

All Saints' Masses during the coming week

Monday 3rd March	- 12.15pm Requiem Mass
Wednesday 5th March	- 10.00am & 6.00pm Masses
Ash Wednesday	
Thursday 6th March	- 9.00am Confessions - 10.00am Healing Mass
Friday 7th March	- 9.00am Confessions - 10.00am Mass - 11.00am Stations of the Cross
Saturday 8th March	- 10.00am Mass
Sunday 9th March	- 10.00am Mass

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All Saints' Church, Sidley



Jesus said 'The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good.'

Luke 6.45

Sunday 2nd March 2025 - 10.00am

Parish Mass

WELCOME TO THE PARISH MASS FOR EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The collect for today asks God that the “course of the world may be directed by your peaceful rule”. It goes on to ask God that the Church might “rejoice, untroubled in her devotion”. Many people that I talk to, or when I have listened to interviews with atheists and agnostics, point to the state of the world as evidence of God’s non-existence. God, it would seem to them, should be some kind of supernatural governor.

As Lent is approaching, perhaps we need to hear that with penitent hearts. Perhaps as the Church we’ve used words about Christ’s reign as King of the Universe in ways that made it sound like He is organising everything here and now. Of course we pray that there would be peace in the world - but as Christianity is, in my view, the most realistic and practical of all beliefs, we are under no illusion about the actual state of the world! It is a mess, and that is the honest truth. Our proclamation is that Christ is coming - He is forever in this world the One Who Is, Was, and Is To Come. We rest in the truth that He has overcome the world, and yet we are still in the midst of the struggle of this world, working out our salvation, knowing that it is God working in us (see Philippians 2:12-13). Let us pray then in this collect today, that our hearts would be made peaceful so as to more closely follow God’s direction and that our devotion and faith this Lent would be deepened. **Fr Ian**

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Please note that this year, the All Saints’ Church Electoral Roll needs to be revised.

This means creating a new roll and therefore everybody who wishes to be entered onto it is required to complete an application form.

This applies to both new applicants and those who have completed forms in the past and may have been on a previous Roll for several years.

Please see Churchwarden Sue for a form.

What is the Electoral Roll?

It is your parish church’s register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council.

Being on the Electoral Roll does NOT make you a “member” of the Church; simply regarding All Saints as your spiritual home does that.



Prayer for the Faithful

The Sick: Michael and Diane; Bill; Sharon; Pat; Wendy; David; Sheila; Michael; Nina; Rob; Dee; Glyn; Margaret; Stewart; Ian; Ron; Fran; Sam; Tessy, Shana; Jean; Andrew; Sam; Teresa; Pauline; Edward; Kathleen; Stewart; Val; Ann; Shirley and children Sebastian; Pryia and Vinnie and babies Lily and Ivy-Mae.

The Recently Departed

William Holden and Sally Hancock.

Anniversaries of Death

- 2nd Thomas Beaver; Reg Munn;
- 3rd Christopher Cruttenden; Edward Hookway; Hilda Edwards;
- 4th William Hearsey; Hilda James; Alice Veness; Cicely Usher; Mary Whiting;
- 5th Emily Stewart; Donald Ross; Phylis Cockett; John Bentley;
- 7th Guy Bradford;
- 8th Sydney Hobbs; Violet Stavely.

Hymns

(Celebration Hymnal for Everyone)

Processional Hymn	- 512	Now thank we all our God
Gloria	- 460	(Murray)
Offertory	- 37	Alleluia sing to Jesus
Post Communion	- 386	Lord of all hopefulness
Recessional Hymn	- 728	Thine be the glory

First Reading - The Book of Sirach 27.4-73

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind.

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

Psalm 92.2-3. 13-14. 15-16. R cf. 2a

Response (R) It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

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

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Psalm 92.2-3. 13-14. 15-16. R cf. 2a (Continuation)

The just one 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. **R**

Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is upright.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

St Paul's First letter to the Corinthians 15.54-58

Brothers and Sisters:

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Gospel - Luke 6:39-45

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable:

'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.

The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'