



**The Parish of Gornal and Sedgley**

Registered Charity Number  
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**All Saints' Sedgley, St Andrew the Straits  
and St Peter Upper Gornal**

**Worshipping God**

**Welcoming all**

**Serving our community**

**Parish Office 01902 540289**

**NOTICE SHEET The Sunday Next Before Advent**

**SHARED WORSHIP**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 8am Holy Communion All Saints**

**9.30am Worship for all St Andrews**

**10am Holy Communion St Peters**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10am Holy Communion St Peters**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9.30am Patronal St Andrews**

**11am Holy Communion All Saints**

**COFFEE MORNING**, 10.30am till 12.30pm this Friday All Saints Church in which you are all very welcome

**ZOOM PRAYER MEETING** – will take place on Thursday mornings at 9.15am.

**PRAYERS ON ZOOM** on Tuesday 26th November at 7.30 pm.

Look out for email with Zoom meeting code. All welcome to join as this will be the last evening meeting this year.

**EXCITING NEWS!!** - Many of you are aware that All Saints Church has been identified as a church that has the potential to grow, through specific ministry with Children and Young Families, and has been allocated the potential of a substantial grant from central church. While Rev Calum was here, he worked with our Renewal Hub Team and others, to develop the beginnings of a

Mission Plan. The Renewal Project identified for All Saints would support a full-time priest in the roll of Renewal Leader, and a full-time children and family's worker. The Archdeacon of Worcester visited a joint meeting of the PCC and All Saints DCC this week to discuss the role of Renewal Leader, which will now also include the role of Team Rector, for oversight of the whole parish. This will mean that I will resume my role as Team Vicar. There is a person, within the diocese, that has expressed interest in the role, and the Bishop would like to put forward this person as the "initial candidate". The PCC have agreed that we would like to explore the potential for this person to join us in the role. We still go through the normal vacancy and recruitment procedures, which means that we urgently need to develop a parish profile. This is where we need your input. Can you tell us "WHAT YOU WOULD BE LOOKING FOR IN A NEW TEAM RECTOR/RENEWAL LEADER" and "WHAT GIFTS AND SKILLS DO YOU FEEL THE NEW TEAM RECTOR/RENEWAL LEADER SHOULD POCESS". Can you please email your response to [vicargonalandsedgley@allsaintssedgley.co.uk](mailto:vicargonalandsedgley@allsaintssedgley.co.uk). can you send your response by Sunday 24th November. Blessings Rev Catherine.

**BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK** - Thanks from all of us at 'Springs' to all of you who continue to help. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE CHILDREN'S SELECTION PACKS FOR CHRISTMAS, PLEASE LET ME HAVE THEM BY TODAY, SO WE HAVE TIME TO DISTRIBUTE THEM. Our current shortages are: TEA BAGS BOXES OF 40'S, SMALL JARS COFFEE, LONG LIFE MILK 1L, TINNED FISH, TINNED SPAGHETTI, TINNED FRUIT, INSTANT NOODLES, BREAKFAST CEREAL, JARS OF PASTA/COOKING SAUCE, ROLL-ON DEODORANTS, SHOWER GEL, BARS OF SOAP, TOILET ROLLS (ESPECIALLY!)

**A TASTE OF CHRISTMAS – in All Saints' Church with decorated Christmas Trees. Friday 6th December - 10.00am**

Local school choirs are coming to entertain us and start our Christmas celebrations. **Friday 6th December - 1pm - 4.00pm and Saturday 7th December - 10am - 2.30pm** There will be a Craft Stall, Cake Stall, Children's Nativity Trail & Refreshments.

**Saturday 7th December - 2.30pm** Festive Entertainment. There is no charge for this but donations for The Black Country Foodbank would be much appreciated. **The Church Raffle will be drawn at the Festival Entertainment.**

**COLLECTION OF CLOTHES** - We now have a contact for collecting any good, reasonable clothes for those in need. Can you please let Cicely know on 01902 677724- leave a message and I will get back to you, or on [cicely\\_thomas@hotmail.com](mailto:cicely_thomas@hotmail.com) Anything welcome at this time of year, particularly warm coats or jackets. Many thanks, Cicely

**LADIES SOCIETY** - Ladies Society would be grateful for small gift items, biscuits etc. for their tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre. Only new gifts please as used items cannot be displayed. Items may be brought to Church and given to: Anne Wakefield, Geraldine Baker or Linda Edwards, or brought to our next Ladies Society meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024. Thank you.

**ST PETERS CHRISTMAS FAYRE** – will take place 30<sup>th</sup> November between 10.30am and 1.30pm at St Peters. All are welcome

**ST PETERS CHRISTMAS TREE DRIVE** –Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7pm. Adults £2 children (12 and under) £1.50. Bring your own drinks.

**BOTTLES AND CHOCOLATE** needed for All Saints Christmas Fair on Saturday, 7th December. Items can be given to the Parish Office, in church or to me. Thank you for your support. Mary Zielonka 01902 672541.

**PUZZLES NEEDED** – if anyone has any puzzles for All Saints Fair can you please take them to Gail in the parish office between 10am and 1pm. Thank you. Cicely

**PARISH LUNCH** – will take place Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 12.30pm for 1.30pm at the Lodge. Two course meal (main and dessert) plus coffee or tea. Tickets £20 from Tracey Bate Janet Frost and Linda Watkins.

**ST PETERS SNOWMAN DRIVE** - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 7pm. Adults £2 children (12 and under) £1.50. Bring your own drinks. This is the link to the weekly Diocese of Worcester Podcast and sermon: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/your-faith/prayer-worship/sermon-podcasts/sermon-podcasts.php>  
**CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE RESOURCES INCLUDING SUNDAY SERVICES:** <https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online>

**SAFEGUARDING** - The Parish of Gornal and Sedgley is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance. If you or someone you know feels unsafe, please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer Barbara Baker, Tel 01902 882847, email [safeguarding@allsaintssedgley.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@allsaintssedgley.co.uk) or Acting Team Rector Rev Catherine Mitchell Tel 01902 677 897 [vicargornalandsedgley@allsaintssedgley.co.uk](mailto:vicargornalandsedgley@allsaintssedgley.co.uk) (other contacts available on our website [www.gornalandsedgley.org.uk](http://www.gornalandsedgley.org.uk))

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**The Parish of Gornal and Sedgley**  
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**All Saints' Sedgley Collect and Readings**



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**For Parish Notices please see Notice Sheet**

If you are aware of people now that may benefit from receiving this readers sheet and the notice sheet, please let us know.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1. 4b-8, John 18. 33-37**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Jeremiah 23. 14-16, Psalm 25. 109, 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end, Luke 21. 25-36**

**Collect – God the Father,  
Help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
And to follow in his service,  
Whose kingdom has no end;  
For he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, one glory. Amen**



**Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14** - As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

**Psalms 93** - The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for evermore.

## **Revelation 1. 4b-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:


Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **John 18. 33-37**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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### **Gornal and Sedgley Intercessions for 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Please let Gail know of any people to be added, ensuring permission for praying publicly has been given, and when the time is right to take a person's name from the list.**

#### **A prayer for those who are unwell and who seek our prayers:**

In the name of God and trusting in his might alone, may these whom we love receive Christ's healing touch to make them whole. May Christ bring them wholeness of body, mind, and spirit, deliver them from every evil, and give them his peace. Amen

Joyce Withers  
William Ball  
Olive Moore  
Beryl Morgan  
Bruce Bridgen  
Patrick Laight  
Vicky  
Chris & Bob  
Reg Abbotts  
Adrian and Margaret Stanley  
Julie Wallis  
Margaret Harkins  
Alan Hodgson  
Gayner Monkton  
Sonia Tyrell  
Mary Davenport  
Keith Tomlinson  
Michael Rollason  
Morgan Paine  
David Bolland  
Baby Bella Rose  
Rosemary and Alan Moss  
Martin Clarke  
Jennifer Guttery  
Maureen Harris  
Ann Round  
Joy Allen  
Richard Bates  
Jack Bates

#### **The Recently Departed – May they rest in peace and rise in Glory**

**Andrew Barfoot  
Margaret Hodgson  
Hazel Share  
Stuart Speke  
Mary Wright  
Charlie Davenport**

**Those Whose Anniversary of Death Falls at This Time –May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**Michelle Charalambous  
Florence Groves  
Joyce Newton  
Winnie Hampton**

**Prayers for those who mourn**

Gracious God, as we remember before you all who have died, surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.

Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and to face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**WE PRAY FOR**

All who minister and serve in our parish and for our parish finances.  
All who serve on our PCC and DCC's  
For our whole parish as we discern our future shape, ministry and mission.  
For Bishop John, Bishop Martin, Archdeacons Nikki, Mark and Revd Catherine.  
All our children, teachers, educators, and our Hub team.  
All who are isolated or feeling anxious  
Our NHS, Care workers, emergency services and our key workers  
Our hospices and all nearing the end of their lives.  
The homeless, unemployed and all who are struggling with their mental health.  
Those suffering from natural disasters and global warming.  
For all suffering from war and conflict, especially Ukraine, the Holy Land and Yemen.  
The Government, all in Parliament and our Local Authorities.  
For King Charles III and the whole Royal Family.  
Our local Food Bank, Springs, and those they serve.  
All refugees and those seeking asylum.  
All who are providing our food from production to sale.  
All who mourn, the parish Bereavement Hub and our local hospices at Compton and Mary Stevens.'