

Barry Lewis

We send our condolences and prayers to Pat and the family of Barry Lewis who died on 13th December 2016 Barry was a regular member of the Thursday morning Holy Communion congregation and an excellent bell ringer. A full peal was rung as a 65th birthday compliment to him on the 1st February 2014. The board commemorating the peal is in The Bell Tower. Barry served on the alter at All Saints for Holy Communion services including services taken by The Bishop of Shrewsbury. His quiet commitment to the worship at All Saints was appreciated by all of the congregation.

Times of Communion Services

We are getting towards the end of our trial period (Sep-March) of moving the third Sunday HC service from 6.30pm to 10am. Is this something you have welcomed? Or have you wished we left it where it was? Short questionnaires are available in Church for you to give your opinion, please will everyone fill one in (they are anonymous) so we can get a full measure of people's thoughts.

Christmas 2016

The Christmas coffee morning held on the 10th December raised £280 for Church funds. Thank you to Wendy and Marion Robinson for making and donating Christmas cards and decorations which were sold for Church funds. The cards are available to buy all year round for birthdays and special occasions are at the back of the Church. The Church was beautifully decorated and enjoyed by the Congregation at all the Christmas Services. Carol singing raised £282 for The Severn Hospice.

The Bishop of Shrewsbury

The Bishop of Shrewsbury, Rt Rev Mark Rylands will be taking Holy Communion on Sunday 5th February at 10m. We hope you will come and join us at this special service. **Please note that the Evensong service for this month has been cancelled.**

Mothering Day Family Service

Do come and join us at a special Family Service on Sunday 26th March at 10am to celebrate Mothers Day.



Church Yard Tidy Up

The Church yard tidy up will be on April 1st, if you will be able to join us with the tidying please meet at 9.30am with gardening tools and strimmers.



Annual Church Parochial Meeting

The Annual meeting will be held on 23rd April after the morning service in Church. Coffee will be served after the service and the meeting will commence at 11am. At this meeting the accounts will be submitted for approval a review of the year will be given and Church Wardens, Officers and members of the PCC will be appointed.

Brook House Gardens

By kind permission of Mr Sean O'Donovan Brook House Gardens are being opened on Saturday 27th May 2017 in aid of Church Funds from 2pm-5pm more details will be in the next newsletter.

Lent

This Lent we will be reading a book by Rowan Williams called 'Being Disciples'. If you didn't sign the list in church you can still buy your copy from Amazon. Meetings to discuss each chapter will be held on Tuesday evenings during Lent, starting on March 7th at Ann Biddle's house at 7.30pm. Further venues will be arranged once we know numbers. The book is recommended to us by the Archdeacon and is a very worthwhile read, even if you do not wish to attend the discussion groups.

Holy Week

Short reflections will be read in church during Holy Week - April 10-13 at 7pm - culminating in the Good Friday service on April 14. You are most welcome to attend any or all of these as part of your Lenten discipline.

Parish Walk

The Parish walk will take place on June 3rd all are welcome to meet at the Church at 2pm refreshments will be available after the walk.



From the Register We send our best wishes to the family of Elsie-Rose Holland and her mum Holly who were baptised on 11th December

All Souls Service 2016

The enclosed reproduced poem was read out at the All Souls Service in November 2016 with this introduction. We have been asked to print the poem with the newsletter.

Everyone who has had their funeral at All Saints Church had a connection to the Church or the Parish during their lifetime. The peace that their families receive from holding their funeral service in the Church and being able to visit the graves afterwards is very special.

This desire to be buried at Forton is expressed in the following poem written by Margaret Williams. Margaret grew up at Aqualate Hall with her father and stepmother Mr & Mrs Morris. After her marriage to Robert Williams at All Saints in 1936 Margaret lived in South Africa but never forgot her love for Forton.

The ashes of Margaret and Robert Williams were interred in the Church yard in June 2016.

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Sunday Services in February 2017

Sunday 5th February 10am Holy Communion
The Bishop of Shrewsbury Rt Rev Mark Rylands

Sunday 12th February 10am Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th February 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th February 10am Morning Prayer

Sunday Services in March 2017

Sunday 5th March 6.30 Evensong

Sunday 12th March 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th March 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th March 10am Mothering Sunday Family Service

Holy Communion is celebrated every Thursday at 10am in Church everyone is welcome. Refreshments are served in Church after the service on Thursday and Sunday.

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