

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

***Sunday 28th January 2018***

**Candlemas**



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

*Before the service the choir will sing King of the ages, Almighty God by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty. You are welcome to join in the song during communion, following the Nunc dimittis.*

**Services this Week: Presentation of Christ  
Candlemas**

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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

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10.00am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

**COLLECT :**

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts ,by your Son Jesus Christ 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: Malachi 3: 1-5**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

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

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 2: 14-18**

Since the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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**GOSPEL READING: Luke 2: 22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### **Meditation**

*One thing I asked of the Lord; that will I seek after:  
To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life  
To behold the beauty of the Lord  
And to inquire in his temple (Psalm 27.4)*

**We pray:**

Often we pray for others. This week we pray for the strengthening of every aspect of All Saints Church so that we may faithfully serve God and those around us:

- **Our Worship:** Eternal God unchanging, bless and deepen the worshipping life of All Saints Church. Teach us to sing your glory, pray wholeheartedly, wrestle with scripture, and share communion with imagination and hope. Be present for us in our worship and fill us with your presence so we may serve you well.

- **Our Community:** God of love, form us as a community of love. Make us to build one another up and encourage each other. Teach us to live in faithfulness, hope and love. Make our church community a training ground where we can become who we'd like to be in the world.

- **Our Mission:** God of justice, speak to us as a church and make us faithfully listen for Your call. Help us to discern what You may be calling us to do, as a church at the heart of Kings Heath in 2018

- God of creation, support and inspire everyone whose work expresses the mission of All Saints church, including the volunteers and staff of the All Saints Centre and especially today Antoinette Hasson, Dave Priday, Jayne Fitzgerald, and Steve Bairstow;

- **Our growth and development:** God of fullness of life, encourage us in learning more about you. Give us the courage to talk about the challenges and hopes of our faith to one another. Teach us to ask questions, to be open, and to learn and grow throughout our lives.

- we pray for any we know who are ill or who need our prayers including Ron Hart and Tony Dumphy
- we pray for those who have died Maureen Maynard, Alfie Hands and Joan Dainter and in our year's mind Ernest Hammond, David Wakelam, Rosetta Nash and Joan James

**R.I.P.**

Joan Dainter's funeral is on Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm at All Saints followed by burial at Brandwood. Please remember Joan and

her family in your prayers.

**Poverty Sunday 11 February:** John Nightingale will be preaching on this Sunday, he will also be leading an After-Church Conversation on issues relating to poverty. Do join us both for the service and the After-Church Conversation. Mike Cross, Justice Peace and Green Group.

**Lent Group:** If you are interested in the Churches Together Lent Course 2018 please sign up before February 4<sup>th</sup> to assist in organising and allocating groups. Forms are available to complete and return to David Warbrick or Andrene Skinner, 72 Howard Road, B14 7PQ

**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. .

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE NUMBER 11



**BUS ROUTE** - a talk and video presentation on Saturday February 10th at 2.30pm in the Church. Did you know that the Number 11 is the longest bus route in Europe? Did you know it is 27 miles all the way around? What will you see ? What of the history? Come along to this fascinating afternoon presented by local historian David Humphreys. Admission just

£3 includes tea or coffee and a cake. Tickets available from the Welcome Desk, Des Workman, Pam Coley or pay on the door.

**Seasonal Bible Study Group:** A small group meets seasonally for theological and spiritual conversation. This year we'll be discussing meditations from Henri Nouwen's book 'You Are The Beloved'. All are welcome (you don't need to buy the book to attend the group). This year we meet on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. If you'd like to join us please get in touch with Claire Wesley. T: 0121 426 0432, E: [clairewesley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clairewesley@hotmail.co.uk)

**Bric a Brac and Books Giant Sale** - on **Saturday March 3rd** in the Church Hall from 10am until 1pm. Our aim is to clear much of the collection we have built up in the last year and slim down the number of books we have. Can you help? Do you have any unwanted gifts to get rid of? (**We will not be selling any clothes just bric a brac**). Our aim is to raise some money for the Church and have some fun. It will be like the Jumble sale but without clothes for sale. If you can help on the day please speak to Sarah, Daniel, Des, Pam or Tony Cocks

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 7 pm:** You are very welcome to come and support my fundraising evening for my volunteer year in Chile. More details to follow. Thank you. Emily Bick

**Many thanks to all who bought the CD** of Margaret Shepherd's memories of Kings Heath and All Saints. £300 was raised for the Vicar's Discretionary Fund - and there are still 6 copies left!

**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.

**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

**All Saints Youth Project 20 year celebrations**

For your diaries (please note some changes of dates)

Photographic competition closing date 23rd February. Opening of welcome space exhibition 18th March 3.00 pm

**4th March** Thanksgiving service 10.00 am

**10th March** Youth Project open day 11 til 3

**16th March** PARTY. 7 TIL 11.30 at the E57 club Alcester Road. For anyone who has had any involvement over the last 20 years including past and present young people, parents, donors, supporters, committee and board members, volunteers, staff past and present. £2 for adults under 18s free.

Tickets from youth office.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS YET? 1st prize £100.

Tickets from Mary and Brian Miles, Alison Wall, Jenny Warbrick, Daniel Wilson and any member of staff.

Further information on any of above email Vicki on [info@asyp.org.uk](mailto:info@asyp.org.uk) or website [www.allsaintsyouthproject.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsyouthproject.org.uk)

Or pop into the youth office.

**Prison Hope:** Prison Hope work with prisoners, their families and prison chaplains to pray and share hope together. This year, they have published a book with 40 stories of Hope from current and ex-prisoners to be used both in prisons and churches during Lent. As part of my role as a prison chaplain, I'll be using this book with a small group of prisoners in Lent to help them explore faith. You can find out more or buy the book at [www.prisonhope.org.uk](http://www.prisonhope.org.uk). If you'd like to have a conversation with me during Lent to think about the stories from a prisoners perspective, please do get in touch. Your prayers for prisoners, their families and prison chaplains would also be appreciated.  
Claire Wesley (T: 0121 426 0432 E: [clairewesley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clairewesley@hotmail.co.uk))

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

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain:*

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine in the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your world alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.
- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Bernadette Farrell*



**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!

**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.

**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

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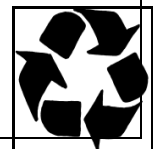
Old stamps for charity (main beneficiary is St. Mary's Hospice)

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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is a Jubilee Congregation,

see [www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk](http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk)

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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.