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All Saints Church Newsletter

Next Sunday

We keep 11th January as Epiphany, welcoming Muslim friends from the Dialogue Society to reflect on the visit of the Eastern Astrologers to the child Jesus.

If anyone wants to stay for the lunch (see below) but have not yet signed up, please tell David **by Saturday morning** [\(0121\) 444 0260](tel:01214440260) or vicar@allsaintschurchkh.org.

We will invite donations for lunch (pay as you feel able).

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12



Epiphany Community Lunch

Join us to celebrate Epiphany

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

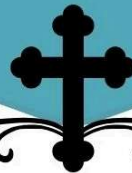
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John Parkin

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.



Beer, Hymns and Ceilidh

Beer and hymns

with music from All Saints singers

and musicians from Black Diamond

in memory of Jean Caswell and Alma Beattie

Saturday 7th Feb 6–7pm

in All Saints Church (**admission free**)

followed by a

Ceilidh (Barn Dance) 7.30pm–10pm

in All Saints Church Hall

with music from Mad Moll

Tickets for ceilidh: £10 adults, £5 children

Family ticket £25 (2 adults and up to 3 children)

(includes a Cheese Ploughman's supper)

Licensed bar and soft drinks available at both

Tickets available: All Saints Community Café; All Saints Church after 10am Sunday service; email parishoffice@allsaintschurchkh.org by Friday 6 Feb; from Des Workman or Jenny Warbrick. Mention dietary needs when booking.



Christmas Eve

Carol Singing in the Square

There was a record turnout for carol singing on the Village Square on Christmas Eve, with a number of passers-by stopping to listen or to join in with singers from All Saints – and we are delighted to confirm that £110 was raised for [Birmingham Christmas Shelter](#). 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 2025 – 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-ordinatorsmusic@allsaintschurchkh.org

For our prayers

Those who are unwell: especially Mari Brooks, Paul Smart's brother in law 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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