THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND BIRMINGHAM

St Laurence Northfield

Late May - June 2018

The Church Restoration and Re-ordering

I know that this has been spoken about for many years and not a lot seems to have happened…. yet! I hope you have looked at the plans for the interior porch. This is now on the road to receiving formal permission and we are hoping/praying that it will be completed this year. The funding is in place, though the more we can raise the more we have for lighting and other projects down the line.

Meanwhile, the ways to get grant funding keeps changing and we now need to demonstrate how the church serves the local community. I spoke about this on our Annual Meeting Sunday.

The 'Know your church, know your neighbourhood' (KYCKYN) process is designed to help us think about our church/ourselves in relation to the wider community we seek to serve, and make prayerful and informed decisions about our mission in Northfield and what the church building should look like to enable this.

It helps us to reflect on how St Laurence is seen by others, to listen to the wider community, celebrate its strengths and have a deeper understanding of its needs. We can then make prayerful and intentional decisions about how to respond.

The process usually takes about 6 months and along the way there are tasks for small groups to undertake and report back on.

We are undertaking KYCKYN under the facilitation of Fred Rattley who works for CofE Birmingham and has vast experience of working with churches and communities and enabling them to develop an Action Plan.

Churches which have walked this road include All Saints, Kings Heath where it led to the opening up of the square in front of the church, and the Church of the Ascension, Stirchley which discovered that it looks wonderful at night when the church lights are on, but in the day and close up it looks rather foreboding. They are now working to improve this.

The PCC has discussed this and a small group has met with Fred to plan further. We would like as many people as possible to be involved or at least informed about the process so we are launching it on a Sunday morning: **17th June 2018.**

So come and join in on Sunday 17 June in church! Please do not stay away because it is 'something a bit different.' We need to hear as many voices as

May 2018		MP	EP	MP: Morning Prayer EP: Evening Prayer These quiet said services last 25 – 30mins. Church is opened just a few minutes before each service.
Sun	20	**Pentecost Whit Sunday**		8. 30am Holy Communion *with Sunday School* 10am Sung Communion *with Sunday School* 10.30am Confirmation Service at St Nicolas, Kings Norton 6pm Taize Service in Church 8pm Beer and Hymns in The Great Stone
Mon	21	8am	5pm	9.30am-11am Stay and Play (Parent/carer & baby/toddlers) 11.30am – 3pm Deanery Chapter: Pastoral Centre
Tue	22	8am	5pm	10am Gridiron Coffee: Pastoral Centre 5pm St Laurence Juniors Full Governors
Wed	23	8am	5pm	10am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.30am funeral in church 5.45-6.30pm Parish Surgery (baptism & wedding enquiries)
Thur	24	8am	5pm	3pm Handbell Ringers
Fri	25	8am	5pm	7pm Bellringing Practice
Sat	26	x	x	10am – 12 noon Church Open with tea & coffee
Sun	27	**Trinity Sunday**		8.30am Rise & Shine! in the Pastoral Centre 8.30am Holy Communion in church 10am Sung Communion and Holy Baptism *with Sunday School* 12 noon Wedding Blessing
Mon	28	x	x	
Tues	29	8am	5pm	10am Gridiron Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
Wed	30	8am	5pm	10am Holy Communion (BCP) 5.45 – 6.30pm Parish Surgery (baptism & wedding enquiries)
Thur	31	8am	5pm	3pm Handbell Ringers 7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Incense for Feast of Corpus Christi
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Fri	1	8am	5pm	7pm Bellringing Practice
Sat	2	x	x	10am-12noon Church open
Sun	3	**1st Sunday after Trinity**		8.30am Holy Communion *with Sunday School* 10am Sung Holy Communion *with Sunday School* Big Lunch at Masefield Community Gardens
Mon	4	8am	5pm	9.30am-11am Stay and Play (Parent/carer & baby/toddlers) 2pm Mothers' Union in the Pastoral Centre
Tues	5	8am	5pm	10am Gridiron Coffee Pastoral Centre 10am St Brigid's School Visit to Church
Wed	6	8am	5pm	10am Holy Communion (BCP) 5.45 – 6.30pm Parish Surgery (baptism & wedding enquiries)
Thur	7	8am	5pm	10am St Brigid's School Visit to Church 3pm Handbell Ringers
Fri	8	8am	5pm	7pm Bellringing Practice
Sat	9	x	x	10am-noon Church open 6.30pm Summer Concert in Church
Sun	10	**2nd Sunday after Trinity**		8.30am Family Communion *led by Mothers' Union* 10am Family Communion *led by Mothers' Union* ***Bake Sale after both communion services to support MU*** 12noon Holy Baptism

Mon	11	8am	5pm	9.30am-11am Stay and Play (Parent/carer & baby/toddlers)
Tues	12	8am	5pm	10am Gridiron Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
Wed	13	8am	5pm	10am Holy Communion (BCP) 5.45 – 6.30pm Parish Surgery (baptism & wedding enquiries)
Thur	14	8am	5pm	9.10am St Laurence Juniors Y4 Worship in church 3pm Handbell Ringers 6.15pm-7.15pm Exploring Faith in the Pastoral Centre
Fri	15	8am	5pm	7pm Bellringing Practice
Sat	16	x	x	10am-noon Church open 4-5pm Teddy Bears' Picnic for families with young children (and all young at heart)
Sun	17	**3rd Sunday after Trinity**		8.30am Shortened Holy Communion; *Sunday School Pastoral Cen* **9.15am Know your Church, Know your neighbourhood introductory workshop** **c10.45am** Shortened Holy Communion
Mon	18	8am	5pm	9.30am-11am Stay and Play (Parent/carer & baby/toddlers) 8pm Choir Practice at the Rectory
Tues	19	8am	5pm	9.30am Holy Dusters 10am Gridiron Coffee (Pastoral Centre) 7.30pm Sunday School Leaders' meeting at the Rectory
Wed	20	8am	5pm	10am Holy Communion (BCP) 5.45-6.30pm Parish Surgery (baptism & wedding enquiries)
Thur	21	8am	5pm	3pm Handbell Ringers 6pm St Laurence Infants Full Governors
Fri	22	8am	5pm	7pm Bellringing Practice
Sat	23	x	x	10am – 12 noon Church Open with tea & coffee 1.30- 3.30pm 30th anniversary party of CASBA in Pastoral Centre (by invitation)
Sun	24	**4th Sunday after Trinity**		8.30am Rise & Shine! in the Pastoral Centre 8.30am Holy Communion in church 10am Sung Communion and Holy Baptism *with Sunday School*
Mon	25	8am	5pm	9.30am-11am Stay and Play (Parent/carer & baby/toddlers) 12noon Informal Lunch at Northfield Baptist Church
Tues	26	8am	5pm	10am Gridiron Coffee (Pastoral Centre) 7pm Social & Fundraising Meeting (focus Art Exhibtion): Past Cen
Wed	27	8am	5pm	10am Holy Communion (BCP) 5.45 – 6.30pm Parish Surgery (baptism & wedding enquiries) 7.00pm PCC Meeting in the Pastoral Centre
Thur	28	8am	5pm	3pm Handbell Ringers
Fri	29	8am	5pm	7pm Bellringing Practice
Sat	30	x	x	10am-12noon Church open with tea & coffee
JULY				
Sun	1	**5th Sunday after Trinity**		8.30am Holy Communion *with Sunday School* 10am Sung Holy Communion *with Sunday School*

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Wed 5.45 – 6.30pm in Pastoral Centre
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possible, and enable everyone to pray about this, if we are going to form an Action Plan which is realistic and enable us to really serve our parish.

We will begin with a focus on the community of Northfield so we need to listen to those who have lived here many years and those who are newcomers and those in-between.

The programme for the morning of **Sunday 17th June** looks like this

8.30am Shortened Holy Communion *with Sunday School in the Pastoral Centre linked to KYCKYN process*

9.00am Coffee

9.15am KYCKYN is introduced and workshops begin

(We will be working in groups and there will be a group for children aged c 6+ but there will not be separate provision for younger children)

10.30am Workshop concludes and more coffee

c 10.45am Shortened Holy Communion

c 11.20am Service concludes

So:

- if you normally attend the 8.30am service we are asking you to stay on until c10.30am
- if you attend the 10am service we are asking you to arrive by 9.15am to join in the workshop and worship a little later but with a similar finish time

Overall, it means about an extra hour at a time when we are normally in church and everyone gets to learn about KYCKYN and join in the fun!

Canon Janet

The Revd Canon Janet E. Chapman, Rector

Psalm 127.1 Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.

Lord, we thank you for past generations who have built and preserved St Laurence Church. Grant us unity in your vision of how it should be renewed to continue to witness to your saving love and grant us, too, the patient courage to take it forward. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Psalm 90.17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.