

You will be sad and probably shocked to hear, if you haven't already done so, that Dee Prior, until very recently our parish administrator, died yesterday after a severe brain haemorrhage on Wednesday. Andrew has been greatly comforted by very many expressions of prayerful condolence and support from our community; it is also good to know that my former colleague and your former Assistant Priest, Fr John Pritchard, was able to be with Andrew yesterday and to administer the last rites to Dee as she would have wished. Dee's new job at St George's Hanover Square had taken them both away from All Saints in recent months, but their membership of this church and their friendships with our musicians are longstanding. They also have strong ties to Fr John's church in Upper Norwood, where it is likely that Dee's funeral will take place. We will offer a Requiem Mass for her soon, when it seems good to Andrew. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

As we offered Mass for Corpus Christi on Thursday I reflected that in celebrating the Eucharist we celebrate a dangerous or challenging memory: the memory of suffering and death. It isn't a comfortable thing we remember. We recall Jesus' radical values, which put him in opposition to so many of his own people; his talk about God and the kingdom; his insistence on forgiveness; his opposition to religious sham; his commitment to peace; his willingness to die to overcome sin.

In receiving the body and blood of Christ we become more and more his body, renewed in growth and life for the world. As St Paul says, 'though we are many, we are one body because we share in the one bread'. In receiving Holy Communion we share with Christ and with one another; we become one with his actively remembered presence; he lives in and through us. I pray that we will soon be able to gather again to participate in the Offering which nourishes our true life.

Keep well.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Michael Bowie

p.s. you may be interested to see some archival footage of the All Saints Centenary celebrations in 1959, mostly the Corpus Christi procession. It appears to be the same procession filmed from two perspectives and intercut with footage of a separate visit from then Archbishop Michael Ramsey.

The YouTube link is https://youtu.be/j_TL8awSXWQ

LENT APPEAL TOTAL:

Many thanks to all who generously supported our Lent appeal. The outcome has been extremely good, especially given the odd circumstances this year.

The total so far received is £5262 and the funds will be distributed at the end of this month. I hope to publish responses from the three beneficiaries soon after that.

Fr Michael

Trinity 1: Sung Mass at Noon

COLLECT:

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 19.2-8a

A reading from the book Exodus

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.'

Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Page BreakRESPONSORIAL PSALM: 92.2-3, 13-16
Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

SECOND READING: Romans 5.1-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

The kingdom of God is close at hand.

Repent and believe the good news.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9.35 -10.8

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

CREED

INTERCESSIONS

OFFERTORY MOTET:

Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our danger and necessities
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gibbons (1583-1625)

FINAL HYMN

He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound--
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labor night and day
To be a pilgrim.

VOLUNTARY: Fancy in C ut flat - Gibbons

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER DIARY

Those who are sick or distressed or for whom our prayers have been asked:

Prisoners and captives: Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, Kylie Moore-Gilbert, Ismaeil Maghrebinejad, Mayshee Eyob.
The work of the London Prisons Mission.

The sick:

David Fettke, Joan Cooper, Vallery Tchukov, Sara Vice, Lenore Kimbrough, Fr Ron Swan, Katherine Lee, Chris Gudgeon, Nicky Yeo, Lorna Smith, Tim Knight, Beth Klausung, Hilary Porter, Jane Bolam, Philip Hirsch, Keith Peers, Geoffrey Turner-Mutch, Joyce Morris, Marg Ferguson, Abe Serafinowicz.

Those known to us recently departed:

Beaumont Brandie, Pr
Richard Hodds
Nora Nettey
Charles Cruse
Audrey Cramp
June Snoxhill
Edgar Wells Pr
Mohammed Abdur Razzak
Elizabeth Dennis
Kirsten Jenkin
Dee Prior

Anniversaries of death:

14th - Roy Foster Pr, Eric Johnson, Miriam Yates, John Gadney
15th - Eric Stedman, Roualeyn Cuming-Bruce, Clare Prince
16th - William Upton Richards Pr (first vicar of All Saints), Ida Jones, Geoffrey Roundtree, Eric Davidson
17th -
18th - Susanne Coles, Eric Griffin
19th - Gwendolen Coldham, Patricia Cudmore
20th - Dom Michael Warner, Michael Pearson Pr

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

A regular visitor to All Saints wrote recently to ask how she could support us financially during this period when she couldn't put cash or envelopes in the collection plate.

Our Treasurer suggests that the preferred option (from the parish's point of view) is to sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme: it makes contributions completely anonymous and deals with GiftAid, which saves our office a lot of time.

If you would like to do that online you can register at

<https://parishgiving.org.uk/register/>

The Parish Code, which you need to register, is

230623075.

If you don't want to do this online please let us know and the forms can be posted to you.

Please consider joining the scheme even if you already give by Standing Order. It is a huge help administratively.

Donations for general Church purposes: To give by BACS please use the following details, advising the Administrator to collect Gift Aid:

PCC All Saints (Charity # 1132895)

Sort Code 60-09-15.

A/C # 04559452

Parish Legacy Policy We are always delighted to hear from anyone who wants to support us with a donation. Our PCC Legacy Policy encourages people to leave bequests specifically to one of our two related charities to be used for purposes of lasting value (rather than day to day costs):

All Saints Choir & Music Trust (Charity # 802994) or

The All Saints Foundation (Charity # 273390).