

All Saints Magazine



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Editorial

Dear Friends

Welcome to our Magazine for August and September. It gives us both sides of perspective as we are all encouraged by our Bishops to take a good rest this summer, which means one Sunday we have just morning prayer here at All Saints. We are to use the time to be ready to return to work this September, ready to go for what will hopefully be a bit of normality, after the past year.

I have included in this magazine a small insight into what a vicar does, this was a response to the Church Times article denouncing Clergy and their costs as a limiting factor for the C of E.

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

Our Youth group begins again in September as we welcome Emily Lewis (who is now 18) as a leader, we will be having a trifold programme of Hall meet, Service and outside activity.

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. Please do read our updated advice and rules concerning the opening up of our church.

Annette (Vicar)

The Limiting Factor

May I speak in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen

Paul is rather succinct in his message this week

I asked the Lord to take away my pain, to give me strength and courage, and instead he says actually I can be found in your weakness, My power is made perfect in weakness

Whenever I am weak then I am strong

In this week's *Church Times* there is a vision which enthuses about lay-led church, and calls out clergy as a limiting factor within the church. It states that without stipends and housing etc, the church could do so much more and be active.

Immediately Paul's insults, hardships and calamities spring to mind, it seems both insulting and unrealistic, yes we are clergy and yes we are only human but we are also laying ourselves out for God and the church all the time. One of my fellow clergy has written this response, which says all that I need to say and then some. So thank you to Kate Meopham.

We are the limiting factor

We are the listeners to stories to heartache to pain –

that arrive in our heart via email, facebook and a knock on the door.

We are the holders of hands, the ones who bless the dying and comfort the bereaved

We are the writers of risk assessments

and the readers of regulations and covid guide lines (often late at night)

We are the facilitators - 'the let's changes our plans' people- 'we can adapt' 'rain/covid' won't stop us.

We are the up at 6am people, reluctant YouTube stars, we moved our ministry online in moments.

We are the learned new skills people - wept may tears of frustration people - worried about those not online people.

We are the shoulder to cry on, the place to bring frustrations and "why did you move the candle" questions.

We are the listeners to roof problems, the unblockers of toilets and the listeners of joyful moments.

We are the lovers of our community the spreaders of the gospel of love, even if this doesn't translate to bums on seats.

We are the baptisers of babies and the reassures of young parents. We smile at wonderful noisy toddlers and sing nursery rhymes at toddlers groups.

We are the ones who bring up our babies and juggle their needs alongside our communities - we are the ones who sacrifice our loved ones to others too often (but we are getting better at that)

We are the one who have missed many family occasions because we don't get a weekend - we have smiled too many wry smiles at our spouses because of emergencies changing plans. We are the ones who give so much time to others and then return to an empty house with no one to hear about our day.

We are the fun Jesus people at schools - the supporters of teachers, the bringer of gifts, the ones who struggle to find a new exciting way to tell our school children that they are amazing and loved and valued.

We are the ones who marry the in love - who learn new systems, who listen about flowers and seating plans and pray for sunny days and happy marriages

We are the ones who journey with the sick who talk about death and don't back away from hard conversations.

We are the ones who bury our friends and total strangers and give each the same respect and care.

We are the ones who lose hours to safeguarding, - who write policies and hear stories - who fear handling it badly; who safeguards us?

We are the ones who bless the bread and feel inadequate, who say the blessing and know it's not us.

We are the welcomers, the never tired or sad one, the always available one.

The ones who know there are always more phone calls and visits we should make and the ones whose inbox is never empty.

We are the lovers of Jesus who wish there was more time to pray and less admin.

We are the broken, the tired, the "we are not good enough", the weary. The called to a ministry we love but is so so hard.

We are the limiting factor.

For we are all this and more so I encourage you today to think about all the ways that your strengths are found in your weakness, for only if we are challenged sometimes to we find out what we are really capable of .

AMEN

Diary Dates for August 2021

Sunday 1st	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Fr William David
Sunday 15th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Rev Christine Latham
Sunday 22nd	10.00 am	Morning Prayer with Angela Vamplew
Saturday 28th	1.00 pm	Baptism
Sunday 29th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	1.00 pm	Baptism Harry Hay

Diary Dates for September 2021

Thursday 2nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 5th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Baptism Brody
Thursday 9th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	CTNE Meeting
Sunday 12th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Fr William David
Thursday 16th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	1.00 pm	Baptism
	2.00 pm	Baptism Kieran Mckinley
Thursday 23rd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th		HARVEST FESTIVAL
	10.00 am	Holy Communion followed by Lunch
Tuesday 28th	7.30 am	Deanery Synod
Thursday 30th	11.00 am	Holy Communion

Subject to changes in government and church guidelines, do please check our website for any immediate changes.

Parish Pump

Weddings

31st July, Blessing of the wedding of Mick and Colleen Kirby

100 Club.

The June prize was won by Janet Johnson and Pam Piper won the July prize.

Quiz Results.

The May Quiz prize of £13.50 was won by Carol Reed. The June Quiz prize of £14.00 was won by Brenda Whyte, and the July Quiz prize of £15.00 was won by Beryl Garson. All winning entries were picked from the correct quiz sheets returned.

Monthly Charities.

Our monthly charity for August and September is The Falconer Trust, an orphanage in Zambia. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. Thank you.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

At the APCM on 23rd May, elections were held and appointments made resulting in a new PCC comprising the following members:

Annette Rose-Priest, Rita Mather-Reader, Neal Long-Church Warden, Graham Dix-Church Warden, Paul Lawal-Treasurer, Louise Dix-Synod Rep/PCC Secretary, Simon Garson-Synod Rep, Peter French, Ayo Georty, Pam Piper, Ruth Fancett, Emma Lewis, Beryl Garson, Sharon Broadey, Lisa Siregar.

19th July 2021 Sunday Worship Moving forward together

From 19th July the government plan to make all restrictions that have been in place during the pandemic optional and a matter of personal choice. We know that many of the restrictions we undertake are not for our own benefit but for the benefit of others, so the Standing Committee has thought hard about the best way to move forward together, prioritising those things that make the greatest difference to our worship. After listening to all the advice and bearing in mind the continued rising of infections and infections of those with both vaccinations being high here are the rules for our church for the moment.

- We will be asking that you wear your mask in church, when you are moving about. So as you enter until you find your place. Once you are safely in your seat then you may remove your mask.
- Hand sanitiser will continue to be necessary as you enter the church and before receiving communion. If you are unable to move from your seat for communion hand sanitiser will be brought to you.
- You will need to be wearing a mask or a face shield to receive communion.
- Those who use the track & trace app will be encouraged to continue to check in and we will continue to collect contact details from those in church
- We will retain socially distanced seating
- We will resume the singing of hymns whilst asking people to remain seated, and facing the front.
- We will request that people remain in their places during the peace but make sure there is enough time for people to greet everyone.
- We will retain moving to the step to receive communion, following a one-way system.
- We will retain reception in one kind only until there is clear guidance on how we can return to the common cup safely.
- We will work towards reopening the hall for refreshments after the service in September.

These decisions will be reviewed in mid-September.

For weddings and funerals, the recommendations will stay the same as above, but we will offer flexibility with regard capacity, whilst ensuring that vergers, clergy and organists are able to maintain social distancing.

If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to ask Rev Annette , or Graham or Neal

Answers to the June Quiz sheet

In which cities would you find these well known landmarks or attractions?

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| 1. The Eiffel Tower and the Louvre Museum. | Paris |
| 2. The Trevi Fountain and the Colosseum. | Rome |
| 3. St. Mark's Square and the Doges Palace. | Venice |
| 4. The Uffizi Gallery. | Florence |
| 5. The Brandenburg Gate. | Berlin |
| 6. The Opera House and Harbour Bridge. | Sydney |
| 7. Basilica de la Sagrada Familia and La Rambla. | Barcelona |
| 8. The Tivoli Gardens and the Little Mermaid Statue. | Copenhagen |
| 9. The Kremlin. | Moscow |
| 10. The CN Tower. | Toronto |
| 11. The Atomium and Manneken Pis. | Brussels |
| 12. The Hermitage Museum and Peterhof. | St. Petersburg |
| 13. The Rijksmuseum and Anne Franks House. | Amsterdam |
| 14. The Spanish Riding School and The Schonbrunn Palace. | Vienna |
| 15. St. Vitus Cathedral and Charles Bridge. | Prague |
| 16. The Vasa Museum and ABBA: the museum. | Stockholm |
| 17. The Acropolis and Parthenon. | Athens |
| 18. Raffles Hotel and Marina Bay Sands. | Singapore |
| 19. Central Park and the Statue of Liberty. | New York |
| 20. The Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz. | San Francisco |

Answers to the July Quiz sheet

All these people have one of their names beginning with H. But who are they?

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| 1. Which Prime Minister said "A week in politics is a long time"? | Harold Wilson |
| 2. Which German author produced the best seller "Mein Kampf"? | Adolf Hitler |
| 3. Who promised his customers "any colour so long as it's black"? | Henry Ford |
| 4. Who was the only British King crowned on the battlefield? | Henry VII |
| 5. Who reached the summit of Everest in 1953 with Sherpa Tensing? | Edmund Hillary |
| 6. Which American statesman won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973? | Henry Kissinger |
| 7. Which American musician experienced hits with 'Hey Joe' and 'All along the watchtower'? | Jimi Hendrix |
| 8. Who was the girl in Peter Sellers soup in 1970? | Goldie Hawn |
| 9. Who drew the Mr. Men? | Roger Hargreaves |
| 10. Who said "Dr. Livingstone I presume"? | Henry Stanley |
| 11. Who led the 'Kon-Tiki' expedition in 1947? | Thor Heyerdahl |
| 12. Who succeeded Lorenze Hart as lyricist to Richard Rodgers? | Oscar Hammerstein |
| 13. Which Carthaginian general used elephants to defeat the Romans after an epic mountain march? | Hannibal |
| 14. Which famous English Admiral was killed at the battle of Trafalgar? | Horatio Nelson |
| 15. What was the middle name of Britain's first female Prime Minister? | Hilda |
| 16. Who wrote 'A Farewell to Arms' and 'For whom the bell tolls'? | Ernest Hemmingway |
| 17. Which British heavyweight boxer knocked down 'Cassius Clay'? | Henry Cooper |
| 18. Who was the composer of 'Messiah' and 'Water Music'? | George Frideric Handel |
| 19. Who is the comedian and presenter, ex husband of Dawn French? | Lenny Henry |
| 20. Who was the detective created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle? | Sherlock Holmes |

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

WAR INSURANCE GIFT

Our good friend Mrs Latter has sent us £10 towards our War Insurance expenses.

There are still some of our people who will remember when Mrs. Latter resided at Southend Hall, Footscray Road, and in those days, and for some years after leaving the district, Mrs Latter was a good friend to All Saints' and gave liberally both to the Hall Building fund and to the completion of the Church.

I wonder how many were present at the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Hall—in October 1924—a ceremony performed by Mrs. Latter. This was before my time—when the Rev. F. B. Allen was Priest-in-Charge.

It is good to know Mrs. Latter still remembers us and we are very grateful to her for her kind and generous gift.

Notes:

1). A 1941 entry in Mr. Pond's archive book explains "Owing to the great potential dangers of fire due to the dropping of incendiary fire bombs by enemy aircraft, the Government launched the War Damage Insurance Act. The Bishop of Southwark urged all Churches in the Diocese to insure all fixtures and goods as listed in their Church Inventory-book in the Government War Damage Insurance Scheme. This should be done in spite of the heavy premium to be paid. At that time the All Saints existing insurance covered: —Goods in Church £1,800; Organ £1,000; Goods in Hall £300; Total £3,100.

The Premium of the Government War Damage Insurance was 30 Shillings per £100. Thus the new additional Fire Insurance Premium added a further annual expense of £45. 10s. 0d.

2). Due to rationing during the war, paper was in short supply, so magazine content was reduced. Unfortunately we do not have a copy of the September 1941 magazine.

*There is nothing in the "Church Logbook" for August, but September 1981 records:
Harvest Festival on September 27th.*

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