Today 5th Sunday before Lent

10am Parish Holy Communion

Leading: Rev'd Canon David Robinson

Welcoming: Jill and John Norman

Reading: Sally May

Praying: Rachael Shearmur

Playing: Pam West

The Week Ahead at All Saints'

Events held in the church or Fellowship Rooms, unless otherwise stated.

Monday 4 February 7-9pm Home Group at Mary Quine's

See overleaf for more information

Tuesday 5 February 6.45pm-8.45pm Chat Café **Thursday 7 February 7.30pm** PCC Meeting

Next Sunday at All Saints'

10 February, 4th Sunday before Lent

10.00am

Parish Holy Communion Led by Rev'd Mark Lord-Lear

Prayer for the week

Let the flame of your love never be quenched in our hearts, O Lord. Waking or sleeping, living or dying, let us delight in your presence. Let the flame of your love brighten our souls and illumine our path, and let the majesty of your glory be our joy, our life and our strength now and for ever. Amen.

(Johann Arndt, 1555-1621)

Thought for the week

People are like stained-glass windows.

They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

(Elizabeth Kubler-Ross)

New Testament reading for today

1 Corinthians 13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Collect for today

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel reading for today Luke 2.22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law. 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples. 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Marv. 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age. having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

child to all who were looking for the redemption of

Jerusalem.

News, Events and Notices

PARISH GIVING SCHEME FOR REGULAR GIVING

All Saints' Kenton is now signed up to this excellent scheme. Donations made through it use a Direct Debit. This can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Each donation being restricted for the benefit of THIS church. If this scheme becomes the principal funding method for All Saints' then we will have inflation-proofed our giving, maximised our cashflow and minimised our administration. This will free the PCC up to focus on other important priorities. If you would like to sign up (as some already have) or, in the first instance, just take a look at an information pack with more about the scheme, then please speak to Nick Cox (Churchwarden) who will be able to help you.

HOME GROUP

This group meets once a fortnight on a Monday evening from 7-9pm for Bible Study and Prayer together, usually at Mary Quine's. It's a friendly, informal group studying various aspects of the Bible. Lively and open-minded discussion is encouraged, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere (as well as a drink and a biscuit!) is enjoyed by all.

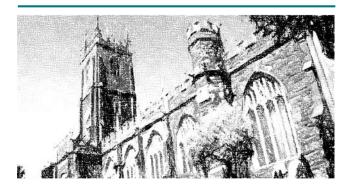
At the moment we are following The Bible Society's 'Lyfe' programme – the sessions are based around six key themes including prayer, social justice and the Bible and are suitable for mature Christians as well as those new to the Christian faith. If you would like to come, now or in the future, or if you'd like to find out a bit more about it in the first instance then please speak to Rob Rand, Liz Hicks, Mary Quine or Ceri Lee.

MESSY CHURCH - NEXT SESSION - all welcome!



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Thursday, 14th February 3.30pm-6pm



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Weekly News



Sunday, 3 February 2019
5th SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

10.00am: Parish Holy Communion



Welcome to our service today, especially if you are visiting All Saints' for the first time this morning. We hope you will all feel at home with us, and experience the presence of God as we worship together.

Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available at Communion. Please tell the Welcome Team if you need either of these.

Please join us for refreshments at the back of the church after the 10am service and take this sheet home with you to refer to during the week.