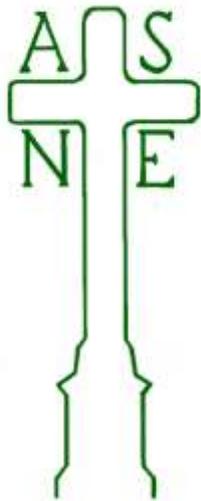


All Saints Magazine



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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

May this year is between festivals and we are just charged to celebrate Easter for 40 days after. Easter was a joyful celebration and our celebrations continue week by week as we live with the knowledge of the risen Christ.

Jesus being alive and part of our everyday lives is such a joy and often we lose this sense of joy and celebration in the ordinariness of everyday. As we come to church Sunday by Sunday we are reminded of the joyfulness and we need to keep this in mind as we live day by day.

So take a moment everyday to thank God for all the good things, our fellowship together, the growth of our church, the abundance of children in church and the joy they bring.

We are celebrating Ascension on Thursday 29th May beginning with morning prayer with Bishop Michael at 8.00am as he walks around our Diocese visiting each and every parish in his episcopal area. It would be good to have a crowd to send him on his way.

God Bless

Annette



Christian Aid

Christian Aid week runs from 11th to 17th May, Simon and Beryl Garson will be co-ordinating the door-to-door leafleting and collection, any help will be appreciated. Below are just two of the projects your help could support.

Syria Crisis

March 15 2014 marks the three year anniversary since the conflict in Syria began. Since then, more than 130,000 people have been killed, 2.4 million refugees have fled to neighbouring countries and another six million people have been displaced inside Syria.

The number of vulnerable people is increasing as the humanitarian crisis deepens. We are working through our partners in Lebanon and Iraq to respond to the growing Syrian refugee crisis.

We are supporting our ACT Alliance sister agency, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), to provide vital assistance to people in desperate need inside Syria itself.

Thanks to your generosity, our Syria Crisis Appeal has to date raised more than £2 million and has enabled our partners to provide support to communities in desperate need.

How we're responding

Our partners have been providing essentials such as food, warm blankets, fuel for cooking, hygiene and sanitation kits, water containers and infant kits, as well as psychological support for those who are suffering as a result of the conflict.

Philippines Typhoon Appeal

In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan we were there, in the hardest hit parts of the Philippines, delivering vital relief to thousands of families caught in the path of the storm.

With your support, our partners reached more than 165,000 people with items such as food, emergency shelter and other life-saving essentials.

More than 14 million people were affected by the typhoon, and a further 4 million forced from their homes.

Three months on, though the needs are now different they remain huge.

Our partner, CODE, distributes rice to affected communities on the remote island of Pololupina, Iloilo. In most cases, small motorboats are the only means by which relief items can be delivered to remote islands.

Smile Lines

Tears

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his anxious mother, he replied; "This morning they told me that Jesus wants me for a sunbeam. But I want to be a train driver!"

A Day for Atheists?

An atheist complained to a Christian friend, "Christians have Christmas and Easter: and Jews have Passover and Yom Kippur: Muslims have Ramadan. EVERY religion has its holidays. But we atheists," he said "have no recognised holidays. It's an unfair discrimination, and all just because we say there is no God."

"Nonsense!" his friend replied, "You've had a special day in your honour for years. We call it April first."

What is a grandparent (Taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds)

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other peoples.

A grandfather is a man, and a grandmother is a lady!

Diary Dates for May 2014

Thursday 1st	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 3rd	10.00-12.00	Parish Office
Sunday 4th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 pm	Baptism of Ellie
Thursday 8th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	10.00 am	Holy Communion Start of Christian Aid week
Tuesday 13th	1.00 pm	Funeral of Pat Robinson
Wednesday 14th	8.00 pm	PCC meeting
Thursday 15th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 22nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	7.00 pm	St Olave's Concert
	8.00 pm	Archdeacons Visitation at Southwark Cathedral
Sunday 25th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 28th	10.30 -12.00	Fairtrade Café
Thursday 29th	ASCENSION DAY	
	8.00 am	Morning Prayer with Bishop Michael for his Youth Pilgrimage walking around the diocese
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 pm	Christian Aid Lunch
	8.00 pm	Holy Communion for Ascension Day
Sunday 1st	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Baptism of Jack Joshua Walker

Note: There is no Fairtrade Café on the 14th due to lack of staff!

Parish Pump

The 100 Club

The winner last month was Lily Ripley.

Funeral

Pat Robinson on 13th May at 1 pm.

I'm sure most of you are aware that my dear mum passed away on April 23rd after a long struggle with Alzheimer's.

My family and I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Evelyn Green for all her help during the time that mum was in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and then after when she was admitted to Abbotsleigh Mews Nursing Home.

Her visits were a source of comfort for mum and a way of keeping mum involved with the church and her church family, which was so important to her.

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving in All Saints, to celebrate mum's life, on Tuesday 13th May at 1.00pm.

All are welcome.

Judy Robinson-Ewart

APCM

At the Vestry meeting Peter French and Stephen Keirle were elected Churchwardens for their fourth and second years respectively.

Barbara Avery and George Peacock, long-standing members of the PCC, stood down this year to be replaced by Neil Long and Yvette Forfah.

Aisha Abdullahi, Evelyn Green MBE, and Carol Reed were re-elected to the PCC for a further three year term.

The first meeting of the new PCC is Wednesday 14th May

Future dates for the Diary

Sunday 22nd June - Tea Afternoon.

Saturday 18th October – Quiz Evening.

Traditions and Customs - May.

Everywhere in Europe the first day of May was an occasion to celebrate the return of spring. Garlands of wild flowers were carried from house to house, a May Queen was chosen and people danced around a lopped tree set up as a maypole. This custom survives with dancers circling round a beribboned maypole.

At Oxford, choristers greet May morning early singing a Latin hymn and madrigal on the top of Magadalen Tower. The custom dates back at least to the 17th Century.

During May the committee selects the pictures for the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition in London.

Spring beauty comes to London with the Chelsea Flower Show, held in the gardens of the Royal Hospital. Army pensioners parade in their scarlet uniforms to celebrate Charles II's return to his throne on May 29th, Oak –Apple Day.

The Bath festival which begins in late May was one of the first events of the kind founded after the war, it is primarily a music festival, but there are plays and exhibitions as well.

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

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER

The open-Air Procession on Good Friday was probably the best we have had. It was well supported and there were many more men than last year. As I have indicated in my letter, the services in the streets were very much appreciated. Easter Day was a joy and inspiration. The Church was beautifully decorated and the spirit of Easter joy and victory dominated the services. We had a record number of Communicants. Last year we turned 400 for the first time, and this Easter we reached 460.

GIFT DAY

“What’s the matter with our Vicar? Has he forgotten there is still a debt of £180 on the Building Fund? Is he gone to sleep? He has no money raising scheme on. Nothing has been done this year for the Building Fund. The Penny Scheme is practically dead—only one district bravely carrying on, and he has no Birthday Scheme. Doesn’t the man want any money? What is the matter with him? Has he got tired of it all, or is he feeling old and decrepit?” etc., etc. Such are the rumours that reach the dull ears of the sleepy Vicar.

Reluctantly he rubs his eyes and tries to wake up. Perhaps he has been dreaming.

There will be no Gift Day during the Patronal week this year. It is to be on Thursday, May 17th, instead, when the Vicar will be in Church all day to receive Gifts for the Building Fund or for any of the other Church Funds.

Building Fund Boxes taken out on Lent should be brought on Gift Day.

As the Vicar has no begging schemes on hand he is looking forward to a record Gift Day on the 17th. Please bring your gifts between 7.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. and help us to reduce the debt as much as possible.

SERVERS’ GUILD

The Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary will sing “their office” at All Saints on Saturday, May 26th at 8 p.m.

An early entry in the “Church Logbook” for 1974 records:

After (a) satisfactory referendum, Roman Catholics (*were*) given permission to worship in All Saints’ Church instead of the Hall.

Note: The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary is a Guild of Altar Servers which “seeks to deepen the spiritual life of its members and help them to become more worthy of their high office”. The local Chapter is based at Holy Redeemer, Eltham, Falconwood.

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