

One in worship
Open in faith
Outward in community



Sunday 28 February 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

Carrying the Cross with Christ. Photo by Simon OP.
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Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of
your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to
the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to
help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault
and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This morning's music

Introit: *The God of Abraham praise*

Gospel: *Be thou my vision*

Offertory: *O Jesus I have promised*

Anthem: *Litany to the Holy spirit* - Hurford

Recessional: *Ah holy Jesu, how hast thou
offended*

7pm Contemplative Prayer

On Zoom. A short service of prayer
and readings with 20 minutes silence.
New link at www.all-saints.org.uk/this-sunday-at-all-saints.

Genesis 17.1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.'

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Romans 4.13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So

numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8.31-end

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Prayer Matters

Please keep in your prayers:

COVID-19

We have been given a route back to some kind of normality this year. We pray that everyone approaches this enthusiastically but responsibly so that 'normality' becomes permanent. We pray that everyone offered the vaccine and wants it, will be able to gain access to vaccination facilities.

All Saints

Be with us, Lord Jesus, in a special way as we journey with you to Calvary and the empty tomb. May the Holy Spirit reveal to us new things about You and your Passion and Resurrection.

The world

We pray for the global Covax vaccination programme that it will be an instrument for equitable distribution and administering of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Charity of the week:

St Christopher's Hospice

The hospice offers world class palliative and end of life care to everyone who needs it, whenever or wherever that may be. They are also here for the family and close friends. Visit the website at www.stchristophers.org.uk for more information and the opportunity to donate and support their work. Please pray for the work of this amazing place.

Those who are sick or in need

Ruth Kirk Wilson, Robert Shafto, and any others known to us; for those who support and care for them.

Those with longer term needs

Simon Berlyn, Rosemary Cave, Lorraine Falzon Gaughan, Hyacinth Brown, Wisdom Kari Kari, Anthony Backs, Isabelle Backs, Do Jones, Chris Worden, Ben, Gina Vaughan and Joseph Lunn.

Those who have died recently

And all those who mourn.

Those whose year's mind falls this week

Marion Cavanagh, Sonny Sharma, Sheila Elizabeth Ray.

Commemorated this week:

George Herbert (27 February)

Welsh-born poet, orator, and priest of the Church of England. His poetry is associated with the writings of the metaphysical poets, and he is recognised as "one of the foremost British devotional lyricists." He was born into an artistic and wealthy family and largely raised in England. He received a good education that led to his admission to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1609. He went there with the intention of becoming a priest, but he became the University's Public Orator and attracted the attention of King James I. He served in the Parliament of England in 1624 and briefly in 1625. After the death of King James, Herbert renewed his interest in ordination. He gave up his secular ambitions in his mid-thirties and took holy orders in the Church of England, spending the rest of his life as the rector of the rural parish of Fugglestone St Peter, just outside Salisbury. He was noted for unfailing care for his parishioners, bringing the sacraments to them when they were ill and providing food and clothing for those in need. Henry Vaughan called him "a most glorious saint and seer". He was never a healthy man and died of consumption at age 39.

Thought for the week

"Hope means to keep living amid desperation and to keep humming in the darkness. Hoping is knowing that there is love; it is trust in tomorrow; it is falling asleep and waking again when the sun rises. In the midst of a gale at sea, it is to discover land. In the eyes of another, it is to see that you are understood... As long as there is still hope there will also be prayer... And you will be held in God's hands." Henri Nouwen

If you would like prayer for yourself or another, please contact Judith Powles on 020 8693 4437.

Notices

Creating a sacred space at home for Lent

Lent is a time to deepen our prayer and spiritual lives in preparation for Easter. This year, we encourage you to create a sacred space at home during Lent. We've prepared a resource book which you can view at www.all-saints.org.uk/this-weeks-events which shows you how to prayerfully add to this space each week.

Lent book

Our recommended Lent Book is *Seeing God in Art*, by Richard Harries. There will be a Zoom meeting on Monday 15th March 7.30 to look at some of the paintings in 'Seeing God in Art'. For now, please note the date, the link will be sent out next week. If this is popular, we may try to arrange another discussion to look at more of the paintings.

Lent: Journey to Jerusalem

This year, families are being asked to pray for one another and accompany Jesus on his journey during Lent. You can find out more about this at <https://www.all-saints.org.uk/prayer>.

Way of the Cross

The community of L'Arche London is busy creating Way of the Cross artworks, to be installed in All Saints in March. In the meantime we have recorded a meditation on the Stations of the Cross on our Youtube channel.

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday 5 March on Youtube

This service prepared this year by the Christian women of Vanuatu, normally held in the church, will now be streamed on the All Saints Youtube channel at 2.30pm on Friday 5 March. Please watch it then or later. Order of service and how to donate, in lieu of a collection, are available at www.all-saints.org.uk/services-this-week.

Church Treasurer vacancy

After years of committed service, Ros is stepping down as the Treasurer of All Saints, at the next Annual Church Meeting in May. We urgently need to find a replacement. Please let the churchwardens know if you can think of anyone who might be willing to take on this vitally important role. (Or if you would like to find out more yourself). Please keep this issue in your thoughts and prayers. Many thanks.

Prayer board

There is now a prayer board in church. Please add the names for those to be prayed for at the 4-6pm silent prayer for healing.

Citizens UK

The manifesto for the postponed London Mayoral elections is available to download from . There will be an Accountability assembly with the main Mayoral candidates on Wednesday 28 April via Zoom. More details about how to register will be given next week.

Foodbank update

This Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. As part of our foodbank programme, there was to have been a focus through display and presentation in church about food poverty in the UK. However, these two avenues of communication are not open to us this year, so please click here to read more about this vitally important issue for us all today. Please continue to support the work of the foodbank.

Instagram

Please follow us on our new Instagram @allsaintswestdulwich.

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Charitable giving in Lent

During Lent, the PCC will match financial contributions from church members to the following four charities:

- 4All www.4-all.org.uk
- L'Arche London
www.larchelondon.org.uk
- Norwood and Brixton Foodbank
www.norwoodbrixton.foodbank.org.uk
- Robes Project (winter nightshelter)
www.rob.es.org.uk

If you give £100, and can claim back tax, with Gift Aid your donation will be worth £125. All Saints will then add £100. So a £100 donation will be worth £225! The total upper limit from church funds will be £5000 (combined across the four charities). These charities have been chosen because of their high level of support from church members.

This matching funding will only be given in response to evidence of donations, to be sent either by post to the parish office, or by email to treasurer@all-saints.org.uk. The best way to give is online, but if you do wish to send money by post, please do so directly to the charities of your choice. We cannot do this for you. So far, church members have given £1250, and this is being matched from PCC funds. Keep the donations coming.

This Week's Services

Prayer for Healing & Eucharist

Tuesday 4pm to 6pm in All Saints.

Midweek Eucharists

Tuesday and Wednesday at 6pm in All Saints.

SmAll Saints

Friday at 10.30am on Zoom. A time of prayer, music, story-telling and being together suitable from birth upwards.

www.all-saints.org.uk/services-this-week

Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday at 9.15am on Zoom.

www.all-saints.org.uk/services-this-week

Evening Prayer

Monday to Friday at 5.15pm on Zoom.

www.all-saints.org.uk/services-this-week

Next Sunday 7 March

Third Sunday of Lent

10am Sung Eucharist

On the All Saints Youtube channel.

7pm Contemplative Prayer

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