



All Saints Church Newsletter

Next Sunday 19th January, Second Sunday after Epiphany

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

6.30pm Iona Service (see below)

***Also at 6.30, Service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
Cambridge Road Methodist Church.***

**We are delighted to welcome safely to Birmingham
Mohammad's children Hannan and Taha and his wife Arezoo.**



Journeying with Imagination

Service in the Iona Tradition on Sunday 19th January at 6.30pm

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

Sunday's Service will approach Epiphanytide, a season of new beginnings, in a

gentle multi-sensory way.

All Welcome

Image: Frontispiece to volume two of Fridtjof Nansen's In Northern Mists: Arctic Exploration in Early Times (1911)



Musicians' gifts

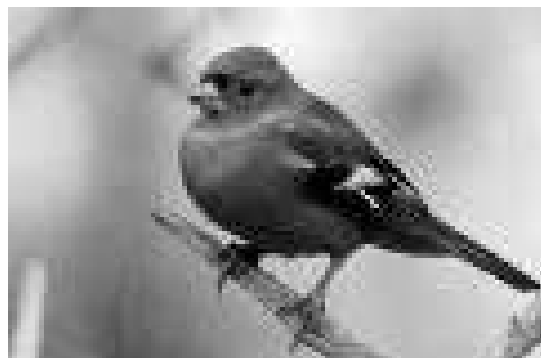
There was a record turnout for carol singing on the Village Square on Christmas Eve, with the unusually mild weather even helping to ensure that we had an audience throughout - and we are delighted to confirm that £215 was raised for [B30 & South Birmingham Foodbank](#). Many thanks to all who came and sang, to those who listened and encouraged, to Des and Sheila for taking charge of the buckets and collecting money, and to David and Jenny for their hospitality afterwards.

We would also like to take this opportunity once again to thank everyone who contributed to and supported music at All Saints, across the Christmas period and throughout 2024 - singers and instrumentalists are always welcome to join us, whether regularly or occasionally, so do get in touch or come along one Sunday morning and we will be very pleased to see you.

Ben & Clare Noakes, Music Co-ordinators music@allsaintschurchkh.org

Birdwatch

Thrive Birmingham, based in Kings Heath Park, would like to invite parishioners to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch on Friday 24th January at 11.15am. This is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every



year, hundreds of thousands of people take part to help build a picture of how garden birds are faring. You don't need to be an expert to take part! We will try and pair people up so that anyone who is new to identifying birds can learn from others.

Meet us at the entrance to the Thrive gardens at 11.15am - the entrance can be found near the basketball court in the park.

There will be hot drinks and pastries and people will get an opportunity to spend time in different parts of our working gardens to spot and record different birds. We will aim to begin the survey at around 11.30am and it will take 1 hour. We do have a heated glasshouse where people can warm up with a hot drink if it's an especially cold day!

Birmingham – The Pen Makers to the World



**A talk by Jim Andrew at All Saints Church on Saturday
January 25th at 3pm in the Church**

Birmingham improved literacy throughout the World in the 19th century, becoming the pen nib maker to the World. (The plaque above is from Germany advertising Birmingham Pen Nib's) By 1913 Birmingham was producing one thousand five hundred million pen nibs a year!!

**Tickets just £5 including tea, coffee and cake
(under 16's just £3) Pay on the door or tickets
from the All Saints Community Café.**

All Saints Church is in the centre of Kings Heath corner of
the High Street and Vicarage Road

The All Saints Crafters continue to sell Jams and Chutneys after most 10am services. They have a new jam on offer made to a old WI recipe – Mid Summer Fruits (made from stored and frozen last year's produce) contains Strawberries, Red Gooseberries, Redcurrants and Raspberries. All Profits Go To All Saints.

20s and 30s

With the aim of strengthening community and building deeper relationships our Small Group meets on a Thursday every week at 7:45pm . We worship together, explore questions about faith, and discuss the teachings of Jesus and how they are applicable to our lives.

If you do like more information about how to join, get in touch with Jake at [07957 628 924](tel:07957628924)

Birmingham Forum for Spiritual Directors

We are delighted to confirm that **Malcolm Guite** will be leading our Forum meeting on Saturday 29th March at St Paul's Conference Centre, Selly Park.

Malcolm is much in demand as a speaker, in the UK and USA. He is an Anglican priest, a poet, a spiritual director, an author and musician – and a very entertaining speaker. He performs as a singer and guitarist. He writes the *Poet's Corner* column each week in the *Church Times*, and you can read much more on his website: <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/>

where you can subscribe to his blog. Some of his talks are on YouTube .

On 29th March, the programme is:

10.30 am start (drinks available from 10.00 am) *A session on poetry and spiritual direction, how reading poetry with directees might help with discernment and direction. Focussing particularly on George Herbert's poem 'Prayer',*

Lunch break (people bring packed lunch) around 12 noon.

1.00 pm Start of afternoon session. *A more relaxed event, an entertainment that combines poetry reading and song, offering as it were a range of poems that might help with direction.*

Finish not later than 2.30 pm.

This will be an open meeting , and likely to be very popular. So can I ask you to book your place as soon as possible? Places are limited.

Please email John Austen: johnausten151@hotmail.co.uk It is free for Forum members, and £20 for guests.

For our prayers

With joy we pray for Mohammad's family reunited and for their settling in Birmingham, seeking school places.

Among those who are unwell we pray for Helga McKiernan.

Among those who have died we remember Adrian Kozlowski, whose funeral will be at All Saints on **Tuesday 28th January at 11.15am.**

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Best wishes,

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