

All Saints Magazine



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Free

Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

I have recently been undergoing my ministry review and for this had to ask feedback from 4 members of our congregation and not those who did it last time. One of the comments which came back was that it wasn't always obvious what I was doing and that what a vicar does in the day to day was a mystery to most of you.

At the same time, I came across this ordination prayer from New Zealand which makes a good case for all of us being involved in the day to day and the priestly life being more specific and also rather humble.

"We are not ordaining you to ministry; that happened at your baptism. We are not ordaining you to serve the Church in committees, activities, organisation; that is already implied in your membership. We are not ordaining you to become involved in social issues, in ecology, race, politics, and the search for justice and peace; for that is laid on every Christian.

We are ordaining you to something smaller and less spectacular. To read and interpret the sacred stories of our community, so that they speak a word to people today, to remember and practise rituals of meaning that address people at a level where change takes place, to foster in the community through word and sacrament, that encounter with truth which will set people free to minister as the Body of Christ."

The challenge of this for myself is to not get caught up so much in the first things that I am that I forget about the second things and therefore there must always be time for the holy and sacred, for prayer and reflection and for the reading of the bible and a concentration on preaching and teaching the gospel.

The challenge for all of us is to take onboard that we are all called to minister, that we are all called to strive for justice, to call out the world on social issues, to care about our environment, to oppose racism, and sexism and ageism, we are called to be involved in politics, and caring for those around us. All of us are called and all should be involved as much as we can. It is not my church but our church and we should all work together.

Amen

Annette.

Month of May

The first day in May is a celebration of the return of Spring, with May Day processions and dancing round a beribboned May Pole by children. A May Queen is chosen with her attendants, usually from the local young girls of the village, town or city, who are carried on a float or carriage decorated with flowers and greenery.

Since before the 17th century at Oxford, choristers greet May morning very early, singing a Latin hymn and a madrigal on the top of Magdalen Tower, the voices drift down to the people below on Magdalen Bridge.

One of the pleasures is the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition and during May the committee selects the pictures. From a painting of the scene by Charles West Cope dated 1876, the committee can be seen, the amply whiskered and bearded gentleman, with their top hats and gloves laid aside viewing the entries.

For our enjoyment the spring beauty comes to London with the Chelsea Flower Show, very popular with thousands of visitors.

The Army Pensioners parade in their scarlet uniforms to celebrate Charles II's return to his throne on May 29th, Oak- Apple Day.

May Morning

With shinning light
Of daffodils,
With soothing green
Of woods and hills,
Wild grasses and
The cuckoo's song,
May tells us that
The Winter's gone!
Now everywhere
Through once bare earth,
Small tender shoots
Have thrust to birth,
And manifest in
Maytime flowers,
Fulfilment of
The trusting hours.

Joyce Frances Carpenter.

Christian Aid

Morsheda will never forget the day she nearly lost her baby son, Murshid.

As floodwaters poured into her home, he fell from his bed into the inky water. He could have drowned in moments.

Luckily, Morsheda woke when she heard him fall and was able to save him.

But she knows that the floods will come again. Her home has already been hit several times. Each time, Morsheda gathers her family and holds them close as they wait for the danger to pass.

'I feel very scared of the river. I keep thinking "it is coming".'

Morsheda lives on low-lying islands in Bangladesh. She shares a single-room, corrugated-iron house with her four children.

She earns as little as 74p a day doing backbreaking manual labour. She has no savings. And because floods are a terrifying part of everyday life, she doesn't even have a safe place to call home.



Children in danger

When the river levels rise, Morsheda worries that it might be like the worst time the floods hit.

She remembers how desperate she was.

How she hurried to build a makeshift raft for her frightened children. How they scrambled to safety as huge waves crashed against their house.

How she prayed the raft wouldn't capsize as it tipped and plunged on the swirling waters.

'My children were so scared. My sister was holding them very tightly and we were panicking because my neighbour's child was washed away.'

The floods are coming

Morsheda and her children live a precarious life. They know that the floods will come again, and soon. But we can lift our neighbours like Morsheda to safety.

Just £250 is enough for a Christian Aid Home Safety Package. It could flood-proof Morsheda's home, raising it eight foot on an earth plinth, keeping her family safe at last.

It could also buy a goat, seeds and a wormery to help produce compost, so Morsheda could keep livestock and grow crops on the small patch of land around her home.

All of this will give her a long-term income and a solid foundation for a new life.

'If I could raise my house then I would feel much safer living here with my children.'

We would like to thank all the volunteers at All Saints who once again helped Simon. They worked tirelessly during Christian Aid Week 2015.

Christian Aid Week 2016 runs from 15th May to 21st May and we would like you to think about helping in delivering envelopes and/or collecting during this week.

Beryl/Simon Garson

Diary Dates for May 2016

Sunday 1st	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 am	Baptism Bluebell Ripley Marshall
Wednesday 4th	1.30 pm	Funeral Bob Jones
Thursday 5th	ASCENSION DAY	
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion at St Johns Eltham (Deanery Service)
Saturday 7th	10.00-12.00	Parish Office
Sunday 8th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 am	Baptism
	4.00 pm	Café Church for Families
Wednesday 11th	10.30-12.00	Fair Trade Cafe
Thursday 12th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th	PENTECOST	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 19th	10.00 am	Magazine meeting
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	TRINITY	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 am	International Food Lunch and celebration
Wednesday 25th	10.30-12.00	Fair Trade Cafe
Thursday 26th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Corpus Christi at Holy Trinity (Deanery Service)
Sunday 29th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Fr John Francis Friendship

Please check the weekly news sheet for any changes

Parish Pump

100 Club

The 100 Club prize in April was won by William Ball (Donated to All Saints).

Quiz Results

The March Quiz prize of £11.50 was won by Carol Reed, the April Quiz prize of £17 was won by Janet Johnson, both winners were picked 'from the hat' from the correct entries received.

NSPCC Craft Fair

7th May, the NSPCC will be holding a Craft Fair in the Church Hall from 10 am to 2 pm.

Monthly Charity

This month's chosen charity is "Meningitis Now", please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. Thank you.

Future Events

11th July, Deanery Children's and Young Persons Event.

An Evening with Roy Hudd (Churchill Theatre)

Roy Hudd will celebrate his 80th birthday during May. He is an enthusiastic supporter of the Music Hall and performed a one-man show in April, (accompanied by a pianist). For just over an hour he told his audience of the history of music hall and sang some of the well-known songs from that era.

After the interval Roy appeared on stage as Max Miller, wearing a very colourful ensemble of a green and pink suit with a dressing gown to match. The routine was a bit risqué (as was Max himself) but very funny.

Roy ended his routine with more songs and recitations and afterwards was in the foyer to sign copies of his autobiography. He spent a few minutes with each person and was very gracious. We enjoyed our evening very much. Well done Roy.

If I thought

If I sat down and thought of all
The things I haven't got,
And numbered all the things I want—
Gosh, there would be a lot!
No doubt I'd either weep or moan,
And my ill-luck deplore . . .
Much better counting up my joys—
More than I'd bargained for!

Friendship Book 1963

Recipe for Happiness.

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's slipping past,
That you helped a single person of the many you have passed?
Is a single life rejoicing, over what you did or said,
Does one whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?
Did you waste the day or lose it-was it well or poorly spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness-or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber- do you think that you can say
"I have made the world much better for the life I've lived today!"

Leaving a Mark

How would you like to leave a mark on posterity?
But surely that's for politicians, explorers, celebrities, you may say. How does the ordinary man or woman get to do the same?
Well, for some good advice on the subject the eighteenth century Swiss poet Johann Lavater wrote these words:
"Act well at the moment, and you have performed a good action for all eternity."
As easy as that! Now, choose your good deed - and make a good impression on forever.

The Friendship Book 2014

Smile lines

Definition of a Grandmother (written by a boy of eight)

“A grandmother is a woman who has no children of her own and therefore loves boys and girls of other people. Grandmothers have nothing to do; they only have to be there. If they take us for a walk they go slowly past beautiful leaves and caterpillars. They never say ‘Come along quickly’, or ‘Hurry up for goodness sake’. They are usually fat, but not too fat to tie up our shoelaces. They wear spectacles and sometimes take out their teeth. They can answer every question such as why dogs hate cats and why God is not married. When they read to us they do not leave anything out, and they do not mind if it is always the same story. Everyone should try to have a grandmother. They are the only adults who always have plenty of time.”

Friendship Book 1986

Unintended headlines from American papers.

“Miners Refuse to Work after Death.”

“Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant”.

“War Dims Hope for Peace”.

“If Strike Isn’t Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile”.

“Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures”.

“Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide”.

“Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges”.

“Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge”.

“New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group”.

“Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft”.

“Kids Make Nutritious Snacks”.

“Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half”.

“Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors”.

“Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead”.

Curried off

Two junkies accidentally snorted curry powder instead of cocaine. Both were rushed to hospital – one’s in a Korma the others’ got a dodgy tikka.

Answers to the April Quiz sheet

1. The taxman's taken all my dough (The Kinks)

Sunny Afternoon

2. And the papers want to know whose shirts you wear (David Bowie)

Space Oddity

3. There's no need to feel down (Village People)

YMCA

4. Bitter sweet memories (Whitney Houston)

I Will Always Love You

5. All the leaves are brown (Mamas & Papas)

California Dreamin'

6. Start spreading the news (Frank Sinatra)

New York, New York

7. I work all night (Abba)

Money, Money, Money

8. I've got sunshine on a cloudy day (Temptations)

My Girl

9. Close your eyes and I'll kiss you (Beatles)

All My Loving

10. I see skies of blue, clouds of white (Louis Armstrong)

Wonderful World

11. I don't wanna be a tiger (Elvis Presley)

Teddy Bear

12. Men are mere mortals (Shirley Bassey)

Diamonds are Forever

13. You got mud on your face (Queen)

We Will Rock You

14. Don't your feet get cold in the winter time? (Eagles)

Desperado

15. I know I need a small vacation (Glen Campbell)

Wichita Lineman

From the Archives – *we don't have a copy of the May 1936 magazine, but this from June 1936 may be of interest.*

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

What does it cost?

One often hears a lot of talk about the cost of the League of Nations. What Great Britain spends upon the League bears the same proportion to the National Income that 2/6 a year would do to a man having an income of £3,000. (Our National Income is certainly over £3,000 millions a year and Britain's contribution to the League to-day is £139,000 gold.) While we spend an equivalent of 2/6 out of £3,000 upon the League, we spend £500 on War—paying for past wars or preparing for fresh. War purposes—debts, pensions, armaments, take about five hundred million a year—say about 13/- out of every pound we pay in taxes (the proportion varying, of course, with each budget). The League takes not 13/-, *but less than one quarter of a farthing*. We can afford the 13/- but not a farthing in every four pounds.

What we spend on one day of the war would, invested at three per cent, provide an income more than sufficient to pay our present contribution to the League for ever. The cost of one battleship would do the same.

The "Church Logbook" for May 1976 records:

Departure of Mrs Pamela Davis as Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary to join the Roman Catholic Church.

Historical Notes:

1. The League of Nations (the forerunner of the United Nations (UN)) began in January 1920 and ran to 1946 with a maximum of 58 member countries.
2. A farthing is a quarter of an old penny and there were 20 shillings to a £, so 2/6 is worth 12.5p and 13/- worth 65p in today's money.

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