

# **All Saints** with **St Frideswyde**

*A church which welcomes you in Jesus' name,  
to grow and share in his love*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

9am	Holy Communion	Kath & Andrew
10.30am	All Age Communion	Kath & Andrew

*Please note that communion will be by wafer only during this time of heightened concern about cross infection and the peace will be shared BSL>*

## **Collect**

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation

## Gospel Reading John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever

done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ They left the city and were on their way to him.....

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

### Diary for Next Week

<b>Mon</b>	8.45am -12noon	Café Drop-in
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Mindfulness
	1.30pm	ABC
	1.30pm	Armchair Exercise
<b>Tue</b>	8.45am -12noon	Café Drop-in
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10am – 12 noon	Advice Centre
<b>Wed</b>	2.30-4pm	Women’s Fellowship
<b>Fri</b>	8.45am -12noon	Café drop-in
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	10am	Bereavement support group
<b>Sun</b>	9am	<b>Holy Communion – Kath</b>
	10.30am	<b>Mothering Sunday Service – Audrey &amp; Kath</b>

### Forthcoming Events

↪ **Easter** : Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Aril Art workshop 10-4pm sign up sheet in the Hub  
↪ we will have a **Maundy Thursday Agape service and meal** in the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> April; please sign up on the sheets at the back of church, Services at **10am and 2pm on Good Friday**, St Luke’s will have a “**Darkness to Light**” service at **7.30pm Easter Saturday** and we will have usual Sunday services celebrating the resurrection!

### Help Needed

↪ **We need a new PCC secretary**; someone who can take notes and is interested in seeing how we lead the church; please contact Kath if you would like to try this role which involves ten evening meetings a year and We will also be looking for new **PCC & Deanery Synod members** at our Annual General Meeting on 26th April at 12 noon with a bring and share

lunch.

↪ Are you interested in becoming a **Care Home Friend** for someone in Tithebarn Nursing Home? Please see Kath or Natalie.

↪ **Monthly Councillors Surgery** : On the third Saturday of each month there is a councillors surgery in the Hub. We need volunteers to open up, make a drinks and close up. It's 10.30 - 12. If you can help please speak to Ann

### **Food Bank**

The latest shortages are: rice; coffee, jam, tinned fruit, jars of pasta sauce, long life milk, pasta, tinned meat and fish. Thank you to all who contribute.

### **Prayer**

We remember in our prayers, those who are unwell and with continuing care needs

Dave Rogers

Mark Isherwood

Eric Anderson

Helen Mannion

Don Wylie

Peter Halliwell

Phyllis Bell

Ted Meighen

Frank Kelly

Marion Johnston

Janet Eastwood

Lisa Hickey-Davies

baby Sonny Campbell

Billy Harding

Ken Rimmer

Barbara Maddock

We remember family and friends of the bereaved especially Stanley Hewitt and Nicholas Pennington

**We pray for our mission:** Our administrator and cleaners.

**for our mission partners:** Our progress as an Eco Church.

**for world mission:** For all affected by the Coronavirus especially in Iran, Italy and Palestine. For all medical staff and authorities making vital decisions for the most vulnerable.



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