earth is yours, O God -
you nourish it with rain;
the streams and rivers overflow,
the land bears seed again.

2 The soil is yours, O God -
the shoots are moist with dew;
and ripened by the burning sun
the corn grows straight and true.

3 The hills are yours, O God -
their grass is lush and green,
providing pastures for the flocks
which everywhere are seen.

4 The whole rich land is yours
for fodder or for plough:
and so, for rain, sun, soil and seed,
O God, we thank you now!

Michael Saward (paraphrase of Psalm 65:9-13)

