

All Saints Magazine



July 2017

Free

Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

As a nation we seem to have been bombarded with bad news over the last few weeks, the bombing in Manchester, the London Bridge attack, the tragic fire at Grenfall tower, and then the Finsbury Park mosque attack, It does seem unending and sometimes it can feel like we are hard pushed to spread Good News and to fight for the loving things in this world. The bleak picture of life is only lightened by the overwhelmingly Good response of our communities, the numbers of people donating goods and money for those who have lost everything, the church communities praying and counselling those who have been affected by any of these events, and our emergency services stepping into the breach once again.

It may feel that we are not able to do anything in these circumstances but we can all work in the communities in which we live to try and ensure that we don't have to face such terrors again.

We can work together to build up our communities; we can share God' love and care with all around us; we can choose to build bridges and not barriers. So, let's think before we judge, let's think before we criticise, let's hold our hands out to all who live in this place whether they are like ourselves or radically different, whether they speak our language or another one, whether they eat what you do or something else. They say "variety is the spice of life" let's make variety a hall mark of our society, so that we all pull together to make a better world.

Amen

Annette



Flowers In The Church

Thank you to Peter French for taking the photographs of the beautiful flower arrangements which have decorated the church.



Lisa, Debbie and their helpers have worked with skill and enthusiasm to enhance our worship and delight our eyes. Our flowers are like a ray of sunshine.



They, like our friends and families, make such a difference to our lives.

Beryl Garson

Christian Aid Week 2017

Christian Aid Week ran from 14 May to 20 May and during that period, thanks to the sterling efforts of volunteers collecting door to door in the worst weather for Christian Aid Week for years, we raised a total of £1,168. Well done all of you.

We also held a Bring and Share Lunch on Thursday 18 May and this raised £83. The event was enjoyed by everyone. We also send our words of appreciation to Ruth Fancett and her helpers, who play such a big part in organising the hall, especially the catering.

A raffle raised a further £100, so the total raised for Christian Aid was £1,351. Of this total, £773 was kindly Gift Aided, which will give the charity a further £193.25.

Beryl & Simon Garson

All Saints Quiz Night

A big thank you to Brian Leach for single handedly hosting the Quiz Night on Saturday June 10th. In a packed hall with eleven tables of contestants this was no mean feat. Almost as daunting as juggling which round to play the "Joker" on, taking into account the last, fiendishly named, "Wipeout" round, where one incorrect answer could lose all your points for the round!

A successful event which raised a welcome £558 towards the cost of the roof and organ repairs. This raised the possibility of another Quiz night later in the year.

Simon Garson

Meanwhile we are still organising the monthly quiz sheets to fill the £7,000 hole in the fabric fund, left by the cost of the roof repairs. There is a new quiz starting at the first Sunday of each month, with answers by the last Sunday of the month (see page 11). Each quiz sheet is only £1 with the monthly total split 50/50 between the church and prize money. So far £300 has been raised.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
New Eltham, SE9 3TZ

Family Fun Day!

Saturday 1st July
11am-2.30pm

Bouncy Castle

Charity Stalls

Craft Stalls

CAKES

Refreshments

Admission FREE

Diary Dates for July 2017

Saturday 1st	10.00-12.00	Parish Office
	11.00 - 2.30	Family Fun Day
Sunday 2nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 6th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 7th	9 am - 8 pm	Sponsored bible reading in church
Saturday 8th	9 am - 8 pm	Sponsored bible reading in church
	10.00 - 2.00	CANE Summer Fete (We have a stall)
Sunday 9th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	2 pm - 8 pm	Sponsored bible reading in church
Wednesday 12th	10.30- 12.00	Fair Trade Café
	8.00 pm	PCC in Church
Thursday 13th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	10.00 am	Family Service (Communion available afterwards in the lady chapel, please let Rita know in advance if you would like this)
Thursday 20th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.30 pm	Baptism Jacob Spalding
Thursday 27th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Parish Pump

Baptisms

28th May, Nyah Mae Ciel Bryan, not Nyah Ciel George as printed last month, our apologies.

11th June, Kit Samuel Avery Smith

11th June, Max Gilbert Garrey

11th June, Henry John Garrey

Funeral

13th June, Constance Valentine Prior (aged 101).

Quiz Results

The May Quiz prize of £13.50 was won by Eda Comb, whose entry was picked 'from the hat' from the correct entries received.

Monthly Charity

This month we are raising money for the Greenwich and Bexley 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.

Pentecost

Once again the congregation turned up in red to remind us of the fire of Jesus Spirit passing to his disciples. A celebration of the Church's birthday was dampened by the terrorist attack at London Bridge the day before, thus the planned photo wasn't taken. However this was us last year in happier times.



Easy fundraising update

Thank you to our supporters, who have now generated £243.78, for All Saints, **at no cost to themselves**. £206 of which has already reached our bank account. Our electoral roll has over 80 people on it so to only have 19 supporters is a bit disappointing, especially at the moment when we will get a 50p donation for every new supporter signing up, so even if you don't shop online but know of family or friends who do, please share our "cause page" (link below) with them.

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.

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.

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.

Answers to the May Quiz sheet

FAMOUS PEOPLE

1. Name the 17th century diarist? (SP) **Samuel Pepys**
2. Name the spanish surrealist painter? (SD) **Salvador Dali**
3. The Wardens at the Tower of London are called what ? (Y) **Yeoman**
4. Who wrote "Little Dorrit"? (CD) **Charles Dickens**
5. Which "King of the Wild Frontier" was killed at the battle of "the Alamo" ? (DC) **Davy Crockett**
6. Who was the English poet married to Sylvia Plath? (TH) **Ted Hughes**
7. Who wrote "The Divine Comedy"? (D) **Dante**
8. Who is the German Chancellor? (AM) **Angela Merkle**
9. Who was the first woman to sit in Parliament? (LA) **Lady Astor**
10. Headgear was named after this first ever Matinee actress? (MW) **Mae West**
11. Who wrote "Our Man in Havana"? (GG) **Graham Greene**
12. Who was the first person to reach the South Pole? (RA) **Roald Amundsen**
13. Who wrote "The Mill on the Floss"? (GE) **George Eliot**
14. What is the name of the main character in "Le Carre's" Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy?
(GS) **George Smiley**
15. Which TV barrister was created by John Mortimer? (R) **Rumpole**

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

RECALL TO RELIGION

I want once again to urge the importance and necessity of doing something practical about the Archbishop's "Recall to Religion."

We are arranging a Public Meeting on "The Recall to Religion" in October, and it would be a valuable preparation if many would read the Bishop of Winchester's book between now and October. If you have no other opportunity set yourself a holiday task and read in on your holiday.

The Bishop deals briefly and clearly with the clash between Christianity and the Totalitarian State, and points out that movements on the Continent have considerable influence on English thought and life. In the chapter on "The Call to Christians" the Bishop says: "The great danger to which Christianity in Great Britain is exposed arises from the gradual permeation of society with a secularist outlook, the tacit ignoring of other-worldly claims and ideals and the gradual mass organisation of society on a purely secular basis. As this takes place legislation will follow on matters of health, education, marriage, and the family, without reference to Christian faith and morals."

In spite of all the difficulties and the gravity of the present day situation the Bishop concludes on a note of hope, and calls for faith and courage.

Christianity calls for allegiance and loyalty to a Leader, to a Lord and a Saviour Who never passes and Whose Kingdom will have no end. In the Living Christ yesterday, today and the same for ever, there is found One, Who, for sinful and distracted humanity is still the only Way the Truth and the Life.

The "Church Logbook" for July 1977 records:

The Gift Day took place as usual and raised more money than previous years.

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