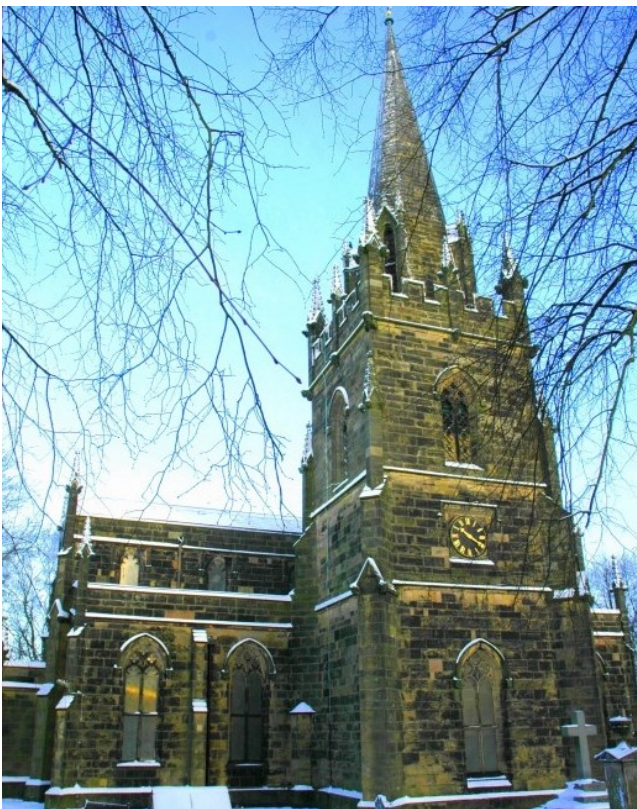


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3RD JULY

ALL SAINTS 8AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ST ANDREWS 9.30AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ALL SAINTS 10.30AM—MORNING PRAYER

ALL SAINTS 6.30PM—EVENSONG

10TH JULY

ALL SAINTS 8AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ST ANDREWS 9.30AM—MORNING PRAYER

ALL SAINTS 10.30AM—NO SERVICE

ALL SAINTS 6.30PM—EVENSONG

17TH JULY

ALL SAINTS 8AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ST ANDREWS 9.30AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ALL SAINTS 10.30AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ALL SAINTS 6.30PM—EVENSONG

24TH JULY

ALL SAINTS 8AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ST ANDREWS 9.30AM—NO SERVICE

ALL SAINTS 10.30AM—TEAM SERVICE

ALL SAINTS 6.30PM—COMPLINE

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

31st JULY

ALL SAINTS 8AM—HOLY COMMUNION

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ALL SAINTS 10.30AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ALL SAINTS 6.30PM—EVENSONG

7TH AUGUST

ALL SAINTS 8AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ST ANDREWS 9.30AM—NO SERVICE

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14TH AUGUST

ALL SAINTS 8AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ST ANDREWS 9.30AM—MORNING PRAYER

ALL SAINTS 10.30AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ALL SAINTS 6.30PM—EVENSONG

21ST AUGUST

ALL SAINTS 8AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ST ANDREWS 9.30AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ALL SAINTS 10.30AM—NO SERVICE

ALL SAINTS 6.30PM—EVENSONG

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28TH AUGUST**

ALL SAINTS 8AM—HOLY COMMUNION

ST ANDREWS 9.30AM—NO SERVICE

ALL SAINTS 10.30AM—BY EXTN

ALL SAINTS 6.30PM—EVENSONG

NINE YEARS COME TO AN END

At midnight on the 6th June, my nine years as warden came to an end and Sunday 5th my last service as warden

My time has been most interesting and rewarding, getting to know you all at each service. I have made lots of friends and tried to do my best for you and had many laughs and sighs along the way.

I must thank the assistant wardens who have covered my absence due to my eye problem, which is ongoing.

Thank you also for the gifts and flowers for on my finishing

Best wishes to you all and I hand over our churches to the wellbeing to Keith and John and to look after you now.

God Bless you all.

Rob Lavender

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DIARY DATES FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2016

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| 4th July 2016 | Ladies Society—Where There's a Will—Anne Clark. | 7.00pm |
| 5th July 2016 | MU Cream Tea—Church Hall | 2.30pm |
| 14th July 2016 | Outing to Worcester | 9.15am |
| 19th July 2016 | Communion, Art and Faith a Personal Response Kath Apperley | 7.15pm |
| 5th August 2016 | Coffee Morning in Church AFIA Project | 10.30am |
| 6th August 2016 | Mary Summer Day Service at Holy Trinity, Amblecote | 11am |
| Saints Andrews Baptism 12th June 2016 | Toby Michael Bates | |
| All Saints Baptism 26th June 2016 | Bella May Gamson Olivia Frances Lois Taylor Jacob Ronald Colin Potter | |
| All Saints Weddings 18th June 2016 | Wade Cooper to Kirsty Anslow | |
| Funerals | 3rd May 2016 Christopher Smith 14th June 2016 Norina Shinton 15th June 2016 Constance Webb 21st June 2016 John Cusick 21st June 2016 Edith Doris Russell 23rd June 2016 Florence Ellen Rosina Willis | |

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CHURCH OPENING



**Friday mornings from
10.30am to 12.30pm**

The church is open for quiet prayer
& coffee and a chat.

We will be pleased to see you.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Among the many instructions given by Jesus to his followers, we come across some difficult bits, for example loving our enemies, doing good to those who hate us, blessing those who curse us, offering the other cheek and so on.

Some people may find this hard to do, so why even try to obey them? Who does Jesus point us to what really seems impossible? Why indeed?

When you think about it Jesus really had to do it. Do you think Jesus could have really said "nearly love your enemies, go so far but no further"? Of course Jesus could not because God is not like that and somebody who is made in his likeness has got to aim to be like God. Jesus would not have been himself to have said otherwise.

So all the difficult bits have always to be things to aim at. This may take a long time and many steps to get near to, but at least it is possible to get nearer. We must never be discouraged for Jesus is the encourager. We often make our own mistakes but we and fall short of the mark but despite this we are never disowned by God.

When you think of All the Saints (one of our churches in the team) how many of those saints made their mistakes and fell short of the mark.. But they never gave up on their aim to be like God. In them there is much to encourage the likes of you and me, which is in fact what they do.

Robert Hill

Ladies Society
“Doing a Lumley”

Pauline Turner

As I predicted, this was a most wonderful talk, Pauline and her husband celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary with a “Round the World Tour”. It must have been a wonderful experience.

The first part of their journey was crossing the Atlantic on the Queen Elizabeth the second. They were allowed to take just two pieces of luggage each for an eight week holiday! As they boarded the ship the queues for the lifts were horrendous so they nobly mounted the stairs. When they reached the 6th floor Pauline said “Oh good, this is our floor”, Hubby said no it isn’t, we are on the 10th. So they trudged up another four floors and found that they had been upgraded, and they were now in a super suite called the “Princess Suite” where they had all their meals. There were plenty of places around the ship for snacks, but their main meals were always taken in the “Princess Suite”.

The journey to New York took 5 days and they arrived in New York harbour to be greeted by the “Statue of Liberty”. Pauline’s talk was illustrated all the way through with some of their 3,000 photographs! The picture of the Statue of Liberty looked wonderful, as it was illuminated, dominating the entrance to America. While they were in New York they visited all the obvious tourist sites including, the very impressive, “9-11” site, plus the Brooklyn Bridge.

I am not sure how long they were in New York, but from there they went to Chicago where they spent 24 hours and then San Francisco and Alcatraz. By the time they had left San Francisco, Pauline felt that she had said enough for one night and as we have still to visit Tokyo, Hong Kong, China and the Trans-Siberian Railway! She will continue with the next instalment at a later date.

Thank you Pauline for this marvellous experience and I’m sure that we will all look forward to the next instalment.

Our next meeting is on Monday July 4th and is entitled “Where there’s a Will” and the speaker will be Ann Clark. I hope to see you all there.

Molly Taft.

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MATTHIAS - THE CHOSEN ONE

Have you ever been in the position where someone is desperately needed - and you fit the bill perfectly? It is almost as if all your many qualifications that never made much sense before now make PERFECT sense. And you sense that you have been chosen by God for the task.

If so, then Mathias is definitely the patron saint for you! Mathias came into the picture when Judas committed suicide. The early church was missing an apostle and so the remaining apostles prayed for guidance on who to choose as a replacement for this key role. The qualifications for the job were specialised; the person had to have been a follower of Christ from his Baptism to his Ascension, and a witness of the Resurrection. There were two possibilities: Matthias and Joseph Barsabas. What a choice!

Again, Matthias' experience may mirror yours: the decision was out of his hands, and up to others. In this case, the apostles drew straws - and the "lot" fell to Matthias. He had been chosen to replace Judas!

The tragedy of a betrayal led to an opportunity for service by Matthias - and he was well prepared for the task. Are you prepared for any task that God might suddenly open before you? Like the other apostles, Matthias had been in Jerusalem and had received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Matthias went on to do a good job as he went to preach the Good News in Judea.

Matthias is an encouragement to us to be faithful in small things- because you may never know what the future might hold!

Bob

MOTHERS' UNION

The heavens opened on the afternoon of our meeting in June when Rosemary Moss shared her skills of flower arranging with us. We learnt the techniques involved in producing beautiful arrangements which, I am sure, has encouraged many of us, who would not class ourselves as flower arrangers, to have a go. It was a lovely relaxed afternoon when we were able to forget the wet weather for a few hours. Rosemary and Margaret arrange the flowers in church each week and desperately need some help. This is a plea for anyone out there who could assist with flower arrangements in church to get in touch with Rosemary. Otherwise the time may soon come when there will be some weeks when there are no flowers in church.

The Diocesan Festival, held at Pershore Abbey, took as its theme 'A Celebration of Faith'. We were welcomed by Revd Claire Lording, the Priest-in-Charge and Revd Canon Harold Goddard, our Mothers' Union Chaplain, gave the address. My thanks to Jan who robed and represented the north of the diocese and Rosemary who carried All Saints' banner, while I carried St Andrew's. We were made very welcome and it was good to chat to members from around the diocese over a cup of tea.

We are having a Coffee Morning in church from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Friday 5th August to raise funds for the AFIA project. 'Away From It All' provides holidays and days out for people experiencing difficulties in their family life and who would not otherwise be able to have a holiday. Holidays take different forms suitable to the families; caravan and holiday camps are popular but other families benefit from days out.

We have been invited to the Mary Sumner Day Service on Saturday 6th August at 11am, at Holy Trinity, Amblecote. This will be followed by a light lunch. We are made very welcome and those members who have been in previous years enjoyed the service and fellowship over lunch. Please let me know if you will be going as I need to let Amblecote have some idea of numbers for catering. If any members need a lift please let me know.

Congratulations to Elaine and David Melhuish who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary and for Chris and I celebrating our 40th Wedding Anniversary in July. Our congratulations to Rosemary and Alan Moss celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary in August.

Dates:

5th July 2.30pm Cream Tea, in Church Hall

19th July 7.15pm Communion followed by

‘Art & Faith, a personal response’ - Kath Apperley

5th August 10.30am Coffee Morning, **all welcome**

6th August 11.00am Mary Sumner Day Service,

Holy Trinity, Amblecote

6th Sept 2.15pm Communion followed by

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Around the Parish July & August 2016

Get well wishes to little Joshua Matthews who has spent time in hospital but is now back at home. We hope it will not be too long before he is back to good health.

Sad News. It was the funeral of Connie Webb on Wednesday 15th June. Connie was a well known figure in Sedgley and with her husband Bob worked endlessly for the good of the people, especially prior to Remembrance Sunday selling poppies. They always supported All Saints and would call in to church on Friday mornings for coffee and biscuits. We send condolences to the family and hope in the fullness of time happy memories will bring them peace.

There are a number of special wedding anniversaries to report on.....

Ruby (40 years)

Greg & Barbara Price married 3rd July 1976

Chris & Liz Williams married 31st July 1976

Alan & Rosemary Moss married 23rd August 1976

Golden (50 Years)

David & Elaine Melhuish married 2nd July 1966

Michael & Sheila Oliver married 2nd July 1966

Diamond (60years)

Tony & June Wright married 23rd June 1956

Congratulations to all couples; we hope that whatever they have got planned to celebrate their milestone goes well. June, July and August were obviously very popular months to get married!

Congratulations to Peggy Hazeldine who was given a signed certificate from Prince Michael of Kent for her work with SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Air Force Association). Colonel David Hill MBE, branch chairman of the West Midlands branch of SSAFA awarded Peggy a gold medal for 50 years service. She was also presented with a floral arrangement by Mrs Daryl Hill, the Colonel's wife. Mr Norman Long secretary and Mr Robert Hill treasurer from the Dudley division of SSAFA were also present at this wonderful occasion.

Dorothy Inett



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Flower Rota.

July 3rd Bill & Barbara Baker
July 10th Jack Parton
Kathleen Cox
July 17th Floss & George Edwards
July 24th Vacant
July 31st Mrs Holden

Flower Rota Notice

Would those people who have their names on the Flower Rota please check the list so that payment can be made before the chosen date. Due to several people not submitting payment this year, as yet, and as flowers are becoming more expensive, we are experiencing a shortfall in our funds.

Many thanks,
Rosemary

CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

In Sunday School one morning young Joe raised his hand and proceeded to ask his Sunday School Teacher a question that had perplexed him for some time. He asked "There's something I cannot figure out"

According to the bible," the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea?" " Right" said his teacher.

"And the Children of Israel beat up the Philistines, right" "Err, right"

"And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?" "Again you are right."

"And the Children of Israel fought the Egyptians and the Children were always doing something important, right?" " All that is right, too," agreed the teacher.

By this time the teacher was getting frustrated and said "So what's your question, Joe?"

"Well what were all the grown-ups doing?"

Bob

Intercessions for July

- 1st The Bible Society
- 2nd Birmingham City Mission
- 3rd Thomas the apostle
- 4th Those held against their will
- 5th Probation Service
- 6th Retired clergy in the diocese
- 7th Victims of crime
- 8th Inward peace
- 9th Refugees
- 10th The persecuted church
- 11th Benedict abbot
- 12th All who grieve
- 13th Our farming community
- 14th John Keeble priest & poet
- 15th Swithun bishop
- 16th Osmund bishop
- 17th Worldwide Anglican Community
- 18th Open the book team
- 19th Gregory bishop
- 20th Margaret of Antioch martyr
- 21st Schools breaking up for summer holidays
- 22nd Mary Magdalene
- 23rd Bridget abbess
- 24th Gornal & Sedgley team
- 25th James the Apostle
- 26th Anne & Joachim parents of the BVM
- 27th Broken homes
- 28th Community leaders
- 29th Mary Martha & Lazarus companions of our Lord
- 30th William Wilberforce social reformer
- 31st The homeless

Intercessions for August

- 1st Those on holiday
- 2nd Uniformed organisations in our parish
- 3rd The housebound Men's Society
- 4th Neville House
- 5th Oswald king & martyr
- 6th The Transfiguration of our Lord
- 7th Gornal & Sedgley Team
- 8th Dominic priest founder of the order of preachers
- 9th Mary Sumner founder of the Mothers Union
- 10th Lawrence martyr
- 11th Claire of Assisi
- 12th John Henry Newman priest
- 13th Jeremy Taylor bishop teacher of the faith
- 14th Florence Nightingale nurse social reformer
- 15th The Blessed Virgin Mary
- 16th Ladies Society
- 17th Aid agencies through out the world
- 18th Peace & Justice in the world
- 19th Our bell ringers
- 20th Bernard abbot teacher of the faith
- 21st William & Catherine Booth founders of the Salvation Army
- 22nd Junior Church & Youth Group
- 23rd Guild of the servers in the sanctuary
- 24th Bartholomew the Apostle.
- 25th Mothers Union
- 26th Royal School of Church Music
- 27th The housebound
- 28th Augustine of Hippo teacher of the faith
- 29th Beheading of John the Baptist
- 30th John Bunyan spiritual writer
- 31st Aidan bishop missionary

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Cod & Vegetable Bake

Ingredients

50 ml olive oil
4 potatoes thickly sliced
1 crushed garlic clove
4 200 gr cod steaks about 25 mm thick
finely pared rind & juice of a lemon
1 tsp thyme leaves
8 tomatoes halved lengthwise
1 Spanish onion cut into wedges
1 red pepper, cored, deseeded & diced
12 black olives
salt & pepper
thyme sprigs to garnish

Method

Brush a large baking dish with some of the oil

Steam the potatoes for 10 minutes or until tender
Remove from heat & turn on to a clean tea towel.

Spread the potatoes in single layer in the baking dish.
Sprinkle the garlic over them and season to taste. Lay
the cod steaks on top, add the lemon rind & sprinkle
with lemon juice. Add the thyme leaves, tomatoes, onion,
red pepper & olives.

Bake in a preheated oven, 190 C Gas Mark 5 for twenty
minutes or until the fish is cooked. Garnish & serve
immediately.

WW1 TIMELINE—EVENTS OF 1916

July

- 1st Battles of the Somme, 1916, begin with the Battle of Albert (1st—16th).
7.28: Lochnagar Mine Exploded, La Boisselle, France.
Contact Patrol, or liaison with infantry, first instituted in The Royal Flying Corps.
- 7th British Forces occupy Tanga, (German East Africa).
Mr David Lloyd George becomes Sec. of State for War.
- 10th German commercial submarine arrives in Norfolk.
- 11th Seaham harbour (on the coast of Durham) shelled by German sub.
- 14th Battle of Bazentin Ridge begins—ends 17th July.
- 15th Battle of Delville Wood begins.
- 19th Battle of Fromelles (19th/20th).
- 23rd Battle of Pozieres Ridge begins.
- 30th First aerial operations by combined French & British Air Services on Western Front.

The Battle of Verdun was continuing: ended 20/12/1916

The Somme: 1 July - 18 November.

This has become a symbol of the war on the Western Front: massed ranks of inexperienced soldiers rising out of their trenches to be mown down by machine gun or blown apart by artillery. It involved 12 separate battles, the first four beginning in July.

1,732,873 shells were used in the preliminary bombardment. 30% of British shells in the pre-battle bombardment failed to explode.

At 7.28a.m. on the first day of the battle, the British detonated two large mines near the village of La Boisselle. the Lochnagar mine was the bigger of the two (60,000 pounds of explosives against the 40,000 pounds in Y Sap). Royal Flying Corps pilot, Lieutenant Cecil A. Lewis, that the column of earth reached 4,000 feet in height.

Despite the explosions, and the week-long bombardment, the Germans' deeply dug defences and barbed wire were left mainly intact. They had heard the British tunnelling and moved their machine gun positions accordingly.

Of the Leeds Pals battalion on the first day, 248 were killed, 267 were wounded and 181 were listed as missing: 47 were uninjured!

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I Am Accepted in Christ

I am God's child John 1:12
I am Christ friend John 15:15
I have been justified Romans 5:1
I am united with the Lord and one with Him in the spirit 1 Cor 6:17
I have been bought with a price I belong to God 1 Cor 6:20
I Am a member of Christ's body 1 Cor 12:27
I am a saint Eph 1:1
I have been adapted as God's child Eph 1:5
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit Eph 2:18
I have been redeemed & forgiven of all my sins Col 1:14
I am complete in Christ Col 2:10

I Am Secure in Christ

I am free forever from condemnation Rom 8:12
I am assured all things work for good Rom 8:28
I am free from all any condemning charges against me Rom 8: 33,34
I cannot be separated from the love of God Rom 8:35
I have been established, anointed & sealed by God 2 Cor 1:21
I am hidden with Christ in God Col 3:3
I am a citizen of heaven Phil 3:20
I can find grace & mercy in time of need Heb 4:16
I am born of God & the evil one cannot touch me 1 John 5:18

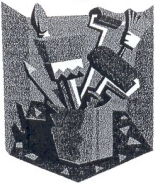
I Am Significant in Christ

I am the salt and life of the earth Matt 5:13,14
I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of his life John 15:1,5
I have been choose & appointed to bear fruit John 15:16
I am a personal witness of Christ Acts 1:8
I am God's temple 1 Cor 3:16
I am a minister of reconciliation 2 Cor 5 17:20
I am god's Co-worker 2 Cor 6:1
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm Eph 2:6
I am God's workmanship Eph 2:10
I may approach God with freedom& confidence Eph 3:12
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me Phil 4:13

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Jesus had neither watch or radio, but all through his ministry he had a strong sense of living by God's timetable. He took care to avoid provoking his arrest before the time was right. Though he often wore himself out teaching and healing, he refused to let others dictate what he did and when.

In the same way, Jesus expects us to realise that our commitment to him is costly and urgent. In quick succession Luke shows three would be followers in conversation with Jesus. One wanted commitment on more comfortable terms. One used his family obligations to delay his discipleship. The third had an apparently reasonable request, but Jesus seems to have seen split loyalties that were holding him back. None of these half-hearted disciples would be used in God's Kingdom.

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