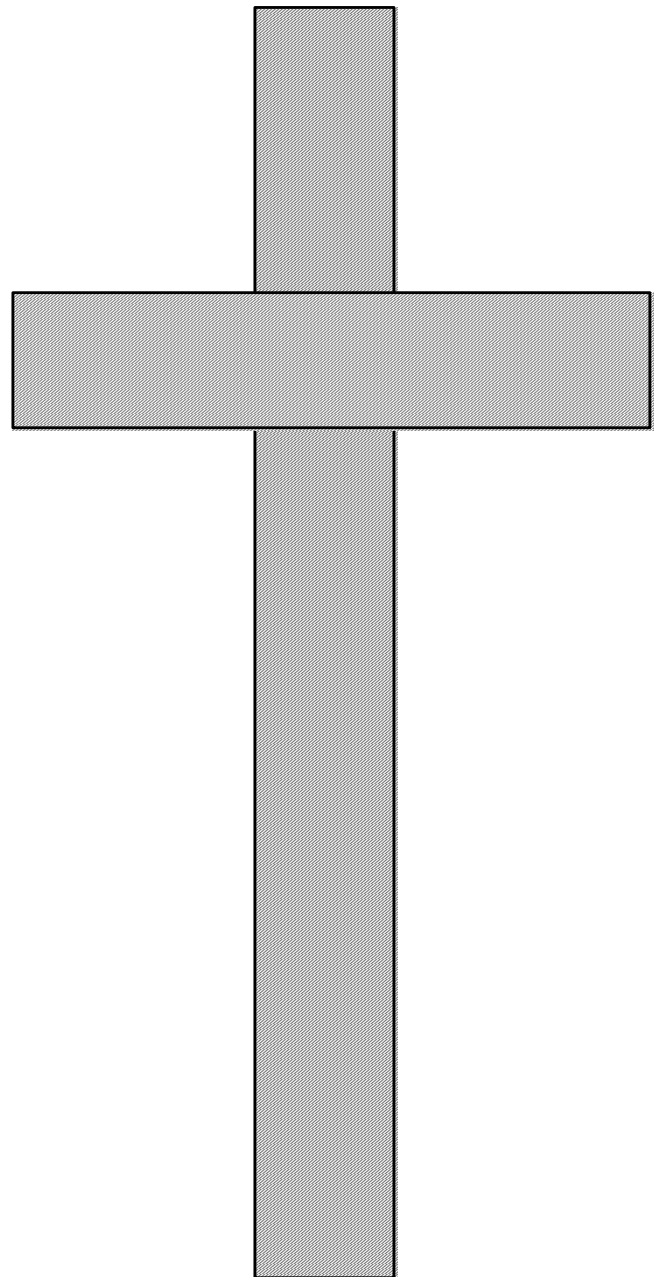
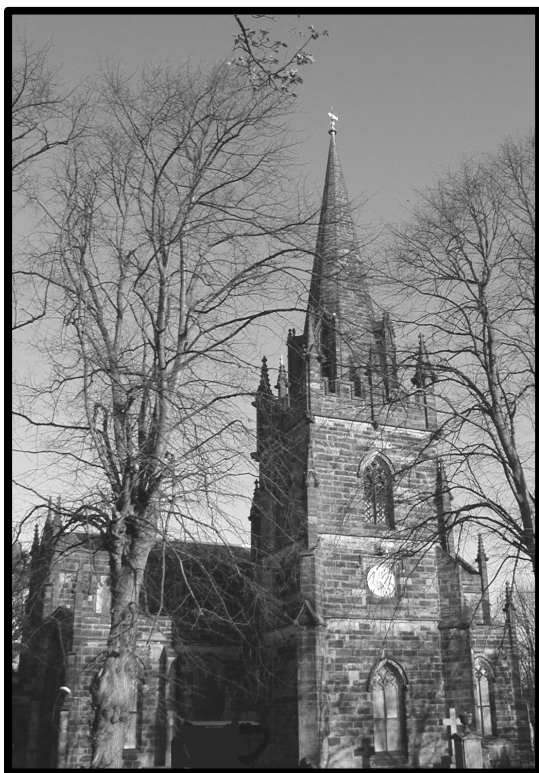


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**The Parish Magazine of
All Saints' Sedgley & St Andrew's The Straits**

ALL SAINTS', SEDGLEY

Sunday Services

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Parish Communion (First Sunday: All-Age Worship)

6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)

ST ANDREW'S, THE STRAITS

Sunday Service

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd Sunday: Morning Prayer)

Weekday Service

Wednesday 7.00 p.m. Holy Communion

THE STRAITS CHURCH

Sunday Services

9.30 a.m. Prayer & Communion

11.00 a.m. Family Service

6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

(When there is a fifth Sunday in the month the three churches in the Team Ministry meet for a united service at either 9.30 a.m. or 10.30 a.m. depending on the venue.)

Baptisms & Weddings

Arrangements for baptisms and weddings at All Saints' and St Andrew's can be made at the Vestry Hour at All Saints', which is held on Sundays at 12.00 noon. in All Saints'.

Baptisms are generally held on the fourth Sunday of the month at 4.00 p.m. at All Saints', and on the second Sunday of the month at 2.30 p.m. at St Andrew's. Baptisms can also take place during the Sunday morning service at All Saints' or St Andrew's by arrangement.

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13th December 2015	Jenson and Charlie Jarrouse Jones Tommy-Lee Turner.
24th January 2016	Grace Lily Diane Halford Abel William Lee Griffiths Isla Jessie Ann Griffiths Jack Thomas Anthony Bucknall

St Andrew's

10th January 2016	Joseph Benjamin Rhodes Keaton George Bert Price
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WEDDINGS All Saints

24th January 2016	James Apperley & Zhu Wang
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FUNERALS

2nd December 2015	John Thomas
11th December	Dorothy Beddow
15th December	Jean Morris Foster

21st December
6th January 2016
22nd January
28th January

Ruby Marsh
Hazel Marsh
Jeremy Phillip Grant
Andrew Morris

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FLOWER ROTA FEBRUARY

7th	David and Elaine Melhuish
14th	Len Millard (Porch arrangement)
21st	Margaret Martin (Porch arrangement)
28th	Lent (No Flowers)

CHURCH OPENING



**Friday mornings from
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The church is open for quiet prayer
& coffee and a chat.

We will be pleased to see you.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our theme for 2016

'A Celebration of Faith'

2016 is a very special year for Mothers' Union as we celebrate 140 years of faithful service to families and communities.

Our first meeting of the year was an opportunity for members to share in Corporate Communion, refreshments and the collection of subscriptions. We had a short sketch entitled 'Fit for the Job' in which Jesus did not fare well in the interviews for a new priest as 'he offended the church members with his preaching, upset the committee with his direct and pointed questions and hung out with very unsavoury characters. The successful candidate was practical, cooperative, good with money, well dressed, and cares passionately about the poor. His name – Judas!'

The AGM is on Saturday 13th February at 10.00am in church and it is hoped that all members will be able to attend.

Our evening meeting in February, entitled 'It's all in the picture' is an opportunity for members to reminisce about the past in an informal setting. You need to bring a photograph of yourself as a baby or young child – do not put your name on it, all will be revealed on the evening. Also bring a photograph of a person, place or event which has a special memory for you. This should be an enjoyable evening.

Dates :

2 nd Feb	2.30pm	Panto., Val Rushton
13 th Feb	10.00am	AGM in church
23 rd Feb	7.30pm	It's all in the picture

Liz Williams

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
FRIDAY 4th MARCH

The Fair Trade team are pleased to be included in the Women's World Day of Prayer at All Saints' Church and will be hosting a Coffee Morning with Fair Trade crafts and goods on sale from 10.30am onwards. Come early and join us. The Women's World Day of Prayer has been prepared by the Christian women of Cuba. There will be a light lunch of soup and a roll served from 12.30pm in church and the service will begin at 2.00pm. Our Licensed Lay Minister, Jan Humphries will be giving the address. All are welcome.

CHURCH OPENING

The church is open every Friday morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm for coffee and refreshments. It is an opportunity to chat, laughter is even heard from time to time. Everyone is welcome whether you pop in after shopping, stay all morning or come in to sit quietly in the church for a little while.

Since starting this we have been fortunate that people have been willing to man the kitchen but we could now do with a few more volunteers. You do not need to open or lock up the church. If anyone feels they could help out with this please let me know.

It is so important that our church is open, if only for one morning in the week, to all who wish to, or need to, come through our doors.

Christmas Quiz 2015 Answers

Name the Sleuths

1	A chilly chap	Jack Frost
2	'Evening all'	George Dixon
3	Breadman's Road is his abode	Sherlock Holmes
4	Drab month	Maigret
5	He was not an island	Dick Tracy
6	You pull this	Cracker
7	He righted wrongs	John Steed
8	Thomas' lads	The Hardy Boys
9	Can can	Tin Tin
10	A dogged detective	Bulldog Drummond
11	A Benedictine monk	Brother Cadfael
12	He loved lollipops	Kojak
13	Rank stopper	Sergeant Cork
14	Haloed hero	Simon Templar
15	A priest	Father Brown
16	She wasn't bothered by traffic wardens	Miss Marple
17	Island copper	Jim Bergerac
18	She was also a writer	Jessica Fletcher
19	Titled investigator	Lord Peter Wimsey
20	You may use these in cooking	Rosemary & Thyme
21	He digs for the answer	Sam Spade
22	Named after a book shop in Charing Cross Road	Christopher Foyle
23	A cigar and raincoat are his trade marks	Columbo
24	He would always find you	Tom Lockhart
25	He lived on a tight budget	Eddie Shoestring
26	He worked in Amsterdam	Van der Valk
27	The Chinese detective	Charlie Chan
28	Raymond gave him a long rest	Philip Marlowe
29	Glaswegian hard man	Taggart
30	He used his 'little grey cells'	Hercule Poirot
31	He strives to solve the crime	Endeavour
32	American female duo	Cagney & Lacey
33	He solved murders in idyllic villages	Tom Barnaby
34	She worked at Seven Dials	Maggie Forbes
35	A mild Northern detective	George Gently
36	Two bottles	Magnum
37	This sleuth began life on the radio	Paul Temple
38	British comic strip detective	Sexton Blake
39	Day in endeavour	Fred Thursday
40	She was not a poet	Jane Tennison
41	Provider of Bibles	Gideon
42	He's good at solving clues	Morse
43	You may find him in the garden	Campion
44	She's a Northumbrian detective	Vera
45	An Irish town	Wexford
46	This one doesn't win any races	Lewis
47	Incompetent Frenchman	Clouseau
48	Victorian manger	Cribb
49	Dickensian 'Bouquet'	Inspector Bucket
50	Food was his passion	Henry Crabb

Congratulations to Margaret Powell who won the quiz.

Around the Parish - February 2016

A happy new year to everyone!

Congratulations to Andrew & Nichola Baker on the birth of their daughter who arrived just twelve days into the new year on 12th January. She weighed in at 7lbs 4ozs and shall be called Amelia. She is granddaughter to Bill & Barbara Baker and a cousin for Jack.

We have welcomed back into the fold Des & Jean Round who celebrated Christmas in the heat of Australia with son Andrew and daughter-in-law Beki. They were in Melbourne for three weeks soaking up the sun and tell me they had a wonderful time.

Sad news, Andrew Morris has died. He was suffering from cancer. Andrew was in the church choir from an early age and although unable to sing towards the end he joined the choir for the services. We send condolences to members of his family and hope that past memories of Andrew will help in their sorrow.

The funeral of Hazel Marsh was held at All Saints. The church was full of family and friends who came to say their last goodbye. May the family find peace and contentment in the coming months knowing so many people thought so highly of Hazel. God we with them at this sad time.

Get well wishes to the following people:

David Hunt, we hope the operation was a success. Alex da Silva who is now out of hospital. Anne Round who has had a spell in hospital. Maureen Matthews, Pam Parton, Christine Williams, Liz Williams, Joyce Withers. Hopefully they will all be well again soon.

Happy birthday to Joyce Ford who shall celebrate her 93rd birthday this month. She has been attending services at our church for many years. We wish her a lovely happy day.

Congratulations to Jamie Apperley and Zhu Wang on their marriage at All Saints church on Saturday 23rd January 2016. The bride wore a beautiful red lace dress, the groom and best man wore matching red ties. A reception was held at Perton Park Golf Club. Guests from Jamie's days at school and university as well as family and friends joined the happy couple. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Good news. Peter Robinson is now out of hospital. He still needs carers we hope it won't be too long before he is back to his happy carefree self. He always had a happy word to say to whomever he met when he was out walking the dog or shopping with Val.

Dorothy Inett

Woodbine Willie

As part of the interest at All Saints' in the Great War mention has been made of the most famous Army Chaplain the Reverend G. A. Studdert Kennedy who served in the trenches on the Western Front.. He was universally known by the soldiers as Woodbine Willie due to his generosity with his cigarettes. Unknown to most people there is a Sedgley connection to the Studdert Kennedy.

When I joined the Choir of St. Luke's Wolverhampton in 1949 one of the gentlemen basses was William (Billy) Herbert. Bill served in the Army past the end of the Great War well into 1919. During part of that time he was batman to Woodbine Willie.

In those days choir boys were two a penny and neither the clergy or the choirmaster ever took much interest in their welfare. Billy Herbert was the exception. When I had a prolonged illness in the summer of 1955 he came around once a week to see how I was. As a result he and his wife, Ethel, became good friends with my mom and dad.

Bill and Ethel lived at 234 Wolverhampton Road East. They attended St. Luke's. Blakenhall because Bill – an old style Protestant Evangelical - did not approve of the high church practices at All Saints'. "They do everything there apart from swinging that incense thing" he would chunter.

Bill was an artistic cast iron blacksmith who worked at Steelway on the Wolverhampton to Bilston Road and a very good one at that. He retired in the late 1960s when he and Ethel moved back to their home town, Nuneaton. My mom and dad visited them for as long as my dad could drive his car.

Bill enjoyed going with my dad for a drink at the Stump, where they would indulge in two halves of mild each. He also succumbed to what was seen at the time seen by evangelicals as a mortal sin – smoking – and yes, Woodbines.

Tony Hart – January 2016

June and I, together with Judith & Geoff Dunning were invited to attend a service of Lessons and Carols held each year at The Chapel of St Mary & St George College Cheltenham.

The invitation was from Judith & Geoff's son Adam, who is the Senior Chaplain there.

The Chapel, which seats 700, was full of parents who have pupils at the College and the Chapel Choir. A truly magnificent building with outstanding architecture and locally considered to be the Cheltenham Cathedral. Seating arrangement was totally different to what we are used to with all seats facing inwards to the central isle, leading to the Alter.

Adam lead the Service with the Lessons being read by the Chaplains, Students and Choir Members with musical accompaniment by the Organist and members of the Choir.

A most uplifting service, with a feeling of contentment and an understanding of the Service's meaning. A truly memorable event. After the service we retired to the Main Dining Hall for mince pies and hot punch. This building was also magnificent.

The Christmas Eve Service 5.00pm was well attended, with people queuing at least two hours before opening at 4.00pm. Last year at least 150 people had to be turned away. Somewhat different to All Saints.

Some of the background of Adam's Ministry. He was confirmed at All Saint's and educated at King Edward VI College Stourbridge. Read Philosophy & Theology at Oxford University. His preparation for Ordination was undertaken in Cambridge together with completing his PHD. at Birmingham University in the field of late medieval and mystic theology.

Since Ordination he has served the Dioceses of Worcester, Birmingham, Ely and now Gloucestershire. His parish ministry for six years was as Rector of Orton Longneville in the City of Peterborough and during this time was also Honorary Chaplain at Uppingham before joining the College.

A true academic, although he does coach Cricket in the summer term and also runs War games Society. His mother Judith tells us that there were indications, at the age of three, he had leanings towards the ministry. He would spend hours on his Grandmother's knee wanting her to be read Bible stories to him.

It's been a pleasure and a privilege to meet up with The Revd Dr Adam Dunning, for the special service at the College. I look forward to the possibility of being invited sometime in the near future.

Tony Wright

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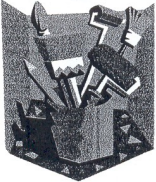
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Ladies Society

Happy New Year everyone, I do hope you all enjoyed Christmas and New Year celebrations. We, The Ladies Society ended the year by meeting for a very pleasant meal at the Forge in Gornal. It was a good meal which I think was enjoyed by everyone and we left the “Forge “ feeling very “Christmassy”. The following week was our December Meeting which took the form of a Bring and Share meal. We all enjoyed a very pleasant evening just enjoying our food and having time to chat with all our friends, finally parting in good Christmas Spirit.

Now to January 2016..Letters from Canada, Part 2.With Mary Zielonka

I was so sorry I wasn't ' there last year to hear Mary's first talk about Canada, but nevertheless I thoroughly enjoyed this one. It was fairly early in Mary's teaching career when she did a year as an exchange teacher in Canada. She was based in Kittimet which is a small town in British Columbia. The town was built by Alican, a company by whom most of the pupil's parents were employed.

Mary tried to write home once a week and her mother kept the letters which are now the source of Mary's talks. This one was based on letter number 6 and dated October 6th. (I don't know the year). She had a large 4 bedroom house, rent free, for her accommodation and it was very comfortable.

School hours were 8.35am-2.50pm, but there were no half term holidays. Mary taught in an Elementary School (We used to call them Junior Schools), and I think, got on well with the children. Her Out of School activities of course included visiting as many places as possible including Vancouver where she was driven round the City by a retired teacher. She saw Kittimet from the air and filled her spare time visiting as many places as possible sightseeing.

The next letter was later in October after the first fall of snow. It isn't just here that we cannot cope with snow, Calgary and Vancouver were completely paralysed! No buses or cars could get around, Canada has very strict rules about clearing snow. No snow to be thrown into the roadway or on footpaths, and vehicles cannot go onto snow covered roads unless fitted with winter tyres.

Well, thanks Mary, for this insight into your stay in Canada, I don't know if we shall get to hear about the rest of your Canadian adventures, it must have made a big impression on you and which you obviously enjoyed, although it must have been hard work and I'm sure that at times you must have been a tiny bit homesick? Thank you again Mary for a most interesting talk.

We meet again in our new comfy headquarters on the 1st of February when we shall have a quiz “Polish Your Brains” and a Bring and Buy Sale, hope to see you there.

MOLLY TAFT.



☆ Hazel Marsh



☆ We would just like to thank everyone for your, thoughts, prayers, cards,

☆ telephone calls on the loss of my mother Hazel Marsh and mother-in-law

☆ number two to Bob.



☆ Special thanks to Fr Michael for his love and support and taking a

☆ wonderful thanksgiving service and to Jan, Fr Stephen, Fr Tim, Chris, Liz

☆ and Jonathan for their care and love.



☆ Hazel will be so sadly missed by her family; but we would like to say a big

☆ thank you to you all at All Saints for becoming friends with mom in her last

☆ two years and making her welcome. This was shown by your wonderful

☆ support on the day of her funeral.



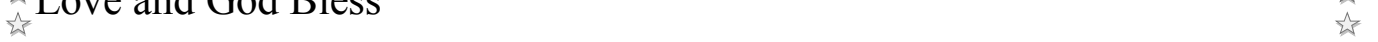
☆ I would like to thank my husband for an awesome address which mom

☆ would have loved they often joked with each other about it. I think he did

☆ her proud and there was no sign of "Shine Jesus Shine"!!



☆ Love and God Bless



☆ Becky & Bob



☆ RETIREMENT



☆ Joan, our caretaker of 12 years service has now retired. Joan was ably

☆ supported by her husband Tony in the many tasks required in looking after

☆ our hall.

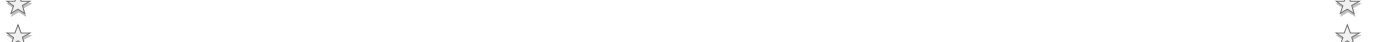


☆ We thank Joan and Tony for all they have done over those years and for

☆ their loyalty in serving All Saints'

☆ With our many thanks, we wish them both a long, healthy and happy

☆ retirement



☆ We would like to welcome David and Katie, who now taking over from

☆ Joan and Tony, we wish them every happiness as they take over their

☆ new role.



Just Thoughts.

Anyone for COFFEE? Christ's Offer, Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere. When the power of Love overcomes the love of Power, then the world will know the true meaning of Peace.

The only difference between try and triumph is a little umph

Life is not always about how hard you can hit, its often about hard you get hit and are able to keep moving forward.

It takes a lot of courage to forgive someone..... but it takes a lot more courage to ask for forgiveness.

Often a winner is a loser who never gave up.

Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who kept on going when there seemed to be no hope at all.

You will walk through life much easier with a smile on your face.

When your mind says give up.... hope will whisper give it one more try.

When one door of happiness closes, another one opens; but often we look for so long at the closed door we fail to see the other one which has opened for us.

Be someone you would be proud to know.

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why its called the present. Make the most of it.

You cant always get what you want in life, but if you keep on trying and look hard enough, you could just end up with what you wanted, something worthwhile.

Never have regrets because at one point everything you did in life was exactly what you wanted.

The best things in life are often unseen, perhaps that's why we close our eyes when we kiss, cry and dream.

Life can be so ironic, to fully understand it at times, it takes some sadness to know what happiness is, noise to distinguish the sound of silence and a broken heart to find true love.

Nobody ever says that life will be easy, they just promise that it will be worth while.

Live for today and not tomorrow. Live for the now and whats here. Stop living for what maybe or what may never be. Live for this day which is already here. Life can be like a hot bath. It feels good while you are in it, but the longer in stay in the more wrinkled and colder you get.

Do you ever wish your book of life had been written in pencil ? Were there a few pages you would like to erase?

God is always with you..... you just need to pay attention.

Friends are like snowflakes, none of them are the same.

Good friends care for each other, close friends understand each other. But true friends stay forever... reaching beyond, words, time or distance.

Isn't it funny how “friends” forget you once they don't need your favours anymore.

Best friends remember when you say forget it, it doesn't matter. They will wait forever when you say I won't be a minute. They know somethings wrong when you insist you are alright when clearly you are not. That's how you know just who your best friends are.

When a friend makes some silly mistake which affect you, don't forget all the good things they have done for you.

Compiled by David Melhuish

Recipe of the Month from Becky Hill

Chicken Stir Fry

3 chicken breasts

2 large leeks finely chopped

2 peppers red green or yellow cut into small squares

1 packet of Median straight to wok noodles

2 packets of sweet chilli sauce

2 table spoons of cooking oil

Cut chicken breasts into cubes, warm oil, place chicken in wok. Once the chicken is sealed add the vegetables and mix together for a further ten minutes. Add noodles mix and stir for a further 2 minutes then add both chilli sauces continuing to stir for a further 3 minutes.

Then the meal is ready to serve for four people.

Intercessions for February

- 1st Enclosed Orders
- 2nd The peace of the world
- 3rd Open the Book team
- 4th Uniformed Organizations in the parish
- 5th Victims of violence
- 6th Accession of Queen Elizabeth II
- 7th Archbishops Justine & John
- 8th Birmingham City Mission
- 9th Torch Fellowship
- 10th Ash Wednesday
- 11th Food Bank
- 12th Healing ministry
- 13th Junior Church & Youth Group
- 14th Bishops John & Graham
- 15th Thomas Bray founder of SPCK
- 16th The Homeless
- 17th Janani Luwun archbishop & martyr
- 18th The Guild of the Servers of the Sanctuary
- 19th Little Angels
- 20th Ember Day
- 21st Kingswinford Deanery
- 22nd Asylum seekers
- 23rd Policarp bishop & martyr
- 24th Mothers Union
- 25th The persecuted church
- 26th Single Parents
- 27th Royal School of Church Music
- 28th Gornal & Sedgley Team
- 29th Noahs Ark

Lent

On the 10th February we celebrate Ash Wednesday which marks the first day of the forty day Lenten fast Western Christians. This is observed by prayer, fasting and repentance ahead of Easter. Lent formally appeared in the Christian Church in AD 325 after the Council of Nicaea.

The day follows Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday where we partake in our last bout of merry making before Lent begins. While many see the observance as a Catholic one, most liturgical churches include lent in their practice.

On Ash Wednesday we use ash by burning last years palms from Palm Sunday to mark a cross on our foreheads. Even before this liturgical came into being, the use of ashes was seen as a sign of repentance, biblical figures including Job, Daniel and Jonah used sack cloth and ashes.

Lent for some means fasting whereby they only eat one meal a day and give the money saved to charitable causes. Lent also is a time to reflect on any thing that can interfere with our relationship with God; Other people say they are giving something up for example chocolate.

Why not take something up? Join us for Morning Prayer at 9.00am for half an hour at All Saints Monday and Thursday, St Andrews on Tuesday and St Peters Wednesday. Alternatively read a portion of scripture each day.

What ever you decide do have a good, faithful and reflective Lent.

Bob

Thank you

I would like to thank all the many people from the All Saints congregation who sent cards and condolences on the death of my husband John, and those who came to the funeral. Your support and prayers have been of great comfort to me and my daughters.

Cicely Thomas

Children's Society

Christingle Service 2015

I would thank everyone who made the 2015 Christingle such a great success. As usual Barbara Price organised the event and her daughter Lorna led the service wonderfully, and of course the volunteers who undertook the manufacture of the actual Christingles need a special mention.

The event raised:- **£ 309.15**

This has been forwarded to the London office of Children's Society to be put to immediate use.

On behalf of the ladies and gentleman of Sedgley and District Appeals Committee I would like wish all of our very faithful supporters a very happy 2016

Anne

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The menu is being finalised and will be circulated shortly, when received it should be completed and returned ASAP to either Jenny or myself. We are most grateful to Café Cappella for help with menu selection, providing and preparation of the food. As previously mentioned, members are asked to contribute £5.00 towards food costs, whilst non-members, who are most welcome will contribute £12.00 (not £10.00 as stated in the Dec/Jan Church magazine)

A glass of wine will be provided (along with the food of the cause) but as the bar is no longer available individuals should bring their own drinks.

Members are respectfully reminded that subscriptions of £20.00 are now due (cheques payable to All Saints 200 Club.)

Relax and enjoy the evening with food and entertainment and on behalf of fellow trustees, Jenny and Jean thank you for your continued and invaluable support..

Roger Berry

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WW1 TIMELINE - EVENTS OF 1916 *February by Rosemary Moss*

1st British SS "Appam" brought to Norfolk, USA, by German prize crew from raider "Moewe" (see Jan 15).

2nd Elbason (Albania) taken by Bulgarian forces.

German airship "L-19" founders in the North Sea.

8th British Government request naval assistance from Japan.

French cruiser "Amiral Charner" sunk by submarine off Syrian coast.

9th Serbian government set up at Corfu.

German gunboat "Hedwig von Wissman" sunk by HMS "Mimi" & "Fifi".

British command of Tanganyika secured.

10th Military Service Act comes into operation in Great Britain.

11th HMS "Arethusa" sunk by mine in North Sea.

14th Entente powers make declaration guaranteeing to Belgium eventual independence and indemnification.

15th Fifth battle of Isonzo begins.

Agreement concluded between British Government and chieftains of Bakhtari (Persia) for co-operation in protection of Persian oilfields.

16th War Office takes over anti-aircraft defence of London, and throughout the kingdom, from the Admiralty. Also take control of operations in Mesopotamia

17th Chios (Aegean) occupied by British forces.

18th Mush (Armenia) taken by Russian forces.

Mora, last German post in the Cameroons, surrenders to the British

19th Lieu-General Smuts takes command of British forces in East Africa.

21st BATTLE OF VERDUN begins

German airship "LZ-77" brought down by French gunfire

U.S. informed by Germany that armed merchantmen will be regarded as cruisers

23rd Portugal seizes German steamers in the Tagus.

Ministry of Blockade formed in Great Britain.

25th Fort Douaumont (Verdun) stormed by German forces.

26th British forces defeat Senussi in Action of Agagiya (Western Egypt).

28th The nucleus of a British air squadron formed to bomb German industrial centres.

29th Action in the North Sea between German raider "Greif" & British auxiliary cruiser "Alcantarai": both sunk.

Military Service Act

This act brought in military conscription for the first time in British history. From March all single men aged between 18 and 41 were eligible for call-up. (Married men were included from May and in 1918 the age increased to 51.) Exemptions applied to those who were unfit, ill, in essential jobs (such as munitions workers, miners and farmers), were ministers, or who conscientiously objected to 'combatant service'.

Verdun: 21 February-1st December

After a bombardment using a million shells, 100,000 German troops attacked the French city of Verdun. Small groups of 'storm troopers' went forward utilizing flame-throwers and grenades. The large fort at Douaumont was taken on February 25 without a shot being fired. German church bells were rung and a holiday granted in celebration.

The bloody battle continued through the summer and into autumn; Douaumont was recaptured almost eight months to the day after it was taken. Casualties on both sides were high: the French suffered 540,000; the Germans 430,000. After Verdun, the Germans would not undertake a large Western Front offensive for two years. 14 seconds - the average time between French supply vehicles passing down La Voie Sacree to Verdun. Two thirds of the whole French Army took part in the battle.

DIARY DATES: FEBRUARY

Sunday and weekday services at All Saints', St Andrew's and The Straits Community Church are advertised on page 2 of this magazine.

All Saints' February

Monday 1st Feb	7.30 pm	Ladies' Society Quiz with Bring and Buy
Tuesday 2nd Feb	2.30 pm	MU Panto
Saturday 13th Feb	10.00am	Mothers Union AGM in church
Tues 16th Feb	7.00 pm	DCC meeting in meeting room
Tues 23rd Feb	7.30pm	MU in church

'Noah's Ark' Mums & Toddlers meets in the church hall on Tuesdays at 9.30am in term time.

St Andrew's

Every Monday	2.00pm	Gentle Exercise
Every Wednesday	7.00pm	Holy Communion

'Little Angels' Mums & Toddlers meets in the hall each Monday at 9.30 am in term time.

Ash Wednesday : 10th February

10.00am	Team Service @ St. Peter's - Eucharist + Ashes
7.30pm	Team Service @ All Saints' - Eucharist + Ashes

Wednesday mornings in Lent :

10.00am	St. Peter's - Eucharist
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Wednesday evenings in Lent :

7.00pm	St. Andrew's - Eucharist
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During the vacancy at All Saints there will be no mid-week communion services. There are communion services on Wednesdays at St Peters at 10.00am and at St Andrews at 7.00pm. The vestry hour will be held on Sundays in All Saints at 12.00 noon.



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