

All Saints Magazine



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Letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

With the Rev. Annette and Rita our Reader on holiday at the time of publication, we would like to thank the visiting clergy; Fr. Derek Robinson, Fr. Brett Ward, Fr. Robert Pyne and Fr. John-Francis Friendship for their ministry in the past few weeks.

We are also grateful to Fr. John Francis for submitting the following article:



Come and See

Encountering Christ through the Land called Holy

*A pilgrimage-retreat in the Holy Land
(with optional five-day extension to Jordan)
led by Fr. John-Francis Friendship*

5th – 16th June 2017 (Jordan: 16th – 20th June)

Consequent to a successful Pilgrimage-retreat in 2015 I am planning to lead another in 2017 – this time with the option of visiting Petra and other sites in Jordan.

Each day will include time for reflection on what we experience based on the principles of *Lectio Divina*, that traditional Benedictine method of encountering the Lord through reading, meditation and prayer. Like *Lectio Divina* we will seek to allow the Land – the 'Fifth Gospel' - to help us enter a fresh realisation of God's revelation in Christ as we journey with Him. We will also share in prayer and liturgy and celebrate the Eucharist in most of the holy places we visit and each day will conclude with a time of prayerful reflection on what we have encountered.

The aims of this pilgrimage/retreat are to:

encounter Christ through the Land by travelling from Nazareth to Jerusalem and visiting many of the places associated with His life;

offer ways of encountering God through prayer, liturgy and meditation;

engage in an inner journey of 'come and see' in order to encounter Christ afresh in the depths of our being;

enjoy ourselves!

Visits will include Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Abu Ghosh. We will sail on the Sea of Galilee and make the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa. In Jordan We will stay at the Petra Guest House and at the Jordan Valley Marriott Hotel and Spa, visiting Mt. Nebo, the Crusader castle of Kerak, the Treasury at Petra, Wadi Rum, Jerash, celebrating the Eucharist at some of the holy sites.

Some comments following our last visit:

The Pilgrimage-retreat was a unique experience as a whole – for me, the celebration of the Eucharist, the Homilies, the Prayers & Hymns were central and to be held in a land where Jesus actually lived and walked were priceless. So many tours to the Holy Land seem to lack the spirit of a true pilgrimage. This was totally the opposite and that's why it was so special. (GG-J, Australia)

*I do think that the structure of reflection, liturgy and prayers really helped to help me connect with the geography and places we were visiting and therefore 'journey with Christ'. Thank you very much for the services and prayers that were prepared for us to use. And I am also very grateful for the times of 'space' while we were out – giving me a real chance to meditate and reflect on the journey (the outer and inner experience).
(MO'B, Glos)*

*My head has still been in the Holy Land for the last week. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to go. I've come back a slightly different person to how I was before we left.
(CP, London)*

A COMPLETE BROCHURE and further information is available from:

Fr. John-Francis Friendship - tel: (020) 3583 9312 or email: jff2209@yahoo.com

Inclusive cost: £1870 (Jordan extension: £740)

Organised by: McCabe Pilgrimages and



National service of thanksgiving to mark the 90th birthday of the Her Majesty the Queen.

On a beautiful sunny day on the 10th June 2016 we were privileged to attend the service at St Pauls Cathedral to mark the birthday of The Queen. Our sons, Hugh 10 and Toby 9 are choristers at the cathedral and had the very important job of singing in the choir at the service. We received our formal invitations from The Lord Chamberlain at Her Majesty's command. Security for the service was strict, and we were required to be seated over an hour before the service was due to begin at 11am. From our allocated seats, high up in the organ loft in the quire section of the cathedral, we were able to see the choirs of St Pauls and The Chapel Royal, the College of Canons, the Succentor, The Archbishop of Wales, The Archbishop of Armagh, the Dean of Westminster and many other visiting ecumenical dignitaries preparing to process prior to the start of the service.

Shortly after 11am, The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh were greeted by The Dean of St Pauls at The Great West Doors. The Queen's procession moved through the Nave during the hymn 'Oh Worship The Lord In The Beauty Of Holiness'. Following this, the Dean of St Pauls welcomed and thanked God for this very special day. Psalm 139 was read followed by the hymn 'Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us'. The New Testament reading was taken from Luke 12. 22-31 and read by David Cameron and the sermon was given by the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby. The choir sang anthems by Ralph Vaughan Williams, William Walton and Judith Wier, who is currently Master of The Queen's Music. Michael Bond and Sir David Attenborough, who also celebrated their 90th birthdays this year, both spoke and reflected on the passing of the years. The Act of Thanksgiving was led by The Bishop of London before we sang the final hymn Lord, For The Years. The service concluded with a magnificent fanfare played by The Fanfare Trumpeters of the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Portsmouth who were standing high in the galleries above the quire, opposite to our seats, leading into the National Anthem. We felt amazingly privileged to be a part of such an occasion and proud of our boys for doing such a fantastic job. Needless to say that we all went for a very lovely meal afterwards, with the exception of Hugh and Toby who had to return to school for lessons! But they were able to enjoy half term holidays the following week.

Trevor and Katie Davies.

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NEW ELTHAM

MICHAELMAS FAIR

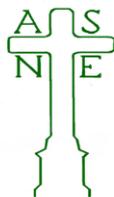
SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

10.30am-1.30pm

Church hall, Bercta Rd se9 3tz

Crafts, Games, Tombolas

Cake Stall



REFRESHMENTS ADMISSION FREE

Diary Dates for September 2016

Thursday 1st	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 2nd	6.30-9.30 pm	Vicarage Garden Party
Sunday 4th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 8th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 13th	2.00 pm	CTNE at Methodist Church
Wednesday 14th	10.30–12.00	Fair trade café
Thursday 15th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	9.30 am 11.00 am	Quiet Communion Noisy family communion
Thursday 22nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 24th,	10.30-1.30	Michaelmas Fair
Sunday 25th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 28th	10.30–12.00	Fair trade café
Thursday 29th	11.00 am	Holy Communion

Please check the weekly news sheet for any changes

STOP PRESS.

HALL BOOKINGS New contact details to book the hall: Please email Denise Figgest on belleseal@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Pump

Baptisms

28th August, Oliver Fisher

28th August, Archie Warner

100 Club

The 100 Club prize was won in July by Lily Ripley, and the August prizes by Rebecca Jull (Pat Flaherty's Grandchildren) and F. Nayoan (Lisa).

After almost 10 years of running the 100 Club, Shelia Cooper is handing over to Kate Eaton. Each number costs £15 for the year, which runs from October to September. Half the money raised is distributed in a monthly draw, with prizes ranging between £30 and £175. Kate will be seeking new participants to fill any gaps and chasing you for your cheques soon.

Quiz Results

The May Quiz prize of £15.50 was won by Carol Reed, there was no Quiz in June, but the July Quiz prize of £16.50 was won by Annette Rose, both winners were picked 'from the hat' from the correct entries received.

Michaelmas Fair

For the Michaelmas Fair on 24th September we are hoping for a "Filled Jar stall" containing "something" worth £1 or more (decorated if you wish). We also plan to have a "Getting Ready for Christmas" stall, selling decorations, wrappings etc. (see Pam Piper for above details). We will also need bottles for the bottle stall, if you have any of your Duty Free allowance going begging please remember us!, we also need Raffle Prizes. **Most importantly...put this date in your diary & volunteer to help**

Monthly Charity

This month's chosen charity is "SANDS (Stillbirth & Neo-natal Death Society)". Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. Thank you.

Future Events

12th October, Deanery Synod, St. Andrew's Mottingham, 7.30 pm

Strawberry Tea for Breast Cancer Care

What better way can there be to spend a summer afternoon than enjoying afternoon tea with friends and maybe a little light shopping into the bargain? Well, that is how a great many of my friends, neighbours and other local residents spent the afternoon of 12th August at my 6th Strawberry Tea.

With the most welcome help of my daughters and their respective other halves, together with my faithful helpers, Iris and Carol, we served tea, cakes, scones & of course, strawberries to over 60 people, (some of whom came back for seconds and even thirds!!)

Once they had finished refreshing their inner selves, they were able to purchase some lovely jewellery, beautiful cards, delicious preserves and a variety of other handmade items sold by local craftspeople, all of whom made generous donations to the charity.

Another friend provided Indian Head Massages, which were wonderful and most relaxing. There was also a very well stocked raffle presided over by Mario, a gentleman from Barcelona over here to improve his English. I think we soundly tested and increased his vocabulary! Also there was a chance to guess the number of strawberries in the pictured basket, the winner was Sheila Cooper who won £10, well done Sheila.

At 6pm tired, but elated, by what appeared to be a very happy, enjoyable and successful afternoon, we cleared away the few remaining cakes and made our way home to collapse (and drink more tea!)

And how did we do? The best ever, £423 on the day. Following further donations, at the time of writing, we are up to £471 with more promised.

Thank you to all of you who came and supported me, I am so grateful to those of you who regularly turn up to all my events, it makes it all so worthwhile.

Ruth

Easy fundraising update

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online—from your weekly shop to your annual holiday—you could be raising a FREE donation for All Saints, New Eltham.

There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Tesco & Sainsburys (including grocery shopping), M&S, Early Learning, Thomas Cook and countless other big name stores, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to All Saints to say thank you for shopping with them. You can even access donations by downloading iTunes or ordering a takeaway!

Easyfundraising also alerts you to special offers and discount deals, so you could save money too. All you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintsneweltham>
2. Sign up for **FREE**, Don't forget to download the Donation Reminder on a laptop or PC so you will never forget to collect a **FREE** donation.
3. Select your store/retailer and get shopping—the stores' donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to All Saints.

Or: if you have a smart phone or tablet, you can download the **FREE** easyfundraising **app** from the App Store or Google Play Store and follow the instructions on how to sign up.

Alternatively: you can safely register debit or credit cards with easyfundraising. Visit a participating high street retailer. Make an in-store purchase and easyfundraising will do the rest. Any donations you raise are in addition to any rewards from your card provided and it won't stop you getting any cash back.

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything. There are no catches or hidden charges.

All Saints is really grateful for the growing number of supporters who have already signed up and for the £8.21 in donations you have generated so far.

Even if you don't shop online but know of family or friends who do, please feel free to share our "cause page" (link above) with them on facebook or twitter.

Thank you for your support, every penny counts.

Notice boards

I know a minister who asked a firm to do a poster for his church notice-board with the heading: "HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE."

The sign-writer looked a little doubtful and then said, "Would it be all right if I put HARVEST FESTIVAL instead?"

"But why?" asked the minister.

"Well," was the reply. "there really isn't room on the board for 'Thanksgiving'."

There should always be room on the board—and in our hearts—for that.

Friendship Book 1986

Seen on the notice-board at Christ Church Petts Wood:

"Come in and have all your answers questioned"

Answers to the August Quiz sheet

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| 1. Australia's top magician | The Wizard Of Oz |
| 2. Spot the German guy | Spiderman |
| 3. The highest revolver | Top Gun |
| 4. David and Mike are not in debt | Men In Black |
| 5. 24 carat piece of anatomy | Goldfinger |
| 6. Weekend illness | Saturday Night Fever |
| 7. W11, for example | Notting Hill |
| 8. Whilst steering avoid flower | Driving Miss Daisy |
| 9. Collectively the actors are not at home | Castaway |
| 10. Hurricane scores 100% | The Perfect Storm |
| 11. No longer requires Rennies | Gone With The Wind |
| 12. Rich canine living in poor part of town | Slumdog Millionaire |
| 13. Not quite a dozen in the Pacific | Ocean's Eleven |
| 14. Celestial battles | Star Wars |
| 15. A qualified scholar | The Graduate |
| 16. Returning to a tense | Back To The Future |

From the Archives – snippets from the September magazine of 1936, price twopence.

From the Vicarage

The advent of September usually directs our thoughts to plans for winter work. All our various organisations will be settling down to work and we hope too for some new ventures, especially among young people.

We are anxious to revive “Kings Messengers” in our parish. Several of our Sunday School Teachers have already promised to help with this work and we appeal for the kindly co-operation of the parents to help us in offering together a really strong branch of King’s Messengers. For the benefit of any who do not know, perhaps I ought to explain that “Kings Messengers” is an organisation worked in connection with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for training, teaching and interesting children in the missionary work of the church. The idea is, as the name implies, that they should be King’s Messengers, i.e., messengers doing something to send the King’s message to other parts of the world. There is a great deal that children can do in the way of work and Plays, etc., to help the church overseas; but the great value of this work lies, of course, in the training of children in the missionary obligation.

There is another side of our parochial life which hitherto has not been very satisfactory, and that is attendance at Communicant Guild Services. There must be many Communicants who would value an opportunity once a month to come to a short Preparation Service for Holy Communion. They need not sign any forms or make any promises. These Preparation Services are open to all and we trust that during the coming winter more Communicants will avail themselves of the opportunities provided.

There is nothing recorded in the “Church Logbook” for September 1976:

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