ALL SAINTS', SEDGLEY 21ST MAY – EASTER 6

8.00am Holy Communion – The Revd Catherine Mitchell

Readings: Acts 7 – 22-31

1 Peter 3 v 13-end John 14 v 15 -21

10.30am NO SERVICE AS TEAM SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S WITH THE REVD CANON JUDITH OLIVER AT 9.30AM

6.30pm Evensong - Celebrant - The Revd Catherine Mitchell

Readings: 1 Peter 3 v 13-end Readings: John 14 v 15-21 Reader: Jane Hartshorne

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

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Acts 7 - 22-31

So Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in his words and deeds. 'When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his relatives, the Israelites. When he saw one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. He supposed that his kinsfolk would understand that God through him was rescuing them, but they did not understand. The next day he came to some of them as they were quarrelling and tried to reconcile them, saying, "Men, you are brothers; why do you wrong each other?" But the man who was wronging his neighbour pushed Moses aside, saying, "Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?" When he heard this, Moses fled and became a resident alien in the land of Midian. There he became the father of two sons.

'Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning bush. When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight; and as he approached to look, there came the voice of the Lord:

1 Peter 3 v 13-end

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

John14 v 15-21

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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 Catherine Mitchells usual day off will be a Friday,)

SERVICES

28th May - Easter 7 - All Saints'

8am – The Revd Canon Peter Kerr

10.30am - The Revd Canon Peter Kerr

6.30pm – Compline – Jan Humphries

St Andrew's

9.30am - The Revd Catherine Mitchell

St Peter's

10.30am - Morning Prayer - Suzanne Bradley

4th June - Pentecost

8am – The Revd Catherine Mitchell

10.30am – Morning Prayer and Baptism with The Revd Catherine Mitchell

6.30pm - Evensong - Jan Humphries

St Andrew's

9.30am – Joint Service and St Peter's with the Revd Canon Peter Kerr

St Peter's

10.30am - No Service as Joint Service at St Andrew's 9.30am

NOTICES

OPEN HOUSE – you are invited to Catherine's House (The Vicarage, 22 The Straits), between 2:00-4:00 Sat 27th May. There will be nibbles and drinks, it would be great to see as many of you as can come, to get to know you. Please come for as much or as little as you can.

PRAYING FOR DUDLEY – Prayer event in Priory Park On Sunday 4th June, Pentecost Sunday, 2.30-3.30, it would be great if as many of you can support this event as can make it.

HEARING YOUR STORY – I would love to hear your stories, of life, faith and church – if you would like me to come and visit you for a chat, please put your name and contact details on the sheets at back of church – in the coming months I'll contact you to arrange a day and time – Catherine (Team Vicar)

DEANERY 24/7 PRAYER EVENT – There will be a 24/7 prayer event starting at 8.00am Thurs 29th June at St John's, Brockmoor, it would be great if as many of you were able to be involved as possible – More details to follow as to how to sign up for this event.

ASCENSION DAY — we will meet in the choir vestry at 7.30am on Thursday 25th May to ascend the tower for a hymn and a prayer, followed by an 8am communion in church. Will those who want breakfast at Café Cappella please add your name to the list in the Narthex. As there is no 10.30am service for the next two Sundays. Would you therefore please phone Linda on 01902 678830 or email lindawatkinssedgley@gmail.com. We need to collate the numbers please by Monday 22nd in order to inform Café Cappella. Thanks Linda

We invite visitors who would normally take communion in their own church to join us in communion today. If this is not your practice, but you would like a blessing, please bring your service sheet with you to the Communion Rail to show that is what you wish. Should you have difficulty in negotiating the Chancel steps to receive communion, please inform the church wardens so that arrangements can be made for it to be brought to you. To enable those who are hard of hearing to join in the service radio loop is installed. To pick up from the loop turn the switch on your hearing aid to "T".