



All Saints *focus*

5th February 2023

Sunday Services

Simple - Gentle - Connected

8am Traditional Holy Communion (BCP)

The reading is: John 3:10-21

The link is: https://youtube.com/live/fAj_M7GFqQ?feature=share

10am Family Service

The reading is: John 3:10-21

The link is: <https://youtube.com/live/vgCNdwsiv2M?feature=share>

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday 22nd February, 7pm, a reflective service with the opportunity to receive ashes as we begin Lent together.

Dates for Week Commencing 6th February

Tuesday-Thursday Lizzy away on course

Tuesday: 2:30pm Midweek Holy Communion, 7:30pm bellringing practice

Wednesday: 9:30am Mites and Minders preschool group

Friday: 8:30am church cleaning, 10:30am bereavement group coffee morning

Saturday: 9:30am Mainly Music preschool group

Sunday: 10am Family Service, 6pm Holy Communion

2023: Listening and Playful

At All Saints, 2023 is a year focused on play and listening. By this I mean having fun, giving new things a go and seeing what happens, and committed listening to our community as we seek God's vision for our church family and lives. Lizzy is putting together the dates for 2023 and wondered, would you be interested in organizing or being part of leading a prayer event, Bible study session, social event or something else? If you are, please speak to Lizzy and we can get it included in the church calendar.

Keeping in Touch

If you have changed your details or would like to share your details so we can keep you up to date with what is going on, either fill out a connect card in church or this form here:

<https://forms.gle/9W1e4Z7ZMZbo6uxB9>

Brunch and Stories: Sunday 19th February 10am

Can you help provide brunch for this special service? For this service we are planning to meet in the church hall and have a social service reflecting together on who is Jesus to you, over brunch.

If you are willing to support by preparing brunch (laying out pastries and juice, cooking sausages and bacon for sandwiches and preparing hot drinks) or willing to clear up afterwards please speak to Lizzy, Di or Lesley.

Socials for 2023

This year we would love to offer some more social and community events to give us chance to get together and build relationships. There are lots of occasions that give cause for celebration this year, including the coronation. If you feel inspired to be part of organizing some social events, please speak to Lizzy or Roz.

Hospitality for Wedding Couples

We have 2 events coming up for couples due to be married soon; an evening thinking about their marriage service (Monday 13th February, 7:30pm) and marriage preparation day (Saturday 4th March, 10am-3pm). If you are able to help with refreshments at either or lunch on the 4th and offering a warm welcome please speak to Lizzy.

Updates from PCC

The PCC met on Monday night and agreed to begin the recruitment process for a new administrator at 15 hours per week. Michael Jones and Tracy Kates are beginning the work on getting the post ready for advertising. The PCC reviewed our current finances and approved the occasional offices fees for 2023. We discussed safeguarding and continue to look for a new Parish Safeguarding Officer. A new noticeboard proposal was accepted to have 5 new noticeboards in our church grounds to help those walking through know what is happening at church and to give information about the area (such as the woodland and churchyard extension). The PCC accepted some updated policies around safeguarding, a proposal to have a dumb practice bell installed in the church by the diocese and received updates on what is on the agenda at general synod and the new Values, Vision and Culture team. If you would like any more information, please speak to a member of PCC.

Dates for February

7th-9th Lizzy away on course

7th at 2:30pm Midweek Holy Communion

13th at 7:30pm Wedding Evening at church (for couples already booked to be married)

19th at 10am Special service 'brunch and stories' sharing brunch and reflecting on who Jesus is to us

21st at 2:30pm Tea and cakes in church hall

21st at 4pm Pancake Party

22nd at 7pm Ash Wednesday service

27th at 7:30pm Standing and Finance Committee Meeting

Hope Into Action Update

The house purchase is well underway now, and this house, not far away from All Saints, will soon be available for the refurbishment stage. We will then call for donations of time, skills, and cash contributions for setting up the house. Right now, funds are invited for additional work to bring the property up to good rental standards (please contact HIA Coventry). Slowly but surely, we can see how God is bringing together the resources of friendship and support and finances to provide a house for 2-3 homeless women in our city. Thank you for your partnership in prayer with Hope into Action, for continued progress and wisdom and for all who experience homelessness.

Lent 2023

This Lent we are going to be following on from our series on who is Jesus with a focus on holy habits or spiritual disciplines. These are practices we can build into our life to help us come close to God, put our focus and attention on him, and place ourselves deliberately in the stream of grace. We will be exploring these over the services and sermons, but Colin and Fey are willing to gather a small group to explore these in more depth, have a go at some of these practices and walk the journey together each week during Lent. If you are interested in being part of that please speak to them. We are also offering a couple of one off sessions at Breathing Space to go deeper with God in Lent and more information about those dates will be available soon.

Carriers of Hope

Clothing Coventry are still wanting warm men's clothes and older children's clothes; school shoes and winter boots / wellies. (Not ladies' clothes though.) **Carriers of Hope** are in real need of support. They had many fewer donations last year but, of course, requests for support have simultaneously substantially increased. Their baby project currently needs Moses baskets and stands, newborn pushchairs and baby toiletries and their Furniture Project needs beds and mattresses, fridge-freezers, chests of drawers and vacuum cleaners. They have needed to permanently close their shop in City Arcade. Thanks, Lisa Payne

A reminder of **drop-off details: Carriers** - tel: 024 7666 7008; Unit 4b, Lythalls Lane Industrial Estate, Holbrooks CV6 6FL, Thursday and Friday 9-1:30; **Carriers' Charity Shop** - now permanently closed; **Clothing Coventry** - tel: 0770 4044 230; 19 Napier St, Hillfields CV1 5PR, Monday 10-1, Tuesday 10-5 (closed 1-2), Wednesday 4-7pm.

Reporting a Safeguarding Concern

If you have any safeguarding concerns please speak to our Rector, Lizzy, or one of our churchwardens, Candi or Roz. There's further information on our noticeboards for you too. If you are interested in being involved in safeguarding here at All Saints, either as the Parish Safeguarding Officer or in a supporting role please speak to Lizzy.



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