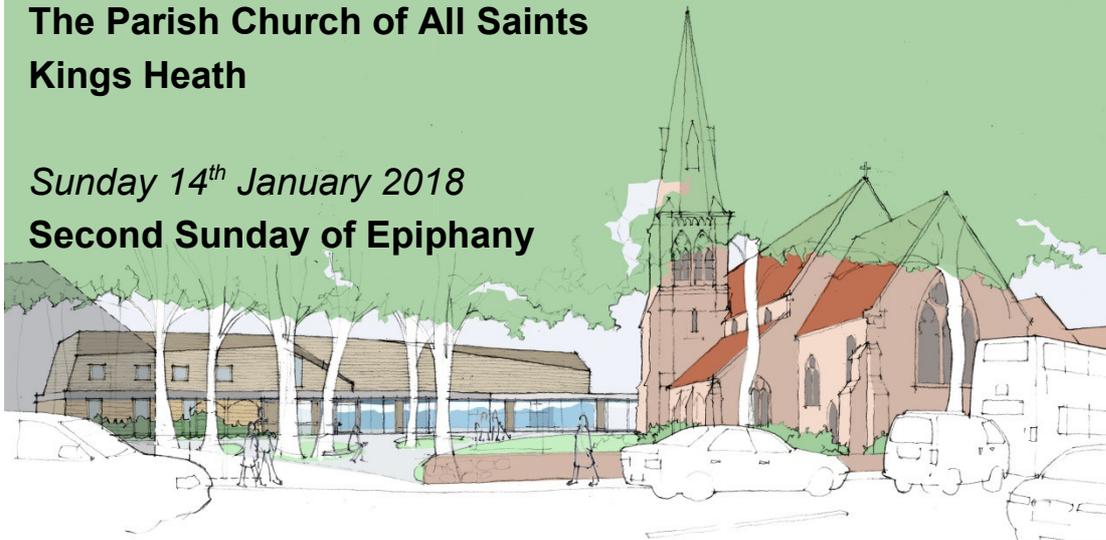


**The Parish Church of All Saints
Kings Heath**

Sunday 14th January 2018

Second Sunday of Epiphany



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

Before the service the choir will sing 58 Awake, my soul, and with the sun (vv1-4 & 8). You are welcome to join in with this and, during communion, 574 Purify my heart, which will be sung after Benjamin Britten's A New Year Carol.

Services this Week: Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer: 9.00am-9.30am

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

9.15am Saturday

Wednesday: 11.30am Holy Communion

Services next Week: Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

COLLECT :

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

SECOND READING: Revelation 5: 1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw between the throne and

the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

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

GOSPEL READING: John 1: 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MEDITATION

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Dan Schutte (hymn 332)

We give thanks:

for those whom we know who have been called to serve in God's name

for the opportunities we might find this week to show how we can love and serve the Lord

We pray:

for the troubled parts of the world, for refugees, the homeless and the hungry

for the work of all relief agencies

for all Lay Ministers, Readers and Clergy, and for those in training

for the outreach of the church, especially in Kings Heath, and for the work of the All Saints Centre in all its aspects

We remember before God any we know who are ill or who need our prayers including Jenny Watling

We remember those who have come to the end of their journey here on earth Maureen Maynard and in our year's mind Craig Dunn and Ernest Berry

Reflecting on All Age Worship: Please take a response form if you would like to add your reflections to our appraisal of the first year of 10am All Age Communion Services

Thanks to all who were able to join us for carol singing in the Village Square just before Christmas, whether using their musical talent or shaking a bucket and collecting money. We were delighted to raise a total of £360, which included a very generous donation from two members of the congregation, for Help Birmingham's Homeless. This is a charity run by two colleagues of Clare's, which provides hot and cold drinks, food, toiletries, clothing, footwear, sleeping bags, books and dog food to rough sleepers in Birmingham city centre, as well as referring them on to agencies that can help them access benefits, accommodation, healthcare, counselling and rehabilitation. Many thanks too to another member of the congregation for some blankets which were also gratefully received by the charity.

Ben & Clare Noakes, Music Co-ordinators

Advance notice - for your diaries:

On Sunday 4th March from 1600, Gill and John will be giving a presentation about their Traidcraft 'Meet the People' tour to Nepal.

Foodbank Collection Point: We now have a Foodbank collection point, at present beside the crib. Any gifts for the foodbank can be brought on Sundays or left at the welcome desk during the week. .

New Year; new start in Prayer :

The prayers in the Pewslip include, by request, people who are presently sick. People with long-term illnesses are named in the prayers one week in every four.

No matter how generously meant, after a while, names can become invisible by familiarity. Our intercessions can sound a little like the shipping forecast, with a reassuring cadence, but not necessarily finding purchase in heart and mind.

Ministry Team suggest that we start with a fresh sheet from now. We will then add names as requested in the usual way. If you have requested that someone goes on the long-term prayer list, and wish them to be added to the new list, please advise David or Margaret Rigby, Parish Office, 444 0760, parishoffice@allsaintscentrekh.co.uk.

The Traidcraft Roadshow comes to Kings Heath!! This Spring, the Traidcraft Roadshow will be held in Kings Heath at the Bishop Challoner Sixth Form Centre in Institute Road on Saturday 3rd February. It is an opportunity to see goods from the new (Spring 2018) catalogue and hear the latest news about Traidcraft. If you are interested, please ask Gill for further information as to the timing of the event and how to book a place. Alternatively, you could offer to look after the Traidcraft stall at the Farmers' Market for an hour to allow Gill to spend longer at the Roadshow or offer to help the local group to serve tea and coffee at the event.

Memories of Kings Heath and All Saints on CD have been recorded by Margaret Shepherd in aid of the Vicar's Discretionary Fund, which helps refugees and others in need. Margaret has lived in Kings Heath all her life and attended All Saints since 1944 (when "women only arranged flowers and made tea"!). The CD includes 1930s music and our church organ and would make a good present for anyone local. It can be ordered from Helen Lloyd after church or on 689 0681, for a minimum donation of £5 - or whatever you can afford to give to the fund.

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 from Des or Sheila Workman, Pam Coley and on the Welcome Desk.



All Saints Welcomers.

Would you be interested in giving 2 hours a month to welcome people into church on a Saturday morning?

The hours are 10am-12noon. You would be with an experienced welcomer. We stand or sit at the back of the church and greet people as they come in. Our feedback has been very positive. We still attend even if there is an event on in church and we have been told that our presence there is always helpful to show other visitors a quiet place if they wish to light a candle, pray or just sit.

If you feel you could not commit on a permanent basis, we have a vacancy from January to June. This would be on the 4th Saturday of each month commencing on 27th January 2018. We are a small but dedicated group and we would appreciate any help however limited.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact me, Kath Isaac on 0121 2517138 or call into church between 10-12 on a Saturday morning to meet any of our welcomers.

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.

2018 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

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

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 09.00am - 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!

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

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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