



All Saints Church Newsletter

There is dismay and frustration felt by many as the House of Bishops have published a statement about the introduction of Blessings of Same Sex Marriage in Church. These have been approved by simple majority in General Synod. Going forward the bishops (on legal advice, they say) have said this needs approval with 2/3 majorities in the three houses of laity, clergy and bishops. Appreciating the deep frustration after we felt we were moving forward, as we wonder what to pray for, David reflects on the huge sense of confidence when women's ordination was passed by 2/3 majorities in this way. It meant it was not a close call. It meant the forward movement was clear and irreversible. This can be our hope for this equally vital (that is to say life-giving) healing of the Church's ministry, enriching of theology and deepening of worship.

This Sunday 23rd October Bible Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Readings:

Sunday afternoon at **4pm Memorial Service** remembering those who have died in the past year, whose funerals have taken place here, or whose ashes have been buried. We also remember by name others we have lost whose funerals may have been elsewhere. If there is someone you would like David to include, please let him know. vicar@allsaintschurchkh.org. All are welcome to this service if it might be a helpful pause to remember anyone you miss.

Margaret Guy's funeral is this afternoon 23rd October at 2.30pm at Lodge Hill Crematorium.

Phil Alden's funeral will be at All Saints on Thursday 13th November at 11am.



Diocesan Synod at All Saints

Saturday morning, 15th November we host Synod in our hall and will serve refreshments in the Garden Room. If anyone can make Cake to share (ingredients list is always helpful) please tell Lindsey Hammond.

Christmas Around the World

At the Children's Carol Service on Christmas Eve, we hope to imagine how Christmas is celebrated around the world from India to Africa, from Germany to Gaza. If you can describe Christmas traditions from your country of origin or somewhere you have lived and would like to take part, either with a recording or in person, let Martha Ann or David know.

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT at All Saints

featuring Laurel and Hardy in Angora Love

Buster Keaton in The Boat

and Charlie Chaplin in The Adventurer. Saturday 15th November, 7.30pm
accompanied by our good friend Vincent with Percussion by Nick Ward,

Tickets £10 (accompanied children £5)

available from Cafe, Church Service and on the door.

Licensed Bar

Memorial Service for Bishop Mark Santer

On Sunday 16th November 3.30pm at St Philip's Cathedral, Evensong will be a memorial service for +Mark Santer, including the unveiling of a plaque remembering him as Seventh Bishop of Birmingham. All are welcome.



We have just about enough to twin our four Church toilets, but how about twinning the two in the Centre serving the Hall?

A Big Thank you to all who donated

It costs just £60 to twin a toilet and build a one in areas of the World desperate for sanitation. Every day 1000 children die from diseases related to poor sanitation, unhealthy hygiene or unsafe drinking water. Twinning our four toilets can make a change.

It's easy for us to drink clean water, wash our hands or safely use the loo. Lets make it easy for everyone.

If everyone on our electoral roll gave £1. 50 (the small change in your purse, pocket or car) We would easily twin our four toilets.

There will be a bucket for your donations in Church on Sunday Let's all make a difference.



Friendship meals

Over the summer we have met in more friendship meals; small groups of people meeting together for a meal at a pub or in homes. If you would like to be added to the list for the autumn term, please let Rosalyn know. You meet just once before Christmas. (Please also let her know if you want to be removed from the list)

“Talking to Grief”: Negotiating Loss in Our Lives using Poetry will be a gentle, exploratory, creative and hopeful weekend facilitated by Rosie Miles and members of the Holy Rood House community, to help us live better with the many losses we go through in life. We will use poetry as our focus for this, and there will also be opportunities to walk, rest, paint, watch a film together and more. Holy Rood House is a very welcoming and healing place and if you’ve not visited before it is highly recommended. More details as well as the booking form on Holy Rood’s website:

<https://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk/Groups/426712/Events.aspx> (scroll down to October 31st). *Please direct any queries about booking to Holy Rood House.*

Dates: **Friday 31st October – Sunday 2nd November 2025.**

Baptism and Confirmation

Bishop Esther will celebrate a Confirmation at St Francis Bournville on the evening of Sunday 25th January 2026. We are delighted to have four candidates from All Saints. If anyone else would like to consider Confirmation, please speak to David.

All Saints Community Projects (the Youth Project) board of trustees are looking for a **minute taker** for their board meetings.

We meet every other month on a Monday evening from 7.00 til 9.30 pm at the centre. The dates are set for the year.

The role is to

1. take notes at the meeting
2. write these up

3. send (by email) to board members before the next meeting
4. Keep signed copies of minutes and other paperwork used during the meeting. This is currently done on paper.

You should be:

1. Able to use word documents
2. Have an internet account (we can give you an email address if you prefer)
3. Understand confidentiality in this role

Interested? Then speak to Lindsey Hammond or Daniel Wilson in church or text Mary [07801067362](tel:07801067362) or email S.marymiles@btinternet.com

For our prayers

We continue to pray for the tense cease-fire in Gaza.

We pray for all hurt, frustrated and depressed by the House of Bishops' statement slowing the next steps towards celebrating the blessing of Gay Marriages.

For those who are unwell: especially Isaac Alun-Jones, John Parkin, Mike and Rosie Cross and Phil Braithwaite. A number of our church family are anxious for their parents' health and well being, so we remember all bearing responsibility, sometimes from a distance.

Among those who have died we remember Phil Alden, Jean Caswell, Alanzo Hall, Lilian Jones and Margaret Guy.

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