

# All Saints Magazine



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## **Editorial**

Due to the latest Government restrictions on movement and social gatherings and the consequent closure of Churches and meeting places, it has been decided not to produce a printed copy of the magazine this month, but to publish it on our web-site only. Hopefully the restrictions will be lifted in time for the June edition.

To start we have our 'Dear Friends' letter from our Vicar Annette about church life in isolation.

This is followed by a poem by Laura Kelly Fanucci for after the restrictions are lifted, "when this is over".

As 10th to 16th May is Christian Aid week, we have produced an update of the work Christian aid is doing and alternative ways to support it we can't do the usual door-to-door and envelope giving this year.

We then have article written by Archbishop Dr Rowan Williams about climate justice which he wrote for the Christian Aid Easter magazine.

Our centre spread contains the diary dates for church activities that are planned to take place as soon as the restrictions are lifted, other Notices and the current restrictions on, Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings.

We are still holding over the closing date of the March Quiz until the end of the month the church opens again, however we have come up with a new general knowledge quiz, just for fun, to amuse those stuck at home. The answers will be in next month's magazine.

Finally, we have our regular item from the archives so that you have something non-virus related to read that may be of interest.

While we suspend printing the magazine we intend to roll over our sponsors subscriptions into next year. Meanwhile there is a new area on our website with links to our sponsors web pages so that you can support them while they continue to support our magazine production.

Pray and keep your fingers crossed,  
We'll be back in Church for Pentecost

## **Dear friends**

I feel compelled to write to you once more during this period of isolation. One cannot fail to be touched by the increasing number of deaths and we hear daily of someone else we know dying, whether of the virus or not each death is a full stop to someone's life and causes us pain.

It is a time like no other and it is making some of us question our whole lives. It makes us think about who our friends are, who we really care about, who we are missing, and also who we are not.

Life has paused in a very strange way and yet we are all striving to find a normal in all this.

The Church has had to find new ways of being and to recognise new ways of being together, though apart. One of these ways is praying the same prayers at the same time and I would commend worship online both from here and from the diocese of Southwark, the dean is doing morning prayer each day and he is so gently and realistically spiritual.

Sadly the financial burden of the church continues and we need to pay for our buildings and our cleaners even if we are not there. We do still need to pay our parish share, and to look after those we employ, if you give on the envelope scheme please save them up or consider changing to direct debit or standing order , you can email myself [revannette.rose@btinternet.com](mailto:revannette.rose@btinternet.com) or Bob [bobaverycw@uwclub.net](mailto:bobaverycw@uwclub.net) and we can send you the bank details you need .

As a PCC we are attempting to meet either by conference call or by zoom, yet to be decided as which will work best.

The life of our church goes on.

Please continue to pray and to keep in touch with those around you.

God Bless

**Annette**

## Thoughts after Covid-19

**“When this is over,**  
may we never again take for granted;  
A handshake with a stranger, Full shelves at the store,  
Conversations with neighbours,  
A crowded theatre,  
Friday night out,  
The taste of communion,  
A routine check-up,  
The school rush each morning,  
Coffee with a friend,  
The stadium roaring,  
Each deep breath!  
A boring Tuesday.  
Life itself.

**When this ends,** may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be,  
we were called to be,  
we hope to be,  
and may we stay that way — better for each other because of the worst.”

**Laura Kelly Fanucci**

## **Christian Aid Week for 2020.**

Their theme this year is **Together for climate justice.**

We stand with people living in poverty to fight for a more just world.

Life has been wrecked by cyclones in India, droughts in Kenya, floods in Bangladesh and typhoons in the Philippines.

They are trying to help people by providing medical assistance, helping people to grow their own food, giving people solar lights to help with fishing and helping people to set up businesses such as making liquid soap.

They have also invested in storage tanks in places where it is difficult to obtain water.

The government have undertaken to match any money Christian Aid raises for these projects.

However, the normal Christian Aid Week 2020 activities are cancelled due to the coronavirus situation. Should you wish to donate kindly visit the Christian Aid website and make a donation online.

All Saints always sends a generous contribution to Christian Aid every year.

Although the Christian Aid Lunch, scheduled for the 28th May, has had to be cancelled, we will be holding a similar event and raffle once the lockdown situation has been lifted or clarified.

Our kindest thoughts to you all.

We hope you stay healthy and safe in these troubled times.

**Simon & Beryl**

## **2020: A year of hope for climate justice**

The climate crisis is one of the greatest injustices of our time.

With every day that passes, it becomes more obvious that business as usual is not an option if we are to avoid a catastrophe that will weigh most heavily on the poorest and most marginalised members of our human family.

Governments are still dragging their feet in responding to the urgency of this climate crisis. For a more adequate response, we need all the resources that can be mobilised, not only in government but in the private sector, in faith communities and among international agencies like Christian Aid.

We need more than hopeful words from government; we need policies and political will. And we need the public to hold our government to account.

Christian Aid has worked for 75 years alongside communities living in poverty. The greatest driver of poverty in the immediate future is the impact of the climate crisis, so it is right that we should emphasise this. That is why, this year, we invite you to stand together with us to give, act and pray to stop this climate crisis. We aim to speak and act prophetically - and to be prophetic means first of all to see, and to help others to see, how human actions look in the light of God's kingdom.

The life of the kingdom - as Scripture and the words of Christ himself define it - is one in which we recognise how not only the human world but the entire creation is interdependent. God has made us to be nourished and sustained by each other in the created order, not to dominate or exploit either the material environment or our human neighbours. We are to live in solidarity and generosity; and this applies to how we show our love for the whole of creation as an inseparable part of our love for our human sisters and brothers.

Christian Aid is in the process of substantial change and faces many new challenges - internal and external. But what will not change is that commitment to prophetic witness - because this is rooted in a reality that cannot change; the promise of the resurrected Christ who tells us that in his Spirit and power what we thought was impossible can be made real, our friends and supporters, once again - a hope grounded in God's faithfulness and Christ's Spirit.

**Archbishop Dr Rowan Williams**

## Diary Dates for May 2020

**Due to the current Government restrictions on movement and social distancing the planned events below are cancelled, however we have provided the dates in case the restrictions are lifted and some of the later dated events are able to go ahead.**

Sunday 3rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 7th	11.00 am	Holy Communion.
Sunday 10th	10.00 am	Holy Communion.
Thursday 14th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 21st	ASCENSION DAY	
	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	8.00 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 27th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
	6.45 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 28th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31st	PENTECOST	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion

*Please check the weekly news sheet for any change*

## **Parish Pump**

The restrictions on Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms is correct at the time of publication. Funeral can take place with a minimum of attendance. Weddings can take place with only the Celebrant, Bride, Groom and two witnesses in attendance. No Baptisms.

## **Funerals**

9th April, Incarnation (Sharon) Humphries.

We have recently been advised of the death of Graham Lyons, a former curate at All Saints, our thoughts are with his children Kevin and Annie and their families. For those who know Graham there will be a memorial service after the lockdown, with Annie and the family.

## **100 Club**

The 100 Club monthly prize draws will recommence when the church re-opens with April and May draws the first to take place.

## **Quiz Results.**

The March Quiz is being held open until the end of the month the Church re-opens, the current prize fund is £17.

## **Monthly Charity.**

This month's charity is Christian Aid. (see article elsewhere on how you can support it).

## **All Saints Choir**

Due to the restrictions, Choir practice has been suspended until further notice.

## **Easyfundraising**

We are grateful to those shopping on-line who support All Saints through Easyfundraising. The total raised is now £589.59, just by shopping normally and at no cost to themselves. Details of how to join are now on our website under /Supporting the Church/Fundraising. Currently the funds raised are being spent maintaining the Church Roof.

## **Future Events**

The future events remain planned but are now subject to Government and Church of England guidelines on restrictions on gatherings in place at the time.

Saturday 4th July, Family Fun day.

Saturday 26th September, Michaelmas fair.

Sunday 11th October, Harvest festival.

**General Knowledge quiz.**

1. Who is the only British prime minister to have been assassinated?      -----  
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2. The song "You'll Never Walk Alone" was written by Rodgers & Hammerstein for which musical?  
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3. What is the only bird able to fly backwards      -----  
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4. Which British detective series was set on the island of Jersey?      -----
5. In the film The Great Escape what were the names given to the three tunnels?  
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6. Which sea creature has three hearts?      -----  
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7. Who is the English Premier Leagues all time top goal scorer?      -----
8. A deficiency of which vitamin leads to scurvy?      --
9. Fort Knox lies in which U.S state?      -----
10. In the 1984 film the characters Spengler, Zeddemore Venkman & Stantz are collectively known as?  
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11. Britain's only venomous snake      -----
12. Who was the last British governor of Hong Kong?      -----  
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13. In Only Fools & Horses what name does Trigger always call Rodney?      -----
14. What was the name given to soldiers who protected Roman Emperors?  
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15. Manchester City retained their Premier League title in 2019 with 98 points but by how many points did they beat second place Liverpool by?      --
16. In what film did Paul Newman famously eat 50 hard boiled eggs?      -----  
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17. In the human body what is produced by Lacrimal Glands?      --  
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18. Who became U.S President by default after the assassination of John F. Kennedy?

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19. The Beatles record label with a name shared by a fruit?

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20. Which singer starred in the film The Bodyguard?

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**From the Archives** – snippets from the May magazine of 1940, price twopence

### CHURCHWARDENS' LETTER

TO MEMBERS OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL,

Forty members of the congregation were present at the Parochial Church Meeting on March 28th, and about 400 others let them get on with it. This was very disheartening for our Clergy, and not very encouraging to the 40 that turned up and were not afraid to tackle a job of church work.

Many were unavoidably absent, the black-out would account for a few; but BACK OUT would seem to account for most absentees. Undoubtedly the attendance was extremely poor. WHY?

It is the duty of every member on the Electoral Roll to be present at the Annual Meeting and it should be a pleasure to look forward to. Let us ask ourselves:

1. Am I content to take all the church has to offer and give no service in return?
2. Am I one of those who stay away and criticise the efforts of those who have accepted a job?
3. Am I sufficiently interested in the business side of the Church?

Can anyone presume success without effort? Decidedly no!

If this apathetic attitude, what is the reason? We hear often from the Pulpit that action is required and all are asked to take a share. Surely it isn't asking too much for members of the congregation who can turn up in such large numbers to social functions, to give the Parish and Clergy their support when business matters have to be arranged? Many will ask, what business? Here are a few things that have to be decided:

Election of Wardens.

Twelve Sidesmen.

The Church Council (14).

Ruri-decanal Conference (7).

Diocesan Conference (1).

Accounts to be discussed and accepted.

Annual Report to be reviewed.

This letter may prompt some readers to express their opinions on this important subject. These we would welcome.

Please do not just read this and leave it at that. It is time All Saints congregation stirred themselves and realised their obligations.

Yours faithfully

J. R. Salinger. W. F. Graves. *Wardens.*

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

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

