

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

*Sunday 4th February 2018*

**Second Sunday before Lent**



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

**Services this Week: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All age Worship

6.30pm Iona Evening Prayer

**Morning Prayer: 9.00am-9.30am**

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

**9.15am Saturday**

**Wednesday: 11.30am Holy Communion**

**Services next Week: Last Sunday before Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

**Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Holy Communion**

**COLLECT :**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 8: 1. 22-31**

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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

**SECOND READING: Colossians 1: 15-20**

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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**GOSPEL READING: John 1: 1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not over-

come it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **MEDITATION:**

God's wisdom is characterised as a woman calling out in Proverbs 8:1

"Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?"

On the 100th Anniversary (6th February) of the act introducing the first votes for women in Britain,

### **WE PRAY:**

- for women in politics still navigating harassment and prejudice; for those campaigning today
- for groups or changes that are not yet fashionable, but will be recognised as crucial in 100 years;
- for countries learning for the first time the benefits of sharing government and responsibility more equitably;
- we pray for any we know who are ill or who need our prayers including Tony Dumphy
- we pray for those who have died Alfie Hands and Joan Dainter and in our year's mind Russell Manaley, Joan Ford, Bill Priday, Clare Livings, Dennis Pearson, Cynthia Ebbitt and Albert Lock

<b>R.I.P.</b>
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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.

**Sunday 11th February Poverty Sunday:** John Nightingale will be preaching and also leading an After-Church Conversation. The sermon and conversation will consider the central place that those living on the margins have within Christ's Gospel. The conversation will also think about some of the modern structures that result in many people being forced to live on the margins.

**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. .



**A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE NUMBER 11 BUS ROUTE** - a talk and video presentation on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**Palestine Evening: Thursday 8th March 7.30 - 9pm in the Cafe/Wel-come Space**

Chris Watts and Margaret Healey-Pollett invite you to an evening of food and reflection on Palestine. There will be a presentation about the different trips that Chris and Margaret went on with the Amos Trust, with information about the 'holy places' and the 'living stones' of this troubled land.

Tickets £5 to cover costs, including food and room hire. Tickets will be available in advance from the Cafe or after the morning service; or on the door



**Emily Goes to Chile: South American Fundraiser**

Enjoy a fun evening with your friends 17 March 2018 - 7 for 7:30 PM

Main Hall, All Saints Centre Delicious South American Food

Chilean wines, beers and cocktails Chilean Quiz

For Tickets: [emilygoestochile@yahoo.com](mailto:emilygoestochile@yahoo.com)

**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.

**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))

### **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)

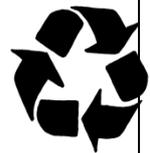
Or pop into the youth office.

**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!

**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!

**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  
this notice sheet is printed on sustainably sourced paper



## **ALL SAINTS**

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

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



**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.