

All Saints Magazine



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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

Autumn days.....chilly mornings....draughty evenings....dark and dreary?

I love Autumn, it's my favourite season of the year, I love getting a new pair of boots, searching out the gloves, hats and scarf to get wrapped up to battle the breezes, and crunch my way through the fallen leaves.

The changing seasons, are a good way to remind ourselves that time marches on, things are ever changing, nothing stays the same.

We hear ourselves saying things like, '***This time last year...***' or '***I can't believe its 12 months since***'

Yes, things move on, the times change, our lives, families, pasts and futures look increasingly different, as each season moves in and moves on.

In '***This time last year we were celebrating birthdays all together, and now***'

The blessing we have as Christians is the belief that the seasons that mark time in our world are merely passing seconds and minutes of this earthly life. A life that we believe is God given, whether it's the life of a mother, friend or even the dog. The journey and season that awaits us after we die, is one of hope, light, perpetual peace and joy!

Of course, it's hard to see it at the time of the death of a loved one, but deep down, if you believe, it is always there...and it is this deep down feeling that will get us through the dark times and difficult days without those significant people and pets we miss so dearly.

We have readings of hope at our funerals, we have prayers of commendation, and we have the joy of committing our loved ones to God for his eternal safekeeping.

If you choose a non-religious service, then it's sad that the very things we need to cling onto when we lose someone to an earthly death are lacking.

People sometimes say that they aren't religious...but that's not the same as not believing in heaven. And so, it's vital to choose a funeral that includes prayers and blessings from a church minister, to give hope and joy in the belief that the seasons of life are not ended, just changing. Those who have died, can no longer move and breathe and have their being in our world...rather they achieve this through the blessing of Christ's promise of resurrection.

Like the seasons change, things that seem dead, are merely waiting for Springtime...the loved ones who have died, are merely awaiting transformation through the mercy of Jesus Christ.

There is an opportunity to come and give thanks for these blessings and hopes in a special church memorial service to celebrate **All Souls tide - Sunday 5th Nov at 4.00pm**. Everyone is welcome to have prayers said for their loved ones who have died, light a candle, hold their memory and cherish the promises of Christ.

Like the seasons roll on, Autumn turns to Winter – Winter turns to Spring – death transforms to life, and we are made new through the promises of Christ in the new creation.

Amen

Annette

Old Testament Sponsored Reading

I think that I may have not really been thinking clearly enough when I suggested we should have an Old Testament Sponsored Reading. I forgot there were 39 books in total. When I told my son in Australia what we intended to do, he said it would take at least 52 hours reading at pulpit speed.

Luckily there were plenty of volunteers helping us out. There were 15 minute slots, but many people signed up for ½ hour or more. The readers varied in ages from Hettie, Claire's daughter, aged 8, to Betty and Evelyn in their 80s and 90s.

We began at 9.00am on Friday and by 8pm I did think that we had not got far. I had not taken into account that genesis has 50 chapters, exodus 40 and Leviticus 27.

On Saturday, we began again at 9.00am and went through until 8.00pm. At 7.00pm my friend William arrived and with Aaron the three of us read the psalms for the last hour. After which we went for a drink and a meal in a pub in Welling.

Sunday we began again at 2.00pm, during the afternoon we had three people come into church to listen. By 7.30pm we hadn't quite finished so I returned on Monday morning to read Zachariah & Malachi (with Neal's help).

I think it was a worthwhile experience, as everyone appeared to enjoy doing their bit. We raised £350 for the organ repairs. I would like to thank everyone for their contributions, both readers and sponsors.

Next year we may tackle the New Testament, at least it won't have such unpronounceable names.

Rita Mather



Going to Church in Spain

The mass begins at 8.00pm on a Saturday night, but you have to get there by 7.30, if you want to sit by a fan or you can sit on a white plastic chair in one of the doorways, so you can get the breeze, it is essential that you take a fan with you, as it gets rather warm.

The mass is much the same as our service, if you sit near the front you can watch the actions of the priest, so you know what part of the service you are at. There is only one server (who reminded me of Steve Tracey as he looked just like him).

The service is of course all in Spanish. There is a choir of about 20 women, who sing certain parts of the mass which everyone joins in from memory (there are no books).

When it is time for communion there are no stewards, everyone just gets up and goes towards the altar, and forms an orderly queue, in front of one of the two priests.

At the conclusion of this particular service, the statue of the Virgin Mary, which is on a platform, decorated with flowers, and complete with candles is lifted up on poles which are slotted under the platform. This is then lifted shoulder high by about ten people.



While watching this delicate operation a woman came along and gave me a candle saying procession, so I found myself escorting the statue around the streets carrying this lighted candle. The procession started outside the church accompanied by a band. At the junction of the roads rockets were set off. What was amazing was they were let off by a man just holding a metal sleeve, no health and safety here!

At about every 500 yards a bell was hit (which was on the platform) and the people carrying the statue put it down for a well-earned break. After a few minutes, the bell was sounded once more & the procession went on its way. The processions wound around the local streets and then returned to the church. After all this we went to a local bar for a well-earned drink.

Rita Mather

Diary Dates for October 2017

Sunday 1st	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 pm	Baptism Milly Collins
Wednesday 4th	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 5th	9.30-10.45	St Olave's Rehearsal
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 6th	2.00 pm	St Olave's Harvest Festival
Sunday 8th	HARVEST FESTIVAL	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion Followed by Harvest Lunch, bring and share
Wednesday 11th	10.30- 12.00	Fair Trade café
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 12th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th	10.00 am	Family Holy Communion
Wednesday 18th	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 19th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 25th	10.30- 12.00	Fair Trade café
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 26th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 1st	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer All Saints Day
Sunday 5th	10.00 pm	All Saints Day Celebration Followed by bring and share lunch
	4.00 pm	Service of reconciliation

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Parish Pump

Baptisms.

3rd September, Freddie Cross.

17th September, Poppy and Ben Insall.

Weddings.

16th September, Hollie Ann Wilson and Christopher Matthew Piper.

Funerals.

5th September, Avis Pauline Rowland.

100 Club

The 100 Club prizes in August were won by Penny de Marces (Everness) and Peter French, and the prize for September was won by Eda Comb.

Quiz Results

The August Quiz prize of £16.50 was won by Simon Garson, whose entry was picked 'from the hat' from the correct entries received.

Monthly Charity

This month we are raising money for the Falconer Trust, an orphanage in Zambia. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. Or support the Wednesday Fair Trade Cafés. Thank you.

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: 12th October, 9th November and 14th December. There are 'no fees' but donations to the 'church roof funds' would be appreciated.

Please contact Diana if you are interested on 020 8859 6529.

Apology.

Sorry if you were one of those who got a 'black only' inside last months' magazine. The printer failed halfway through the print run.

As you can see, normal service has now been resumed.

Renew New Eltham

On 16th September All Saints was represented at the Renew New Eltham festival. On the stall outside the co-op were childrens' 'goody bags' promotional pens and a special edition of the magazine to raise the All Saints profile with the local community. A successful day as Wedding and Baptism bookings were taken.



Easy fundraising update

Thank you to our supporters, who have now generated £323.61, 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.

Smile Lines

A Jewish businessman sent his son to Israel for a year to absorb the culture. When the son returned, he said, "Papa, I had a great time in Israel. By the way, I converted to Christianity."

"Oy vey," said the father. "What have I done?" He took his problem to his best friend, Ike.

"Ike," he said, "I sent my son to Israel, and he came home a Christian. What can I do?"

"Funny you should ask," said Ike. "I too, sent my son to Israel, and he also came home a Christian. Perhaps we should go see the rabbi."

So they went and explained their problem to the rabbi.

"Funny you should ask," said the rabbi. "I too, sent my son to Israel, and he also came home a Christian. What is happening to our young people?" And so they all prayed, telling the Lord about their sons. As they finished their prayer, a voice came from the heavens:

"Funny you should ask," said the Voice. "I, too, sent my Son to Israel....".

Answers to the September Quiz sheet

There are 26 clues, one for every letter of the alphabet. One involves Roman numerals. All the answers are only three letters long. Good Luck!

A: Take the w from a nasty insect that might sting you and you get the snake that killed Cleopatra.	ASP
B: A flying mammal which a cricketer could use to hit the ball for six.	BAT
C: What do you get when you take the river crossing from a university.	CAM
D: take the country which borders the top of Germany. Remove one of the gospels and you get the place where Daniel fought the lion.	DEN
E: An old boy or girlfriend sounds like a river in Devon.	EXE
F: Famous Victorian social reforming lady and a name for small fish whose first name was Elizabeth.	FRY
G: A machine for the production of cotton in the American South and an alcoholic drink.	GIN
H: A very poor actor or a meat you can put in a sandwich	HAM
I: Take the w from a barbed wire fence or a message and get extreme anger.	IRE
J: A nasty traffic hold up or a delicious condiment for scones and cream,	JAM
K: The first half of a well loved chocolate bar or the second half of a collection of tools.	KIT
L: A circuit of an athletics track or a place where you could cuddle a child.	LAP
M: An instrument for washing the floor or a mass of hair.	MOP
N: Take an E off the famous river in Egypt and end with nothing.	NIL
O: Unusual, unexpected, strange or whole number, which has one left when divided by 2.	ODD
Greek God famous for playing the pipes or what the critics do to a show they don't like.	PAN
Q: The status . . . means the existing status of affairs.	QUO
R: When a deer is on heat or you get stuck in it if you are not careful.	RUT
S: Not confident in company or a stand for knocking down coconuts.	SHY
T: Strike or knock with a quick light blow or a style of dancing.	TAP
U: Vessel for storing liquid sounds like what you can do if you need some money.	URN
V: Postman Pat's little red motor is called this.	VAN
W: What you could say if you thought something was really fantastic.	WOW
X: Roman numerals for the day of the month in July 1789 which is famous for the storming of The Bastille in the French Revolution.	XIV
Y: You might say this if you are eating a lovely plate of food.	YUM
Z: Howletts, near Canterbury is a very famous what?	ZOO

From the Archives – *We don't have a magazine for October 1937. However the following extract from Mr Pond's 'Archive' book of that time may be of interest.*

“At an emergency meeting, the tender of Messrs. Garrett was accepted for the rebuilding of the new West End, the cost being £1,035 plus architects fee and necessary extras. Including a £50 gift from the City Parochial Charities and the All Saints gift-day the building fund has £600 in hand. It was agreed to proceed with the rebuilding of the West End.

The Church finance at that period showed an overdraft of £200. This was due to extra money required for alterations and repairs - £130 for extension of heating the hall from the church boiler and £60 for repairing the vicarage roof.

To overcome a temporary embarrassment the Church Council arranged with Barclays Bank an overdraft on the building fund account up to £500 if necessary at 4% interest.”

Historical Notes: 1) The work at the West End required bricking up the original main entrance, which was behind where the font and the peace hanging now are, and building the current porch and main entrance in the North West corner of the building.

2) Mr Pond was an active member of All Saints for over 50 years and wrote the book in 1972.

There are no entries in the “Church Logbook” for October 1977.

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