

# All Saints Magazine



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## **Letter from our Vicar**

Dear Friends

I once again am going to remind you that in these hard pressed financial times your thoughts and prayers are needed for those who are feeling the squeeze. The news tells us that we have made some growth but it doesn't feel like it from here. Many are still facing unemployment and austerity cuts. More families than ever before are having to bite the bullet and use the food banks just to get by. The cost of the gas and electricity has blown sky high, which is tough for us all but those whose incomes remain the same whatever are going to feel this the most.

As a church it can be hard to see where we might be able to help those in need in our society and what we can do to stand alongside those who are feeling the pinch at this time. The first thing we can do is pray. For prayer does indeed change lives, God hears and answers our prayers. It does not mean he can magic up a lottery win, but that he can ease things just a little sometimes, or open our eyes to a different way of managing or being.

The next thing we can do is to lead by example. Encouraging sharing amongst ourselves and our neighbours. Living good lives without the need always to have the next gadget, the next piece of technology or the latest model of car.

Using our skills to teach younger generations how to live less disposable lives. Helping them to make do & mend. Helping and teaching them basic DIY skills, or cookery skills. As the older generation, many of you have a lifetime of experience in stretching your cloth, and making the budget last. Pass that on, offer your help and advice.

Focusing on those things which do not cost a penny but make the world go round. Love, friendship, Kindness, helpfulness, faith and hope.

November sees a lot of folk commence the big spend that has become the Christmas shopping and it is up to us to show that a good keeping of Christmas is not about how much you have spent on each other but who you are with and how you love each other and the world around you. Let us share what we have love those we can and pray for all at this time of need.

### **Prayer for the current financial situation**

Lord God, we live in disturbing days:  
across the world,  
prices rise,  
debts increase,  
markets are in turmoil,  
jobs are taken away,  
and fragile security is under threat.

Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer:  
be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands,  
and a light in the darkness;  
help us receive your gift of peace,  
and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**God Bless**

**Annette**

## **Remembrance Day**

Remembrance Day will be marked on Sunday 12th November this year at All Saints and will start with our usual Holy Communion Service but starting at the earlier time of 9,30am, to enable us to be ready for the act of remembrance around the war memorial starting at 10.45am.

We hope as many of the local residents will join in the non-denominational service as well as our friends from the Methodist and other churches in New Eltham, to remember those who died in the wars, in the minutes silence starting at 11am.

It would be helpful to the vicar to have advance notice of those wishing to lay wreaths or plant crosses in order to plan the service with dignity, also if there are people unable to stand so that sufficient chairs can be provided.

## **Stewardship and Planned giving.**

It's been some six years since we last reviewed our stewardship and planned giving operation. During that time a significant number of the congregation who were signed up for planned giving have either moved away or sadly passed away, leaving not just empty seats on Sunday but also a hole in our finances, as the cost of running the Church increases year on year, regardless of the size of the congregation.

To keep the church running we rely mainly on the generosity of the members of the congregation giving regular amounts weekly or monthly. We cannot rely on fundraising alone as, for example, we would have to have our annual Michaelmas Fair every week to raise sufficient funds.

To explain how this works we have invited Gabby Parikh, (Diocesan Parish Giving Communications Officer) to address the congregation on **Sunday 19th November**, during the Service.

## **Michaelmas Fair**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September was the date for the Michaelmas Fair, our major fund raising event of the year.

Fifteen stalls of goods were available to peruse including a chocolate tombola and a gardening stall, which were new this year.

A steady flow of customers kept stall holders busy and, as usual, by closing time the cake stall had virtually sold out.

We raised a total of £879 on the day, with later sales bringing the total up to £909.36. So a great big thank you to all who made and donated goods, manned stalls, came and spent their money and made it an enjoyable and successful day.

Hope you enjoy the photos of the event.





## **Harvest Festival**

The Harvest Festival celebrations started at All Saints on Friday 6th October with St Olave's school service held in the Church.

This was followed on Sunday 8th October by All Saints communion Service at 10am, with all gifts of food and clothing from both events going to our October charity 'The Falconer Trust' children's orphanage in Zambia.

After the 10am Service, members of the congregation joined together in a 'bring and share' lunch, much was brought and there was plenty to share as usual.

Whilst the following photos show a range of the foodstuffs donated, the volume of clothing and non food items donated, (stored out of shot) was amazing. Suffice it to say it completely filled a car, boot and front and rear seats.

The following Wednesday everything went on the first leg of its journey (to a trailer in Barking), for onwards transmission to Norfolk, for sorting and packing ready for overseas dispatch direct to the orphanage.

Grateful thanks to all those who donated will doubtless be forthcoming.





## **Diary Dates for November 2017**

Wednesday 1st	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer All Saints Day
Thursday 2nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 5th	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b>	
	10.00 pm	Holy Communion. Followed by bring and share lunch
	4.00 pm	Service of reconciliation for All Souls
Wednesday 8th	10.30 – 12.00	Fair trade café
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
	8.00 pm	PCC meeting
Thursday 9th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 11th	5.00 pm	Youth Club
Sunday 12th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Act of Remembrance
Wednesday 15th	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 16th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	10.00 am	Holy communion (including a talk by Gabby Parikh, (Diocesan Parish Giving Communications Officer)
Wednesday 22nd	10.30 – 12.00	Fair trade café
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 23rd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	10.00 am	Holy Communion Followed by interment of ashes of Lillian Cousins

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

## **Parish Pump**

### **Baptisms.**

1st October, Millie Rose Collins.

### **Funerals.**

19th October, Terry Quilter

20th October, Doreen Foster

3rd November, Brian Buss

### **Quiz Results**

The September Quiz prize of £22 was won by Christine Taylor, whose entry was picked 'from the hat' from the correct entries received.

### **Quinquennial Inspection.**

As the name suggests, every five years the Church is subject to a compulsory buildings inspection by a Diocesan approved architect. All Saints inspection was carried out in October and although we are awaiting the official report, we understand that nothing needs urgent attention. However the repairs to the flashing on the South Aisle need more attention, as does the guttering which is coming away. The inspection also revealed repairs required to rain water hoppers and the flat roofs require clearing and painting. There will therefore be a heavy demand on the fabric (roof) fund.

### **Yoga**

Yoga for Beginners' classes are being run in the church hall by Diana Stewart BA PGCE BWY DIP, our qualified yoga instructor, on the following Thursdays: 9th November and 14th December 6.30 to 8.00 pm. There are 'no fees' but donations to the 'church roof funds' would be appreciated.

### **Monthly Charity**

This month we are raising money for Crisis, the charity that supports homeless people. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. Or support the Wednesday Fair Trade Cafés. Thank you.

### **NSPCC**

The NSPCC are holding a craft fair in the Church Hall on Saturday 4th November from 10 am to 2 pm.

## **Gardener's Corner**

Some of you may remember that one Sunday in June, Gardener No 3 got special permission from his boss, Evelyn (Gardener No 1) to announce that we are planning to make paths that run through the Church Garden, to improve access for families visiting their Memorial Plaques.

The idea is to make the paths from small stones collected from the Garden and contributed from the gardens of parishioners. Work on the paths begins in earnest from late November. Thank you to those who have already contributed stones. **But we need more!**

Please bring your stones and place them in the area immediately to the right when you first enter Bishop's Close, beneath the laminated sign created by my daughter Jenny's Primary School class which I first read out in Church:-

STONES HERE PLEASE  
MUCH APPRECIATED  
GOD

I would also just like to say, please do not be alarmed if, in the run up to Remembrance Sunday, the War Memorial keeps changing colour. Dennis and I are working hard to remove the verdigris on the Memorial and restore the stone to its natural colour. If we do not get it done in time for 12th November, my annual appraisal with Evelyn could go badly!

If you would like to help with the restoration of the Memorial or with any of the many gardening jobs including the making of the paths, please do not hesitate to either give me a ring on **07484218429** or talk to either Evelyn or myself in the Church Hall after a service.

Thank you.

**Neal – Gardener No 3.**

Our thanks to the Rose family for replacing the white decaying plastic chain around the War Memorial with new metal chain linking, which will improve the look of the area and hopefully last longer.

## **A Prayer**

From St. Thomas, in Chilliwick, Anglican Church of Canada.

Dear God

So far today, I've done alright,

I haven't gossiped,

I haven't lost my temper,

I haven't lied or cheated,

I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulgent,

I'm very thankful for that,

But in a few minutes, Lord

I'm going to get out of bed; and from then on,

I'm probably going to need a lot of help.

## **Easy fundraising update**

Thank you to our supporters, who have now generated £365.47, 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 over 3,200 retailers including Amazon, ebay, Just Eat, Groupon, 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 October Quiz sheet**

By what name(s) are the following people better known?

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| 1. Marie McDonald McLaughlin Lawrie (Pop Singer)  | <b>Lulu</b>           |
| 2. Eric Arthur Blair (Novelist)                   | <b>George Orwell</b>  |
| 3. Henry (Harry) Patterson (Author)               | <b>Jack Higgins</b>   |
| 4. Brian Robson Rankin (Musician)                 | <b>Hank Marvin</b>    |
| 5. Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner (Musician/Singer) | <b>Sting</b>          |
| 6. Reginald Kenneth Dwight (Pianist/Singer)       | <b>Elton John</b>     |
| 7. Priscilla Maria Veronica White (Singer)        | <b>Cilla Black</b>    |
| 8. John Eric Bartholomew (Comedian)               | <b>Eric Morecambe</b> |
| 9. Arthur Stanley Jefferson (Comedian)            | <b>Stan Laurel</b>    |
| 10. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (Writer)             | <b>Lewis Carroll</b>  |
| 11. Harry Rodger Webb (Pop Singer)                | <b>Cliff Richard</b>  |

Do you know what names the following people's initials stand for?

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| 12. J. M. Barrie (Writer)     | <b>James Mathew</b>           |
| 13. E. F. Benson (Writer)     | <b>Edward Frederick</b>       |
| 14. J. M. W. Turner (Painter) | <b>Joseph Mallord William</b> |
| 15. J. K. Rowling (Writer)    | <b>Joanne Katherine</b>       |
| 16. T. S. Elliot (Poet)       | <b>Thomas Stearns</b>         |

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

#### SALE OF WORK

Once again our Annual Sale has come and gone. It is always a happy and inspiring time and it seems to become more and more so as the years go by. It is in a very real way a Family Reunion. So many friends who have gone from the parish return and we feel they still belong to us. It is such a joy to see them and to hear of their activities in their new parishes and it helps us to realise how their thoughts and prayers are still with us. We are very grateful to them.

Then again there are the many kind friends and well wishers from the surrounding parishes who come along year after year, as well as other friends who come from further afield. All this kindly fellowship makes the Sale a joyful and happy time.

Our grateful thanks go to our two lady openers, Mrs. Harold Gardner, of Sydenham, and Mrs. Gilbert Whitehead, of Eltham. We much appreciate their kind help and interest.

The bouquets were presented by Pat Webster and Betty Macdonald.

I should like to take this opportunity of again expressing my gratitude to all the stallholders for their continued loyalty and support and for all the splendid work they put in all the year round to ensure the success of their stalls; also to the gentlemen who give of their services to construct the stalls, to all the coupon sellers whose regular weekly collecting ensures the success of the coupon scheme, and to all who in any way contribute to the wonderful success of the sale.

The result, £341, is excellent and shows an increase over the last two years of £11.

*There are no entries in the "Church Logbook" for November 1977.*

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