

All Saints Magazine



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A friend sent an early "Valentine" to see if it will make it around the world by February
14th

TRUE LOVE

For God so lo**V**ed the world
That He g**A**ve
His on**L**y
Begott**E**n
so**N**
That whosoever
Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish
But have **E**verlasting life

John 3:16

Send it around the World

Articles, news and stories for the magazine are always welcome.

Please hand/send/e-mail your contributions to the magazine editors or the vicar by the 14th of the month for inclusion in the next month's magazine.

The magazine is available on the church website. If you would like the magazine e-mailed to you please let us have your e-mail address.

Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

On my wall at home I have a poster with the bible verse from Nehemiah 8:10, it is simple and says 'Choose Joy'.

I have been on retreat recently, as you will probably know, and this time I was reminded time and again that choosing joy is firstly a choice and secondly always possible. It may sometimes feel that joy is far from where we are but I think it is a reminder that however bleak it seems we should look for the good bits, even the tiniest glimmer of hope can help us to turn ourselves around.

We have a congregation where those who come week in week out are being replaced by those who come twice a month or once a month or sometimes less frequently. There is nothing wrong with that but we have to recognise the changes in our society that make these changes happen within our church.

Many families do not have the whole weekend together, as work seems to be an ever increasing demand on the lives of both parents, leaving just Sunday for family time and visits to relatives too. The increase in sporting activities scheduled for a Sunday has become the norm, as has a whole host of community activities like picking up litter or helping with planting of street flowers etc. Charities too seem to hold almost all their events, walks, bike rides and fundraising events on a Sunday.

Maybe as a church it is time we embraced the changes instead of seeming to fight them. Could we do church on a different day at a different time, not instead of Sunday but as well as Sunday. What if church was not just what happens here in this building but in cafes or the pub or the shopping centre. How would we need to rethink who and where we are.

God reminded me that he doesn't really mind if someone plays sport on a Sunday morning as long as they are praying and worshipping some time. And he doesn't mind if you can't come one week as long as you are here the next. What God wants us to do though is to seek him wherever we are and however we can, to always look for the little bit of sunshine on a grey day, or as Fiona Castle put it after the death of her husband 'Roy Castle', "you can always find rainbows in the rain".

God Bless

Annette

Message from Bishop Karowei

Bishop Karowei is asking for your support in promoting two events taking place next month with our friends at Feed the Hungry UK in the Woolwich Episcopal Area, which some of you may have already read about in The Bridge.

Friday 9th February, 2018: 6pm – 9pm: Christ Church, East Greenwich, Trafalgar Road, SE10 9EQ (Food packing from 7pm) Please visit www.christchurcheastgreenwich.org.uk for further information on the event at Christ Church.

Saturday 10th February, 2018: 10am – 1pm: Dulwich, St Barnabas: Carlton Avenue, SE21 7DG (Food packing from 10.30am) Please visit <https://stbarnabasdulwich.churchsuite.co.uk/events/nylfjdy1> in order to sign up for the event at St Barnabas.

We are looking for churches in the Woolwich Area to join together to pack 20,000 meals over these two events to be sent to Feed the Hungry colleagues working with Children and families in Burkina Faso and the clothing will be going to our Church partners in Romania working with Orphans and disadvantaged families.

As part of their month of prayer, Feed the Hungry is calling Christians to join them in praying through Isaiah 58 verses 6-7: “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?”

Alongside the Food packing, we are invited to bring along unwanted, clean clothing which will also be packaged and sent to those in need.

If you cannot attend, you can drop off clothes at the venue, but please contact us for details as timings are very specific.

During each session there will be the opportunity to join in worship, led by Bishop Karowei and international Gospel singer/song writer, Sandra Godley who is a Feed the Hungry UK Advocate.

Sharing food is crucial to both events, so we will be starting with food between 6.00pm and 6.30pm on the Friday evening and ending with lunch at 1.00pm on Saturday.

We need around 100 people at each event, so Bishop Karowei is encouraging you to promote this to all your Church Members and let them know that children are also very welcome and ask them to join him at either, or both, of the sessions.

A short video from Life Rice who is partnering with us on this event is available here to share in your churches and on social media: <https://youtu.be/rAilMcrJzS8>

We thank you for both promoting this and Bishop Karowei looks forward to welcoming your Church members and yourselves at this event and help to make a difference to those less fortunate than ourselves.

It's time now to celebrate life!

I found a poem by Iris Hesselden which made me think about how much I owe to my friends. As well as support and help from Simon and my friends at church there is Madelaine, who I have known for 55 years when I was a student at Nottingham University, Elaine who I met while our sons were at Timbercroft Primary School, and Bridget who I got to know while I was a teacher at Crown Woods School. I have shared happy times with all of them and sadness too. Elaine has recently lost her husband and her mother, but she still remains a tower of strength to us.

As many of you know my health has been problematic during the last few years. My lungs don't work very well. My kidneys are problematic, and I find it difficult to walk very far. Lately I have been diagnosed with epilepsy. I am thankful that all these problems can be controlled by medication and that I live at a time when the National Health Service is available. Sometimes I feel that I take so many pills that I rattle.

Thank you all for your concern and support for me and other needy people all over the world. Christian Aid Week is coming up in May and I hope we will be able to support this and the other good causes, especially the ones which help children in need.

This is Iris's inspirational poem:

TODAY is all about life,
Today is all about living,
It's catching the sunshine and seizing the day
And sometimes forgetting, forgiving.
Today is all about you,
The you that is hidden within,
A time to look forward and nurture your dreams
And let those ambitions begin.
Today is all about love,
To comfort the hurt and the strife,
Reach out to each other, each sister and brother,
It's time now to celebrate life!

Beryl Garson

Gardening Corner

Firstly to clear up a little confusion. Gardener's Corner, last month, was not written by me but by my ghost-writer the Treasurer, Bob, who stepped in when my copy was in danger of not appearing! When my copy did finally arrive on Boxing Day, Bob then promoted it to the front pages of the magazine. A giddy rise that frankly went to the head of Gardener No 3 ! But this month, order has been restored and I am back in my place in the hierarchy!

Early In January, my boss, Evelyn, phoned me to say that she had received a lovely letter from a parishioner who wrote, referring to her parents' plaque:-

"I was amazed and very moved how lovely and well cared for their patch is, with a lovely stone path leading around it. Their rose is beautifully pruned and even bears a rosebud. They are surrounded by friends".

Sometimes all you need to get you out in the January cold is a little bit of encouragement. By the time you read this magazine the path will be wending its way to the back of the border. By the end of March I intend to have half of the whole border hand-dug, mulched and pruned. But if I had more helpers then giving the whole border the thorough treatment it needs would be a reality.

So in the adapted words of a certain Lord Kitchener: **Your Parish needs You!**

We provide the tools, gloves, kneeling mats, enthusiasm and know-how! You just have to offer your services by giving me a ring on **07484218429** or talking to either Evelyn or myself in the Church Hall after a service.

Thank You.

Neal – Gardener No 3.

PS The previously announced working party for the 3rd February, has been re-scheduled for Saturday 10th February between 9.30 am and 2.00 pm. Any offers of help will be welcome even if you can only spare half a hour. The main jobs will be leaf raking, rubbish removal, rose pruning, general tidying. Some tools will be available but it would be helpful if you could bring your own.

Bob Avery

Diary Dates for February 2018

Thursday 1st	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 3rd	10.00-12.00	Parish Office
	6.00 – 9.00 pm	Thank you for Choir and Servers
Sunday 4th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 8th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 - 3.30	Chapter Meeting at St. Edwards
Saturday 10th	9.30 - 2.00 pm	Garden Working Party
Sunday 11th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Father Derek Robinson
Wednesday 14th	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	10.30 –12.00	Fair trade cafe
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	8.00 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	10.00 am	Family Communion
	12.30 pm	Baptism, Alice Carole
	Cranage	
Wednesday 21st	1.45- 2.45 pm	Lent Course at the Methodist Centre
Thursday 22nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 28th	1.45- 2.45 pm	Lent Course at the Methodist Centre

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Parish Pump

Baptisms.

28th January, Shania Geraldine Ann Campbell.

100 Club.

Due to the unavailability of the organiser, the January draw is held over until February, when both will take place.

Quiz Results.

The December Quiz prize of £16.50 was won by Vera Owen, whose entry was picked 'from the hat' from the correct entries received.

Monthly Charity.

This month we will continue raising money for Welcare, (a charity working with local vulnerable families), until Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, after which, any monies raised will go to the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. Or support the Wednesday Fair Trade Cafés. Thank you.

Future Events

This years' 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 or Churchwardens).

Stewardship and Planned giving.

In November we launched a “The Responsibility is Ours (TRIO)” campaign, where members of the congregation were invited to review their giving and make regular payments.

Almost all of the revised pledges have now been received, so we can now say a big thank you for your continued generosity.

Although we are still some way off self sufficiency, we are certainly moving towards a sustainable future, and the regular payments will enable more accurate budgeting for the future.

Easy fundraising update

Thanks to our increasing number of supporters, another £100 went into All Saints bank account in December, to help pay for the guttering repairs, **at no cost to yourselves.**

There are over 3,200 companies including travel agents, insurers, 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.

Please remember to shop via. Easyfundraising—you could be raising a FREE donation for All Saints, New Eltham.

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.

There are no catches or hidden charges.

Thank you for your support, every penny counts.

Smile lines (1)

A man dies and goes to heaven. He is met by St. Peter at the gate. St. Peter looks through the man's record and says "I see you have been a good man, lived a good life and kept to your marriage vows. You can have a Rolls Royce". So the man picks up his Rolls Royce and drives off.

A second man dies, goes to heaven and is met by St. Peter at the gate. St. Peter looks through the man's record and says "I see you have been a good man, lived not a bad life and almost kept to your marriage vows. You can have a Ford Fiesta". So the man picks up his Ford Fiesta and drives off.

A little way down the road the man with the Ford Fiesta sees the man with the Rolls Royce by the roadside crying his eyes out. Fiesta man says, "Why are you crying? You have got a Rolls Royce." The Rolls man replies "Yes, but I have just overtaken my wife riding a bike!"

Smile lines (2)

Chicken Surprise

A couple go for a meal at a Chinese restaurant and order the "Chicken Surprise".

The waitress brings the meal, served in a lidded pot.

Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she briefly sees two beady eyes looking around before the lid slams back down.

"Good grief, did you see that?" she asks her husband. He hasn't, so she asks him to look in the pot. He reaches for it and again the lid rises, and he sees two little eyes looking around before it slams down.

Rather perturbed, he calls the waitress over, explains what is happening, and demands an explanation.

"Please sir," says the waitress, "what you order?"

The husband replies, "Chicken Surprise."

"Ah! So Sorry," says the waitress, "I bring you Peeking Duck".

Answers to the January Quiz sheet

The Five Letter Word Quiz

There are 26 clues, one for every letter of the alphabet. All the answers are only five letters long. Good Luck!

A: The main artery of the body.	AORTA
B: A state of perfect happiness.	BLISS
C: A narrow opening or crack.	CHINK
D: English or Dutch tin glazed earthenware typically decorated in blue on a white background.	DELFT
E: Praise enthusiastically.	EXALT
F: A high pitched wind instrument.	FLUTE
G: A title or form of address for a duke, duchess or archbishop.	GRACE
H: An area of open uncultivated land.	HEATH
I: An important topic for debate or resolution.	ISSUE
J: A length of timber or steel supporting the floor or roof of a building.	JOIST
K: A clumsy, awkward or foolish person.	KLUTZ
L: An arboreal primate with a pointed snout, a long tail only found in Madagascar.	LEMUR
M: A confused crowd or scuffle.	MELEE
N: A small piece of tortilla topped with melted cheese, peppers etc.	NACHO
O: The regularly repeated elliptical course of a celestial object around a star or planet.	ORBIT
P: To strike heavily or repeatedly or a place where stray dogs are kept until claimed.	POUND
Q: A question especially one expressing doubt.	QUERY
R: Take examination again after failing.	RESIT
S: A faculty by which the body perceives external stimulus.	SIGHT, SMELL, SENSE
T: Luke warm or unenthusiastic.	TEPID
U: A person who shows people to their seats in a cinema, theatre or wedding.	USHER
V: Vigour, spirit and style.	VERVE
W: Form fabric by interlacing long threads passing in one direction with others at right angles to them.	WEAVE
X: The chemical element of atomic number 54, a member of the noble gas series.	XENON
Y: Give way to demands or pressure, especially to concede to other traffic.	YIELD
Z: The basic monetary unit of Poland.	ZLOTY

From the Archives – snippets from the February magazine of 1938, price twopence.

THE CHILDREN'S ALTAR

We have obtained a Faculty for a Children's Altar for the Children's Eucharist. The Altar is the gift of Dr. And Mrs. Wood, to whom we tender our grateful thanks and appreciation, The Altar will stand at the West End when not in use, and for the Children's Eucharist it will be placed on the Chancel step. This will enable us to have the Eucharist in the Nave instead of the Lady Chapel, and we hope more parents and other members of the congregation will join the children in their Eucharist.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

We hope to fix up the Children's Corner at the West End of the Church. The West End will then be given over to the children.

There will be the Corner on the South Side, the Font in the centre, and the children's Altar on the North Side.

Our grateful thanks to Mr. Graves for gift of hassocks for the Children's Corner.

DUPLEX SCHEME

We have enrolled about 70 new members in the Duplex Good Will Offering Scheme, and the total membership is approaching 300.

We are not quite strong enough yet and need still more members. The Scheme has made a good start and with just a little extra effort, should prove successful. Please join up and make success certain. The Vicar will certainly bless you for helping to relieve him of talking money!!

Historical Notes: The Duplex Good Will Offering Scheme is the forerunner of our current planned giving system. It was called Duplex as you could choose to split your offerings between local church work and overseas missionary work.

There are no entries in the "Church Logbook" for February 1978.

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