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**Welcome to All Saints**

**Hymn: 19 All my hope on God is founded**

**Collect:** Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**A reading from Genesis [1:1-2:3]**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God

created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

**A reading from Romans [8:18-25]**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: 186 For the healing of the nations**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [6:25-34] **Glorify to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to the crowd 'I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Hymn: 70 Be Thou my vision**

**Communion Hymns: 626 Take up thy cross & 66 Be still & know**

**Post Communion Prayer:** God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Hymn: 32 And can it be**

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**We ask God's healing for:** Oliver, Christopher, Michelle, Jacob, Mary, Marie, Mary, Alice, Chris, Rita, Cecily, Dorothy & Richard.

**We pray for those of our congregation in nursing homes and residential care:** Janet, Jean and Tony.

**We give thanks for the life of** Wendy Standley RIP whose funeral takes place at All Saints on 19<sup>th</sup> February and pray for her family and friends at this time.

**Our work with children:** Our local schools, Mini Church, Messy Church, Youth Group, First Steps Toddlers and Toddler Praise.

### NOTICES

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party** at All Saints **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 6 pm.**

**Lent Course** this year is 'Finding a Voice' based on the film 'The King's Speech' and will take place on **Mondays at 7.30 pm from Monday 2nd - Monday 30th March in Church House.**

**Film Night** with Fish & Chips **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm.** The film is 'The King's Speech'. Fish & chips will be served at 7.00pm. Please put your name on the sign up sheet at the back of church.

**Youth Group meets every 4th Sunday in the afternoon.** For further information please speak to **Sarah Bramham**

**Traidcraft** - the next Traidcraft stall will be in Church House on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March** after the 10.30 am service.

The next **Ladies group meeting is on Monday 2nd March at 7pm at Church House UPSTAIRS ROOM** when Brian McKeown will give his interesting talk about bees, bee keeping and honey. Brian does not charge for his time, but there will be a donation box for Brian to give to a charity of his choice. You are very welcome to bring any friends with you and your own refreshments. Please let me know if you are able to support this, so I know how many chairs to set up! **Christine**

**World Day of Prayer** – this year the service is at **All Saints at 2pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.** The service has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe and the theme is **"Rise, take your mat and walk"**.

**Stewardship Campaign** - I am pleased to report that the total of new money that the congregation have pledged has now reached £9206pa and, if I add gift aid, this totals **£11507pa.** This is a tremendous achievement and means that we have reached 78% of our target. I know that there are still some people to reply so could they do so asap so that we get closer and even achieve our target. If anyone wants to join one the regular giving schemes would they please have a word with me. **Dennis**

*Gift Aid. If you are a visitor to All Saints and a tax payer would you kindly consider putting your offering into a yellow gift aid envelope that you can find in each pew and complete the information required to enable us to claim another 25% of your gift from HMRC.*



**16<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**Sexagesima**

### Parish Diary

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**8.00 am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
**10.30 am** Holy Communion  
**4.00 pm** Messy Church

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**2.00 pm** Holy Communion at St Aidan's

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**8.30 am** Morning Prayer

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**10.30 am** Holy Communion

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**8.00 am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
**10.30 am** Holy Communion  
**2.00 pm** Youth Group  
**6.00 pm** Healing Service

### Dates for your diary

**25<sup>th</sup> February 6 pm** Pancake party  
**26<sup>th</sup> February 7 pm** Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes  
**6<sup>th</sup> March 2 pm** World Day of Prayer  
**8<sup>th</sup> March** Traidcraft stall

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