

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

Sunday 25th February 2018

Second Sunday of Lent



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

Music before the service today includes the Lent prose sung by the choir. You are welcome to join in hymn 123 during communion, after which the choir will sing Behold the Lamb by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

Services this Week: Second 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: Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Thanksgiving Service for Youth Project
celebrating their 20th anniversary
6.30pm Evening Prayer

COLLECT :

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

SECOND READING: Romans 4: 13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in

faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification

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

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8: 31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MEDITATION: (Psalm 22:24)

*"God did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
God did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him."*

WE PRAY:

- for the battered, bereaved people of Eastern Ghouta bearing the peculiar horror of being bombed by their own government
- **for US school pupils and the soul of America as their NRA funded President considers arming teachers**
- **for any of us, so anxious to find meaning or status, that we miss the miracle of ordinary days in our own life**
- 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 Allan Hazlewood and Doris Fox.

We will give thanks for Margaret Rigby's twelve years' ministry as Administrator after the service on Sunday March 11th.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 2nd 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.

Fairtrade Fortnight: This year Fairtrade fortnight is from Monday 26th February until Sunday March 11th. Please look out for this year's competition (after the morning services and at the talk about Nepal) and see if you can win something from the Traidcraft cupboard. All money raised will go toward Traidcraft's Big Brew event. Why not try something new from the stall to mark Fairtrade fortnight

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.

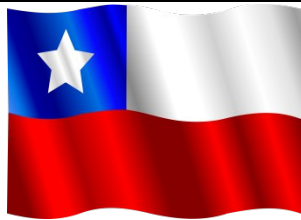
They will explain how the groups they visited have worked to benefit the community as well as providing employment.

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

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!

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 or website www.allsaintsyouthproject.org.uk

Or pop into the youth office.

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

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Not Goodbye

Parish Administrator, 15 hours per week wanted ASKH. I had the job advertisement for over a week and on the closing day I phoned, collected an application form, returned it the next day, was interviewed and at the desk in the South vestry in 10 days.

I had attended church since before I was born but in recent years had not regularly attended my church but accompanied my husband to mass at his.

Parish Administrator at All Saints has been an 'eventful' time but I genuinely feel I was brought to All Saints. I have never questioned my faith but knew it was time to make it work and put it into good practise. All Saints has enabled me to serve and demonstrate my faith, in all manner of situations, which has given me deep-soul satisfaction. When I am in the quietness of the church on my own (which I love) I sometimes ask out loud if it was all part of a plan and I have a vision of a loving Father smilingly knowingly.

Whether it was or not I wouldn't have missed it. It has been satisfying, humbling, fulfilling rewarding 12 years.

So this is not Goodbye.

All Saints has reeled me in and I intend, when I am able, to soothe and nourish my soul by attending church and using my knowledge of and affection for All Saints and contribute to the life and community of All Saints.

See you soon. *Margaret*

Recycling at All Saints: We recycle the following materials:

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

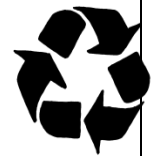
Redundant mobile phones for Christian Aid

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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is a Fairtrade Church, see: www.fairtrade.org.uk

supports the Statement of Belief of 'Inclusive Church',

see: www.inclusivechurch.net

has signed the Living Wage Pledge, see: www.church-poverty.org.uk

belongs to the Christian Ecology Link, see www.christian-ecology.org.uk

is a Jubilee Congregation,

see www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk

is affiliated to Amnesty International and Pax Christ



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.