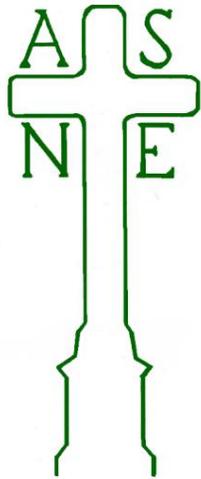


All Saints Magazine



November 2016

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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

November begins a time of remembering for us all as we begin with All Saints day, remembering a great cloud of witnesses who have passed this way before us and thinking too on our own journey with God.

On All Souls we remember those who have died and pray that they are resting in peace and awaiting rising in glory on the last day.

Remembrance is a time when we recall those who have lost their lives in conflict, and those who sacrificed themselves to enable us to have the freedom, we do today.

Christ the King is when we remember God's sovereignty over us, our call to be obedient to him and to trust in his leadership and his ability to reign.

And Advent Sunday when we begin to look towards Christmas, to the coming of Christ as our perfect gift, a child who comes in absolute humility and yet is king of all the world.

As it grows darker in this season remember all the things that make it light and trust in he who is coming forever bringing light into the world. AMEN.

God bless

Annette



Friendship

Some of our interesting stories we have used in our magazines have come from a series of books called 'The Friendship Books'. They are published every year and contain one small article for each day of the year. Looking through them has been a great pleasure to me and I have enjoyed the poem snippets and thought provoking articles.

Friendship has been important to me in my life and I am sure to you all. All Saints, New Eltham is a place where friendship abounds. We support each other in times of happiness and sadness. We give practical help when we can and make an effort to welcome new people and these we have known for many years.

Simon and I still remember the first time we came to All Saints. It was on the day of the APCM when Jean Wadsworth announced her retirement, but Cynthia and others took time to talk to us and make us feel that this is a place where we wanted to worship.

We share the sadness of the people we have lost and thank God for their lives. Most recently we remember Brian Everness who was such an inspiration and source of wisdom for so many of us. His Christmas letters were very special. We were all glad that his daughter Penny was able to cross the Atlantic from her ministry in Peru. We thank God for his life. There never was a better friend.

Looking back on my life I have been blessed with many friends. In particular I remember meeting my best friend Madelaine. I was at Nottingham University. It was the end of term in the early 1960s and was standing in the Portland Building, which was the Students Union. Most of the students had already gone home, but I was waiting for a lift the following day. There is a long corridor with places for a series of notices for various societies and suggestions of activities. Madelaine, who I had never spoken to before, was there too. We saw a poster advertising a concert by Robin Hall and Jimmy McGregor. They were a folk group who both liked and decided to go into the city to see them. We had a lovely evening and after the concert we went for our first ever Chinese meal. at a lovely little restaurant. This is over 50 years ago and we have been the closest of friends ever since. There is a lovely photograph of Madelaine and other university friends in our wedding album, which means I have a picture of my university friends in our youth. I am still in touch with some of them and remember with affection Megan, who died of Huntingdon Disease.

At Nottingham I had a group of friends in the University Methodists Society. We used to worship at the local church where ladies provided a delicious tea every Sunday. These fellow Methodists were true friends and supported one another. I have lost touch with them now but I am sure they look back at those times sometimes. One of the special treats I remember was a special holiday with them in the Lake District organised by the Reverend Peter Stevens, who was the university chaplain.

After Nottingham University I had a teaching year in Bristol.

One of my first assignments was in the history department at Brune Park Secondary School in Gosport Hampshire. It took a while to get to know people although I had a very good relationship with my flatmate Sandra Jones.

I joined the Thorngate Theatre Club and enjoyed my friendship there. I abandoned my plans to be a great actress, because I used to forget my lines. I was good at directing.

This is where I met Simon and I thank God for that. He has been my loving support, companion and friend for over 50 years in sickness and health.

There are many close friends who support us now, particularly Bridget, her daughter Geeta and Elaine. We have enjoyed helping Aisha obtain her British citizenship and watch Joshua grow up.

Who knows what the future will be. We just have faith that the Lord will provide.

Perhaps you have a story of friendship that you could share with us. We would love to hear it.

Beryl Garson

All Saints Harvest Festival

The Guides and Brownies came to our special harvest festival service and brought lots of various foods to be distributed between the Bexley food bank and the Falconer Trust orphanage in Zambia.

Our Harvest Festival Lunch on 9th October was well attended. This year the lunch was a bring-and-share and we had a very varied menu. We are lucky to have a diverse congregation to provide such delicious fare.

The monies raised from the lunch collection, £153.46, will also go to the Falconer Trust, along with other monies donated for our 'monthly charity' to help pay for the transportation of food and children's clothing to Zambia.

Diary Dates for November 2016

Thursday 3rd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 6th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	4.00 pm	All Souls Service
Wednesday 9th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
Thursday 10th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Act of Remembrance
	12.30 pm	Baptism of Alfie and Annie Hill
Wednesday 16th	8.00 pm	PCC Meeting
Thursday 17th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Quiet)
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (Noisy)
Wednesday 23rd	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
Thursday 24th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	ADVENT SUNDAY	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	4.00 pm	Christingle

Please check the weekly news sheet for any changes

Parish Pump

Baptisms

16th October, Arthur Michael John Killick.

16th October, Elizabeth Jayne Sparrow.

Funerals

5th October, Mary Slattery.

10th October, Joseph Jonathan Matthews.

13th October, Pamela Catmull.

100 Club

The 100 Club prize was won in October by Brenda Whyte.

Quiz Results

The September Quiz prize of £17.50 was won by Eda Comb, whose entry was picked 'from the hat' from the correct ones received.

Congratulations

To Daniel and Sarah Jennings on the birth of Eric Alan (7lbs 8ozs) on 16th October, and best wishes to the new grandparents, Ruth and Graham Fancett.

Thanks

Thanks to all who came to both afternoon tea at the vicarage and the garden party. We raised £125 all together.

Thanks too, to all who contributed to our splendid harvest festival. We have been able to give generously to both Bexley foodbank and to the falconer trust. We thank St Olave's and Dulverton Schools for adding to the contributions made by our congregation and our uniformed organisations and we thank Simon and Bob for taking the various contributions to the right places.

Future Events

18th December, Carol Service at New Eltham Methodist Church.

24th December, Crib Service 4.00 pm, Midnight Mass 11.30 pm.

25th December Family Communion 10.00 am.

Cats and Dogs

The Sunshine Club meets on alternate Tuesday evenings through most of the year. Evelyn Green looks for ways to entertain the members for each evening and one of the most interesting and heart-warming sessions was a visit by a lady who brought her Labrador dog to see us. The dog was in training as a Guide Dog For The Blind.

As well as helping blind people, dogs are trained as hearing dogs for the deaf and to help disabled people some with their daily lives.

We also remember a documentary where the late Princess Diana met some dogs who have been able to sniff out landmines, therefore saving many lives.

Many people take pleasure in their pets. We have an elderly friend who lives alone and whose family are away either on business or holiday. While they are away she takes great pleasure and comfort in looking after her cat.

I am sure many other people enjoy looking after their pets, but few of them know about the Cat Museum which is in the High Street of Harrow in North London. It can be found at number 49 opposite the Kings Head pub.

The display was created by Kathleen Mann as part of her antique shop and is a cat lover's delight. None of the items is for sale so the visitor tends to linger among the porcelain images in all colours and shapes and the souvenirs issued by ingenious makers over the years. There are at least 20 works connected with Louis Wain, the famous cat specialist, ranging from the inserts for the penny illustrated to cat annuals and engravings.

Although the display is small it is jammed with interest. Entrance is free and is open Thursday to Saturday 9:30am - 5:00pm. Telephone: 01814221892.

One interesting story about a cat was when a tabby by the name of Fred was buried for five days under a collapsing building when a terrorist bomb exploded in south Quay, Docklands in 1996.

Fred received only minor cuts from the blast but his path to safety was blocked. He only had air to breath until he heard the faint sound of banging in the distance. It drew nearer and he set up all the miaows he could muster.

Workmen were boarding up the broken windows and heard Fred's cries. The men carefully lifted the broken slabs of concrete and there was the dust covered and wide-eyed cat.

He was dusted down, checked for major injury and then put in the care of The Cats Protection League.

One of its members agreed to take over the rehabilitation of Fred in her own home. Was he one of the many which wander the vast areas of wharfs and warehouses, a descendant of the many cats which of old guard the garden food stores against vermin?.

After a good wash, a brisk brush of his coat and some food Fed looked like a good looking pet, which had strolled a little too far from home while a bomb ticked away nearby.

**From The London Cat Its life And Times
James Dowsing**

Easy fundraising update

All Saints is really grateful for the growing number of supporters, thirteen so far, who have already signed up for Easyfundraising for All Saints, New Eltham and, at no expense to themselves, have generated £62.65 in donations so far, just by their usual shopping online.

Easyfundraising alerts you to special offers and discount deals, so you could save money too, and any donations you raise are in addition to any rewards from your card provider and it won't stop you getting any cash back. It's really simple, doesn't cost you anything and there are no catches or hidden charges.

Sign up for **FREE** at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintsneweltham>

See the weekly newssheet for further details.

Thank you for your support, every penny counts.

Smile Lines

Halloween costumes

A six-year-old was excited about choosing his Halloween costume. "I'm going to be the Pope," he announced proudly.

"But you can't be the Pope. You're not Catholic" his father explained. "You're Church of England." The boy was silent for a few moments, while he considered his alternatives.

"Well, is Dracula Church of England?" ...

Wear Out

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week." "Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day." "That's nothing," said the third boy.

"When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

All Angels?

The slightly harassed minister was on a railway station with a party of Sunday School children. A porter came up to him and asked: "Excuse me, are you St. Michael and the Angels?"

Answers to the October Quiz sheet

- A. Home to the Van Gogh Museum
- B. Birthplace of actor Cary Grant
- C. 26 miles from Dover
- D. Where JFK died in 1963
- E. Host city of 1978 Commonwealth Games
- F. Home to the Central European Bank
- G. City on the River Severn
- H. George I was from here
- I. Home to a 500 mile car race
- J. Also an artichoke
- K. Capital city of Jamaica
- L. The world's highest capital city
- M. Linked to Copenhagen by bridge
- N. Home of Alan Partridge
- O. "Filed" as the 4th largest city in Ukraine
- P. Home to the Liberty Bell
- Q. Celine Dion was born here
- R. Host city of the XXXI Olympics
- S. Home of the Hermitage Museum
- T. State capital of Florida, USA
- U. Capital city of Mongolia
- V. 1981 hit for Ultravox
- W. The world's most southerly capital city
- X. Home of the Terracotta Army
- Y. Home of Britain's National Railway Museum
- Z. Capital city of Croatia

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- Norwich**
- Odessa**
- Philadelphia**
- Quebec**
- Rio de Janeiro**
- St Petersburg**
- Tallahassee**
- Ulan Bator**
- Vienna**
- Wellington**
- Xian**
- York**
- Zagreb**

From the Archives – snippets from the November magazine of 1936, price twopence.

MISSIONARY GATHERING

Our next Missionary evening will be on Thursday, November 12th. We shall begin with Intercessions in Church at 8 p.m. The Speaker in the Hall at 8.15 p.m. will be our own Missionary recently returned from China, Miss Marian Chapman. We hope for a full hall to give Miss Chapman a real warm welcome home. This is her second furlough and she has completed ten years service. Let us show our appreciation by a record gathering.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Annie Hardwell was called to the Higher Life on Wednesday, September 30th. Although she had not been well for some time the end came suddenly and unexpectedly. Mrs Hardwell had been under treatment at the Eltham Cottage Hospital for about a fortnight and was apparently making satisfactory progress. Her passing came as a great shock to her husband and son and our deepest sympathy goes out to them in their sorrow and mourning.

Mrs Hardwell had been for many years a member of the Mother's Union and was always keenly interested in the life and work of the Union. She was a regular Communicant at All Saints' where Mr. Hardwell has served as Churchwarden and Sidesman, on the Church Council, and in many other ways.

ADVENT SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

In accordance with the usual custom all the offerings on Advent Sunday will be given to the Deanery Home for Moral Welfare Work. We are pledged to send at least £5 towards this excellent work.

Notes: 1. Eltham Cottage Hospital stood on the site of the recently opened Eltham Community Hospital.

2. The Deanery Home for Moral Welfare was part of the forerunner of 'Welcare'

There is nothing recorded in the "Church Logbook" for November 1976:

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