

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

**Sunday 18th February 2018  
First Sunday of Lent**



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

*Before the service the choir will sing 281 He who would valiant be. You are very welcome to join in this, along with 88 Brother, sister let me serve you which will be sung during communion after the psalm for today - a Taizé setting of some verses from Psalm 25.*

**Services this Week: First Sunday of Lent**

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  
**9.00pm** Compline

**Services next Week: Second Sunday of Lent**

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10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

**COLLECT :**

Almighty God whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; 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: Genesis 9: 8-17**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3: 18-22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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### **GOSPEL READING: Mark 1: 9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Meditative Action**

Watch any episode of Blue Planet II. Consider the wonders of the sea, opening yourself to the possibility of prayer or praise.

Think of Noah in a world entirely flooded and accept the frightening power of water.

Pray for places threatened by rising sea levels and places in drought.

Close by praying the words of Psalm 77:16-20.

### **WE PRAY:**

- for any in positions of power whose personal insecurities cause pain to other people;

- for any feeling entitled to, rather than privileged to hold office
- for any so flooded with grief, so disorientated by loss, that even a rainbow is beyond their vision. Show us how to minister to them.
- for any whose self-criticism is so loud they cannot hear your affirmation.

*As we join the distress and criticism of abusive behaviour borne of false entitlement,*

- we pray for our attitude to the earth and her oceans. Deepen our gratitude and care, that future generations may not find us just as ugly in our abusive treatment of her.
- 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 Pat Williams, Hilda Styles and Barbara Coley.

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March this year comes from Suriname. The Kings Heath service will be held at 2.00pm at New Life Baptist Church, High St. Please come and join us in sharing this round the world act of worship.

**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)

**Thank you** to all those who baked cakes, helped and attended the talk and video in Church last Saturday on the Number 11 Bus Route and the history you would see on the route. We had 63 paying attenders and made a profit of £140 for Church. The Social and Fundraising Committee.

**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

**Have you wanted to visit Nepal, but were put off by the travelling?**

Here's an alternative- On Sunday 4th March, Gill and John will be talking about, and showing pictures of, their recent 'Meet the People' tour to Nepal.

They will explain how the groups they visited have worked to benefit the community as well as providing employment.

Refreshments will be available - donations to The Traidcraft Big Brew are welcomed as the talk will take place during Fairtrade Fortnight .

Goods from GPI, one of Traidcraft's Nepalese producers, will be on sale. Remember 4pm, in Church on Sunday March 4th!

**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)

**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.



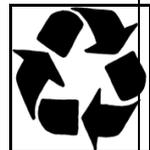
**Parking:** Our site is wonderfully busy during the week.

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.

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

**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



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supports the Statement of Belief of 'Inclusive Church',  
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belongs to the Christian Ecology Link, see [www.christian-ecology.org.uk](http://www.christian-ecology.org.uk)  
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