

The Parish Church of All Saints  
Kings Heath

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018*

# Fourth Sunday of Easter



## Services Today

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10am** Holy Communion

*After the service, please stay for refreshments if you can. Bring coffee back into Church for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

*Also this afternoon, **2.15-4.30pm Churches Together Walk**, about 4miles, starting at Hazelwell Church, ending with tea at St Dunstan's  
If you need a lift to the start, be at New Life Baptist Church by 2pm.*

**4.30pm** performance of *Spem in Allium* by Tallis, celebrating Clare Noakes' birthday. All welcome. Free.

**6.30pm** Evening Prayer

## Services this Week

**Monday 9am** Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 9am** Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 11.30am** Holy Communion

**Thursday 9am** Morning Prayer

**Saturday 9.15am** Morning Prayer

## Next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April

**8am** Holy Communion

**10am** Holy Communion

**6.30pm** Evening Prayer

### **Further ahead: Ascension Day, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

This year we will hold a simple Eucharist at **7.30am** in the Square for any who wish to celebrate before work or school. If you prefer Communion in the evening, you are invited to attend Ascension Stirchley at **7.30pm**.

**Churches together in Kings Heath BARN DANCE, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May evening**, New Life Baptist Church, publicity to come shortly.

### **COLLECT for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

### **SECOND READING 1 John 3:16-end**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn

us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

**GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18**

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## MEDITATION

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone. (Words of Jesus, echoed by St Peter)

## PRAYERS

We pray for any who lack a tender, reassuring voice in their life; a steady presence reassuring them they are home. We pray for any experiencing home as a harsh or disheartening place.

We remember those who are sick, vulnerable or confined in any way, including the Ven John Duncan, Eileen Holder, Joan Howes, Ida Ret and Eileen Pearson.

We remember those who have died, including Edna Lane and Barrie Simpson and on his anniversary Edwin Price.

## NOTICES



### Help needed at Farmers' Market!!

Saturday 5th May is Farmers' Market and we have the Traidcraft Stall on the Village Square. John is usually able to help me with setting up the stall and is also available when I return the stock to the cupboards at 2p.m. As the cafe is open, I usually take in a box of stock at a time while John looks after the stall. Unfortunately for me, John is "at sea" on the 5th May. I can

manage the setting up - it will just take a bit longer - but unless I have help I cannot manage the putting away. Would anyone be able to help from about 1.45p.m for about half an hour (or until everything is cleared up)?

Gill Parkin (07752 838 070)

### **“They also served...” Exhibition in Church**

We are delighted to host for the next few weeks an informative exhibition telling the stories of Caribbean soldiers serving in the First World War. Please encourage others to come and see the exhibition. Church is open Wednesday and Saturday mornings and can be visited

by arrangement with those staffing the Welcome Desk during the week.

**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.

**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. Donations to the Baptist Church foodbank can also be dropped in there during the week.

**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!

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

## JOIN IN THE BIG WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATION EVENT



to be held at: All Saints Church and Kings Heath Village Square

in November 2018.

We need ***thousands*** of **knitted, crochet or felted *Poppies and Flowers*** for a special Community Art project in November 2018. Final date for donations of flowers is 30 Sept.

There are dozens of patterns easily available on the internet, and in craft magazines, so please find one which suits your skill level and make up as many poppies and flowers as you can!

***Poppies*** need to be any shade of red/brown/pink/scarlet and can be up to 10cm across, with a black centre if possible; a button will do.

***Flowers*** can be ANY colour and type, 10cm diameter maximum, and preferably flat for ease of attachment to the canvas they will be mounted on.

Donations of wool are also welcome! Donations and Flowers can be left at the Welcome Desk at All Saints Centre, or to arrange for collection of completed flowers, or to arrange to deliver, please contact **Vivien or Vicki** via the Parish Office **0121 444 0760** or [parishoffice@allsainstcentrehk.co.uk](mailto:parishoffice@allsainstcentrehk.co.uk)

## **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](mailto:glever@btinternet.com) or mobile: 07838752405

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 roll 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.

A notice has been placed on the Notice Board at the at the South 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](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 Christi

**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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