

All Saints Magazine



September 2015

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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

September always feels a bit like the New Year to me. We have the children going back to school, the rounds of meetings etc. start up again and you can begin new evening classes etc. The world gears up for the coming winter and in church terms we begin a round of important festivals culminating ultimately at Christmas.

It is a time for us to come back to church after our summer breaks refreshed, renewed and full of energy.

There is so much happening it is good to get some dates and ideas in our heads.

Saturday 26th September is our Autumn Fair.

Sunday 27th September at 4pm is our chance to host the deanery for a Taize style service.

October 11th is our Harvest Festival.

November 1st is All Saints Day – we have lunch after this service, so do come.

November 8th is Remembrance Sunday – we will be joining with our Methodist friends again this year following on from the success of last year's commemoration.

November 29th is Advent Sunday – and our Christingle service begins this season well.

Then we will have December's usual mix of services and our celebration of Christmas.

Get these dates in your diary, think how can we all make each of these days special and what can we all contribute to them.

Refreshed, renewed and raring to go in September.

God Bless.

Annette

The Church building tells its story.

To continue the appreciation of our church, looking on from the Font, we think of the **Nave, Columns and Arches.**

The central area of the church, the main aisle is known as the **Nave**. The word comes from the Latin word 'navis' meaning a ship and is the root of the English word 'navigation', this may suggest the church is seen as a ship with the Priest and people travelling together towards God.

Flanked on either side of the central aisle are wooden pews. These began to be installed after the Reformation in the 16th century as sermons became fashionable and, as some were so long, the congregation became weary and needed to rest. Before that the people would just stand and mill about.

As in other churches, here at All Saints recognition of the Churchwardens position is shown with pews reserved for them and their family.

All Saints also has two side aisles, the North flanked by pews and the South leading to the Lady Chapel, modernised for use by the congregation and the children.

Columns flank the congregation and Nave at All Saints, which also serve to draw the eye to the Altar. Columns resonate with ancient beliefs and the first columns would have been made of wood, hewn out of single tree trunks. Early stone carvers copied this idea adding leafy decorations at the top, in others the tops of the columns fly into buttresses like arms raised in praise to God.

Arches too were likened to hands clasped in prayer or arms raised to worship God. Michelangelo defined an arch as two powerful forces that meet at their weakest point to make a stronger whole; the metaphor is apt as couples are usually married under the chancel arch. Some rounded arches in large churches, traditionally classical in design, are called "triumphal" being characterised by their size and thickness. The term "triumphal arch" also refers to the wall above the arch that separates the nave from the chancel.

Everything in our church has a religious meaning, next month we think about the Pulpit and Windows.

The wedding of Sarah Fancett and Daniel Jennings



Happy!

It's just the little homely things, the unobtrusive, friendly things, the "Won't-you-let-me-help-you" things that make our pathway light.

And it's just the jolly, joking things, the "Never-mind-the-trouble" things, the "Laugh-with-me-it's-funny" things that make the world seem bright.

For all the countless famous things, the wondrous record-breaking things, those never-can-be-equalled things that all the papers cite, are not like little human things, the everyday-encountered-things, the "Just-because-I-like-you" things that make us happy quite.!

So here's to all the little things, the done-and-then-forgotten things, those "Oh-it's-simply-nothing" things that make life worth the fight.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
NEW ELTHAM

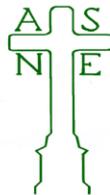
MICHAELMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

10.30am-1.30pm

Church hall, Bercta Rd se9 3tz

Crafts, Games, Tombolas
Cake Stall



REFRESHMENTS ADMISSION FREE

Diary Dates for September 2015

Thursday 3rd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 5th	11.00 am	Parish Office
Sunday 6th	10.00 am	Confirmation
Wednesday 9th	10.30-12.00 8.00 pm	Fair trade café PCC Meeting
Thursday 10th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 12th	5.00 pm	Youth Club in Hall
Sunday 13th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 15th	2.00 pm 7.30 pm	CTNE Meeting Women's Fellowship Group
Thursday 17th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 19th		Re-NEW NEW ELTHAM
Sunday 20th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 23rd	10.30-12.00	Fair trade café
Thursday 24th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 26th		Michaelmas Fair
Sunday 27th	10.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion Taize Worship in Church

Please check the weekly news sheet for any changes.

Parish Pump

100 Club

The two 100 Club prizes in July were won by Julie Price and Guide Dogs for the Blind (courtesy of Brian Everness).

Baptisms

2nd August, Millie Sophia Goldsmith

Weddings

1st August, Samantha Sheehan and Gary Kenyon

15th August, Sarah Fancett and Daniel Jennings

Funerals

4th August, Jim Mailing (see article elsewhere)

Thanks

To Carol Reid for the new covers on the credence table and the Lady Chapel Altar.

To Father John Francis Friendship for covering the services while Annette was on holiday.

To Rev. Jean Wadsworth for travelling from Devon to officiate at the wedding of Sarah Fancett and Daniel Jennings. She also joined us for the service on the Sunday and was able to catch up with members of the congregation.

Congratulations to all the children who did well in their recent exams.

Events

Michaelmas Fair on Saturday 26th September. This is All Saints major fund raising event of the year. Help is required to run the event both on the day and setting up or preparing items in advance (see Ruth Fancett). Donations for raffle prizes, the bottle stall, unwanted gifts, home-made gifts or homemade preserves will be gratefully received.

Future Events

October 11th—All Saints Harvest Festival.

November 1st—All Saints Day, patronal festival.

November 8th—Remembrance Sunday.

November 29th—Advent Sunday and our Christingle service.

“Jim” James William Mailing.

On Tuesday 4th August we paid our respects and bid farewell to Jim at a funeral Service at Falconwood crematorium that celebrated his life. The numbers of people that attended, for it was standing room only, both from his clubs and All Saints was a testament to the high respect and esteem in which he was held.

Jim was a prominent long serving member of the Eltham Bowls Club at Halons Road, Eltham, which he joined in the late 1970's. In addition to being an excellent bowler, he took an active part in running the club being an active member of the executive committee over the years. His profession of bank manager was an asset when he also took over the difficult role of Treasurer for some time, but his final well deserved achievement was being the Club President.

Jim's banking background and his meticulous attention to detail earned him the affectionate nick name of "Captain Mannering" by members of his team.

Together with Joan he generously supported all charitable events and fundraising organised by the club.

Jim was a long standing member of All Saints attending for many years, and for at least 20 of which, also carried out the duties of Planned Giving Secretary, until 2013, counting and banking the weekly collections.

Jim and Joan were married at All Saints by the Reverend Jean Wadsworth. They have since spent happy years together cruising around the world, enjoying their life and the love of families.

Jim was a true gentleman loved, respected and liked by all.

Jim was in church the Sunday before he died, which gave us a chance to express our appreciation for his work. But it also gave Jim the opportunity to leave us a parting gift of £500, for which the PCC will have to find a suitable use.

From the Friendship Book 1981

A Hampshire man of 89 was asked his recipe for a long, health and happy life. He gave a slow smile. "My formula lies in two simple words: 'Yes dear.'"

Smile Lines

Complaints from Holidays (these are real from Thompson Holidays)-*continued from July.*

Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers

It's lazy of the local shopkeepers to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time-this should be banned.

No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared.

I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts.

The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun.

I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends three-bedroom suite and ours was significantly smaller.

The brochure stated: "No hairdressers at the resort" We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service.

When we were in Spain, there were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners

We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air-conditioning.

It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us on noisy or unruly guests before we travel.

I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes.

My fiancée and I requested twin-beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be re-reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in a room that we booked.



Hymn of the Art Instructor

Hearken all who came to me
To further their ability
In practicing the visual arts,
Permit me now to break your hearts.
Let no-one think these hours are blessed
With sweet and recreative zest,
I'd rather see you writhe and smart
In service to the cause of art.
Stretching to the future dim
Lies a struggle long and grim
Doubt, Frustration, pain and tears,
Hopes deflated, boundless fears
Must go with you upon this road
Where easy praise is ne'er bestowed
Fall out all those whose hearts are faint,
For you must suffer if you paint.
So scrape your canvas Mrs Bligh
It's too bad if I've made you cry,
Now Mrs. Barber that won't do
I see I'll have to bully you.
There is no conflict you can shirk
If you would have your picture work.
But one day you'll give thanks to me
Who crushed your egotistic glee

From the Archives – snippets from the September magazine of 1935, price twopence
MOTHERS' UNION.

The speaker on Wednesday, September 11th, will be Mrs. Cartwright, the Deanery Secretary. Members of neighbouring branches have been invited and we hope to have a good attendance and to give a real hearty welcome to Mrs. Cartwright. Corporate Communion, Wednesday, September 25th, at 10 a.m.

TENNIS and BOWLS.

The season will close with the Gala Day on Saturday, September 21st, It is hoped all members will share in this and help to make it a great success.

On Sunday 22nd, Communicant members are invited to join in Corporate Communion at 8 a.m. and all members are asked to join in a Service of Fellowship and Thanksgiving at Evensong at 6.30 p.m.

YOUTH RALLY.

On Monday, September 23rd, at 8.15 p.m., there is to be a great Youth Rally in the Town Hall, Woolwich.

All parishes in the Deanery are combining for this Rally, at which the Bishop of Woolwich will be chairman and one of the speakers will be the Rev. G. Potter of St. Chrysostom's Peckham.

The Rally is intended for young people—boys and girls from 15 years of age. We hope to arrange for a large party from our parish. The idea of the Rally is that every young church member who attends, should take with him one other who is not a church goer, that together they may learn something about "The Church and Youth."

The "Church Logbook" for September 1975 records:

Parish outing to Butlins at Bognor Regis.

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