

View from the pew

Janet Oldham

The birds are singing and snowdrops have given way to beautiful daffodils and Spring is definitely in the air. Looking back a year I was reporting to you about the damage to the Vestry roof – now thankfully repaired.

We have just received the Architect's Quinquennial report. Whilst there are some urgent jobs to attend to, we have already done some and, generally, All Saints has been given a reasonably satisfactory clean bill of health. However, it is important that we keep on top of the routine maintenance.

To this end the Work Party are always pleased to welcome helpers who either need to learn some DIY skills or indeed are already very practical.

SPIRITUAL CHURCH

Jo will lead us in our Easter Services starting with Palm Sunday and the distribution of palm crosses. Please also join us at Maundy Thursday's service and the stripping of the Altars. On Good Friday we have the Family Service at 9:30 am followed by Churches together service in Bircherley Green at 10:30 am. At 2:00 pm The Hour at the foot of the Cross is here at All Saints.

Our joyous Easter Day celebrations will be enhanced with a beautifully decorated Church. Anyone wishing to donate towards the Easter Lilies, please see Dorothy Toyn or the Churchwardens by 9 April.

ACTIVE CHURCH

As always, our sterling Work Party has been busy on our behalf, ensuring the building is kept in good order. Some of the work undertaken recently includes extensive repairs to the Annexe door after the vandals had literally smashed through the panels. They have also cleared and tidied the North porch to ensure that this fire exit is kept clear at all times.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

7 April PALM SUNDAY We are holding an Afternoon tea in Church at 4.30pm so if you would like to join us, please sign up at the back of Church so we know numbers for catering purposes. Afterwards we will move into a meditation with Music and Readings for Palm Sunday.

30 APRIL

We look forward to welcoming you all to the Annual Parochial Church Council on 30 April when we can share with you the details of the Architect's QI report. To be followed by a Bring and Share lunch.

7 May SUNDAY LUNCH

This is an opportunity for our Bridal couples and those relatively new to All Saints to get together with a few of the longer standing members of All Saints to enjoy some fellowship. Please sign up at the back of Church if you would like to come along.

20 May – PLANT SALE, COFFEE MORNING AND LIGHT LUNCHESES

We are very grateful to all those green fingered people who carefully grow plants for this sale. It is always popular, so bring your family and friends to buy some plants for their gardens. Donations for the cake stall, raffle or bric a brac stall are most welcome

10 September BIKE & HIKE PLUS COFFEE MORNING & LUNCHESES

1 October HARVEST LUNCH 12.30pm – 2.30pm

More details about both of the above nearer to the dates.

Last but by no means least, do not forget to use your imaginations and enter our decorated egg competition – great fun for both competitors and the wider congregation.

Love
Janet