

All Saints Magazine



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Editorial

Dear Friends

Welcome to our new Magazine, which will be bimonthly in future

We will be continuing with our series on the seven sacraments with a look at Marriage.

As we begin to open our churches up once more please do read our Wardens heart felt cry for, readers, servers and intercessors.

Along with the quiz answers and a look at the history of our church there are the usual dates and parish pump information too.

In this time of pandemic it gives me great pleasure to have opened our church once more, it really is safe and we have put into place all precautions where we can. It is our responsibility as Christians to care for each other in the pandemic and to be respectful of each other's health and space

Annette (Vicar)



Coming out of Lockdown

We are hopefully nearing the end of the crises of the pandemic and our world has been changed by Covid-19 in so many ways.

The death count has been huge, and this touches us all, for we all know someone who has died, or the relatives, friends and families of those who have died.

Our country is grieving and that can take so many forms, we grieve quite rightly those who have died, but we also grieve for the loss of our freedom, the loss of some of our activities, we grieve the loss of socialising, for that cup of tea or coffee with friends, for Grandparents separated from Children and Grandparents, for those in care homes, for those alone in hospital.

Now however there seems to be a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel, we are gradually returning to Church, to school, to work and soon we will be allowed to meet up, (albeit gradually). Soon we might even be able to have coffee after church and even Sing during our services.

It would be great to think about our church, how we can be that constant in our community but how can we serve our community.

What can we do to share the gospel?

What can we do to serve those around us?

What can we let go?

What can we take up?

How do we help this community grieve?

And How do we celebrate together?

A lot of questions but it would be good to have your thoughts and answers

Thanks

Annette

Prayers for April

An Easter Prayer

O Lord of all

We thank you for the Joy of the risen Christ

For the hope that he brings to us all

For the knowledge that we may all have eternal life

For New life this Easter

AMEN

Marriage

We continue our series on the seven sacraments

God and Love

It is so much easier to believe in someone's love for us when we feel their arms around us. The touch of a partner reassures us of their love. It should also reassure us of God's love. For Christians believe that God reaches out and touches us through the love of others. Jesus Christ is at the heart of all love.

Falling in love is a very human experience, but when we decide to consecrate that love in Christian marriage our human love becomes a sign in the world of God's love. Our experience tells us that there is something extra here- something beyond human explanation. When we pledge ourselves to unconditional love for life, we show what Christ's own self-sacrificing love is like. Ours, like his, is a love without limits. We are in a true partnership with God.

It is not surprising then, that God does offer us his own supreme love to strengthen and sustain us and to make perfect love possible. That is what is at the heart of Christian marriage. this mystery and miracle of love the sacrament of marriage is indeed a partnership with God. God is involved intimately in the relationship.

Such a magnificent reflection of God's love is hard to understand, and people often say that cannot see what a couple see in each other. But love makes it possible to see what no one else see except God, that the one who is loved is uniquely precious, irreplaceable, and infinitely lovable. It is natural that those who experience such love want to tell the world and want their love to continue forever.

That is what is at the heart of Christian marriage. That is what is announced to the world on the wedding day, at the heart of the ceremony the couple take one another's hands and exchange rings as a sign that their love is for life. On their wedding day a couple's love moves from one part of the relationship to another where a new family is formed. Love publicly acknowledged now begins to grow and nurture in new ways, and every marriage will be different, just as we are all unique so our marriages are too.

Faithfulness matters

Following the words of Jesus the church teaches very strongly that marriage is for life. The reasons for this are both practical and spiritual. The practical reason is that we all need security in love and our personal lives. Children too need a secure environment in which to grow up safely. The spiritual reason is that leaning to love selflessly and faithfully through good times and bad times is learning to love as God loves, growing in his image and preparing to share his life in heaven.

Sometimes the church can be seen to be emphasising marriage at the expense of those who are not married, but there is much to be said for those who are celibate, either by choice or by circumstance, as well as those who are widowed, or separated, or divorced. For those whose sexual preferences do not allow them to marry in church at this time too. God wants us all to feel fulfilled and to experience his love, and we should celebrate Gods love for all, and uphold marriage for those who are able to and want to share their love publicly and privately, equally.

AMEN

Annette

Easter Bunny Hugs and Kisses

That cute little bunny has hopped all day,
delivering baskets for the holiday;
His paws are so tired and his nose how it itches,
He left you something special to fulfill all your wishes.
Lots of cute little Easter bunny hugs and kisses.

"Easter bunny soft and white
Hopping quickly out of sight,
Thank you for the eggs you bring
At Easter time to welcome spring
Yellow eggs and blue and red
In the grass and flower bed
We will hunt them everywhere
Is it really you who put them there?"

Anonymous

Diary Dates for April 2021

Thursday 1st	MAUNDY THURSDAY 11.00 am Holy Communion 8.00 pm Holy Communion.
Friday 2nd	GOOD FRIDAY 2.00 pm Service of the last hour.
Sunday 4th	EASTER DAY 10.00 am Easter Service and first communion of Easter.
Sunday 11th	10.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	10.00 am Holy Communion
Saturday 24th	4.00 pm Wedding
Sunday 25th	10.00 am Holy Communion

Diary Dates for May 2021

Sunday 2nd	10.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 9th	10.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 13th	ASCENSION DAY 11.00 am Ascension Communion
Sunday 16th	10.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 20th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	PENTECOST 10.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am APCM
Thursday 27th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 30th	TRINITY SUNDAY 10.00 am Holy Communion

These are subject to the R rate and also what is safe for us to do in church. Please do look at the notice boards in church and outside church as well as our website.

Parish Pump

Weddings

25th April, Michael Kirby and Colleen Weightman.

Funerals

23rd March, Gladys Savage

100 Club.

The March prize was won by Pam Piper.

Quiz Results.

The January Quiz prize of £12.50 was won by Douglas Garson, whose entry was picked from the correct quiz sheets returned by the end of February.

Monthly Charities.

Our monthly charity for April and May is Christian Aid.

Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM)

The APCM is on the 23rd May at 11.30am, after the Sunday service.

The meeting is open to all members of the congregation, but only those on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote. The Vestry meeting is held first to elect the Churchwardens, followed by the APCM, the purposes of which are; to receive the PCC Annual Report and the Accounts, elect PCC members and appoint/approve Stewards and others responsible for the running of and representing the church..

Prayers for May

A prayer for Mary

Lord Jesus Christ

We thank you for you Mother Mary,

for an example of womanhood

for her resilience, her obedience and her humility

For her loyalty, Love and trust, for her walking with us,

when we too feel a sword piercing our hearts in sorrow,

when our hearts burst with joy

and when we rest in your glory

AMEN

Churchwardens Corner

As Eastertide is fast approaching, we would like to wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Easter time!! We know that the last year has been a tough one for everyone in one way or another with lockdowns and various other restrictions; but hopefully, with the effects of such restrictions working, reducing infection rates etc., it looks likely that sometime soon we will return to something like the way we were back in February last year, albeit a “new normal” perhaps!

Some measures may have to remain for a while longer to make sure that everyone remains safe and that All Saints’ does its bit to keep this virus at bay, at least locally anyway. Therefore, our thanks must go to everyone that has been attending our Sunday services for helping us to ensure that all members of the congregation are kept as safe as possible and observing social distancing.

Over the past few months since Sunday services in Church have resumed, we have relied on picking “volunteers” for doing the readings or the intercession prayers, sometimes at the very last minute!! So in the absence of the normal lists and rotas we had previously, and looking forward to a return to what we had at the beginning of last year, we need to set up fresh lists and rotas once more, therefore please let either Rev. Annette, Rita or either of us know if you would be willing to either read, intercede, or be a steward or server. If you have any questions about this feel free to ask us.

When appropriate, we are looking forward to the Church Hall being open again, especially after Sunday services for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits maybe even cake.

Graham and Neal

Happy Easter

The tulips in the garden
Are wearing yellow hats;
The pussywillows by the brook
Have fur like cats'
The bees is honey hunting;
The robin's chirp is gay;
And all the world is singing,
"Oh happy Easter Day!"

Climate Change

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

This we sing (when we can) with gusto, proclaiming God's dominion over all creatures and overall creation. As I sit to type this I look out over the church gardens and I can see immediately the joys of God's creation, the wonder of trees blossoming and then going on to produce their fruits and seeds, the rose garden an ever changing delight of colour and smells, even the freshly mown grass beneath my window. It seems so far from the climate crisis we are told is happening around the world, or the 'panic' we should be having about it according to Greta Thunberg. However the weather patterns of our world are changing dramatically, life changing, shocking things are happening all around the world, excessive flooding, excessive drought, cyclones, hurricanes, earthquakes, Tsunami, these things which seemed to very rare are now commonplace, people are losing their lives and their livelihoods everyday due to climate change.

Our Lent course this year challenged us to think about climate change and how, in light of our faith we should respond to it. It is a difficult one but maybe we should do what we can and all strive to do that little bit more.

We should be as a church at the forefront of campaigning for a better world for all, and for a fairer world for all.

We should be showing the world how to do this and leading the way, in how we live our lives, and how we use the resources we have been given.

We should be recycling and reusing where we can

We should be sharing things, that we use on occasion, our lawn mowers, our tools, even our cooking tins, and or cookery books. Think on this, what can you share today, or this week or this year.

Whatever and however we respond to climate change let us do so prayerfully and mindfully, keeping the whole of God's World in our hearts.

Dear mother earth, who day by day,
unfoldest blessings on our way,

O praise him, alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show;

O praise him, O praise Him,

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Answers to the March Quiz sheet

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| 1. By what name was Kampuchea formal known? | Cambodia |
| 2. On the shore of which lake are Chicago and Milwaukee? | Lake Michigan |
| 3. Which lies further south Marbella or Algiers? | Marbella |
| 4. Which river runs through Cambridge? | The Cam |
| 5. Which River marks the border of the United States and Mexico? | The Rio Grande |
| 6. What is the capital of South Korea? | Seoul |
| 7. Where is Casablanca? | Morocco |
| 8. What single Desert contains half the desert surface of the world? | The Sahara |
| 9. What country is the home of Flemings and Walloons? | Belgium |
| 10. What is the capital of Sri Lanka? | Colombo |
| 11. What is the capital of Australia? | Canberra |
| 12. In which country is Timbuktu? | Mali |
| 13. In which ocean are the Turks and Caicos Islands? | Atlantic |
| 14. In which region of Italy are the Chianti Hills? | Tuscany |
| 15. In which city's harbour is The Little Mermaid statue? | Copenhagen |
| 16. What is the deepest cleft in the earth's surface on land? | The Grand Canyon |
| 17. Which city is dominated by the Sugar Loaf Mountain? | Rio de Janeiro |
| 18. In which ocean are the Galapagos Islands? | Pacific |
| 19. Which city does the Liffey flow through? | Dublin |
| 20. Which is the largest of the Scilly Isles? | St. Mary's |

(Notes) Q5. The Rio Bravo is the Mexican name for the Rio Grande.

Q8. Should have specified HOT desert, so we have allowed Antartica as a valid answer.

Q16. The Denman Glacier in Antartica is deeper and therefore correct, however as this was only discovered in Dec 2019 and therefore not deemed to be common knowledge.

From the Archives – snippets from the April magazine of 1941, price twopence

1940 FINANCE

In the interests of economy and in view of paper shortage, we are not printing the 1940 accounts in the Magazine this year. We hope to get a few copies for the Annual Meeting, and one will be placed on the Notice Board in church.

Some points from the 1940 Finances are:—

1. Duplex Home-side total £504, a decrease of £45 on 1939.
2. Missionary Duplex total £90, a decrease of £23 on 1939.
3. Collections in Boxes £110, an increase of £30.
4. Hall Deficit £77.

Here we have lost heavily by the removal of the Welfare Centre, and taking this into account, the result is good, and reflects considerable credit on our Hall Secretary, Mr. Macnamara.

5. Magazine, in spite of falling circulation, shows a balance of 2s. 11d. We fully expected a deficit here. Hearty congratulations to Mr. Bahns, who is in charge of the Advertisements, and to Miss Steel and her helpers for this splendid result in difficult times.

6. Our Accounts show a balance in hand of approximately £55. But we must bear in mind this has only been made possible by putting in £159 from the Sale of Work. We have always felt it to be wrong to use money from Sales to balance church accounts, and in years gone by our policy was to keep Sale money for our Building Fund and extra repairs, etc. Although times are difficult, yet we must keep before us the policy our way from general income, because it is just and right. We hope, therefore, that any who are not members of our Duplex Free Will Offering scheme will seriously consider joining the scheme, however small may be the weekly offering they are able to make.

The "Church Logbook" for April/May 1981 records:

April: Archdeacon's Visitation carried out by the Vicar representing to the Borough Dean.

May: Sub Dean Confirmation at St. Saviour's, Middle Park. Candidates from All Saints presented.

Bishop Edmund Capper replaces the scheduled visit of the new Bishop of Southwark.

Mrs Silvia Mayhew sworn in as Churchwarden to replace Mrs Olive Tuffley who served her 3 years and now stands down. Service at St. Michael. Abbey Wood.

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