



# All Saints Magazine



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## **Editorial**

We wish all our readers and supporters a Happy Christmas.

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

To start we have an article from our Vicar Annette about pilgrimage, as an introduction to the church pilgrimage to Walsingham next year.

We then have an update on the latest requirements of the church for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

This is followed by picture features of our All Saints Day confirmation service and the concert for Demelza, held at All Saints.

A promotion for our Christingle Service, a favourite with children as it involves fruit and sweets, is followed by our Churchwarden's slot which has an update on musical enhancements in the church.

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

Our Parish Profile this month reflects on the life of Hazel Joan (Joey) Hooper. Followed by a poem composed by her grandchildren.

Then we suggest something for those struggling with the pressures of a commercial Christmas to buy presents and the Christian values of giving to charity. By signing up to Easyfundraising you can do both at no extra cost.

Next we have something to amuse before finally, we have the answers to our regular monthly quiz; and an item from the past that may be of interest.

We thank our regular and new advertisers/sponsors whose support continues to enable us to provide the magazine free.

## **Real Advent Calendars**

Ruth Fancett is taking orders for the 'Real Advent Calendar'. Those of you who have had these in the past will know that they are the only Fairtrade chocolate with a picture of the nativity on the front and a 24 page Christmas story booklet. These are sold at a cost of £3.99. Please order as soon as possible as stocks are limited. Thank you.



## Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage is an essential part of life and living. Christians see life itself in terms of a journey, coming from God and returning to God. This is true of other world religions where pilgrimage is also important.

A pilgrimage is a symbol in action. It represents the journey of the Christian life from earth to heaven. The Church is sometimes described as a pilgrim people.

Back in the Middle Ages pilgrimages were very popular. It was not like going on holiday. Pilgrimages often took years. Journeys were long and dangerous and many died en route. They usually travelled in groups and would stay in monasteries or hostels on the way.

Pilgrims undertook these journeys to holy places because it was important for their faith. If they had committed sins they believed that by going on a pilgrimage they could show God how sorry they were. Sometimes they were sent on such journeys by a priest as a penance. Sometimes they went for healing of a physical condition.

There are many place of pilgrimage, Lourdes in France, Compostella in Spain, Rome in Italy, Knock in Ireland, Canterbury and Walsingham in England to name but a few, each has its own attractions and many are said to have been cured from disease or had their lives turned round in such places.

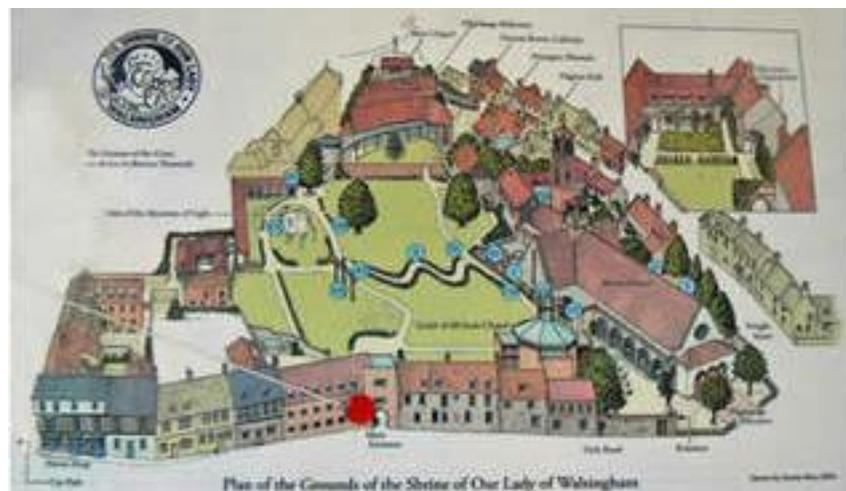
The journey is as important as the arriving and being in the place of pilgrimage, it important to travel both prayerfully and hopefully. To meet with fellows on the journey and to share our experiences of faith along the way.

It is a strange phenomenon of the late twentieth century that pilgrimage should again have become popular. Thousands of visitors come to Walsingham each year.

The particular emphasis of pilgrimage to Walsingham is concerned with the Incarnation of Jesus - this is the belief central to the Christian faith that at a definite date in history, in a certain place, God himself was born of a woman into a human family.

The Holy House is a reminder of Nazareth, of the house in which Jesus lived as a child and young man. By visiting it and praying within it, pilgrims believe that they are identifying with those influences which were formative as Jesus grew through childhood to adolescence and adulthood.

As we plan to make our own Pilgrimage to Walsingham in 2020, we consider where we are going on life's journey and how we meet with our fellow Christians on the way.



The Shrine at Walsingham has been a part of my life since my first visit aged 18 months, and it has changed and grown so much since those days in the early 70's. It is still however a holy place where we can meet God in a safe space and inspire the future generations too.

We will be able to have Holy Communion within the shrine church, to meet first at the Holy House as we arrive, to walk the way of the cross in stations of the cross and to rejoice with the risen Lord in the candlelight procession on the Saturday night. There will be also time for sprinkling with the healing water from the well.



**Annette**

## **Safeguarding and the Church**

In light of the past few years where several institutions have been racked by historical child abuse cases, including both the Anglican church and the Catholic church, it is no wonder that safeguarding has become a hot topic for church agendas.

The church has always reacted to safeguarding matters but it is recent years that this has become as standardised as it can be, and regulated by stiff laws and checks to back this up.

The safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is something that the diocese of Southwark take seriously and that is why every church has a safeguarding officer, ours is Pam Piper. It is also why we now require our parish officers to undergo DBS checks. We have undergone a safeguarding audit and our website has links to the diocesan website so that we can be as informed and aware of such matters at all times.

The DBS check whilst not perfect is a snapshot of where we happen to be when it's done.

It is in no way because we don't trust each other, or because we are suspicious of each other, but rather that we can show that we have nothing to hide, that we are not afraid to be examined or put under scrutiny.

For many however I do get that this feels uncomfortable and unnecessary but it is what we are required to do.

It is important that the church can be seen to be doing its part, by actually doing its best to create an environment where safeguarding is second nature and all who come can worship God feeling safe to do so.

For almost every job these days you need to have a DBS check and for those of us with several hats that may mean several checks. There are also two levels of check, a basic one where they check criminal records, and a deeper check where they look into every aspect of your lives. Our officers are only required to have a basic check. As your vicar I have had a deeper check.

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding you can contact Pam Piper or myself or you can go direct to the diocese.

**Annette**

## Confirmation Service

This year we had our All Saints Day Service on the 3rd November to coincide with the confirmation of four of our congregation by the Bishop of Woolwich the Right Rev'd. Dr. Woyin Karowei Dorgu.



*The Bishop with the four confirmation candidates, Hettie, James Oliver and Richard.*

The Bishop met with all four candidates before the service and was impressed by their understanding of faith.



*Bishop Karowei with Annette and Rita.*

The service was a joyful and moving one as the congregation, through hymns and prayers, rededicated their lives to the service of Christ.

After the Service the celebrations continued in the church hall with an afternoon tea, which gave the families and the rest of the congregation a chance to meet the Bishop.



*The Bishop and the Vicar's family*

### Concert for Demelza

On the 16th November All Saints donated the use of the church for the “New Eltham gives to Demelza 2019” concert.

There were performances by the Greenwich Youth Band, Vocalise, and both Wybourne and St. Olaves Schools to a packed church.



*Greenwich Youth band*



The event was also sponsored by a number of local businesses and with the proceeds of the cake sale and raffle we understand that around £1,000 was made for the local children’s hospice.

# *Christingle*



*All Saints Church  
Bercta Road  
December 1st 4.00pm*

### **Churchwardens Corner**

Hello from the Churchwardens' corner, as Neal is currently unwell, I am sure you will all join me in sending him our best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery. As such I very much appreciate the help I receive from Simon, Peter and Bob. Since our last article, a new Yamaha piano has arrived in the Church, which I'm sure you can't miss!, as it's a shining white one!. The piano was purchased, with PCC approval, from the Hurst Community Centre in Sidcup.

In November we welcomed Bishop Karowei as he conducted a lovely Confirmation service. We are sure that those who attended that service and the Communion service last week, where Aaron played the new piano, prior to the CTNE Remembrance Service, with the choir, will agree how good it sounds. It is a worthy addition and will make a very positive contribution to musical activities and events in Church. As we have this piano, piano lessons can be given – well done to Aaron for agreeing to provide the tuition. Please contact him if you wish to book lessons.

**Graham**

## Diary Dates for December 2019

Sunday 1st	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b>	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	4.00 pm	Christingle
Wednesday 4th	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer, CTNE Invited
Thursday 5th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Monday 9th	9.30 -12.00	Dulverton School rehearsal
Tuesday 10th	9.30 am	Dulverton School Carol Service
Wednesday 11th	9.30- 12.00	St Olaves rehearsal
	10.30 -12.00	Fair trade cafe
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 12th	9.30 -10.45	St Olaves rehearsal
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	7.00 pm	St Olaves Service
Saturday 14th	10.30 -11.30 am	Carol singing outside Co-op
Sunday 15th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Nativity
	6.00 pm	CTNE Carol Service at All Saints
Tuesday 17th	9.30 -12.00	Wyborne School Rehearsal
Wednesday 18th	12.00 – 4.00 pm	Wyborne School
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 19th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 24th	4.00 pm	Crib service – Christmas Eve
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass – Christmas Eve
Wednesday 25th	10.00 am	Family Communion for Christmas Day
Thursday 27th		No Service today
Sunday 29th Dec	10.00 am	Holy Communion followed by mince pies & Sherry at the vicarage

## **JANUARY**

Thursday 2nd January                      No Service today

*Please check the weekly news sheet for any change*



## **Parish Pump**

### **Funerals-Ken Elliott**

Ken Elliott, one of our Churchwardens when Brian Branche was Vicar, passed away on 18th September 2019. Eight members of the current congregation attended his funeral on the 8th October at St. George's Church, Gravesend. We were told of his time on National Service, his subsequent career as a bank messenger and, on retirement, his love of cruising and flamboyant shirts.

We remember that after his time as Churchwarden, and after their initial move to Gravesend, Ken together with his wife Shirley continued to serve at All Saints as Vergers, assisting the Vicar with weddings and funerals until the travelling became too much.

A subsequent move in Gravesend brought them to the parish of St. George's where their service to the church community continued. A fitting church for his funeral as St. George's is the resting place for Pocahontas, another great traveller.

Our thoughts are with Shirley and Ken's family.

### **Weddings**

9th November, Robert Browne and Uzo Opara.

### **100 Club**

The October prize was won by Lisa Lawrence (daughter of Eda Comb).

### **Quiz Results.**

The October Quiz prize of £16.50 was won by Victoria Wainwright, whose entry was picked from the correct quiz sheets returned.

### **Monthly Charity.**

This month we are raising money for The Children's Society, the Church of England charity that supports vulnerable children.

### **All Saints Choir**

The Choir will be meeting in the Church vestry on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 to 8.30. Rehearsals for the Carol concert started on 13th November. If you are interested and would like more details please contact Aaron Mather by e-mail at [anjmather@gmail.com](mailto:anjmather@gmail.com). All abilities welcome.

### **Future Events**

Sunday 19th January, CTNE Joint Service for Christian Unity. 6 pm

## **Hazel Joan (Joey) Hooper**

*Joey Hooper was a well loved member of our congregation. Her daughter Judy agreed for us to share Joey's life story with us in the magazine.*

*We send our condolences to her family.*

*Rest In Peace Joey*

A North London girl, Hazel Joan was the youngest of 6 children and, in her words, very spoilt!

She loved school and on leaving there went to work in her father's grocers shop. She hated it so soon applied for and got a job with the Prudential.

War began to get very intense and Mum did not relish spending her time in an office so she and her friend decided to train to become nurses, (but not without knowing they could cope with seeing a dead body so took themselves off to the local mortuary to view one!!)

Whilst training Mum met her great and lifelong friend Peggy and when the war was over the pair of them decided to apply to the Colonial Nursing Service. Within the year these two young girls were on a Dutch liner for the 3-4 week journey to Singapore. Very brave as neither of them had ever been out of the UK and had no idea until they looked at an atlas where Singapore was! The start of a big adventure!

Mum enjoyed her time nursing in Singapore.....it made a great impression on her and I think it was one of the happiest periods of her life. She met her husband Tom, our Dad, in Singapore and both my brother, Christopher and I were born out there.

After returning to the UK, Mum never went back to nursing. She brought up now three children as our sister Tricia was born shortly after returning home.

She made many friends, loved parties and dances, going to musicals and the ballet.

Joined the Women's League of Health & Beauty exercise classes which played a big part of her life.

Loved always having a dog at home. She bred puppies from a couple of them and also had her own little business dog grooming for a few years. Her last dog was her beloved greyhound Fey.

She was treasurer for a while for an Old people's social club and both Mum and Dad were very active raising money for a body scanner for the now closed Brook Hospital. They then went on to play a big part raising money to open the Greenwich & Bexley Hospice.....so quite fitting that both of them were cared for by the hospice in their final days.

Once us children were off their hands Mum and Dad loved going away on holidays to far flung places.

After Dad passed away Mum was determined to continue to live life to the full. She still had her holidays but this time with her sister.

She joined art classes and lip reading classes; still carried on with the exercise classes which were now being taught by me, and became the class receptionist; still met up with her friends including Peggy from nursing days, and still loved going to the ballet and musicals.

She also became a regular churchgoer at All Saints in New Eltham.

Unfortunately, Mum started to have a few major health problems.....she wasn't going to give in though and somehow managed to bounce back each time!

She was young at heart and wanted people to see that.

Even after moving to Sunrise Assisted living at the age of 93, Mum claimed she was too young to be there – it was full of old people. Just this year, when she started to get a bit wobbly on her feet and I suggested a walking frame instead of a stick, she said she wasn't at that stage yet!

In the early days at Sunrise she remained active, walking round the grounds, joining in with the activities, occasionally coming to my classes.....the last time was last December....amazed everyone with her floor exercises!

Still met up with friends, but she enjoyed being with her family most and was thrilled to become a great Granny to five little ones..... little Cara would have been her sixth, she was born a few days after Mum passed away.

Sadly, old age and her dementia was taking its toll and this summer after illness Mum was not able to bounce back.

She was our Mum, Granny, Great Granny and we will miss her enormously.

### **Memories of our Granny**

Her hair was always perfect,  
Her clothes were very smart,  
She made it to 97 but was always young at heart.

“Where did I put the whatnot?”  
“Would you like to spend a penny?”  
Granny's little phrases we found very funny.

Each Christmas was so special,  
With chocolates on the tree,  
And money in the pudding for the children to retrieve.

Her Christmas cake was pretty,  
Her wine glass always full,  
Granny sang the Christmas songs louder than us all!

We loved her noisy doggies,  
And taking them out for a play,  
We always thought how tiny Granny looked next to Fey.

She loved to watch Eastenders  
With the volume up SO LOUD,  
And she painted beautiful paintings that made us very proud.

When we visited her care home,  
And joined her for walks in the sun,  
She made us laugh by saying she felt like the youngest one!

Our Granny was the greatest,  
And loved so much by us all,  
We're grateful for these memories to treasure forever more.

### Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;  
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

**Helen Lowrie Marshall**

## **Smile Lines**

### **Can You Get Married in Heaven?**

On their way to get married, a young couple is involved in a fatal car crash.

The couple find themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven.

While waiting, they begin to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven?

When St. Peter showed up, they asked him.

St. Peter said, 'I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out,' and he leaves.

The couple sat and waited, and waited.

Two months passed and the couple are still waiting.

As they waited, they discussed that if they were allowed to get married in Heaven, what was the eternal aspect of it all.

'What if it doesn't work?' they wondered, 'Are we stuck together forever?'

After yet another month, St. Peter finally returns, looking somewhat bedraggled.

'Yes,' he informs the couple, 'you can get married in Heaven.'

'Great!' said the couple, 'But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?'

St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard onto the ground.

'What's wrong?' asked the frightened couple.

'OH, COME ON!', St. Peter shouted,

'It took me three months to find a Priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it'll take me to find a Lawyer?!'

### **Easy fundraising update**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online—especially at Christmas, not just “Black Friday”—you could be raising a FREE donation for All Saints, New Eltham.

We have just received another £23.45 thanks to our supporters shopping and currently we can get a £5 bonus donation when you refer a friend.

There are over 3,400 retailers including Amazon, ebay, John Lewis, Tesco & Sainsburys (including grocery shopping), M&S and countless other big name stores and companies, 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 buying insurance, broadband, gas & electric online.

**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 £559,55 in donations you have generated so far that have helped us update the hall toilets and repair church guttering.

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.

## Answers to the November Quiz sheet

### Famous People

1. What was the nickname of the WWI German fighter pilot Baron von Richthofen?  
**The Red Baron**
2. Who turned the word 'walkies' into a command?  
**Barbara Woodhouse**
3. Who performed the first heart transplant?  
**Dr. Christian Barnard**
4. Who made the first solo trans-Atlantic flight?  
**Charles Lindbergh**
5. Which American famously said 'I have a dream'?  
**Martin Luther King**
6. Who was the first Englishman to sail around the world?  
**Sir Francis Drake**
7. Who reached the South Pole just ahead of Captain Scott?  
**Captain Roald Amundsen**
8. Which American statesman won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973?  
**Henry Kissinger**
9. Which leader was nicknamed 'Il Duce'?  
**Benito Mussolini**
10. Who was Prime Minister of Britain when Edward VIII abdicated in 1936?  
**Stanley Baldwin**
11. Who killed President Kennedy's assassin Lee Harvey Oswald?  
**Jack Ruby**
12. Where did Queen Salote reign between 1918 and 1965?  
**Tonga**
13. Who was the first woman to take her place in the House of Commons?  
**Lady Astor**
14. Which saint would you call upon if you had lost something?  
**St. Anthony of Padua**
15. Who reached the summit of Everest with Edmund Hillary in 1953?  
**Sherpa Tenzing Norgay**
16. What are the names of Princess Anne's two children?  
**Peter & Zara**
17. Who was the leader of the Solidarity movement in Poland?  
**Lech Walesa**
18. Who built the Menai Suspension Bridge?  
**Thomas Telford**
19. By what name is Lesley Hornby better known?  
**Twiggy**

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 is currently going towards necessary works for the upkeep of the roof and redecorating parts of the Church.

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

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

The last item on the Council's agenda dealt with at the meeting of Tuesday, November 14th, was: Spiritual life and work during war time.

This, I have fully explained in my monthly letter, giving the methods, etc., we propose to adopt.

A discussion on finance revealed the fact that most of the Sale of Work money will be needed for Church Expenses account. It was agreed that extra expenses due to repairs, etc., should be met from Sale of Work proceeds.

These extras include: Vicarage repairs, £52; **new piano, £32**; new fence in church yard, £14.

#### RESERVATION

The Bishop has given permission for the Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Bishop of Woolwich, as Archdeacon, has visited the Church and agreed that the Aumbry shall be placed in the South Wall of the Lady Chapel. The total cost, including Faculty costs, may be approximately £25.

It is hoped to make the Aumbry a gift from the congregation and not a charge on Church Expenses. Gifts towards the cost should be given or sent to the Vicar.

#### CHRISTMAS COLECTIONS

In accordance with usual custom, all money given in the boxes at Christmas will be divided between the Eltham Cottage Hospital\* and Church Expenses.

*The "Church Logbook" for December 1979 records:*

Vicarage and Church converted to Gas and working successfully.

*Notes:* \*The Eltham Cottage Hospital was located on the same site as the "New" Eltham Community Hospital is in Passey Place.

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