

# All Saints Magazine



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## **Letter from our Vicar**

Dear Friends

Nothing from me this time just from Colin Urqart wise words on finding rest

**Annette**

My dear child, trust me.

I want to teach you how to rest in my love without thinking you have to do something to deserve it.

Enjoy my love. Because I love you, I enjoy you. Why do you find this difficult to believe? I want you to enjoy me. I want you to know times when you can rest in my love and enjoy me.

To you this seems like self-indulgence; yet this is the greatest need in your life. Don't you see that the more you allow yourself to rest in my love, the more able you are to take my love to others? Often the love you have given others has been frantic, not a resting, trusting love.

You've really longed to know my love for you, haven't you? My child, as you learn to find time to rest in my love, so you will be able to take that rest into every other area of your life.

Why can you see my love for everyone else except yourself? Why can you show my love, acceptance and grace to everyone else and yet not yourself?

Why do you condemn yourself as unloveable, not good enough, unworthy? Why do you speak to yourself as you do? You would never condemn anyone else – or speak to anyone else in this way.

Because I love you, I cannot bear it. Imagine if your own child spoke to herself as you speak to yourself. Your mother's heart would break.

My heart breaks when you speak to yourself as you do. As a mother gathers her chicks under her wings and comforts them so I long to gather you to me. To hold you close, to cover you with my wings. To sooth you and reassure you – to make you feel completely secure.

You needn't ever be out in the cold. I am always with you.

Although you can't physically see me or feel me yet, you will in time. Remember that you are walking towards my open arms. Each day is a step closer to our embrace.

In the midst of all your difficulties, know the love I have for you and trust me. Make time to rest in my love and enjoy me.

All my love, your Father in heaven.

## **House of bread**

The Basic. Food of Life  
To call a city that  
Jewish wisdom. Hebrew Language  
Are one  
Bethlehem means House of Bread  
Christmas crib of earliest memory.  
My identity revealed there. Returning  
Now provokes neither shrug nor apology  
Genesis ,beginning yeast: Bethlehem  
Crib in the house of bread

It's no child's plaything I see. The Pivot  
Of history's meaning where soldiers come  
Shepherds, poets, kings  
And those with obscure and pitiful longings  
For a better life  
People like me

Christ born in the House of Bread  
Readily we meet him in  
Midnight mass  
At Any mass  
Bethlehem boy, he learned to turn  
Himself into bread

Feeding on that Bread turns us  
Into him  
Promise  
Bethlehem  
We are a house of Bread

**Fr Bruce Driver**

### **John Hall – Dean of Westminster**

After seeing the Dean of Westminster leading the Duchess of Cornwall to the dimming of the last candle at the abbey remembrance service, it reminded me of the Eltham society June talk. The Dean of Westminster the Very Rev'd. Dr. John Hall came to give a talk on the abbey, the coronation, and behind the scenes. He is a very warm, welcoming personality and not surprisingly spoke of the warm reception he receives for his talks in America. After the last royal wedding, one of the first questions nearly always asked was about Pippa, he laughingly told us. Various questions were asked which he fielded with good thoughtful answers, and the odd measurement of things if they became too heavy. He said he was a local boy made good, coming from Eltham & Eltham college (He went to Roper Street primary school too).

I had heard a mention of candles being lit to mark the date of the outbreak of the war and asked if he knew of it. He said it would be very apt, and yet must have known that such a service was already being prepared. So it brought my memory of his visit to full circle.

### **Brenda Whyte**

#### **Smile lines**

##### **Baby**

A small boy wanted a baby brother, so his father suggested he pray every night for one. The boy began to pray earnestly, night after night. When nothing happened, he gave up. After a few months his dad said they were going to see mum in the hospital and he was going to get a big surprise.

When they got to the room, the little boy saw his mother holding two babies. "Well, what do you think about having twin brothers?" his dad asked. The little boy thought for a moment and replied: "It is a good thing I stopped praying when I did."

A letter from a boy in boarding school

'Dear mum, last week the bishop came for confirmation. I could see him well from my seat in chapel. Now I know what a crook looks like.'

### **Hall Redecoration.**

During the Summer Holidays the Hall has had a major refurbishment. Starting with the working party on 26th July to take down notice boards etc. and do all the preparation.

Darren Peaston (friend of the late Steve Tracy) has repainted the Hall and all the cupboard doors.

The kitchen has also been repainted, curtesy of Paul Prior, ( the late Pat Robinson's Grandson). A new broom cupboard has been created at the end of the worktop, just in case you are looking for a broom, and there are shelves inside. The First Aid kit now resides on the top shelf.

Due to the Summer storms the skylights in the Hall were again leaking. These have now been fixed.

Finally the necessary 5 year electrical inspection of the Hall has been completed. A number of items were brought to our attention that needed updating to comply with the latest regulations. At the time of writing we are about halfway through the list.

So we are looking forward to a bright, dry, safe and clean Hall again this autumn.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
NEW ELTHAM

# MICHAELMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

10.30am-1.30pm

Church hall, Bereta Rd se9 3tz

Crafts, Games, Tombolas

Cake Stall



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### **Diary Dates for September 2014**

|                |              |                                                           |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 4th   | 11.00 am     | Holy Communion                                            |
| Saturday 6th   | 11.00 am     | Parish Office                                             |
| Sunday 7th     | 10.00 am     | Confirmation & Holy Communion with Bishop Michael Ipgrave |
| Monday 8th     | 6.30 pm      | Diocesan Synod (Waterloo)                                 |
| Wednesday 10th | 10.30-12.00  | Fair trade café                                           |
| Thursday 11th  | 11.00 am     | Holy Communion                                            |
| Sunday 14th    | 10.00 am     | Holy Communion & Sunday School                            |
| Wednesday 17th | 8.00 pm      | PCC Meeting                                               |
| Thursday 18th  | 11.00 am     | Holy Communion                                            |
| Sunday 21st    | 10.00 am     | Holy Communion & Sunday School                            |
| Tuesday 23rd   | 2.15 pm      | CTNE meeting at Vicarage                                  |
| Wednesday 24th | 10.30- 12.00 | Fair trade café                                           |
| Thursday 25th  | 11.00 am     | Holy Communion                                            |
| Saturday 27th  | 10.30-1.30   | Michaelmas Fayre                                          |
| Sunday 28th    | 10.00 am     | Holy Communion & Sunday School                            |

Please check the weekly news sheet for any changes.

## **Parish Pump**

### **The 100 Club**

The 100 club was won by Penny Marces and Geoff Ellis

### **Baptisms**

Delilah Violet Harris on 17th August  
Connie Karen Edna Wicks on 24th August  
Daisy May Hitchens on 31st August  
Scarlett Warner on 31st August

### **Weddings**

17th August Anthony Biesack & Jing Wang  
22nd August Charles Miller & Jade-Marie Harman  
24th August Ashley Thomas & Charlotte Serville

### **Funerals**

29th August Sylvia Bird

Thanks to all who covered whilst Rev'd. Annette was away, Fathers Brett Ward, Bruce Driver and Derek Robinson were all greatly appreciated.

### **Future dates for the Diary**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Quiz Evening.

NSPCC Bexley Branch warmly invites you to enjoy the joyful sound of the ELTHAM ROCK CHOIR at All Saints' Church New Eltham, **7.30 pm TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2014.**

ADMISSION FREE. Donations to the NSPCC welcome  
NSPCC AGM DURING THE INTERVAL. Light refreshments.

**MICHAELMAS FAIR - Saturday 27th September 10.30-1.30.**

Volunteers for stalls needed. Especially in the Kitchen.

Donations for stalls please, these can be left at the back of the church in the box provided; unwanted gifts, crafts, bottles, raffle prizes, childrens' toys.

## **September**

September tip-toed in last night,  
Summer soon will end,  
The children are back in school,  
Joking with their friends.

Vacation time is over,  
Work is the name of the game,  
But what wonderful memories,  
We will later proclaim.

September is a lovely time of year,  
And in her pastel shaded dress,  
She dances on cooler breezes,  
Each hill and valley to caress.

It's the beginning of the harvest,  
Where the corn and taters grow,  
Fields of grain and apple trees  
And the cawing of the crow.

Sumac and golden rod a'blooming  
In meadowlands everywhere,  
With purple asters, and buttercups  
A meld of rich colors rare.

An occasional foggy morning,  
Or a misty afternoon,  
With it's mild breezes,  
Dancing to September's tune.

O Lord, Of the Universe,  
I thank you for this time of year,  
As we work our way toward winter,  
With Friends and family dear

September is delightfully different,  
She leaves us with a smile,  
To await her return next year,  
To visit us again for awhile

**Eva May Young**

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## **Traditions and Customs - September.**

The Highland games season comes to a head with the Braemar Gathering on the first Saturday in September, when members of the royal family from Balmoral enjoy the pipe bands, and such time-honoured contests as tossing the caber.

Widcombe Fair on Dartmoor early in September owes its fame to the song about Old Uncle Tom Cobbleigh and all- who were real local characters. Also in Devon, later in the month Barnstaple holds its Old Fair. In earlier times they brought a few days holiday after the harvest had been safely gathered in.

Each year on the birthday of the Virgin Mary September 8th in Lichfield a party of horsemen make a ceremonial circuit of the city boundaries, Led by the Sheriff, they are welcomed into town by bearers of the city sword and mace.

In an old custom revived in 1897, children hold hands to circle the church of St. Mary in Painswick, Gloucestershire. This is done on September 19th, the (old style) birthday of the Virgin, and is called clipping, or embracing, the church.

Lichfield marks Dr Johnson's birthday also on the 19th, a wreath is laid at his statue and hymns are sung by the cathedral choir.

In sport the croquet season climaxes with the President's Cup competition at Hurlingham.

## **Smile lines 2**

Late for a meeting and unable to find a parking spot, I pulled up behind a church. It was only after I had gotten out that I spotted this sign. " No Parking! Forgiveness is our business, but don't make it harder than it already is"

A lady who died left a note in her will that she was to be cremated and her ashes scattered over Harrods Department store. This was to ensure her daughter visited her twice a week

Friends sympathised as our curate complained that her back was really sore from moving furniture. 'Why don't you wait until you teenage son get home?' someone asked. 'Well I could' the curate replied 'but the couch is much easier to move if he's not on it'

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

PARISH BOUNDARIES.

Arrangements are in hand for extending the boundary of our parish beyond the present Woolwich Borough boundary in Footscray Road. At present houses beyond this boundary are out of our parish and also out of our Diocese. They are in Christ Church, Sidcup, and in the Diocese of Rochester.

The new building in the area just outside our parish has made some rearrangement essential.

The Southwark Diocese will take in some of this area which will, of course, then be included in our parish. No definite decisions have yet been made, but it is fairly certain that our parish will extend at least to County Gate and the new Telford Road opposite County Gate. To our new parishioners we extend a very hearty welcome and we hope soon to have the pleasure of a personal visit.

It will be some time before details of exact new boundary lines can be given as the matter has to be considered by the two Diocese of Rochester and Southwark, and also by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and sanctioned by an Order of Council.

TENNIS AND BOWLS CLUB

The club is having a Gala Day on Saturday, September 22nd, finishing up with a flannel dance in the evening at the hall, tickets 2/6. Members and prospective members and friends are invited in the afternoon; a 2/6 ticket covers the afternoon and the dance, and must be given up in the evening at the hall. The games will commence at 3 o'clock, and the dance at 8.

*There were no entries in the "Church Logbook" for September 1974.*

*Historical Notes:* The parish was extended to include County Gate and Telford Road but does not extend to Aldwick Close, which was built later.

Apparently the term "flannel dance" was used in the 1930's to indicate that casual dress i.e. flannels, was acceptable apparel for the dance, usually with a "live" band.

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