

**Today 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**10am Holy Communion**

- Leading:** Rev'd Ken Parry
- Welcoming:** Judith Johnson
- Reading:** Lynne Phoenix
- Praying:** Wendy Brimicombe
- Playing:** Matthew Williams

**The Week Ahead at All Saints'**

*Events held in the Fellowship Rooms.*

**Wednesday 18 March**

**12-2pm**

Lent Lunch  
in aid of ...



**Thursday 19 March, 7.30pm** PCC Meeting

**Friday 20 March 2pm** Finish that Kit!

**Next Sunday 22 March - Mothering Sunday**

**10am Holy Communion** Led by Rev'd John Williams

**The hymns this morning are.....**

- Glorious things of thee are spoken (205)
- As the deer pants (45)
- Jesu lover of my soul (343)
- Father hear the prayer we offer (161) *(unannounced)*
- Guide me O thou great redeemer (252)

**Collect for today**

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**Today's New Testament reading**

**Romans 5. 1-11 Results of Justification**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Gospel for today John 4.5-42**

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'

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<sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' <sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

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*Gospel for today, continued from overleaf.....*

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' <sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

## Thought for the week

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us.

What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe?

Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor – He knows your weakness.

He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

*Mother Teresa*

## News, Events & Notices

### LENT LUNCHES

These continue, in aid of church funds, this evening Wednesday **March 18<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm** in the Fellowship Room. They continue at the same time on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please add your name to the list if you are able to provide soup or a pudding for March 25<sup>th</sup> or April 1<sup>st</sup>.



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## All Saints Kenton Weekly News



**Sunday, 15 March 2020**

**10am: Holy Communion**



**Welcome to our service today**, especially if you are visiting All Saints' for the first time this morning. We hope you will feel at home with us, and experience the presence of God as we worship together.

**At present the main body of the church** cannot be used due to a ceiling plaster fall. Until a repair is undertaken, hopefully in the not too distant future, we continue to hold our regular Sunday services in the Fellowship Rooms at the back of the church.

**Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine** are available at Communion services, if needed. Please tell the Welcome Team if you need either of these.

**Please stay for refreshments** after the service and take this sheet home with you to refer to during the week ahead.