

**All Saints Parish Church, Kings Heath
Christ the King**

26th November 2017



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

Before the service the choir will sing 336 I will enter his gates. You are very welcome to join in this and the hymn during communion.

Services this Week: Christ the King

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: Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All age Worship

6.00pm KHBA Carol Service

COLLECT :

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of

the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 24: 11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25: 31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that richly bearing the fruit of good works they may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

MEDITATION *from Joseph Barber Lightfoot, 19th century New Testament scholar and priest, describing NT Church fellowship.*

In preparation: "This little society of men and women; this motley group of Jews, Greeks, Syrians, immigrants from all parts of the world; mostly gathered together from the middle and lower classes of society, artisans and small shopkeepers, where they were not slaves; poor, ill-educated, struggling for a livelihood; despised, where they were not ignored, by mighty Rome in the heart of which they lived; this little society with its trials and its sufferings and its dissensions, is the Kingdom of God, is the kingdom of heaven."

MEDITATION:

"His kingdom is in the midst of you, is within you. Here He holds court; here He keeps state.

PRAYERS:

WE PRAY:

- imagining Christ among our leaders as ironic King, we pray for any new to leadership, especially in Zimbabwe;
- for the outcomes of this week's Russian-hosted summit on the future of Syria's leadership;
- 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 loyal to All Saints but no longer able to come to church including Eileen Holder, Joan Dainter, Joan Howes and Eileen Pearson
 - we remember those who have died John Horton and in our Year's Mind Rachel Watts, John Halsey, Robert Edwards, Richard Smith, Alice Carroll Henry Gray and Elsie Walsingham

This Sunday While in Nepal, Gill and John visited GPI (Get Paper Industries), a Traidcraft producer making handmade paper and paper products from recycled materials such as cotton cloth. By the Traidcraft cupboard today you will be able to see some of their products which are in the Traidcraft catalogue, as well as some of the photographs of the workers that we took during the visit.

A BBC 2 documentary is being filmed in Kings Heath, carrying out an experiment attempting to improve air quality. Initial tests have shown that pollutants on our High Street are above legal limits.

On Friday 1st December we are encouraged to minimise car use, to walk, cycle, use public transport and to see if we can make a measurable impact locally. (Hasia is filming, collecting a little footage this morning. If you prefer not to be included, please speak to her.)

The programme goes out on BBC2 in January

Do you need your house cleaned before Christmas or help with shopping or anything else to ease the pressure? A refugee who used to attend All Saints and speaks very good English would like to earn money to send Christmas presents back home to her family. If interested, contact Helen Lloyd after the service or on 689 0681

Music in church - Saturday 2 December: At the All Saints' Crafters' Fair in church this coming Saturday there will be music between around 11:00 and 13:30, including an 'open rehearsal' on some Christmas music 11:30-12:00 and some carol singing 13:00-13:30 (all timings are approximate). All are welcome to come and join in these, and to stop and listen at any time.

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.

Advent Posada: We're **sending the Holy Family** (knitted figures) around the church family through December this year to help make advent all the more special for everyone, and to support the work of Oxfam with those most in need over this season. **If you or your school, workplace, group or equivalent would like to host Mary and Joseph for a night please contact me: 07739 018908 /emily.childrensworker@gmail.com or sign up at the back of church under 'Posada'** to commit to a date. You then have a look at the **Oxfam Unwrapped** website or booklet which offers gifts ranging from mosquito nets to blankets for refugees, to sanitary products for girls and women in impoverished countries, to a goat for a farmer, tools for a teacher, and countless other gifts from as little as £5, and decide what (if anything) you feel able to offer

16th December is the next Family Day, themed on Hogwarts and Harry Potter! Usual Saturday morning, doors open from 10am until 12:30pm for family activities – crafts, games, adventures, films, books, prayer activities, refreshments and all sorts, and you're very welcome to come, either to take part or to help on a craft table / signing people in / greeting and mingling / supervising a game or activity – there'll be a **sign-up sheet for helpers** at the back of church so you can choose whatever you feel most drawn to. There's also a special provision for adults

2 evenings of 'Hogwarts After Dark' on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th 7-11pm, where you can experience all the fun of a Family Day, but with the added features of alcoholic Potion-making, more complicated crafts and much more. **Tickets £5** per person for 18s and over, available from me or from the office / welcome desk after the weekend. We will need helpers here too, though you wouldn't be expected to stay the whole time! If you can spare an hour that would be wonderful please.

smAll Saints Baby Group: We will be joining up with Musical Babies to celebrate Christmas with a party on Monday 18th December from 1:00-3:00pm in the main Hall with inflatables, entertainment, food and lots of excitement! The only dates we're NOT meeting are 25th Dec / 1st Jan.

Christmas Family Film Night!!! On **Monday 18th December** there will be a Christmas film showing (I'm thinking Mickey's Christmas Carol, the Muppets Christmas Carol, Santa Claus the movie, something along those lines – we'll decide on the night with whoever comes along!) with popcorn, drinks and snacks, from **6-7:30pm in the Marjorie Allen Room**. Everyone is welcome, please let Emily know if you're planning to come along so we have a rough idea of numbers. Thank you!

Board Game Cafe: The Cafe will be open on **Saturday 6th January from 6-8pm** for anyone who'd like to come along and play board games – either bring your own or enjoy what we have available... **Suggested donation of £2 for adults, £1 for children (babies under 2 years free), or £5 for a family** (up to 2 adults and 2 children) to raise a little for future family events, but mainly to get together and enjoy spending time with each other. We'll have games suitable for all ages. The Cafe will be open and serving refreshments as normal. Please do come along and invite some friends! Please sign up at the back of church to let Emily know you're intending to come. Thanks!

CHURCH CLEAN FOR CHRISTMAS Saturday 9 December 10.00am to 1.00pm. Please come and help spruce the church up for Christmas. Thank you
Sarah Wilson

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

November/December dates:

Candlelight Carol Service rehearsals

Thu 30 Nov, Fri 8 Dec - full rehearsal with instrumentalists,

Thu 14 Dec

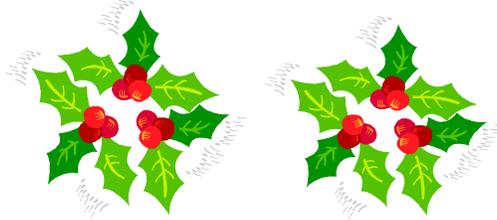
EARTHLY THINGS works by Sarah McWilliams 16 October - 10 December 2017. In the spirit of the Victorian 'Cabinet of Curiosities', objects have been collected together by way of exploring sentiment, nostalgia and the hoarding of personal relics. This series of works creates order from a hoard, excavated 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

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.

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.



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
11.00am mass at 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.

If you are unable to come but would like to make a gift, wine, sherry, satsumas, and Christmas crackers are much appreciated, and may be left with the café staff any time throughout Advent. Also you might sponsor a meal for £5

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

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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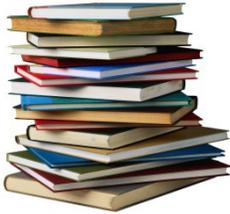
is a Fairtrade Church, see: www.fairtrade.org.uk
supports the Statement of Belief of 'Inclusive Church',
see: www.inclusivechurch.net
has signed the Living Wage Pledge, see: www.church-poverty.org.uk
belongs to the Christian Ecology Link, see www.christian-ecology.org.uk
is a Jubilee Congregation,
see www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk
is affiliated to Amnesty International and Pax Christi

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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.



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.

Next year will be the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice which ended World War One

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