



All Saints Parish Church, Kings Heath
Advent Sunday
3rd December

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

Services this Week: Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am All age Worship
6.00pm KHBA Carol Service

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

Wednesday:

Holy Communion 11.30am
Compline 9.00pm

Services next Week: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer

COLLECT :

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13: 24-37

“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

MEDITATION:**PRAYERS:****WE PRAY:**

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- 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 Jannette Cunningham-Green, Teresa, Clare Moody, Dereck Brown and Betty Tilley

- we remember those who have died John Horton and in our Year's Mind Irene Timms, Sidney Wilkes, Albert Exall, George Newsome, Gillian Lunney, Phyllis Pritchard, Bertha Heath and Joseph Fullerton

R.I.P

John Horton died on 21st November. His funeral is on Wednesday 6th December 2.00pm in church and 3.00pm at Robin Hood Crematorium. We remember John's niece and nephew in our prayers.

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*

Many thanks to all who came to the quiz last Saturday night. Including the contribution to ASC for the use of the hall (all money in the central All Saints' pot!) we raised £270, and we are very pleased with this result.

Carol singing at Highbury Court - Saturday 9 November, 18:30: As in the past few years, a group from All Saints' will be carol singing for the residents of Highbury Court, on the corner of Howard Road East and Alcester Road South, for around 45 minutes this coming Saturday. All are welcome to come and join in, whether or not you are a regular singer at church, so do let us know if you would like to. **Ben & Clare Noakes, musicatallsaintschurch@gmail.com, 07967 730156**

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

Can you donate gold chocolate coins and gold Ferrero Rocher for the Hogwarts Family Day on 16th December? Any donations of these would be greatly appreciated please, to make the day even more special! Please pass them along to Emily via the Office / Welcome Desk / Cafe or pigeon hole (maybe best in a bag so they don't go walkabout from the pigeon hole!) Huge thanks!

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!

Please Pick up the latest copy (December/January edition) of "Saints Alive" Clare and Ben are excellent editors and its full of interesting articles - if you have an interesting story why not pass it on to them.

A talk to get you going " A Virtual Tour of the Number 11 Bus Route"- did you know the Number 11 Outer Circle bus route is the longest continuous urban bus route in Europe (27 miles) - it takes 3 hours to go all the way around - what will you see, what of the History - Come and see the video and talk by local historian David Humphreys on SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10th at 2.30 pm in CHURCH. Just £3 including tea/coffee and cakes. Tickets available after Christmas from Des or Sheila Workman, Pam Coley and on the Welcome Desk.

Can you deliver some OUTLOOKS in your road? every month we produce 1000 which are distributed in the All Saints Cafe, Kings Heath Library , Kings Heath Community Centre, Kitchen Garden Cafe and Johnstans Butchers. We are currently not getting all of them out - this is such a shame could you deliver your road? speak to Des or a churchwarden and pick up 50. Many thanks - The latest edition promotes all the Christmas Services so it is important that we get our story out of our Celebration of the Birth of Jesus to the local population and give them the opportunity to come and worship..

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

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.

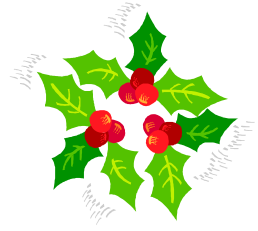
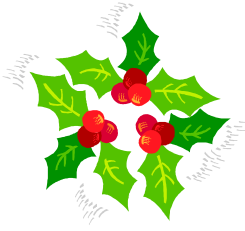
Sarah McWilliams completed her degree in Fine and Applied Arts at Ulster University in 2003, specialising in Lens Based Media. She subsequently trained to become a secondary school art teacher and currently works in the West Midlands. The exhibition is open daily from 9.00am - 5.00pm in The Welcome Space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

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



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)

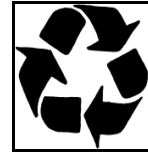
Redundant mobile phones for Christian Aid

Spare knitting wool

Clean jam jars required by Craft Group

please don't throw these items away – help a good cause

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see: www.inclusivechurch.net

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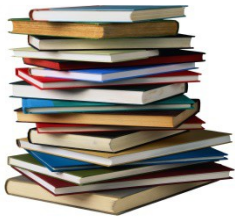
see www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk

is affiliated to Amnesty International and Pax Christi



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