

# All Saints Magazine



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## **Editorial**

Thank you for picking up our magazine, we hope you find it interesting and will pass it round to family and friends.

To start we have an article found by our vicar Annette about parents with children in church followed by an invite from our choir and Youth Club news.

We continue with a parish profile of a member of the PCC. Then news of a local resident's recent claim to fame.

Our centre spread contains the diary dates for church activities, Notices, Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings, followed by more information recent Church Events.

The Churchwarden's corner is back in its regular slot, followed by a celebration of the life of Joyce Leach.

Finally we have the answers to our regular monthly quiz and some items from the past that may be of interest or still have relevance for today.

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## **Dear Parents With Young Children in Church**

You are doing something really, *really* important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring.

I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant car seat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them.

And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you *beg* your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

I know you're wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is *so* important.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about bible study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in 10 years when your kids are old enough to *sit quietly and behave in worship*. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important.

I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs, I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met. I hear a little boy slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine out of the cup, determined not to miss a drop of Jesus. I watch a child excitedly colour a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echos of "Amen's" just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read try to sound out the words in the worship book or count his way to Hymn 672. Even on weeks when I can't see my own children learning because, well, it's one of *those* mornings, I can see your children learning. I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know *it matters*. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people... and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children.

It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that *their* worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are *enough* right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly-timed, depending on who you ask) cries and whines *are* a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family — with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy — are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.



By **Jamie Brueshoff**

*This post originally appeared on LAm Totally \*That\* Mom.*

**All Saints Choir**

If you enjoy singing and would like to join our choir, we meet in the Church vestry on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 to 8.30.

If you are interested and would like more details please contact Aaron Mather by e-mail at [anjmather@gmail.com](mailto:anjmather@gmail.com) or just come along to one of our rehearsals. All abilities welcome.

## **Youth Club**

For all those wondering, we have been meeting! Once a month on a Saturday, we arrange to meet in the church hall and when we are there, we have lots of fun, playing games, eating food and talking to each other. It is a fantastic event that everyone enjoys and is open to all young people. We don't always meet in the hall! Before Christmas, Youth Club went ice-skating at Ruxley Manor, which was very eventful!



Last month, when the hall toilets were being refurbished, Youth Club went to Kaspas, which is a desert parlour in Sidcup.



We are looking forward to participating in lots more fun events with our Youth Club and having our next meeting in the newly painted church hall.

**Emily Lewis**

## **My professional journey**

This April I will have been qualified as a Registered General Nurse (RGN) for 23 years! I have dedicated those years to a variety of areas within the NHS. I feel incredibly privileged to be an NHS nurse, being part of one of the world's largest organisations, working with hugely talented people and being there for all people in times of need. I have some wonderful memories and have made many life-long friends.

I always wanted to be a nurse and you could say it was in my blood, as my mother (who died of ovarian cancer when I was 9 years old) and her mother were both nurses: my Grandpa was a GP as was my Uncle (who has now retired). My Auntie and my Cousin are both nurses too, so you can certainly say it's in the family! I started a pre-nursing course at the age of 17 whilst doing my A' Levels at the Norfolk College of Arts & Technology, King's Lynn (where Stephen Fry attended – not at the same time though). This course enabled me to do voluntary work at the local Queen Elizabeth II hospital helping to feed patients, talk to them and do the tea trolley!

After completing my A' Levels, I commenced my adult nurse training, the new Project 2000, at The Ipswich Hospital in the class of 04/96. I thoroughly enjoyed my training, and when I qualified as an RGN I was offered a job on a surgical ward specialising in bowel and breast surgery. It was run by Sister Dibben, an old school extremely efficient and strict ward matron, who wore a frilly white cap and cuffs! I will never forget my first day as a qualified nurse, my belt changed from lilac, which the students wore, to red which I nervously wore with the silver buckle my dad had given me upon qualifying. I was terrified I wasn't up to the job and I wouldn't know what to do or say. However, as I have always found in the NHS, I worked with an amazing team of people, from the cleaners to the consultants, and with Sister Dibben at the helm I survived and thrived in my new role.

After I had consolidated my training, I moved to York to be with (my now husband) Michael who was studying for his MA. I joined the nurse bank at York District Hospital and my first job was on the urology ward which was great. I loved doing 'the obs', chatting to the patients and working hard as part of the team. I worked on the trauma and orthopaedic and medical wards. I also did a stint as an 'escort nurse' escorting patients safely back to the ward from recovery post-surgery. It was good exercise I must have walked miles on those shifts!

Michael then got a job at The National Maritime Museum so we moved to London. Being a nurse means you can get a job anywhere and I got a job as a staff nurse on Hockenden Ward, a routine general surgical and orthopaedic ward, at Queen Mary's Hospital Sidcup. One night shift I looked after a very sick patient who had just been transferred from Intensive Care (ICU). This was an area I had not experienced so after discussions with my Sister's I transferred to ICU on a secondment for 6 months but never went back!

I had the best time on Queen Mary's ICU, I learnt and experienced so much. I absolutely loved ICU, working closely with the multi-disciplinary team and on a one to one with the patient and their loved ones, being able to give the excellent care that everyone of us deserves. In ICU patients are kept alive through a lot of machinery and interventions, so my role was to provide this on top of basic nursing care and supporting the family or overseeing the whole unit when in charge. It was always non-stop for 12.5 hours – or more! Every day brought something new and development was encouraged. Within a year I completed my nursing degree with a first-class-honours then gained promotion to Junior Sister.

In 2003 I had the first of my three children. I carried on working part-time so I could carry on my career and bring up the children. In 2010 Queen Mary's (which was its own financially sound trust) closed its emergency department and the ICU. This was because of the financial deficits incurred by Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Woolwich and the PRU in Bromley due to them being PFI's. The three hospitals amalgamated as South London Healthcare Trust, staff morale was low and we had to reapply for our jobs, I was successful but it was hard as some of my close colleagues were not.

In November 2010 I was split between working in ICU at the PRU and QE. Unfortunately, after a year, staffing was being stretched across the two sites and I felt standards were slipping. I have always strived to give high standards of nursing care but it seemed impossible in this environment which I found difficult to deal with. Then in 2012/13 South London Healthcare Trust eventually declared themselves bust, but by this point I had already started looking for a new job.

I could never not be a nurse, but I needed to do something different which worked around the children and didn't involve nights! I came across a term-time job as an immunisation nurse for children and young people in Greenwich and Bexley. Although adult trained, nursing skills are transferable, and in June 2014 I started my role as a community immunisation nurse. This involved mass vaccinating children in all of the secondary schools in Greenwich and Bexley and running baby BCG clinics. It was so different to working in the hospital, I had a lot more autonomy (which was daunting at times), but I soon got use to it. Again, I work with a fantastic team of nurses and you do get a buzz when you go to a school and vaccinate over 200 children in a day! Since 2014 we have been delivering the nasal flu vaccination in all of the primary schools and special needs schools in Greenwich. It is demanding but we do have fun, especially with the children. This year 26,000 children were offered the vaccination in Greenwich and 8 nurses vaccinated just over half of them in 2 months!



In October 2018 I gained my master's degree in advanced nursing practice with the University of Greenwich. My youngest James will be off to secondary school this September and I have successfully gained a promotion at work. So, after Easter I will be starting my two-year secondment as a Clinical Practice Facilitator, facilitating the learning of trainee registered nurses on the apprenticeship scheme and degree pathways and the new Nursing Associates. In my new

role I will be able to share my knowledge, experience and skills and instil into our Future Nurses a passion and drive for nursing and learning.

**Emma Lewis RGN, MSc Advanced Nursing Practice, BSc Hons Healthcare Science, DipHE P2000**

### **Icing on the cake**

Recently, our neighbours celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and decided to go to Brighton for the weekend.

Seeing 'The Pod' on the sea-front, they thought it would be a lovely reminder of the special day. As they approached the pod, BA Staff surprised them with the news that Sue was the 1 millionth visitor. They won a magnum of wine, an annual pass to the Pod and a BA flight to a European destination of their choice.



I think Sue and Phil enjoyed their anniversary as Sue said "I am over the moon to be the one millionth guest on British Airways i360, and it's the icing on the cake." Happy Anniversary to you both.

## Diary Dates for April 2019

Monday 1st	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 3rd	9.00-11.00	St Olaves Rehearsal
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 4th	9.00-10.45	Rehearsal St Olaves
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	7.00 pm	St Olaves Concert
Friday 5th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch
Saturday 6th	10.00-12.00	Parish Office
Sunday 7th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.30 am	inter ashes of Joyce Leach
Monday 8th	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10th	10.00-12.00	FairTrade Café
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 11th	11.00 am	Holy communion
Friday 12th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch
Saturday 13th	6.00 pm	Fish and Chip Supper
Sunday 14th	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Palms
Monday 15th	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 17th	11.00 am	Stations of the Cross
	7.00 pm	Tenebrae
Thursday 18th	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	
	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Footwashing
	8.00 pm	Holy Communion with Footwashing & Maundy Watch
Friday 19th	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
	10.00 am	Walk of witness from Clare Corner
	2.00 pm	Reflection on the last hour
Saturday 20th	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	
	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday 21st	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion of Easter, Followed by Easter Egg hunt
Wednesday 24th	10.00-12.00	FairTrade Café
Thursday 25th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	10.00 am	Holy Communion Followed by APCM meeting

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

## **Parish Pump**

### **Baptisms**

17th March, Beau Elizabeth Seymour

### **Funerals**

8th March, Joyce Lilian Leach

11th March, Angela Bursill

14th March, Elsie Roostan

### **100 Club**

The March prize was won by Cecelia Flaherty.

### **Quiz Results.**

The February Quiz prize of £14.50 was won by Ruth Fancett whose entry was picked from those with the most correct answers.

### **Toilets.**

Our toilets were officially opened on Sunday 17th March. Most of the funds came from a legacy from Doreen French a longstanding member of our congregation. The very first conversation that Rev'd Annette had with Doreen was about improving the disabled access to church and the toilet facilities. Our thanks go out to Peter French for beginning the process and to Bob Avery for encouraging us over the finish line. (And all the hard work that that involved).

### **Monthly Charity.**

During Lent we are continuing to raise money for the "Bishop's Lent Appeal" and the Bexley & Greenwich foodbank. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. You can also show your support by coming to the FairTrade Café's, (2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 10.30 am to 12 noon), as the profits from this also go to these charities. Thank you for your support

## **Churchwardens' Corner**

### **Parish Mission Action Plan**

In January, the PCC approved our Mission Action Plan over a two-year period from 1st January 2019 until 31st December 2020. Within the Plan, we have expressed our vision that in two years' time All Saints will be a church where there is:

- a growing congregation (over 50 attending our regular Holy Communion Service and over 75 attending our monthly Family Communion Service)
- a developing music culture with a flourishing senior choir and junior choir club
- an improved church hall which is home to a wide range of community activities
- a well-maintained Memorial Garden and potentially two new Gardens
- much improved communications both internally and externally
- an increase in income of over 30%.

A church community whose love of God and the care and support that we show to fellow parishioners place us at the heart of the parish community of New Eltham.

### **Yoga Classes with Diana**

On Tuesday 26th March from 7.30 – 8.45pm and at the same time for the following three Tuesday evenings, Diana Stewart, our very own Alto from the Choir, will be providing Yoga Classes which are specially adapted for all abilities.

Diana has practiced Yoga since 1974, following her training in India with the late B.K.S. Lyenger, and has taught Yoga since the 1980's. Using chairs where necessary to enable you to work within your ability, the classes provide a relaxed and enjoyable way to help you gain flexibility.

Since Diana does not charge All Saints for these sessions, there is no fixed charge. However, if you can afford it, a proposed donation of £5, which will go towards the Mission Development Fund, would be much appreciated.

### **Churchwardens' Corner (continued)**

#### **Garden Working Party – Saturday 6th and 20th April**

Over the next three months, in a determined bid to keep on top of the work required to properly maintain the All Saints Gardens, we are holding a Garden Working Party on both the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Even if you can only manage an hour, you are very welcome to join us at any point from 10.00 to 2.00. As always, our gastro-chefs, Evergreen Evelyn, Bonny Brenda and Vera from the Valleys will serve teas, coffees and hot dogs!

Thank you.

**Graham & Neal**

## **Celebrating the life of Joyce Lilian Leach**

Joyce came into the world on 18th August 1932 to Joseph and Violet Chandler. Her older brother was David and the younger was Victor. Her birthplace was 24 Upper Kennington Lane and most of her early life was at Rushton House, Union Grove, Stockwell.

She was seven when WWII started and was evacuated to Dawlish mainly but also went to Brighton, Blackpool and Cwmafan.

After the war life improved for Joyce and her brothers. She started diaries in 1950. Two early entries are. Bought Doris day "It's magic". Saw Richard Conte and Valentina Cortesa in "The west highway". Wonderful film + "Everybody does it", very funny. Metropole Victoria. Dancing and skating are often mentioned and the 'Lodge'. Speedway was mentioned occasionally.

In 1951, she remarked her brother David was engaged to be married to Audrey. They are here and have been married for an amazing 66 years!

Joyce then started work at St. Thomas's Hospital. She obviously had a few boyfriends, but then ... 18th May 53. First saw Fred at Blackgang Chine, Isle of Wight. They were both Londoners and she was 21 years younger than him.

After that there were numbers in the diary. She counted every meeting with Fred. By their marriage in 1966 it was 673. In 1954 they had a holiday at Brixham then Torquay and Dawlish. They often met at Red Lion Square in Holborn during lunch. Fred was a maintenance engineer for the Evening Standard in Shoe Lane. Their son John, used the same park in the 80s.

Joyce then worked at Paramount Pictures in the West End. She met many stars and a signed photo by Charlton Heston was much prized. Fred meanwhile moved in with his sister and mother.

After Christmas '55 they decided to get engaged and on New Year's Eve the ring was bought.

In 1956 wedding preparations started. The wedding was on 8th Sept. at Christ Church Clapham and their honeymoon night was apparently at the Strand Palace Hotel. The next day they caught the train to Swanage and sat together on Peveril point. During the honeymoon things almost went wrong. At Worbarrow bay they 'got shelled' (Joyce's words). They had strayed onto MOD land and ran for their lives!

It took a while to get the money together for the house mortgage. They rented rooms from relatives, Fred's money supported them and Joyce's was saved.

In autumn 1961 they moved to their "dream house" in Joyce's words. It was at 21 Felhampton Rd, New Eltham. On 12th Sept 62, John was born and Brian on 1st Aug 64. Joyce lived there for 57 years.

They grew vegetables and flowers at an allotment near the house. Joyce was active in the New Eltham Horticultural Society (NEHS). The September Annual show was very important. They displayed flowers, fruit and vegetables and often won prizes. Their gardens were always full of flowers in spring. The front garden was much admired by neighbours and passers-by.

In the 70's, my main memories were seaside visits and holiday camps. The seaside involved a train to Margate or Ramsgate with a bag full of beach equipment and sandwiches for tea. Lunch was always fish and chips. The holiday camps were mostly Warners, Pontins and Butlins. The last holiday was at Wick Ferry in 1980. Fred was by then retired aged 68, and his health was not so good.

In early 1982 Fred was ill with a heart murmur. He died Christmas '85 and the funeral was on a bitterly cold day nine days later. His ashes were scattered in the All Saint's garden of remembrance. Joyce will soon join him there.

Joyce carried on with a part time job at Sandra and Terry Macro's shop in Blackfen called Shoecraft. One day she got on a bus at Fiveways and found herself giving the bus driver a hug! It was her brother Victor. He and his wife May were both 'On the buses'.

After her mother died, she continued a friendship with her Aunt Ivy who became like a mother to her. After Ivy died in a Basildon hospice, Joyce joined the Greenwich and Bexley hospice and was seen charity tin collecting, especially on the Woolwich ferry.

She liked community organisations. There was the NEHS with its Southwood road garden supply hut, Mother's union, Women's league and New Eltham rate payers association. Later there was Cat's Protection and CANE.

In 1994 she saw the Marriage of John and Edit twice! Firstly on 30th April in Bromley registry, then in a Church in Budapest in August to cater for Edit's side of the family. This was one of the few times she travelled abroad.

Her life was then brightened by three grandchildren. Victor was born in 1996, Dominic 1999 and Nicholas 2007. She babysat them and enjoyed seeing them grow up. She lived to see Victor working, Dominic at University and Nicholas in Secondary school.

Joyce also had an eccentric side to her. She took down posters on the five ways junction with her secateurs, and picked up litter. She often rated public toilets which I joked about. One of the highest ratings was the Superloo at Whitby.

Joyce liked to care for people. There was Ivy Hurst in her final year; Aunt Cis Leach was visited regularly for a number of years. There were also animals. The family cat Kipper, Susie a cat's protection cat and guinea pigs from 2015-2018. I took over Glynn the guinea pig. He passed away two weeks ago and is at peace with Joyce.

She enjoyed crosswords, knitting and TV. Two of her favourite programmes were, the 'Royale Family' and 'Keeping up appearances'. She surprisingly liked risqué humour.

Joyce was a church goer most of her life. She was often seen at the 8am service on Sundays, before going to the supply hut. I joined her at All Saint's in 2014 when she was going to the 10am service. She also organised the baptism cards for many years.

Joyce had a fall in Southwood Road in 2012, hitting the back of her head. She began to become forgetful and arthritis set in. She gave up the hut in 2013.

Her last family holiday was in 2014 at Merthyr Tydfil. Joyce enjoyed a boat ride and walk at Brecon canal, also waterfalls and Aberavon beach. She still went out, I remember various quiz nights. I went on holiday with her four more times. She enjoyed the simple things such as a bird's nest at the entrance of St. Uny Church, Lelant. We went to Matlock, visited Chatsworth and walked some of the Cromford canal. On 10th Aug 2016 she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's which although half expected was quite a shock. On her final holiday at Wye Valley, she had trouble remembering where her room was.

In spring 2018 she became housebound, but we still took her out and dealt with the shopping. Her last major outing was to Edit's 50th celebration on the 22nd Sept. On the 30th she went to church with me and that was to be her last visit.

The day after that, Joyce had a bad fall and went to hospital. She couldn't cope at home and went to Fairlight and Fallowfield Nursing home in Chislehurst on 22nd Nov. We thank everybody who visited her. She gave a smile from time to time and managed to sing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" to Nicholas's violin playing.

She was well cared for but bedridden. She seemed comfortable but her health was fading. At 8:30am on the 3rd Feb she passed away peacefully in the presence of the care staff, aged 86.

Elton John once penned a lyric 'life isn't everything' (Song for Guy). I think that's true because although gone, Mum still has a presence in all our lives. We still love you Mum!

### Answers to the March Quiz sheet

Can you find the names of these Underground Stations from the clues below?

1. Bad news for Napoleon.  
**Waterloo**
2. Bigger than big.  
**Wapping**
3. Alpine dwelling.  
**Cottage** **Swiss**
4. It's falling down.  
**Bridge** **London**
5. Weapon store.  
**Arsenal**
6. Trumpeting New York thoroughfare.  
**Broadway** **Tooting**
7. Stop here for the men's singles and doubles.  
**Wimbledon**
8. Nobleman captured.  
**Court** **Barons/Earls**
9. Limit of 1760 yards.  
**End** **Mile**
10. A bear  
**Paddington**
11. Her Majesty's tree.  
**Oak** **Royal**
12. Red Rose entrance.  
**Gate** **Lancaster**
13. In the hop county  
**Town** **Kentish**
14. Heavenly messenger.  
**Angel**
- 15.irate monarch and roman martyr.  
**Pancras** **Kings Cross/St**
16. Where the money is.  
**Bank**
17. Where blackboard materials are grown.  
**Farm** **Chalk**

A new quiz is available from the first Sunday of each month at £1 a sheet. Half the money collected is paid as a prize for the winner, drawn on the last Sunday of the month. The other half goes towards necessary works for the upkeep of the Church.

**From the Archives** – – *snippets from the April magazine of 1939, price twopence.*

#### OPEN AIR PROCESSION.

The Open Air Procession on Good Friday will leave the Church at 6 p.m., and as last year, we shall have the assistance of the Orpington Town Silver Band. It will be impossible for some who are taking part in the Passion Play to join in the Procession, as they must be in Church preparing for the Play which is at 7.30 p.m. We hope, therefore, that all who possibly can will join in this act of witness and make sure that we go out in full strength. We expect to be back in Church by 7 p.m.

#### EASTER VESTRY AND ANNAUL PAROCHIAL MEETING.

The Easter Vestry, for the election of Churchwardens, will be held in the Hall, on the Tuesday in Easter Week, April 11th. At 8 p.m. This will be followed by the Annual Parochial Meeting for the election of the new Church Council, the receiving of the Accounts for 1938, the election of Sidesmen, etc.

The Meeting this year will be of more than usual interest as it will be the occasion of our “Official Farewell” to Mr. Harold Hemmings, who has been Parochial Officer for the last 14 years. We hope, therefore, for a record attendance, that we may show our appreciation of the long and faithful service Mr. Hemmings has given to the parish.

The question of the Parish hall—shall it be enlarged or not?—will also be under discussion.

The Meeting should be a really live one—please come and take your part.

#### CHURCH OF ENGLAND MEN’S SOCIETY.

A meeting was held in the Hall on Tuesday, March 26th, at which a working policy for the Branch, which had been previously discussed by the Committee, was considered. Unfortunately discussion proved so lengthy that the Vicar’s talk: “What is expected of a Layman?” had to be curtailed, and no time was left for criticism and questions.

*The “Church Logbook” for April 1979 records:*

A. P. M. Olive Tuffley & Walter Hosken confirmed as Churchwardens, for the ensuing year. £500 given to ‘Save the Children’: £500 given to ‘Cystic Fibrosis’: £500 given to St. Michael, East Wickham, for their roof appeal.

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

