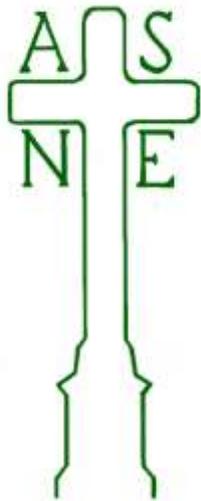


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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

March this year is entirely taken up with Lent and once again as we enter this season of penitence we are asked to think about how we respond to God and how that affects the world around us.

This year the Bishop's Lent Appeal considers the phrase "who is my neighbour?" We are asked to support our neighbours both locally and globally through this appeal. We are asked to consider all who need God's help and how what we do, even in a small way, can have an impact on the world.

Particularly in Southwark diocese:

More creative - an artistic programme for disadvantaged children;

The Southwark day centre for asylum seekers;

The Joel community project - a night shelter for the homeless;

St Mildred's, Addiscombe - drop in.

In Zimbabwe, continuing the work with our link Diocese of Central Zimbabwe, Manicaland, Masvingo and Matabeleland.

And in the wider world through:

Five Talents - a micro finance charity, encouraging savings and helping villagers use what they have to improve their lives;

Christian Solidarity Worldwide - a charity working for religious freedom through Advocacy and Human rights;

The institute for the healing of memories - a charity working with victims of war and violence to help them overcome the memories and to build new positive emotions, and to forgive.

All of these causes are in need of our help so please give generously to the lent appeal, please come to our lent lunches, and please pray for all these projects.

Amen

Annette

Bless Our Work

Lord, Bless our work,
especially when it's hard;

Bless our every effort,
especially when we're weary;

Bless all the labours
we undertake for all our families, and for the good of others;

Bless the giving of our time and energy,
May our toil bring forgiveness for our faults and failings.

Bless those without work,
and help us to share the fruits of our labours with the poor.

Amen

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Fairtrade – What's the difference?

So what is the difference between a bar of Cadbury's Dairy Milk and Divine milk chocolate? A bunch of Fairtrade bananas and Fyffes? Clipper Fairtrade tea and PG Tips?

Yes you pay more for divine chocolate. And what about the taste? I was surprised when some children tried a dubble bar recently and said 'it tastes like normal chocolate'. Fairtrade products are the same as others - the only difference is how the farmers and producers have been treated.

Mike Gidney, the CEO of the Fairtrade foundation explains how producers and farmers get a fair deal. Banana growers in the Caribbean for instance. Every box of bananas shipped to England is sold at a minimum agreed price plus a £1 premium. This has enabled the banana farmers to plan for their future. In addition to earning enough to provide for their families, they have been able to build a school and invest in farm equipment to help with production. Similarly tea farmers in Kenya used the premium to purchase a machine to pack their own tea into teabags; in this way they added value to their product and gained more control over the future of their company and their own lives.

Companies like CafeDirect and Divine go a step further because the farmers themselves own a large part of the company. Therefore the profits go directly to the farmers out in Kenya, Ghana or Trinidad and Tobago, rather than the share holders of Sainsbury's, Tesco, PG tips or Cadburys. Many Waitrose products show the Waitrose foundation mark which a sign that their producers are well treated, but they do get the same level of treatment that those who use the Fairtrade Logo do.

Fairtrade allows disadvantaged people to take big strides towards a decent future for themselves and their communities. Please do think about what you can buy Fairtrade and continue to shop responsibly beyond Fairtrade fortnight.

Fairtrade fortnight runs from 24th February to 9th March 2014

Church Flowers

Diane Mills finished doing the church flowers after many many years and we thank her for all her hard work, artistry and just how much of her own money and time that she gave. The church does have a flower fund and we use the interest for our flowers- this amounts to just £60 a year which doesn't go very far.

We do have 22 weeks in the year when money is donated by church members in remembrance of a dear one. There are 10 weeks in advent and lent where we don't need any flowers, which leaves 20 weeks still unaccounted for.

If we are to continue to have flowers at the High Altar it would be greatly appreciated if you could donate some funds for us to be able to do so. Each week it costs between £10 and £15. If you would like the donation to be in remembrance of someone specific let us know. Also if you want to arrange flowers yourself you are very welcome to.

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks

Sheila Cooper

Pat Everness

Brian, Penny, Graham, Kate and their kinsfolk join in offering the warmest of "Thank You's" to all who united in providing so much prayerful and practical support in the wake of Pat's untimely and totally unexpected death. Their sympathy and abundance of fellowship was especially evident at Pat's funeral, where ministers, organist, choir, flower ladies, helpers with refreshments and a multitude of acquaintance from both near and far gathered to pay tribute to a universally well liked and warmly regarded friend.

We are beholden to each and every one of you. God bless and with our profound gratitude,

Brian

Diary Dates for March 2014

Sunday 2nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion Baptism of Issabella
Wednesday 5th		ASH WEDNESDAY
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	8.00 pm	Communion
Saturday 8th	10.00-12.00	Parish office
Sunday 9th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 11th	2.30 pm	Build on the rock, at the Methodist Church
	8.00 pm	Build on the rock, at All Saints Church
Wednesday 12th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
Thursday 13th	11.00 am	Holy communion
Sunday 16th	10.00 am	Holy Communion Stewardship Sunday with Jackie Pontin
Tuesday 18th	2.30 pm	Build on the rock, at the Methodist Church
	8.00 pm	Build on the rock, at All Saints Church
Wednesday 19th	8.00 pm	PCC Meeting
Thursday 20th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 25th	2.30 pm	Build on the rock, at the Methodist Church
	8.00 pm	Build on the rock, at All Saints Church
Wednesday 26th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
Thursday 27th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th		MOTHERING SUNDAY
	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Parish Pump

The 100 Club

Winners this month were Dorothy Keirle & Ian Flaherty.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Michele (nee Keirle) & John Walker on the birth of a son. Joshua Jack Walker was born on 18th February at 4.05am weighing in at 8lb 6oz.

Baptism

Nicola Sarah Bennett on 16th February.

Funerals

Stephen Vaughn Forrester on 6th February.

Margaret Cullern on 12th February.

Eltham in Bloom Exhibition

Several members of our congregation enjoyed this exhibition at the St Marys Centre in Eltham organised by Evelyn's friend Ruth Fletcher.

Easter Eggs

The Real Easter Egg©, the only Easter Egg that tells the Easter Story, gives money to charity and is Fairtrade. Now in its fourth year and growing in popularity through churches, although sadly not as quickly in supermarkets. This year, once again, Ruth Fancett will be ordering these lovely Eggs, so if you would like to order any for someone small (or big) that you would normally give eggs to, please see Ruth as soon as possible. This year we have a choice: original, still £3.99; sharing box (20 midi eggs), £19.99; or special Edition, £9.99

Girl Guides Pamper Evening

Pamper night on March 20th 2014, 6.30pm -10.00pm, to raise funds for a Guides trip to Croatia in 2015.

If people would like to book treatments in advance please contact Rosemary on rosemary.thomas@btinternet.com

Margaret Cullern

Margaret Cullern, nee Bird, was born in Yorkshire in March 1926. During the war her family moved to Bradford, and Margaret worked in a munitions factory for a year, followed by four years in a confectioners. She met her future husband Brian at an Operatic & Dramatic Society, set up by Brian's parents and they married in September 1950, and moved to London in 1965. Margaret was a longstanding member of All Saints Church and will be remembered for her collection of lovely hats.

Bishop Peter Hall

Because of its untimely occurrence, immediately after Christmas, the death on the 27th December of Bishop Peter Hall, our former Bishop of Woolwich, passed relatively unnoticed.

That would be a shame and an injustice, for Peter served with great dedication, determination and considerable success a vast swathe of urban priority areas (mainly large housing estates) in the diocese; and did so in a cheerful, friendly and engagingly informal manner that his parochial and pastoral visits were always welcome and constructive encounters rather than obligatory engagements.

Bishop Peter was prominent in advancing the novel ideas and greater emphasis on mission advocated in "Faith in the City" (was that really as long ago as 1985?). He will be fondly remembered at All Saints for his several visits to us, whether for confirmations or as a guest speaker, particularly for the public address he gave in the church hall in October 1994, that being a follow on from his extremely well attended public address, given in February that year, in Eltham Hill School on the subject of "The Church and Society", a project masterminded by a great favourite of many student members of All Saints, the late Bert Worrall, a superbly talented lecturer in Biblical Studies.

Bishop Peter was an indomitable enthusiast in all he undertook, a trait he exhibited, non-ecclesiastically, on that episcopal rarity, the squash court. He was a good friend to us and leaves us with some very happy and grateful memories.

Brian Everness

What is the 23rd Psalm all about?

The Lord is my Shepherd - that's relationship

I shall not want - that's supply

He makes me lie down in green pastures - that's rest

He leads me beside still waters - that's refreshment.

He restores my soul - that's healing

He leads me in the paths of righteousness - that's guidance

For his name's sake - that's purpose

Yes though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - that's testing

I will fear no evil - that's protection

For you are with me - that's faithfulness

Your rod and your staff they comfort me - That's discipline

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies - that's hope

You anoint my head with oil - that's consecration

My cup runs over - that's abundance

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - that's blessing

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever - that's security

Girl Guides

The 3rd New Eltham Guides were asked to do the presentation at the All Age Worship last Sunday about the history of guiding. The girls dressed up and walked round the church for the various events over the past 100 years. The girls were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the service. Thank you for the warm welcome the church gives to our girls, along with the words of encouragement and thanks from the congregation which were appreciated by the girls and leaders.

1857 Birth of Robert Stephenson Smythe Baden-Powell 22nd February

1889 Birth of Olave St Clair Soames 22nd February

Robert Baden Powell, a famous army general, developed a scheme for training boys. He tried out his ideas at a camp on Brownsea Island in 1907 and the following year published them in a book called Scouting for Boys. The book was an instant success and boys throughout the country took up "scouting". As a result BP soon found himself organising the Boy Scout Movement.

At the Scouts "first Rally" at Crystal Palace in 1909, BP was faced with a small group of girls, representing hundreds of others, "gatecrashing". They were insisting they wanted to be Scouts too. In an age when skirts were ankle length and young ladies never ran, the idea of girls being involved in camping, hiking, and similar activities received a mixed response. Angry critics denounced "girl scouting" as a "mischievous new development", a "foolish and pernicious movement" and "idiotic sport".

However the Girls won and in 1910 BP formed the Girl Guides

2014 Brownies celebrate their Centenary

Baden Powell wrote to the scouts the following letter.

"Dear Scouts - If you have ever seen the play "Peter Pan" you will remember how the pirate chief was always making his dying speech because he was afraid that possibly when the time came for him to die he might not have time to get it off his chest. It is much the same with me, and so, although I am not at this moment dying, I shall be doing so one of these days and I want to send you a parting word of good-bye.

Remember, it is the last time you will ever hear from me, so think it over.

I have had a most happy life and I want each one of you to have as happy a life too.

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so you can enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy. Be contented with what you have got and make the best of it. Look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one.

But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. "Be Prepared" in this way, to live happy and to die happy- stick to your Scout Promise always when you have ceased to be a boy - and God help you to do it.

*Your friend,
Robert Baden-Powell"*

The message is undated but probably was written before 1929 because it was signed "Robert Baden-Powell" instead of "Baden-Powell of Gilwell". Lady Baden-Powell said that this letter, in an envelope addressed "to the Boy Scouts," along with other papers was always carried with them on their travels in an envelope marked "In the event of my death".

Traditions and Customs - March.

March 1st, St. David's Day, the Welsh custom of wearing a leek was already established by Shakespeare's time. It is now often a daffodil to honour the patron saint and is worn by Welsh Army Regiments.

The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race began in the 1830s.

The first day of the year in the old traditional calendar, changed in Britain in 1752, was March 25th, named Lady Day.

St. Clement Danes church has since 1920 presented local schoolchildren with an orange and lemon each after a special service.

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

LENTEN HANGINGS

We tender our grateful thanks to Mrs. Davis for (the) kind gift and making of Lenten hangings and Altar Frontal. Mrs. Scates and Miss Hodson assisted in preparing and working the designs of the Symbols of the Passion for the super-frontal, Mrs. Scates also making the new Altar Cloth required.

As many of you know, we have what is known as an English Altar, and we follow as far as practicable English Use. The Hangings now kindly given enable us to have for the first time, the correct Lenten arrangements according to English Use. The *English Churchman's Kalendar*, which is an authority on such matters, says: "In England of old although rules often prescribed red, black, or violet, the very striking custom was followed of using a rough or dull white material, suggestive of sack cloth and known as the Lenten Array. Pictures and images were thus covered from the beginning of Lent and the Altar and vestments were made to correspond. It has been compared to a "fall of snow which melted at Easter.""

The designs on the Super-frontal represent the Symbols of the Passion. They are: The Scourge and Whip, The Crown of Thorns, The Nails, The Cross, The Letters written over the Cross— I.N.R.I., The Hammer and Pincers, The Sponge, Reed and Wine Pot, The Dice, and the Ladder and Spear.

GUIDE CONCERT

Hearty congratulations to our Girl Guides upon the splendid show they gave in the Hall on Saturday, February 10th.

Proceeds, £1 5s., were given to Hall Maintenance. Expenses were somewhat heavy owing to Royalties on the various plays.

The Vicar extends his grateful thanks and appreciation for the "Thank You" Badge with which he was presented.

The second entry in the "Church Logbook" for 1974 records:

Appeal year for re-wiring of All Saints Church and for new heating system at St. Aiden's, various fund raising efforts to a target of £2,000.

Historical Notes: St. Aiden's was All Saints "daughter" Church on the Edgebury Estate.

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