

Saints Alive!

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



... When Jesus had finished speaking, as His disciples watched intently, He was taken up into heaven and a cloud hid Him from their sight. Acts 1:7-9

May
2026



£1
(suggested donation)

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 May and June – 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 May

- 1st** Songs for May Day
- 8th** Voices
- 15th** Slow Train / Café Quattro
- 22nd** Ingrid's Accordions /
Bob Jackson Band
- 29th** Harmonica Bob
& The Big Boss Man

Fridays in June

- 5th** I'm Homeless,
'Get Me Out of Here'
(Brumside Community Radio Open Mic)
- 12th** Strings and Things
- 19th** tbc
- 26th** Mad Moll

From the vicarage

Dear friends and neighbours,

Feeling flush

It's sobering to think that the water we use to flush our toilets is cleaner than the drinking water millions of people have difficulty accessing around the world. Tearfund estimates that 1.4 million people die each year as a result of poor sanitation. Thanks to your generosity, we have twinned toilets at All Saints with toilets in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Sudan and Uganda. Tearfund, in collaboration with other NGOs, helps to provide clean water, toilet facilities helping restore dignity and privacy to communities, and education about hygiene where needed.

There is a beauty and simplicity about this most basic human connection we can feel when pressing the button or lever to wash away our bodily waste. With everybody across the world in our diverse cultures, we all eat; we all urinate; we all poo. Reflecting on mortality, Leonard Cohen soberingly, amusingly, described us as 'the brief elaboration of a tube'.

It is a levelling thought, sitting on the loo, our sense of common vulnerability being enough, perhaps, to prompt a prayer of lament about the stupidity of scrabbling over land or power.

The flushing away of smelly waste is not a bad metaphor for confession and absolution, of new beginning, clean and unburdened. We might pray for any who deal with our sewage, and indeed for anyone who has to mop up the consequences of someone else's mistakes.

Washing hands could be an important reminder of the ways we attempt to wash our hands of responsibility, not caring, not helping, not taking responsibility for things. Washing hands can, at the same time, be a positive evocation of our connection with each other. Washing our hands is about others' health as well as our own. It's a way of respecting others.

Leaving the privacy of a toilet, perhaps, could prompt a smile as we recognise that, while we quite properly respect one another's personal dignity and space, as Psalm 139 reminds us, God is with us wherever we go, whatever we do, whatever we think. There are no secrets from God.

As we give thanks for our toilet twinning and pray for the countries we are thereby lightly connected with, we should be careful not to stir any unhealthy superiority, as though we have it right and these faraway places need to clean up their act. We humbly offer some support to places that are rich in culture and heritage. They are not to be caricatured as unclean in some hideous imperious way. We do well to remember, as we pray for others who may live with fewer resources, that while we take clean water for granted, it's an embarrassing contradiction that a court case should now begin over the pollution of the beautiful River Wye.

Best wishes,

David

Christian Aid Week

All Saints has a wonderful history of supporting Christian Aid. Last year we had a church collection, the young people did a car wash and we held a very successful quiz evening. We raised over £1,800 and later in the year managed to raise another £300. So in 2025 you raised over £2,100 – with Gift Aid, even more!

Join us as we fight poverty and respond to humanitarian emergencies, giving practical help to enable people to survive and grow in their communities and support for people such as Grace in Nairobi, Kenya, whom Christian Aid supported when her home was flooded.

Helping people like Fridah, who is a widow with children and grandchildren, to protect them from malnutrition. In Nairobi's informal settlements most parents wake every morning knowing that if they do not earn money today their children will go hungry that night. But thanks to Christian Aid and its Kenyan partner Beacon of Hope, Fridah's ability to provide is growing. Fridah is now growing produce to cook at home thanks to being given support, training and tools to cultivate crops. Fridah is growing crops in a small city plot at the end of an alley in the town of Dagoretti. She grows both to feed her family and to sell at the market. She says: 'Urban farming has changed my life.'

Together we can support families like Fridah's to escape the cruel grip of poverty.

Please give at church during Christian Aid Week. We are hoping to arrange a fundraising quiz and a ceilidh later in the year.

Des Workman



Omwanda and Belinda Kasudi at a Christian Aid funded urban farming project by Beacon of Hope in Nairobi.

Together, we can turn hope into action.

Christian Aid is an international charity, founded by churches in Britain and Ireland more than 80 years ago.

We work in partnership with a network of churches, organisations and people of all faiths and none.

Together, we deliver vital programmes of work, and raise awareness and funds to help drive lasting change.

Our supporters give, act and pray to support millions of people globally.

With partners and communities in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, we're supporting people experiencing poverty, and those affected by humanitarian emergencies.

By turning our hope into action, we're helping to build a fairer, more peaceful world.

Will you join us?



Why we need you

From volunteering to raising money, your support means more awareness and funding to tackle the causes of poverty, such as the climate crisis, conflict and unfair economic systems. **You'll be there with us when disasters strike. And you'll contribute to the resources communities need to rebuild.**

You could raise funds for Christian Aid by holding a coffee morning or bake sale. Or why not set yourself a sponsored challenge? We have a wide range of resources to help you turn your fundraising ideas into reality. We'd also be extremely grateful if you could donate to our work. Visit give.christianaid.org.uk

Christian Aid Week

A great place to get started is our annual fundraising event in May – **Christian Aid Week**. That's when we share inspiring stories of hope from communities around the world who are changing their lives with Christian Aid's support.

With **seven days to make a difference** through a variety of supporter fundraising activities, we secure vital donations to sustain and grow the impact of our work. There are so many ways to get involved, from big brekkies and sing-a-thons to sponsored runs and 70k in May. What will you do? Visit caweek.org/Fundraise

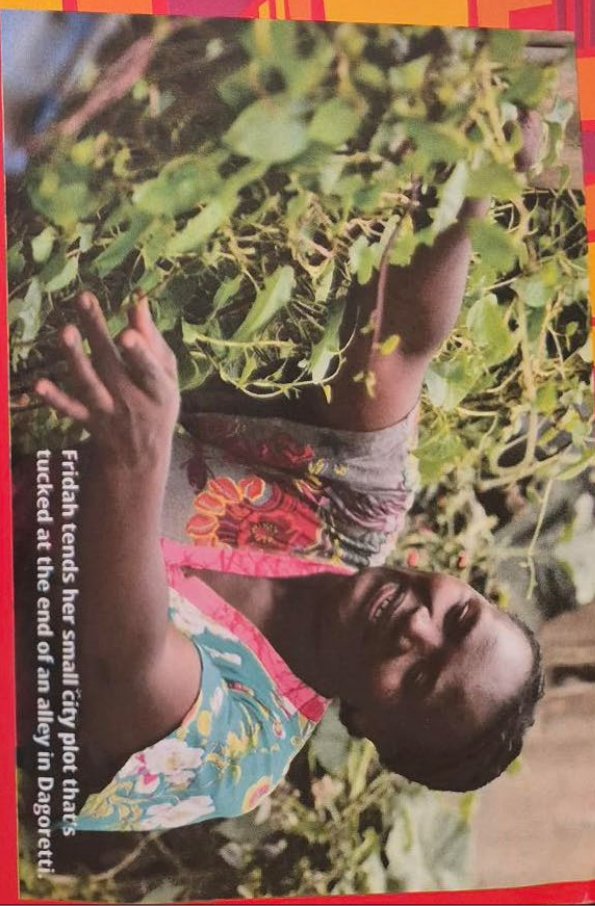
Where **hardship**
means **hunger**
...urban farmers can grow hope.

Fridah's farming in
the heart of Nairobi to
feed grandson Quilian.

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IN YOUR CHURCH 

Across the world, children living in poverty go to bed hungry. Please support their hardworking parents to change this. Donate today and help fund tools and training, so that families can learn how to farm food, wherever they live.

Christian Aid Week • 10-16 May 2026



Fridah tends her small city plot that's tucked at the end of an alley in Dagoretti.

With your support this Christian Aid Week, more parents like Fridah can grow food to feed their children and nurture hope.

'When I wake up, I have a lot of worries. Sometimes I don't have food.' Fridah Moraa

In Nairobi's informal settlements, most parents wake knowing if they don't earn money today, their family will go hungry tonight. Fridah is widowed with children and a grandchild to protect from malnutrition. It's a relentless daily struggle. But thanks to her determination, and support from our partner, Beacon of Hope, Fridah's ability to provide is growing. With your church's gifts, we can offer aspiring farmers the tools and training to cultivate crops. Fridah's now growing produce to cook at home and sell at market. 'Urban farming has changed my life.'

Together, we can support families like Fridah's to escape the cruel grip of poverty.

Return this envelope to a volunteer in your church or in a plain envelope addressed to **Freepost Christian Aid**. Alternatively, donate faster at caweek.org or call **08080 006 006**.
Can you add 25% to your donation by completing our Gift Aid slip?

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Remembering John Parkin

Following his death in January, David shares below the reflection that he gave at John's funeral at Waseley Hills Crematorium on 5 February.

'Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord my rock and my redeemer.' John began each sermon with that, typically self-effacing, prayer from Psalm 19.

In the moving scene in the Temple which we remembered at Candlemas last weekend, we see three generations together, the infant, the young parents and two older people. I have only known John as an older person, these last 15 years, but one who still shone with the liveliness of his working life and whose boyish pleasure showed he had not lost the child he once was. The two older people in the story show two different kinds of ageing. In Anna there is amazing energy. We'd all like to have a bit of what she's on. Something of the attractive young married woman was still visible at 84. It is amazing to think how recently John was still diving, still sailing, still teaching disadvantaged young people to sail. Only four Easters ago, John carried the large wooden cross along the High Street ready for the Good Friday procession – part of his personal Good Friday devotions. His appetite for knowledge never dimmed. There's something of Anna about him.

Alongside vigorous Anna is Simeon who, by contrast, seems accepting and ready to die. Perhaps he's tired. He has a stillness, a peace about him. He knows the world will go on without him. He is wistful, knowing the big story is not about him but about God, and Simeon's longing that the rest of humanity go on flourishing, that God will help the world become a better place, is absolutely in tune with the Divine longing. Even as Parkinson's cruelly diminished some physical faculties, John was remarkably strong and resilient and vigorous in old age, but somehow he was also wistfully reflective. He, too, longed for the world to be a kinder place. John was frustrated at times, of course, but remarkably accepting and gracious in his own decline and indeed in his grief for Gill. We know, rather beautifully, John was accepting of the end when it came, firmly indicating his dignified decision to allow withdrawal of treatment. If, in Gill, we recognised how Martha and Mary got on, for John we could say he is both Anna and Simeon in his ageing: he showed both vigour and acceptance; both volubility and peace. I'd be glad if I could age as well as John in both these ways.

There listening to the older people's experience are working adults, Mary and Joseph. When they went home, Luke says, Jesus grew and became strong under their watchful care. Karen and David, you know John also as young Dad, like them, learning parenthood, as you discovered the world, teaching and nurturing you. Technician Joseph taught his son carpentry. Mary taught their son the Psalms and the domestic liturgy of his Jewish faith. Gill and John taught you. John passed on his methodical practicality. We always admired their careful, steady pitching and striking camp at Greenbelt. I wonder what tips he passed on with all those repairs as you set up home – the WD40, the tools, the gaffer tape. His practicality, though was matched by wonder and curiosity, opening up the world, the universe with his enquiring mind. Meanwhile his imagination could soar as he enjoyed the grandeur of C S Lewis myths and *Lord of the Rings* epics with you.



St Luke tells us Jesus' young parents told him off when he went missing as a 12-year-old, but then adjusted and learned to give him independence. David and Karen, you alone remember Gill and John together learning what it meant to let you go. John was quietly, enormously proud of how you made your way, applying your skills in engineering and education in your own ways. He was quietly excited as, Izzy and Megan, you made your discoveries, your choices in education. It's hard to accept he can't share more of your journey.

In Mary and Joseph's arms, the infant Jesus is dependent and vulnerable. One of John's most moving qualities was that he seemed to bear his powerful intellect lightly. He was incapable of bullying. He always assumed we knew or understood more than we usually did about physics or science. He cared passionately about the world's injustice, but was never hectoring. He preferred to leave us with questions than provide pat answers. He kept a certain vulnerability, a childlike curiosity throughout his life. He did need affirmation, but did not cry out for it. We may wonder how he kept that openness, that balance of confidence and humility in his life. Perhaps it was his unpretentious discipline in prayer, his quiet times on retreat with Brother Anselm at Hilfield, that allowed for that attractive wistfulness. His dependence on God saw him through all the seasons of his life, and his integrity of heart, soul, mind and strength showed to the end. A prayer prayed with Gill and with John at the end was surely answered:

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen, and the evening come, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A service was then held at All Saints on 28 February to give thanks for John's rich life and invaluable part in our fellowship, and to bury his ashes in the Memorial Garden. At this service Margaret Healey-Pollett shared tributes to John from All Saints friends:



I have been collecting memories from the All Saints congregation about John, with whom I became a latter-day 'blue-scarf' colleague on the Ministry Team. John served as a licensed Reader here, with great generosity, for many years, from the time he offered himself for this ministry to our then vicar, John Wilkinson. These two Johns were not only leaders in our Ministry Team, but their families also became interwoven through the marriage of Karen and Martin, and the birth of their mutual granddaughter, Megan. At the heart of All Saints life was the grounding love of this extended family, rooted in the love of God.

This was the time when All Saints was led by a team from Yorkshire: the two Johns, Mike Cheesbrough and Gill Cole. John was proud of his Yorkshire roots and referred to Yorkshire as 'God's own country'. Gill's origins were also in Yorkshire, and although her family crossed the Pennines, she remained a Yorkshire lass; but John and Gill kept a Lancashire connection all their lives, with their caravan in Formby, a holiday retreat for them and their family throughout the summer months.

Not only did John serve as a Reader here at All Saints, he also supported reader training in the diocese over many years, which the Reader tutor, Liz Howlett, remembers with great gratitude. During his ministry here John officiated at many funerals, and Des and Sheila have good memories of our two Johns taking Des's father's funeral service. And now, as it must, the wheel has turned again, as here we are attending his funeral. Over the years of funeral ministry, John must often have had occasion to ponder the mystery of death, and when the time of his own departing came he was at peace, fully aware that he had decided to stop the treatment, a decision his whole family, gathered there, accepted. John knew the limits of all science, including medicine.

There are a few common themes throughout the memories I have received. One is his deeply enquiring mind, and his love of science and theology. As Liz Haskins said, 'he gave the lie to the theory that religion and science are incompatible'. Sylvia Mogg, also a scientist, was very appreciative of his sermons when 'he was not afraid to tackle the discoveries of the last hundred years of so which often appear to be at odds with the New Testament'. His passion was physics, and in a copy of our parish magazine Saints Alive!, published less than a year ago, there are a couple of paragraphs where John has given us some thoughts on physics and theology. He says that our thoughts and concepts are inadequate in both disciplines, and concludes with the observation that 'we do not know much about more than a few per cent of the total mass-energy of the universe (as currently conceived) – the point is that we don't know much'. He wasn't daunted by this thought, though, and continued to ask questions to the end of his life. He felt that a sermon wasn't complete if it didn't leave us with questions, and the advice he gave me about preaching was to encourage questioning and further enquiry.

Nicola Slee says of John that she 'got to know John better when he did the two year MA in Applied Theological Studies at Queen's some while back. It was typical of John that he wanted to go on learning and expanding his understanding of faith. He was an enthusiastic and diligent student and engaged deeply in the classes, which were very varied in terms of student backgrounds, cultures, denominations and perspectives – something he relished. He not only came to classes but joined in worship in the chapel whenever he could and enjoyed being part of an ecumenical theological community.'

Another theme is both John and Gill's loyalty and commitment to All Saints, to Traidcraft, the Lunch Club, the Justice, Peace and Green Group, All Saints Ramblers, and to faithful worship at Morning and Evening Prayer, as well as the main services. John helped in leading the worship at all of these services and Helen Lloyd remembers appreciatively how he created a calm meditative atmosphere by playing a CD of classical music during Lent and Advent Complines.

John was quietly supportive, and for some time after he had to step down from public ministry, David kept discovering all sorts of things not being done that John had clearly previously, without fuss, taken care of. In their devoted service and friendship John and Gill were an example to us all; for some of us they were like second parents.

Their dedication to Traidcraft went as far as cutting their visits to Formby short, so they would be back to run the stall at the Farmers' Market, which they did, with the help of a team of volunteers, in all weathers. They were always very well organised and had it all running very smoothly, with a great system to replenish the stock from the store cupboard. Their stall was one of the most successful in

the country. Des recalls visiting their house once, just after a delivery from Traidcraft, when their living room looked like a warehouse! They also went on regular 'Meet the People' tours with Traidcraft, coming back full of stories and information to share with us. It was a great blow to both of them when Traidcraft had to cease trading and fold. They had made personal contact with many of the producers whose livelihoods would be severely affected by the closure.

Towards the end of his life, John experienced ever-increasing difficulty with speaking. It must have been very frustrating for him to no longer be able to communicate his thoughts, which were as searching as ever. He refers to this in his magazine piece as a typical Yorkshireman facing up to a tough reality without self-pity or complaint. 'This offering really should be part of a sermon,' he says. 'My only excuse is that PSP prevents me from preaching (and a slow sentence a day is good going).'

Dear John, we have much to remember about you, much to be grateful for. Thank you for your example of utter commitment both to Creation and the Creator, for your encouragement to us to 'think big', to ask questions, and to keep exploring.

We must finish with a question. For today that question has to be: how are we, in the All Saints family, going to remember, honour and continue John and Gill's remarkable legacies?

Friendship meals

Friendship meals are a low-key way to get to know a few fellow parishioners a little bit better. So far we have met a few times; 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 summer term, please let Rosalyn know. You meet just once before September. I split people into groups then each group has to find a time to meet. It does require someone in each group to organise the others!

Contact details are shared with consent and the group chooses where and when to meet.



If money is an issue please have a quiet word with David as this will not be a barrier to taking part.

If you are interested please chat to Rosalyn or email her c/o parishoffice@allsaintschurchkh.org and let her know the contact information that you are happy to share.

Rosalyn Clare

Accessing and paying for the magazine

The *Saints Alive!* magazine is available in digital form on the All Saints website at <https://allsaintschurchkh.org/about-us/publications>, with hard copies available to pick up from the back of church each month. The suggested donation for each issue is £1, but cost should not be a barrier to anyone in the church reading the magazine in either online or printed form. Cash donations can continue to be made via the slot at the back of church; alternatively a standing order can be set up to pay in advance for a year's-worth (10 issues) of the magazine – please see the form below – or a cheque made payable to All Saints Kings Heath PCC can be sent to the Parish Office (address is on the back page). The form gives the individual the ability for their payment to go towards one of three areas – please select the General Purpose Fund (GPF) and delete the other two. The church's Charity Commission Number is 1145723. Finally, if you or someone you know would like a copy of the magazine posting out each month then please contact us as below to arrange this.

Ben & Clare Noakes
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From the archives: Shopping...

Delving through the parish magazines doesn't just find reports of 'churchy' business – it would seem that it was also a good vehicle for local businesses to advertise their wares. Presumably there was a small fee to be paid which, in time-honoured fashion, would have helped cover the publishing costs? Here are a few such offerings from 1912:

- **Bricklow and Ward** offered: Artificial Teeth. Easy Payments.
- **William Heyworth** was The Pure Breadman. You only need one sample to convince you of the perfect quality.
- **Martins Boots** catered for All Classes, speciality 8/11 and 10/6. Ladies and Gents.
- **Chapman and Sanders** sold Fancy Leather Goods. Also a large variety of Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books.
- **James Jones** was Saddler, Collar and Harness maker; while
- **G. and A. Parkes** were Umbrella Makers and Repairers.
- **R. Hayward** offered a Variety of Furniture, including Tables for hire for Whist Drives.
- **Thomas Twigg** was The Kings Heath Stationer and Librarian.
- **Ambler Bros, Undertakers and Funeral Directors** promised Immediate attention given to Letters, Telegrams and Telephone Messages.

And – spoiler alert – more to come in the next edition of *Saints Alive!*.

Liz Haskins & Vivien Thickett

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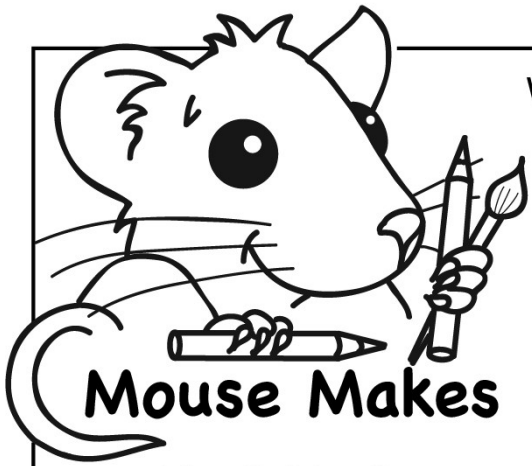
We are always pleased to receive contributions for the magazine – including reports and reflections, reviews and recommendations, and hearing about activity across the church campus and beyond.

This is *your* magazine – the broader the range of contributors and of topics covered, the more interesting it will be!

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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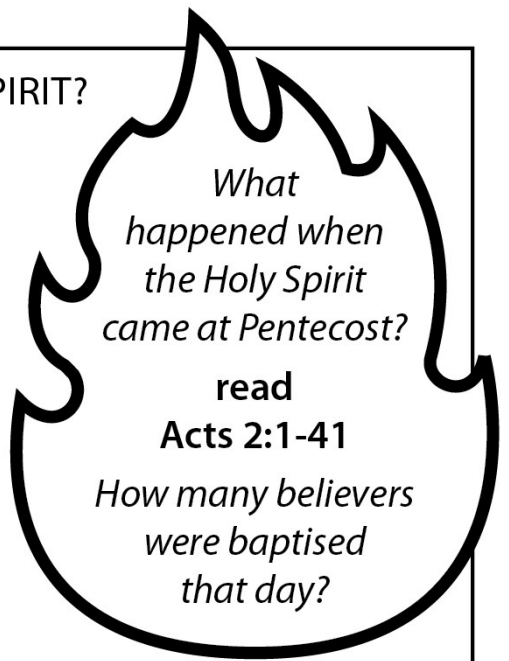
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Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

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 ADVOCATE • TEACHER • LORD • PROMISE
 GLORY • GRACE • FAITH • DOVE • FIRE • WIND

From Byrd to Bond

A refreshingly different way to celebrate Mothering Sunday was a concert given in church by the Martineau Trombone Quartet. The group have been playing for over 20 years and on this occasion featured Andy Derrick, Andrew Clennell, Martha Ann Brookes and Robert Brookes (who heroically stepped in at short notice). What great musical talent we have at All Saints – how many families can boast two trombone players?

It was a rare chance to shine a spotlight on this slightly less well-known brass instrument and hear it in all its glory. There are many different types of trombone and we were introduced to the distinctive sound of the bass, tenor and jazz instruments. I was impressed at their versatility, the diverse range of music presented, and the rich, melodious sound that they produced together.

The programme began with a superb piece by 16th-century composer Wiliam Byrd and a composition by a young King Henry VIII that perfectly evoked the Tudor age. It included classical favourites such as *Sailing By* and *Cavalleria Rusticana* then, much to the audience's delight, it veered dramatically off-piste with the James Bond theme from *Goldfinger*. The nostalgia of *The Teddy Bears' Picnic* brought a smile to everyone's face and the Glenn Miller medley made me want to dance. A musical tribute to mothers included both the jaunty *My Mother's Bible* and the moving *Songs My Mother Taught Me*. More film music from *Mamma Mia!* and James Bond made for a rousing finale. I did not expect trombone music to provide such toe-tapping fun or move me to tears but it has changed my perception of the instrument and given me new insight into the skills of the players. Thank you, Martha Ann and friends, for such an imaginative programme that appealed to all ages. We hope you return soon for an encore.

The concert was free but Ian Barber gave a heartfelt and inspiring summary of the amazing work done at the All Saints Youth Project, and Alex and Elle, who attend the Inclusion+ part of the Project. Generous donations to the Youth Project resulted in a total of £236. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Jenny Warbrick

Many thanks to Des Workman for the photographs



Charitable giving at All Saints

Each year All Saints aims to give a certain percentage of its regular giving to other causes. In 2025 the church gave just over £6,000 to other causes, and split this with a third to local causes, a third to national causes and the last third to international ones. As well as this there are other collections at Christmas for three chosen charities and other money for Christian Aid raised during Christian Aid week in May.

Nearly 25 charities were supported in this way and a few are mentioned below:

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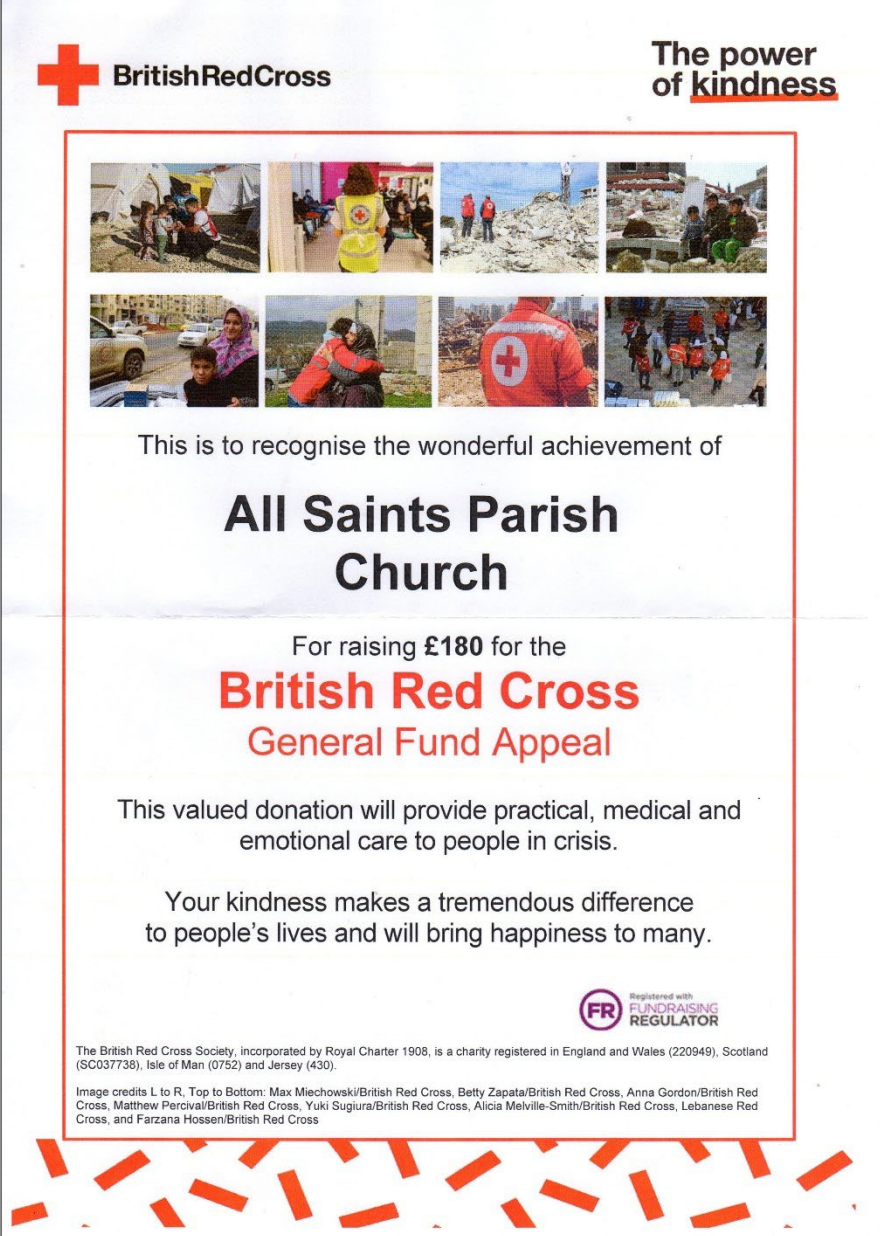
- British Red Cross: This money goes to its emergency response to crisis, both in the UK and abroad in places such as Gaza, Sudan, Myanmar and Ukraine.
- The Diocese of Birmingham Malawi Fund (supporting our partner dioceses in Malawi).

National:

- The Children's Society: This provides specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope.
- Operation Noah: This is a Christian charity working with the Church to inspire action on the climate crisis.

Local:

- Thrive: Thrive Birmingham offers therapeutic gardening programmes to people with a defined health, social or educational need and has a centre in Kings Heath Park.
- Restore: This is a project of Birmingham Churches Together, working with refugees and asylum seekers in Birmingham, Solihull and Smethwick.



The poster features the British Red Cross logo and the slogan 'The power of kindness'. It includes a grid of eight photographs showing Red Cross volunteers and their work in various crisis situations. The text on the poster reads: 'This is to recognise the wonderful achievement of All Saints Parish Church For raising £180 for the British Red Cross General Fund Appeal. This valued donation will provide practical, medical and emotional care to people in crisis. Your kindness makes a tremendous difference to people's lives and will bring happiness to many.' At the bottom, there is a logo for the Fundraising Regulator and small print regarding the charity's registration and image credits.

BritishRedCross The power of kindness

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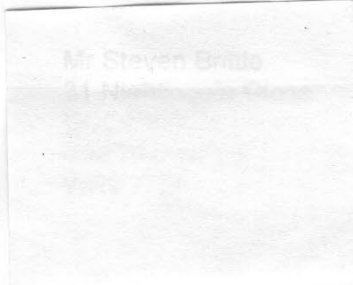
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The charities are chosen by the Justice, Peace and Green group alongside the PCC of the church.

Daniel Wilson



05 March 2026

Dear Mr Brittle,

**Thank you to the members of All Saints Church Kings Heath
for your very kind donation of £180.00**

Thank you so much for helping in our mission to change the lives of vulnerable children by donating **£180.00** in support of our work. Your kindness and generosity will make a significant difference to our work and I want you to know how grateful we are for your dedication and support – we really don't take it for granted.

Your valuable donation will allow us to continue reaching out to thousands of vulnerable children who are dealing with issues of hardship, abuse and neglect – often without anyone to support them. By choosing to support us, you've done something truly life-changing for thousands of children. Across the country we are all working together to ensure that more children have the care and support they need and deserve.

In the United Kingdom 4 million children live in poverty, 1 in 20 children have been sexually abused and more than 100,000 children run away from home or care every year. Without your help, so many of these children would continue to face the tragic effects of these issues without anyone to listen to or support them. Thanks to you, now more of them will.

On behalf of everyone at The Children's Society and the young people we work with, thank you for helping to make children's lives better.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Moran
Head of Supporter Experience

We may contact you by post, and telephone, about how you can support vulnerable children by campaigning, volunteering or providing financial support. If you do not wish to hear from us, or have a preferred contact method, simply let our friendly Supporter Care team know by calling **0300 303 7000** or emailing supportercare@childrenssociety.org.uk.

From the PCC

Since the last edition of *Saints Alive!* there has been one Parish Church Council (PCC) meeting on 17 March, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 19 April, and most recently a Standing Committee (SC) meeting on 21 April.

The following is a résumé of the points discussed at the meetings. The PCC and SC meetings are described first; there may be some repetition in the APCM report of items discussed in the PCC and SC meetings but they have been included for completeness:

PCC/SC meetings

Finance:

Current financial situation: This section focuses mainly on the situation as of 31 March when our treasurer reported at the SC meeting in April the latest situation regarding finances. Some reference is also made to the PCC meeting for comparison.

The treasurer provided 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 March 2026.

He gave an oversight review of the salient points of this information – the following was noted:

Income: The treasurer reported that income to the end of March 2026 was circa £77.4K but did include a bequest of circa £44.7K and excluding the bequest amounted to £36.9K.

Analysing the makeup of income to this date, the following was noted:

- **Regular giving:** This was still less than predicted despite the recent finance campaign but the treasurer had made a further plea ahead of the APCM for people to reconsider their giving if they had the ability to do so, to boost the regular giving. Although the comparison with average giving at this point in time compared with the same time last year was plus £175, this represented only an annual increase of 2.2%, significantly less than the current annual inflation rate.
- ***Saints Alive!* magazine:** Expenditure vs income, actually in deficit by £5.
- **Fees:** These well exceeded predicted.
- **Dividends/interest:** Mainly from the CCLA investments; less than predicted but was expected to rise as a result of the recent £44.7K bequest which had been invested in this account.
- **Fundraising:** Well ahead of predicted.
- **Church rental:** Lower than predicted.
- **Good causes:** Money given annually to good causes has been disseminated to all but two of the charities.

Expenditure:

The treasurer reported that expenditure to the end of March 2026 since the beginning of the year was circa £40.7K which meant that at this time the account was in deficit to the tune of £8K excluding the bequest. He said that expenditure at the beginning of the year is typically higher than later in the year and he expected it to balance out in time.

He pointed out a few salient points as follows:

- **Worship costs:** These were marginally higher than predicted.
- **Children's costs:** Costs for children's worship were significantly higher.
- **Utilities:** Costs for utilities were pretty well on par possibly due to the new Parish Buying scheme arranged by the Church of England for churches across the country to join where gas and electricity is purchased in bulk.
- **Church insurance:** This had increased beyond that predicted.
- **Common Fund:** Although finances were such that this year the PCC had felt that there were insufficient funds to be able to pay the Common Fund to the diocese in full, as a result of the recent bequest of £44.7K, £4K had been donated to the diocese based on the PCC's recent decision to pay 10% of any bequest received over £1K to the diocese as an offer of good faith, and also to help support less well-off parishes.
- **Balance sheet:** The treasurer pointed out that money is currently being held in two bank accounts and also in the CCLA investments. Although the church has a savings account with one of the banks, the interest rate is so low that it is not worth investing anything in it and any spare money is invested in the CCLA account which gives a much better rate of return.

Overall net worth: The treasurer reported that overall, at the end of March 2026, the church balance net worth was circa £240K, 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.

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding training: Paul Collins, our parish safeguarding officer, continues to streamline the system for the site.

DBS checks and safeguarding training status: He has almost completed the work of ensuring that everyone at All Saints who needs a DBS check has a valid one in place. Some 33 DBS and ID checks have been completed in the last six months.

Safeguarding Hub: This is a diocese-generated web-based tool to aid parishes to keep track of DBS checks and safeguarding training for individuals involved in church activities, particularly where this involves vulnerable children and adults. Paul is loading the Safeguarding Hub with details of the DBS checks and safeguarding training of individuals. The Hub will help the church to keep track of DBS checks and safeguarding training and avoid reliance on manual reminders when they need updating.

Safeguarding policies: He is shortly proposing to review the two policies, Safeguarding and Child Protection and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, which are required to be reviewed annually.

Incidents: Paul was pleased to be able to report that there have been no specific safeguarding concerns about individuals since the last Standing Committee meeting in February this year, nor any referrals made.

Churchwarden's report: John Wallace-Howell, our churchwarden, has agreed to continue as churchwarden and was re-elected at the APCM.

Eco Church – Buildings and Energy group: John has joined and attended a meeting of the Buildings group on an ongoing basis. The group considers that one of its greater challenges is how to heat the building effectively without a gas boiler. It is continuing also to investigate the possibility of solar panels.

Miscellaneous updates:

- John has been assisting our parish safeguarding officer with the safeguarding policies.
- He has been involved with resolving issues with the wall safe by the south door which is used by parishioners for donating money such as contributing to the costs of publication of *Saints Alive!*.
- Resolving issues with how to deal with spent candle wax.
- Resolving an intermittent problem with the microphones.
- Completing the duty wardens and welcomers' task list and ongoing rotas.

Deanery Synod report: The last Deanery Synod meeting was held on 28 February at Hawkesley. The main topic related to the history of schools. There was a keynote speaker invited to the meeting, The Revd Canon Barrie Scott, who is the deputy director of education at the diocese. His presentation covered some of the history behind CofE schools, some information about the schools in the diocese and how parishes and oversight areas can be involved with church schools both locally and in the wider diocese.

Deanery Synod meetings tend to focus on higher-level deanery matters rather than individual parish matters. All Saints currently has three representatives who attend these meetings, but if anyone would like to find out more about getting involved or become a representative there are currently two vacancies.

Reordering: The second meeting was scheduled to be held on 11 January but was postponed due to the poor icy weather conditions at the time. Another date is being fixed for the next meeting to take place.

Diocesan Generosity Team visit: David, our vicar, explained that the so-called Diocesan Generosity Team, with a grant availability of some £170K, is tasked to provide support and resources to help parishes and congregations grow in their giving practices.

Over the next five years, the Team is proposing to visit all the parishes in the diocese to identify how each church is planning to cover the costs of ministry in the future.

All Saints' Common Fund contribution was set by the diocese at £93.6K but because of the church's current financial situation, it is currently only able to offer £78.6K and is therefore not covering the required amount at the moment. The Team is to be invited to the PCC meeting scheduled for May to explain the proposals and discuss the matter in more detail.

Lunch Club: There have been no further developments to date following the report on the status of the Lunch Club described in the April edition of *Saints Alive!*.

Heating improvements: Since the new circulation pump was installed and the filter was cleaned on the low-pressure system, there continues to be evidence that air is getting into the system but there are no apparent leaks anywhere including where the original leaks were located. Hydro Mechanical Services, who installed the new pump, suggested that the ball valve in the header tank on the low-pressure system was set to high and water was expanding when hot and passing out of the system. When they fitted a new ball valve, they said that there was evidence of water levels above overflow level and they have set the maximum water level in the tank some distance below the overflow. To date there has been no evidence of air entering the system since this was done.

Electrical work: Prices are being sought for various items of electrical work in the church and the rooms at the back of church. This includes some maintenance work to repair the extractor fan in the toilet, replacing some failed lights, and also preliminary costs for fitting LED lights in the South Vestry and timer switches to the electrical heaters in the rooms at back of church which would automatically switch off the heaters after a preset time such as one hour and would have to be manually turned back on if more heat is required by the occupants.

North porch refurbishment: It has been decided that the weather is sufficiently improved for refurbish the north porch stonework to proceed. One of the original contractors that quoted for this work is to be approached to obtain a possible updated price and time when they may be able to do the work.

APCM

Introduction: The annual meeting was held in the church on Sunday 19 April after the 10am service. It was well attended with some 42 attendees, slightly up on last year.

The agenda for the meeting and the reports from the various groups and organisations numbering some 29 had previously been published in the April edition of *Saints Alive!* and so were available for all to read.

The proceedings commenced with a short vestry meeting as scheduled to appoint churchwardens. John Wallace-Howell, who has been the churchwarden since September 2025, agreed to stand for another year and was duly elected. There were no other candidates.

The main meeting then continued with a prayer given by the vicar. This was followed by the customary apologies, and review and approval of the minutes of the previous APCM held in May 2025.

Electoral roll: This was followed by an update from the electoral roll officer that the number of people on the roll was almost the same as at the APCM in 2025 and now stood at 181. He sadly had to report that six well-known and respected members of the congregation had died during the past year, but on the plus side there had been five new people added to the roll.

Elections: This was followed by the very welcome election of various officers and individuals, including re-election of two persons to the PCC as they had completed three years, Des and Sheila Workman. Both members agreed to stand for a further three years and were duly elected.

This means that the current number of persons on the PCC is 16, comprising seven clergy and co-opted members and nine lay members. Based on the current numbers on the electoral roll a maximum of 11 lay members is permitted so there is scope for additional members should any reader of this article feel so inclined.

Election of churchwardens: As described above John Wallace-Howell, who has been the churchwarden since September 2025, agreed to stand for another year.

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod: Margaret and Jim Andrew as Deanery Synod representatives were thanked by David for their report. There were no comments or questions.

Elections to Deanery Synod: Margaret and Jim Andrew, both Deanery Synod representatives for the church, had completed three years since previously being elected and agreed to stand for a further three years; they were duly elected.

Margaret reiterated that there are currently two vacancies should anyone feel that this is something that they would like to be involved in to represent the church.

Finance – PCC main account:

General: Our treasurer, Steve Brittle, commenced by reporting on the highlights of the final audited account for 2025. This section is reflective. The Finance in the above PCC/SC section is the status as at the end of March 2026,

Income and expenditure: He explained that overall, the expenditure had been circa £140.4K and income circa £140.9K which resulted in an overall credit of £517. This was however as a result of the PCC's decision to reduce the amount given to good causes for 2025 from circa £9K to £6K as a result of the current financial status of the church account.

He said that the cost of utilities had been better since we changed our providers in October 2025.

Common Fund: The treasurer said that this helps to support incumbents' salaries etc and that the diocese was asking for over £90K. As a result of the financial status of the church account the PCC had decided that it would only be able to afford £76.K but that this would be reviewed as the year progresses. As indicated in the previous section above, for bequests received over £1K, 10% would be given to the diocese as a goodwill gesture.

Regular giving: This had been variable over the year, the average being negative in the middle of the year compared with the average the same time the previous year, but towards the end of the year this had improved. It was still not keeping up with inflation and more would help.

Overall net worth: The treasurer indicated that that overall, at the end of 2025, the church balance net worth was circa £202.7K, but as reported previously did include the as yet unpaid long-term loan to the Development Company of circa £170K.

Auditing of the account: He finished by saying that the final account for 2025 had been audited by their regular auditor, William Anthony Friel (preferred name Tony Friel), and has been generally found to be sound.

Election of auditor: The treasurer said that Tony Friel, the current auditor of the church accounts, was happy to continue. He was nominated and accepted for re-election.

Churchwarden's report: David thanked John Wallace-Howell. He said that he was very pleased that John had decided to continue in this role which he seemed to take to 'like a duck to water' and that he was very thoughtful, practical and proactive.

Election of sidespersons: David thanked all the sidespersons for their help over the year, and for their welcome and friendliness.

Overview of reports: For the remainder of the meeting, the vicar focused on all the various reports provided by the various groups and organisations expressing his thanks for all the hard work that everyone involved contributes to this very rich environment, commenting on the salient aspects of each and fielding any comments as they arose.

Points of particular note raised were as follows:

Vicar's report: David referred to his letter in the April edition of *Saints Alive!* – there were no questions.

Report from the Pastoral Team: David thanked the Pastoral Team members and added that that they were a wonderful and wise team undertaking a number of tasks including a confidential Prayer Circle.

Reports from the committees of the PCC: These comprise the Children's Worship team, Justice, Peace and Green Group, Reordering Group, Social and Fundraising Group and the Youth Management Committee. David thanked them all for their reports.

Margaret Healey-Pollett, on behalf of the JPG Group, commented that they were currently working towards a Eco Church Silver Eco Award with various groups comprising teaching, building, land and nature, and lifestyle. She said that anyone wishing to join any of the groups should contact her in the first place. David commented that he was thrilled at the new Eco initiatives.

Mary Miles clarified that Brenda Inman is now chair of the Youth Management Committee and is proving to be coming up with some good fresh ideas.

Reports from the companies: These comprise All Saints Community Arts (ASCA), All Saints Community Catering (ASCC), All Saints Community Development Company (ASCDC), All Saints Community Projects (ASCP; this includes the Youth Project), and The Robin Centre. There were no questions or observations.

David commented that these comprise five separate organisations led by volunteer board members who achieve much in an amazing way.

He expressed thanks to Tony Price for helping with the finance for The Robin Centre over many years in an extraordinary way.

David said that all the boards are looking for more members, particularly to create more wisdom and diversity. The boards do not at this time reflect the diversity of the church congregation.

Mary Miles paid tribute to Pat Buckley who has been part of the Youth Project, and in some ways 'The Project', over the past 20 years and has had to retire. She had important values that paralleled the church values.

All Saints Players: David thanked the Players for their report and said that once again they continue to provide excellent entertainment for all including the wonderful panto at the beginning of the year and inspiring the more recent readings of John's Gospel approaching Easter.

Coffee Team: David thanked the Lindsey and Ted Hammond and the team for continuing to provide excellent refreshments crucial to our hospitality at the services and on other occasions ever with a smile, even at 6am on Easter Sunday.

Crafters: David thanked the whole team for all their hard work and said that he was particularly impressed at the knitted Last Supper.

Lunch Club: David said that the ongoing need had to be established first although the mechanisms for continuing with the Lunch Club are in place.

Magazine: David commented that it was amazing where Ben and Clare Noakes get the energy from to manage the production of the magazine so well in addition to all the other things that they are involved in.

Meditation Group: David thanked Daniel Wilson for his report and commented that it is pleasing that the group provides an opportunity for quiet reflection in a busy world.

Music: David thanked Ben and Clare for leading the music and all the singers and musicians who also contribute. He is deeply thankful that they can be consistently be relied upon to provide a good support for the services.

Ramblers: David thanked Des Workman for continuing with this and that it was a great opportunity for friendship between church members and also non-church members.

Safeguarding and child protection: Paul Collins, our parish safeguarding officer, gave a short report to the meeting.

He started by thanking his predecessors, particularly Eira Jones, Vicki Willinger and Mary Miles, for the work that they had done before he was appointed.

Paul said that he has two roles, viz DBS co-ordinator and parish safeguarding officer for the church. He has been ensuring that all persons with a formal function on the site have up-to-date DBS checks and safeguarding training which is predominantly an administration role.

To assist with streamlining the processes, Paul has been making use of the Safeguarding Hub, a Church of England online tool that helps to keep track of an individual's DBS status and safeguarding training and automatically sends out prompts when they are becoming out of date.

He is also attempting to engender safe practices across the site by meeting representatives from all the organisations.

20s and 30s Small Group: David thanked Jake and Heather for leading this small group and commented that it was gratifying to have young people and newcomers active in the church.

Village Square Gardeners: David thanked the gardening team for maintaining the various shrubs and flower beds in the Square. Their activities helped to provide pleasing flowers and seasonal colour

to the area. The results of their labours had a wide impact on the community, not only members of the church but also non-church members.

Vote of thanks: John Wallace-Howell gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the whole congregation for all David's hard work as the vicar of the church.

The meeting finished after about 60 minutes with a prayer from David and the Grace.

Next Meetings: These are scheduled as follows:

SC: 23 June, 20 October, 8 December 2026; 16 February, 21 April 2027.

PCC: 19 May, 15 September, 17 November 2026; 19 January, 16 March 2027. (NB: No July 2026 meeting.)

Tony Cocks
PCC Secretary

The knitted Last Supper



You may have noticed the knitted Last Supper which appeared on Maundy Thursday in the Crafters' display cabinet.

This pattern was given to me many years ago; then during Covid I started to cull some of my knitting patterns and found it. I thought that this would give me some different knitting to do and use up some of my large collection of wool. I had no idea what to do with it when finished but I was sure that it would find a home. It then got put away for a year or more and on clearing out our small bedroom I rediscovered it. As we now own the Crafters' former Traidcraft display cabinet it seemed the ideal place for the congregation to be able to see it.

I have been asked how long it took me to knit it: I cannot honestly say. It has lots of small items: the bread and wine goblets, plus 12 disciples and Jesus; a nativity set of two shepherds, the Three Kings, sheep, a donkey, Mary and Joseph plus of course baby Jesus in his crib takes about three months (with stops and starts); the Last Supper is probably twice as much work.

Please have a look if you have not seen it. It was a pleasure to knit and I hope you like it.



Sheila Workman

Getting to know you

We see so many people at church each week, but often we know very little about them. In this regular article a person from the congregation is interviewed and we get to know each other a bit better.

What is your name?

John Wallace-Howell.

What is (or was) your day job?

Movement Administrator for the Student Christian Movement. Lots of time sending emails and with my head in a database. My favourite part is meeting with those churches and students and chaplains interested in finding out more about SCM.

How long have you been at All Saints?

Just over three years. Our first Sunday was Easter Sunday 2023.

What are you currently involved in at church?

I am the sole churchwarden, and also help out with the youth work.



What has been your most memorable service/event/activity since you've been here?

A couple of months before we came on a Sunday morning we came to the production of *Dick Whittington*. It was most enjoyable and surprising in equal measure, particularly David's turn as the leader of the island full of men. I had not seen *Dick Whittington* before, and I still don't think I have.

Do you have a favourite hymn/Bible passage?

Thine be the glory and Romans 8:38-39.

What are you reading at the moment?

Where's the Money Gone? by Adrian Goldberg (who I play walking football with), about the financial challenges in English football.

Who from history/literature/film would you like strike up a correspondence with and why?

Julian of Norwich.

Tell us a joke...

STRAP IN FOR THE JOKE. It is the favourite of my niece and nephew, and the bane of their parents... They ask for it every time I see them. I've included a shorter one first:

What do you call the world's largest centipede?

Alan.

There is a young boy with a simple obsession: camels. The boy LOVES camels. He loves their humps and the weird way they chew. His birthday is coming up, and his dad resolves to get him one. So the dad visits his local pet shop, and purchases one camel. He brings it home and leaves it by the fridge, looking forward to his little boy's joy the next day.

The next day his son wakes, runs downstairs, enters the kitchen and sees a camel. But his delight turns to confusion – the camel has no legs. The boy is devastated, the dad annoyed. He goes back to

the pet shop and complains. The owner offers him a new camel, which he takes home and leaves by the fridge.

The next day his son wakes, runs downstairs, enters the kitchen and sees a camel. But his delight turns to confusion – the camel has no legs. The boy is again devastated, the dad angry. He goes back to the pet shop and complains. The owner offers him a new camel, which he takes home and leaves by the fridge.

The next day his son wakes, runs downstairs, enters the kitchen and sees a camel. But his delight turns to confusion – the camel has no legs. The boy is still devastated, the dad furious. He goes back to the pet shop and complains. The owner offers him a new camel, which he takes home and leaves by the fridge.

The next day, before his son wakes up, the dad comes downstairs early and finds another legless camel. But this time, the dad starts to inspect the fridge. He finds a hole the in back of it that gets wider and wider as he crawls inside...

Emerging from the tunnel, he finds himself in a desert. He walks for hours, parched and alone in the merciless heat.

All of a sudden, he finds himself in a jungle. He walks for hours, getting lost in the endless trees. He has to fight off an alligator with his shoes.

All of a sudden, he finds himself in an arctic tundra. He walks for hours, facing into the wind no matter no matter which direction he walks.

Eventually, he sees a cave, its mouth illuminated by flickering torchlight. He heads inside, desperate to be warm. As he heads deeper inside it gets smaller and smaller. He has to stoop, then he has to crawl. He finally reaches a small door with a strange symbol scratched into it.

He pushes through the door and finds himself in a small chamber, lit by many fires burning around the walls. In the middle is a mound of camel legs, with a satisfied looking lemon on top.

‘Did you steal my camel legs?’ asks the dad.

And the lemon says: ‘No.’

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or to suggest people whom we could interview for this, please do get in touch!*

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

Who's Who

Worship (for clergy see back page)

Children's Worship Co-ordinators	Sarah Jeffery	07759 386758
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	Paul Smart	c/o 0121 443 4579
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Altar Linen	Wendy Ross	0121 444 1423
Head Server	Vacant	
Electoral Roll Officer	Tony Cocks	0121 441 2945
Parish Magazine	Ben & Clare Noakes	07967 730156 07929 593097

Finance team

Treasurer	Steve Brittle	01905 772171
Expenditure Officer	Vacant	
Income Officer	Ted Hammond	c/o 0121 443 4579
Insurance & Investments	Tony Cocks	0121 441 2945
Gift Aid	Philip & Martha Ann Brookes	0121 444 5655
Envelope Giving Scheme	Martha Ann Brookes	0121 444 5655

Groups, clubs and organisations

All Saints Ramblers	Des Workman	0121 443 5292
	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.

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Officers	Lay Vice Chair Martha Ann Brookes 0121 444 5655	Secretary Tony Cocks 0121 441 2945	Treasurer Steve Brittle 01905 772171
Members	Jim Andrew Margaret Andrew Sarah Baker Philip Brookes Roger Drew	Margaret Healey-Pollett (Reader) Vivien Thickett John Wallace-Howell (Warden) David Warbrick (Vicar) Claire Wesley (Reader)	Daniel Wilson Sarah Wilson Des Workman Sheila Workman

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The Robin Centre for Older People

Centre Manager	Paula McGrath	0121 444 8111
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Ministry Team

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Pastoral Care Team	Juliet Bick, Becky Frall, Margaret Healey-Pollett, Wendy Ross, David Warbrick Jenny Warbrick, Des Workman	c/o 0121 444 0260
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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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