

# All Saints Values

The Statement of Values of All Saints Parish Church,  
Kings Heath, Birmingham

*"The Kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed which someone took and sowed in the garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches" - Luke 13:19*

## **The Roots...**

*the source of our life*

- All Saints Church is a local community of the world-wide Anglican Communion, a part of the Body of Christ on earth.
- We exist because of the love of God shown to us in Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of love, justice and peace he proclaimed.
- We are growing and developing in faith, sustained by the Holy Spirit.

## **The Trunk...**

*the worshipping community*

- We recognise that worship and mission go hand in hand; the worshipping community is a community of inclusion, justice and peace.
- We worship together as companions, drawn from all ages and backgrounds, on a journey of faith. We meet to celebrate the Eucharist; we also creatively use other forms of worship to meet particular needs, expressing our faith in inclusive language.
- Our worship draws on the rich Anglican heritage with flexibility and openness. We recognise the contribution to it of art and music drawn from many sources and cultures.
- Through preaching and a variety of opportunities to learn, we study the Bible, address current concerns, and through discussion encourage one another to live out our faith in our everyday lives.
- Clergy and lay people share the task of leadership, acknowledging the equal ministry of women and men. We recognise that the work and service of Christ belongs to everyone. We aim to be welcoming to all. Children, young people, the elderly and refugees have a special place in our life together.
- We seek to support one another, helping each person to realise their gifts and caring especially for the sick, the house-bound and those in distress.
- We aim to meet the costs of maintaining church buildings and clergy for the sake of God's mission in Kings Heath and beyond.

## **The Branches...**

*relating locally and globally*

- Our prominent buildings on the High Street and the work of our Community Development

Projects are a sign of our responsibility to proclaim the Gospel and express the love of God for everyone. We seek to serve the local community, especially the old, the young, refugees and others who are vulnerable, directly through groups we sponsor and indirectly by supporting schools and other caring agencies.

#### *relationships*

- We follow the example of Jesus by affirming Christian love and recognising the fragility of human relationships. Therefore we uphold the ideal of life long faithfulness in marriage, are open to the re-marriage of divorced people and fully include those living with integrity in different family structures, including same-sex relationships. We protest against abuse in all relationships.

#### *resources*

- We use our time, money and abilities responsibly so as to care for the earth, relieve suffering and help others locally and globally in equitable relationships of mutual trust and learning.

#### *daily life*

- We live as Christians in our daily life of work, home and leisure, as we commend the Gospel, help to build a just society and look for the face of God in all people.

#### *God in others*

- In our search for the truth we are in relationship with Christians of other denominations, with people of other faiths and with all who work for justice and peace. We see God at work in all of his creation, especially in human creativity and particularly the arts and sciences, through which our humanity is deepened, enlarged, fed and challenged.

#### *the future*

- Conscious of changing patterns of life around us, we ask God to lead us into new expressions of worship, ministry and mission.

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