

All Saints Magazine



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Free

Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

I know some of you were shocked to be given a ten pound note in church last month but I really want us to challenge ourselves and think hard about how we can raise funds and deepen our faith all in one go. In both of my previous parishes we have done this and the results were astounding. Not only did we raise just over three times the amount given out, the ways in which people came together to grow their funds was myriad and I am looking forwards to seeing how we get on this time.

Using our talents isn't just about funds though, it is about using all the gifts that God has given us and enabling others to use theirs too. Some of us are blessed with obvious talents like being a good footballer or playing a musical instrument but some of us have to look a little deeper for our gifts. We may be a good friend or a listener. We may make an excellent cup of tea and be there with it at the right time. Whatever gifts you have we are asked to use them for God's glory, to benefit others and to forward the gospel in all our lives daily.

Sometimes we find it hard to recognise our talents and often our friends know what they are before we do. It is worth asking someone you trust to tell you one thing they think you are good at.

Let's all recognise the talents around us and in each other and let them grow exponentially and hope that our fundraising is a reflection of this. Amen

God Bless

Annette

When you plan your garden this spring

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be happy
Lettuce really love on another

No garden should be without turnips

Turnip for service when needed
Turnip to help one another
Turnip the music and dance

Water freely with patience and

Cultivate with love
There is much fruit in your garden
Because you reap what you sow

To conclude our garden we must have Thyme

Thyme for fun
Thyme for rest
Thyme for ourselves

Smile Lines

An elderly woman had just returned home from an evening church service when she realised an intruder was in the house. She yelled "Stop now! Acts 2:38! (... turn from your sin...)

The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly phoned the police and explained what she had done. When the police arrived, the officer cuffed the man and asked 'why did you just stop like that all she did was quote scripture at you?'

"Scripture?" replied the burglar, " she said she had an Axe and two 38's"

The newly arrived minister was asked to take a funeral at short notice. At one point in the service she said " As I did not know the deceased, is there anyone here who would like to say a few words of tribute? There was silence for several minutes and then a voice from the back was heard to say "his brother was far worse"



Bible Study!

Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. If you are even remotely familiar with holy scripture, you'll find this hilarious! It comes from a roman catholic elementary school test. Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments.

The following statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been re-touched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis. God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pairs.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a jezebel like delilah.
6. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.
7. Moses led the Jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. After wards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.
9. The first commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada .. Then Joshua led the hebrews in the battle of geritol ..
12. The greatest miricle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
14. Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.
16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others be fore they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
20. It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
21. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
22. The epistels were the wives of the a postles.
23. One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.

24. St. Paul converted to christianity, he preached holy matrimony which is another name for marriage.

25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monogamy

Diary Dates for June 2014

Sunday 1st	10.00 am	Holy Communion with baptism of Joshua Jack Walker
Thursday 5th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th		PENTECOST
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 pm	Baptism of Bonnie Ripley Marshall
	6.30 pm	Faith Hope & Love Celebration at the Cathedral
Wednesday 11th	10.30-12.00	Fair Trade Cafe
Thursday 12th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th	10.00 am	Family Communion
Thursday 19th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 21st	4.00 pm	Wedding Blessing
Sunday 22nd	10.00 am PM	Holy Communion Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 25th	10.30-12.00	Fair Trade Cafe
Thursday 26th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 am	Baptism of Aaron May & Ellie Mates

Parish Pump

The 100 Club

The winner last month was Simon & Beryl Garson.

Baptism

Evie Ella Ricci on 4th May

Funeral

Pat Robinson on 13th May

Sunday School

It has been great in the last few weeks to see our Sunday School growing and for there to be so many children. This presents us with many challenges though and we really appreciate the efforts of all those who organise and teach our Sunday School. We could do with some help however and if you can even give us one Sunday a month and are willing to be DBS checked then do please let Kate Eaton or Emma Lewis know.

Christian Aid

Christian Aid was once again a really good effort and especial thanks to all who delivered and collected for them. Our thanks also go to Beryl & Simon Garson who organise the Christian Aid for this parish. The total so far (on 20th May) is £1268 and we know there are more collections to be returned and we have our bring and share lunch.

Visitors

We were visited during May by Jean Wadsworth our retired Vicar and she was warmly greeted by all. She also was here and attended the funeral of Pat Robinson, which was greatly appreciated by Jude and all the family.

Future dates for the Diary

Saturday 18th October – Quiz Evening.

Pat Robinson

Mum was born in the East End of London in the early 1920's into a large and continuously expanding family. She had 4 older siblings, 2 brothers and 2 sisters and was followed swiftly by another sister and 3 more brothers. Mum didn't grow up with her family though as from the age of 3 she was an in-patient at the White Oaks Eye Hospital in Swanley. She remained there until she was 9 so was schooled there and probably had a better education than most children at that time, a fact which her family teased her about mercilessly. When she left White Oaks, Mum went back to her family until she started work, then went to live with her elder sister Vi, her husband and their children. Mums Father died young as the result of an injury sustained during the First World War, her Mother at only 48 years old when Mum was 22.

In her mid 20's Mum was engaged to be married to George. They had met through a shared interest in walking, on a Rambling Association guest day and were introduced by Mums friend Olive, who when I spoke to her recently, still remembers the occasion very fondly.

Sadly George was killed 4 years later on his motorbike, just 3 weeks before they were to be married.

It was many years before Mum recovered and a good few more before she met my Dad and they got married.....

2 years after which I arrived.

Mum had always wanted 4 children but unfortunately wasn't able to have them, so growing up I remember her fostering babies. At different times, we had 3 baby girls who were ours for a short while and then, saving the best till last, the only baby boy, who when I was 5, Mum and Dad adopted as my brother, the last one of the 4 who came but he stayed for good!

Mum was always a keen gardener, taking cuttings and trying to grow little bits of things in pots.....

which by the time they had grown (and most did) she'd forgotten what they were but put them in the garden anyway because she couldn't bear to discard anything once it was thriving!

I've learnt a lot from Mum but official names of plants and plant behaviour were always a bit random, it's only recently, thanks to a certain Mr Titchmarsh that I now know that a Wigelia tree ISNT really called a wiggly tree and (from experience) a hebe that starts out as a 6 inch pot plant CAN take over your entire garden!! In recent years, I think Mum may have singlehandedly kept the Bakker flower people in business and their catalogues with all the beautiful pictures of flowers were a continuous source of pleasure for her, particularly in her last weeks.

Mum was never happier than when she was taking care of her home and family but the church of All Saints here at New Eltham and the many wonderful friends she made, were a constant source of comfort and support during the many years that she lived in Lannoy Road. She was therefore delighted to accept the post of Church Warden in 1997 and carried out the role to the best of her ability for the next few years.

Later in life, Mum also discovered Ebdons Coach Tours which saw her along with her dear friend Iris, jaunting off all over the place!

I know she thoroughly enjoyed these trips, which were mainly confined to the UK but the one place Mum really wanted to go, being very patriotic, was Gibraltar, so in May 2007 she and I went for 4 days. She was like an excited girl and there wasn't an inch of the Rock, inside or out that we didn't cover. Our fellow travellers were amazed at her energy and enthusiasm and one elderly couple from Canada emailed me when we were home to say what an inspiration she had been to them during the trip.

I'm sure Mum counted herself lucky to have such caring and loving family and friends to help nurse and care for her as her condition deteriorated, and I'm also sure she gained a great deal of comfort from knowing they were there for her, as she had been in the past for them. Mum was well liked with many friends, many of whom are here today, and I'd like to take this opportunity to convey to those friends, a message of gratitude and appreciation from our family for their unconditional friendship and support to Mum over the years.

Many people come and go in our lives, and very few make a memorable impression but in her last weeks, I heard the same thing from people over and over again.. 'she's such a sweetie, what a lovely, gentle lady. She was a warm, loving & generous Mum to Tony & I, a compassionate & understanding Nanna to her grandchildren, all of whom she adored and a caring and considerate friend, I know we all have many happy memories and these we must hold in our hearts and cherish them, as she cherished us.

Up until a few years ago Mum was an avid listener to the Archers so it seemed appropriate that we leave to the uplifting sound of the Archers theme, I'm sure Mum would want us to be uplifted as we celebrate her life today.

“A Mother holds her children’s hands for a moment.. but their hearts forever”

Thank You for everything Mum.

Love you.

God Bless. X

Traditions and Customs - June.

On the second Saturday in June, Horse Guards Parade in London resounds to military Band music, the clatter of horses' hooves and the measured marching feet of the Guards in the ceremony of Trooping the Colour, in honour of the Queen's official birthday.

Later in June Windsor is the scene of the annual historic Knights of the Garter ceremony with the Queen and the knights in procession.

Sporting events are the Derby run at Epsom, founded in 1780 by the 12th Earl of Derby and Sir Charles Bunbury, who tossed a coin to see after which of them the race should be named. and the All England Tennis Championships at Wimbledon which have been around since 1877. First staged by the England Croquet Club, but croquet soon took a back seat. Wimbledon is as well known for its strawberries and cream as for the play.

On a musical note Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears founded the Aldeburgh Festival in 1948 and many of Britten's compositions had their first performance there. The Snape Maltings were converted into a concert hall for the festival in the 1960's

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

MOTHERS UNION

Our branch of the Mothers Union is rejoicing over the acquisition of its M.U. Banner. Such Banner has been longed for these many years. Thanks to the devoted work and labour of Mrs. Davis the Branch now possesses a really beautiful Banner, and I know I am voicing the opinion of all the members when I try to express their grateful thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Davis for the many hours of work she has given to making a Banner of which the Branch can be justly proud. The Banner was carried for the first time at the M.U. festival in Southwark Cathedral, on Thursday, May 17th.

VESTMENTS

The new set of beautiful white Vestments which were worn for the first time on Easter Day, was the gift of Dr. and Mrs. Wood, to whom we tender our grateful thanks.

BAPTISMS

May 6	Barbara Grace Hearnden
May 13	Jeanette Dora Joan Matthews
May 20	Brian James Francis
May 20	Diana Patricia Ewin
May 27	Michael John Ardley

*The entry in the "Church Logbook" for June 1974 records:
Gift Day.*

Historical Notes: The Mothers Union Banner is still on display between the Altar and the Lady Chapel.

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