

# All Saints Magazine



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## **Letter from our Vicar**

Dear Friends

April contains, this year as every year, St Georges day and there will be calls for us to emphasize our national day and to celebrate. Nationalism, in these days of Brexit and Trump and indeed Marine Le Pen, can be potentially dangerous, and whilst being proud of who you are and where you come from is good, too much nationalism can cause us to pull up the drawbridge and to neglect our God given calling to welcome both friend and stranger.

Jesus call us to look out for those in need, to welcome those from afar; to feed the hungry whoever they are; to heal the sick, wherever they are from; and to give of ourselves in ways of financial, goods and service.

Whilst I may be concerned about Brexit on one level, as I have loved going to Europe over my whole life and love French wine and food and have many French and Spanish friends, my real concerns are for the lack of trust which seems to be growing between people of different nations; the culture of fear; a suspicion about anyone who may be different from ourselves. Instead of rejoicing in the diversity we seem to be cutting ourselves off from anything even remotely divergent from our world view.

God must be despairing

God asks us to Love without condition and without exception. We should all be looking out for those, who maybe because they don't speak English, or who look different; may be in need of help; may be in need of a friend, or an ear, or even just a smile

So yes, let's celebrate St Georges Day and rejoice in our nations' heritage but let's not forget that as the United Kingdom we have always had people here from the world over and that has strengthened our nation, and long may it continue to do so.

Amen

**Annette**

## **Charitable Giving**

Over many years All Saints has given to many different charities, and for the past few years we have had one charity for one-two months at a time. Our giving has however dwindled and without the support for these causes from the fair-trade café we would not really be giving at all.

Over the time that I have been here several people have been responsible for the choice of charities. Some have passed on, whilst the two remaining people have decided that it is time to retire. I want to express my thanks to Sheila Cooper and Pat Flaherty for their dedication in choosing causes for us to support and for their work in finding charities which fitted the brief of local and small.

We now have an opportunity to rethink our charitable giving and I need your opinions and ideas before the PCC carries forward your decisions. If you have any particular causes that you would like us to support, then please let me know by writing them down and either emailing me or giving a piece of paper to a churchwarden or Rita or myself. Please don't just tell me as I have so many things to keep in my head I will forget.

Also how often should we change the charity we support, Monthly, Quarterly, twice a year or Annually.

After the Lent Appeal we will be supporting Christian Aid until the end of May, which should give us sufficient time to have made some decisions about how we support charities in the future.

### **Some of the Charities we have supported in the recent past.**

Bexley Food Bank, The Children's Society, Coombe Trust, Crisis, Christian Aid, Demelza, Emmaus, The Falconer Trust, Freddie Farmer Foundation, Fircroft, Kings College Hospital, Meningitis Now, Royal British Legion, Salvation Army, SANDS (Stillbirth & Neo-natal Death Society), Smile & Smile Train, Sunshine Club, Tearfund, Queen Mary's Cancer Unit, 999 Club Deptford.

Not forgetting the various DEC appeals, the Bishop's Lent appeals, and our continued support for Penny in Peru.

## **Christian Aid**

All Saints PCC has decided that their charity focus until the end of May is on Christian Aid.

This is at a time when people are suffering from starvation caused by extreme weather, violence and poverty.

Christian Aid insists the world can and must be swiftly changed to one where everyone can live a full life. They work for profound change, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality. They provide urgent and practical assistance where need is great, tackling the effects of poverty as well as its root causes.

From April 2012 their work has been focused around their goals and objectives identified in their document entitled 'Partnership For Change - The Power To End Poverty'.

Their essential purpose is:

To expose the scandal of poverty.

To help in practical ways to root it out from the world.

To challenge and change structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised.

Christian Aid is committed to ensuring their decision making is open and transparent.

They are always striving to improve their performance. They try to be effective stewards of the world's scarcest resources and to caring for people now and in the future.

At All Saints we hope to raise significant amounts during Christian Aid Week, which runs from 14th May to 20th May. We hope that many of you will be able to help with our street collection.

On Thursday 18th May after the Thursday service we are hoping to have a Bring and Share Lunch to help boost our collecting and to celebrate Reverend Annette's birthday. We hope that many of you will be able to join us.

## **Simon & Beryl Garson**

Volunteers to deliver leaflets are always welcome, and anyone able to help with the door-to-door collection needs to let Simon know early as collectors have to be authorised.

Lord Jesus,  
In Front Of The Image Of The Shroud  
We Contemplate Your Passion,  
You Are The Man Of Pain  
Who Knows What It Is To Suffer:  
You Have Taken On Our Suffering And Our Pains.  
Like a Lamb To The Slaughter  
You Let Them Mistreat You Without Speaking,  
Offering Yourself In Expiation.  
You Were Pierced For Your Sins,  
Destroyed For Your Iniquity:  
We Have Been Healed Through Your Wounds.  
Make Us Hear Your Voice In Our Hearts,  
So That We May See You  
Where You Are Still Present Today,  
To Meet And Serve You In Our Brothers.  
And When We Can Contemplate  
Your Glorious Face  
Our Joy Will Have No End.  
**You Who Live And Reign World Without End.**  
**AMEN**

**The Royal Church of San Lorenzo  
Turin**

## **Diary Dates for April 2017**

Saturday 1st	10.00-12.00	Parish office
Sunday 2nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 6th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 7th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch
Saturday 8th	5.30 pm	Passover Meal
Sunday 9th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with baptism of Eric Alan Jennings
Tuesday 11th	8.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 12th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
	8.00 pm	Tenebrae Service
Thursday 13th		<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	8.00 pm	Holy Communion with foot washing and stripping of the altars followed by Maundy watch
Friday 14th	10.00 am	Walk of Witness from Clare Corner
	10.00-12.00	Messy Church for Good Friday
	2.00 pm	Reflection on the last hour of Christ's Life
Saturday 15th	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday 16th		<b>EASTER DAY</b>
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 20th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.30 pm	APCM Meeting
Wednesday 26th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
Thursday 27th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

## **Parish Pump**

### **100 Club**

The 100 Club prize in March was won by Bella Broughton (Cynthia Peacock's Granddaughter).

### **Quiz Results**

The February Quiz prize of £16.00 was won by Carol Reed, whose entry was picked 'from the hat' from the entries with the most correct answers received.

### **Monthly Charity**

This month we are raising money for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Detail of the specific Charities chosen this year will be on the notice board by the main entrance. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. Thank you.

### **Future Events (please put these date in your diary)**

Saturday 29th April – NSPCC craft fair

End of March/ beginning April – rolling bookstall ending on 30th April

Saturday 6th May – CANE table sale (We have a table booked)

Sunday 7th May – Confirmation

Tuesday 23rd – Archdeacons Visitation at Southwark Cathedral

Thursday 25th May – Ascension

Thursday 25th May to Sunday 4th June – Thy Kingdom Come – Prayers

Sunday 4th June – Pentecost – Followed by International Lunch – Bring and share

Saturday 10th June – Quiz Evening

Saturday 17th June – Safeguarding training in Church 2-5 pm

Sunday 18th June – Afternoon Tea – for the community with special emphasis on those whose relatives are in our memorial garden (Jo Cox event).

Saturday 24th June – Family Fun Day

Friday 7th July – Sun 9th July – Sponsored Bible reading in Church for 36 hours

Saturday 8th July – CANE Summer fete (We have a stall)

Friday 1st September – Vicarage Garden Party.

## **Organ Update**

By the time you read this, much of the organ renovation will have been completed. The “Swell box” and “Grand Organ” have been repaired and put back in the organ framework, so now replacing the pipes and other inner workings can begin.

We are still hoping that the rebuilding will be complete and that the new parts will have settled into the church environment to enable it to be tuned and ready for a full workout over the Easter Services.

As reported in the February magazine, the repair work, on top of the original estimate for cleaning and overhaul, has come at a price. Since then further repairs have been necessary, resulting in a total cost of the work coming to over £21,000. The generous legacy from the Everness family and our existing Church Music fund has covered about one third of this, with the rest requiring us digging into our reserves until some money from our insurance claim comes through.

## **Hidden Music**

DURING his lifetime, J.S. Bach was a renowned organist, but his compositions went largely ignored.

Then, 80 years after his death, Felix Mendelssohn found music amongst a box of papers that choristers had been wrapping their lunches in. The music was found to be Bach’s Easter composition, “St. Matthew Passion”. Mendelssohn made sure Bach’s “Hidden Music” was performed in Berlin - the restoration of Bach’s reputation as a composer had begun.

The fact that no-one was interested in hearing his music didn’t stop Bach composing in the same way, just because we can’t always see the effect it has, this shouldn’t stop us putting a little love and kindness into a troubled world. It might not seem worthwhile at the time but, like Bach’s “Hidden Music”, it might just be waiting for the right time to be heard.

## **The Friendship Book 2015**



## **Easy fundraising update**

Since we found out about easyfundraising last year you have now generated £210.72 for All Saints. A further £95 of which is due in our bank account this month.

We have been getting some feedback from our online shoppers and understand that shopping via easyfundraising first, or remembering to use the easyfundraising reminder may take a little longer, but there could be benefits for you as well as us.

Easyfundraising alerts you to special offers and discount deals, so you could save money, **any donations you raise are in addition to any rewards from your card provider and it won't stop you getting any cash back.** So please remember easyfundraising before making that online purchase. **It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything. There are no catches or hidden charges.**

I know many of you may not shop online, but I am sure you all know someone in your family or friends who do, please feel free to share our "cause page" (see below) with them on facebook or twitter., or pass on our weekly newssheet or a copy of the magazine with the details. Just looking at our top five contributors, two of whom are my nieces who live in Hornchurch!

There are now 3,100 retailers including Amazon, ebay, John Lewis, Waitrose, Sainsburys (including grocery shopping), M&S, Debenhams, Groupon, Flowers Direct, Just Eat, 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.

All Saints is really grateful to our supporters, and although sometimes the amount of donation generated seems small, we know that every penny counts and it all adds up.

Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintsneweltham>

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, then you can select your store/retailer and do your shopping as normal.

**Answers to the March Quiz sheet**



1 Sir Christopher Wren



2 King Edward VII



3 Princess Diana



4 Julie Andrews



5 Cary Grant



6 Jean Harlow



7 Zsa Zsa Gabor



8 Sammy Davis Junior



9 Clark Gable & Vivien Leigh



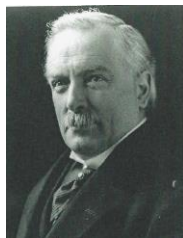
10 Catherine Hepburn & Humphrey Bogart



11 James Stewart



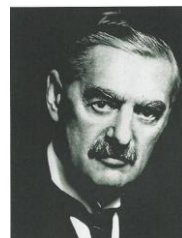
12 Isambard Kingdom Brunel



13 Lloyd George



14 Harold Wilson



15 Neville Chamberlain

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

#### PARISH BOUNDARIES

By Order in Council, dated February 2nd, 1937, the following Roads have been added to our Parish: Footscray Road, from the Woolwich Borough Boundary to Harland Avenue; part of Agaton, that is beyond the Borough Boundary; Brendon Road, Dulverton Road (the part beyond the Borough Boundary); Brooklands Avenue, from No.1 to No. 31; Harland Avenue, from Footscray Road to No. 114 on the even No. side; Telford Road, Frensham Road, Cornwallis Avenue and County Gate. The whole of Agaton and Dulverton Roads are now in the parish.

The new area has been taken over from the parishes of Holy Trinity, Lamorbey and Christ Church, Sidcup, and from the Diocese of Rochester.

#### THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

The Annual Parochial Meeting was held in the Hall on Monday, March 1st, when about 60 of the 626 people on the Electoral Roll were present. Think! 60 of 626—words fail me! Well, someone not afraid of being rude, suggested that what we lacked in quantity we made up for in quality. The layman is allowed to say such things but the Vicar is silent and wonders!

However it was a happy meeting and all went well. Our worthy auditor, Mr. A. H. Field, guided us through the finances and showed us a deficit in Church Maintenance of £45. Our Duplex figures were £380 on the Home side and £94 on the Missionary side—this is a decrease of £5 on the Home side which of course with our increasing population ought not to be.

*The “Church Logbook” for April 1977 records:*

Mrs May Lees finished her term as Churchwarden after 3 years in office and having reached the grand old age of 80. She has done laudable service. At the APM Mrs Olive Tuffley was elected as her successor and accepted the office. Mr Len Highmore continued in office.

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