



All Saints Church Newsletter



John Parkin

We are very sad to share news of the death yesterday afternoon of our dear, loyal, fascinating friend John Parkin. John has served as Reader at All Saints for many years, his preaching not only broadening our horizons, but often taking us way beyond the horizon into space, or inwards to the workings of physics and

the mysteries of creation. He always kindly assumed we understood more science than we perhaps did.

His service to church, practically as well as liturgically, was tireless and generous, humbly offered, carefully prepared. He seemed to put the same attention into ordering new batteries for radio mics as he did into the preparation of an Iona service. He cared very much about the more quiet, reflective opportunities to listen and ponder. When he helped us explore an issue, he was unembarrassed leaving us with more questions than we began with because that was the humble curiosity he desired in humanity.

One of the reasons John's public ministry had such a humble, yet intelligent quality was because, as Jesus asked of us, he prayed privately, deeply, away from the public gaze. How often he drove up the rough track to the Franciscan community in Dorset for a retreat. How often, on a cold, windy, dark, wet Sunday evening, David has been about to say Evening Prayer alone, when the door would creak and John and Gill would come quietly in, ignoring the rain dripping off their coats.

John was dismayed at the swiftness of Gill's decline, just as we are at his. Both bore their loss with grace and patience.

We pray for Karen, David and all their family.

Flights of angels sing them together to their rest.



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Epiphany Community Lunch

Join us to celebrate Epiphany

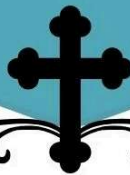
Sunday, 11th January
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

All Saints Church

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RSVP at

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Interfaith Feast and Conversation

We are keeping the Feast of Epiphany next Sunday, 11th January, following our 10am Holy Communion with conversation about the Epiphany story, with Lunch generously provided by friends in The Dialogue Society, a local Muslim interfaith group who facilitate such conversations as these. All are welcome. Please help us with catering by telling David ([\(0121\) 444 0260](tel:01214440260) or vicar@allsaintschurchkh.org) by Thursday this week if you can come. Do invite others, do spread the word. We have up to 60 places. We will invite donations as you feel able for the meal, *but that should not be a barrier to anyone coming.*



Music and Dance

Saturday 7th February 2026 for a Musical Celebration of the late Jean Caswell and Alma Beattie

6-7pm in church followed by a **ceilidh**. Refreshments available. More info and ceilidh tickets from Des and Jenny in the New Year.

For our prayers

Those who are unwell: especially Mari Brooks, Paul Smart's brother Robert, and Ruth Tetlow.

Among those who have died we remember Harry Burrows, John Parkin, Jo Ashcroft, and Richard Sudworth.

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Best wishes,

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