

All Saints Magazine



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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

I feel honoured that I can address you as my friends and know that I am loved and cared for in this way. For today, the morning after the terrorist attack in Manchester, we all need to look to our friends, to look into our communities and to quote the former MP Jo Cox look at what unites us not what divides us.

The shock and horror of this attack is accompanied by anger and disbelief that anyone could or would want to harm young people in this way. I feel immense sorrow too, for those families who now are grieving, for those who have been injured and for all those living with the shock. I am thankful too for our police force and our ambulance services who responded quickly and efficiently.

Manchester has always been a second home to the Rose family and it feels like they bombed our neighbours and our friends. Thankfully several of our friends, who live there, have been on social media this morning and they are ok. One of my friends son was actually stewarding at the Arena last night, he too is safe, if a little shaken, but has witnessed things no 18 year old should.

Hot on the heels of the attack at the houses of parliament recently, we all feel a bit more unsafe.

There seems to be no reasonable explanation for terror attacks, and this is what scares me the most because it is attacking everyday people doing everyday things, and has no respect for age, gender, or race.

But I trust in God, God who loves us and cares for us, God who weeps when we weep, and who feels all the anguish of this attack, and who will be there holding the grieving in his arms, who is there in those who are called to protect us, and in the medical practitioners who will help to heal those who are injured.

Those who perpetrate such attacks are jealous of the freedoms we have, they are threatened by our different opinions, threatened by the rights that we uphold, of women, of the disabled, of all people.

We must remain steadfast, in the face of this attack, to carry on with our lives, to not retreat but to continue with the things which make life the best it can be, to be human in our response to the pain of those who have lost, for if we lose our compassion and our humanity then we have truly lost to the terrorists.

A Collect for Peace:

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Annette

Confirmation Service

On Sunday 7th May, All Saints was abuzz with excitement. Firstly that from the parish, six candidates (Angela Bailey, Sharon Bullen, Michelle Lawal, Sophie Lewis Karl Wayt and Elizabeth Hinde) had put themselves forward for to be confirmed as “communicating members of the Church of England”.



Secondly that the confirmation service was to be led by the newly consecrated Bishop of Woolwich Dr. Woyin Karowei Dorgu, (whose name means ‘priest servant of almighty God’).



Unfortunately the organ had still not been fully reassembled so there was no formal choir, however, this was made up for by the electric piano and a larger than usual congregation, including choir members, in full voice.

There was a full set of servers; crucifer and acolytes; and churchwardens to ensure that all the ceremonial niceties were properly observed.

Bishop Karowei preached about individuals being called by name and being commissioned into the service of God. Baptismal promises were renewed, and the service concluded with the hymn "I the Lord of sea and sky", the last line of each verse asks "Whom shall I send" to be met with the refrain response "Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord? A truly special service.

As usual All Saints made a special effort with the refreshments in the hall after the service, and the Bishop spent so much time with the candidates and the rest of the congregation, that apparently his wife had phoned to see where he had got to!

Archdeacons Visitation Service.

Your new, re-elected and former Churchwardens along with members of the Clergy, PCC and Deanery Synod attended the above service at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday 23rd May for the annual legal swearing in service.

Before the service starts all the churchwardens in the diocese are “charged” with carrying out the wishes of the Bishop. This year there are five charges.

1. to grow weekly attendance by 5% by 2025
2. to increase the number of worshipping communities, focusing on areas of population growth, with Fresh Expressions as the tool and greater representation as the goal.
3. to grow the financial resource base by 2020, an annual surplus, working reserves of six months’ operating costs, and 1% of turnover dedicated to major ministry and mission projects in 2016, rising to 2% in 2020.
4. to grow the number of ordained and lay vocations by 50% by 2020 by enabling and discerning ordained ministers, expanding opportunities for licensed and commissioned lay leadership, affirming and growing other forms of lay ministry (e.g. worship leaders, family & youth leaders, spiritual directors), offering relevant and enriching training, and creating networks of support and celebration that reflect the diversity of the diocese, our commitment to evangelism and discipleship, and deliver fully integrated and pioneering church growth and fresh expressions.
5. to grow leadership and wider representation reflecting the full diversity of the diocese, including ethnicity, age, education, socioeconomic circumstances and tradition.

The service itself was led by our own Eltham and Mottingham Deanery, in the style of Evening Prayer, with music from the Taizé Community, something very different from the usual readings and hymns format.

Your Churchwardens, now officially appointed, look forward to working with the incumbent, the PCC, the congregation and the wider population of New Eltham to deliver “the charge” and promise to use their historic powers of arrest sparingly!

Diary Dates for June 2017

Thursday 1st	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 - 4.00	Thy Kingdom Come Prayers
	6.00 - 8.00	Thy Kingdom Come Prayers
Friday 2nd	2.00 - 4.00	Thy Kingdom Come Prayers
	6.00 - 8.00	Thy Kingdom Come Prayers
Saturday 3rd	2.00 - 4.00	Thy Kingdom Come Prayers
	6.00 - 8.00	Thy Kingdom Come Prayers
Sunday 4th	PENTECOST	
	10.00 am	Followed by International Lunch – Bring and share
Thursday 8th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 10th	7.00 for 7.30	Quiz Evening
Sunday 11th	TRINITY SUNDAY	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 pm	Baptism
Wednesday 14th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
Thursday 15th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 17th	2.00 - 5.00	Safeguarding training in Church
Sunday 18th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 - 4.00	Afternoon Tea - for the community with special emphasis on those whose relatives are in our memorial garden (Jo Cox event).
Thursday 22nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 pm	Baptism
Wednesday 28th	10.30-12.00	Fair Trade Café
Thursday 29th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 1st July	11.00 – 2.30	Family Fun Day

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Parish Pump

Baptisms

21st May, Harrison Ben Edward Mould.

28th May, Nyah Ciel George.

Funeral

9th May, Joyce Edna Dix.

100 Club

The 100 Club prize in May was won by Janet Johnson.

Quiz Results

The April Quiz prize of £16 was won by Vera Owen, whose entry was picked 'from the hat' from the correct entries received.

Monthly Charity

This month we are raising money for the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. Thank you.

Future Events (please put these dates in your diary)

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.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
New Eltham, SE9 3TZ

Family Fun Day!

Saturday 1st July
11am-2.30pm

Bouncy Castle

Charity Stalls

Craft Stalls

CAKES

Refreshments

Admission FREE

Abridged from “the Bridge”

The April edition of “the Bridge” carried an article about a former Bishop of Kingston (1978 – 1984) after his death at age 82, the Right Revd. Keith Sutton. After Kingston he was Bishop of Lichfield until his retirement in 2003. He had previously served in Uganda with the Church Mission Society and in the 1980s was sent by the Archbishop of Canterbury to support Archbishop Desmond Tutu in South Africa.

Bishop Richard said: “One of the privileges of being Bishop of Kingston is following in the footsteps of so many distinguished predecessors”.

Clearly the Rt. Revd. Keith Sutton’s distinction spread across the Southwark diocese to the extent that one of the blocks of houses behind All Saints is named after him.

A further co-incidence is that the current Bishop of Lichfield the Rt. Revd. Dr. Michael Igrave’s last calling was as our previous Bishop of Woolwich.

Answers to the May Quiz sheet

GEOGRAPHICAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What term is used to describe the Spanish/Portugese peninsula? **Iberia**
2. What is the county town of Cornwall? **Truro**
3. Of which mountainous country is Katmandu the capital? **Nepal**
4. On which river does Carlisle stand? **Eden**
5. Which is the largest U.S. state? **Alaska**
6. Which town is Edinburgh’s port? **Leith**
7. What is the largest ocean? **Pacific**
8. Of which English county is Chelmsford the county town? **Essex**
9. Which U.S. state has the capital Topeka? **Kansas**
10. Which river joins the Trent to form the Humber? **Ouse**
11. What is the capital of Vietnam? **Hanoi**
12. In which London borough is The Angel located? **Islington**
13. In which province of Ireland is Dublin located? **Leinster**
14. Which Indian state was formerly a Portugese enclave? **Goa**
15. Which city is served by Marco Polo airport? **Venice**

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

At the last meeting the Treasurers presented accounts showing a bank overdraft of £224: to this has to be added £60 for Vicarage repairs.

It was agreed that £100 from the October Sale of Work shall be allocated to cost of repairs, i.e., heating apparatus and Vicarage roof.

It was agreed to plant "Coronation Trees" near the Gerda Road fence between the Hall and Bercta Road. These will be planted in September. About six will be needed and the Guides and Brownies are giving one and the Mothers Union another. Further offers will be welcomed.

Open Air Services were discussed in connection with the "Recall to Religion" and the necessary arrangements are in hand. The Duplex Committee reported on its efforts to obtain new members for the Free Will Offering Scheme.

OPEN AIR SERVICES

We are hoping to arrange for three or four Sunday Evening Open Air Services—after Evensong. We are very anxious to make them really successful and appeal for your united support. We hope to arrange at least one each month for June, July and August. We shall have a shortened Evensong and leave Church about 7.30 p.m.

The "Church Logbook" for June 1977 records:

Brian Booth – Server – recommended for the Auxiliary Ministry by ACCM. Training to commence in September with S. O. C. This means we now have two Ordinands.

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