



All Saints Church Newsletter

Next Sunday 21st April, Easter IV

Holy Communion at 8.00 am

Holy Communion at 10.00 am **FOLLOWED BY APCM** (see below).

Readings:

Acts 4:5-12

1 John 3:16-end

John 10:11-18

6.30pm Service in the Iona Tradition on the theme '**Resurrection - Behold I make all things new**'.

Join us for our monthly service offering a reflective space in the tradition of the Iona community. The gathering will include creative activity and music.

This Sunday's service, falling in the Easter season, will be an opportunity to open our hearts to the possibilities of new life.

Next week, Holy Communion Wednesday 11.30am.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 21st April 2024 11.45 following morning worship and coffee.

This is a chance to review the past year; celebrate your many gifts and contributions that have made ministry, worship and service to Kings Heath here possible for another year; check our finances are in good order; elect new Church Council members and Churchwarden(s) and anticipate the coming year.

Please consider who you would like to be part of the Church Council decision making. Nominations, with proposer and seconder, can be added to the list published in Church.

Please also consider whom you might encourage to be Churchwarden.

We are all very grateful indeed for the way former Wardens and sidespeople have been so diligent at ensuring church runs smoothly in the absence of elected Wardens. This year we particularly need to consider: **Oversight during David's Sabbatical.**

It is important that there be a churchwarden in post for this summer while the incumbent is away. While we have wonderful pastoral wisdom and liturgical leadership from our Assistant Curate, Tariro, formally in the absence of the Vicar the wardens are responsible for the oversight of Church life. They in turn are supported by the Area Dean and Archdeacon.

As, for the best of reasons (so many people taking other responsible roles, such as Robin Centre, Youth Project and Development Company) we have struggled to raise candidates for Churchwarden in recent years, David asks any past wardens to consider whether they might offer to be elected at this annual meeting, and stand down on David's return if they wish.

If you would like to know more about this role, please speak to David, or more importantly, Tony Cocks, Chris Pearce or Sarah Wilson who can give you honest description of the life of a Churchwarden.

Birthday Meal at the Vicarage

Everyone with Spring Birthdays - Mar-Apr-May - is welcome to come for a meal at the Vicarage Monday 22nd April at 7pm.

Whether you've been coming to All Saints for six months or sixty years, all are welcome. Just let David or Jenny know and any dietary requirements. Perhaps bring something you'd like to drink.

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Our splendid Reader, Margaret Healey-Pollett is taking a sabbatical. She writes:

I seem to have acquired a rather large inbox, which I really need to work through, and also, like David, I need to properly assimilate bereavements. It is two years now since Ralph died, and rather longer since the death of my mother. My inclination is always to carry on being busy, and there is plenty to keep me busy, but sometimes a pause is called for. I've decided to take a Sabbatical pause from licensed readership until the end of this year, in order to take some retreat time, and also to work through that inbox. Most of the time, I'll still be in Kings Heath, and in the pews for the services, but I will spend time

away as well. Thank you, to all of you, for holding me in the last two years, and for accepting me as one of the ministry team. I look forward to picking up where I left off in the new year.

We give thanks for the richness of Margaret's preaching through this last challenging two years and her busy weekday ministry of hospitality through All Saints Community Catering and Warm and Community Lunches. Margaret joins up the weekday and Sunday liturgical manifestations of our faith. Her absence from the front of Church might give us pause to think about how else we can ensure that connectivity stays healthy.

Needlework was counted as a gift bestowed by the Holy Spirit in Moses' time. This textile exhibition in Lichfield Cathedral comes very highly recommended:

<https://www.jacqui-textile.com...>

“The Spirituality of Walking”: a weekend course at Sarum College, Salisbury, 7–9 June 2024.

£300.00 residential rate.

Walking is among our most ordinary activities, but it can also be highly intentional, rich with symbolism and meaning for our lives. We can go for short local walks, or more sustained ‘planned’ walks along the myriad paths and trails that criss-cross and edge these isles. Graham Ussher notes that “as we walk into a landscape, we leave our mark on it and it leaves its mark on us; as we explore the outside, so we explore our inner selves”.

Come and spend a weekend at Sarum College, where we will walk together and explore writing about walking in prose and poetry. Writers may include Robert Macfarlane, Raynor Winn, Graham Usher, Kathleen Jamie, Thomas A. Clark, Frédéric Gros, Cheryl Strayed and Rebecca Solnit. We’ll consider the relationship between walking, identity and transition, and how more recently women are claiming their voices (and feet, and bodies) as walkers and travellers alongside men. We gather in the vicinity of Elisabeth Frink’s *Walking Madonna* (1981) and she will also form part of the weekend. Robert Macfarlane writes of walking as “enabling sight and thought ... [and] paths as offering ... ways of feeling, being and knowing”. This is very much the spirit of our journey together on this weekend.

About the course leader

Rosie Miles lives in Birmingham and spent over twenty years as an academic, teaching and writing about English Literature. She now

offers poetry courses, workshops and occasional retreat events. She has contributed to many Wild Goose anthologies and her debut short poetry collection is *CUTS* (HappenStance, 2015). Rosie is gradually walking the entire South West Coast Path and has now walked 421 miles. She walks solo, carrying everything in her rucksack, and strongly believes walking has a great deal to teach us about living well. In recent years Rosie has also retrained as a professional gardener, and is part-time General Gardener at the Alpine Garden Society, Pershore. She also runs her own small gardening business in south Birmingham.

More details and to book: <https://www.sarum.ac.uk/short-courses/the-spirituality-of-walking/>



Festival of Weddings (including this most recent one)

A Festival of All Saints Weddings: past, present and future

You are invited to participate in a new event planned for September.

*A **Festival of All Saints Weddings** will reflect long family connections with All Saints, reconnect with those who married here and celebrate our thriving community welcoming new members.*

Focussed around an exhibition displaying items from decades of weddings at All Saints the event will kick off with a celebration launch evening on Friday 27th September. The exhibition will be open throughout Saturday 28th and Sunday afternoon and a short concert of wedding music is proposed for Saturday.

All those who were married at All Saints are invited to lend items and share their stories. Photographs, orders of service, lucky charms, dresses and suits are welcome, subject to there being sufficient space to display them all!

To make this Festival a success we will also need flowers, display materials, monetary donations, musicians, refreshments and volunteers, both during the planning process and at the event.

If you are willing to lend items or get involved in the Festival please express your interest by e mail, to socialandfundraising@allsaintschurchkh.org including details such as the year of the wedding or what support you can offer. Alternatively, please complete a form, these are available at the Welcome desk.

Thank you

Photocopying:

If anyone would be willing to be inducted into the holy mysteries of our Photocopier in order to help with printing of our orders of service, please let Angela know. If she can train a few of us, then we can share the role, usually Fridays or Saturdays.



This is me!

Inclusion +, part of All Saints Youth Project supporting young adults, are performing a Pantomime.

Friday 26th April 2024 at 7pm

Saturday 27th April 2.30 pm at All Saints Church

Tickets £10 adults £5. children and concessions £20 Family Ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children)

Tickets on sale at the parish office, and the community Cafe. Tickets will also be available on the door.

Director Louise Wood says:

"This production is based on some real life experiences, and some fictional stories.

The ideas have come mostly from the young people, and was inspired by their recent performances with both Birmingham royal ballet, and Circus Mash.

The story represents a journey to reach a positive lifestyle, encountering various barriers along the way.

What you are about to see is a fairy tale, and like all good fairy tales involves a degree of poetic licence. We also require maximum audience participation, so please feel free to join in with any of the singing, whistling, cheering, booing as you see fit.

Please sit back and enjoy the ride!"

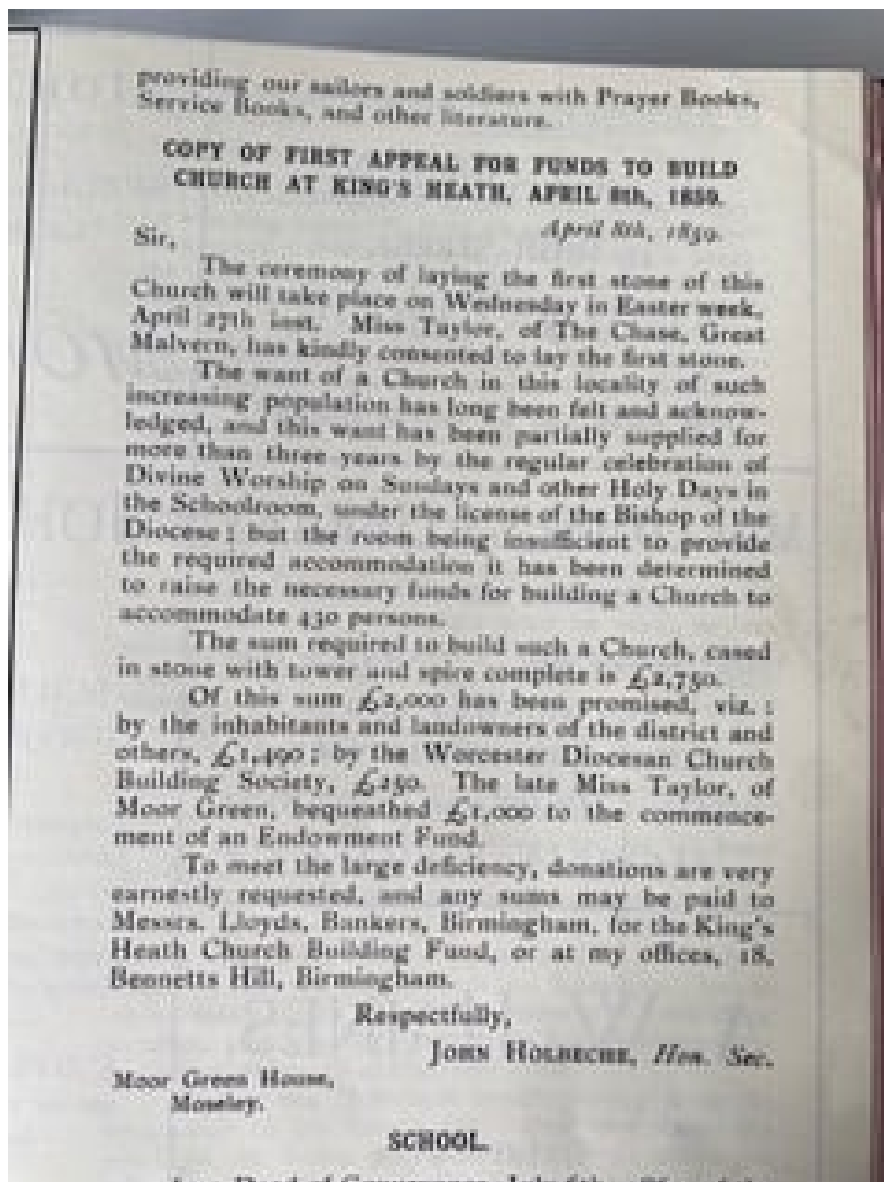
The Revd Lynn Busfield offers these weekly opportunities for reflection:

New fellowship group on Monday evenings at 7.30pm informally to discuss the previous morning's sermon.

There is room for up to eight people each time, so it would be helpful if you could let the host - Lynn Busfield - know if you are coming:

email: lynnbusfield58@icloud.com

Address: Flat 4, 28 Gracewell Road, B13 9XG



This month in 1859

...discovered by our Archive Group just as we prepare for the next phase of our building development...

For our prayers

We give thanks for the successful bid from the Youth Investment Fund for the completion of our Community buildings, Youth Centre and permanent home for Circus Mash. We pray for all our tenants, visitors and Centre users as building work commences in April.

Among those in our community who are unwell, we remember Charlotte Dunlop, Wendy Turner, Adrian Koslowski, Kathy Farbrother, John Bowdler, Howard Drury, Richard Sharif and Malik Powell.

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Best wishes,

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