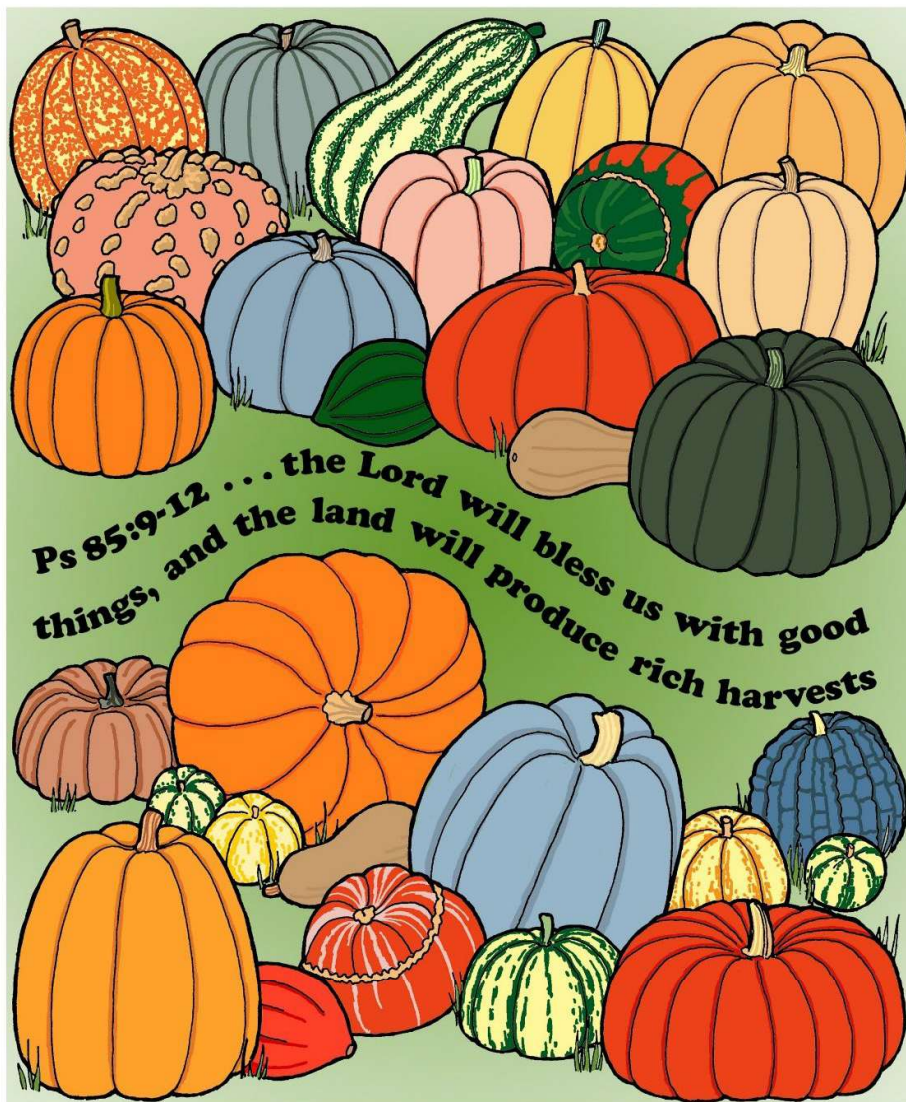


Saints Alive!

*The parish magazine of
All Saints Church, Kings Heath*



October
2025



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Friday Evenings in the Café

Every Friday evening, between 7 – 9, we are treated to musical entertainment, from local bands, in the Café. Our growing number of musicians include singers and instrumentalists who offer us an assortment of folk, rock'n'roll, blues, both their own compositions, and covers. On the first Friday of the month, Brumside Radio hosts an open mic evening, then on the other Fridays the bands are rotated. If there is a fifth Friday in the month, it is given over to our blues duo.



Look out for the monthly lists in *Outlook* and *Saints Alive!* (see boxes below for the line-ups for September and October – correct at time of going to print).

There are also announcements on Brumside Radio: <https://brumsideradio.com/>

All welcome! The bar is open for drinks and light refreshments.
There is a box for donations towards the cost of hiring the Café.

Any musicians who would like a performance slot, email allsaintscommunitycatering@gmail.com or come and see the bar staff any Friday evening.

All Saints Café: Keeping music live



Fridays in October

3rd I'm Homeless,
'Get Me Out of Here'
(Brumside Community Radio Open Mic)

10th Mad Moll

17th The Café Band

24th Busketeers

31st Harmonica Bob
& Boss Man Oz

Fridays in November

7th I'm Homeless,
'Get Me Out of Here'
(Brumside Community Radio Open Mic)

14th The Dog Walker Band
& Conrad Schwarz

21st Slow Train & The Café Band

28th Mad Moll

From the vicarage

Dear friends and neighbours,

We gathered in the Square to mark the international legal red lines that have been crossed in the war in Gaza. Sober, measured, yet passionate, we learned more about what the war is costing in Palestinian lives, including those of the Christian churches there; we prayed for those grieving on both sides and reflected on what it is costing Israel in terms of damage to her own soul. Letters to MPs calling for an end to the supply of arms to Israel were signed. The scale of the tragedy is immeasurable.

I was profoundly moved this summer by the insights of an All Saints friend grieving someone they loved and preparing for their funeral. They felt the loss keenly, of course, and yet glowed with gratitude for the love and inspiration they had enjoyed. As if that grief were not enough to carry, they went on to reflect on the contrast between such a peaceable end of life, such wholesome community life, such uncomplicated loss and the violence and the tearing away and the chest-crushing frustration of unjust deaths in Gaza. I so admired how they had the greatness of heart to set their own bereavement in that context, and was humbled that they had the spiritual courage and energy to reflect so carefully on it.

The outrage and evil of October 7 and of subsequent Israeli murder and displacement of so many Palestinian civilians sends ripples into countless other lives. It disrupts and unsettles. How do we attend to our own needs, however small they may seem in comparison, while caring about their catastrophic needs? We settled on the thought that in the context of such horrific ongoing sorrow and conflict, when we find ourselves giving thanks for a peaceable life and a quiet, timely death, that celebration can be a kind of act of defiance. Far from belittling our loss, or making us ashamed of something good, against a background of arrogance and destruction, we should all the more honour a peaceful life and death. Crafting a purposeful, meaningful moment of beauty is precisely what we can and need to do.

Losing so many from our community this summer – Gill, Graham, Alma, Jean, Margaret, Phil – and preparing for our annual Memorial Service on 26 October, we should not allow any guilt to creep in as we miss them and say goodbye to them. These are the vulnerable moments when hope is germinated, hate resisted and tender humanity affirmed.

Warm wishes in the wistful season of autumn,

David

A reminder that you can sign up for the regular All Saints newsletter here:

<https://landing.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/o7a2q4>

Draw a Red Line for Gaza

Over the last two years, the world has watched with increasing horror as Israel has crossed numerous red lines as laid down in the Geneva Conventions to which Israel is a signatory.



The red lines crossed in Gaza include:

1. The slaughter of civilians, including thousands of children.
2. The bombing of hospitals.
3. The bombing of schools.
4. The use of collective punishment, especially starvation.

On Sunday 28 September, following our morning service, a group of us together with local friends gathered in front of the church to demand that all crossing of red lines is immediately halted.



There were about 90 people present. We were joined by Professor Kamel Hawwash (*above*), a British Palestinian writer and analyst, and Liberal Democrat Councillor Izzy Knowles (*left*).

From our speakers, we learned how the ancient Christian churches in Gaza have been attacked, even while they are sheltering hundreds of people who have been displaced. Together with the attacking of mosques this is another red line crossed, as it is prohibited in international law to destroy places of worship and other cultural buildings.

We also heard how the vision of the United Nations, born of the ashes on the Second World War, is being undermined as the Israeli government bombs innocent civilians and expels UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees).

Izzy Knowles also reminded us that there are many in Israel who despair of their government's actions.

Our action concluded with prayers led by David Warbrick, reflecting on the importance of cherishing our common humanity and on resisting dehumanisation wherever it is found.

Before we left, we signed letters to our local MPs, Tahir Ali and Al Carns. We asked them both to call on the Foreign Secretary and Business Secretary to:

- Ban all UK arms sales to Israel.
- Suspend the existing UK-Israel Trade Agreement.
- Ban UK trade with Israeli settlements.
- Push to end the aid blockade of Gaza.



Margaret Healey-Pollett

Photographs from Becky Morse-Brown & Ben Noakes



A Prayer for the Holy Land

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world:

In your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls.

By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost loved-ones, and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace here in the very homeland where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during his earthly life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Written by The Most Reverend Dr. Hosam E. Naoum, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem



Birmingham People's History Archive presents

Decisions and Consequences

Saturday 4 October

10am-1.30pm exhibition and origami

1.30-2.30pm talk and living history workshop

At **All Saints Church** Vicarage Road, Kings Heath,
B14 7RA. Free event, no need to book, all welcome.



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Find out about the Labour Party's response to nuclear weapons after World War 2, groups such as CND (the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament) and Birmingham events in those tumultuous times.

Farmers Market and All Saints Café also on 4 Oct
9am-2pm.



Birmingham People's History Archive bpha.online has materials about local, national and international working people's lives from the late 19th century on. The archive is on the 2nd floor of Birmingham & Midland Institute, 9 Margaret Street, B3 3BS.

Any questions? Contact gill@bpha.online

From the archives

Having dipped our toe in the water last year, 20 September this year saw our second exhibition in church, offered as part of Birmingham Heritage Week 2025 (BHW).

We decided this time to focus on the development of community and outreach initiatives, which have always been a major part of the mission of All Saints. The idea was prompted by the opening of the new youth and older people's facilities on campus, which herald both the advent of better provision and growth of care in more comprehensive facilities for many, and which also reflect similar work done over many previous generations.

'Friendship, Families and Fun' sourced photos and accounts of the many areas of support offered to provide friendship in times of need; opportunities for families to get together, and fun: the refurbished old hall now provides superb facilities for CircusMASH to entertain and train young people in fitness and circus skills.

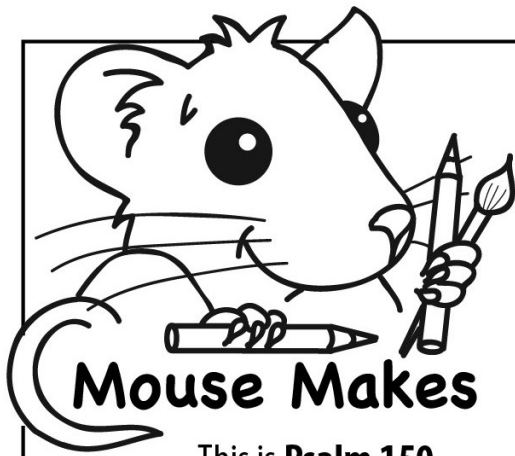
On the day, Kath Isaac kindly led two free tours of the church interior and both tours were well attended. Participants really enjoyed learning more about the church, and for some, more about Anglican worship. The weather was not favourable and the expected footfall from the Square was reduced; however those who did come found the material on display informative and well presented.

We were well assisted by our two UoB students, Tabitha and Eleanor, who did a magnificent job during their placement in June and July in creating a database for our material and exploring this further. We now plan to design better storage space so our material is safer and easier to access, and to consider future initiatives. Our aim is to create a local resource for the community, which may involve incorporating other local archive material.

This work falls to a small and very enthusiastic and dedicated group of volunteers; offer of skills in bid writing and promotion/marketing are always welcome – please contact Vivien on asca@allsaintschurchkh.org.

We are fortunate to have as our group members Ian and Gill Binnie, who are both well connected with other local archives and history groups. Due to the huge range of venues and events participating in BHW this year the choice for the public was much greater than last year, and BPHA (Birmingham People's History Archive) led by Gill, cancelled their planned event – this is now being hosted at All Saints on Saturday 4 October (*see the flyer on the opposite page*). An exhibition is open 10am-1:30pm followed by a talk by Ian from 1:30 to 2:30pm. 'Decisions and Consequences' explores the CND movement of the postwar era, and in particular Kings Heath's activities thus. Do come along to what promises to be a most interesting event.

Vivien Thickett & Marion Wilson

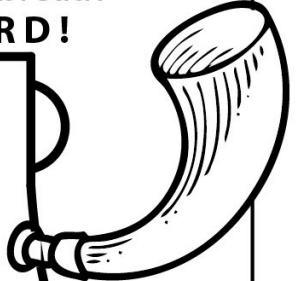
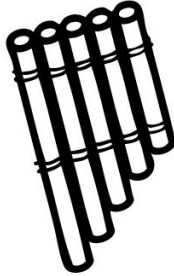


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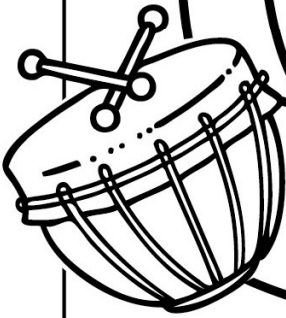
This is **Psalm 150**,
 a song of praise to God,
 it tells us why and how
 to worship God.
*How do you praise and
 worship God?*

Praise God in His Temple,
Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise Him
 with the sounding trumpet,
Praise Him
 with the harp and lyre,
Praise Him
 with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him
 with the clash of cymbals,
Praise Him
 with the resounding cymbals.
 Let everything that has breath
PRAISE THE LORD!



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Kings Heath**
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Running time is approx. 2 hours including interval.

Programme includes:

JL Bach Unsere Trübsal

Bennett A Good-Night

Brahms Dem dunkeln Schoß der Heiligen Erden

Briggs Media vita

Byrd Ne irascaris Domine

Charpentier Agnus Dei (Messe pour les trépassés)

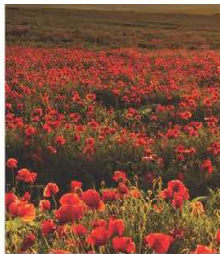
McDowall The Lord is good

MacMillan When you see millions of the mouthless dead

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Music matters

'We sing his glory, tell his worth': proclaiming the Gospel through a useful and singable hymn – plus some quiz answers and a quick look ahead.

Every now and again when choosing music for Sunday services we find a gap which can't suitably be filled by any of the suggestions in the week-by-week resources that we consult. Sometimes, when inspiration thus fails us, we turn to the more general lists in the back of hymnbooks – of opening hymns, songs for harvest festivals, music for communion etc – and one such hymn that could find a place in any service will make its next appearance before the Gospel reading later this month, with a title that could hardly be more apt (and which provides a small spoiler for one of the 'name that hymn' solutions below...): *We have a gospel to proclaim*.

I must admit that I had thought this was a much older and more (unhelpful descriptor alert) 'traditional' hymn than is in fact the case – the text dates only to 1968, written by Edward Joseph Burns 'out of the conviction that as a church we have been too hesitant in the vital matter of proclaiming the message'. Burns, who has worked in Lancashire as curate, vicar, hospital chaplain and honorary canon of Blackburn Cathedral, wrote the words in response to a 'Call to Mission' from that diocese's bishop – as the website praise.org.uk states, the Call 'centred on four local meetings ... concentrating in turn on Christ's Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension/Pentecost'.

Burns's inner stanzas move efficiently through these themes (each starting 'Tell of' and then describing 'his birth at Bethlehem', 'his death at Calvary', 'that glorious Easter morn' and 'his reign at God's right hand'), framed by first and last verses which the website describes as having 'a clearly evangelistic thrust'. Unusually for a hymn written relatively recently, its original second line promised 'good news for men in all the earth', and while this version is apparently still seen in print occasionally it was fairly swiftly amended to the more inclusive 'good news for all throughout the earth'.

From the off, Burns's words have been paired with a much older tune, **Fulda** (confusingly sometimes known by other names including **Germany** and **Walton**, and not to be mixed up with another also called **Fulda**...), which appeared in William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies* of 1815. The Hyperion Records website notes that Gardiner 'was a highly enthusiastic proponent of the works of the great classical German composers. He claimed that this tune was to be found in Beethoven somewhere [**Beethoven** itself has been given as yet another alternative name for it], though where is a mystery, and despite many theories it has not been found. It is probably best thought of as being by Gardiner himself.' Writing in the Royal School of Church Music's magazine *Church Music Quarterly*, Gordon Giles observed that 'it is the singing of this good news hymn that gives it its power, and the distinctive tune to which it is invariably sung seems so fitting that no others have ever seriously been proposed'.

We have a gospel to proclaim gained popularity very quickly and has been printed in dozens of books – Giles concludes that 'while this straightforward hymn is very much a product of a particular time and place, its message and power transcend its origin and purpose'.

Moving on from our initial topic now to another, er, initial topic... Last month we gave you the first letters of each word from the titles of some familiar hymns and songs from our *Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New* – to put you out of your misery/give you a chance to pat yourself on the back, here are the full titles:

A P T O E D D *All people that on earth do dwell*
B F B *Beauty for brokenness*
C I M T S F *Christ is made the sure foundation*
D D, M O H *Ding dong, merrily on high*
F, L O A C *Father, Lord of all creation*
G S I I M H *God's spirit is in my heart*
I, I, G O W *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*
J C I R T *Jesus Christ is risen today*
L R W I D *Love's redeeming work is done*

M H B *Morning has broken*
O J B T B C *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*
P, M S, T K O H
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
S Y F *Seek ye first*
T A W I G M
There's a wideness in God's mercy
W H A G T P *We have a gospel to proclaim*
Y A T K O G *You are the King of Glory*

Finally, a note as we approach our busiest time of the year: rehearsals will begin next month for the Carols by Candlelight Service, which will take place on Sunday 21 December, and there will be other opportunities for carol singing and making music during Advent and over the festive season.

More details will be publicised later this month and in the next magazine, but if you are interested in finding out more about any of these, or music in church in general, then do please contact us.

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Church Badminton Club

Fun • Fitness • Fellowship

When: Wednesday evenings, 8–10pm

Where: All Saints Main Hall, Kings Heath

Who: Open to all abilities (ages 16+)

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No need to book – just bring yourself (and a racket if you have one!).

Further information:

Contact Steve Brittle through the Parish Office

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Why not get involved...?

We are always pleased to receive contributions for the magazine – if you have any comments, suggestions, ideas for articles or would like to submit something for inclusion in a future issue, please contact **Ben & Clare Noakes, Editors:**

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From the PCC

Since the last edition of *Saints Alive!* there has been one PCC meeting on 16 September.

The meeting was particularly well attended and there was meaningful and lively discussion. The following is a résumé of the points discussed or items presented in advance of the meeting:

Finance:

Current financial situation: Our treasurer provided in advance of the meeting a copy of the Income and Expenditure Assessment, the Balance Sheet and the Average Planned Giving assessment for the Church Accounts to the end of August 2025.

He gave an oversight review of the salient points of this information.

Expenditure: He reported that expenditure to the end of August 2025 was circa £90K. Most items were as budgeted for the time of year.

Income: He reported that income to the end of August 2025 was more than expenditure at circa £96K, giving a credit of almost £6K. He commented that this was reflecting the usual pattern in the year when expenditure at the beginning is often high leading to a deficit but as the year progresses the account comes into credit.

Balance Sheet: He pointed out that money is currently being held in two bank accounts and also in the CCLA investments.

Overall net worth: He reported that overall, at this time, the church balance net worth was circa £208K, but as reported previously did include the as yet unpaid long-term loan of circa £170K to the Development Company with no specific repayment date.

Regular giving: He reported that the average monthly giving for the last 12 months compared with the average for the previous 12 months was still less at minus £59 per month. He pointed out, however, that by contrast, covenant giving was noticeably higher than it had been.

Finance campaign: David, our vicar, indicated that once a finance campaign document is completed, it would be presented to the congregation to encourage people to reconsider their current giving to the church. He considered that January next year might be a good time and would work towards this. An alternative suggested was Lent, being a time for reflection.

Card reader: The treasurer reported that the amount given by this method on a typical Sunday was relatively small and it was questioned whether it was worth the fee to maintain it. However, he said that it was noticeable that it was used a lot more for special occasions such as weddings.

Exhibition: Vivien Thickett, leader of the church Archive Group, said that she had noticed that the card reader was very popular as a means of giving to the church at exhibitions.

Christmas charities: It is usual for donations from the Christmas services to be dedicated to three chosen charities and consideration is being given to which charities should be supported from donations this year.

Safeguarding:

DBS: Mr Paul Collins, who has now taken over the duties of DBS verifier and safeguarding co-ordinator for the whole site, was present at the meeting. Paul reported that he has started processing applications for DBS checks for people in the 'church family'. He said that he is making some adjustments to the method being employed and is updating some of the documentation.

The DBS database is also being updated to ensure that there are no people working or volunteering on the site without having undergone a DBS check or maintaining their checks every three years up to date. He is preparing a flowchart to streamline the process.

Safeguarding training: Paul said that he has now completed the diocesan web-based safeguarding training.

Monitoring safeguarding status: He is also updating the definitive list of all people in the Centre and church who requiring regular safeguarding training so that their status can be monitored and they can be advised when three-yearly checks or training are required.

Standing Committee: David commented that the Standing Committee is the overarching safeguarding group for the site.

Churchwarden's report:

New churchwarden: Mr John Howell was elected as the new churchwarden at an Extraordinary Vestry Meeting held in the latter part of the 10am service on Sunday 14 September, just before the blessing.

Background: John explained that he has often considered taking on the role of churchwarden as a means of serving and helping out at All Saints.

He has been a PCC member of a church in the past and has also had experience of youth work, where he also organised meetings and secured the premises afterwards which he felt was relevant useful experience towards the role.

During the time that he has been at All Saints he has noticed a lot of wisdom in the church and with the former churchwardens leading him to want to contribute in this role. He would have hoped to have a co-warden but is happy to take on the role as the only warden at the moment.

Report: Unfortunately, John was otherwise indisposed and not able to attend the PCC meeting this time to report or join in the discussion.

Deanery Synod Report:

Meetings: One of our Deanery Synod representatives reported that there have been no Deanery Synod meetings since the last one in June 2025. The next one is scheduled for 22 October.

New area dean: David reported that we have a new Area Dean being Mark Bennett, who is currently priest-in-charge at Balsall Heath Church.

Reordering – current group members: David was pleased to report that a number of persons have agreed to join the Reordering Group, including Mary Gaskill, a member of the church and an architect by profession who has agreed to act as chair, as well as her husband Tom; also Daniel Wilson as a member of the PCC and Tony Cocks as secretary. Grace Storey has also agreed to represent the

Sunday School children; she also has experience in research and project management. Paul Collins' wife Gail has also expressed interest; she has experience of reordering, being involved in the reordering of St Stephen's Church in Selly Park, and planning matters. Ben and Clare Noakes would be consulted as required regarding music matters. Vivien Thickett, our last churchwarden, said that she would also like to join the group.

Safety Review of Carols by Candlelight service: A review was instigated to consider how improvements could be made to the forthcoming Carols by Candlelight service in December 2025 to avoid overcrowding and to reduce associated risks with this as occurred at the 2024 service.

Ben Noakes, one of the All Saints music co-ordinators, had prepared an advanced proposal which had been disseminated to the members for discussion.

Discussion took place and the following was agreed:

- Candles are to be retained to create an appropriate atmosphere despite there being a higher risk of fire.
- Managing numbers will be controlled by only allowing people to sit. All chairs will be put out before the service starts. When all chairs are filled, no further entry will be permitted. Advanced advertisements will make this absolutely clear.
- Singers will either gather elsewhere or a limited number start the service at the back of church or in the aisles to maximise on space for seating.
- Possibility of having two services at say 4pm and 6pm was discussed but there is some resistance to this as the service is an act of worship not just a concert. This to be given further thought re acceptability and feasibility.
- Alternative to two services could be an overflow in, say, the Garden Room, but this to be decided for future years depending on how the 2025 service goes.

North porch refurbishment: In response to the recommendations of the last quinquennial inspection report, consideration is being given to a staged refurbishment of the north porch and possibly other stonework around the church requiring attention.

To initiate this process, names of suitable stonework contractors have been obtained from the diocese and two contractors have been met on site to inspect the porch and discuss the first stage of refurbishment, which will be mainly the external stonework. Once quotations from both contractors for this first stage have been received, the way forward can be decided.

Notional costs are also being obtained for other stonework repair for internal refurbishment of the north porch, particularly the stonework on either side of the door from the church which is badly eroded, and also the ceiling; in addition, for 'tidying up' the stonework on the external east end of the church where spalling and loss of mortar is evident as well as loss of mortar in other isolated places around the church.

Security: Security during services was discussed as a result of one member of the congregation recently having a mobile phone stolen from a handbag; in addition, some rather dubious strangers who enter the church often during the service and who do not appear to be genuinely interested in the proceedings can be a cause for concern. This is not only difficult to manage but also makes members of the congregation unnecessarily nervous. Consideration is being given as to how this can be managed to minimise the risk. It is essential that members of the congregation are vigilant at all times and take care of personal possessions particularly when going forward to receive the sacrament during the Eucharist and possibly also at the peace.

Car park lighting: It is understood that the lighting in the car park on the old hall building has now been reinstated.

Eco Church – Silver Eco Award:

As part of Creationtide, which is an ecumenical season in the church's calendar during September each year, discussion took place regarding some aspects of the matters being considered with regard to All Saints obtaining a Silver Eco Award to supersede the Bronze Eco Award which is currently displayed near the south door.

Green power: All Saints is in the process of arranging for 100% green electricity from Ecotricity and 100% green or offset green gas from Corona Energy to be supplied to the church via the new arrangements being instigated as part of the group Parish Buying scheme.

Toilet Twinning: A pamphlet regarding Toilet Twinning was presented to the meeting. This is a charity which funds projects in a community that helps families to build their own basic toilet, access clean water and learn about hygiene where they would otherwise be without these basic necessities.

Without proper toilets, people get trapped in a vicious cycle.

They are likely to become sick through sanitation-related diseases. Illness keeps people from working; children miss school; parents have to pay for medicines or food and fall into debt.

Toilet Twinning funds hygiene education via community-led workshops and sourcing local materials for families and communities to build their own toilets.

There are various methods of getting involved with the charity. Churches wishing to support the charity can give a one-off donation to go to where the need is greatest towards water, sanitation and hygiene projects, or can choose to support a continent (Africa or Asia), or one of the other countries where the charity works. The church would receive regular updates to show the difference that its donation is making.

Flowers: The flower ladies who create beautiful displays of flowers around the church are investigating the use of sustainable flowers. In addition, two new persons from the congregation have joined the flower ladies team.

Refrigerator: it is understood that the fridge in the church kitchen which was thought to be faulty had been replaced with a spare fridge from the Youth Project.

Next meetings: These are scheduled as follows:

SC: 21 October, 9 December 2025; 17 February, 21 April, 9 or 23 June (tbc) 2026.

PCC: 18 November 2025; 20 January, 17 March, 19 May, 21 July, 15 September 2026.

Tony Cocks

PCC Secretary

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High days and holy days

12 October – Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer

Elizabeth Fry had endless compassion and endless energy – and together with a steadfast determination to do God’s work, this outstanding philanthropist became one of the foremost promoters of prison reform, not just in Britain but in all of Europe.

Elizabeth was born in 1780, far from any prison. The family lived in Norwich, where her father was a wealthy Quaker banker and merchant. In 1800 she married a London merchant, Joseph Fry, and could have spent her life safely at home, raising her many children, but instead she felt compelled to help the desperate social needs of the time.

There was a good reason for this. Back in 1798, when she had been attending a Quaker meeting in Norwich, someone had spoken what Elizabeth felt was a prophetic word for her life. As she noted in her diary at the time: ‘Deborah Darby then spoke... she addressed part of it to me; I only fear she says too much of what I am to be. A light to the blind; speech to the dumb; and feet to the lame; can it be? She seems as if she thought I was to be a minister of Christ. Can I ever be one? If I am obedient I believe I shall.’ And she was.

Elizabeth was accepted as a Quaker ‘minister’, and her good works in London began. But it was not until one day in 1813, when she visited Newgate Prison in London, that Elizabeth’s life changed forever. That day she witnessed such horrors of the circumstances in which women and children were kept that she knew she had found the focus for her life’s work. Soon her daily visits to the prison, where she read the Bible and taught the women to sew, grew into a campaign to achieve basic rights for the women prisoners. She fought for the classification of criminals, the segregation of the sexes, female supervision of women, and some provision for education.

In 1817 she created the Association for the Improvement of Female Prisoners, and then lobbied Parliament. By 1818 Elizabeth had raised such a storm that she was called to give evidence to a select committee that was examining conditions in prison, and that accepted many of her proposed reforms.

In 1820 Elizabeth tackled the huge problem of destitution in London. She opened a ‘Nightly Shelter for the Homeless in London’, which became the first of many. She founded a society to help released prisoners with rehabilitation. And she was certainly a ‘hands-on’ sort of person; it was said that for the next 20 years she herself inspected every single ship containing women convicts before it sailed to Australia.

Between 1838 and 1842 Elizabeth visited all the prisons in France, reporting to the Interior Minister. She then inspected prisons in Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Scotland and Ireland. Elizabeth also founded schools for poor girls, soup kitchens for the hungry and better housing for the poor, and investigated asylums. She even established a nursing school, which influenced her distant relative Florence Nightingale. By the time Elizabeth died in 1845, she had helped tens of thousands of helpless people to find some relief from their suffering. She had indeed lived her life as a ‘minister of Christ’.

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Who's Who

Worship (for clergy see back page)

Children's Worship Co-ordinators	Sarah Jeffery	07759 386758
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	Christine Powell	
Badminton Club	Des Workman	0121 443 5292
	Steve Brittle	01905 772171
Bible Reading Fellowship	Des Workman	0121 443 5292
Lunch Club	Vacant	
Meditation Group	Daniel Wilson	0121 449 9869

Planned giving: All are invited to join the planned giving scheme, contributing by Direct Debit (Parish Giving Scheme), Standing Order or Weekly Envelope. Taxpayers – please sign a Gift Aid declaration for reclaiming of tax and use of payroll giving if possible. Contact the Finance Team for further information. The church's Charity Commission Number is 1145723.

Parish Office: For enquiries about baptisms, baby naming services, banns and marriages, please contact the Parish Office: 9:30am-3pm Monday-Friday or via parishoffice@allsaintschurchkh.org.

Ministry to the sick: Visiting the sick at home or in hospital – please inform the Ministry Team of anyone who is sick. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved and oil is kept for ministry to the sick.

Ministry of healing: Laying-on of hands and anointing – last Saturday in the month at 9:15am as part of Morning Prayer, occasional Sunday evenings (as announced), and at home or in hospital as requested.

Communion of the sick: At home or in hospital, as requested, communion is taken, monthly, to the long-term sick or housebound.

Other ministries: For blessing of homes, celebrations of anniversaries, thanksgiving after childbirth, confession and counsel, please contact the Ministry Team.

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Worship

Sunday	08:00	Holy Communion (said)
	10:00	Parish Communion (sung) with Junior Church All Age Worship on the first Sunday of the month
	18:30	Evening service
Weekdays		Morning Prayer (09:30 Monday & Saturday; 09:15 Tuesday & Thursday)
	11:30	Holy Communion (Wednesday)

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