

All Saints Magazine



August 2017

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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

As we approach August it is with a sense of relief, as we have been so very, very busy this year. Doing all we can; to connect with people; to fundraise; to keep the church afloat; and to be church in this place.

When I look back at all we have done, it is amazing. Time I think for a pause before we launch into September. We have had a Confirmation; taken part in two community fairs; had a Family Fun Day; and launched our sponsored bible readings. Add into this "Thy Kingdom Come" prayers, countless baptisms, funerals etc. and our church life is full on.

God himself rested on the 7th day and as human beings we need to take a break sometimes and just be. Someone said recently that they need a day off from being retired as they are so busy.

As a busy Vicar and mum of two, I too need some time off, a real break and whilst I am away you can rest assured that Father Robert and Father John Francis will take care of you, and Father Brett will be there for any day to day occurrences.

I hope that you too get a chance to have a break of some kind, although I know many of you wait until after the schools are back. It makes sense if you don't have school aged children.

While you are away, take some time to reflect on our life here in church. What could we all do better? What could you do better yourself? How can we reach others? Can we encourage those who are on the fringes of our church life to come more often? Can we look at those who have drifted and ask them to come home to us? How can we make church life the best it can be?

But also take some time to reflect on your own life, on how you can be the best you can possibly be? How you can have a balanced life between busyness and stillness, between work, rest and play.

And also make sure that some of your downtime is just that, resting and relaxing, enjoying the world that God has given us.

Amen

Annette

Sponsored Bible Reading

Rita Mather, reader at All Saints New Eltham, lived up to her name, as she challenged the congregation to read the whole of the Old Testament over the weekend of 8th and 9th July.

People came and read the bible continuously for the whole weekend, pushing on through the difficult parts and relishing some of those stories that are familiar and well known.

A little fundraising never goes amiss and £350 was raised by sponsoring those who read, but the real win was the sense of doing this together, the challenges of getting through all the books, and the joy of rediscovering parts of the bible that are little read or known.



Cheese and Pickle Sandwiches

Do you ever watch the programme 'Endeavour'? Endeavour's superior always knows the day of the week from his sandwich filling. Thursday is always cheese and pickle.

Sandwiches remind me of days long ago, sitting on a beach in Cornwall with my mum and dad and five siblings eating our sandwiches. The sun always shone—it was heaven. Sometimes I think of a picnic longer ago.

A man said to his wife "I'd really like to go and hear the preacher that's near here tomorrow—if you don't mind". "How long will you be gone" she asked, "perhaps I should make you some sandwiches. Would cheese and pickle be all right?" (He wasn't one for spending a lot on food.) So he set off early the next day to hear the preacher.

Down the road there was a man who said to his wife "I'd really like to hear the preacher who is here today but I've such a lot to do" —he was a bit of a fusspot."Don't worry" she said "you go" —she fancied a bit of peace and quiet on her own as wives often do.

The crowd gathered and listened to the preacher for quite some time and soon it was time for lunch and they all sat down. Our friend up the road went to get out his packet of sandwiches but when no-one else did he put them back in his pocket. But something was going on up the front. A young lad was holding out some bread and fish to the preacher and asking if it would help to feed the crowd. The preacher said that it would and smiled at the lad, then he broke the bread.

When our friend saw this he was ashamed that a youngster was willing to share all he had and he had not. So he got out his sandwiches and called to the man down the road "if you haven't anything to eat you can share my food". Others followed and not only was there enough, there was a lot left over.

When the man up the road got home his wife said, "If there's any of your sandwiches left we can toast them for supper" but he said I haven't any left, I shared them with the man down the road". "Did you dear?" She said. She was amazed because he tended "to be a bit tight. "Well I never" she thought "THAT IS A MIRACLE" —and so it was.

E. J. Macdonald

Walking around London

'The Capital Ring', a book by Colin Saunders, describes this walk as 78 miles of green corridor encircling inner London. I borrowed it from New Eltham library about a year ago, and kept renewing it until the walk was finished this spring.

We started and ended at the south side of Woolwich foot tunnel. The book suggests splitting the walk into 15 parts, and is a very good guide to transport links and the route to follow with lots of photos and maps. Buses and trains are all within the Freedom Pass zone. When we were about half way around it was taking a couple of hours to get to where we last finished but we enjoyed the different trains and buses and weren't worried about time.

I thought you might like to see some pictures:



Richmond Park



Graffiti



West Ham Stadium Olympic Park



My three friends back at Woolwich
Tall ships in the background.

Part of the walk was along the Northern Outfall Sewage Embankment, a wide path with tarmac for bikes, grass trees and shrubs, and vents along the way. The initials spell NOSE, which showed someone had a sense of humor as it did pong in places!

C Peacock

Diary Dates for August 2017

Thursday 3rd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 6th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Father Robert Pyne
Wednesday 9th	10.30 - 12.00	Fair trade café
Thursday 10th	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Father Brett Ward
Sunday 13th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Father John Francis Friendship
Thursday 17th	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Mtr. Vienna Mullins
Sunday 20th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Father John Francis Friendship
Wednesday 23rd	10.30 - 12.00	Fair trade café
Thursday 24th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Simple Yoga for Beginners

Come and try out Yoga over the summer
(including chair Yoga)

Wednesday 2nd August 6.30 – 8.00pm

Tuesday 8th August 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Thursday 17th August 6.30pm -8.00pm

All Saints Church Hall

Diana Stewart BA PGCE BWY DIP

Will be holding some classes on behalf of the Church Roof fund.

No fees but donations to the roof funds please.

Parish Pump

Baptisms

25th June, Millie Elizabeth Gladwell.

23rd July Jacob Spalding.

100 Club

The 100 Club prize in June was won Tina Lake, and the prize for July was won by Julie Price.

Quiz Results

The June Quiz prize of £17 was won by David Rose, whose entry was picked 'from the hat' from the correct entries received.

There is a different quiz each month to raise money to cover essential church repairs and maintenance to keep this 100 year old building running. It cost £11,000 for roof repairs alone last year, exhausting our previously raised funds. Thanks to all our "quizzers", we hope you continue to enjoy supporting us in this way. If anyone has a quiz we could use please inform the Treasurer.

Bookstall

Thanks to all who have brought in books or bought books from us. We have raised over £150 by selling in church and also at CANE's fairs and our own Family Fun Day. We will keep the books here until the Michaelmas Fair, when we shall have a final sell off and then stop for this year.

Monthly Charity

This month we are raising money for Demelza House, children's hospice. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. Thank you.

Future Events (please put these dates in your diary)

Friday 1st September – Vicarage Garden Party.

Saturday 30th September– Michaelmas Fair

Sunday 8th October – Harvest Festival, followed by bring and share lunch.

Sunday 5th November – All Saints Service, followed by bring and share lunch



Strawberry Tea

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cancer
care**

the breast cancer
support charity

**Friday 4th August
2pm-6pm**

**All Saints Church Hall
Bercta Road, New Eltham
SE9 3TZ**

**Cakes, Craft Stalls, Raffle
Admission FREE**



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Organ and Choir Update

Although the organ has been restored, we were told that the natural materials used need time to settle into the church's climate. This being so, there are still a few minor things that our organists have found that need to be fixed before we can be 100% happy and this is being addressed.

We can still rejoice that the organ now sounds much better and the choir is getting back together again, with practices before and after some recent services, hopefully leading to one service a month with a full choir.

We can also be thankful that our insurance claim for the water damage to the organ has been successful, so that, with the initial legacy from the Everness family and a number of other generous donations, for which we are very grateful, all but £1,571 of the £24,132 total cost has been found.

Answers to the July Quiz sheet

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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| 1. Which code word comes between foxtrot and hotel? | Golf |
| 2. Which notional line separates the Northern and Southern Hemispheres? | Equator |
| 3. What is the common term for the Australian Outback? | The Bush |
| 4. Which strait separates Hampshire from the Isle of Wight? | The Solent |
| 5. What is the name of the legendary animal of the Himalayas? | Yeti |
| 6. Which animal is said never to change its spots? | Leopard |
| 7. What word links a snake and a feather scarf? | Boa |
| 8. Which area of North West London is famous for its heath? | Hampstead |
| 9. What is the name of the machine that selects Premium Bond winning numbers? | ERNIE |
| 10. The shooting season for which bird begins on August 12th? | Grouse |
| 11. Which word completes the film title "..... on 34th Street"? | Miracle |
| 12. Which plant is symbolic of Scotland? | Thistle |
| 13. Which metallic element has the symbol Au? | Gold |
| 14. Which ballroom dance, in triple time, originated in Vienna? | Waltz |
| 15. Which South American animal is used for transport wool & meat? | Llama |

From the Archives – snippets from the August magazine of 1937, price twopence.

THE FLAGSTAFF

The new flagstaff and flag of St. George are the gifts of Mrs Hemmings in memory of her husband, Mr Alfred Hemmings.

Mr. G. Scates, our Churchwarden, has also kindly presented us with a Union Jack.

The St. George's Flag is flown for church festivals and the Union Jack on national occasions.

To both our donors our grateful thanks.

S.L.C.F.

S.L.C.F., which, being interpreted, is South London Church Fund, has made us a grant of £50 towards the cost of our Heating Apparatus. This is excellent news and we are very grateful to the Committee for its kind and sympathetic consideration.

When we contemplate that the Fund is frequently helping "hard hit" parishes out of difficulties in this way it should help us to realise the importance of paying our Quota in full year by year.

The more the parishes in the Diocese fulfil their Quota obligations the more the Fund is able to help when parishes are in need. There are many parishes very poor where necessary repairs would be impossible without the help of the S.L.C.F.

Perhaps it is not also generally known that the Fund makes us an annual grant of £80 towards the stipend of an Assistant Curate.

Before All Saints was constituted a separate parish in 1931 the S.L.C.F. paid £200 per annum towards the stipend of the Priest-in-Charge, and this charge it undertook for some ten years.

There are no entries in the "Church Logbook" for August 1977.

Note: The Diocese now pays stipends and associated clergy costs from the new Parish Support Fund pledges.

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