

All Saints Magazine



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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

April is a month where spring is truly with us, the flowers are beginning to grow, greenery is everywhere and summer is a hopeful promise. Time then for the church to do a spring clean and get its house in order.

We have our APCM (our annual meeting) where we hear all the doings of the past year, a portrait of the financial position and set out our vision for the future.

It is a time to say thank you for those who have been working hard, often for many years and a time to fill in the spaces and some of those jobs we need to be done.

This year we are looking for one more churchwarden – thank you to Steve and Bob for all they have done.

For someone to take on the intercessions rota from Pat Flaherty – thank you for this.

For someone to take on the pew sheet, and the readings – again Thank you to Cynthia Peacock for doing this for many years.

We do need people to be stewards, and Servers, and choristers, readers and intercessors.

We need tea makers, gardeners and Sunday school teachers.

We need PCC members.

And we need our church governance to reflect our congregation, with its variety of races, ages and classes.

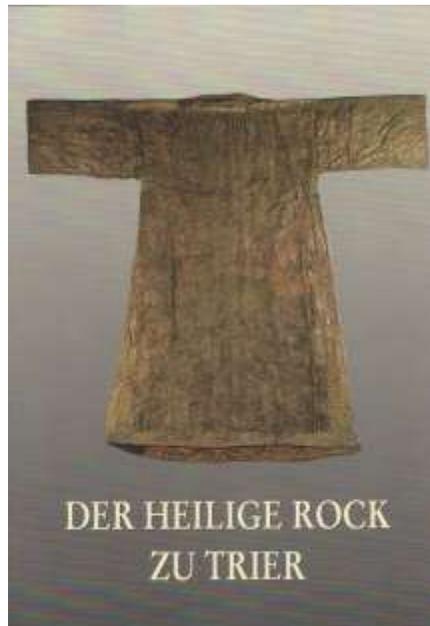
Please do think on what you could do to help out in our church.

Thank you

Annette

Trier, Dom, Heiliger Rock (Tunika Christi)

This is a copy of the garment supposedly worn by Jesus at the Crucifixion. The three guards had drawn lots for it, rather than split it between them.



The garment is kept in an extravagant black carved casket in an elaborate setting behind wrought iron gates on the huge Dom of Trier, the oldest city in Germany.

Brenda Whyte

Data Protection

The Law on Data protection has changed recently so the Church, like every other charity, now has to seek your express permission to use any personal data it holds (names, phone numbers etc) to contact you. The law has specific forms to be completed and we will be providing these on an ongoing basis. If you don't complete a form we can't keep in touch with you.

The Tale of Balinese Devotion

People hear the word 'Bali' and tend to only think of sun, nice beaches, great dances and for some – cheap beers. It is a perfect place for holiday; lying down on the beach under the sun with cold refreshing beer during the day or enjoying the Kecak Dance or Ramayana Monkey Chant in a Hindu temple in the evening. Travellers will agree that there are plenty of reasons to refer Bali as Paradise Island; all of which exist by the devotion of Balinese, who embrace a mix of Hinduism with the local tradition. As soon as you are out of the international airport, Ngurah Rai, you can see the small offerings in the streets, in at the front of the shops or houses, in corners in the restaurant, or in the white sand beaches.



The Balinese start their days by praying and making daily offerings, called 'canang sari', which consist of 4 differently coloured flowers.

Some pray in the small temples in their houses while others go to the village temples or the big temples for special ceremonies. While I was doing my morning run along a paddy field in Ubud (a small village around one hour journey from Denpasar, the province capital), I passed a small statue right in the middle of the field which had an offering placed carefully on it. I thought I was strong and determined for managing to kick myself out of the bed to do my run, but someone else woke up even earlier than me to pray that morning.

Tourism is the main source of income for local government and residents alike, and it's only growing. In some places it's growing so fast that traffic jams become a normal routine and open space is scarce. As a big chunk of the money comes from international tourists, you can easily find brands from other parts of the world: Starbucks, KFC, Hard Rock Café, French or Greek restaurants, and even an English Pub with a Sunday Roast.



Lisa, who lived in Bali for around 4 years in the late 1980s, has seen with her own eyes the extent of this transformation. My previous visit to Bali was around 10 years ago, and though it was a short trip, even I could see the changes to the so called Paradise Island. It's true that the beaches are still nice and access to watch Kecak dances is still easy, but even in the mid February –which isn't even the holiday season- we experienced the traffic jams, crowded restaurants, and long queues at souvenirs shops. It's definitely good for the local economy so as traveller I don't have any right to complain on the modern developments in Bali.

One afternoon, after having lunch in the popular restaurant in Ubud, we passed a religious ceremony in front of some houses by the busy street. As we found out later, the ceremony was a prayer for someone who just passed away. While they carried out the ritual, the materialistic world ran business as usual and the traffic jams continued in the background.

It was humbling to see the two realities coexisting so harmoniously in the 21st century.

I am reassured about the future of Bali. I have visited Bali a few times, the earliest one being in early 1980s, the memory of the daily offerings, temples and the prayers is still vivid in my mind. Even in 2018, I still witness the same devotion and as long as it continues to reside in balance with the new developments across Bali is, they will be fine.

Visit To Sydney

We took the flight from Brisbane to Sydney, which lasted one hour and ten minutes. At the airport we took a taxi to the apartment block where we were staying, which was fairly near to the airport. The apartment was modern and spacious with its own kitchen and laundry. The day we arrived we just spent relaxing and exploring the surrounding area.

On Thursday we set off and took the train to St James Station. We got off and found our way to Sydney Tower, 309m tall. We took the lift to the observation level, 250m up, and there we had a 360 degree view of the Sydney skyline. The visit began with a 4d film giving you a bird's eye view of the city, surf and harbour, and also what lies beneath the water, accompanied by mist, spray and bubbles! It was pretty impressive.

After we got down to earth again, we walked across Hyde park to St Mary's Cathedral (RC). The beautiful stained glass windows were made in Birmingham (UK). The cathedral was consecrated in 1905, but the spires were not added until 2000.

The next morning we went to a market where we were able to buy souvenirs. During the afternoon we went on a Sydney harbour tour which lasted 2 hours and had a commentary. Perhaps the most memorable moment was sailing under the Sydney harbour bridge.



The next day (our last day in Sydney) was a visit to the Sydney opera house. We had an excellent guide who told us about the architect Jorn Utzon, it is said that he was inspired by billowing sails, palm fronds and Mayan temples. It is not until you get up close that you can see that the roof is actually composed of tiles, 1056,000 to be exact. The construction began in 1959 but unfortunately the architect quit in disgust in 1966. The Queen finally opened The Opera House in 1973. Unfortunately the architect died in 2008, never having seen his finished masterpiece. The interior consists of two theatres and a concert hall. The next day it was time to take our flight back to Brisbane, after a very enjoyable 4 days.

Rita Mather

Diary Dates for April 2018

Sunday 1st	EASTER SUNDAY	
	10.00 am	Easter Communion
	12.30 pm	Baptism, Myla Tappenden
Thursday 5th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Rev'd Bruce Driver
Wednesday 11th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 12th	11.00 am	Holy communion
Sunday 15th	10.00 am	Family Communion
	12.30 pm	Baptism Bobbie
Wednesday 18th	6.30 pm	Evening prayer
Thursday 19th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion with APCM meeting
Wednesday 25th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
	8.00 pm	Deanery Forum
Thursday 26th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Parish Pump

Baptisms.

1st April, Myla Tappenden

Funerals.

14th March, Margaret Susan Curtis.

100 Club.

The winner of the second February draw was Janet Johnson.

Quiz Results.

The February Quiz prize of £12 was won by Simon Garson whose entry was picked 'from the hat' from those who had the highest number of correct answers.

Correction: James Carrick-Lawson won January's quiz, not December's as reported last month.

Church repairs

We are actively seeking estimates for the repairs to the guttering and completion of the lead flashing on the South Aisle, and repairs to the rainwater hoppers identified in the quinquennial inspection. We have approached tradesmen identified by members of the congregation and are awaiting quotes. Initial indications are that scaffolding and materials alone are likely to cost around £1,000.

Monthly Charity.

This month we will continue raising money for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance, or support the Fair Trade Cafés on Wednesdays. If you come to the Lent Lunches on Fridays during Lent any surplus will be split between the Bishop's Lent Appeal and the Bexley Foodbank. Thank you for your support.

Future Events

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 22nd April. If you have been regularly attending All Saints you should enquire about being on the Parish Electoral Roll, if you are not already, so that you can vote at this meeting. (See the Vicar, Churchwardens or Eda Comb, Electoral Roll Officer).

New Eltham Sunshine Club 50th Birthday Party

The Sunshine Club celebrated its 50th Birthday at the Metrogas Club, Eltham.

It was a sparkling evening of music, dancing and flowers, where good food and happiness was enjoyed by all.

Among the guests were the current Mayor of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, previous holders of that position, representatives of SE9 magazine and The Eltham Society.



There was a silver pen for everyone celebrating the occasion and there was a lot of love for Evelyn Green and her committee.

The hall was decorated with white and yellow balloons and yellow daffodils.

Evelyn Green was presented with a bouquet and there was a lovely birthday cake.

The evening finished with a rousing rendition of TAPS:

Day is done
Gone the sun
From the sea
From the hills
From the sky
All is well
Safely rest

GOD is nigh

TAPS is traditionally sung at the end of Sunshine Club meetings.

The Sunshine Club has given people many happy memories and the 50th Birthday Party was the happiest of them all.

Evelyn Green is being honoured with a Royal Borough of Greenwich Lifetime Achievement Award to go with her MBE



Gardener's Corner

Even though the Beast from the East still had its icy grip on the snow-covered hamlet of All Saints New Eltham, seven intrepid garden volunteers came out to help clear the Monk's Garden on Saturday 10th March, so that it can become both the place where compost is made to feed the Memorial Garden and also where flowers and small shrubs are grown to decorate the church.

But as we shivered, I did wonder whether Gardener No 3 had crossed that thin blue line between volunteering and exploitation! My special thanks to Brenda for making the teas, coffees and hot dogs. She stood in for Gardener No 1, Evelyn, who has been on a month-long tour of the shire, chauffeured by Gardener No 2, Joe, in a non-stop celebration of her four score and ten year birthday!

Geoff needs Mowers

As I said recently in one of my Notices, many women know, that the primary role of many men in gardens, is to mow! Men are especially happy if they manage to mow in straight lines and create stripes at the same time! But where are you? Still in hibernation? Geoff needs you, so if you can spare a few hours on a regular basis please contact him on 07825 665336. The season of mowing is nearly upon us.

Saturday 7th April

That is the date for the next Garden Working Party which takes place from 10.00 – 1.00. We will be digging, weeding, pruning, laying paths and the jewel in our crown – COMPOSTING!

For all you Gardeners out there we need any perennial plants you can spare for the Monk's Garden; plants such as Asters, Delphiniums, Lupins, Michaelmas Daisies, Peonies. You name it we will take them, especially if they are good as cut flowers.

My special thanks also to Simon for the pea shingle that he has contributed for the paths. But we still need more small stones. You know where to put them.

Health Warning!

One of my friends, for some reason likes some of the awful accents that I occasionally put on, which I used to try out from an early age, partly because I prefer any accent other than my very own over-privileged public school twang! So, he has said that he will make a donation of £20 to the church each time I inflict one of my accents on the congregation when I give the Notice to remind everyone of the next Garden Working Party. I have been given special dispensation and advance forgiveness by Annette to deliver the first of these on April Fools Day! YOU ARE WARNED! But what can I say – once a fundraiser always a fundraiser!

Neal – Gardener No 3.

Easy fundraising update

We have now increased our supporters to 23 and thanks to their online spending, donation to All Saints have now reached £471.13 to help pay for the guttering repairs, **at no cost to themselves. Currently Easyfundraising are donating 50p just for signing on as a supporter.**

There are 3,142 shops and sites including travel agents, insurers, comparison websites, and retailers including Amazon, eBay, Just Eat, Groupon, Tesco & Sainsburys (including grocery shopping), M&S, and countless other big name stores, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to All Saints to say thank you for shopping with them.

Easyfundraising also **alerts you to special offers and discount deals, so you could save money too.** All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintsneweltham>
2. Sign up for **FREE, Don't forget to download the Donation Reminder** on a laptop or PC so you will never forget to collect a **FREE** donation.
3. Select your store/retailer and get shopping—the stores' donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to All Saints.

Or: if you have a smart phone or tablet, you can download the **FREE** easyfundraising **app** from the App Store or Google Play Store and follow the instructions on how to sign up.

Alternatively: you can safely register debit or credit cards with easyfundraising. Visit a participating high street retailer. Make an in-store purchase and easyfundraising will do the rest.

Any donations you raise are in addition to any rewards from your card provided and it won't stop you getting any cash back.

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything.

There are no catches or hidden charges.

Thank you for your support, every penny counts.

Note: All funds raised this way are going towards the cost of urgent repairs to the Church guttering.

Answers to the March Quiz sheet

Six-Letter Alphabet Quiz

A) You grind this up to make marzipan.	Almond
B) A person engaged in scientific or technical research.	Boffin
C) A rounded dome forming or adorning a roof or ceiling.	Cupola
D) To be indecisive.	Dither
E) To give someone work and pay them for it.	Employ
F) In Spanish speaking countries a religious festival.	Fiesta
G) Relating to the whole world.	Global
H) A thick rope or cable for mooring or towing a ship.	Hawser
I) Admit formerly to a post or organisation.	Induct
J) A professional joker or a fool in a medieval court.	Jester
K) Satisfying the requirements of Jewish law about the preparation of food.	Kosher
L) A hollow muscular organ forming an air passage to the lungs and containing the vocal chords.	Larynx
M) A small body of matter from outer space that appears as a streak of light.	Meteor
N) A papal ambassador to a foreign country or court.	Nuncio
O) A professional public speaker.	Orator
P) A powdery substance discharged from the male part of a flower.	Pollen
Q) The tender flesh below the growing part of a fingernail or toenail.	Quicks
R) A layer at the back of the eyeball that contains cells sensitive to light.	Retina
S) An electrical device receiving a plug or light bulb to make a connection.	Socket
T) To make a formal written offer to carry out work.	Tender
U) Requiring immediate action or attention.	Urgent
V) A small plant typically with purple, blue or white five petalled flowers.	Violet
W) A woman's corset or belt designed to accentuate a slender waist.	Waspie
X) A sugar which occurs widely in plants.	Xylose
Y) A period between childhood and adult age.	Youths
Z) Fanatical or uncompromising follower of a religion or policy.	Zealot

From the Archives – We do not have an *April* magazine of 1938. Normal service will be resumed for *May*.

The “Church Logbook” for March 1978 records:

A.P.M. Len Highmore ended his term of office as Churchwarden and Walter Hoskin was elected in his place.

Visit by Parish Group to the Ocean Hotel, Saltdean for Retreat/Holiday experiment. Eight people. It was highly successful and we decided to enlarge the group and to do it again next year.

We hope to provide “snippets” from the relevant month of 80 and 40 years ago.