



**Welcome to All Saints, Stand
Easter 7
Sunday 16th May 2021
We are all one in Christ**

All Saints Church Family

****Church is open for a 10am service****

A service of Holy Communion with Rev. Ann Whittleworth

The 10am service will be streamed live from church on Facebook.

The service will be available later as a video on our

 YouTube YouTube channel: Stand Church, All Saints Whitefield

Collect:

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading for today: John 17. 6 – 19

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Readings for this Sunday:

Acts 1. 15 – 17, 21 – 26

1 John 5. 9 - 13

Intercessions

Once again, the tensions between Israel and Palestine have reached the news cycle. We pray for the peacemakers in that area. Hold them from despair, give them the energy and vision for a better future that will keep them going during these difficult times. Help the local politicians and those in the international community who are trying to mediate and resolve this crisis. Equip them with the skills they need, give them the words that will speak into this situation and help those who need to hear listen to their words and cease their fire.

Lord, in a dark hour,
let your light shine.

As we roll out the vaccine in this country and celebrate a return to something that feels more normal, we are aware that this is not the experience of many people around the world. The scenes and stories from India and Nepal are deeply upsetting. We pray for help to arrive, for oxygen, doctors and for relief for those suffering. As things improve for us may we not forget to pray for people around this world who still face many dark days battling coronavirus.

Lord in amongst the pain and suffering,
let your light shine.

In the aftermath of the local, mayoral and crime commissioner elections we pray for everyone who has either lost or gained a job. Give people who are leaving their posts a sense of closure. Help them as they move on to something new. May they take the experience they gained and find ways to use it to empower and help others. For those who find themselves with a new job, give them the grace and humility needed to get to know new colleagues and work out what is required of them, and as our towns and cities emerge from coronavirus give us all patience with each other as we re-establish how to work and live with one another.

Lord, in a world of losses and gains,
let your light shine.

The blossoms on the trees and parks filled with plants and flowers at this time of the year remind us of the wonders of the natural world. But we are well aware of the difficulties facing our planet. The issues around climate change can feel overwhelming but we pray that the church has a voice in the debate and that we face up to our personal responsibilities.

Lord, in a world challenged by the climate crisis,
let your light shine.

In uncertain times we thank you Lord for the relationships and friendships that have carried us through: for those who have made us laugh, for those who have listened, for those who have stood by us. Thank you for the love, care and attention of others. Help us to learn to pray as Jesus did. As we move through this week and encounter our friends help us to pray for their needs and that they would know your peace in their lives.

Lord, in all of our lives and friendships,
let your light shine. Amen

Children's Activity Sheet:

Click on the link to take you to the Activity Sheet

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22511/16-may-activity-sheet.pdf>

Parish Prayers

As we enter the 12th month of this vacancy, we would encourage you to pray using the prayer below.

Loving God, we pray for the life of our parish. Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our community through its journey.

Loving God of patient and gentle strength, who knows our needs even before we ask, may your loving presence guide us as we seek the next vicar for All Saints. Give us an open spirit, discerning hearts and clear minds, that we may trust your will for us and become ever more united in your son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Inspire our conversation, deepen our prayer, and make us a community of humility and grace. May we continue to be strengthened in our mission to be Jesus Christ's heart, hands and feet to our neighbours no matter where they are on their journey of faith.

We pray that we may receive a faithful minister, who will care for your people and equip us to continue, improve, expand, and reach out with our ministries to all whom we can touch. Raise up for us, we pray, a priest and minister who will proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We remember before God those who are ill at home or in hospital and those who care for and about them

Detta Preston, Doreen McAllister, Lesley Wilkinson and family, Sandra Brown, Howard Taylor, Ruby, Revd Deborah Sandercock, Brenda Read, Betty Heyworth, Michele Bitton,
Roy Nicholas, Harry Hutchinson

If you would like to add or remove a name, please let Mandi know: mandi.davies1@ntlworld.com, 0161 766 9514 or send a message via the website enquiry form.

We remember before God those who have died Kenneth Wright

And the following anniversaries of death including:

Iris Kathleen Parker, Sam Hall, Gerald Holme, Albert Shuttleworth, Beryl Delve,

Harriet Ann Porter, John Booth, Arthur Ramsbottom

Family News - Joys and Sorrows

For your prayers - Lots of you will be remembering in your prayers Revd Gerald Higham who has not been too well recently and is unable to be with us to take any of our services. We have been in touch and he summarises himself as 'coping' finding it frustrating not to be able to get out into his garden and 'do his pots'. He was in good spirits and sends his love to everyone at All Saints.

Prayers for convalescence - Elizabeth, David and Eloise Lomax have all had COVID.19 sometime ago. However, they are all suffering the effects of 'long COVID'. Please pray for the family.

Other Services, Events and Information

Christian Aid week May 10th – 16th 2021



This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water.

Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms.

Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives.

There will be envelopes available in church on Sunday May 9th

✿ On the Drive Plant Sale



When: Saturday 15th May and Sunday 16th May

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Where: Gill and Mike's drive: 17, Marle Croft, Whitefield, off Sergeants Lane, Whitefield

What: Mainly perennials with a small selection of unusual annuals.

All proceeds divided between Bury Hospice and All Saints Stand Church

Cash and cheque payment, thanks.

Coffee Morning

You are invited to a Zoom Coffee Morning

Wednesday May 19th 11am

If you would like to join in, please email Chris Haworth to let her know and she will send you an invite to the Zoom meeting. You will need to download the Zoom App.

chris7.haworth@btinternet.com

PARISH OFFICE AND NOTICES The Office is closed until further notice. For all enquiries and any items for this notice sheet please now contact Mandi Davies: mandi.davies1@ntlworld.com 0161 766 9514 Do you know anyone who is celebrating a special birthday or anniversary and you would like to share the news? **Any items or notices to be sent by Wednesday**

What's on? Church Diary from May 16th 2021

To book a place at a service, please ring using the Church Mobile 07508 369589 from the Monday before the service date

- May 10th to 16th - Christian Aid Week.
- May 13th to 23rd - Thy Kingdom Come



- 'Thy Kingdom Come' - is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Christians from more than 170 countries and 65 denominations have taken part. Thy Kingdom Come runs between Ascension and Pentecost. For more information see:- www.thykingdomcome.global
- Sunday May 23rd – 10am Holy Communion Revd Elizabeth Binns
- Sunday May 30th – 10am Holy Communion Revd Carole Barnet

Keeping the communication channels open!

Church has various social media accounts including:



Facebook: **Stand Church – All Saints Stand**



Twitter: **@Stand_Church**



YouTube: **Stand Church, All Saints Whitefield**



Website: **www.standchurch.com**

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