

All Saints Magazine



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Fountains Abbey

My Post Easter break this year was something special. David and I went to Yorkshire for a few days, whilst the boys stayed with their Grandparents and were thoroughly spoilt.

We were just a couple of miles from Fountains Abbey, one of the best preserved 11th century abbeys left.

I had been here before just after the land had passed to the national trust in 1984 – on a school trip

The abbey ruins had of course not changed but the national Trust have now built cafes, shops, facilities and even a play area, which help to organise the many visitors. David and I arrived saying we can always combine this visit with ... but actually spent the whole day there walking about 8 miles around the grounds and those of Studley Royal water gardens which are all part of the same estate now.



The abbey was founded in 1132 by 13 Benedictine monks from St Mary's in York. They'd grown fed up of the extravagant and rowdy way that the monks lived in York and so they escaped seeking to live a devout and simple lifestyle elsewhere. This was how they came to Fountains.

By the time three years had passed the monks had become settled into their new way of life and had been admitted to the austere Cistercian Order and with that came an important development – the introduction of the Cistercian system of lay brothers.

The lay brothers (what we would now call labourer) relieved the monks from routine jobs, giving them more time to dedicate to God rather than farming the land to get by. It was because of the help of the lay brothers that Fountains became so wealthy through wool production, lead mining, cattle rearing, horse breeding and stone quarrying.

The Dissolution

The Abbey was abruptly closed down in 1539 in the Dissolution of the Monasteries ordered by Henry VIII, and the abbot, prior and monks were sent away with pensions.



Fountains Abbey today

The estate was sold by the Crown to a merchant, Sir Richard Gresham. It remained in private hands until the 1960s, including William and John Aislabe who designed Studley Royal water garden of which the abbey became an integral part of. The National Trust bought the estate from the West Riding County Council in 1983.



Annette

Visit to Venice

We took a flight from London Gatwick to Venice Marco Polo airport; this was an hour and forty-five minutes. We then took a water bus to our hotel; this took an hour and a half which allowed us to see the smaller islands that surround Venice.

The next day we went to St Mark's square. We went up St Mark's tower, which is 99m tall; this allowed us to see right over Venice. This was very interesting, as from above, all of the buildings looked very similar in shape and they were only painted in three different colours.



After doing that we joined the long queue to go inside St Mark's Cathedral, which was first built in 830 to house the body of St Mark. During the fire of 976 St Mark's body, which is still under the high altar, miraculously survived the blaze. Once we were inside the cathedral we were surprised at how big it was and the interior being covered in mosaics, the earliest dating back 800 years. Among the most beautiful there are some which depict Old Testament events.

The next day we went to Vivaldi's church Santa Maria della Pietà. This was a church that Vivaldi had built especially for him and the orphan girls that he looked after. It was somewhere that he could showcase his music and somewhere for the girls to sing. He was there from 1705-1740, and I was lucky enough to be allowed to play his organ. We then took the short walk to the Doge's Palace.

This was just as grand as St Mark's cathedral, with the ceilings decorated in gold and lots of big artworks on the walls. The Doge was the ruler of Venice and there were 78 of them in total. The Doge's Palace is still home to the biggest room in Europe.



Before coming home on the last day we went on a Gondola for thirty minutes, from the main harbour around the back streets, which allowed us to see that the canals were the main way that supplies were brought into Venice, as there are no roads. It was even how the bin man would come and empty the bins.



Aaron and Eleanor

All Change at All Saints

A first for All Saints was to have this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) during the 10 am service, so that everyone could be present, rather than having a separate meeting in the hall afterwards.

It was all change for the Churchwarden's as well, as Steve Kierle stepped down after his six year stint and Bob Avery completed his 'gap year'! The newly elected Churchwardens are Graham Dix and Neal Long, and we wish them well when they officially take up their posts after the Archdeacons visitation service on 23rd May at Southwark Cathedral, at which all new PCC members should be sworn in as well.

Pam Piper and Lily Hutchins stood down from the PCC to be replaced by Sharon Broady and Beryl Garson, with Peter French and Steve Keirle filling vacancies and Ruth Fancett and Liston Siregar re-standing.

The volunteers for Servers, Chalice bearers, Stewards, and Refreshments were all thanked for their continuing service, with the lists of people involved covering the majority of the congregation.

However there remained a number of specific tasks that will need new people to take them on. The Child Protection Officers wish to step down. Sunday school teachers are required. Cynthia Peacock wishes to hand over producing the weekly newssheet, Pat Flaherty needs someone else to produce the intersessions rota. Jean Price is having to give up helping with Parish Office and Baptisms and Weddings bookings. All the above were thanked for their many years of carrying out these important but largely unseen duties. It is hoped that in the next magazine there will be some new names on the contact list on the inside back cover.

The Treasurer gave a brief resumé of the report on the recently examined accounts. Highlighting the previous fall in planned giving contributions, giving rise to the necessity of running a 'The Responsibility Is Ours' campaign, and thanking the congregation for their generous response, which should put us in a much better financial position for this year. Also highlighted was the necessary expenditure in the restoration of the organ last year.

Diary Dates for May 2018

Thursday 3rd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 5th	10.00-12.00	Parish Office
	10.00-2.00	stall at CANE
Sunday 6th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 10th	ASCENSION DAY	
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	8.00 pm	Holy Communion for Ascension at St Edwards
Saturday 12th	9.30-10.00	reception of Candle for Thy Kingdom Come from St Albans
	2.00-4.00	Marriage Preparation
Sunday 13th	10.00 am	Holy Communion (beginning of Christian Aid week)
	12.00 pm	Baptism Preparation
	4.15 pm	Taking of candle to Holy Trinity for 5 pm (Walking)
Thursday 17th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	PENTECOST	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	2.00-6.00 pm	Pentecost Meal at Vicarage
Wednesday 23th	10.30-12.00	Fair Trade Café
	8.00 pm	Archdeacons visitation service at Cathedral (for Churchwardens, PCC members and synod reps)
Thursday 24th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	1.00 pm	Baptism of Sonny
Thursday 31st	11.00 am	Holy Communion

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Parish Pump

Baptisms.

1st April, Myla Tappenden

15th April, Bobby Bradbury Clark.

100 Club.

The winner of the March draw was Graham and Louise Dix and the April draw was won by Jean Price. Congratulations.

Quiz Results.

The March Quiz prize of £12.50 was won by Betty Macdonald whose entry was picked from the correct entries received.

Special Events

This month sees two special Church festivals, Ascension, which celebrates Christ's departure from Earth into the presence of God, and Pentecost which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

The Eltham & Mottingham Deanery, of which we are part, is holding a special Ascension Service at 8 pm at St. Edwards Church, St. Keverne Road, Mottingham. Where all members of all eight deanery church congregations are invited to take part.

At Pentecost the Rev. Annette will be hosting a special meal at All Saints Vicarage.

Church repairs.

We now have an estimate for the repairs to the guttering and completion of the lead flashing on the South Aisle. An application for the necessary faculty to proceed with the work has been applied for and a response from the Diocese is awaited before we can agree a date to start the work.

Monthly Charity.

This month we are raising money for the Mission Aviation Fellowship. A Christian charity that uses light aircraft to supply urgent aid to inaccessible places. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance, or support the Fair Trade Café on Wednesday 23rd. Thank you for your support.

Note: due to other commitments there will be no Fair Trade Café on Wednesday 9th .

Gardener's Corner

The first Saturday morning of the month has now become firmly established as the Garden Working Party Morning. On Saturday 7th April, fourteen of you turned up to help give the Memorial Garden the care and commitment it deserves.

So — thank you Betty (who allowed me to raid her garden for wild primroses), Brenda, Carol, Christine, Cynthia, Dennis, Evelyn (Gardener No 1), Geoff (Head Mower), Jed, Joe (Gardener No 2), Liston (Mower just coming out of hibernation) Peter, Sharon and our youngest and without question most enthusiastic recruit, the nine-year old Oliver.

It was Oliver who took on the job of filling the wheelbarrow with compost from the Monk's Garden and taking it to Jed (Gardener No 4) so that he and Christine could start working it in to the heavy London clay soil of the Memorial Garden to help it become more fertile.

Realising early on that the Gardeners like a bit of ranking (as opposed to the Mowers who are much more egalitarian!) Oliver asked me what Number Gardener he could be. "What Number would you like to be? I answered. "Number 9," he said straightaway.

Oliver worked hard and by the end of the morning he clearly felt he deserved promotion and asked if he could now be No 1?! Feeling as if I had just morphed into Mr Bumble from Oliver Twist, I pretended to be outraged at such a request!!! I started to mumble something about Dead Man's shoes but then thought better of it!

Saturday 5th May

That is the date for the next Garden Working Party which takes place from 10.00 – 1.00. The Garden is a long way from where I would like it to be, but with your exceptional help, I am confident that this year the Memorial Garden will once again be a place that we can all be proud of.

Health Warning Revisited!

I apologise again to those of you who recently suffered one of my awful accents which I put on when giving the notice to remind you about the next working party morning. Unfortunately, you committed the cardinal sin of actually giving me a round of applause (was it just sheer relief that I had finished?!) following my less than original country bumpkin accent! Now I am starting to have illusions that I am Saga's answer to Mike Yarwood! Blame my friend who, true to his word, donated £20 to the church. Whether or not I am allowed to inflict another accent on you is very questionable!

Thank you nevertheless for all your support.

Neal – Gardener No 3.

Top 40 Signs that you are over the Hill

1. Forgetting Names.
2. Losing Hair.
3. Moaning about ailments.
4. Groaning when you bend down.
5. Not knowing any songs in the Top 10.
6. Misplacing your glasses/handbag/car keys.
7. Getting hairier ears, eyebrows etc.
8. Saying 'In my day'.
9. Finding it hard to sit cross-legged.
10. Hating noisy pubs.
11. Choosing clothes and shoes for comfort.
12. Falling asleep in front of the TV.
13. Thinking that policemen look young.
14. Needing an afternoon nap.
15. Feeling tired when you wake.
16. Struggling to use technology.
17. Having no idea what young people are saying.
18. Having colleagues who don't know what a cassette tape is.
19. Complaining about rubbish on TV.
20. Comparing illnesses with friends.
21. Not knowing names of modern bands.
22. Consider going on a 'no children' cruise.
23. Knowing your alcohol limit.
24. Never going out without your coat.
25. Putting everyday items in the wrong place.
26. Moving from Radio 1 to 2.
27. Driving very slowly.
28. Struggling to lose weight.
29. Only using a smartphone to make calls.
30. Saying, 'I am gasping for a cup of tea'.
31. Spending more on anti-ageing products.
32. Falling asleep after a glass of wine.
33. Telling people exactly what you are thinking.
34. You like being asked for ID.
35. Paying by cash or cheque instead of a card.
36. Being told off for politically incorrect opinions.
37. Preferring a night in with a board game to a night on the town.
38. Struggling to think of anything worse than going to a popular music festival.
39. Joining the National Trust.
40. Drinking sherry.

Advertising space.

Regular readers will have noticed that we have lost one of our long standing advertising supporters, hence the appeal below.

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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.

Note: All funds raised this way are going towards the cost of urgent repairs to the Church guttering.

Answers to the March Quiz sheet

Questions with Q's for answers

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| 1. A four footed animal? | Quadruped |
| 2. A dilemma? | Quandary |
| 3. A punting pole? | Quant |
| 4. An amount of something? | Quantity |
| 5. Isolation to prevent spreading disease? | Quarantine |
| 6. An excavation site? | Quarry |
| 7. Two pints? | Quart |
| 8. To crush or reject as invalid? | Quash |
| 9. A female monarch? | Queen |
| 10. To question or doubt? | Query |
| 11. A line of waiting people? | Queue |
| 12. A round or pear-shaped fruit? | Quince |
| 13. Severe inflammation of the tonsils? | Quinsy |
| 14. 25 sheets of equal sized paper? | Quire |
| 15. The task you are doing? | Quiz |
| 16. An argument about petty details? | Quibble |
| 17. A treatment for malaria? | Quinine |
| 18. A feeling of nausea? | Queasy |

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

CHILDREN'S ALTAR

Out Grateful thanks to Mr. Graves for the Reredos for the Children's Altar. It has meant many hours patient work but it is worth it.

The Idea of having the names of the Patron Saints of the Wards of the Junior Guild is excellent.

Our thanks also to Mrs. Graves for the making the new red hangings and frontal.

SANCTUARY HASSOCKS

Out thanks to Mrs. Savage for her cross stitch work on hassocks for the Sanctuary—a welcome improvement.

BIRTHDAY BOOK

There is now a Birthday Book in the Children's Corner. We hope in time to include all our children's birthdays, with date of Baptism and later on of Confirmation and First Communion.

Suitable Birthday Prayers are also provided and we hope our children will make a special point of going into church on their birthdays and using the prayers, and seeing the birthday book open at their own name.

CONVERSATION OVERHEARD

The following was overheard in the street after Evensong on Easter Day: "Fancy, they had no collection! I wonder why that was." "Oh! Rich Church."

So now we know!!!

The "Church Logbook" for May 1978 records:

Start of the Lay Apostolate Course, whereby members of the congregation receive instruction and have discussion on the various issues of Church life and Christian Doctrine. The course lasted several months. However, it was decided not to press ahead with any commissioning of the laity at this time.

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