

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

**Sunday 11th February 2018  
Sunday next before Lent**



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

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

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

This week we mark Poverty Sunday. Our visiting preacher is The Revd Canon John Nightingale. His sermon is entitled "The margin at the centre".

*If you are able, please collect your coffee and come back into church for further Conversation with John exploring poverty through lenses of debt, tax and climate change.*

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

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

**9.15am Saturday**

**Wednesday 14th February** is Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion Services with Imposition of Ashes at 11.30am and 7.30pm

## **Services next Week: First Sunday of Lent**

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

### **COLLECT :**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching

and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ

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### **GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Holy God we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **MEDITATION:**

*Jesus said "When you [serve the least of these my brothers and sisters, you [serve] me" (Matthew 25:40)*

*Therefore, in whom may we behold: "the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"? (2 Corinthians 2:6)*

## **WE PRAY:**

### **Prayers on Poverty Sunday**

- we pray for any experiencing financial poverty, especially the peculiar frustration of in-work poverty;
- for those experiencing poverty of relationships;
- for those emotionally stunted or isolated by wealth and fear of loss;
  - we pray for any we know who are ill or who need our prayers
  - we pray for those who have died Alfie Hands and in our year's mind Mabel Preston.

**Thank you!** Thank you to everyone who came to support the pantomime last weekend. The cast and crew thoroughly enjoyed it and it seems the audience did too. Not only did we welcome a huge number of new faces into the church and form some great new friendships among the cast, but a happy byproduct of the event was raising just over £1,000 profit. Keep February 2020 free in your diaries, as you won't want to miss the next one! Clare, Ben & Fiona

**Pantomime souvenir:** The crone has now finished her knitting and will make this piece of unique craftwork available to whoever can guess its length in cm. Possible uses include scarf, blanket, throw, wall-hanging etc. Guesses are 50p each, and may be made via the crone in person, or via the Welcome Desk. Closing date April 1st. Gill Cole (aka knitting crone)

**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. .

**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/Welcome 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))

**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!

**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.

**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)

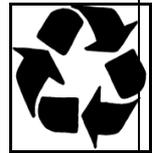
Redundant mobile phones for Christian Aid

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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## **ALL SAINTS**

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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.