

The Welcoming Benefice of All Saints Churches of Clifton and Southill

JANUARY 21st 2018 Epiphany 3



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Services Today

09:00	Southill Holy Communion	Rev Caren
10:30	Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Caren
10:30	Clifton Messy Church	Robin
18:30	Clifton Evensong	Robert John

Evensong readings: Psalm 33:1-12, Jeremiah 3:21-4:2, Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

Services and Meetings this week

22 nd	10:00	Clifton Craft and Chat	
23 rd	14:30	Southill Parish Teas	Robin
	19:30	Pilgrim Course: 13 Pedley Lane	
	19:45	Standing Committee	
24 th	10:00	Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Caren Rev Caren
	11:00	Funeral Service in Church	
	13:00	Navigation at Broom	
	16:00	Young Ringers' Practice	
27 th	10:00-	Introductory Day to Centering Prayer	Rev Lesley Jones
	16:00		

Services Next Sunday 28th January Candlemas

08:00	Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Caren
09:00	Southill Holy Communion BCP	Rev Caren/Ruth
10:30	Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Caren/Ruth
15:00	Wren Park	Rev Lorna
16:00	Clifton Christingle	Robin
16:00	Youth Event at Flitwick	Rev Caren

Future Services and Meetings –January & February

29 th	10:00	Clifton Craft and Chat	
30 th	09:15	School Holy Communion in Church	
	14:30	Southill Parish Teas	
31 st	10:00	Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Paul
	14:00	CCS Tea and Chat	
	16:00	Young Ringers' Practice	
1 st Feb	09:30 & 10:30	Clifton Boys' Coffee Club, Lower & Stondon Golf Club	
	4 th	2nd Sunday before Lent	
		Marriage Preparation Day	
	08:00	Southill Holy Communion BCP	Rev Caren
	09:00	Southill Holy Communion	Rev Caren/Robin
	10:30	Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Caren/Robin
	18:30	Clifton Evensong	Ryan

Evensong readings: Psalm 65, Genesis 2:4b-end, Luke 8:22-35

Parish Notices

Guest Speaker

Today we welcome Gordon Hamilton who will be speaking to us about his work with the Food Bank.

Confirmation Classes

These begin soon so please speak with Rev Caren if you are interested. The Confirmation Service will be in Langford, 7.30pm on 16th May 2018.

Maundy Thursday

If you would like to join Rev Caren at the Abbey Service, 11am on March 29th, there will be a sign-in sheet at the back of church soon, for you to book a restaurant meal.

Easter Monday Pilgrimage 2nd April at the Abbey

There will be a sign-in sheet at the back of church soon.

Song and Piano Recital

Members of the congregation are invited to a Song and Piano Recital at All Saints' Church on Saturday, 3rd March, at 3.00 pm, given by Christine Bunning, soprano, and Peter Maundrell, piano. The programme will include songs by Schubert and Canteloube, piano music by Beethoven and the first performance of "Songs in absentia; memories", words by E.E. Cummings, music by Peter Maundrell. There will be interval refreshments and a retiring collection for All Saints' Restoration and Repair Fund and Garden House Hospice. If you would like to attend, please telephone Peter on 01767 314621 to obtain a ticket.

Quiet Morning

The next quiet morning in Church will be on Saturday, 17th February, 9am -12 noon. Rev Caren

Palm Crosses

If you would like to give last year's Palm Cross for burning to make ash for Ash Wednesday, please leave at the back of the church for collection.

Mission Committee

We are visiting Emmaus Bedford on Wednesday, 7th February, leaving Clifton about 11am. If anyone would like to join us, please let us know. Marjorie Cakebread

Pre Lent Supper – 10th February 2018

The Pre Lent Supper will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 10th February 6.30 for 7pm with entertainment by the Biddenham Handbell Ringers. Tickets are available from Kathy Blackmore at £10 each. The theme is Oranges and Lemons so please wear something orange or yellow.

Collect for today

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Genesis 14:17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Revelation 19:6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, right and pure'— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Please remember in your prayers:

Please pray for all who are ill or infirm including Chris Sisley, Colin Warner, Colleen Leeson, Frank Hall, Margaret Carrier, Nancy Watmough, Patricia and Denis Paul, Peter Hodges, Ray Davie, Roy Edmondson, Ruth Grummitt, Win Massey and the residents of Wren Park.

Parish Notices contd.

Clifton Philosophy Forum

The next meeting is on Monday 5th February at 7.30 at 10 Broad Street for about an hour and a half. The subject will be: The Problem of Evil. The meeting on 5th March will be on the subject: Does God Exist? As numbers are limited, please let me know if you intend to participate.

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Showtime with Kieran Sutcliffe Saturday 14th April 2018

Tickets, £15 each, are selling fast so get yours now from Terry Sullivan, 01462 817491.

Places still available for the day on Centering Prayer

Saturday 27th January 10am-4pm. Details from Rev Caren

Fun, Food and Faith for Young People Year 6+

St Peter's Church, Flitwick 28th January 4pm-6pm. The next event is at Clifton: 22nd April in the church hall. See Rev Caren for details.

Advance Notices, Clifton

Visit to Emmaus Bedford: Wednesday 7th February 11am
Pre-Lent Supper: Saturday 10th February
Ash Wednesday Services: 14th February 10am and 8pm
Quiet Morning in Church: Saturday 17th February, 9-12noon
Friends' Mothering Sunday Afternoon Teas: 11th March
Friends' Garage Sales around the Village: 21st/22nd April
Friends' Afternoon Tea and Games: 21st July

Pew Sheet

Please notify any changes or updates for future notices to Pat Wisby by Wednesday

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