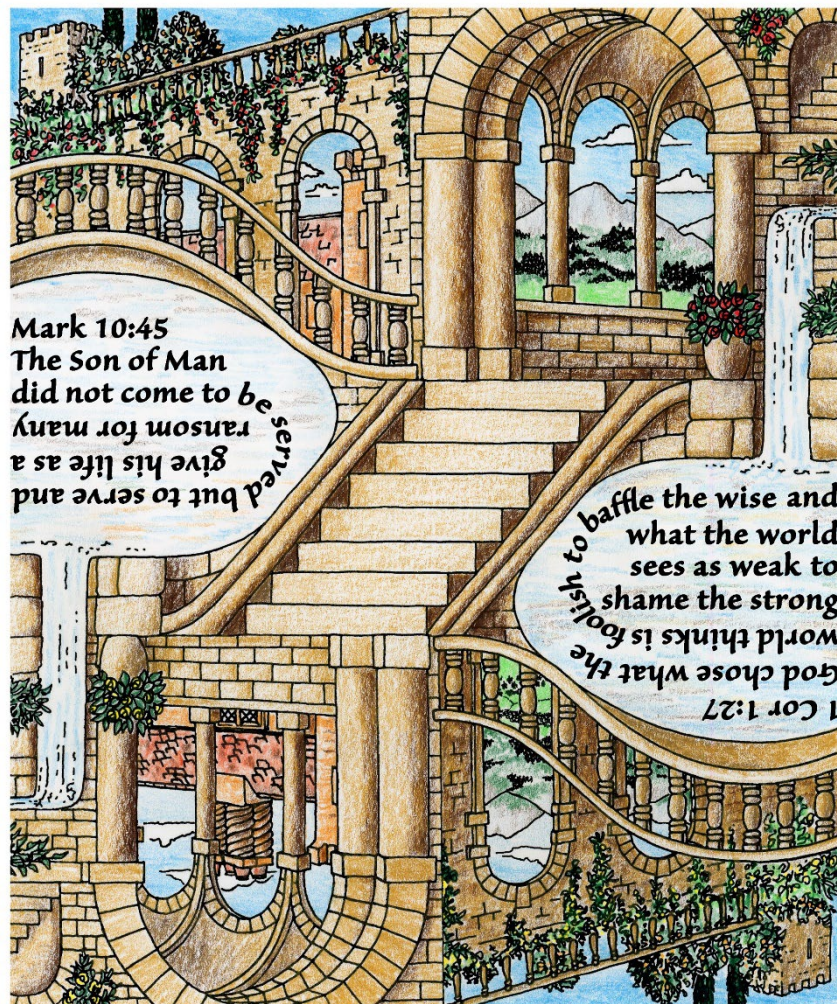


# ***Saints Alive!***

***The parish magazine of  
All Saints Church, Kings Heath***



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# *From the curate*

Dear friends,

It would be remiss of me to start this without letting it be known how much I have enjoyed the last few weeks. For a Zimbabwean girl by birth like me, the sun makes me smile. It feels like 'home' has finally followed me home, my two worlds meeting at last! I realise however that the heat is not for everyone and behold, as I write this, clouds are gathering, the promise of relief for many and definitely for the parched lawns, trees and flowers.

A few weeks back, I sat in a Bishop's study morning and the then speaker, Dr Harvey Kwiyani, was sharing from a passage in Acts 2. He shared something about Malawi which is very much like Zimbabwe which is that in Shona, which is our native language, the word for visitor and stranger is the same, 'muenzi'.

This has made me reflect about all that has been happening in our community, especially with the recent attacks. What if within our community and our language we did not have these two different words but instead have one; would it change how we see each other and receive one another?

This became a slippery slope of thoughts and wonderings on hospitality and welcome. When defined, hospitality is 'the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers'. How friendly are we, not only to those we know, but our neighbours that we might not know? How hospitable are we to those who might be passing through, wandering through our roads and streets, maybe in need of a warm welcome or a sense of belonging?



One of my highlights this summer so far has been the celebration of Eid on the Kings Heath Village Square, also referred to as All Saints Square. As I walked out of our 10am All Age Worship here at All Saints Church the Square was buzzing, and this carried on the whole day. While I am not a Muslim, it was good to see and join in in their celebrations and learn a few things along the way.

There were many activities that suited all ages, whether you wanted to sit back and relax as you watched or you wanted to join in as a young person on the jumping castle or get your face painted. There were conversations left, right and centre as old friends reconnected, and new connections were made. Various artists performed while others took to drawing and painting. The aroma in the air would tell you from afar of the great food that awaited you if you chose to partake.



Imagine a community like this, not just for Eid but for everyone regardless of faith, ability or ethnicity. A community of joy, celebrating one another not born of tragedy but because this is who we are, what we choose to be about and what we look forward to.

As schools begin to close and many start to plan holidays and go on those long-needed breaks, wherever you find yourself, may you receive hospitality that will make you feel welcome and at peace. As residents of this lovely community, may we continue to show hospitality and make the next person feel welcome with us.

Visitor, guest, or stranger, we all need a friend and love.

With every blessing,

# Tariro

## ***Eid-ul-Adha***

***Related to the event on the Village Square which Tariro mentions above, many thanks to Liz Haskins for providing a bit more information about the celebrations in the Islamic faith.***

There are five major practices in Islam, known as the Five Pillars, and these underpin the faith. They are usually listed in in order of frequency: Shahada (Belief), which is constant; Salat (Prayer), which is practised five times daily; Shawm (Fasting), an annual commitment during the month of Ramadan – the one about which we know the most, somewhat like Lent in that it involves self-denial and study of the faith, ending with Eid-ul-Fitr (the Lesser Eid, Eid being the word for festival, celebration); Zakat (Almsgiving), which takes place at the end of the Ramadan fast, when believers have experienced going without; and Hajj (Pilgrimage), the once-in-a-lifetime event which is the highlight of every Muslim's life of faith.

The Ka'ba in Mecca, traditionally the place where Abraham's faith was tested by the (near) sacrifice of Isaac, had long been a place of pilgrimage before it became a site sacred to Islam. Abraham and other Old Testament figures are respected in Islam as examples of faith. Hajj is pilgrimage to Mecca. It lasts over a period of several days, with various ceremonies, and commemorates Abraham's willingness to submit himself to the will of God, and so reinforces the Muslim's preparedness to submit to the faith, by making the pilgrimage (Muslim and Islam are the Arabic words for submission). There is of course great rejoicing in the throng in Mecca as the pilgrims complete their journey of faith, and although only a small minority go to Mecca each year, those who have been following the pilgrimage at home celebrate with them that they have made a good pilgrimage. Those who have already been can take time to remember this great event, and those still to go look forward to their turn. As this is a once-in-a-lifetime event, Edi-ul-Adha is known as the Great Eid.

# Christian Aid and All Saints

All Saints has a proud tradition of supporting Christian Aid. We were the last church holding street collections and only stopped due to Covid.

Every year Christian Aid promotes one country or area that needs support; in 2023 this was Malawi, a very poor African country that is twinned with the Birmingham diocese. Malawi has been struggling due to climate change and the failure of crops due to drought. Education has to be paid for in Malawi and most farmers are women. So no income from growing crops results in terrible choices having to be made, such as which children from a family can be sent to school.

Christian Aid promotes and supports a miracle crop, pigeon peas – these are drought-resistant crops that can be used as fodder for animals, sold as fertiliser, made into bread and even converted to fuel. Esther Sazi said that with support from Christian Aid it had been transformative. By joining her local pigeon pea programme run by Christian Aid partner Nandolo Farmers Association, she is able to secure a fair price for her crops.

With her peas, Esther supports her daughter's dreams and can send her grandchildren to nursery.

For Jen Bishop, the future is more precarious; she's a loving mum who dreams of her children being able to have the education they deserve.

Her hardworking boys have earned places at top colleges, but she cannot afford to send them both. No mum should have to choose which son to send to college and which one will miss out.

Christian Aid can help dreams come true – helping people like Jen plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for their crops and build happier futures for their children.

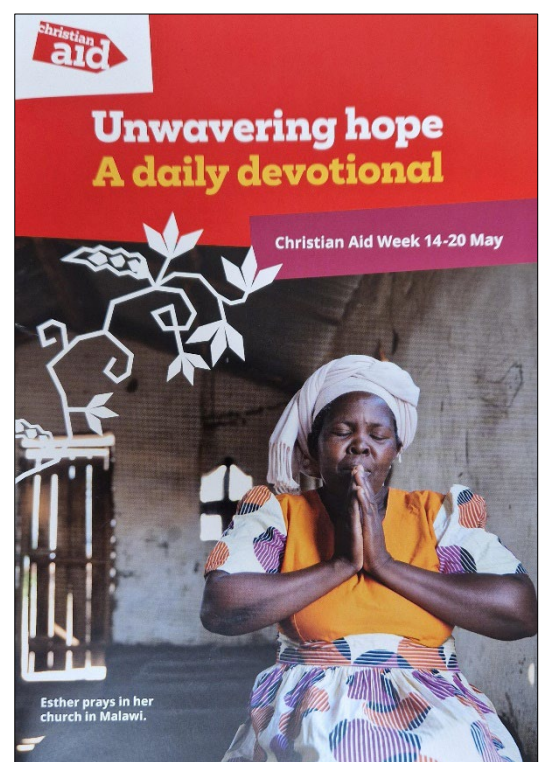
This is why I believe in supporting Christian Aid and ensuring that All Saints continues to support their work.

This year we delivered 1,400 envelopes to local roads and asked for them to be returned to the church Café or office. We held a church collection and a beetle drive, and our young people did a car wash on the Sunday morning.

The money raised was as follows:

Envelopes returned:	£201.70
Collection by Sylvia at Highbury Court:	£228.50
Church collections:	£1,178.93
Beetle Drive:	£327.30
Young people's car wash:	£251.07

The All Saints total Christian Aid collection, including Gift Aid, was £2,817.40.





# *From the PCC*

Since the last issue of *Saints Alive!*, one Standing Committee meeting has been held (on 20 June). The usual subjects were discussed and also one or two new topics which have arisen recently. The following summarises the discussions which took place.

## **Finance:**

Expenditure: Our treasurer provided an update on the financial position of the church and reported that expenditure to the end of May 2023 was circa £61K. Expenditure on utilities continued to be significantly higher than budgeted, but was expected to reduce over the summer period as the heating has now been turned off.

Income: The treasurer reported that this was circa £92K but it did include a bequest of £39K. The account was effectively therefore currently in deficit to the amount of circa £8K although a recent tax refund of circa £6K had helped to reduce the deficit.

Regular giving: The treasurer reported that the average for the past 12 months was some £670/month up on last month's average and significantly more than the previous 12 months' average. He pointed out that Covenant Giving was the highest he has seen since he began keeping records.

Blue Envelopes/Parish Giving Scheme: A significant number of people have changed their method of giving from the Blue Envelope scheme to the Parish Giving Scheme (via direct debit). This will help very much to reduce the work necessary by the finance team so far as claiming back tax is concerned, as this is done directly by Parish Giving on behalf of the church.

## **Safeguarding:**

Incidents: David, our vicar, was pleased to report that there have been no safeguarding incidents since the last SC meeting.

Review of policies: There are 30 different policies which have been developed over the past few years with respect to all the activities taking place on the site. These have to be reviewed periodically. The review frequency varies; some are three years and some five. The PCC and PCC secretary have certain responsibilities as to how this is managed but has been decided to appoint a policy review lead to manage the process and liaise with the various organisations on the site and on behalf of the PCC. While a suitable person is being sought, the PCC secretary is fulfilling this role.

***Any reader who feels that they could assist with this important task should please contact the vicar or parish administrator.***

**Churchwarden:** Our last churchwarden, Chris Pearce, retired at the APCM on 23 April. Our vicar and the PCC are actively seeking a replacement or replacements. ***Could this be you?*** In the meantime, the principal churchwarden duties are being fulfilled by a rota of former wardens.

**Youth Investment Fund Capital Grant application/Future of Café Space:** David explained that the application for the Youth Investment Fund Grant is progressing. If we were fortunate enough to succeed, the grant would affect improvement on our whole community centre, so the future of the Café space is on hold.

**Quinquennial inspection plan:** We have assistance from the diocese in planning repairs highlighted in the last five-yearly inspection of the church building.

**Air entering heating system:** As reported in the last PCC meeting, the leak has been identified as occurring at a joint in the heating pipework near to where the pipework enters the nave on the north side of the church. Now that the heating has been switched off, the system can be emptied if need be to effect a repair. As the 'window' for undertaking work on the heating system is relatively short while it is switched off (three months or so), this is to be given priority over the stonework repairs.

**Reinstating passing of plate:** Reinstatement of the passing of the plate rather than a plate at the rear of the church for collection during the 10am service has been raised recently. With significant numbers of people now donating via standing order, direct debit or digitally, it was considered that only a relatively small number of people would make use of this during the service. It was considered appropriate that the final decision should be made by the Ministry Team.

**Payment of organists/pianists:** We are enormously grateful for the quality of music at All Saints, played and given so generously, and co-ordinated by Ben and Clare. While most do not charge for playing, the PCC recognises how unusual this is as organist/pianist is a paid role in a majority of churches. Future-proofing ourselves for a time when we might need to pay musicians, and ensuring that anyone currently playing for us who might need to ask for a fee can do so without embarrassment, we have budgeted to cover this as required. David will write to organists/pianists to explain that they are entitled to ask for fees for playing for Sunday morning services.

**New elderly persons' accommodation:** It was suggested that it might be appropriate for the Pastoral Team to consider visiting the new elderly persons' accommodation being built adjacent to the church when complete to offer pastoral care. This to be investigated in due course.

**Next Meetings:** These are scheduled as follows:

SC meetings: 17 October, 12 December 2023; 20 February, 16 April, 18 June 2024.

PCC meetings: 19 September, 21 November 2023; 16 January, 19 March, 21 May, 23 July 2024.

**Tony Cocks**  
**PCC Secretary**

## ***Lunch Club update***

Because of illness and absence, Lunch Club members are invited to meet on Wednesdays in the community Café between 11am and 1:30pm, until the end of September.

Please could anyone who could volunteer/co-ordinate lunch club in the future contact Liz Turner on 07910 446128.





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## ***Coffee is back!***

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After the long pandemic break, coffee is being served again from the South Vestry after the Sunday 10am service ☺. Until September 2023, coffee will be served on the first Sunday of the month (after All Age Worship) with the intention of it becoming a weekly event from September onwards. There is a great team of volunteers who are waiting to serve you to a Fairtrade cuppa and a biscuit to enjoy while you mingle and chat. 'Free from' biscuits and oat milk are offered too. Donations are welcome (if possible, but not obligatory) to cover the cost of the consumable items. As small change is not carried by all (in our post-pandemic cashless world) you may prefer to donate a sum to cover for a few weeks ahead.

We offer our sincere gratitude to Sheila Workman who has organised Saturday and Sunday coffee for 20 years at All Saints. The new coffee organisers are Lindsey and Ted Hammond. More volunteers are welcome and no experience is required. Being on the coffee team is a good way to say hello to everyone as you serve coffee and to provide an important facet of our community life. If you are interested, please make contact in church or email [lindseyhammond21@icloud.com](mailto:lindseyhammond21@icloud.com).

**Lindsey and Ted Hammond**

# Music matters

**Jesus Christ is waiting *and* The Lord will come and not be slow; from sprinkling to flowing rivers; and is there anything special about the numbers .35 and 352? Music at All Saints in 2022.**

It's that time again when we look back to see how many different hymns were sung at All Saints in the last calendar year. To collective relief, 2022 marked a return to relative normality after a Covid-hit couple of years, and during 2022 music was programmed for 60 services in church, as follows:

- 48 sung Holy Communion service at 10am on Sundays (including Christmas Day, which in 2022 fell on a Sunday), for which four hymns (to begin the service; before the Gospel – or, at a baptism, processing to the font; the offertory hymn after the peace; and before the dismissal), a song for before the service and one or two (and/or a choir anthem) during communion, were chosen.
- Four All Age Worship services at 10am on Sundays, following their reintroduction on the first Sunday of the month from September onwards. The pattern of music for these is a little more fluid than for the 'regular' Sundays, usually including between three and five hymns, songs or chants for the congregation, plus a sung Sanctus (the Argentinian 'Holy, holy, holy'). There isn't a choir to lead the music for these services; on occasion a small group of singers has been put together to provide something before the service/during communion, but these informal items haven't been included in our overall numbers for the year.
- Eight non-Sunday services: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday afternoon, Easter Dawn, Memorial, Carols by Candlelight, Children's Carols and Midnight Mass. (It was also the turn of All Saints to lead the Good Friday morning Walk of Witness service, held at the New Life Baptist Church and culminating in a procession along the High Street and final hymn in the Village Square, but again we haven't included this in our survey of music at All Saints in 2022.)

Throughout 2022 an order of service continued to be posted online each week, with links to music recordings where they had been made during the lockdown periods. We didn't make any new recordings last year – with the expectation of submitting some for the second contribution from All Saints for the Church of England's weekly online service: following a previous contribution in September 2020, a group of singers convened last May to film and record a number of musical items, many of African origin.

(Wednesday services restarted in 2022 – these usually include a hymn but we don't count these in our overall totals as usually the selected one is a repeat from the previous Sunday; likewise we haven't included anything sung at weddings, funerals, standalond baptisms or services put on by external organisations.)

So, these 60 services included 201 different congregational hymns (the second lowest since records began, but to be fair that was only in 2018, and this number has just ranged from 195 to 215), which – fans of relatively meaningless maths – is an average of 3.35 'unique' congregational hymns per service. (Answers on a postcard with which hymn you'd only like to sing .35 of...)

Of these 201 different hymns, then, 34 were sung twice (a few with more than one tune or combination of verses) and only four were included three times for the congregation: *Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it, O come, all ye faithful, Praise to the Lord, the almighty* and, perhaps most surprisingly *The Lord will come and not be slow* – how many times annually is the phrase 'royal harbinger' usually sung in a parish church...? Broadly speaking these numbers are comparable with recent years – in the latter months of 2021, when full congregations and singing were once again

allowed we deliberately aimed to include numerous favourites which for so many months had been denied for parishional participation, but that year still only saw 29 hymns sung twice, albeit with 11 then appearing three times.

The majority of these congregational hymns were from our *Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New* (sometimes using tunes, arrangements and descants from other books, and sometimes with verses omitted), but 22 were from other sources. Of the 201, two also featured before the service and five during communion (including *Spirit of God*, aka the 'Mallaig Sprinkling Song', which we sang twice as a congregation and once during communion); and, although not featuring as congregational hymns, *All heaven declares* featured twice before the service, five other pieces made two appearances during communion, and *Like a mighty river flowing* appeared in both slots. Across the board, then, unlike in previous years there's no one hymn that has clearly been the most featured in 2022, so if pushed I'd go for *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* as the year's 'winner' as, in addition to its three congregational appearances, its excellent tune **Lobe den Herren** also forms the basis of an organ voluntary by Dale Wood which I played twice last year.

In addition to the above, other service music (the Murray and Shephard settings, Ukrainian Kyrie, Roger Jones Sanctus and Agnus Dei etc) was sung multiple times, as was the chant that we sung each week when the Advent candle was lit. Other 'extras' also appeared as part of this service music, including chants during footwashing and the watch on Maundy Thursday and an affirmation of faith to the much-loved tune **Blaenwern** on Palm Sunday; not to mention the appearance twice of a piece of music I had only ever played once before in public: the National Anthem, sung to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee and then, with the words 'God Save the King', on the Sunday after her death. Along with our usual inclusion of psalms during Lent and Advent there were also seven choir-only pieces during Carols by Candlelight, and a solo from Clare during a post-Easter communion.

As ever, almost as interesting as those we did, are the items that we didn't sing: *All hail the power of Jesus' name* (which, with two different tunes, featured three times in 2021) and *All things bright and beautiful*, *O Lord, all the world belongs to you* and *O Lord, my God*, and *Take my life, and let it be* and *Take up thy Cross, the Saviour said* are among the well-known hymns that didn't feature at all in 2022.

As for tunes, obviously those to which we sing the hymns which appeared more than once featured prominently, with nods also to regular favourites **Noël Nouvelet** (two appearances each with *Jesus Christ is waiting* and *Now the green blade riseth*), **Daily, Daily** (two with *There's a wideness in God's mercy* and one with *Ye who own the faith of Jesus*) and **Slane** (to which we sang *Be thou my vision* twice and *Lord of all hopefulness* once).

Last year, then, 305 different hymns and songs, alongside psalms and service music as mentioned, were included in worship at All Saints, which is pretty good going (and 28 more than in 2021!). Interesting (in the loosest possible sense of the word) as the above is, however, as is my custom here is a pointless statistic to end on: in 2022, a hymn number ending in 52 in *CAHON* was more likely than any other closing two digits to feature in a service at All Saints: during the year we included 152, 252, 352 three times, 552 and 752 twice each, and the Murray setting is also included in our book at 952. (Hymns ending in 74 run this very close: we programmed 74, 374, 474, 574 and 674 once each somewhere during a service.) A fact with which to thrill your family and friends...

**Ben Noakes**  
**Music Co-ordinator**



# Bible Bite




A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
John chapter 1 verses 35-51

After Jesus had called Peter and  
Andrew to be his disciples, he went  
to find their friend Philip...



## From the registers

	<p><b>On their ordinations at Petertide, we congratulate:</b></p> <p>Emily Hoe-Crook (Methodist)      Sarah Cotterill      Sam Mackie</p>
	<p><b>We remember the following, whose funerals took place:</b></p> <p>Wendy Pendleton, at Redditch Crematorium on 5 June</p> <p>Margaret Watson, at All Saints on 6 June</p>
	<p><b>We remember the following, whose ashes were buried in our Memorial Garden:</b></p> <p>William Gardner      Mary Cole</p>

# *High days and holy days*

## **27 July – The Seven Sleepers of Ephesus**

Legend has it that The Seven Sleepers were 3rd-century Christians who lived in Ephesus during the persecutions of the Roman Emperor Decius. When things got very bad, the Seven Sleepers decided to 'go to ground' – literally. They found a cave on the outskirts of the city and walled themselves in. The story goes that then God simply put them to sleep; 200 years later they woke up and peeped out of the cave again. Things had changed: Ephesus had converted to Christianity. Unfortunately, the Seven Sleepers did not get much time to enjoy the new freedoms, because within a short time they all died – of extreme old age.

The story was popularised in the 6th century by Gregory of Tours and Jacob of Sarugh, who venerated the Seven Sleepers as saints. But it was challenged by Baronius and many scholars since. It is sometimes called a Christianised pagan or Jewish legend akin to Rip Van Winkle.

A possible moral for anyone today is that when you find yourself in a storm of conflict, you don't have to fight all the battles yourself: you can indeed seek refuge in God. He may not put you to sleep for 200 years, but he will be a safe hiding place for your soul.

## **9 August – Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union**

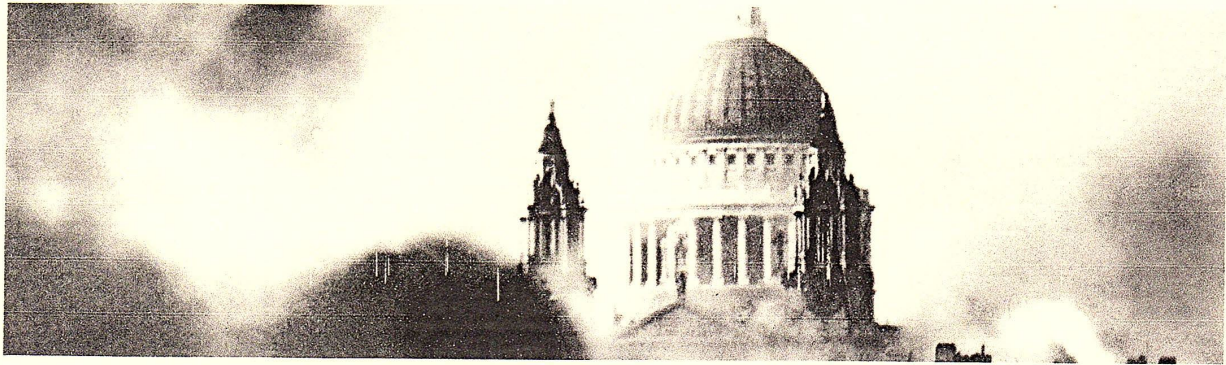
The Mothers' Union is over 145 years old. It has accomplished a staggering amount in that time, and nowadays numbers more than four million members, doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector's wife, Mary Sumner.

Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. His was a well-connected family: George's uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Alresford, Hampshire in 1851 and had three children. When in 1876 Mary's eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Alresford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers' Union.

For 11 years the Mothers' Union was limited to Old Alresford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away. Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers' meetings on Sumner's pattern, and soon the Mothers' Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle.

By 1892 there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died in 1921, aged 92, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.

(adapted from [www.parishpump.co.uk](http://www.parishpump.co.uk))



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## ***Around the campus***

*There is so much happening on or near to the church campus each day of every week, and it is interesting to find out a bit more about the different activities that make up part of life at All Saints. This month we take the opportunity to advertise a couple of events taking place in the church over the next few weeks.*



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# Getting to know you

*We see so many people at church each week, but often we know very little about them. In this regular article a person from the congregation is interviewed and we get to know each other a bit better.*

## **What is your name?**

Ted Hammond.

## **What is (or was) your day job?**

I was headteacher of a large secondary school for 17 years and since retiring in 2017 I have worked for the Diocesan Education Service supporting headteachers.

## **How long have you been at All Saints?**

Lindsey and I married at All Saints in 1981 and initially my main involvement was as a member of the All Saints cricket team!

## **What are you currently involved in at church?**

For the last few years I have written the ASYP Big Christmas Word Quiz which is very well supported by the church and raises funds for the Youth Project. I also help with the Sunday coffee rota.

## **What has been your most memorable service/event/activity since you've been here?**

Our wedding day.

## **Do you have a favourite hymn/Bible passage?**

My favourite him is *Lord of all hopefulness* which we adopted as our school hymn when I became headteacher.

## **What are you reading at the moment?**

P G Wodehouse.

## **Who from history/literature/film would you like strike up a correspondence with and why?**

Archbishop Oscar Romero – his life story is an inspiration, his fearless commitment to the poor and oppressed is quite remarkable.

## **Tell us a joke...**

Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?

She'll stop at nothing to avoid them 😊.



*If you would like to feature on our Getting to know you page, or to suggest people whom we could interview for this, please do get in touch!*

A reminder that you can sign up for the regular All Saints email newsletter here:

<https://landing.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/o7a2q4>



# Who's Who

## **Worship** *(for clergy see back page)*

Children's Worship Co-ordinators	Grace Storey	07813 322697
Youth Group (year 7 upwards)	Jenny Warbrick	0121 444 0260
Music Co-ordinators	Ben & Clare Noakes	07967 730156 07929 593097

## **Church upkeep**

Vergers	Liz Haskins	c/o 0121 444 0760
	Paul Smart	c/o 0121 444 0760
Sacristan	Bernice Mattis	c/o 0121 444 0760
Altar Linen	Wendy Ross	0121 444 1423
Head Server	Tony Price	01564 824420
Electoral Roll Officer	Tony Cocks	0121 441 2945
Parish Magazine	Ben & Clare Noakes	07967 730156 07929 593097

## **Finance team**

Treasurer	Steve Brittle	01905 772171
Expenditure Officer	Vacant	
Income Officer	John Watling	c/o 0121 444 0760
Insurance & Investments	Tony Cocks	0121 441 2945
Gift Aid	Philip & Martha Ann Brookes	0121 444 5655
Envelope Giving Scheme	Tony Price	01564 824420

## **Groups, clubs and organisations**

All Saints Ramblers	Des Workman	0121 572 3553
	Christine Powell	
Badminton Club	Des Workman	0121 443 5292
	Steve Brittle	01905 772171
Bible Reading Fellowship	Des Workman	0121 443 5292
Lunch Club	Elizabeth Turner	0121 604 6086
Meditation Group	Daniel Wilson	0121 449 9869
Safeguarding & Child Protection	Eira Jones	c/o 0121 444 0760
Traidcraft	Gill Parkin	0121 604 6127

**Planned giving:** All are invited to join the planned giving scheme, contributing by weekly envelope or banker's order/standing order. Taxpayers – please sign a Gift Aid declaration for reclaiming of tax and use of payroll giving if possible. Contact the Finance Team for further information.

**Parish Office:** For enquiries about baptisms, baby naming services, banns and marriages, please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment at a vestry hour – 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, 10-10:30am.

**Ministry to the sick:** Visiting the sick at home or in hospital – please inform the Ministry Team of anyone who is sick. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved and oil is kept for ministry to the sick.

**Ministry of healing:** Laying-on of hands and anointing – last Saturday in the month at 9:15am as part of Morning Prayer, occasional Sunday evenings (as announced), and at home or in hospital as requested.

**Communion of the sick:** At home or in hospital, as requested, communion is taken, monthly, to the long-term sick or housebound.

**Other ministries:** For blessing of homes, celebrations of anniversaries, thanksgiving after childbirth, confession and counsel, please contact the Ministry Team.

***Parochial Church Council (PCC)***

<b>Officers</b>	Lay Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer
	Vacant	Tony Cocks, 0121 441 2945	Steve Brittle, 01905 772171
<b>Members</b>	Jim Andrew	Margaret Healey-Pollett	Chris Watts
	Margaret Andrew	(Reader)	Claire Wesley (Reader)
	Martha Ann Brookes	John Parkin (Reader)	Daniel Wilson
	Philip Brookes	Chris Pearce	Sarah Wilson
	Tim Cuthbertson	Vivien Tilsley	Des Workman
	Brian Miles	David Warbrick (Vicar)	Sheila Workman

***All Saints Community Development Company (ASCDC)***

Chair	Sarah Wilson	c/o 0121 444 0760	<a href="mailto:office@allsaints-cdc.co.uk">office@allsaints-cdc.co.uk</a>
Projects Co-ordinator	Andy Savage	c/o 0121 444 0760	<a href="mailto:andy@allsaints-cdc.co.uk">andy@allsaints-cdc.co.uk</a>
Facilities Manager	Dave Priday	07732 137772	<a href="mailto:david@allsaints-cdc.co.uk">david@allsaints-cdc.co.uk</a>
Administrator	Angela McDermott	0121 444 0760	<a href="mailto:angela@allsaints-cdc.co.uk">angela@allsaints-cdc.co.uk</a>
Hall & Room Bookings	Angela McDermott	0121 444 0760	<a href="mailto:angela@allsaints-cdc.co.uk">angela@allsaints-cdc.co.uk</a>

***All Saints Community Projects (ASCP)***

Chair	Mary Miles	0121 449 0851
All Saints Youth Project	Vicki Willinger	0121 443 1842

***The Robin Centre for Older People***

Centre Manager	Paula McGrath	0121 444 8111
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# Ministry Team

Vicar	David Warbrick	4 Vicarage Road, 0121 444 0260
Assistant Curate	Tariro Matsveru	c/o 0121 444 0760
Churchwardens	Vacant	
	Vacant	
Licensed Readers	Margaret Healey-Pollett	c/o 0121 444 0760
	John Parkin	0121 604 6127
	Claire Wesley	0121 444 2778
Pastoral Care Team	Juliet Bick, Becky Frall, Margaret Healey-Pollett, Tariro Matsveru, Wendy Ross, Lu Skerratt-Love, David Warbrick, Jenny Warbrick, Des Workman	0121 444 0260
Prayer Circle	(for confidential prayer requests)	<a href="mailto:parishoffice@allsaintschurchkh.org">parishoffice@allsaintschurchkh.org</a> 0121 444 0260

## Worship

***We have reopened for our Sunday services (said at 8am, sung at 10am and an evening service at 6:30pm), and 11:30am Wednesday service.***

***We will continue to provide an online order of service via the website and newsletter for those at home.***

***Up-to-date information can be found at [www.allsaintschurchkh.org](http://www.allsaintschurchkh.org) and we look forward to seeing you again soon.***

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