

**ALL SAINTS', SEDGLEY
20TH MAY – PENTECOST**

8.00am - The Revd Catherine Mitchell

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14

Acts 2.1-21

John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

10.30am – The Revd Guy Hewlett

Readings: As Above

Readers: John Looker and Liz Williams

Intercessions: The Revd Guy Hewlett

6.30pm – Evensong – Canon Jan Humphries

Readings: Acts 2.1-21 and John 15.26-27 and 16.4b-15

Readers: John Grosvenor and Rosemary Moss

**Wednesday 23rd May – The Revd Catherine Mitchell – St Peters
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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Ezekiel 37.1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore, prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as

you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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 27th May - All Saints' 8am – The Revd Guy Hewlett

10.30am – The Revd Guy Hewlett

6.30pm – Compline – The Revd Catherine Mitchell

St Andrews – 9.30am – The Revd Catherine Mitchell

St Peters – 10.30am – Worship for All – Suzanne Bradley

NOTICES - TODAY - Praise and Prayer in Priory Park 20th May 2:30.

Bishop Graham is hosting an ecumenical Praise and Prayer event in Priory Park, Dudley this afternoon, 20th May from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. This is part of the Thy Kingdom Come initiative from the Archbishops. All are welcome to worship God and pray for the borough of Dudley.

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK - Your donations make a big difference to all those who come to us for help - thank you all. We currently need UHT Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Meat Ready Meals (Chilli/ Meatballs), Bottles of Squash/Cordial, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Spaghetti, Small Jars of Coffee, 500g Bags of Rice, Tinned Custard, and Breakfast Cereal. If you can help, we'd be most grateful. Thanks from all at 'Springs'

FAIRER SHARES - In undertaking the Fairer Shares Survey 118 active church members were identified. To avoid All Saints Quota being calculated on the deanery average we need a minimum return of 75%. Currently 61 forms have been returned - 52%. Can those who have not yet picked up their forms (19) please do so. If you have not yet returned your form can I urge you to do so as soon as possible. Note: the completed income forms need to be exchanged with our partner church by 3rd June. Many thanks, John and Keith.

ST PETERS - as you are probably aware the Church building of St Peter Upper Gornal is not in a good condition. On Saturday the 9th June 2018 at 12 noon there will be a public meeting regarding the future of St Peter's church building. All are welcome. Please do try to support the congregation of St Peter on the day.



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