

All Saints Parish Church, Kings Heath
Second Sunday before Advent
19th November 2017



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



We wish Liz Haskins a very happy 70th Birthday. There is cake to celebrate after the service

Services this Week: 2nd Sunday before Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Parish Communion with Holy Baptism
- 6.30pm Taize Prayer Service which tours around different churches in Birmingham

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

Wednesday:

Holy Communion 11.30am

Services next Week: Christ the King

- 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion with Holy Baptism
6.30pm Evening Prayer

COLLECT :

Heavenly Father, whose blessed son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear on power and great glory we may be like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

FIRST READING: Psalm 90:1-8

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

In the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14-30

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless

slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

MEDITATION:

Dwell on Psalm 90 which uses the unsettling word "wrath" three times. Try to stay with it long enough to see if that word contains or evokes anything good.

(If this leaves you unsettled and you wish to talk about it, feel free to speak with David)

PRAYERS:

WE PRAY:

- for Madison and her parents celebrating baptism today and for all of us, humble confidence in our faith;
- for Zimbabwe as news unfolds, that its beauty may overwhelm its tragedy; that wise leadership may emerge after tyranny; that fecundity may rejoice after wastefulness.
- we remember before God those who are ill Huxley Brennan, Lovetta Campbell, Val Hems, Kathryn Steventon, Helen Ross and those for whom we regularly pray Pat Dyer, Carol Fallon, Rachel Hope, Jacqui Brown and all who live at Rosemary Lodge
 - we remember those who have died Jack Harris and Helen McMahon and in our Year's Mind Charles Holder, Frederick Pugh, Doris Hayward, George Harrison, Alan Granger, Benjamin Cox, Ernest Faulkner, Reginald Salin and Gwen Humphreys

Advent Calendars and Festive Food from Traidcraft: Orders are now being taken for Advent calendars. Examples of cards and festive food such as biscuits and chocolate coins may also be seen and orders placed.

<p>Next year will be the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice which ended World War One</p>
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ASCA plans to create an artwork in honour of this event. Knitters, please, are invited to contribute as we need to amass hundreds of red poppies!!!

They can be made from crochet, felt, knitted etc. There are many designs online or make up your own. And also we need some coloured flowers too - any colour but red - and any shape/style.

If you don't knit, then donations of wool - and finished flowers - can be left at the Welcome Desk or put in the box in church.

Please involve any knitting groups you know of so we can create a really marvellous piece as a focus for contemplation and worship.

Further details from Vivien Thickett via the Parish Office

Eight members of our Youth Fellowship are joining the St Basil's Sleep Out at the end of November in support of Birmingham's magnificent charity supporting young homeless people. If you would like to sponsor them you can do so individually, or speak to Jenny if you would like to sponsor them as a group.

CHRISTMAS EVE- Martha Ann and Philip Brookes have been asked to coordinate our now traditional VILLAGE BAND for the Children's Christmas Eve service. Please let us know asap whether you might like to play, so we can sort out the music well in advance. There will be a rehearsal on the day from 2.00-2.45pm, then the service at 3.30pm. All orchestral instruments welcome. Sorry, we don't need any guitars.

General knowledge quiz with independent quizmaster, Church Hall, Saturday 25 November, 19:30. We are running a general knowledge quiz to raise money for the musical life of All Saints' Church. Tickets cost £8 to include a fish and chip supper (or sausage or vegetarian alternative!) and must be bought in advance from one of us in person or as below. You can either bring your own team (of up to 6 people) or just buy a ticket for yourself and we will sort people into teams. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible there!

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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.

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 made' 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

All Saints Community Arts is pleased to present an exhibition of work by Key Stage 3 students of King Edward VI Camphill School for Girls . The exhibition will run from : Mon December 11 2017 to Sunday January 7 2018 The Welcome Space is open daily from 09.00 - 5.00 pm and after church on Sunday mornings .

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. 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!

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.

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



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is a Fairtrade Church, see: www.fairtrade.org.uk

supports the Statement of Belief of 'Inclusive Church',

see: www.inclusivechurch.net

has signed the Living Wage Pledge, see: www.church-poverty.org.uk

belongs to the Christian Ecology Link, see www.christian-ecology.org.uk

is a Jubilee Congregation,

see www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk

is affiliated to Amnesty International and Pax Christi



Community Christmas Lunch 2017_
(jointly organised by All Saints and St Dunstan's)_

You are warmly invited to join us for Christmas lunch
in the All Saints Community building.

The programme for the day is:

10.00am. Christmas Morning Service in All Saints Church or St Dunstan's

11.45am (approx.) Drinks and nibbles in the Welcome Area, with carol-singing,
and decoration-making.

1.30pm (approx.) Lunch.

4 00pm (approx.) Finish.

All ages and backgrounds welcome! There is no booking deadline, but for catering purposes it is helpful to know in advance if you are coming. Please leave your name with the Café. Voluntary donations towards the cost are very welcome.

There are various jobs that need doing, including helping with transport, stirring and chopping in the kitchen, meeting and greeting etc.

Gifts of wine, sherry, satsumas, and Christmas crackers are much appreciated, and may be left with the café staff any time throughout Advent.

For more information see Margaret Healey-Pollett in the café.



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.