

ALL SAINTS', SEDGLEY
19^H FEBRUARY – 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am NO SERVICE

10.30am Celebrant: Bishop John
Readings: Genesis 1 v 1 – 2 v 3
Romans 8 v 18-25
Gospel: Matthew 6 v 25-end
Readers: Mary Davenport
Mike Edwards

6.30pm Evensong
Officiant: Jan Humphries
Readings: Romans 8 v 18-25
Matthew 6 v 25-end
Readers: Jane Hartshorne
Martin Moseley

There will be a 10am service on Wednesday at St Peters all are welcome.

Please note that the altar candles will be lit 5 minutes before the start of each service to indicate the beginning of a period of silence until the service commences.

Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Genesis 1 v 1 – 2 v 3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The

earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Romans 8 v 18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself

will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6 v 25-end

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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.

26th February Sunday before Lent – All Saints’

8am The Revd Lyn Rowson
10.30am The Revd Canon Alvyn Pettersen
6.30pm Jan Humphries - Compline

St Andrew’s

9.30am Jan Humphries – Morning Prayer

St Peter’s

10.30am Joint Service at All Saints’

5th March First Sunday of Lent – All Saints’

8am The Revd Canon Judith Oliver
10.30am Jan Humphries – Morning Prayer
6.30pm Jan Humphries

St Andrew's

9.30am The Revd James Makepeace

St Peter's

10.30am The Revd Canon Judith Oliver

NOTICES

MEL JONES - We are sorry to announce that Mel, former Director of Music and Choirmaster at All Saints from January 1989 to December 2013, died on Monday the 13th February. The funeral will take place on the 3rd March, 10.30am at St John the Baptist Halesowen followed by burial in St Kenelm's Churchyard at 12 noon. Our thoughts and prayers are with Glenise.

ANNUAL MEETING –2nd April 2017. Can annual reports be submitted to Gail or John (treasurer@allsaintssedgley.co.uk) by the 5th March. Thank you.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION - The Electoral Roll will be revised between Sunday 19th February and Sunday 5th March. The Electoral Roll is at the back of church, please check your entry is correct. Those wishing to have their name added to the Roll should complete the form provided and return it to Liz Williams by Sunday 5th March.

FLOWERS – our thanks go to Margaret Martin and Len Millard for this Sunday's flowers.

FLOWER ROTA VACANCIES - We now have an increasingly large number of vacant weeks on the flower rota. Please look at the rota on the notice board in the Narthex, and if you wish to make a contribution towards the provision of flowers in church, would you put your name next to the appropriate date.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - begins on Monday 27th February. Please support our BIG BREW Coffee Morning on **Friday 3rd March** (Fair Trade cakes to sample) and Fair Trade Service on Sunday 5th March. Crafts and food will be on sale. 'A sample of Fair Trade Easter Eggs will be on show on 3rd and 5th March - orders will be taken. Easter cards will be available soon.'

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK - Thanks to all of you who have donated recently. This week's shortages are: Fruit Juice, Small Jars of Coffee, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Ham, Tinned Corned Beef, Hot Chocolate and Cordial/Fruit Squash. If you are able to help, we'd be most grateful. Thanks from all at 'Springs'.

GREETINGS CARDS – Pauline Turner will be selling greetings cards in the Narthex £1.50 each. Proceeds to Church Funds.