

All Saints Magazine



July 2018

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Editorial

Welcome to our magazine for July it is full of things to help you get to know us a little better and also to have some insight into how our church works.

We are kicking off our series of interviews with people who are connected to our church with the Rev. David Peters – he is father of Roberta and father in law of Dennis for those of you who know them.

If you want to know about some of the developments happening in All Saints right now then look at the article written by our intrepid Churchwardens Neal (gardener No. 3) and Graham.

Our centre spread is the usual diary dates, Notices, Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings.

On the seventh of this month, after our Family Fun Afternoon (in the hall and grounds, FREE admission, and open to all), we will be supporting NEW ELTHAM SUPPORTS DEMELZA with a fabulous concert by the Rock Choir, A H Dance and many others, the refreshments are provided by Chris and his team at NISA and there even a raffle too. That starts at 5pm in the Church.

Also there is an insight into prayer and praying written by myself – with a little help from the Bishop of Oxford, John Pritchard.

Last month too saw the reopening of our Sunday School on the second Sunday of each month and this will connect with what we do at the family service— so why not give this a go.

After that a short report on walking the ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ candle to Holy Trinity; an appeal to support All Saints through Easyfundraising; a plug for the Little Wings group that meets in the Hall; the monthly quiz answers and a blast from the past can be found here as well.

Enjoy

Annette (Vicar)



The Parish Interview

David Peters: Roberta's Father's Work

In 1934, an Indian boy named Nadasen was born in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, to a mother who rejected him, so his aunt and her husband raised him in the Hindu culture. He never knew who his father was. After a difficult childhood and a brush with radical politics during the apartheid era, he was so severely injured in a gang fight, his life was in the balance. Eventually he was discharged from hospital suffering from double vision and severe headaches. He sought help from soothsayers and witchdoctors. One day a friend invited him to pray to Jesus for help. God answered his prayer and that was the beginning of a turn-around in his life.

He married a Christian girl, which was another step in bringing him closer to the work of the Lord. As a young father, successfully managing a garage, he came into contact with Michael Cassidy and his team, who had created the mission society, African Enterprise. Nadasen, now known as David Nadasen Peters, responded to their invitation to work with them. Although he was hampered by dyslexia, his testimony and love for the Lord was so compelling, he was invited to join Billy Graham Crusades and eventually to conduct a very successful campaign to the then Rhodesia. Eventually he travelled Africa and the world as an evangelist and counsellor.



With the support of kind friends and several out-of-work voluntary Christian workers, he created the Lord's Counselling Room which eventually became the Lord's Caring Centre (LCC) and today covers a wide spectrum of evangelistic and caring work.

David firmly believes that the more united the church is in our work for God, the more effective we are for GOD.



The LCC therefore identifies missions with long standing, good track records through which the LCC's support could help to be more effective: This includes support in the form of vouchers for groceries, clothing, toiletries, toys etc., which are given to feeding scheme missions, children's homes,

hospitals and the elderly. David also works with the Gideons to distribute Bibles to prisons, schools, businesses and individuals while he also continues to minister at churches and businesses and to counsel many people through divorce, drug addiction, witchcraft and the occult and related bondages.



Postscript: A daughter's reflection

Never in her worst nightmares did Roberta foresee that, after just three months of marriage, she would have to return alone to South Africa in May 2017; that her first application for a spousal visa to live with her husband Dennis in the UK would be rejected; that her appeal against the decision will not finally be heard until August 2018.

Yet life sometimes has an unforeseen balance. For, on her return to South Africa, without the job and the flat that she gave up in January 2017 to come to London on a six-month travel visa, Roberta then went back to live with her father David in Pietermaritzburg. Over the last year she has grown to know, love and support her father in his Ministry in a way that she has never done before. In doing so, her commitment and determination to fulfill her own Ministry to God, with a special focus on children, has deepened and clarified.



At the beginning of August, Dennis and Neal will travel to Birmingham and together with a specialist immigration barrister will show that all criteria required by the Home Office have now been met. Justice should prevail but we are taking nothing for granted.

David, Roberta, Petro, Dennis & Neal

Churchwardens' Corner

Developments at All Saints

Piano lessons

With effect from August, our talented young organist, Aaron Mather Bmus (Hons), will be offering piano lessons for all age and ability levels. Lessons can be for either an hour or half-hour. If you are interested please contact Aaron on 07984783910 or email him on: anjmather@gmail.com

Counselling/bereavement support

On 7th July, from 10.00 – 2.00, Erica Stewart is offering four sessions to anyone of any age who would simply like to talk through issues affecting them in a quiet and completely confidential environment. Erica is a highly experienced integrative counsellor who has worked for the charity Sands (the stillbirth and neonatal death charity) for the last twenty years, where she has supported a large number of parents, grand-parents and siblings. If you are interested in talking with Erica please let either Annette or Neal know and we will reserve you one of the sessions.

Church cleaning and de-cluttering

As Graham mentioned in the Notice he gave during the Family Service on 17th June, a real push is being made to de-clutter the church and tackle areas of the church which cannot possibly be covered by the regular weekly clean provided by Janet. One of those areas includes the church windows both inside and outside which thanks to the extremely generous terms offered by Tony Broughton will be now be cleaned on a regular basis.

Saturday 4th August – Garden & Church Cleaning Working Parties

The rumours were true. During the refreshment break of the Garden Working Party morning on 2nd June, Evelyn the long-time Gardener No 1, made Neal, the ruthlessly ambitious and Machiavellian Gardener No 3, kneel before her and with a symbolic spade, Evelyn formally appointed him the new Gardener No 1! Apparently, Neal had drafted an Oscar speech thanking all those people in his life who had helped to prepare him for such an honour, but unfortunately, since his knees are no longer quite what they used to be, by the time he had managed to stand up, the moment had passed!

Inspired by the music of little Wings and by the food cooked by gastro-chefs Evelyn, Brenda and Dennis, the first Saturday of the month has become a regular fixture; a testament to the care and affection that so many have for All Saints Church and Gardens.

Parish Magazine Sponsorship and Circulation

The Parish Magazine, in our view, deserves to be more widely read and circulated. As we produce more copies to distribute throughout the Parish, so the costs will rise. To offset those costs so that we can continue to offer the Magazine free of charge, we are inviting more local businesses to advertise their services.

Last month we welcomed local café Munch as a regular sponsor, and this month we are delighted to welcome another sponsor, London & Kent. A family company run by Alfie and Tony Phillips, they specialise in electrical, plumbing and heating services. Alfie has already contributed in a number of ways to the Church which, regular readers of Gardener's Corner may recall, included providing mobile scaffolding at short notice and free of charge to enable the War Memorial Sculpture to be cleaned.

Graham & Neal

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
New Eltham, SE9 3TZ

Family Fun Day!

Saturday 7th July
12-3pm

Bouncy Castle

Charity Stalls

Craft Stalls

CAKES

Refreshments

Admission FREE

Diary Dates for June/July 2018

Friday 29th June	9.00 am -6.00 pm	New testament reading in Church
Saturday 30th June	9.00 am -6.00 pm	New Testament reading in Church
	7.00 pm	Concert by local Singers and Pianists in Church
Sunday 1st July	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	4.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Monday 2nd July	2.00 pm	CTNE meeting @ Methodists
	7.00 pm	Standing committee Meeting
Wednesday 4th		No Evening Prayer
Thursday 5th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 7th	10.00-12.00	Parish Office
	12.00-3.00 pm	Family Fun Day
	5.00-7.00 pm	Concert for Demelza by Rock Choir, All the Arts and many more
Sunday 8th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Sunday School in the Hall
	12.30 pm	Baptism Mckinley Family
	2.00 pm	Baptism Bertie Killick
Monday 9th	12.00 noon	Wedding Elliot Orris & Eleanor Barrett
Wednesday 11th	10.30- 12.00	Fair Trade Café
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 12th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th	10.00 am	Family Service
	3.00-5.00 pm	Deanery afternoon tea in Hall
Wednesday 18th	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
	8.00 pm	PCC Meeting
Thursday 19th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.30 pm	Baptism Teddie Rankin
Wednesday 25th	10.30- 12.00	Fair Trade Café
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 26th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 28th	1.30 pm	Baptism Louis Oakes
Sunday 29th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.30 pm	Baptism Connor Tebutt
	1.30 pm	Baptism Max Thompson

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Parish Pump

Baptisms.

10th June, Malakie, Aoife, & Nuala McGuinness

24th June, Jessica Cordell

Funerals

31st May, Danny Lawless,

1st May, Alan Elvey,

6th June, Ronald Bowdery.

Quiz Results.

The May Quiz prize of £10.50 was won by Barbara Avery, whose entry was picked from the correct entries received.

Monthly Charity.

This month we are raising money for the London Air Ambulance. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance, or support the Fair Trade Café on Wednesdays. Thank you for your support.

Prayer

Prayer is one of those things we often just do but don't think about too much and certainly don't talk about with each other. I always imagine people are praying a whole lot more than myself and I think others are probably better at it than I am too. From the odd comments I have received it may be that I am not alone in this perception.

How do we pray then? Is there some secret way to pray that others know that we don't?

Actually there is no right or wrong way to pray, as someone once said "Pray as you can, not as you can't."

Some of us need quiet and others need noise, or music or other people.

Some of us sit in the stillness and others walk and pray.

Some of even sit in bed, while others are up and about.

It is about finding what works for you.

Prayer is a conversation with God, but often we don't wait for the answer, or we are so busy bombarding God with requests or concerns that we don't give pause for him to respond. Is it any wonder that we fail to recognize God's response sometimes.

Prayer need to be intentional, we need to try and pray and we do need to set aside some time for this, time to hear God and time to bring before him our concerns, and our needs. We too need to remember to thank God for the big things and the little things. We also need sometimes to let God have the space to answer our prayers or to speak into our souls.

We can pray privately on our own, or with others in prayer meetings or during services. Here at All Saints I say morning prayer daily and we have evening prayer at 6.30pm on a Wednesday.

There are many aids to prayer, prayer books, and prayer cards, Apps like Prayasyougo, or Daily prayer from the CofE, you can hold a cross in your hand or use rosary beads, or each and every one of these things or none.

There will be times when prayer is easy and other times when a written prayer is carrying you into Gods presence. During a service we hold each other in prayer as we pray together.

Often if there is something you cannot be at, but would like to be, (i.e. a friend's funeral in another part of the world) it can be a source of comfort for you and those attending to pray at the same time.

We can also connect to others around the world by using the same prayers or psalms, and the psalms have been used at daily prayer in this way for centuries connecting monasteries across the globe.

It is worth remembering that every religion prays in some shape or form. That makes prayer a powerful medium both for those who pray and for those who are prayed for.

In America they did some research on heart patients, splitting them into two groups, one of which they prayed for, the others they did not.

The prayed for group were held in prayer by churches, mosques, temples and by Buddhist monks in Tibet. Some knew they were prayed for and some didn't. Overall those who were prayed for recovered better and faster than those who were not prayed for. It didn't matter who did the praying or whether they knew about the prayers or not.

Prayer changes things, prayer is both useful and powerful and it connect us to each other and more importantly it connects us to GOD

AMEN

Sunday School Re-opens

Sunday school resumed in June and will continue to take place on the second Sunday of every month (except for August!).

The third Sunday will be Family service as usual. On the 4th Sunday of each month, there will be activities for the children to complete in church, on the table at the side.

We are going to be thinking about the Fruit of the Spirit, taking a different aspect each month. In July we will be focusing on Joy!

In our first session, the different Fruit of the Spirit were introduced to the children and we had lots of fun with real fruit and setting ourselves challenges for the week ahead.

Oliver, aged 9 "My challenge was to have more self control. I had 6 out of 7 good days! I'm going to keep on trying hard"

Richard, Last week at Sunday school we learnt about the fruits of the spirit, and we will be learning about them for the next year. The 8th July 2018 we will be doing a dance which is done in Eltham C of E primary school which is from the song one thing remains, by Hillsong!

Victoria

Thy Kingdom Come

In the nine days from Ascension to Pentecost the archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Rev Justin Welby, asked us all to pray the Lord's prayer and to have our churches pray too.

Last year you will remember we had various prayer stations around our church. This year as a deanery we walked the light of God's love from one parish to another, starting at St. Edwards in Mottingham and finishing in St. Saviours in Middle Park.

We received the candle from St. Albans on Saturday morning, 13th May, and then seven of us walked to Holy Trinity on Sunday afternoon (shown), we carried the special candle and then joined in evensong with Father Brett and our fellow pilgrims. Ruth Fancett and Richard Rose walked both ways, but most of us got the bus back.



Easyfundraising Appeal

Please support our efforts to raise money for urgent guttering repairs.

If you shop online 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.

It doesn't cost you anything, there are no catches or hidden charges.

Little Wings

Every Saturday morning Little Wings gathers in All Saints church hall for a fun, educational morning of rhymes, singing, dancing and tea! Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Grandads all get together to join in with the familiar nursery rhymes, children's songs and have a boogie to some well known 'grown up' tunes. We enjoy playing with instruments, colourful scarves, a parachute and of course the bubble machine! It is a lovely time for local families to come together and we always have time after class to have a cuppa, a biscuit and a catch up while the children play.

I have been running the class for two years now and it is very popular with local families as there are not many activities for under 5's at the weekend. It is a lovely opportunity for working parents to bring their little ones along and enjoy singing and dancing together and unlike a lot of week day classes the dads definitely join in too!

little wings

Music classes for under 5s



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Answers to the June Quiz sheet

1. What were the names of the four March sisters in “Little Women”? **Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy**
2. What does the wartime abbreviation A.R.P. mean? **Air Raid Precautions**
3. How did St. Luke earn his living? **Physician/Doctor**
4. What, in the “Arabian Nights”, was the magic word that opened the robbers cave? **Sesame**
5. Where was Mary, Queen of Scots executed? **Fotheringay Castle**
6. With the treatment of which disease is Louis Pasteur’s name principally associated? **Hydrophobia/Rabies**
7. Where is the famous Bridge of Sighs? **Venice**
8. Caesar was told to beware the Ides of March. What date was this? **March 15th**
9. In “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” what was Bottom’s trade? **Weaver**
10. Who wrote the “Unfinished Symphony”? **Schubert**
11. Which famous literary man lived in Gadshill? **Charles Dickens**
12. How many “pips” does a British Army lieutenant wear on his shoulder? **Two**
13. What are the middle names of Sir Winston Churchill? **Leonard Spencer**
14. Which British king was known as “Farmer George”? **George III**
15. What was the name of the cabin boy in “Treasure Island”? **Jim Hawkins**
16. Who sold “Cockles and Mussels” in Dublin’s fair city? **Molly Malone**
17. Who painted “The Last Supper”? **Leonardo da Vinci**
18. In which pantomime does the character “Buttons” appear? **Cinderella**

From the Archives – *snippets from the July magazine of 1938, price twopence.*

PERSONAL

Mr Mark Feetham of 56 West Park, Mottingham, passed to the Higher Life on Wednesday, June 22nd. During the last few years Mr. Feetham often worshipped at All Saints' and was a regular Communicant at our 8 o'clock service on Sundays. He took a keen interest in our Church and work and years ago gave our beautiful Litany Desk in memory of his wife.

MATTERS—MISSIONARY

During the coming autumn we hope one of our chief pieces of work will be the holding of a Missionary Weekend Campaign. Every parish in our Diocese is being asked to arrange such a Weekend, or other suitable consecutive period.

CRICKET

We hope to arrange a cricket match, for a Saturday afternoon in August, against St. Andrew's Wimbledon, Cricket Club. This preliminary notice is given to ascertain who would be willing to play. If you play cricket, please let us know.

The "Church Logbook" for July 1978 records:

Visitation by Michael Lord, Bishop of Woolwich

This was a great occasion in the life of the Parish when the Bishop arrived for a sung Mass on Sunday evening 16th July. This was followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Everyone turned up and it was a most successful start to the visitation.

On Monday the Bishop celebrated Mass at 7 am, Schools were visited at 9 am and the Bishop was shown glimpses of Parish life by way of; sick Communion; House Parties; Pre Lunch drinks with members of other Denominations; Lunch with Parishoners; Visits to the Housebound; Evensong; Dinner and the visitation was concluded when the Bishop took the Chair at the PCC meeting on Monday at 8 pm.

We were richly blessed by his visit.

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

Articles, news and stories for the magazine are always welcome.

Please hand/send/e-mail your contributions to the magazine editors or the vicar by the third Thursday of the month for inclusion in the next month's magazine.

The magazine is available on the church website.

If you would like the magazine e-mailed to you please let us have your e-mail address. Under the new General Data Protection Regulation we will not use your e-mail address for any other purpose and will not pass it on to anyone else.