

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, friends and neighbours.

To start we have our 'Dear Friends' letter from our Vicar Annette about exploring God's love.

Following last month's second instalment account of a recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land, undertaken by a member of our youth group, this month we have the final part.

Next we have an update on how our Easyfundraising supporters are giving financial help to the Church, at no cost to themselves. Currently the funds raised are being spent maintaining the Church Roof, a vital job in this stormy season.

Another update, this time about the activities of Churches Together in New Eltham (CTNE) during Lent and the run up to Easter.

Our centre spread contains the diary dates for church activities, Notices, Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings. There is information about so many of the Church Events taking place that our usual Future Events 'dates for the diary' has been pushed onto the next page.

Finally, we have the answers to our regular monthly quiz; and an item from the past that may be of interest.

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Dear friends

It is not without reason that John writes the words 'Beloved let us love one another for love is of God'

This passage is one of the most beautiful and complete explanations of God's holy and perfect love for us and how we can only experience love through the power and grace of God.

And we know God's love first and foremost through his son Jesus Christ through him being sent to us and through his ultimate act of love his sacrifice for all our sins upon the cross. We know that Jesus loved us so much that he laid his life down for us, and therefore we know that God the father loves us too, because he sent Jesus to be sacrificed in this way, not for any other reason than that he loved us so much this was the only way for mankind to be redeemed once and for all irrevocably.

But to love like God loves us what a wonderful thing that would be and also what a challenge that would be as well.

But it is a challenge we must take up and try really to love others as God loves us, and that means doing the right thing and the loving thing first and foremost. It means biting back the sharp word, or the moan or complaint. It means thinking of others before ourselves and walking sometimes in someone else's shoes before making the judgement.

It may mean that we go the extra mile when we'd really rather not, it may mean we have the courage to turn the other cheek sometimes and to walk away instead of confront.

Loving people doesn't mean that we become the doormat, and that the world can walk all over us but it does mean that it is always better to approach others with grace and love than reproach and criticism.

It is by God's love that we can love others and they in turn can love us, but in order to receive the love of others we must give love out by loving God with all our hearts and striving hard to love those around us, whoever they are, whatever is going on and whenever we can.

AMEN

Annette

Pilgrimage (Final Part)

It is fitting that in the build up to Easter the last edition of my experiences on the Diocese of Southwark Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land features sites which are key to the Easter story.

After visiting the church that aligns with The Dome of the Rock, we walked down the hill to visit The Garden of Gethsemane. This is where Jesus was arrested the night before his crucifixion. Gethsemane means 'oil press' and is a garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives. We walked around the olive grove and into the church. The church had beautiful stained-glass purple windows, blue and gold ceilings and there were people singing.

Whilst in the old city of Jerusalem, we walked the same route Jesus walked to his crucifixion, known as 'via dolorosa'. We passed all fourteen stations of the cross and at each station we stopped and our tour guide explained to us what happened and we said a prayer. At each of the stations of the cross there was a little statue of what happened there. For example, the sixth station of the cross had a statue of Veronica wiping Jesus's face.

At the Place of crucifixion, we walked through a garden, which was also thought to be the Garden of Gethsemane, to Golgotha Hill (Calvary) where it is believed Jesus was crucified. The rock formation of the hill takes the shape of a skull, which is talked about in both Matthew and Mark's gospels, where they refer to the place of Jesus' crucifixion as 'the place of the skull'. We then walked back through the garden to the entrance of the tomb. The tomb was very small, apart from a cross on the wall, it was all white stone. Outside of the tomb we said a few prayers and had a reading.

To be able to see and worship at all these sites has been a very moving experience and has helped me to discover my religion further. With the crucifixion of Jesus, who saved us all from our sins, and being able to see the place it happened, has helped re-affirm my faith in God and Jesus and I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to go and visit the holy land.

Emily Lewis

Easy fundraising update

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, you could be raising a FREE donation for All Saints Church, New Eltham.

Currently we are raising funds to maintain the flat roofs of the church and eventually redecorate areas in the Lady Chapel and Chancel where leaks have occurred.

There are now over 4,000 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 holidays, 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 to our supporters who have already signed up, currently we can get a £5 bonus donation when you refer a friend, and for the £580.58 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.

Churches Together in New Eltham (CTNE)

Last month we reported details of the Lent Course to be shared between the four Churches that currently make up CTNE. (The Methodist Centre, Novar Christian Fellowship, All Saints C of E, and The Redeemed Church of Christ-Victory Assembly).

Since then a leaflet has been produced with Easter greetings on one side and details of all the Easter Services of the four Churches on the other side, including the Lent course and the Good Friday Walk of Witness.

5,000 of these leaflets have been produced and, as we go to press, members of the four congregations are busily distributing them to every door in New Eltham, from Clare Corner to Harland Avenue, and from Old Farm Avenue to Edgebury.

We can but hope that raising awareness of the spiritual life that exists in the faith community of New Eltham may raise more interest in exploring the word of God amongst the seemingly secular general populace.

Bob Avery

Secretary CTNE

Diary Dates for March 2020

Sunday 1st	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Monday 2nd	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 4th	1.45- 2.45 pm	Lent course, Methodist Centre
	6.45 pm	Evening Prayer for Lent
	7.00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday 5th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 8th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch
Sunday 8th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Monday 9th	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 11th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
	1.45- 2.45 pm	Lent course, Novar Hall
	6.45 pm	Evening prayer for Lent
Thursday 12th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 13th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch
Saturday 14th		Diocesan Synod
Sunday 15th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Monday 16th	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 18th	1.45- 2.45 pm	Lent course, All Saints
	6.45 pm	Evening Prayer for Lent
	8.00 pm	PCC meeting
Thursday 19th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 20th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch
Sunday 22nd		MOTHERING SUNDAY
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Monday 23rd	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 25th	10.30 – 12.00	Fair trade café
	2.00- 3.00 pm	Lent course, Victory Assembly
	6.45 pm	Evening Prayer for Lent
Thursday 26th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 27th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch
Saturday 28th	7.00 pm	Greenwich Youth Band Concert
Sunday 29th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Monday 30th	9.30-11.00 am	St.Olaves Rehearsal
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Tuesday 31st	9.30-11.00 am	St.Olaves Rehearsal
	7.00 pm	St.Olaves Concert

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Parish Pump

Weddings

16th February, Bradan Foxley and Lauran Cole.

29th February, Tony Bartlett and Linda Boggans

100 Club

The February prizes were won by Pat Flaherty and Joe & James Carrick Lawson (Bob and Barbara's Grandchildren).

Quiz Results.

The January Quiz prize of £17.50 was won by someone who completed it on behalf of the Church Fabric Fund, whose entry was picked from the correct quiz sheets returned.

Monthly Charity.

As Lent is already underway in March this year the monthly charity will be the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

Fairtrade Fortnight

From 24th February to 8th March it is Fairtrade Fortnight. In 2020, we are continuing our call for cocoa farmers to earn a living income, as well as sharing stories that show the positive impact that only Fairtrade has on the women behind your chocolate bar. Only Fairtrade is campaigning publicly for the right to a living income for farmers – men and women. Please support your local Fairtrade suppliers.

Lent Lunches

We hope to provide Lent lunches on the Fridays during Lent at 12.30 in the Church Hall, depending upon enough numbers. Lunches consist of soup and a roll, followed by tea or coffee, for a donation of around £5. Any proceeds will go to the Bexley Foodbank.

Greenwich Youth Band Concert

Following the success of the concert for Demelza, hosted by All Saints, last year, the Greenwich Youth Band will be giving another concert performance on Saturday 28th March starting at 7.00 pm. in Church. Ticket are priced at £8, concessions £6. Contact the Vicar for details.

All Saints Choir

In preparation for the Easter Services, the Choir will be meeting in the Church vestry every Wednesday evening at 7.00 to 8.00. If you are interested and would like more details please contact Aaron Mather by e-mail at anjmather@gmail.com. All abilities welcome.

Future Events

Saturday 4th April 6.00 pm, Fish & Chip Supper – we eat together as we begin Holy week.

Sunday 5th April 10.00 am, Palm Sunday procession and Service.

Wednesday 8th April 7.00 pm, Tenebrae Service.

Maundy Thursday 9th April 11.00 am & 8.00 pm, Holy Communion with Footwashing.

Good Friday 10th April 10.00 am, Walk of Witness from Clare Corner; 10.00-12.00 noon, Messy Church; 2.00 pm, reflection of the last hour.

Holy Saturday 11th April 8.00 pm, Easter Vigil.

Easter Day 12th April 10.00 am, Holy Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt.

Saturday 25th April, Concert for Australia bush fires relief fund

Sunday 26th April 11.15 am APCM.

Thursday 28th May, Christian Aid Lunch.

Saturday 4th July, Family Fun day.

Answers to the February Quiz sheet

An A to Z quiz where all the answers are food items

A) The nuts usually found on top of a Dundee cake.	Almonds
B) Green plant with flowering heads eaten as a vegetable.	Broccoli
C) Feline swimmer.	Catfish
D) 12 May 2019, 5 June 2019, 21 July 2020.	Dates
E) Edwina Curry's salmonella providers.	Eggs
F) Grilled meat served in a Taco or Tortilla.	Fajita
G) Cold Soup.	Gazpacho
H) Sweet substance produced by bees.	Honey
I) Dessert enjoyed particularly in hot weather.	Ice Cream
J) A type of chilli pepper.	Jalapeno
K) A type of Brassica also known as leek cabbage	Kale
L) A pasta similar to Fettuccine.	Linguine
M) This soup contains curry.	Mulligatawny
N) Asian flatbread.	Naan
O) Spring, Spanish and Shallots are types of these.	Onions
P) Tossed around this time of year.	Pancakes
Q) Savoury open tart.	Quiche
R) French stewed vegetable dish.	Ratatouille
S) Asian triangular pastry with savoury filling.	Samosa
T) Bean Curd.	Tofu
U) Hybrid of a grapefruit, an orange or a tangerine.	Ugli Fruit
V) The meat of a Deer.	Venison
W) Talks rubbish non-stop.	Waffles
X) Chinese for watermelon.	Xigua
Y) Produced by bacterial fermentation of milk.	Yoghurt
Z) Another name for a courgette.	Zucchini

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 *March* magazine of 1940, price twopence

OUR SERVICE MEN

Since our January number, when I gave the names of 36 men from our parish serving with the Forces, the following names bringing the total up to 51, have been added:

Fred Ford, 28 Lannoy Road.

Fred Shaw, 784 Sidcup Road.

Hedley Geo. Strutt, 166 Green Lane.

Louis Rust, 93 Southwood Road.

James Alan, 1 Felhampton Road.

William Barrett, 21 Reventlow Road.

Eric Witcombe, 91 Southwood Road.

Jack Wyatt, 12 Lannoy Road.

Richard Muckle, Crombie Road.

Alec West, Lannoy Road.

Fred Mardell, Lannoy Road.

Leslie Woodley, Felhampton Road.

Sidney Creed, 39 Park View Road.

Leslie Freeman, 26 Overmead.

Maurice Gidden, Brecta Road.

We shall be glad to have further names. Please do not leave us to find out but help by sending names in.

One of our Servers, Douglas Stonham, is Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, and is now with the B.E.F. in France.

Alfred Manchester, an old Club boy, and one of our Communicants, was married on his recent leave. We wish him and his bride every blessing in their married life.

Of the new names, Mr. Leslie Freeman, of 26 Overmead, is a member of our Church Council and one of our Sidesmen.

All the men on the list are remembered by name every Tuesday, at the 7 a.m. Eucharist.

GOOD FRIDAY OPEN AIR PROCESSION

We hope to carry on with our Good Friday Open-air Procession.

It will leave the Church at 6 p.m., and we are anxious to visit a new part of our parish, Alverstone Gardens, Tiverton Drive and part of Sparrows Lane.

As several members of the congregation who usually support this work are away from home owing to evacuation, we appeal the more earnestly to all who can possibly join us in this Procession of Witness to do so.

We shall return to Church by 7 p.m. for a short Mission Service.

There are no entries in the "Church Logbook" for March 1980.

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