

Fundraising and maintaining the church: Giving to Church

Maintaining the church is becoming more expensive. We currently pay around £5,000 per month to cover our regular running costs, including what we pay to the diocese (the 'parish share') for clergy stipends and other shared costs. That's a lot, but it has not increased significantly over the last ten years. But we now face rising bills, especially for energy.

To meet this bill, we depend overwhelmingly on what we as a congregation can give: that accounts for 70% of our income. The PCC would therefore like to invite everyone to consider what they can and should give. We know that many members of our congregation have little income, but give generously of their time instead. For everyone else, the Church of England recommends that we should aim to give 5% of our after-tax income to the church. Nationally, the average level of giving is now 3%.

Please consider joining our regular giving scheme by making a standing order to church. If you are already part of this scheme, please consider whether you are able to increase your giving. If you are a taxpayer, you should also sign a Gift Aid declaration so that we can reclaim the tax on your donations, which increases their value by 25%. At the moment, we are not taking a physical collection so other ways of giving are more important.

The collection box is on the table by the door for those who wish to make cash donations.

Please speak to Stuart Jones for more information. Gift Aid claims are now managed via an online system, mygiving.online. Regular donors who would like to see their own donor record should let Stuart know (stuartjones22@btinternet.com).

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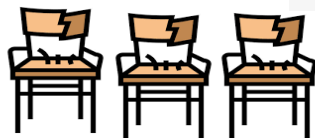
When you shop online, there's an easy way of raising funds for church at the same time. Just register with easyfundraising.org.uk, and select Holy Innocents as your nominated cause, and participating retailers donate a percentage (typically 1.5%) of the value of your purchase. You can download a 'Donation Reminder' as an add-on to your browser, and this will remind you whenever you are shopping on a participating site.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holyinnocentsfallowfield/>

Our current projects needing funds:

replacing the lower roof on each side of the church

replacing our 40-year-old chairs



(offers to sponsor a slate or a chair should be addressed to the wardens!)

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

JULY – AUGUST 2022

Keep innocency and do what is right



Contemplation – Action – Learning – Living

These are “ordinary” months in the church calendar. After the highs of Jesus’ Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, our attention comes back down into daily life as we follow Luke’s gospel, reflecting on our engagement with the world in witness, in service and in prayer.

On 13th July we welcome the students of St James School to church at **09:30am** for their end-of-year Eucharist, always a moving occasion: We will bid a group of year 6 students farewell as they leave the sheltered waters of St James and head out into secondary school. Please come and join us if you can.

Please sign up for the Parish Trip to Worcester on September 17th. A Big Bus has been booked, and although it means an early start on a Saturday, a nice rug and pillow should allow for a nap on the way there...or back...

Our former Rector, Bill Raines is coming to preach and preside in August, and we look forward to welcoming the Revd Philip Ritchie, currently vicar of Cowley St John in Oxford at the end of September. We continue to give thanks for the presence as part of our community of so many able, versatile and holy priests. Richard is taking some time to recover and is wisely stepping back for a while from some of his ministries for the moment. He may make a comeback at any moment – watch this space!

The Revd Paula Robinson will be making a guest appearance at the Leavers’ Eucharist, and the children of St James’ School will be reflecting on looking forward and looking back, as they explore what life was like round here and worldwide when Holy Innocents Church opened in 1872.

(The St James’s pupils are working on their subtraction skills – $2022-150 = ??$ - but we all agreed that the artist Whistler did not deserve birthday cake or his washing doing for calling the 1872 painting of his mother “An arrangement in Black and Grey.”)

The Withington and Fallowfield Foodbank is feeding hundreds of people per month.

Their volunteers work tirelessly. But they need food, toiletries and nappies... (especially Aldi nappies, apparently). As an experiment, we will reinstate the collection basket in the area near the kitchen hatch. Please make sure that food packaging is secure. To give online: <https://fallowfieldwithington.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

Sunday July 10th

President: The Revd Jane Walker

Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

Trinity 4

Readings

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14
Colossians 1: 1-14
Luke 10: 25-37

Hymns

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Alleluia
God is working his purpose out
King of glory, king of peace

Other music: Brother, sister, let me serve you

Sunday July 17th

President: The Revd Jane Walker

Preacher: The Revd Canon Alma Servant

Trinity 5

Readings

Genesis 18: 1-10a
Colossians 1: 15-28
Luke 10: 38-end

Hymns

Praise to the Lord the almighty
Alleluia
My God how wonderful thou art
Teach me my God and King

Other music: God be in my head

Sunday July 24th

St James

Trinity 6

President and Preacher: The Revd Jane Walker

Readings

Genesis 18: 20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2: 6-15
Luke 11: 1-13

Hymns

Let saints on earth in concert sing
Gospel Alleluia
Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Lord who shall sit beside thee

Other music: Taizé - Bless the Lord my soul

Sunday July 31st

President: The Revd Michael Ainsworth

Preacher: The Revd Canon Alma Servant

Trinity 7

Readings

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14
Psalm 49: 1-12
Colossians 3: 1-11
Luke 12: 13-21

Hymns

All people that on earth do dwell
Son of God eternal Saviour
Alleluia
Jerusalem the golden

Other music: Fairest Lord Jesus

Saturday August 6th: COMMUNITY EVENT

THE CENTENARY OF THE SHAKESPEAREAN GARDEN IN PLATT FIELDS PARK

2-5PM: visits, refreshments, talks - and stalls from the local community

6.30pm: Ticketed theatre performance

(Being restored by volunteers, the garden is an Edwardian tribute to the plants mentioned in the plays of Shakespeare. Founded by a noted local suffragist it is a hidden gem on our doorstep! If you can contribute to stalls, please speak to Hilary Jones for details.)

Sunday August 7th

President and Preacher: The Revd Janina Ainsworth

Trinity 8

Readings

Genesis 15: 1-6
Psalm 33
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16
Luke 12: 32-40

Hymns

Christ whose glory fills the skies
Gospel Alleluia
O God of earth and altar
Ye holy angels bright

Other music: God has chosen me

Sunday August 14th

President: The Revd Canon Alma Servant

Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

Trinity 9

Readings

Jeremiah 23: 23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29 – 12: 2
Luke 12: 49-56

Hymns

Tell out my soul
Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Ye who own the faith of Jesus

Other music:

Sunday August 21st

President and Preacher: The Revd Bill Raines

Trinity 10

Readings

Isaiah 58: 9b - end
Psalm 103: 1-8
Hebrews 12: 18-end
Luke 13: 10-17

Hymns

Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him
Gospel Acclamation
We hail thy presence glorious
Now thank we all our God

Other music: There is a longing in our hearts

Sunday August 28th

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Alma Servant

Trinity 11

Readings

Proverbs 25.6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 12.18-end
Luke 13.10-17

Hymns

Church of God, elect and glorious
Gospel Acclamation
And now, O Father, mindful of the love
City of God, how broad and far

Other music: How can I keep from singing? Bread for the world (Farrell).

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