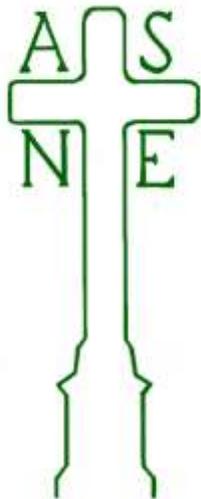


All Saints Magazine



December 2013

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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

We begin in December to look forwards to Christmas and start to ensure we have sent our cards, sorted our presents and planned our menu. In church we will have prepared too, with flowers, cleaning, making sure we have enough wine and wafers, filling the candles, learning the carols and all the music, practising with the servers, Rita and myself too making sure we know what we are doing, when and where.

When families come together in celebration we often eat together and this becomes a time for talking and sharing as well.

We need to have made some preparation before we come to church so that we can focus fully on the service. Each of us is responsible for the fellowship, it is not just dependent on the priest or the choir or the servers but the whole congregation coming together to worship God in this place.

When partaking of the Eucharist we need to be ready to talk to God and take a full part in the fellowship that we are privileged to share.

That means we need to lay aside all the concerns of the day to day and be just for that one hour of worship fully in God's presence.

It is all too easy to get so caught up in the preparations that we have no energy left to enjoy the celebration itself and that is why Advent is a season of quiet and penitence, a season of thoughtfulness and reflection on the coming of Christ and all that that can mean for our lives.

This December take some time in the whirl of preparations to pause, to pray and to reflect on the fact that God became man for our salvation, and that is truly worthy of a celebration.

Amen

God Bless
Annette

All Saints' Children Choir New Eltham at the Indonesia Kontemporer

“To Lisa, thank you for an opportunity of a life time”. *From Emily Lewis, Sophie, Philip, Elo, Tia, Joshua Anaiya, Matias, Oreva, Anezka Buller.*

What a blessing to receive such lovely thank you notes after listening to the beautiful voices of the children of the choir of All Saints', New Eltham.

Directed by the talented and devoted choir director Luke Green, this children choir managed to steal up to 300 hearts when they sang Indonesian songs in front of the audience at the Indonesia Kontemporer festival at the SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies) University of London in Russell Square, London on a fine Saturday 19th October 2013.

The children and parents arrived at the venue full of excitement. First they went to check on the stage where they were going to perform then went to see an Indonesian story telling session. One of the stories was about an Indonesian dragon called Komodo. They seemed to be quite taken by the story. Before they took their seats, the children were enjoying themselves rummaging through the different variety of Indonesian textiles to wear on the stage.



After some more practice and lunch break the children seemed to be ready to put on the best show ever. And they did!



They sang about getting a ride on a rickshaw called 'Becak' and a lovely song called 'Kampung Halamanku' or 'My Home Village'. They also sang a rather sad song about a family losing their daughter during the war called Melati di Tapal Batas (Jasmine flower at the border). The choir hasn't just performed very well; they have also made some of the audience shed their tears listening to such sweet voices. It's an opportunity of a life time for the audience too.



It's great to see the familiar faces of Evelyn, Brenda, Vera, Carol and Betty and the proud parents in between the audience

To Luke Green, Emily Lewis, Sophie, Philip, Elo, Tia, Joshua Anaiya, Matias, Oreva, Anezka Buller and last but not least Revd Anette and all parents who accompanied the choir, Thank you for an opportunity of a life time. I hope you have enjoyed the experience.



From Lisa Siregar, the organiser of Indonesia Kontemporer 2013



by *Lisa Nayoan Siregar*

Christingle



*All Saints Church
Bercta Road
December 1st 4.00pm*

Diary Dates for December 2013

Sunday 1st	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 noon	Baptism Alexander Davidson
	4.00 pm	Christingle
Tuesday 3rd	9.30-12.00	St Olaves Rehearsal
Wednesday 4th	9.30-12.00	St Olaves Rehearsal
	7.00 pm	Christmas Concert St Olaves
Thursday 5th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 6th		Church open for Christmas Tree Festival preparation
Saturday 7th	10.00-12.00	Messy Church for Christmas
	11.00 am	Parish Office
Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th		Christmas Tree Festival
Sunday 8th	10.00 am	Holy Communion & Sunday School
Wednesday 11th	10.30-12.00	Fair Trade Café
Thursday 12th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Nativity Play
	12.00 noon	Thanksgiving for the gift of a child (George Troubridge)
Monday 16th	9.00-12.00	Wyborne School Rehearsal
	12.00-5.00 pm	Dulverton School service
Tuesday 17th	12.00-5.00 pm	Wyborne School Service
Thursday 19th	11.00 am	Holy communion
Sunday 22nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	CTNE Carol Service
Tuesday 24th		Christmas Eve
	4.00 pm	Crib Service
	9.00 pm	Roman Catholic Mass
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25th		Christmas Day
	10.00 am	Family Communion
Sunday 29th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
		Followed by Sherry & Mince Pies In the vicarage

A prayer for peace in our world

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of all nations,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Amen

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
BERCTA ROAD**



**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
7TH & 8TH DECEMBER**

**TREES, REFRESHMENTS, MUSIC,
CAROLS, STALLS**

Parish Pump

All Saints Day was fantastic. Thank you to all who contributed to the day. Thanks especially to the Choir, who really make a difference to our worship, and thanks to Ruth, Iris & Sheila for their organisation of the lunch.

Harvest Festival too was a good day and The Falconer Trust and the Food Bank received many contributions from us, which will help those in need at this time. During October we raised a further £248.39 for The Falconer Trust.

Baptisms

Buddy Beau Pierson on 10th November

(He is the great grandson of Terry Freak – one time landlord of the Beehive)

Funerals

Audrey Wroe - A former teacher at Montbelle School

Joan Carter

Terry Attwood

From the Archives – snippets from the December magazine of 1933, price twopence.

MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST

After careful consideration we have decided to have a Midnight Eucharist this year to commence at 11.45 p.m., Christmas Eve. Many people use the midnight service to make their Christmas Communion. There is, of course, no reason why they should not do so, as long as they are properly prepared. In fact, we expect a good number will do so. I think it may be helpful and useful to say something about the rule of fasting Communion. The usual rule, if one wishes to communicate at the Christmas Midnight Eucharist, is to fast from 6 p.m. It cannot be considered proper preparation to come and communicate after a late supper. We hope, therefore, that those who wish to make their Communions will give this matter their careful thought.

There may be some who will appreciate being able to join in the worship of the Midnight Eucharist and who may prefer to make their Communions at one of the earlier services. I hope I have made myself clear. Normally, most people who attend a Midnight Eucharist do communicate and usually I think the majority of such people observe the rule about fasting, but as several have asked for guidance about the rule, I have written at some length about it and about the service generally.

PERSONAL

The Rev. H. Hinkley has taken up work at St. Bartholomew's, Camberwell. Mr. Hinkley offered himself for work in Damarland, West Africa, but the Mission Doctor decided it would be unwise for Mr. Hinkley to undertake this work. Mr. Hinkley has kindly presented to All Saints an Alms bag which was specially made for us by a lady in his old parish in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, Canada.

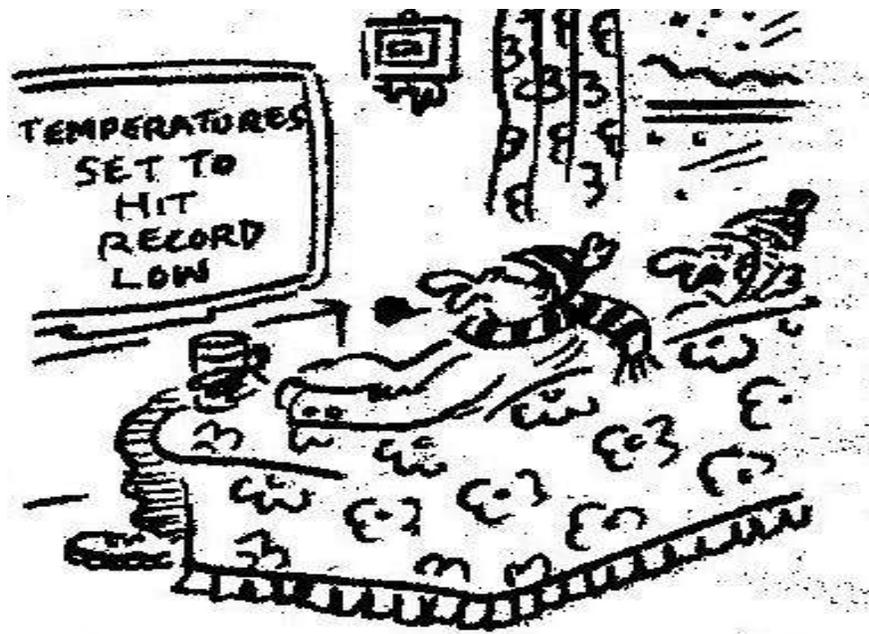
The "Church Logbook" for December 1973 records

New Bell set up to replace the Bell stolen during the building of Mervyn Stockwood House. Work completed by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. New Bell provided from the Diocesan Store through the Church Commissioners.

Historical Notes: Damarland, now called Damaraland is between the North West coast and the Etosha National Park in Namibia, approx 56 miles North of the capital Windhoek.

Qu'Appelle is in Saskatchewan province, Canada, approx. 37 miles East of the Provincial capital Regina.

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



*'Now can we put
the heating on?'*