

ALL SAINTS'



This week's Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

Services/events for this week

Fifth Sunday after Trinity 4th July

Day of Prayer and Gifts

10.00 Family Eucharist in All Saints, with choral and organ music.

Church open until 12.00 noon and from 14.00-16.00

Tuesday 6th

11.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87458760537>

Meeting ID: 874 5876 0537

19.30 Tenants of the King

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81632552830>

Meeting ID: 816 3255 2830

Thursday 8th

11.00 Holy Communion in Church

Saturday 10th

10.00 Circle of Prayer

Church open until 12.00

'Zoom'-ing by 'phone

Call 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240 or 0131460 1196 and use meeting id followed by #

Thankfulness

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is our Day of Prayer and Gifts to sustain All Saints Church during these unprecedented times. I hope that we can all give generously. Thank you to those who have already kindly sent your donations in. I will be in Church until 12.00 on Sunday after the service and then from 2.00 until 4.00pm to receive your gifts, it would be great if we could raise enough money so that we sustain All Saints this year.

On this Thank You Sunday, it's marvellous that James, Ollie and Emma Haworth will be leading our worship on the theme of thankfulness. We will be thinking about how

amazing it is that thankfulness and gratitude can help us spiritually and how much we have to be thankful for.

These passages have inspired me over the years:

St Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6 – *Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.*

Gratitude is always a powerful weapon. Only if we are able to contemplate and feel genuine gratitude for all those ways we have experienced God's love, generosity, solidarity and trust, as well as his forgiveness, patience, forbearance and compassion, will we allow the Spirit to grant us the freshness that can renew... our life and mission.

Pope Francis

What better words may we carry in our heart, pronounce with our mouth, write with a pen, than the words, "Thanks be to God"? There is no phrase that may be said so readily, that can be heard with greater joy, felt with more emotion or produced with greater effect. St. Augustine.

There is no one who, with a little bit of thought, cannot but discover many reasons for being grateful to God. . . . Once we have come to an appreciation of all he has given to us, we will have abundant cause to give thanks continually. —St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

A Prayer of Thankfulness for All Saints

Generous, gracious, Creator God, we thank you for drawing close in our lives and drawing us together into the family and church of All Saints.

In your Wisdom you have challenged us to work with you in creative, responsible ways to nurture and be stewards of your gifts. Your extravagant Love holds us together as your family. We thank you for the gift of joy and communion we have shared and for opening wide our hearts and minds.

We praise and stand in awe of your magnificent glory in creation and for the interconnectedness of the whole universe. We see your glory in the creation that we experience in our churchyard and the prayer and faith that inspired those before us to build All Saints and to care for the sacred space over the ages.

We now grasp this torch: help us to build on your firm foundations, give in generosity and love and grow your church once again, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Love and prayers, Jo

Tenants of the King



Our new discussion series, **Tenants of the King**, addresses the issues of how we can live as responsible stewards of God's Kingdom - be His tenants. There will be 4 sessions, held on Zoom, at 7:30 on July 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

There is some material which we will distribute beforehand, so if you would like to join us, please let Janet Bird or Nerine Chalmers know. Everyone is welcome

Climate Awareness Day 11 September

"Let us be 'protectors' of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature." *Pope Francis*

"One of the first conditions of happiness," Leo Tolstoy reflected, "is that the link between humanity and nature shall not be broken." We live in a time when that link is at breaking point. Is your happiness affected by this? Does the constant backdrop of the climate crisis make you

overwhelmed or resolute? Hopeless or still hopeful of humanity's capacity for change? Other feelings? *From Nature - a Connect booklet produced by the Diocese of Norwich*

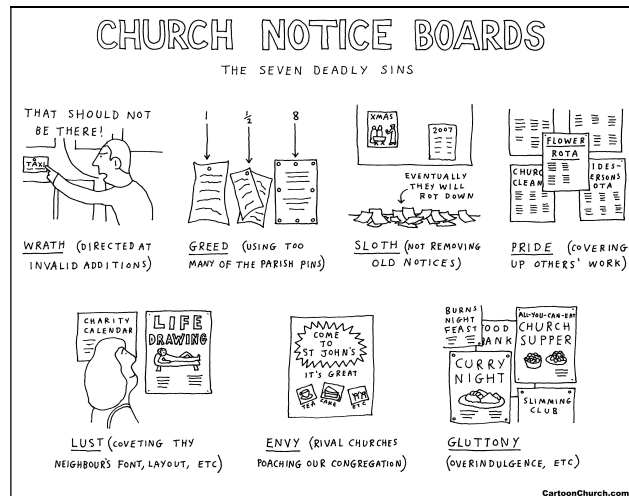
On 11 September, experts and friends will share tools and actions we can all take to help protect our environment, and to feel resolute and hopeful.

Circle of Prayer and Open Church

On the second Saturday of every month, the church will be open between 10:00 and 12 noon, starting on July 10th.

Anyone wanting to come and spend some time in contemplation or prayer, or to come and look around, will be very welcome.

At the beginning there will be a circle of prayer in which we will give thanks and pray for the needs around us.



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