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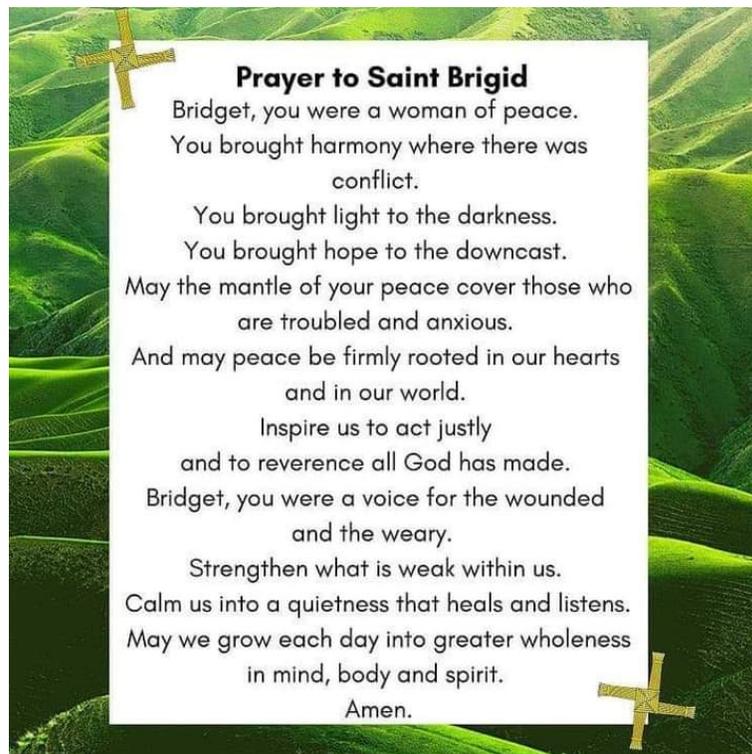
This is the last monthly magazine for a while because from April we will be having bi-monthly magazines of just 6 a year. This means we can maintain the quality and the information we give you.

This month we continue with our series on the seven sacraments with a look at ordination. We have a reflection on what we should fast on from Pope Francis himself as well as some reflections on Spring.

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 others health and space

Annette (Vicar)



Ordination

Continuing our series on the seven sacraments, we come to ordination.

To be called to serve God as a priest, or as a deacon, and to be authorised by the church to be a visible presence in the world.

This doesn't mean that other Christians are invisible, but that to wear a clerical collar does make you stand out and often people don't know what to make of you.

For instance when shopping, older folk will often smile, younger ones shy away and children happily approach you, and I really freaked out a check-out assistant on Halloween – she was dressed as a witch and started to put my shopping through before looking up and just froze, she didn't know what to say.

The road to ordination is a long one and one of great uncertainty for many. Are we called? Is this right?

Often it is the pit of the stomach feeling that seems unshakable that tells us that this is indeed the right thing for us.

When you finally are ordained the list of things that you share with the bishop, and all clergy is really rather daunting but also good to be reminded of again and again.

The bishop called me with the following passage "Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith."

This does indeed seem a daunting task, but every priest can only do their best.

AMEN

Annette

CTNE Lent Course “Caring for Creation”

By the time you read this All Saints will have hosted the first Zoom session of this year’s Lent Course “**The Environment**, Focusing on God’s wonderful creation, planet earth, the place of human-kind in it, and why it is under threat.” but it’s not too late to join in. If you would like to take part contact Rev. Annette so that the link to the Zoom sessions can be sent to you.

A synopsis of the course follows:

The human race is facing its greatest challenge: global warming, leading to climate change. This, along with the damage we have done, and are still doing to the environment, God’s wonderful creation, means that we all have to make radical changes to our whole way of life.

Many of us who care about this issue are sometimes understandably quite pessimistic about the future. That’s where faith in God should make a difference. Hope for the future is not the same as being optimistic. Being optimistic suggests always looking on the bright side. A hope based on faith in God should enable us to open our eyes and see what is actually happening to our planet today, and still believe there is much that we can do, individually and together, with God to guide and strengthen us.

The 2020 Coronavirus pandemic continues to have a big impact on all our lives. It has important lessons to teach us about our life together on this planet, especially when we compare it to the greatest challenge of all to life on earth: climate change.

SESSION 2: Global Warming and Climate Change, 4th, March, hosted by the Redeemed Christian Church of God-Victory Assembly.

Some facts and figures about climate change, and why faith in a Creator God should give us hope.

SESSION 3: The Age of Humans – The Anthropocene Era, 11th, March, hosted by the Methodists.

How we human beings with our god-like powers can still undo some of the terrible damage we have done and are doing to our planet.

SESSION 4: Coming out of Denial and Facing Crisis, 18th, March, hosted by Novar Christian Fellowship.

Many of us find it hard to face up to the reality of climate change, and make the necessary changes to our lifestyle. We need to understand why this is so, and how our faith can help us.

SESSION 5: Faith, Hope and Love, 25th March, hosted by All Saints.

We urgently need to be clear about our Christian response to the present crisis: it challenges what we believe; it is also about how we can live in hope, and meet the demands of Christian love.

The course document is available from info@yorkcourses.co.uk or https://www.yorkcourses.co.uk/product/caring-for-creation/?mc_cid=d898a264fe&mc_eid=ce31d59282.

The printed version is £3.80 or there is a downloadable version for £3.10.



Diary Dates for March 2021

Wednesday 3rd	11.00 am	Chapter Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday 4th	7.30 pm	Lent course on Zoom
Sunday 7th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 11th	7.30 pm	Lent course on Zoom
Sunday 14th	MOTHERING SUNDAY	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 18th	7.30 pm	Lent course on Zoom
Sunday 21st	PASSION SUNDAY	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 24th	7.30 pm	PCC (Zoom)
Thursday 25th	7.30 pm	Lent course on Zoom
Sunday 28th	PALM SUNDAY	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Please note that Lent, Holy week and Easter are all in the balance at the moment and we will, I am sure, get some church guidelines soon. As soon as we do I will make out Holy Week and Easter plans public

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

Funerals

10th February, John Littlefield.

100 Club.

The January prize was won by Matta Siregar.

The February prizes were won by Lily Hutchins and Mums and Tots.

Quiz Results.

Due to the January lockdown restricting the number of quizzes sold and the opportunities for participants to return them, the January quiz was held open until the service on 28th February, so the winner will be announced next month.

Monthly Charities.

As it is still Lent our monthly charity remains the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

Future Events

The following events are dependent on restrictions on church opening being lifted, although social distancing in church is still likely to be necessary.

1st April 11.00 am & 8.00 pm, Maundy Thursday Holy Communion.

2nd April 2.00 pm, Good Friday reflection of the last hour.

3rd April 8.00 pm, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil.

4th April 10.00 am, Easter Day Holy Communion.

Memories of the Old Vicarage (471 Footscray Road)

One of the many fund-raising efforts of the Church was for the Porch. We were to collect coins from Queen Victoria's early reign when she was wearing her hair in a bun. Knowingly I had collected some money the Vicar (Arthur Norledge) invited me to the Vicarage where I went with my cocoa tin of money. The study was the right hand room by the front door. It was a welcoming room with a fire burning and we counted the money together. A happy memory of childhood.

After the war the Norledges were going to see the play at Oberammegau in Germany (their only child, Brian, had been killed at Arnhem during the war) and their lodger (Dorothy) didn't fancy sleeping alone in that big house. She asked me to stay there at night and I had breakfast in the cold, rather depressing, flagstone kitchen. I was glad to return to my warm home.

One Sunday I met, in church, someone who lived at the Old Vicarage, after it had been turned into flats, who asked me round there. I went up the first flight of stairs and straight into her flat. It was so small it felt as if the two of us were a crowd. It was the last time I went there but Christine and I are still friends.

Sometime ago I went to my GP for a 'flu' jab. I sat in the waiting room next to a man whom I discovered lived at the Old Vicarage. As he talked he began to tell me about the terrible time he was going through with his family. Maybe there are things you can only tell to a stranger.

E. J. M.

Thank you for being there for me,
To lend a listening ear;
For helping me to understand,
And helping fog to clear.

Thank you for your kindness;
It means so much to me,
Knowing I can lean on you
For advice and honesty.

Thanks for all the little things
You've done without a care.
I'm not sure what I would have done
If you had not been there.

Thank you doesn't seem enough,
But at least it's a start
And know, these words of gratitude,
They come straight from my heart.

Carrie Hewlett

Do you want to Fast this Lent

Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with Hope
Fast from worries and have trust in God
Fast from complaints , contemplate simplicity
Fast from pressures and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate
Fast from Grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words, be silent and Listen

Pope Francis

Answers to the January Quiz sheet

A miscellany of questions with clues in a seasonal message to give you a start!

1. What was the name of the “first nations” child in Longfellow’s poem? **Hiawatha**
2. What are the following: newtown pippin, russet, bramley? **Apple**
3. Which Welsh village provided the setting for “*The Prisoner*”? **Portmeirion**
4. Who said “I find no fault in this man”? **Pontias Pilate**
5. Who is the most famous inhabitant of Yellowstone Park? **Yogi Bear**
6. Which is Africa’s most populous nation? **Nigeria**
7. Who wrote a poem about a “mystery cat”? **Eliot**
8. Who wrote “I wandered lonely as a cloud”? **Wordsworth**
9. What was the name of Alison Moyet and Vince Clarke’s group? **Yazoo**
10. Which soap opera is set mostly in Albert Square? **Eastenders**
11. What was King George VI’s first Christian name? **Albert**
12. Which six-letter word contains no vowels? **Rhythm**
13. Which species of animal can be distinguished by the size of its ears? **Elephant**
14. In which country is Ho Chi Minh City? **Vietnam**
15. Where in “*The Wizard of Oz*” does the Yellow Brick Road go to? **Emerald City**
16. What is another name for a castle in chess? **Rook**
17. What is the longest river in China? **Yangtze**
18. Which royal residence on the Isle of Wight now belongs to the nation? **Osborne**
19. What gas glows red when electric current is passed through it? **Neon**
20. What are young eels called? **Eelers**

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

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation will be at the Parish Church, Eltham, on Sunday, March 16th, at 3 p.m.

We expect to present over twenty candidates, and your prayers are asked for God's blessing upon them.

The newly Confirmed will make their first Communion on Mothering Sunday, March 23rd.

Come and join them. Make them feel a warm welcome into full church membership at the great Family Service of the Eucharist on Mothering Sunday.

What an appropriate Sunday! Mother Church welcomes her new communicants and feeds them with Christ's Life in the Blessed Sacrament.

SENIOR GUILD

After a long period of inactivity the Senior Guild are meeting again on Saturday afternoon, March 1st, at 3 p.m., in the Hall. There will be a short business meeting, followed by some music and tea, and then we shall go into Church for a service of preparation for our corporate Communion on the following morning. If this is successful, we shall hope to make similar arrangements each month. I hope members will bring friends who may be interested.

THE MAGAZINE

The circulation is still falling—owing to evacuation, etc., and is now down to 600. Although we cannot expect to get back to the pre-war figure of 750, we are anxious to keep the circulation as high as possible. Readers may be able to help us in this. How many could you get one other new reader and so help over the war time period?

The "Church Logbook" for March 1981 records:

Enthronement of Bishop Ronald Bowlby as Bishop of Southwark.

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