

# All Saints Magazine



August 2018

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## Editorial

Welcome to our magazine for August 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.

I am taking a well earned rest during August and with this in mind I have written about the biblical precedent of resting in God.

Our series of interviews with people who are connected to our church continues with Margaret Lyons— she is wife of Graham Lyons former Reader of All Saints for those of you who know her.

Followed by a short piece contrasting Jesus and Judas.

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

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.

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 and Graham.

After that a short story on the adventures of a walking stick; the monthly quiz answers and a blast from the past can be found here as well.

Enjoy

**Annette (Vicar)**

## **Stop Press**

### **Counselling/bereavement support**

On 4th August, from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm, Erica Stewart is offering her second Saturday morning session for 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 fifty minute sessions available

## Rest : a God given opportunity

In Mark Chapter 6 Verse 30 & 31.

The apostles returned from their mission. They gathered around Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. He said to them "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while". For many were coming and going and they had no leisure even to eat

Jesus called the disciples to work hard and then when it is done he calls them to rest for a while.

We all need to rest sometimes and to make time just for ourselves.

If we are part of a couple that may mean taking time together, if you are a family taking time out to play and to have fun together and if you are on your own it may mean taking time with others or actually letting yourself have time just for you.

One of the idiosyncrasies of being a vicar is that some days are absolutely manic and others there is not so much going on that is structured , and the problem that I and many clergy have is resting in the downtimes because we all know that the busy times are just around the corner

For all of us here and now we have been brought up to feel guilty if we are not filling every waking minute.

And yet we all know that if you don't rest sometimes then eventually your health gives and you have to take more time off than if you had rested in the first place.

But it is hard to stop and to give in, when there is always something. But Jesus call us to rest as well as to work

God wants us to live the best lives we can and to make the best of the life he has given us and being a workaholic, or trying to pack too much in. That does no good at all; working too many hours does not benefit the workers or their families or those who they work with. It has been shown that those who work longer hours are actually less productive than those who stick to their allotted 9-5 work day, and those who use their lunch breaks as breaks actually have better productivity in the afternoons than those who either work through or run round trying to fit in as many errands as they can.

Being retired doesn't ensure that you are not overdoing it either, some of those of you who are retired never take five minutes for yourselves and are on the go constantly, how many people do you know who now they have retired ponder how they ever had the time to go to work?

We are all in this modern life caught up in the business of everything and to be still or resting is somehow seen as wrong or wasteful, even in our down time we should be updating our face book page or checking our mobile messages or emails or knitting the next jumper never just relaxing or contemplating or letting go of things and giving God a chance to refresh us, to restore us, to order our racing thoughts, or fears,

It is time to Stop. I know that some of our number are on holiday already and some have planned to go over the summer and some are even planning to go in September and October and I am really pleased that you are taking time off from the everyday. For even God himself rested. God created the world he saw that it was good and on the seventh day he rested

But for each and every one of us there needs to be downtime and it needs to be often even if it's only a few minutes of the day

So take even just five minutes now and again to catch up with your thoughts and to let God refresh you. Sit still and listen to the world around you, Have a cup of tea and relax for a few minutes. Let God have a minute of your time not praying or doing good but just being in his presence, resting in him and remember that God asks for our whole life to be his not just when we are up and doing but when we are tired and need rest and when we are resting and relaxing and then we are truly rested and ready to go again, for just as in the gospel they were hardly alone for long so life presses in with the doing and the needs and the work and all of it all too soon. So take the breaks when they come and carve out some time for you and you alone rest in the lord and you will find the strength to do whatever needs doing when the time is right.

AMEN



## The Parish Interview

### **Memories of Margaret Lyons**

I was born in Battersea on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1934 and my dad was a police officer stationed in London. He was an instructor at the Police Training College, Peele House. He was a lovely country gentleman at heart. I have a photograph of him riding a horse. My father's name was Henry Ernest Howlett.

When they met my mum was in service in a big house in Marklesham, Suffolk. Her name was Annie Beatrice Smith. I had a brother Gerald who died at 49 from congenital heart disease. My parents went to the house at Walteringfield and I went to the local primary school where I took the Common Entrance exam, which I passed.

During the Second World War they went to live with my grandmother in Clacton because it was safer from the bombs. Later my parents rented a house at Walderingfield on the River Deben. To get to Felixstowe Grammar School I had to cycle 9 miles in all weathers and I was only 10 years old. My dad was determined to prove I had a grammar school place when I returned to London.

When we returned I went to a school called Woodhouse Grammar School. It was in an old house in Finchley. I remember my favourite subject was Maths. I liked playing netball and tennis after school.

When I left school I joined Barclays Bank and I did four years in the Staff Department, which dealt with recruitment, personnel and salaries. My supervisor was the sister of Sir Malcolm Sargent, who was Master of the Queen's Music. After a year at the Staff Training College, where I learnt shorthand and typing, I became the manager's secretary at the Castle Street branch in the West End near the Bourne and Hollingsworth store.

By this time my dad was in charge of C Division, Savile Row with the rank of Chief Superintendent. The Section Commander used to organise dances for the recruits. All the nurses and young girls used to go. I had a special ticket. My dad told the officers on the door to keep an eye on me. I met my husband Graham at one of these dances where he asked to walk me home. I was surprised that he had a motorbike with a sidecar. He asked me if I was doing anything on the Sunday and our first date was to Whipsnade Zoo. On the way home he took me to see his Auntie Emily in St. Albans and she decided that I was the one for him.

We were married at All Saints Church, Woodford Wells, Essex. I had 3 bridesmaids and the dresses were pale mauve. We went to Newquay, Devon for our honeymoon and I remember having some lovely sunny days in June.

Our first home was in Manor Park Road off Lee High Road. It was an upstairs flat and we lived there for just under one year. I remember giving Christmas Dinner to the old lady who lived down below. She let us have a washing line in her garden. A Salvation Army band used to march down the road and I remember watching the budgerigars in the neighbouring park.

After that we house hunted and we ended up in Cadwallon Road, New Eltham where we have lived ever since. We moved in two weeks before Christmas 1964. Our son Kevin was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> August and he was baptised at All Saints the same year. After that Graham and I attended All Saints regularly and have been members ever since.

It was quite a surprise when I went to the doctor's with a stomach ache! At the time Kevin was attending Wyborne School. He announced to his class that he was having a baby sister and they all cheered.

We have enjoyed lovely holidays together. My favourite was a trip to Switzerland. The people were lovely and friendly and the place was fresh and clean. We went up the Jungfrau on the ferricular railway. We got out at the top and left our footprints in the snow.

Graham became a reader during Chris Pullen's time. He served 25 years in the police and became a senior officer. He became a parent governor at Whyborne School and between children I was a classroom assistant there.

After Graham retired from the police he worked for the Church of England Children's Society for 5 years. That was when Chris suggested he go for ordination.

At this time I worked in the Children's Society charity shops. I used to open up and cash up in Bromley, Kent. I did a couple of days in Eltham including Saturdays. It was very busy and they were short of volunteers. I remember hearing a terrible noise one day when a car crashed into the window and broke all the glass. When the police came they used the upstairs floor to observe some criminals in the street. They were very happy when we made tea for them and ourselves.

I remember two visits to Buckingham Palace. The first one to see my father receive his MBE from the Queen and the second time to see Graham receive his MBE too.

I am pleased to say I have 4 lovely grandchildren. Helen has completed her first year at Liverpool University studying to be a vet. Harry is in the sixth form and hopes to have his own sheep farm. Lily and Alfie doing well at school. Kevin and his wife are airline pilots working for British Airways. They are both Captains and their home is in Cheshire. He finds time to look after his dad and take him to his hospital appointments. Annie lives in West Wickham. She writes books and works for a publishing firm. I look forward to her visit which is usually once a week. They are always cheerful, helpful and encouraging.

I would like to end by saying thanks to all my friends at All Saints for being so friendly and kind especially since Graham and I have had a few health problems as we became older. Telling Beryl all this has brought back a lot of happy memories and I hope you have enjoyed reading my life story.

## Contrast

Sometimes, when reading the New Testament, as we did recently, our eyes are drawn to the similarity of two names, that of Jesus and Judas, and how the two are drawn closely together as their lives end.

The betrayal of Jesus by Judas for the payment of 30 pieces of silver is bad enough but to do this by a kiss is heartbreaking. But then the money is thrown back, Jesus goes to his death—crucified by the soldiers—and Judas by his own hand.

Many years ago in Sunday School the children acted out the story. A young boy, playing the part of Judas, flung down the bag of money with such force that all the 30 coins rolled out and fell down the gratings. And there they remain, below in our church, a reminder of Judas, a despised name from the past, and Jesus who lives with us still.

**E.J.M.**

## Diary Dates for August 2018

Thursday 2nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Father Derek Robinson
Saturday 4th	9.00-1.00 pm	Garden Working Party
	10.00-2.00 pm	Counselling/bereavement support
Sunday 5th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Father John Francis Friendship
Wednesday 8th	10.30 – 12.00	Fair trade café
Thursday 9th	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Father Brett Ward
Sunday 12th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Rev'd Christine Latham
Thursday 16th	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Mtr Vienna Mullins
Sunday 19th	10.00 am	Holy communion
	12.30 pm	Baptism Frankie
	1.30 pm	Baptism Dylan
Wednesday 22nd	10.30 – 12.00	Fair trade café
Thursday 23rd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 30th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 31st	12.00 noon	Wedding Kerry Saunders & Danny Poore

## **September 2018**

Sunday 2nd David	10.00 am	Holy Communion concelebration with Father William
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Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

### **Baptisms.**

8th July, Hannah Louise Mckinley  
8th July, Joseph Harry Mckinley  
8th July, Bertie George Stanley Killick  
22nd July, Teddie Rankin  
28th July, Louis Reiss  
29th July Max Thompson  
29th July Connor Corbutt

### **Weddings**

9th July, Elliot Orris and Eleanor Barrett

### **100 Club**

The winner of the June draw was Bob and Barbara Avery, and the winner of the July draw was Jean Price.

### **Quiz Results.**

The June Quiz prize of £16.00 was won by Brenda Whyte, whose entry was picked from the correct entries received.

### **Monthly Charity.**

This month we are raising money for MIND The mental Health Charity. 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.

### **Future Events**

Saturday 4th August – Garden & Church Cleaning Working Parties

Whether it snows, rains or scorches the regular first Saturday of the Month Garden Working Party will always gather. Our latest young recruit Richard, who specialises in trying to stop Freddy Fox from making holes in the lawns, is now neck and neck with Oliver in joint eighth place in the much sought-after Gardener Hierarchy. Although it has to be said that the Hierarchy only seems to matter to the Male Gardeners. Will Men ever learn!

29th September, Michaelmas Fair

14th October, Harvest Festival

4th November, All Saints Day with Michael Kingston

11th November, Remembrance Day & All Souls

Saturday 15th December, CTNE Carol Singing outside the Co-op.

Sunday 16th December, CTNE Joint Carol Service.

## Churchwardens' Corner

### Developments at All Saints

#### All Saints Website

On 1st August we launch our new website which aims to give a strong visual sense of the friendly, welcoming, community-focused church that All Saints is.

The **Services** section features the regular services of worship that we hold every week with a separate section highlighting all the annual festivals that we celebrate such as Easter, Pentecost and Christmas.

There are other sections including: **About** with information on the Ministry Team and on the Church; **News & Events**; **Youth**; **Music**; **Gardens**; **Hall Hire**; how to contact us and a donate button to encourage vital funds for the range of activities that All Saints undertakes.

If you like the new website please say so on Facebook or Twitter or by simply telling others.

#### Piano lessons

As we advised in the July edition, 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](mailto:anjmather@gmail.com)

#### Church cleaning and de-cluttering

All Saints' windows have had a clean for the first time in some years according to Tony Broughton, Cynthia's son-in-law, given the build-up of dirt and grime on them. The windows will have a further clean inside and out in early August and then generally on a bi-monthly basis, at the same time as the windows for the Church Hall and the Vicarage are cleaned. It is envisaged that either the inside or outside windows will be cleaned on Tony's next visit in October and vice versa with the subsequent clean in December and so on. The cost of this initial window cleaning has been met by donations. If you would like to make a donation towards the future cost of cleaning these windows, please speak to either the Churchwardens, or the Treasurer.

I am sure you will see (no pun intended, well ok yes then!!) and agree that there has been an improvement in this respect which goes towards enhancing the internal as well as exterior appearance of the church.

We would like to thank Tony for his hard work and efforts and for the very reasonable cost for undertaking this task. Therefore, if you are in need of a window cleaner, Tony's contact details are 07956 259297 ([tonywindowcleaning@gmail.com](mailto:tonywindowcleaning@gmail.com)).

#### THANK YOU

A special thank you to James Phillips, a professional freelance website designer who lives in New Eltham and who built the new website for us completely free of charge. James has carefully and thoughtfully helped the small team including, Annette, Graham, Louise and Neal, to get clear about the look and feel of the website that we wanted. He has also acted as photographer to help ensure that we begin to build a library of photos that are of sufficiently high resolution to be effective. I cannot commend him too highly. He can be contacted on mobile: 07455 335641 or email: [jamesafphillips@google.mail.com](mailto:jamesafphillips@google.mail.com)

#### Graham & Neal

## The Adventures of a Walking Stick

I really belong to Evelyn, but she was kind enough to lend me to Rita, as she had great difficulty in walking due to arthritis in her knee. I found myself in an unfamiliar car going to Welling, soon reaching my destination I was left in the hallway, which was fairly quiet. After a while I was entertained by someone playing the piano (I think it may have been Mozart), which was really nice. I stayed in the hallway until evening when I was taken upstairs to the bedroom, where I spent a peaceful night.

The next day I was returned to the hallway and spent most of the day there.

On Saturday I found myself once more being put in the car. It seemed quite a long journey, but eventually I found myself in a pleasant hotel in Canterbury. It was quite small but pretty comfortable. Later that day I found myself back in the car and then I was taken out into a very noisy pub in Canterbury.

After quite a time I was taken back to the car and then after a short ride I found myself at Christ Church University. I was taken out of the car and found myself in the Chapel there, apparently for a concert. I enjoyed the music of Mozart, Bach and Vivaldi, so it was a very pleasant evening. I think my favourite piece was the Bach violin concerto. Later I was taken back to the hotel, where I had a very peaceful night.

The next day (Sunday) it was back to the car once again, and then what a surprise I found myself in Canterbury Cathedral for the Eucharist. I enjoyed the service and the choir were very good singing a Mozart Mass.

After the service it was back in the car, and then back to Welling for a well earned rest. I spent the rest of the day resting in the hallway.

On Monday it was a visit to the doctor, where we had to wait quite a time, before returning with Rita back to the house.

On Wednesday, went out to lunch in Mottingham, but Evelyn wasn't there, so I couldn't say hello.

Later that evening, went to a hospital in Blackheath, to see another doctor, who said not to use me for longer than necessary, so at that point I knew that I would soon be returned to Evelyn.

On Thursday, I was entertained once more by someone playing the piano. First hymns were played then a nice piece by Chopin. That evening I was taken to a rehearsal of the Eltham Choral Society, which again was an enjoyable evening.

I know that I will soon be returning to live with Evelyn once more, so at least it will be a quieter existence than with Rita!!!

But I did enjoy my temporary stay with her and I know that she was grateful for my company.

**Rita Mather**

### Easy fundraising update

Thanks again to our supporters, another one joined last month, a further £35.32 has reached our bank account, making a total of £514.20 raised this way so far, **at no cost to themselves.**

**Currently Easyfundraising are donating 50p just for signing up as a supporter.** So if there is anyone you know who shops online, or uses mobile apps for shopping and could support All Saints, then please ask them to sign up to easyfundraising for us.

There are now over 3,200 shops and sites including travel agents, insurers, comparison websites, and retailers including Amazon, eBay, Just Eat, Groupon, Tesco & Sainsburys (including grocery shopping), M&S, 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.

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 provider 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.**

Thank you for your support, every penny counts.

Note: All funds raised this way are going towards the cost of urgent repairs to the Church guttering, which should be starting this month.

## Answers to the July Quiz sheet

1. What is a gargany?

A Teal like Bird (Duck)

2. What is a pangolin?

A Scaly

### **Anteater**

3. Who put butter in the Mad Hatter's watch?

The March Hare

4. What is a cachalot?

A Sperm

### **Whale**

5. Which dog is sometimes called a bobtail?

Old English Sheepdog

6. What is a kudu?

A large

### **Antelope**

7. Which common garden creature is really a crustacean?

Woodlouse

8. Which animal has a gestation period of 21 months?

Elephant

9. What is the name for a female calf?

### **Heifer**

10. What is a sidewinder?

A

### **Rattlesnake**

11. What breed of dog is a clumber?

### **Spaniel**

12. What seafood is Whitstable famous for?

Oysters

13. Who was the donkey in Winnie-the-Pooh?

Eeyore

14. What is a fieldfare?

A

### **Bird**

15. What is a merganser?

A type of

### **Duck**

16. Which extinct bird's name is Dutch for 'fat bum'?

Dodo

17. Which animals move so slowly that algae grows on their fur?

Sloths

18. What is a liger?

The offspring of a Lion and Tigress

19. Why don't bulls see red?

They are colour blind

20. What can be 'barn', 'snowy' or 'tawny'?

### **Owls**

*Note: re Q7 Snails are molluscs*

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

#### UMBRELLAS.

A few weeks ago a lady discovered that her umbrella had been taken evidently by mistake—as it was raining heavily the lady waited and took the last umbrella left. The one left proved to be very much like her own. So that someone has obviously mistaken the two umbrellas. The lady would however much like to have her own, and would be glad if an exchange could be effected. The umbrella in question has a black cover—a long straight Malacca handle with ivory to. If anyone can help please let the Vicar know.

#### STOP PRESS—SALE NEWS.

It is with very real regret that we have to record that the Belmont stall which has done so well in recent years, and had been such a splendid stall, will be discontinued for this year. May we hope for its revival next year? We hope so.

This blow is however softened by the fact that the ladies responsible for the Belmont stall have kindly undertaken to collect cakes and gifts usually given to the stall, to help the Mothers' Union stall. Now the Rangers have further softened the blow by offering to give part of their stall for the provision of sweets.

*And from the 'Query Corner' of 'The Sign' magazine insert:*

#### **Query 2903. Who is responsible for editing and financing the local parish magazine?**

This must depend upon local circumstances. Generally speaking, we may say that the parish magazine is under the control of the incumbent: but if the Parochial Church Council assumes responsibility for its finances it would naturally take charge of the accounts. On the other hand, if the vicar retains the finances of the magazine in his own hands any balance will naturally be at his disposal for Church purposes.

As regards the letterpress, the vicar must be responsible, even if, as often happens he puts the work into the hands of an honorary editor. It is often, perhaps we may say, a curiously difficult task to get local officials to understand that unless, etc., are punctual the editor and printer cannot get the work done in time.

*There are no entries in the "Church Logbook" for August 1978.*

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