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All Saints Sedgley

in the Parish of Gornal and Sedgley

Registered Charity Number 1179471

16th December – Advent 3

8am – Holy Communion - The Revd Catherine Mitchell

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-end

Philippians 4.4-7

Luke 3.7-18

10.30am – The Revd Guy Hewlett

Readings: As above

Readers: Anne Wakefield and Florence Proctor

Intercessions: Anne Ridge

Chalice: Jane Hartshorne and David Melhuish

6.30pm – Nine Lessons and Carols – The Revd Guy Hewlett

St Peters Church Hall - Wednesday 19th December

Holy Communion - The Revd Guy Hewlett at 10am

PARISH PRAYERS – Tuesday at St Andrew's, Wednesday St Peter's and Thursday at All Saints'. These will all start at 9.15am. All are welcome.

Collect – God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Zephaniah 3.14-end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Philippians 4.4-7 - Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3.7-18 - John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to

come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Parish Office – The parish office is open from Monday – Friday 10-12.00 noon. My phone number: 01902 540289 and my email address is admin@allsaintssedgley.co.uk. Can items for the pew sheet be sent to me by Wednesday 12 noon please. Thank you. Gail.

(Please note that The Revd Guy Hewlett's usual day off will be a Monday and The Revd Catherine Mitchell's a Friday.)

Sunday 23rd December All Saints' 8am The Revd Guy Hewlett

10.30am – The Revd Catherine Mitchell

6.30pm – Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer – The Revd Guy Hewlett

St Andrew: 9.30am – The Revd Guy Hewlett

St Peter: 10.30am – Worship for All – Suzanne Bradley

ADVENT PRAYERS - During Advent there will be Parish prayer times in addition to our weekly parish prayers.

This will be on Tuesday the 18th December 2018 at 2.30 pm at All Saints Vicarage.

These times of prayer will give you an opportunity to step out of the business of the season and spend time with God. Each time will be relaxed but with structure and for an hour. If possible let Guy, Jackie Hewlett or Kath Apperley know if you hope to come.

FUNERAL - the funeral of Roger Taft will take place at Gornal Wood Crematorium at 11am on Tuesday 18th December. Family flowers only and donations to Cancer Research please.

AFTERNOON TEA – we would be delighted if you could join us for afternoon tea in the community room today from 1pm. All donations received will go towards a research expedition to Dominica. Thank you Holly Sides.

HALL GRANT APPLICATION – the Church Hall was funded by donations from the community. A requirement of a bid to ASDA to fund urgent maintenance work is that we raise money to support the bid. If you would like to donate please use the pink Gift Aid envelopes – if a stewardship member, just add your envelope number. Can we match the generosity of our forebears who raised £4,000? Thanks John.

SURVEYS TO HELP US WORK BETTER WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. To be used after our Carol and Christingle services the Calling Young Disciples team have prepared a short survey to help us understand better how we might serve our communities. Please do have a look at this yourselves. Thank you, Helen Laird and the team.

CHRISTINGLES - Junior Church would be grateful for donations towards the cost of providing oranges and sweets for the Christingles. Please see Barbara Price if you are able to make a contribution. All money in excess of the costs is donated to The Children's Society at the service. We will be making the Christingles in the Hall from 2 pm on Sunday 23rd December if anyone would like to help. Refreshments will be provided! Thank you. Barbara Price.

PRAYER LIST – the January prayer list is due to be renewed, so if you would like your name on the list, please speak to Guy or Catherine by Friday 11th January. Thank you.



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