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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

I wonder how you met your best friends. I met both of mine in very different circumstances. One I have known since I was 8 years old and she was 9, she broke my recorder , we both cried and have been friends ever since. My other friend came to work for me as my administrator, and as I am extremely untidy, she ordered my chaos and we got along. We also share a first name and that made answering the phone interesting.

Both of these friends I would drop everything for if they had an emergency and I am confident that they would do the same for me. We have been there together through it all, birth, injury, changing jobs, ending and beginning relationships, death of those close to us and all the ups and downs life brings. We do not live close to each other anymore but when we meet we just pick up where we left off.

As a church we are saying farewell this month to two of our longstanding friends, Iris and Anthony, as they are moving nearer to their daughter Theresa. This is a really good move for it will enable Theresa to keep an eye out and for them to be part of family life every day.

But all changes are made with mixed feelings and we here at All Saints will find a huge Iris and Tony shaped hole in our lives. We will miss them terribly and they too will miss us.

But as we are friends then we will still be there for them if they need us, and I've threatened a parish outing to see them as they've a big wedding anniversary coming up.

We wish them well and all the best for the future. We will keep in touch and hopefully will see them from time to time.

With all our friends, God asks us to love them unconditionally, to share all we have with them and to be there for them through thick and thin.

We pray that God is with us all in our friendship and we know he travels with you.

AMEN

Annette

How Evelyn and I became friends

When I first came to New Eltham in 1967 my children were 6 and 3 years old. A note came through the door for the newly formed NECCI about a pre-school playgroup, mooted to be held at the Methodist hall. I duly enrolled my son and met Evelyn at registration as she had been elected by Rev. Barny Mulligan to head the venture.

I became a mother helper, as was expected in those days, but only briefly met Evelyn as she was nursing. I gradually became a regular helper for the princely sum of 50p. Isobel Coker, a retired teacher from Wyborne school, was the playgroup leader.

I was encouraged to go on a playgroup course for a qualification. An eye-opener on the first day was being confronted with a pile of cornflake boxes and toilet roll tubes and asked to construct something! My mind went blank, until I put myself in a child's mindset and set to, great fun!

I gradually saw more of Evelyn. When Isobel went back to full time teaching, I was asked to take over. I loved the work with children. Christmas was particularly gratifying when we had our party, performed our little songs and acted "away in a manger" for proud parents.

My friendship with Evelyn grew. I realised how busy she was with all her commitments and always so patient.

I was later asked to volunteer at the sunshine club for the disabled and thought that this was time her good work was recognised with all her charity work. Her friends said she wouldn't want it.

However I decided to contact the necessary people and provide the information needed to qualify for such an award and she was duly awarded the MBE.

I'm told the first words on her receiving the letter was that she couldn't accept it. However her husband persuaded her otherwise. She duly attended Buckingham palace with two proud sons and her husband.

So this friendship has grown from small beginnings—like many friendships, though all her health difficulties, even to recently being bedridden, her voice and enthusiasm never faltered.

My friend Evelyn Green MBE.

Brenda Whyte

The five finger prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as CS Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty'.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, dentists and physicians, and ministers. They need support and help in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is our tallest finger and reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the Queen, the Prime Minister and leaders in industry, business and administration. These people guide and shape our public opinion they need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger and it is our weakest finger. It should remind us of those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need our prayers day and night you cannot pray for them too much.
5. And lastly comes our little finger, the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the bible says 'the least shall be the greatest among you'. Your little finger reminds you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed through the other four groups, your own needs will be put into perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Candlemas

Christmas for the Anglican Church ends on 2nd February, which marks the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. In the past it was marked by special services and candlelit processions (Candlemas).

Talking of candles reminds me of a saying I once heard a speaker use at a school speech day. "Teachers", he said, "are like candles which light others by consuming themselves."

Not teachers alone either—parents, doctors, nurses, friends, writers, musicians, artists; the list is endless. Indeed it includes, or *ought* to include, us all.

Worth thinking about on Candlemas Day.

Psalm 23 a new perspective

The Lord is my shepherd – that's relationship

I shall not want – that's Supply

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures – that's rest

He leadeth me beside still waters – that's refreshment

He restoreth my soul – that's healing

He leadeth me in paths of righteousness – that's guidance

For his name sake – that's purpose

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death – that's testing

I will fear no evil – that's protection

For thou art with me – that's faithfulness

Thy rod and staff comfort me – that's discipline

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies – that's hope

Thou anointest my head with oil – that's consecration

My cup runneth over – that's abundance

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life – that's blessing

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord – that's security

Forever – that's Eternity

Organ renovation

As most of you will have seen the organ renovation has started, with all the pipes laid out along the North Aisle pews.

Almost inevitably, once work of this nature has started, other faults are going to be found, and this is no exception. It appears that some time ago water ingress has damaged the "Swell box" and some of the pipes have suffered rust damage.

To put this right we have been given an estimate of a further £5,000 on top of the original restoration price, forcing us to seek help from our insurer to pay for the water damage. In the short term we will have to meet these costs from our existing funds, so money will be tighter than usual.

The other consequence is that the repair work will now take a further four weeks to complete, so worship during February will also now be accompanied on the electric piano

Diary Dates for February 2017

Thursday 2nd	CANDLEMAS 11.00 am Holy Communion
Saturday 4th	10.00-12.00 Parish office
Sunday 5th	10.00 am Quiet Holy Communion
Wednesday 8th	10.30 -12.00 Fair Trade café
Thursday 9th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Saturday 11th	5.00–6.30 pm Youth Club
Sunday 12th	10.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 16th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	10.00 am FAMILY Communion
Wednesday 22nd	10.30 -12.00 Fair Trade Café
Thursday 23rd	11.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	10.00 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 1st March	ASH WEDNESDAY 11.00 am Holy Communion with imposition of ashes 8.00 pm Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
Friday 3rd March	12.00 pm Lent Lunch

Please check the weekly news sheet for any changes

STOP PRESS.

We were saddened to learn of the recent death of one of our former choristers Diane Bull. Diane had suffered from ill health for some time and our thoughts are with her husband Ged and the family at this time.

Parish Pump

Baptisms

7th January, Linda Frappell, Ava Frappell, Lily Frappell, Angie Bailey, Jay Bailey, Harry Bailey, Gracie Bailey and Darren Bailey

22nd January, Sofia Jones

29th January, Mia and Madison Davis

Funerals

22nd December, Murray Blott

22nd December, Edna Ann Walden

4th January, Doris Mabel Porter

20th January, Doris Dobbs

31st January, William Massey

3rd February, Alec Wilson

100 Club

The 100 Club prize was won in January by William Eaton.

Quiz Results

The December Quiz prize of £15.50 was won by Brian Leach.

Time and talents survey

The time and talents survey was launched in January, and if you haven't done so yet, please take time to fill it in and to think about how you could help our mission here at All Saints. It may be that you want to try doing something new or it may be that you could do something more.

It has been about five years since we last did such a survey and much has changed since then.

All responses will be confidential and no one who responds will be asked to take up an extra task without their permission

Monthly Charity

This month we are still raising money for "Demelza" Children's Hospice. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. Thank you.

Future Events

15th March 8.00 pm PCC meeting.

23rd April, Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Smile Lines

New Technology

Paul walked over to the Priest after the service and said, “You know Father, I really don’t know what to do. I would like to attend your sermon next week but I just can’t miss the big football match next Sunday, it’s really difficult.” “Oh Paul” said the Priest putting his arm around him, “don’t you know? that’s what a video camera is for.” Paul’s face lit up “you mean I could video your sermon?”

The responsible tenant!

A woman walked into the pet shop and told the owner she needed a rat and a couple of cockroaches.

“What do you need those for?” he asked.

“Because,” said the woman, “I’m moving and my lease says that when I move out I must leave the place in the same condition as I found it!”

Easy fundraising update

Thank you to our still growing number of supporters, who have now generated £176.78, for All Saint’s, (£32 of which has now reached our bank account, we get paid quarterly). There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, ebay, John Lewis, Tesco & Sainsburys (including grocery shopping), M&S, Thomas Cook 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.

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It’s really simple, and doesn’t cost you anything. There are no catches or hidden charges.

All Saints is really grateful to our supporters, but even if you don’t shop online but know of family or friends who do, please feel free to share our “cause page” (link above) with them on facebook or twitter. Thank you for your support, every penny counts.

Answers to the January Quiz sheet

1. How many games in a rubber of contract bridge? **Three**
2. Where is the Bernebeu Stadium? **Madrid**
3. What is pontoon called when it is played in a casino? **Blackjack**
4. In cricket, how far is the popping crease from the stumps? **Four Feet**
5. Name the numbers either side of three in darts? **17 & 19**
6. What board game is known as "The game of the four winds"? **Mah Jong**
7. In Monopoly, what completes a set with Fleet Street and The Strand? **Trafalgar Square**
8. How many blank tiles are there in Scrabble? **Two**
9. On what would you perform a randolph? **A trampoline**
10. Where was the first FA Cup final held? **Kennington Oval**
11. What is scuba an acronym for? **Self-contained underwater breathing apparatus**
12. The name of which game is Latin for "I Play"? **Ludo**
13. What was the first non-English club to win the FA Cup? **Cardiff City in 1927**
14. How many tiles are there in a domino set? **28**
15. Which Olympic event did Mary Peters win in 1972? **The Women's pentathlon**
16. Which driver won the British Grand Prix four years running from 1962 to 1965? **Jim Clark**

From the Archives – snippets from the February magazine of 1937, price twopence.
THE WEST END

The Parochial Officer has received the following letter from the architect:—

“ The proposals for the completion of the west end of the Church may be summarised as follows:—

1. The removal from the west end of the nave of the existing corrugated iron, entrance porch and its replacement by a new porch building at the west end of the north aisle in a more convenient position for access from the road.
2. Filling in the west door opening with a tracery window and inserting two single light windows on either side of it to light the dark space round the font.
3. Replacing the double lancets at the west end of the south aisle by a simple stone window to harmonise with the others.
4. Removing the font from the west end of the south aisle to the west end of the nave.
5. Taking down the five brick lancet lights forming the west window of the nave and inserting a new stone tracery window to bring the west end of the Church into harmony with the new chancel and chapel.
6. To increase the seating accommodation by 30 new seats at the west end of the south aisle and 18 new seats at the west end of the north aisle, the former by moving the children's corner to the west end of the nave.

These proposals are not all necessary for the efficient running of the Church, though necessary for its architectural completion; from which standpoint they have been discussed with your Committee; although they will have the effect in addition of improving the amenities of the west end very considerably.”

There is nothing recorded in the “Church Logbook” for February 1977.

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