

All Saints Magazine



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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

It was with great relief that I heard the vote for the ordination of women to the episcopate was passed by general synod. The debate took all day and, after the failure of the legislation to stand up last time, a lot of work had been done making sure that those who are not ready to accept this yet were cared for, as well as ensuring that it is enabling the church to fully accept women as valued, fully capable beings.

It is important that we have a church that is fully inclusive and does not exclude anyone for their gender, race or sexuality. There are still moves to be made but the acceptance of women to be bishops is a significant step along the way.

Jesus himself treated women as valued members of his group. He had women with him as he travelled preaching and teaching. He healed men and women and he has women with him at the foot of the cross.

It is to Mary Magdalene that the risen Christ first appears. When Jesus sees Mary in the garden he doesn't say "off you go and get me a man" but gives her his message for the disciples.

"Go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my father and your father, to my God and your God."

Jesus didn't make distinctions and he loves us all as we are for who we are. He uses us for different things according to our ability and our suitability but he doesn't stick to convention or to what has been done before but often completely turns the order of this world on its head.

For God has the ability to take the ordinary and make it extraordinary.

AMEN

God Bless

Annette

Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me,
Let me praise a little more.
Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery-
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for
Let me be a little meeker
With the brother who is weaker
Let me think more of my neighbour
And a little less of me.

Traditions and Customs - August.

In the old agricultural calendar the first day of August was Lammas, or literally “loaf mass” when the wheat harvest was celebrated. Everyone took to church a loaf made of new wheat. The custom died out, but was revived in the 1840s by R.S. Hawker, Vicar of Morwenstow in Cornwall, though festivities were delayed until later, he thereby founded the modern harvest festival and the custom of bringing fruit, vegetables and produce into the church.

August’s first Monday became a bank holiday in 1871, along with Easter Monday, Whit Monday and Boxing Day-all of which swiftly established them in the pattern of British life.

August 12th the ‘glorious twelfth’ is the start of the grouse shooting season, where gentlemen attend shooting parties. It originally marked the end of smart society’s London season as families moved north.

Every August since 1947 the successful arts festival has been held in Edinburgh, the main attractions of music and theatre are supplemented by a ‘fringe’ fare and spectacular torchlight tattoo, with the castle as a romantic backdrop.

St. Bartholomew’s day is August 24th, and is often celebrated with Fairs held both in London and in the Yorkshire village of West Witton, where an effigy is burned while a traditional poem is recited; the origins of this custom have been lost.

Smile Lines

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, “Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?”

To which I replied, “If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?”

He smiled knowingly and nodded, “That’s why we ask.”

Luton Airport

The nice part about living in a small town:

When you don’t know what you’re doing someone else always does.

Diary Dates for August 2014

Sunday 3rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Bruce Driver
Thursday 7th	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Brett Ward
Sunday 10th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Derek Robinson
Wednesday 13th	10.30–12.00	Fair trade café
Thursday 14th	NO SERVICE	
Sunday 17th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	1.00 pm	Baptism of Delilah Violet Harris
	3.00 pm	Wedding of Anthony Biesack and Jing Wang
Thursday 21st	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 22nd	2.00 pm	Wedding of Jade Harman and Charles Miller
Sunday 24th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 noon	Baptism of Connie Karen Edna Wickes
	2.30 pm	Wedding Blessing Charlotte and Ashley Thomas
Wednesday 27th	10.30–12.00	Fair trade café
Thursday 28th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31st	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 noon	Baptism of Daisy Grace Hitchen

Please check the weekly news sheet for any changes.

Parish Pump

Thank you so much for the lovely Icon and cake at the BBQ to celebrate 10 years of ministry. It was a lovely surprise especially the cake – most unexpected.
Rev'd Annette.

The family fun day went well despite the weather and we had a really good number of children and families there. We even made a slight profit, an added bonus. Especially thanks to Ruth Fancett who, despite all the other things going on in her life, still managed to organise it all and coerce us all into being there and taking part.

Also despite the promised bad weather the Sunshine Club's annual outing to Eastbourne went well, with several members enjoying a stroll along the prom as well as fish and chips, and Ice cream.

The 100 Club

Last month the 100 club was won by Clare Walker.

Baptisms

Amelia Grace Matthews on the 13th July

Weddings

Aaron Walker and Hayley Clancy on the 19th July

Ryan Martin and Lauryn Cooper on the 26th July

Funerals

Bronwyn Martha Martin on 4th July

Sidney Alfred Bloomfield on 9th July

Christopher Wallace Tomlin on 10th July

Doris Maud Blake on 16th July

Kyra Marie Grace Woodhouse on 16th July

Future dates for the Diary

Saturday 18th October – Quiz Evening.

Parish Pump-cont.

Wednesday 16th July was a sad day at All Saints as we said goodbye to two of our congregation. The first was Doris Blake, much loved mum of Carole Whybrow. She had a long and fulfilled life with children grandchildren, great grandchildren and a great great granddaughter – Nicola.

The second was Kyra woodhouse at only 21 months old. A video of her short life was shown as visitors arrived, and her service ended with the release of twenty one balloons at the graveside.

Both services were uplifting in their own special ways and both Doris and Kyra will be sadly missed.

From the Archives – snippets from the August magazine of 1934, price twopence.

YOUTH—A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

The Woolwich Ruri-Decanal Youth Team has made arrangements for a big Outdoor Witness Procession on Sunday, August 26th, at 8 p.m.

The procession will start from St. Michael's Church, East Wickham, and proceed to the Shoulder-of-Mutton Green, Welling, where an open air service will be held. The Rev. H. P. Steer, the Chairman of the R. D. Youth Team, writes: "Although this is arranged at the request of the Youth Team, and we especially ask for as many young people between the ages of 17 and 30 as possible, the support of older Church people is earnestly requested. Please do all in your power to make this a really big and impressive Act of Witness on the part of the Church Catholic rather than one unaided parish."

Now I fancy I can hear some dear young things exclaiming about the distance etc., etc. Yes I know; but it *is* a special effort and it would be splendid fun apart from anything else to get a really big party over to East Wickham for this procession. After all its not so far away as Wimbledon or the Oval, and we have heard of young folk straying so far from home! Father Steer suggests sending over some servers and young men especially for the procession—"even if it means they miss Evensong," he says. I like the quiet naïve way in which he assumes servers are, as a matter of course, present at Evensong!!

WAIFS AND STRAYS.

The garden party at Eltham Vicarage resulted in £91. Our stall, the sweets and ice cream, did nearly £7.

The flag day on Tuesday, July 3rd, organised by Mrs. Scates, produced £9 10s. 7d. Many thanks to all helpers at both events.

The "Church Logbook" for August 1974 records:

Parish outing to Brighton.

Historical Note: The "Church of England Incorporated Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays", to give it its full title, was founded in 1881 by Edward de Mountjoie Rudolf, who worked with his brother Robert as a Sunday School teacher at St. Anne's, South Lambeth. In 1946 it was renamed the "Church of England Children's Society", and from 1982 became "The Children's Society" as we know it today.

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