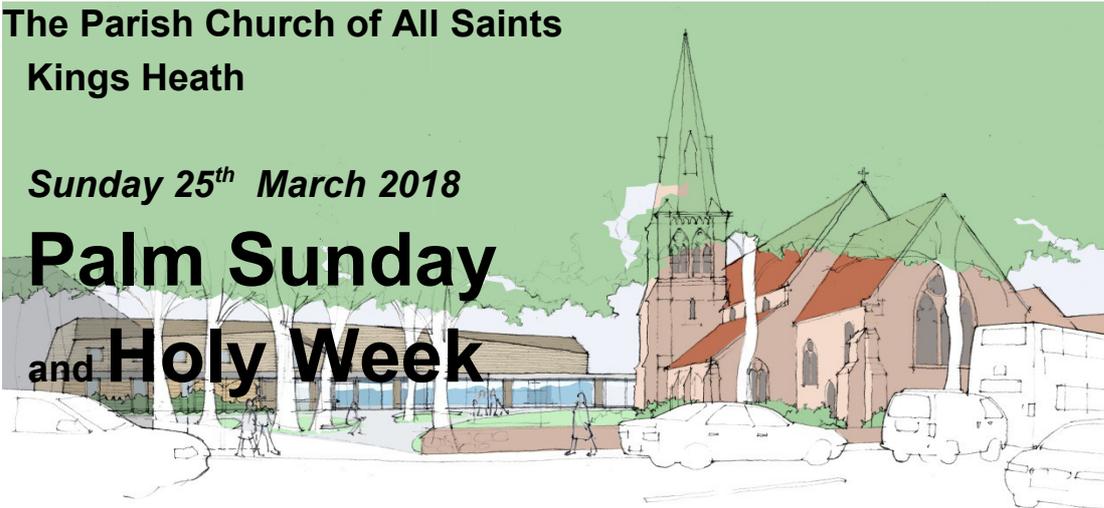


The Parish Church of All Saints
Kings Heath

Sunday 25th March 2018

Palm Sunday and Holy Week



Services Today

8.00am Holy Communion

9.55am we gather in the hall before Holy Communion

After the service, please stay for refreshments if you can.

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Services this Holy Week

Monday 9am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Holy Communion with meditation

Tuesday 9am Morning Prayer

11am Funeral of Mrs Amy Tait

7.30pm Holy Communion with meditation

Wednesday 11.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm Holy Communion with meditation

We are grateful that these evening meditations will be led by members of the Bible Study Group hosted by Claire Wesley, responding to the writing of Henri Nouwen.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.30pm Holy Communion with foot-washing, followed by the Watch, time imagining Jesus' struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane.

GOOD FRIDAY starting at the Baptist Church, **11.15am** Churches Together Walk of Witness;

1-3pm Two Hours at the Cross: readings, reflections and Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament;

7.30pm Tenebre, a service recalling the closing of the tomb.

HOLY SATURDAY **9.15am** Simple morning prayers
7.30pm Vigil

EASTER DAY 2018

6am Dawn Service in the Square followed by breakfast in the Café
(There will be the chance for any who wish to break their Easter fast with Communion to do so before going through to the café.)

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

(no evening service)

Further ahead:

Tuesday 3rd April 2.15pm Funeral of Mrs Betty Pace

Tuesday 10th April 11.30am Funeral of Mrs Val Hems

COLLECT for Holy Week

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon his our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow his example of patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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: Psalm 118:1,2; 19-end

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say,

‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

Let the house of Aaron say,

‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

Let those who fear the LORD say,

‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A

very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

MEDITATION

Hold your palm cross in your palm. See it against the background of the unique creases and lines of your hand.

Imagine the world that evolved palm trees and made your unique life possible, all held in the palm of God.

Imagine the palms of Jesus curled in pain as he is crucified to bring God and creation and humanity together again.

PRAYERS on Palm Sunday

Picturing the crowds in Jerusalem that day, we pray for anyone demonstrating for political freedom, especially where defiance of the government is dangerous.

We pray for those, including sometimes our own country, wondering if violence is the way to achieve what they desire, to behold the provocative pacifism of Christ.

Remembering the death of Anna Campbell in Syria, we pray for any hurt and anxious because their offspring seem to be heading into danger.

We pray for Russia as President Putin secures another six years in office, especially the LGBT community at risk because of his unhealthy alliance with the Orthodox Church.

We remember those who are sick, including Venda McCollin, Rosie Cross, Joy Cheek, Eileen Holder, Joan Howes, Ida Ret,

Eileen Pearson, Sabine Santer

We remember those who have died, including Sandra Gwinnett, Val Hems, Amy Tait and Stephen Potter and, on their anniversary, Mary and Walter Reynolds, Emily Tanton, Graham Darby, Frederick Conlon

Welcome Space Exhibition

The next *Welcome Space* exhibition will be: '*COMPLEXions* - an exhibition of wonderful photographs drawing our attention to the vibrant life of the 'All Saints Youth Project' which is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year.

The exhibition will run from Tuesday 20th March - Sunday 27th May 2018.

The *All Saints Youth Project* means many different things to many different people. For the exhibition the young people have selected photographs illustrating words that they identify with their youth project: Joy, Learning, Support, Pride, Respect, Together

Pentecost textile fabric donations

I am planning to recycle the bright 'table runners' from Emily Bick's *Project Trust* South American fundraising meal into some Pentecost bunting for All Saints and a Pentecost chasuble for a former Queens student Jenny Morgans who did a placement at All Saints a while back. (The chasuble is the outermost liturgical vestment worn by clergy for the celebration of the Eucharist). If you have any red fabric that you would like to contribute to this project please get in touch. Any old red clothing, or red furnishing fabric (either plain or patterned) will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your help.

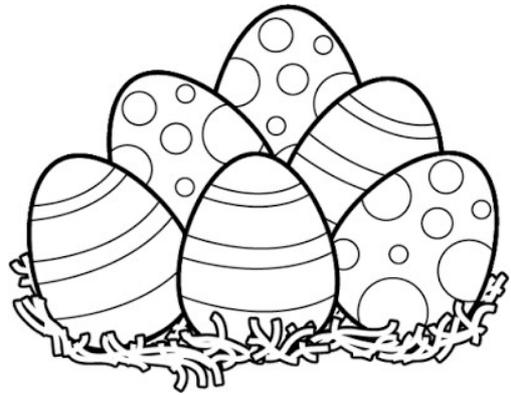
Gillian Lever glever@btinternet.com or mobile: 07838752405

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

Easter Eggs from Traidcraft

Easter seems to be approaching very quickly!! Real Easter Eggs (both milk and plain), carrying the Easter Message and booklet are available to order. Also in stock at Traidcraft are a variety of Divine large and mini eggs.

Please order your eggs today, if you can, or contact Gill (604 6127) as soon as possible.



Foodbank Collection Point: We now have a Foodbank collection point, at the back of church. Any gifts for the foodbank can be brought on Sundays or left at the welcome desk during the week.

FOODBANK VOUCHERS

We need a volunteer, available on weekdays, who is willing to help with the issuing of foodbank vouchers. If you would like to know what this involves, please speak with David. We especially need assistance on **Friday mornings**.

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!

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - May 13th to May 19th

The Social Justice and Action group are going to lead on All Saints - Christian Aid Week Campaign. Can you help ? we will have a Big Breakfast in the cafe but our big fund raiser is the house to house collection. Its not hard you simply sign up, choose a road deliver the envelopes on Sunday or Monday and call for them later in the week. On average you will get 1 in 4 returned, they may contain very little or £20. But you can help raise thousands of pounds for the poorest in the World We are the only Church still doing this in Kings Heath - it is a great piece of putting Christ on the Street. For a couple of hours you could make a real difference. Please sign up on the sheets for a road to deliver to at the back of Church when they go up. If you can help with the organisation see Mike Cross or Des Workman. Lots more details and information to follow shortly.



All Saints Kings Heath Church Electoral Roll

The church electoral roll is a basic list in every parish of all lay persons entitled to vote on elections within the Church of England. This means that electoral roll members of a church can shape the local mission and ministry by electing the officers necessary to do that hard work.

Those entitled to have their names on this roll have to be 16 years of age on or before the date of the annual parochial church meeting (APCM), and they must reside in the parish or be regular worshippers in church whose roll they wish to join.

It is required to update the role prior to the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (APCM) to be held on Sunday 22 April 2018 to enable a report to be made at the APCM. *(continued...)*

A notice has been placed on the Notice Board at the at theSouth Door of the Church which you should consult for more detail if you would like to be included on the roll and you satisfy the above criteria.

If think you are already on roll and have recently changed name or telephone number, have moved or would like to have your name removed, please see Anthony (Tony) Cocks.

If you do not know who Tony Cocks is, please ask a sidesperson.

ALL SAINTS

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

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



WELCOME? Opening our doors

We are very grateful to those who welcome visitors to the Centre during the week and to the Church on Saturday mornings. We are always looking for volunteers to boost the team. If you could offer **a couple of hours once a month on a Saturday morning**, Kath Isaac would be delighted to hear from you. If you are available **during the week for a regular two hour slot**, Gill Cole would be delighted to hear from you. Messages to the Parish Office, parishoffice@allsaintscentreh.co.uk, much appreciated.

