



**All Saints Parish Church, Kings Heath  
Seventh Sunday after Trinity  
30th July 2017**

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

Before the service the choir will sing *Spirit of God, unseen as the wind*. You are very welcome to join in the hymn during communion.

*Over the 6 weeks of summer the children are welcome to go out during the service into one group for teaching and activities looking at the Bible and Disney Pixar films.*

There will be an After Church conversation on Nuclear Disarmament which will be led by Kelvin Gascoyne from Christian CND.

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

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion followed by after church conversation

6.30pm Evening Prayer

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

**Wednesday:** Holy Communion 11.30am

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

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All age Worship

6.30pm Iona Evening Prayer

## **COLLECT :**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord 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 Kings 3: 5-12**

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you

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

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8: 26-39**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Lord God whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **MEDITATION:**

*"Now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds."  
J Robert Oppenheimer, quoting from the **Bhagavad Gita***

### **PRAYERS:**

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

- the Church and all who serve and direct it
- all who seek to grow in the faith, all who enquire, that their enquiries may be welcomed
- all who strive to make real the call to justice and peace, all who seek to overcome darkness and evil.
- all suffering persecution, or suffering because of the power of others,
- those who work to make the world a safer place
- all who, by their lives, have shown us how to live for others and the Kingdom
- we remember those who are ill, Joan Mendham, Eileen Pearson, Lovetta Campbell, Val Hems, Josephine Hickin, Kathryn Steventon, Helen Ross, Helen McMahan and those for whom we regularly pray Pat Dyer, Carol Fallon, Rachel Hope, Jacqui Brown, Mary Goodhall and all who live at Rosemary Lodge
- we remember those recently died and in our Year's Mind Alexander Pilkington, Constance Bagley, Cleophas McCollin, Lawrence Leech, Patricia Gennoe, Emily Everall, William Baynes and Alfred Broadbridge and Mary Mason

**North porch tidy up and cleaning day on Saturday 5 August.** Please come along from 10 am for as much time as you can spare to help us clear the north porch and clean the church. Thank you. Sarah Wilson

**'smAll Saints'** is the brand new baby and toddler group starting at All Saints! It will be run by Emily and a team of volunteers on Monday afternoons from 1:30-3:00pm, in the creche space in church. Please spread the word to anyone who might be interested, and if you're available to help set up, make drinks and clear away (even to be on a rota once a month so no-one has to make a weekly commitment), please let Emily know - that would be a huge help and support to young families. We're having a trial-run through summer on Mondays 7th and 14th August with families we have links with, then opening our doors to everyone on 4th September. Flyers and posters on the Welcome Desk soon. Everyone is welcome!

**Date for your diary:** The next Family Day in autumn is based on 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' by Julia Donaldson, and is on Saturday 30th September. Emily will need helpers to plan and prepare the day with her, and help on craft tables /set-up and pack-down on the day. Please let her know if you're available.

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 does! **Ben & Clare Noakes, [saintsalivemagazine@gmail.com](mailto:saintsalivemagazine@gmail.com), 441 3709**

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

**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](mailto:allsaintspantomime@gmail.com) / 07929 593097)

### **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.

**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!

**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.

**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

**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**

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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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*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

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**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.

### **August 6<sup>th</sup>**

am presiding at 8am and 10am on Sunday 6 August which is also the feast of the Transfiguration. I have done some planning with Emily about 10am and she will probably speak with you, but just to confirm please put on the pew sheet the three Transfiguration readings; Daniel 7v9-10,13-14, 2 Peter 1v16-19, Luke 9v28-36.