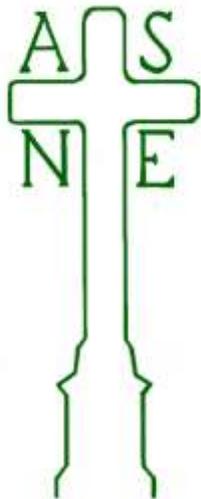


# All Saints Magazine



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## **Letter from our Vicar**

Dear Friends

I hope you have had a happy and Holy Christmas and now we look to the New Year and all that that brings.

What 2014 brings, particularly to All Saints, are the twofold challenges of continuing our mission and building on it and being able to pay for this and to meet all our financial obligations.

So let's look at our mission, well God's mission, which we are to carry out. Basically and simply we are to spread the word of Jesus and his life and his love for us. We are to share how the gospel changes our lives and to enable others to experience that change for themselves.

We have so many good things going on which we can build on and work on.

We have all the things which go on in our church hall and each and everything going on there has someone from church there.

We have our children's events and those things which encourage families to engage with church and the gospel, Sunday school, junior choir, messy church, family fun day, family communion.

We have the Sunshine Club, and all those who work with the disabled and the elderly. We have our group who meet here for communion on a Thursday, and then go on to CANE and a wider group, most of whom then go for lunch in Chislehurst once a month.

We have so many fingers in so many pies, it is amazing and we are building on this year by year, not with a huge bang of fireworks but slowly and surely preaching, teaching, encouraging and showing God's love.

But financially we have had a tough year, we have lost through death or moving away approximately £3000 a year and our costs have risen significantly, and we know that they will continue to rise. Fuel prices have gone up and so has our parish share. Last year we made a loss of approximately £3000.

We do need to fundraise seriously and have the funds to enable us to continue with our mission in this place. Please think carefully about how we can do this together, how we can give ministry and mission our priority and how we can encourage this community to support us as we support them.

Amen

## **New Year's Wishes**

What shall I wish thee?  
Treasures of earth?  
Songs in the springtime?  
Pleasures and mirth?  
Flowers on the pathway?  
Skies ever clear?  
Would this ensure thee  
a Happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee?  
What can be found  
bringing the sunshine  
all the year round?  
Where is the treasure,  
lasting and dear?  
That shall ensure thee  
a Happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth  
Walking in light.  
Hope that abounded,  
Happy and bright;  
Love that is perfect,  
Casting out fear;  
These shall ensure thee  
a Happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour  
Rest at his feet.  
Smile of His countenance  
Radiant and sweet,  
Joy in his presence!  
Christ ever near!  
This will ensure thee  
a Happy New Year.

**Frances Ridley Havergal**

## Parish Pump

Well done all those who entered a tree in our Christmas tree festival. We had more visitors this year and fifteen trees altogether. The winners were Wyborne School and their chosen charity Demelza House receives the donation. Congratulations to all those who won a prize in the raffle too.

Thank you for all the celebrations over the Christmas period, particularly the nativity play, who knew we had such actors, and the carol service.

The 100 club was won by Harry Lyons and it was one of the, twice a year, large amount this time.

## Baptisms

1<sup>st</sup> December Alexander Davidson

29<sup>th</sup> December Ivy-Rue Stopperton

## Thanksgiving for the gift of a Child

15<sup>th</sup> December George Noah Troubridge

## Funerals

11<sup>th</sup> December Christina Cecelia Nicholson

12<sup>th</sup> December Patricia Mary Everness

30<sup>th</sup> December Mariette Lucienne Pilbeam

Articles, news and stories for the magazine are always welcome.

Please hand/send/e-mail your contributions to the magazine editors or the vicar by the 14th of the month for inclusion in the next month's magazine.

## **Diary Dates for January 2014**

Thursday 2nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 4th	11.00 am	Parish Office
Sunday 5th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 8th	10.30-12.00 8.00 pm	Fair trade Cafe PCC MEETING
Thursday 9th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 14th	2.15 pm	CTNE meeting at the Vicarage
Thursday 16th	11.00 am	Holy communion
Sunday 19th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion joint service for the week of prayer for Christian unity
Wednesday 22nd	10.30 -1200	Fair trade café
Thursday 23rd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Holy Communion

## **Patricia Mary Everness**

Born on 9th July 1931, Patricia (Pat) was the second of three daughters born to Charles Henry and Henrietta Ruth Serrell in Kidderminster, Worcs. She won a place at Kidderminster High School where she not only did well in her National Exams but also developed musical abilities on the violin. After finishing high up in the Civil Service Exams she moved to London in 1950 to work in the Central Office of Information, and later in the Exchequer and Audit, with whom she travelled throughout the UK.

She met Brian in 1952, through mutual friends, and they married on 14th August 1954. During almost 60 years of marriage their relationship has been a wonderful example of what marriage SHOULD be; their mutual love and interdependence are well-known.

They moved to New Eltham from their flat in Clapham in 1957, becoming house owners. This move coincided with Pat's maternity leave, and she gave up paid employment to become a full-time mother and homemaker, with the births of Penny (1957), Graham (1959) and Kate (1962). One of the first things she did on arriving in New Eltham was to seek a Church. She first attended All Saints' – only to discover shortly afterwards the existence of St Aidan's, the newly-founded daughter Mission Church on the nearby Edgebury Estate. Thus, until the closure of St Aidan's in 1974 Pat was a staunch supporter of the ministry there, either directly or through activities in which the children were involved (uniformed organisations, choir or Sunday School).

Pat's life was not limited to church. Children were taken to many activities (e.g. swimming lessons, riding and dance). They also learnt jam making and cake decorating at home. In addition, Pat made good use of her time by attending Adult Education Classes and learning such diverse skills as basketry (some fruits of which are still in use), sewing and leatherwork. Life was to be enjoyed! She was also ever a wise and helpful neighbour, both in Brownspring Drive and then, from 1964, in Green Lane. Over the years, many have been grateful for the hospitality offered by Pat and Brian.

With the children less dependent Pat had time to become increasingly involved in the Save the Children Fund. She worked for many years both in the Greenwich shop and as Branch Secretary, and was particularly involved in fund-raising, in which she had the full support of Brian. Her lengthy years of devoted service were rewarded in 2006 by the presentation by Princess Anne of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

After 1974 when St Aidan's was closed Pat served All Saints' in many ways, always with dedication: Churchwarden during 4 terms; a member of both Deanery and Diocesan Synod; a choir member; and a server. It is appropriate that she and Brian served together at the Eucharist just 2 days before her unexpected death on 26th November.

We give thanks to God for her life and example.



Dear Annette

The three of us wanted to write to express our thanks for the part played by the All Saints Church family in helping to make the day of our Mum's funeral a fitting celebration of and thanksgiving for her life.

Two groups of people who immediately spring to mind, because their contribution was so easily visible (or audible!), are the choir who led everyone in the wonderfully uplifting singing, and those who arranged the catering. But there were also many others who helped behind the scenes with many other things including service sheet printing, the decorating of the church and the stewarding on the day. And above all the All Saints family was simply 'there' in a manner that is a particular appropriate tribute to Mum/Pat herself, to support and to share.

We pray that the love and care shown by the church family on this occasion will continue to bear fruit in All Saints ministry in New Eltham and beyond.

Yours in Christ, Penny, Graham and Kate

*Brian adds* whilst this letter is his (And Pat's) children's own personal tribute he most heartily and gratefully endorses every word of it. Extending his profound thanks to us all and asking God to bless us.



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

EVANGELISM

(i) In connection with the Bishop's call to Evangelism in the Diocese the Bishop himself is addressing lay gatherings early in the year. He will give an address to the laity of our Archdeaconry, Lewisham, on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, of which details will be given later.

(ii) We propose to increase and extend the definite Intentions for which the Eucharist is offered daily in order to get more definite intercession on the many aspects of evangelism.

Subjects for special prayer at the daily Eucharist will be posted in the Church porch each week

(iii) We shall keep one morning—Tuesday—regularly each week to pray for all the people in one particular road, when we hope some people from the road will try to come and join in the intercession. The following roads will be remembered on Tuesdays in January: -

Jan. 2	Avery Hill Road	Jan 23	Cadwallon Road
„ 9	Bercta Road	„ 30	Cedric Road
„ 16	Blanmerle Road		

We shall follow through in alphabetical order.

TWENTY FIVE CHURCHES FUND

The Bishop has arranged for a Thanksgiving Service to be held in the Cathedral on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30 p.m., at which the Diocese is to return thanks for the completion of the task for which the Twenty-Five Churches Fund was established.

The preacher at this Service will be the Bishop of Winchester.

The Bishop is anxious that each of the new areas should be represented at this Service by a delegation which it is desired should consist of six persons, viz. : —

One Standard bearer robed in cassock and surplice;

Two Churchwardens bearing their staves;

Three Clergy and/or licensed lay workers.

It is hoped to provide a surpliced choir of 100 persons from the new areas.

It is hoped our people will support this Service as we are of course one of the new areas entitled to send a delegation. We also received a grant of £2,000 from this fund towards our new East End.

*Nothing specific to January is recorded in the "Church Logbook" for January 1974*

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

## Happy New Year

Arabic:	Kul'am wa antum bikhar.
Bengali:	Shuvo nobobovsho.
Chinese (Cantonese):	Sun nien fai lok
Chinese (Mandarin):	Xin nian you kuai.
Czech:	Stastny Novy Rok.
Danish:	Godt NytAr.
Dutch:	Gelukkig nieuwjaar.
French:	Bonne annee.
German:	Ein gluckliches neues jahr
Greek:	Eutychemenos o kainowgios chronos.
Hebrew:	Shana Tova.
Hungarian:	Boldog uj evet.
Indonesian ( Bahasa):	Selamat Tahun Baru.
Italian:	Felice Anno Nuovo or Buon anno.
Japanese:	Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu.
Latin:	Felix sit annus novus.
Nigerian (Hausa):	Barka da sabuwar shekero.
Norwegian:	Godt Nytt Ar.
Polish:	Szczestiwago Nowego Roku
Spanish:	Felizano neuvo
Welsh:	Blwyddyn Newydd Dda