ALL SAINTS', SEDGLEY 15TH JULY 7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8.00am - The Revd Catherine Mitchell Readings: Amos 7.7-15 Ephesians 1.3-14 Mark 6.14-29 10.30am – The Revd Guy Hewlett Readings: As above Readers: Lisa Proctor and Chris Williams Intercessions: Tony Hart Chalice: Chris Williams and Tony Hart 6.30pm – Evensong – The Revd Guy Hewlett Readings: Ephesians 1.3-14 and Mark 6.14-29 Readers: Rosemary Moss and Martin Moseley Wednesday 18th July – The Revd Guy Hewlett – St Peters 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

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Amos 7.7-15

This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Ephesians 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6.14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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 22nd July - 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

SPONSORS OF THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH:

July 15 For Floss & George Edwards - Pedestal for Jack Parton

July 22 Jean & Des Round

July 29 VACANT

In the first six months of the year, a small number of people have still not paid for the flowers for the week they chose to sponsor. It would be most helpful if you could check the list on the board at the back of church, making a note of your chosen date, and making payment at least a week before hand. I will give Gail a list so that the names can go in the magazine each month. Thank you. Rosemary Moss.

RAFFLE TICKETS - are now on sale for the Children's Society from Anne Hart and Ivy Slater.

ALL SAINTS' SUMMER RAFFLE - The raffle was drawn by Revd. Guy on Saturday evening. The winners were:

1st	Harry Shaw	£50
2nd Jonathan Williams		Voucher for 'The Vine'
3rd	Anne Round	Solar Lights
4th	Audrey Howe	'Tea for Two' at Ashwood
5th	Joyce Withers	Bottle of Prosecco
6th	Sheila Burke	Continental Biscuits

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK - Your donations make a big difference to all those who come to us for help - thank you all. The depot at Brierley Hill currently needs Tinned Meat Ready Meals (Chilli/ Meatballs), Jars of Cooking Sauce, Instant Noodles, Bottles of Squash/Cordial, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Tomatoes, Small Jars of Coffee, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Custard, Breakfast Cereal, Bags of Plain Rice 500g & 1kg, Jam & Marmalade. If you can help, we'd be most grateful. Thanks from all at 'Springs'

MU MEETING TUESDAY 17TH JULY AT 7.15PM - The meeting will begin with communion, followed by a talk by Margaret Penn, entitled 'Walking in Mary Sumner's Footsteps'.

FUNERAL - the funeral of the late Tracy Marsh will take place at Gornal Wood on Tuesday 17 July at 2.10pm and on Wednesday 18th July the funeral of the late Benjamin David Timmins will also take place at Gornal Wood, 11am. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family at this sad time.

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