



All Saints Church Newsletter

John Parkin preaches for us this Sunday, 19th November, marking his retirement as Reader. One of his gifts to us over the years has been emboldening us to ask questions, of God, of scripture, of society, of science, and to be cautious of overly certain answers. This Sunday we give thanks for his generous ministry.

Quiz Night with Churches Together in Kings Heath at New Life Baptist Church This **Saturday 18 November 2023 6.30pm**. £5 per head (includes light meal), max 6 per team. They need to know numbers, so please [email carol.salt@newlifebaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:carol.salt@newlifebaptistchurch.org.uk) to say you'd like to come. **David will be there: if you're coming we can form a team. Carol asked for some volunteers to help with meal preparation at 2pm on the day**

Wreath Making Workshop Friday December 1st at 2.30pm or 6.30 pm in the Marjorie Allen Room
Come and make a beautiful Christmas Wreath with expert tuition from Debbie Drew and all materials supplied. You will even get tea and coffee!
Tickets just £20 from Debbie, Pam Coley or the Church office.-----

On **Saturday December 2nd 10am till 2pm** the annual **ADVENT Craft Fair** in the Church.

Lots of home made goods and stocking fillers,a Nativity Set raffle, tombola stall, Coffee and Mince pies available while you listen to seasonal music from Ben, Clare and Friends

Come and enjoy.

Admission Free.

Worship Matters

Next Sunday 19th November 2023

An order of service with music links will be for use at home will be posted on the website.

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion marking John Parkin's retirement as Reader.

Bible Readings:

[Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end](#)

[1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#)

[Matthew 25:14-30](#)

6.30pm Evening Service: Making Room for Creation: a creative service in the Iona tradition

Fellowship matters

*On Friday 24th November Kings Heath & Moseley Muscular Dystrophy Group are holding a **Charity Race Night** at Kings Heath Cricket and Sports Club, B14 6DT. This has previously been a very successful event and is back by popular demand.*

We will be showing eight mystery horse races during the evening. Choose a horse to back, put your money it – only £1 a bet – and cheer it on. No complicated odds or studying of form – just luck and a good laugh. You can even become a racehorse owner for only £3.00!

Admission £10, tickets available from the bar at the Club or from Marion Wilson on khmdgroup@gmail.com. Bar opens 7.00pm, first race 8pm. Families welcome.

All profits to Muscular Dystrophy UK



All Saints Big Christmas Card

Everyone of any age is invited to join in a Quiet Time during coffee after the 10am service to contribute to a Big Christmas Card sending greetings to all in our congregation and friends in our community.

There will be opportunity to simply sign your name; add a message; create a small piece of collage or artwork to be included in the card which will be displayed in church during Advent.

This will replace the usual Post Box for individual cards – though this does not of course preclude anyone who wishes to send or give personal cards to church friends. Demonstrating that we are reducing our consumption in this way may help All Saints' application for a Silver Eco Church award.

There will also be a Reflective Space to bring and write your own cards prayerfully to loved ones who are further afield.

All are welcome to gather together for this creative and meditative activity.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

If you are unable to join on 10th, and would like to be included in the card, please contact

Angela, David, Tariro, Vivien or Lindsey for an alternative arrangement.

All Saints Youth Project is looking for volunteers to support out Teatime Club Tuesday and Thursday between 5.15 and 6.15.

This includes preparing, serving and clearing up a hot meal in a warm space for about 20 young people and sometimes their families. We are also looking for a Cook to cook the hot meal both or one of the sessions. No qualifications necessary. Any necessary food hygiene training will be provided.

This is our response to supporting those struggling with food and heating bills

Please contact [v.willinger @asyp.org.uk](mailto:v.willinger@asyp.org.uk) or s.marymiles@btinternet.com . Or phone [0121 443 1842](tel:01214431842)



Carol Service Rehearsals

We are very excited to start preparing for this year's **Carols by Candlelight service**, which will take place at **18:30 on Sunday 17 December**. We will hold seven rehearsals on various different days, as follows – each will start in church at 19:30 and last for an hour or just over:

Sunday 19 November

Sunday 26 November

Friday 8 December

Sunday 10 December

Thursday 14 December

As ever, we understand that not everyone will be able to attend all rehearsals, but it would be really useful to know at this stage if you would like to sing in the service, and which of the above rehearsals

you think you will be available for; likewise if you would be interested in playing an instrument. Please contact Ben & Clare Noakes on music@allsaintschurchkh.org for more information.

Many thanks

Ben & Clare



Retreat at Holland House led by Nicola Slee

- Friday 8th – Sunday 10th
December

<https://www.hollandhouse.org/product/friday-8th-sunday-10th-december-advent-retreat-with-nicola-slee/>

The dying of the light and the rising of the dark: an Advent retreat

Advent arrives in the northern hemisphere at a time when a radical shift is taking place between the powers of light and darkness, the boundaries of day and night. The light is waning and the dark is growing. Some find this a depressing and dismal time, fearing the loss of light and the rising of the dark. Others welcome the coming of winter cold, darkness and an opportunity to retreat into the warm, indoor spaces and to attentive to the interior life.

In traditional Christian practice, Advent is a time for reflecting on the 'four last things': heaven and hell, death and judgement. Although these can seem alien, sombre and negative to contemporary seekers, they need not be. Winter is a time when it is natural to reflect on our mortality and to seek to discern the ultimate significance of our lives (which might be a way of thinking about 'judgement'). Heaven and hell are not some far-off, spiritual locations but very much part of our everyday world, and it's not hard to

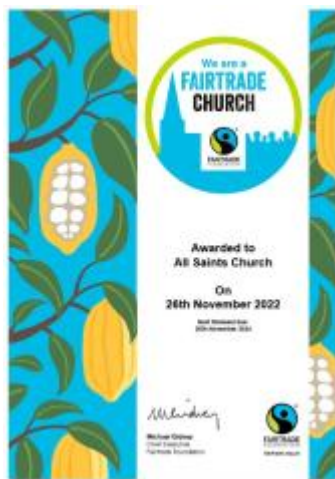
recognise both as realities in our current global situation.

In this retreat, we will take time to ponder the dying of the light and the rising of the dark, in both natural and spiritual terms. We will use poetry, scripture and other resources to explore these themes, and there will be opportunities for our own creative writing or other creative responses.

The pace will be gentle and there will be opportunities for silence and solitude, as well as shared exploration and conversation.

However you feel about winter and the approach of Christmas, why not step aside from the pressures many experience at this time of the year for a few days of calm, quiet and renewing encounter?

A Bursary of 25% off can be automatically claimed if you are on low income or a member of an under represented group. Please contact administration@hollandhouse.org for further details.



Fairtrade Chocolate Advent Calendars

Divine Milk Chocolate and Plain Chocolate Advent Calendars are available again this year, price £4.99 each.

You can see examples on the Fair Trade Stall. To order, see Gill on Sunday or contact her on [07752838070](tel:07752838070)

For our prayers

For General Synod meeting this week, reflecting and voting on ways of blessing diverse precious relationships.

Among those who are unwell we pray for Dorothy and Norman Brookes

Among those who have died we remember Dorothy Jones, John Barlow and Patrick Sullivan.

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Best wishes,

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