



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

**Services this Week: Harvest**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All age Worship

6.30pm Iona Evening Prayer

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

Saturday 9.15am

**Wednesday:** Holy Communion 11.30am

**Services next Week: Seventeenth after Trinity**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

**COLLECT :**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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: Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

### **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:23-32**

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of those good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Harvest Meditation:**

*"I don't think it is enough appreciated how much an outdoor book the Bible is." Wendell Berry*

## **PRAYERS:**

### **WE PRAY:**

To dust we shall return. All we eat is from the soil. God, giver of life, teach us anew to treasure the soil, so eroded, denuded and poisoned by our careless, wilful habits.

"Eating is an agricultural act" (Wendell Berry) God, giver of life, as our politicians show off, or maybe make themselves accountable, in this conference season, humble them and us before the silent authority of creation. Silence them and us to hear the cries of abused creation.

- we remember before God those who are ill Huxley Brennan, Lovetta Campbell, Val Hems, Josephine Hickin, Kathryn Steventon, Helen Ross, Helen McMahon and those for whom we regularly pray but no longer able to come to church including Eileen Holder, Joan Dainter, John Horton, Eileen Pearson and Ida Ret
- we remember those who have died Joan Mendham and in our Year's Mind Annie Boulton, Gordon James, Valerie Dudiak, Mary Mace, Percy Lea, Ellen Butterfield and Margaret Williams

### **R.I.P.**

Joan Mendham died at home on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.  
Details of the funeral arrangements to follow. Please remember Brenda, Joan's sister, and Hilary, her stepdaughter, in your prayers.

**Next Traidcraft stalls** The next stalls will be this Sunday, 1st October, and at the Farmers' Market on Saturday 7th October. Christmas cards won't be put out on the stall until November but ask if you want to see the album containing most of the cards available to order.

**After Church Conversation 15<sup>th</sup> October:** As you will all know All Saints gained the Bronze Eco-Church Award last June and we are now working towards obtaining the Silver Award. Valerie and David Edden from Selly Oak Methodist Church will be leading an After-Church Conversation on the topic of the Silver Eco –Church award. Selly Oak Methodist Church is one of the few churches in the area that have gained the Silver award. So,

Valerie and David will be able to give us a good insight about the sort of action we can take as individuals and as a church to make progress in gaining this award.



**Transport needed:** Do you have a car and an hour to

spare to transport the Harvest food donations to the Foodbank at Cotteridge.

**Please speak to David if you can help.**



**Breaking News In Bethlehem!** King Herod wants to control the news, but strange things are happening and the truth must be told! We are looking for singers and actors aged between 7-12, to take part in a new musical to be performed at the Christmas Eve Crib service. Rehearsals to take place on Sundays 3.30-5pm in November and December. There will also be a preliminary meeting on Sunday October 29th to give a taster of the story and to audition for parts. Please email [sarahbaker73@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbaker73@gmail.com) to register interest.

**Quaker Week: 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October.** Informal discussions and talks to find out about Quakers and yourself. All events free. See noticeboard for more details

**Junk Jumble and Book Sale Saturday 14 October 2017** Following on from the success of our first Jumble Sale we are holding another one on 14th October. We need help in leafleting, sorting, setting up, helping and packing up. We also need donations especially of clothes. Please sign up on the board at the back of church with offers of help or contact Sarah

07914667651, Des Workman 0121 443 5292 or any of the Social and Fundraising Committee. Thank you

**All Saints Badminton Club** welcomes new members **FIRST NIGHT FREE**- come and give us a try we are a friendly club with one hall. We play mixed doubles every Wednesday 8 pm until 10 pm. all abilities welcome. We have a seasonal rate of £5 per session you will normally get at least three games sometimes more. For more information tel Steve or Zena on 01905 772171 or just turn up.

**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)

### **Joyce Rimmer – Drawings from Sept 3 - Oct 15 2017**

Joyce was born in 1932 in Gloucestershire .She will be **85 in September** Even though she had two brothers she was lonely , so she drew pictures. In 1939 evacuees arrived in the village and her drawing stopped for a while because she had a friend.

She studied History at Bristol University and social work at the L.S.E and came to Birmingham as a probation officer in 1956. She worked in Summer Lane where The Birmingham Settlement was, of which she later wrote an 80 year history ' Troubles Shared ' After leaving the Probation Service in 1963 , she lectured at Birmingham University until 1992 .Joyce was a founder member of the Birmingham branch of Cruse Bereavement Care in 1974 and became Chair of the branch and later of the West Midlands Region . All Saints Community Arts is delighted to present some of Joyce's remarkable and witty drawings.

**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

**EARTHLY THINGS works by Sarah McWilliams** 16 October - 10 December 2017. In the spirit of the Victorian 'Cabinet of Curiosities', objects have been collected together by way of exploring sentiment, nostalgia and the hoarding of personal relics . This series of works creates order from a hoard, excavated from belongings that have been collected, inherited and found. This fictional archive of 'ready mades' eludes to a narrative, suggestive of a fairytale; where keys once opened doors to other worlds and shoes transported the wearer to strange imaginary lands.

Sarah McWilliams completed her degree in Fine and Applied Arts at Ulster University in 2003, specialising in Lens Based Media. She subsequently trained to become a secondary school art teacher and currently works in the West Midlands. The exhibition is open daily from 9.00am - 5.00pm in The Welcome Space at All Saints Centre , Kings Heath and after church service on Sundays

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

**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!

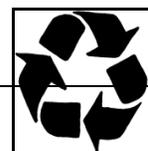
**Recycling at All Saints:** We recycle the following materials:

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

## **THE ROBIN CENTRE: TRUSTEE WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCE**

### **ROLE DESCRIPTION**

The Robin Centre needs to appoint an additional Trustee with special responsibility for the financial affairs of the charity.

### **Background**

The Robin Centre is a day centre for older people which specialises in dementia care. It is located in the All Saints Centre and is part of the All Saints family of charities and organisations connected to the Centre.

The Robin Centre has over 80 paid-for service user places per week (16 per day) with capacity for 100. Numbers have been growing and finances appear to be reasonably healthy. We offer each day a programme of activities, entertainment and exercise, as well as providing a meal and other refreshments. We have seven staff, four of whom are part time. Our ability to offer service to users with dementia is an important distinction.

We are a registered charity (number 1161844) with a maximum of seven trustees, the majority of whom are to be appointed by the PCC of All Saints Church, though they need not be members of the Church or PCC. At present we have five trustees.

The finance role is currently held by Tony Price. He has carried this out very successfully since the charity was set up in May 2015, and prior to that had the same role for the All Saints Centre of which The Robin Centre was previously part. Tony's appointment expires in July 2018 and we need someone in a position to replace him.

**The Role:** The role of the Finance Trustee is as follows:

1. Principal bank account holder for the Charity and in ultimate control of all banking matters.
2. Oversight of financial transactions by Centre staff.
3. Preparation of financial reports to the Board for its meetings (approx. every 6 weeks)
4. Preparation of annual accounts for submission to the auditor.
5. Maintenance of proper systems of financial control.
6. Vigilance against any financial irregularities.
7. Principal contact with HMRC for Gift Aid submission.



**Books:** Thank you to everyone who donates books but at the moment our stock is more than we can manage. PLEASE no more donations for the foreseeable future. We will let you know when more are needed. Thank you once again for supporting the book sales.

## **ALL SAINTS**

is a Fairtrade Church, see: [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

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)

is affiliated to Amnesty International and Pax Christi

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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.