

All Saints Magazine



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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

This year we are truly in Lent for all of March and we then rejoice with Easter on the 1st April

There is always much debate of what we can give up for lent or what we can take up, but really in all this effort are we really getting closer to God by giving up a bit of chocolate or a glass of wine.

For lent is a time for reflection on our relationship to God and how we can work this out through those around us and in our everyday lives.

As most of you know, I went on retreat in January and came back being challenged by God with the thoughts that; we should be meeting our families where they are; and secondly to embrace joy, to live a risen life—that is, even in the darkest moments to look for God, to look for the seam of peace, or contentment, to look for the hope and to share it.

This is what will bring me nearer to God. What about you?

We need to pray, to listen and to discern what we are called to do, but right now I am called to look for the good in people, to be gracious with God's love, to hold back on being critical or judgmental and to offer hope, peace, love and faith in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

AMEN

Annette



Gardening Corner

On Saturday 10th February eleven members of the congregation answered the call to help on the Garden Working Party. For over three hours, in mostly constant rain, they worked in different parts of the All Saints Memorial Garden and made a huge impact.

That evening as I reflected on what the twelve of us had achieved together, a very simple vision of what could be, began to form in my mind. I imagined that:-

- **Those who come to visit the memorial plaques of their loved ones will always feel that their memory is honoured in a vibrant, living garden**
- **The All Saints New Eltham Memorial Garden will be a place where families, primary school children and their teachers come to visit to learn about nature**
- **Many who come into Bishop's Close will stop for a few moments to take in a garden filled with scent and flower**
- **The Monk's Garden as I call it (the narrow feudal strip between the side of the church and the Vicar's garden) will be a place where compost is made to feed the Memorial Garden and flowers and small shrubs are grown to decorate the church.**

At church the following day I named and thanked the eleven who helped; Barbara, Betty, Bob, Carol, Christine, Cynthia, Evelyn, Graham, Joe, Jonathan and Peter. I also announced that we are now planning to make the first Saturday in every month a regular garden working party for anyone who can attend and for whatever time they can give, between 10 and 1.00. Tea, coffee and food will always be provided.

Gardener No 3 is also very pleased to announce that Ged (you know him already as a celebrated base in the choir!) has now joined the Gardening team to become Gardener No 4! Congratulations Ged and thank you for the work you are already doing.

Thank you also to Ruth who spotted me on my knees, quietly weeding in the garden, a little while ago as she walked in to the Close and cheekily quipped **"You don't often see a man on his knees!"**

Thank you also to a secret donor. On the Saturday after the Garden Working Party met, I was out working with Joe, when Evelyn kindly made us a drink and some food in the Church Hall. I took off my hob-nailed working boots which were extremely muddy and left them on the bench near where I always park my red Peugeot, before going into the hall. When I came back I found a £5 note had been left in one of my boots! The money has gone to the Treasurer and to the Garden fund.

Thank You.

Neal – Gardener No 3.

Parish Pump

Baptisms.

18th February, Alice Carole Cranage – great granddaughter of Carole & Alan Whybrow, Congratulations to Mum Charlotte, Dad Ryan and sister Nicola. (See photo below).



Funerals.

13th February, Elaine Carol Buckler.

100 Club.

The winner of the January draw was Jean Price and the winner of the February draw was All Saints Mums & Tots.

Quiz Results.

The December Quiz prize of £16.50 was won by James Carrick-Lawson (Bob & Barbara's Grandson), whose entry was picked 'from the hat' from the correct entries received.

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 come to the Lent Lunches on Fridays during Lent or support the Wednesday Fair Trade Cafés. Thank you.

Lent Course

This year's Lent Course meetings will be held at the Methodist Centre at 1.30 on Wednesday afternoons, The Sessions will be alternately hosted by Rev, Annette and Rev. Duncan Mcbean.

The text of this year's study will be based on Dr. Rowan Williams book 'Silence and Honey Cakes'. (Rowan Williams goes back to the 4th century desert fathers and mothers for inspiration and insight, discovering that their spirituality resonates strongly with aspects of the modern spiritual search)

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, Churchwardens or Eda Comb, Electoral Roll Officer).

Diary Dates for March 2018

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| Thursday 1st | 11.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Friday 2nd | 12.30 pm | Lent Lunch in Hall |
| Saturday 3rd | 10.00-12.00 | Parish office |
| | 2.00-4.00 pm | Big Brew Fairtrade café in Church Hall |
| Sunday 4th | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 7th | 1.30 pm | Lent Course at Methodist Church |
| | 6.30 pm | Prayers for Lent |
| Thursday 8th | 11.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Saturday 10th | 9.30-4.00 pm | Diocesan Synod |
| | 5.00-6.30 pm | Youth Club |
| Sunday 11th | MOTHERING SUNDAY | |
| | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 14th | 10.30-12.00 | noon Fairtrade café |
| | 6.30 pm | Prayers for Lent |
| | 8.00 pm | PCC Meeting |
| Thursday 15th | 11.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 18th | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 12.00-12.30 pm | Baptism, Ronan Ould |
| Wednesday 21st | 1.30 pm | Lent Course at Methodist Church |
| | 6.30 pm | Prayers for Lent |
| Thursday 24th | 11.00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 7.00 pm | St Olaves Concert |
| Saturday 24th | | Agape Meal in Church Hall |
| Sunday 25th | PALM SUNDAY | |
| | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Monday 26th | 7.00 pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Wednesday 28th | 9.30-11.30 am | Dulverton School service |
| | 6.30 pm | Evening prayer |
| | 7.00 pm | Tenebrae Service |

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| Thursday 29th | 11.00 am | Holy Communion with foot washing |
| | 8.00 pm | Holy communion with foot washing followed by Maundy watch (till Midnight) |
| Friday 30th | | GOOD FRIDAY |
| | 10.00 am | Walk of Witness starting at Clare Corner |
| | 10.00-12.00 noon | Messy Church |
| Saturday 31st | | HOLY SATURDAY |
| | 8.00 pm | Easter Vigil |
| Sunday 1st April | | EASTER SUNDAY |
| | 10.00 am | Easter Communion |
| | 12.30 pm | Baptism, Myla Tappenden |

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

I, along with some others from All Saints, New Eltham, who attend the Wednesday Community Lunch at Mottingham Methodist Church, were very interested in Rev'd Alexandra Terrett's talk on Pope Francis last Wednesday and thought that it would be suitable to put in our church magazine.

Simon Garson

Gentle Reminder From Pope Francis

This life will go by fast.

Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, don't complain so much.

Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness.

Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family. Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money.

Enjoy travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilize the new dinnerware; don't save your favourite perfume, use it to go out with yourself; wear out your favourite sport shoes; repeat your favourite clothes.

So what? That's not bad. Why not now? Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you sleep? Why not call now? Why not forgive now? We wait so long for Christmas; for Friday; for Reunions; for another year; for when I have money; for love to come; when everything is perfect...look...

Everything perfect doesn't exist. Human beings can't accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here. Here is an opportunity to learn.

So take this challenge that is life and do it now...love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands. Amen

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.

Easy fundraising update

We have now increased our supporters to 23 and thanks to their online spending, donation to All Saints have now reached £462.62 to help pay for the guttering repairs (see above), **at no cost to themselves.**

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.

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.

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.

Yeast

Faith is not a holy thing to keep for special days. It is something to be used, our hearts and hopes to raise. Something to be added to the joy and pain of strife — stirred into the mixture of the common stuff of life.

It's the secret yeast that makes the bread of life to rise, the power of God at work in us, the thing that glorifies — homely tasks and daily duties making dull lives glow. Without the leaven we are only lumps of human dough.

Do not keep religion in a nicely painted tin — marked FOR SUNDAYS ONLY. Tip it out and work it in . . .

Work it into everything you think and do and say — Use it for all purposes and live it day by day.

Patience Strong

Answers to the February Quiz sheet

SPORT related questions

1. Which Scottish rugby player married a TV sports presenter in 2001? **Kenny Logan**
2. Which boxer took a bite out of Evander Holyfield's ear in 1997? **Mike Tyson**
3. Which two boxers took part in the first World Heavyweight Championships in 1993?
Lennox Lewis & Tony Tucker
4. Which British swimmer won the 100 meters breaststroke at the 1988 Seoul Olympics?
Adrian Moorhouse
5. Which British ski jumper was nicknamed 'The Eagle'? **Eddie Edwards**
6. How high is a basketball hoop from the floor? **10 feet**
7. What is the term for an over in cricket where no runs are scored? **Maiden**
8. Of which footballer did Brian Clough remark 'Floats like a butterfly and stings like one'? **Trevor Brooking**
9. In boxing which is heavier, featherweight or flyweight? **Featherweight**
10. How many players are on a basketball team? **Five**
11. Which jockey beat cancer to win the 1981 Grand National on Aldaniti?
Bob Champion
12. Which artificial stimulant was banned from the World Worm-charming championships?
Any form of liquid
13. At which sport could you fell your opponent with a flying mare or half nelson?
Wrestling
14. How many frames are there in a game of tenpin bowling? **10**
15. How many caps did goalkeeper Peter Shilton win? **125**
16. Who was the first British athlete to win an Olympic gold medal in a throwing event?
Tessa Sanderson

From the Archives – We do not have a *March magazine of 1938*, so we hope this 1938 extract from Mr Pond's archive book is of interest.

“Reviewing the material accomplishments of the past year, there was much to be thankful for.

After paying all the bills for the items listed below:-

- (i) The building of the West End.
- (ii) Concreting the land between the Church and the Hall.
- (iii) Making a Ramp Path from the Hall path to the Church West End Door.
- (iv) Extensive urgent repairs to the Vicarage.
- (v) Cleaning down the interior of the Church after building operations,

the building fund at the beginning of the year 1938 showed a deficit of £496.

This carry over debt to the new year was not considered a financial crisis by the Vicar and his workers. We had every confidence and faith that the debt would be wiped out by the end of the year. In January Father Norledge appealed to the congregation for funds. At the end of the month £90 was given.”

There are no entries in the “Church Logbook” for March 1978.

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