

# All Saints Magazine



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## **Letter from our Vicar**

Dear Friends

May sees us reach the climax of the election campaigns and on May 7th we will have a new government. The bishops have been encouraging us to think long and hard about voting and ensuring that we have a say in the future of this country. They have asked our MPs and those standing in this election to think radically about our country and what could be. You can read their report online at

[www.churchofengland.org/media/2170230/whoismyneighbour-pages.pdf](http://www.churchofengland.org/media/2170230/whoismyneighbour-pages.pdf)

We are reminded that we need to build a society which works together, which builds communities and supports those who need it, whilst allowing space for all to grow and become the best they can possibly be.

As a church we need to support those who are not racist or sexist or ageist, we need to listen to all who come to us and to help those in need, whoever they are and where ever they come from. But we are not to be doormats and let ourselves or our country be taken advantage of.

We have many choices and many options in this election and I would ask that you weigh them all very carefully and vote with your heart and your head.

God Bless.

**Annette**



### **Good Friday—Walk of Witness**

As is usual our walk of witness on Good Friday started from Clare Corner on a dry, fine day. We numbered approximately 30, about half from All Saints, half from the Methodist Church and some from the Catholic congregation.

This year we were joined by Penny and Juan Carlos de Marcés, as they were visiting us from Peru, and Juan Carlos carried the cross all the way—no mean feat, as it is very heavy. We make several stops along the route for a reading and a hymn, our last stop is at the Methodist Church. (see photo below).

Our friends there provide a much needed cup of tea and a hot cross bun. If you have not been on the walk before, please consider it for next year. It is a most uplifting experience.



**Good Friday—Walk of Witness-cont.**

In contrast we dug this photo out of the archive of All Saints' walk of witness along Southwood Road, circa 1933.

Can you spot the difference!

Well done to all of you who recognised that this year the children were in Messy Church at all Saints'!



Cross bearers from left to right, Mr Pond, Mr. Nelson and Mr Parfitt.

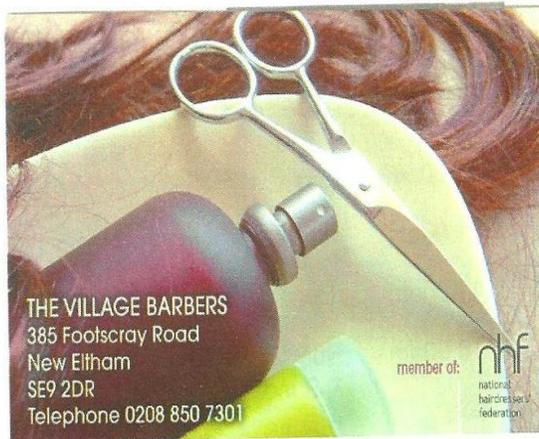
## **Things Lovely**

Have you ever wondered at  
The beauty of a tree,  
The tiny velvet rosebud,  
The humming fluffy bee?

The furry fledglings in the nest  
And daisies small and shy,  
A tinted sunset in the west,  
A dainty butterfly.

Our world is full of wonder  
There's beauty everywhere,  
If only we would take the time  
To stop - and stand - and stare.

**Kathleen Gillum**



### ***The Village Barbers***

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## Ode to Spell Checkers

I have a spelling Checker  
I disk covered four my PC  
It plane lee marks four my revue  
Miss Steaks aye can knot see

Eye ran this poem threw it  
Your sure real glad two no.  
Its very polished in its weigh  
My Checker tolled me sew

Each frays comes posed up on my screen  
Eye trussed too bee a joule  
The checker pours o'er every word  
To cheque sum spelling rule

Bee fore wee rote with checkers  
Hour spelling was in deck line  
Butt now when wee dew have a laps  
Wee are not maid too wine

And now bee cause my spelling  
Is checked with such grate flare  
There and faults in awl this peace  
Of nun eye am a wear

To rite with care is quite a feet  
Of witch win should be proud  
And we mussed dew the best wee can  
Sew flaws are knot aloud

That's why eye brake in two averse  
Cuz eye dew want to please  
Sow glad eye yam that aye did bye  
This soft wear four pea seas

**Diary Dates for May 2015**

Saturday 2nd	10.00 am	Parish Office	
Sunday 3rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion	
Thursday 7th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	
Sunday 10th	10.00 am	Holy Communion	
	3.00 - 5.00	Afternoon tea for MU	
Wednesday 13th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café	
	8.00 pm	Archdeacons Visitation	Service at
		Cathedral	
Thursday 14th		<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	
	7.30 pm	Joint Ascension Day service	for the
		Deanery at St Saviours	Middle Park
Saturday 16th	9.30 - 4.00	Deanery Away Day at The Old	
		School Room, Greenwich	Naval College
Sunday 17th	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Quiet	
		Service)	
	11.00 am	Holy Communion ( Noisy	
		Service) & Church Parade	
	2.30 pm	Baptism Matilda	
Thursday 21st	11.00 am	Holy Communion	
Sunday 24th		<b>PENTECOST</b>	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion	
Wednesday 27th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café	
Thursday 28th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	
	12.00 pm	Christian Aid, Bring and Share	
		Lunch, in the Hall	
Sunday 31st	10.00 am	Holy Communion	

Please check the weekly news sheet for any changes.

## **Parish Pump**

The 100 Club in April (bumper prize) was won by Emma Lewis.

## **Mothers Union**

We are hoping to relaunch MU in our parish and to this end we are meeting for afternoon tea in the hall on Sunday 10th May to look at where we go from here.

## **Youth Club**

We are meeting with all our young people to look at how they engage with church and how we can work together with them as they journey in faith.

Thank you for all who prepared the church for Easter. Our services were well attended and much appreciated by all. Especial thanks to all who did flowers and to our Choir, who have been rightly complimented on their choices of music.

Following on from our recent article about Joan Hooper (taken from the SE Nine), we thought it might be an idea to hear from others members of our congregation. If you are interested in writing a short resume (or a long one) please submit your article by the 14th June. We hope to print one each month-or alternate months- and we hope to have a good response to this request

## **Future Events**

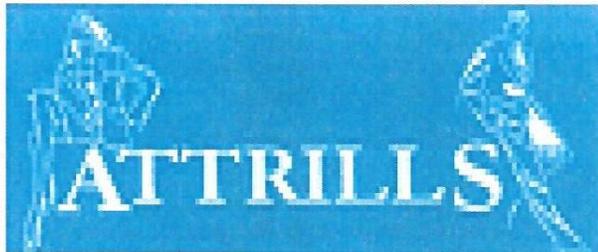
Thursday 4th June—Corpus Christi, Deanery Act of Worship, 7.30 Holy Trinity.

Saturday 27th June—Family Fun Day incorporating the Nearly New Sale. If you might be interested in buying a table please speak to Sheila Cooper or Barbara Avery.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity to say thank you to all the members of the PCC for their hard work on our behalf. Here we remember in particular the duties of the churchwardens.

From "Septuagesima" By John Betjeman (1906-1984).

But most of all let's praise the few  
Who are seen in their accustomed pew  
Throughout the year, whate'r the weather  
That they may worship God together.  
These, like a fire of glowing coals,  
Strike warmth into each other's souls  
And though they be but two or three  
They keep the church for you and me.



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## Smile Lines

### **MPs only**

At the pearly gates St. Peter greeted a minister and an MP and gave them their room keys. Vicar, here are the keys to our nicest single room, and for you Mr. MP, here are the keys to our finest penthouse apartment suite. The vicar began to protest that this wasn't fair. "Listen" St. Peter said "ministers are ten a penny up here, but this is the first MP we've seen".

### **Church Notices**

At the evening service, the sermon topic will be What is Hell? Come early and listen to our choir practise.

Eight new choir robes are needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.

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## Idioms and phrases

This month, idioms and phrases are from the works of **William Shakespeare** (1564-1616). During the sixteenth century English vocabulary was increased by the revival of Old English words that had fallen into disuse and those from Latin and Greek.

... **brave new world**: a sinister future world that promises much but may well not deliver is a negative view from its origin in *The Tempest* (1611) of a magical enchanted island.

... **to eat someone out of house and home**: to consume a great deal and use up a person's resources was used by Mistress Quickly as a complaint against Falstaff's greed in *Henry 1V*. Part 11(1597)

... **to gild the lily**: to over embellish, to add unnecessary ornamentation this is an early 20th century misquote from King John. c.1591 where Salisbury poetically says " *To gild refined gold, to paint the lily.*" An error that now has been absorbed into the language.

... **the green-eyed monster**: jealousy, envy. As early as the 14th century the pallor of a sick or distressed person was seen as being *green*, inspiring Shakespeare to describe jealousy as *green-eyed* in *The Merchant of Venice* (1596) and as *green-eyed monster* in *Othello* (1604). Envy has also come to denote the emotion where a person resents the good fortune of another.

... **to wear one's heart on one's sleeve**: to make one's feelings obvious. This phrase is also from *Othello* in the first scene where Lago feigns devotion to Othello. This phrase is a reworking of the 16th century *to pin someone or something on one's sleeve* meaning to have a firm attachment to someone or something and did not become idiomatic until the 19th century.

... **there is a method in one's madness**: there is a sound reason behind apparently illogical behaviour. This phrase is from *Hamlet* (1604) and is Polonius's comment on the prince's feigned madness: " *Though this be madnesse. Yet there is Method in't.*"

... **in the pink**: in the best of health; to the highest degree (of something). From the 13th century *flower* was used to denote outstanding qualities. In *Romeo and Juliet* *pink* was substituted for *flower* in banter between Mercutio and Romeo, with Mercutio claiming to be the paragon of a courteous man. *Mercutio: Nay, I am the very pinck of curtesie. Romeo; Pincke for flower.*

Thereafter pink often replaced flower in such contexts, in such phrases as *pink of perfection* and in the *pink of health*, the latter now condensed to *in the pink*.

... **salad days**: one's days of youth and inexperience. Since the 15th century *Green* has also been used to mean to mean youthful, the allusion to the shoots of young spring foliage. In *Antony and Cleopatra* (1606) Cleopatra speaks of her *salad days, when I was green in judgement, cold in blood*. The metaphor was then put into use in the second half of the 19th century and it was spoken by another Queen, this time in 1977 by Queen Elizabeth 11 on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee, when in her speech at the Guildhall in London she renewed her pledge to serve the people:

*My Lord Mayor, when I was twenty-one I pledged my life to the service of our people and I asked for God's help to make good that vow. Although that vow was made in my salad days, when I was green in judgement, I do not regret nor retract one word of it.*

... **thereby hangs a tale:** there is a story to tell about this. *Thereby lyeth a tale* is recorded in the 16th century but the witty pun was possibly first used by Shakespeare for he used it in a number of his plays-

The Taming of the Shrew (1592); The Merry Wives of Windsor (1597); As You like It (1599); and Othello (1604), ensuring its status as an idiom.

Shakespeare's works contain many idioms and phrases that have had an influence on the English language; this is just a brief selection from his memorable writings.

*From the Archives – we don't have a May 1935 magazine but here are some extracts of the time from Mr Pond's "Our Heritage" book.*

The Teaching Convention was the first big step in connection with the Bishops' call to Evangelism for 1935, also as a help for the preparation of a large Parish Mission in the near future.

The Bishops' call to Evangelism to every Parish in the Diocese was a direct challenge to every congregation to help God's work in each Parish. The All Saints' response to the Bishops' call was to arrange for a Parochial Mission in the Parish to take effect in February 1936, this giving ample time for making the necessary preparation.

The Missioners appointed to conduct the Mission were the Rev. Fredrick King of the Community of the Resurrection and his assistant the Rev. Nicholas Hawthorn.

A prayer hour each Tuesday evening 8-9 o/c was agreed upon with special intention of the coming Mission the following year.

*There are no entries in the "Church Logbook" for May 1975.*

*Historical Notes:* The Teaching Convention took place from 1st-8th November 1934; extracts were printed in last Novembers' magazine.

The newly revised Electoral Roll for 1935 numbered 578.

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



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