



## All Saints Church Newsletter

### Next Sunday 5th May, Easter VI

Holy Communion at 8.00 am

Holy Communion at 10.00 am with All Ages Together

dwelling on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, anticipating Pentecost in two weeks' time.

Readings:

Galatians 5:22-23

6.30pm Service Evening Prayer

Next week, Holy Communion Wednesday 11.30am.

### Christian Aid Week begins 12th May

We will hold a Christian publicity stall and shake buckets at the Farmers Market on Saturday May 4th 9.30am till 1pm. A

Christian Aid Quiz with Supper on Saturday May 11th the start of Christian Aid Week. 6.30 pm hall opens for a 6.45 start, Supper at 7.45. Quiz ends 9.30 ish. Soft drinks on Sale bring your own alcohol. Adults £10, children £8.

The young people of All Saints will be holding a CAR WASH for Christian Aid on the Car Park of All Saints on Sunday morning 12th May. Drop your car off – get it cleaned and raise money for a great cause.



## Welcome Service

Our deanery will be welcoming Bishop Michael at an event on Sunday 19 May, 2-4pm at St David's Church Shenley Green.



There will be a service of Holy Communion with Bishop Michael preaching and presiding, followed by light refreshments and a chance to chat and meet Bishop Michael.

If anyone from All Saints would like to attend, please contact Deanery Support Officer Deborah:

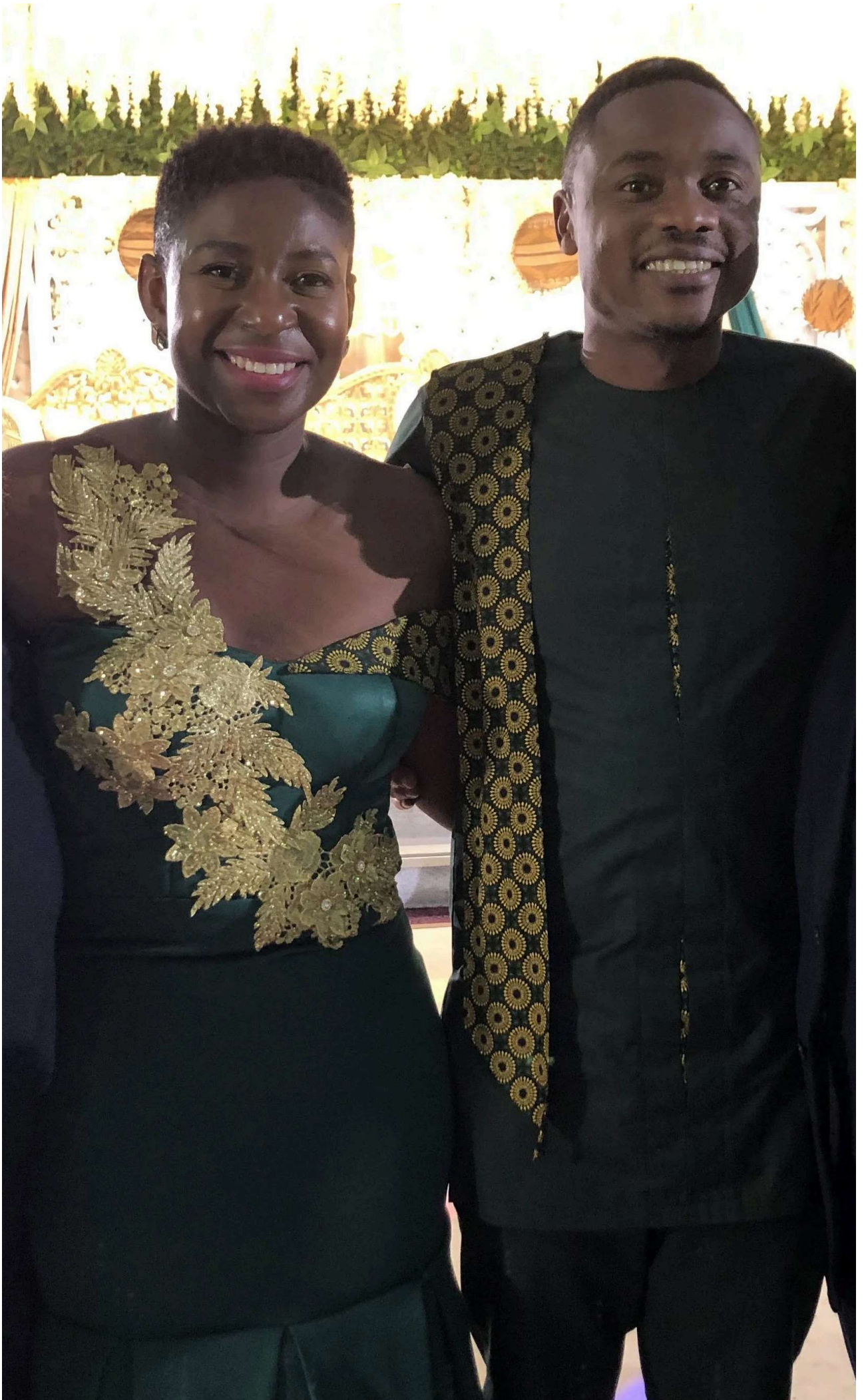
Deborah Jewison [deborahj@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:deborahj@cofebirmingham.com)

## Need to get out more?

Anyone willing to spend half an hour on a Friday or Saturday helping with photocopying, please drop Angela a message and she will induct you into the holy mysteries of the photocopier.

Angela McDermott [angela@allsaints-cdc.co.uk](mailto:angela@allsaints-cdc.co.uk)

Many thanks





# **Festival of Weddings (including this most recent one)**

**Coming soon..... A Festival of All Saints Weddings: Past, Present and Future**

**Everyone is invited to participate in this new event planned for September.**

A Festival of Weddings has scope to reach out in many directions. It aims to reflect different experiences of love and commitment, embracing over 160 years of local and social history, changing fashions, traditions and expectations. It will reconnect with former parishioners and celebrate our current forward-looking, hopefully inclusive community.

The weekend will include opportunities to remember with penitence any excluded by church or society on the grounds of divorce or sexuality. We will think about how we hope and campaign for the further evolution of marriage in our church and culture, so that gay marriages can be celebrated fully as the beautiful gifts they are, "enrich[ing] society and strengthen[ing] community" as the current Anglican marriage liturgy says.

The Festival's main focus will be an exhibition displaying items from decades of weddings and blessings at All Saints. Some may have resulted in happiness and harmony, others in heartbreak and hardship, prompting both reflection and celebration.

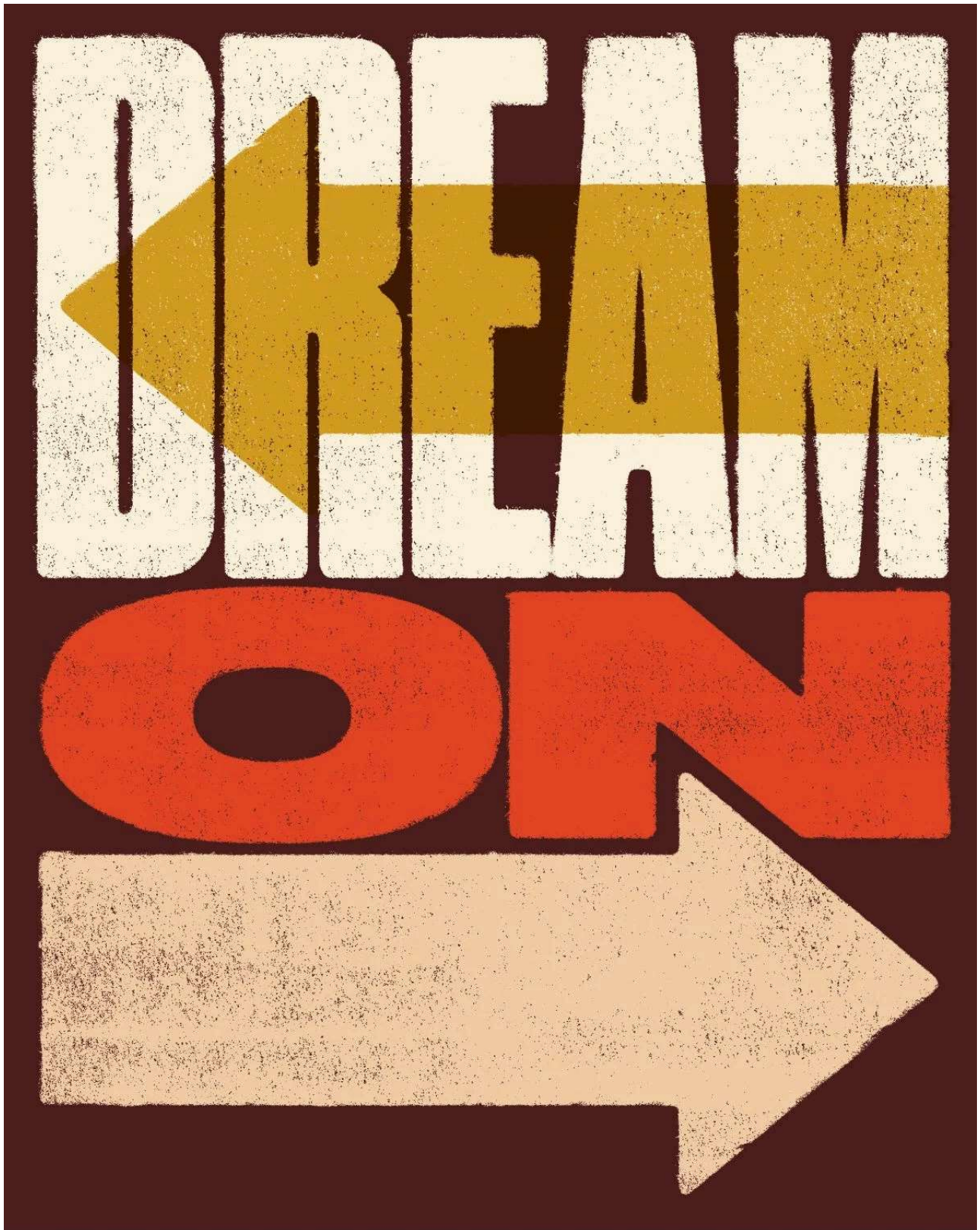
The event will launch on the evening on Friday 27th September and the exhibition will be open throughout Saturday 28th and Sunday afternoon with a short concert of wedding music proposed for Saturday. Sunday's 10.00am service will focus on human love and commitment.

All those who were married or had marriages blessed at All Saints are encouraged 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!

The Festival is still in early planning stages. To make it a success we will also need flowers, display materials, monetary donations, musicians, refreshments and volunteers, both during the build-up and at the event.

If you are willing to lend items or get involved in the Festival in any way please express your interest by e mail, to [socialandfundraising@allsaintschurchkh.org](mailto:socialandfundraising@allsaintschurchkh.org) including details such as the year of the wedding or what support you can offer. Alternatively, please complete a form with your details. These are available at

the Welcome desk. Whatever you can contribute will be very much appreciated  
Thank you



**Cardigans and Waistcoats Wanted for  
Greenbelt 2024**

'Sew Far Sew Good', an art group involving members of Gillian and Jake Lever's family, will be leading workshops for children and adults at Greenbelt Festival this August. Greenbelt is a Christian festival exploring the connections between art, faith and justice. This year the Festival's theme is 'DREAM ON' and 'Sew Far Sew Good' will be working with people of all ages to re-purpose cardigans and waistcoats into amazing technicolour dreamcoats. So, if you have any kind of cardigan or waistcoat of any size, please donate them for use at the festival.

Please bring your contributions to church and place them in the box marked "Gillian and Jake - Greenbelt Festival Cardigans and Waistcoats" by the end of June.

If you have any haberdashery items, buttons, bows, ribbons etc. to help make the cardigans and waistcoats extra dreamy we will be very thankful for those items too.

THANK YOU!

## **"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 Usher 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/>

### **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.

*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](mailto:lynnbusfield58@icloud.com)**

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

### **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 has begun this week.

*Among those in our community who are unwell, we remember  
Adrian Koslowski and Howard Drury.*



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Best wishes,

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