

All Saints Magazine



October 2014

Free

Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

October is when we celebrate our harvest festival. This year we are receiving back the results of our application of the parable of the talents to our fundraising. I can't wait to hear all the things you have done and to see how much we have raised.

Of course using our talents to the best of our ability, and using them for God, is not just about fundraising but about being the best person we can be for God.

Being the best person we can be isn't about being perfect or even about getting it right all the time but about trying to do the right thing when and where we can. It can be about just getting on with things when it's tough and sometimes it can be about asking for help when we need it and not struggling on by ourselves.

God wants us to be the best we can be and he can see our potential, and all the things we could possibly be.

God also sees all the things that stop us being the best; the fears; the worries; the insecurities; the anger; the hurt; and the pain. God understands all of this and he gives us each other to work together to overcome our problems and blossom into ourselves.

As the communities of faith we need to support each other in all that we do. We need to love and care for each other. We need to be there for each other when the going is tough and we need to be gracious with each other at all times.

We need to work together where we can and listen to each other in order to do this.

Let us pray

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest;
To give, and not to count the cost,
to fight, and not to heed the wounds,
to toil, and not to seek for rest,
to labour, and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do thy will.

Amen

God Bless

Annette

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A. A. Milne

A.A. MILNE'S delightful Winnie the Pooh has delighted many generations of children - and adults, too! So many times he makes the wisest remarks. For example, these words from "Pooh's Most Grand Adventure" really appeal to me.

As always, Christopher Robin and Pooh were spending time together in the Hundred Acre Wood, Pooh says to Christopher Robin: "You are just in time for the best part of the day."

Christopher Robin asks, "What part is that?" and Pooh replies: "The part where 'you and me' become 'we'!"

This made me think how we should all be grateful for the time we spend with friends and loved ones. These moments are so precious, yet pass by so quickly.

So the next time you meet up with someone close to you, remember Winnie the Pooh and how wonderful it is when "you and me" become "we"!



If anyone wishes to advertise their services in the magazine or knows someone who would then do please let us know. Rates are negotiable and reasonable. If the magazine is to remain free then we do need this input.

Diary Dates for October 2014

Thursday 2nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 4th	11.00 am	Parish Office
Sunday 5th		HARVEST FESTIVAL
	10.00 am	Holy Communion Followed by Harvest Lunch (tickets from Social Committee in Advance)
Wednesday 8th	7.30 pm for 7.45	Deanery Synod in Church
Thursday 11th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Archdeacon Alastair Cutting
Monday – Thursday		Diocesan Conference, Swanick Centre
Thursday 16th	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Derek Robinson
Saturday 18th	7.00 pm for 7.30	Quiz Evening
Sunday 19th	10.00 am	Holy Communion & Sunday School
Wednesday 22nd	10.30- 12.00	Fair trade café
Thursday 23rd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Christine Latham
Thursday 30th	11.00 am	Holy Communion

Please note there is no Fair trade café on Wednesday 8th due to staff leave.

Please check the weekly news sheet for any changes.

Parish Pump

The 100 Club

The 100 club was won by Helen Lyons

Baptisms

Regan Warner on 14th September

Miriam Melanie Heinemann on 21st September

Wilfred Stephen Howe on 21st September

Confirmations on 7th September

Emily Lewis

Isabelle Eaton

Paul Lawal

Madeleine Butler

Events

No FAIR TRADE CAFÉ on 8th October

Harvest Festival

Harvest is on the 5th October please do come and bring back your talents money.

Our Harvest collection is for the Falconer trust and the food bank.

If you would like to come to our lunch then please purchase tickets in Advance from our Social committee (Ruth Fancett, Sheila Cooper and Iris Bennett)

Quiz Evening

The QUIZ evening is Saturday 18th October in the hall. Tickets are £6.00 each. Teams are tables of 8.

Please do come and support us. There will be a raffle as well as the opportunity to pit your wits against other teams.

Please share the magazine with your friends and neighbours and take them copies to read.

Traditions and Customs - October.

On the first Sunday in October the Pearly Kings and Queens of old London town gather for their harvest festival service in St. Martin's in the Fields, Trafalgar Square. Dressed in their finery, clothes glittering with pearl buttons and with the womenfolk gracious in plumed hats.

The autumn fair season continues in October, with the historic Goose Fairs in Nottingham and Tavistock. Geese used to be driven for miles to be sold at these fairs. Mop Fairs were held at this time, at Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon for example — when farmhands and domestics hired themselves out for the next year, the latter carried mops or brooms to identify themselves.

Parliament is formally opened by the sovereign with traditional pageantry in late October or early November.

October 21st 1805 naval hero Lord Nelson was killed at the moment of triumph at Trafalgar, his memory is honoured aboard HMS Victory on Trafalgar Day when a wreath is laid on the spot where he fell.

31st the last night of October is Hallowe'en traditionally a dangerous time, when uncanny beings, witches and the ghosts of the dead drift through the darkness. In an old custom village children carried home-made punky lanterns-scooped out mangel wurzles with a candle inside made to look like grotesque faces-while singing a Punky Night song.

Smile Lines

A friend of mine, a professional organist, was asked to play for a wedding. Unfamiliar with the churches' organ, she went to the sanctuary to practice. Curious about a small keyboard that slid out from under the two regular keyboards, she tapped out a simple tune but heard nothing. Then she played a few more notes, but still no organ music. Just then a man came running into the church shouting " who's been playing three blind mice on the church steeple bells?" She had been operating the carillon.

After ringing mobile phones disrupted the flow of a service, our rabbi laid down the law in the latest temple newsletter: "Let's turn off the technology and turn on each other"

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

THE CHURCHYARD

On returning from my holiday I was very impressed with the improved appearance of the Churchyard. For months past many of us have watched and admired the steady persistent work of a few of our young men in their efforts to make at least one part of the churchyard orderly and presentable. That they have succeeded so well is in no small measure due to the enthusiasm and untiring efforts of their leader, Mr George Prior. He has given many many hours during this last year to this work, and has often worked on all alone, sometimes even after it was too dark to see.

Besides all the digging and clearing some three thousand of more barrow-loads of mould have been used. And here we should like to say “thank you” to all who have given us mould and helped us to get it. That has been a real help much appreciated.

Now the beautiful young grass is actually growing and it is difficult to imagine the scene of a year ago before all this splendid work began. Mr Prior and his helpers may be sure they have our gratitude, our thanks, and our congratulations.

THE VICARAGE

Now just as we thought we were all clear, having finished the Building Fund debt and decorating the Hall and done various other “little jobs,” the Vicarage wonders whether it should oblige by falling down. Serious cracks have developed and it has been found necessary to call in the Borough Surveyor. It may be a case of underpinning and we cannot tell yet how extensive the work will be or what it will cost. However, we take things as they come at All Saints and the Church Council has cheerfully tackled the job.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Kindly note after September 26th Rev. H. J. Davis’ address will be 425, Footscray Road.

There were no entries in the “Church Logbook” for October 1974.

Historical Notes: The Vicarage at that time was at 471 Footscray Road.

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

