

All Saints Magazine



September 2018

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Editorial

Thank you for picking up our magazine. This month we begin the new school year with a back-pack service in church on the 9th September, sending all our teachers, pupils and school workers back to school with God's Blessing.

As the feast of St. Michael and All Angels is this month I have written a piece about Angels.

Then we have a promotion for our Michealmas Fair. This is our major annual fundraising activity day for the Church. There will be plenty of goodies on offer, please come and support us.

Our series of interviews with people who are connected to our church continues with Brenda Whyte.

Followed by a short piece about our involvement with Churches together in New Eltham (CTNE).

Our centre spread is the usual diary dates, Notices, Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and Future Events.

In their regular slot our Church wardens Neal and Graham update us on what is happening with our church community.

Reflecting on prayer in our magazine, this month Evelyn Green has shared a poem, which means a lot to her.

After that we have an update on how you can support the Church when shopping online, the monthly quiz answers and items from the past that may be of interest or still have relevance for today.

Enjoy.

Annette (Vicar)

Comments on last month

'The Adventures of a Walking Stick'

How I enjoyed Rita's story of 'The Adventures of a Walking Stick'. It reminded me of essays at school when we had to invent stories of inanimate objects. I smiled as I read it and really felt that the character in the walking stick was alive. Thank you Rita.

B.M.W.

Angels

September sees the feast of St. Michael and All Angels and that got me to thinking about Angels. Do you believe in Angels? Have any of you seen one? We are told that Angels are all around us, that they are there to guard and guide us and a lot of people believe in guardian angels, someone allocated just for you, to protect and keep you safe.

I've always been a bit reserved about what an actual angel might look like, and whether they are actually there.

We are told in the old testament of the angels ascending and descending to heaven, in Jacobs dream.

In the Apocrypha we hear of Tobit's encounter with an Angel.

When Christ is born the angels are there, preparing the way, guiding those who are confused by events and celebrating across the heavens in style, issuing warnings and generally being part of what is going on.

Angels appear across all countries and all religions. Many believe in Angels when their belief in God is hard to find.

So yes I believe in Angels as God's helpers, and those whose first job is to praise God, and then to help us praise him too.

St. Michael is there as warrior and protector, Gabriel is God's messenger, visiting Mary to announce Jesus' birth amongst other things, and Raphael God's healer.

There are those whom we never see but who help us in myriad of small ways making life easier.

We often refer to others as angels, those who go out of their way to help us, or who take the time for someone other than themselves.

Angels are not solely a Christian thing either as each religion has its own version of angels. It is where we find Djinns and Genies from too. In the film 'it's a wonderful life' the sound of a bell ringing is said to signify an Angel getting their wings. Bells ringing, white feathers and rainbows reflected in puddles are all supposed to be signs of Angels around us.

Angels are just one way God has of communication with us, caring for us and protecting us. So let's thank God for Angels.

Annette

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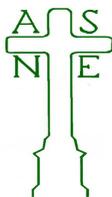
MICHAELMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

10.30am-1.30pm

Church hall, Bercta Rd se9 3tz

Crafts, Games, Tombolas
Cake Stall



REFRESHMENTS

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The Parish Interview

Memories of Brenda Whyte

I was born in South Yorkshire and have a younger sister Kay. My father was in The Scots Guards and in 1947 was stationed at the Guards Depot, Purbright. We were able to come 'down South' and have accommodation at Inkerman Barracks, then a Military Police Base. I sat an exam at my new local school and was given a place at Pewley Grammar School in Guildford, an hour's bus ride away.

On my first day I was told to meet at a bus stop, where other girls would show me the way! I always remember at a further stop a mother put her little girl on and asked us to look after her! I was happy enough with friends (with whom I'm still in touch). As soon as "schools out" we'd run down to Guildford High Street to catch the bus home.

I left school at 17 years old, not sure what I wanted. Nursery nurses needed expensive training or a maths certificate, which was not my best subject.

I found myself taking an interview for the G.P.O. who only took grammar school educated pupils then. I enjoyed that at Woking and Guildford, which was relentless on International calls.

My father was finally allocated accommodation for us behind the officers mess in a bungalow, from where I was still able to travel to different exchanges

Not long after I met my husband John, a Scots Guards squaddie, and having thought I would never be in love (my best friend had been engaged 3 times) he was the one!

Hailing from Scotland, a place I wanted to be - I found he would be joining the Met Police on demob. Nevertheless plans went ahead and he became a Lance Corporal (his wage was £2 at that time, and we planned to marry when he was 21).

However, the Suez crisis arrived and demob was delayed, as was the wedding - so we missed the tax break!!

We found a flat in Hendon near the police college, and after completing 2 years on 'the beat' he applied to become a Drill Instructor for police cadets at a college that was opening in Ashford, Kent. We had just had our first child, Alison, and were given a new house to live in on a new estate.

John was always keen on athletics, particularly hammer throwing. I often had the 18lb hammer on my back as we went to meetings by motorbike.

Through this he became an instructor in weightlifting. The police college wanted different activities for the cadets, so John started weightlifting for them, and set up the Met Police Weightlifting Team to compete with other forces. He then concentrated on coaching, and applied for a Churchill Fellowship to study other countries techniques. He had hosted Chinese and Russian teams, but the nearest he could get to the Russian technique was by going to Cuba for a month! He completed this and received his award from Prince Charles. Shortly afterwards he became an international weightlifting coach visiting all countries. I was glad he was able to do this whilst still policing the streets of Woolwich and Charlton. We moved to this area in 1966 after our son Fraser was born.

At this point I came in touch with Evelyn Green, who was starting a new playgroup project. I started as a Mother Helper and was able to progress onto courses whereby I was eventually able to run it for the community. This was achieving what I had in mind all the years before.

Unfortunately John had been suffering a pain in his knee, and after various consultations and he was still on 'The Beat' I asked the doctor who told me it was M.S., but they would tell him when he was ready! When he did find out, he went to a desk job at Shooters Hill Juvenile Bureau. He was still able to coach weightlifting and travel which kept him motivated and was a judge at the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games.

At this point I felt unable to continue playgroup, and felt I should go back to telephone/reception work, as I wasn't sure about the future. I worked with a company on Tower Bridge for awhile - always exciting to see the Bridge go up, and then moved to the City - just along from The Guildhall. I was happy there - loved travelling up to London.

John had completed his Police Service, but had to succumb to a wheelchair, and living on a hill in Dominic Drive, we moved to Telford Road, always trying to keep one step ahead of the M.S.

We changed doctors and had great help from The Barnard Centre, Sidcup and Queen Mary's Hospital where John went for respite care. Sadly all closed now; it was a happy community.

I was travelling part-time now, as a nurse would help me in the morning, and once John was up, he was quite happy. Of course the inevitable happened, and one morning the nurse said she should call the doctor, who came and said what I had always prepared myself for.

I was returning in a month's time, Easter was on it's way and my firm asked me to stay on. Now I wish I'd retired earlier.

I've grown back into the community. I was asked to be a temporary helper for The Sunshine Club and met up with Evelyn again, who is an inspiration, as were the people I met up with.

I thank God for my good health, family and friends and don't think of the future. There is always something to do.

B.M.W.

Churches Together

Churches Together in England is a visible sign in England of the Churches' commitment as they seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another, and proclaim the Gospel together by common witness and service. Its strength comes from people from different traditions finding new ways to work and worship together.

Churches together in New Eltham has been a working committee of members of the Methodist and Anglican Churches in New Eltham. Our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters no longer meet in New Eltham, however we have recently invited members of The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Victory Assembly, Novar Hall Christian Fellowship, and St. James MarThoma Church to join with us in organising joint services and activities to further the work of God in New Eltham. Although too late for ReNew New Eltham, we are hoping for participation at Remembrance Day and the CTNE Carol Singing outside the Co-op and Joint Carol Service in December.

Diary Dates for September 2018

Saturday 1st	10.00- 12. noon	Parish Office
Sunday 2nd	10.00 am 12.30 pm	Holy Communion concelebration with Father William David Baptism
Wednesday 5th	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 6th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th	10.00 am	Holy Communion back-pack service
Wednesday 12th	10.30-12.00 6.30 pm 8.00 pm	Fair trade café Evening prayer PCC Meeting
Thursday 13th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 15th		ReNew New Eltham
Sunday 16th	10.00 am	Holy Communion followed by memorial prayers for Josephine Mcpepplejaja
Wednesday 19th	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 20th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 26th	10.30- 12.00 6.30 pm	Fair trade café Evening Prayer
Thursday 27th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 29th	10.30-1.30 pm	Michaelmas Fair
Sunday 30th	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Parish Pump

Baptisms.

19th August, Frankie

19th August, Dylan

Weddings

31th August, Kerry Saunders & Danny Poore

Saturday 1st September – Garden Working Party from 10.00 – 1.00

As rain finally returns to our scorched landscape and the first month of autumn arrives, the job of preparing for next year begins in earnest. We now have five composts filled to overflowing, one of which at least needs to be ready for use next spring, if we are to succeed in converting the London clay soil of the Memorial Garden from the extremes of soggy mass in winter and hard rock in summer.

We now have a regular core team of committed volunteers who help to dig, weed, prune, rake, lay paths and compost. But we can always do with more! Inspired by the music of Little Wings and by the food prepared by our very own gastro-chefs, Brenda, Evelyn and Dennis, we work hard but we always try to have fun.

100 Club

The winners of the August draw were Julie Price and Bob and Barbara Avery .

Quiz Results.

The July Quiz prize of £16.00 was won by Brenda Whyte, whose entry was picked from the correct entries received.

Monthly Charity.

This month we are raising money for MIND The Mental Health Charity. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance, or support the Fair Trade Café on Wednesdays, who's profits go towards our monthly charity. Thank you for your support.

Future Events

29th September, Michaelmas Fair

14th October, Harvest Festival

4th November, All Saints Day with Michael Kingston

11th November, Remembrance Day & All Souls

Churchwardens' Corner

Developments at All Saints

All Saints Website

Our new website is now up and running. It is very much a work in progress. Whilst to date the creation of the website has been largely due to the exceptional work of James Phillips, the continuing development of the site will be up to the Teams that are being established (please see below) to carry forward the mission of All Saints.

In the new website we have tried to give a strong visual sense of the friendly, welcoming, community-focused church that All Saints is. If you like the new website please say so on Facebook or Twitter or by simply telling others.

***“Clergy should refuse to be indispensable*

Building Teams to carry out Ministry is better for the health of the incumbent and the parish...”

So ran the headline in a Church Times article on 20 July. Four months earlier All Saints had already taken the first steps in establishing Teams to cover different areas of church life. Each Team is made up of members of the congregation and of the wider community and is co-chaired by a female and male lead. The Teams in brief are:

Ministry – the Lead Team (with representation from each of the other Teams) responsible for the services of worship and for strengthening our links within the parish as a whole

Children, youth and music – responsible for the monthly Family Service, for Sunday School and for the range of music and activities available to young people

Choir - responsible for the development of our robed choir which sings at all the main annual festivals in the Christian calendar

Church, Hall and Audit – responsible for the maintenance and hire of the Church and Hall and for the finances

Gardens – responsible for the maintenance of the Memorial Garden and Monk's Garden and for the development of two other gardens near the Church and Hall with community involvement

Communications, Events and Fundraising – overall responsibility for the website, for community events such as the Family Fun Day and Michaelmas Fair and for raising funds to enable us to deliver what we offer.

The overall aim of our Teams is simply to transform All Saints “from a community gathered around a Minister to a ministering community.”

**(Quoted from church Times article 20/7/18 written by Rev'd Andy Griffiths, author of “Refusing to be Indispensable”).*

Graham & Neal

Parishoner returns

We hope to Welcome back into the fold our sister Roberta Peters – her husband Dennis and our Churchwarden Neal, successfully appealed her residency order and won, watch this space for the welcome party details

Anonymous Prayer

(from Ivor James' Meditation 2 Tape)

There was a when in my daily prayer
I asked for all the things, I deemed most fair
And necessary to my life: Success,
Riches of course, and ease and happiness,
A host of friends, a home without alloy,
A primrose path of happiness and joy.
Ambition ruled my way, I longed to do
Great things, that all my little world might view
And whisper, Wonderful. Oh, patient God,
How blind we are, until Thy shepherd's rod
Of tender chastening, shall lead us on
To better things. Today, I have but one
Petition, Lord - Teach me to love. Indeed,
It is my greatest and my only need.
Teach me to love not those who first loved me,
But all the world, with that rare purity
Of broad outstretching thought that bears no trace
of earthly taint, but holds in its embrace
Humanity, and seems to see
Only the good in all, reflected, Lord, from Thee.
Teach me, Father, how to love the most,
Those who stand most in need of love, that host
Of people who are poor and sick and bad,
Whose tired faces show their lives are sad,
Who toil along life's way with footsteps slow
And hearts more heavy than the world can know,
People whom others pass discreetly by
And fail to hear the pleading, and the cry
For help amongst the tumult of the crowd,
People whose anguish makes them cold and proud,
Bitter, resentful, sullen in their grief,
I long to bring them comfort and relief,

To put my hand in theirs, and at their side
Walk softly on, a faithful, fearless guide.
Oh, Saviour, Thou the Christ, Truth ever near,
Help me to find those lost ones, doubly dear
Because they need so much. Help me to seek
And find, that which they thought was lost, to speak
Such words of cheer, that as we pass along
The wilderness will burst forth into song.
O, Love Divine, how empty was that prayer
Of other years. That which was once so fair,
Those empty baubles that the world calls joys
Are nothing to me but broken toys,
Outlived, outgrown. I thank Thee that I know
Those much desired dreams, of long ago
Like butterflies, have had their summer day
Of brief enchantment and have gone. Today,
I pray for better things. Thou knowest, Lord above,
My one desire now - Teach me to love.

Brook 26.3.93

Easy fundraising update

Thanks to our supporters, another one joined last month, we have been able to put the £522.16 raised so far, **at no cost to themselves**, towards paying for the repairs to the church guttering that was in danger of collapsing.

Currently Easyfundraising are donating 50p just for signing up as a supporter. So if there is anyone you know who shops online, or uses mobile apps for shopping and could support All Saints, then please ask them to sign up to easyfundraising for us.

There now over 3,200 shops and sites including travel agents, insurers, comparison websites, and retailers including Amazon, eBay, Just Eat, Groupon, Tesco & Sainsburys (including grocery shopping), M&S, and countless other big name stores, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to All Saints to say thank you for shopping with them.

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 provider 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.

Thank you for your support, every penny counts.

Note: All funds raised this way are now going towards the cost of upgrading the Church Hall toilets for full disabled access and enhanced baby changing facilities.

Answers to the August Quiz sheet

One for the foodies

1. What is a smolt?
Salmon
2. In cookery what is cayenne?
Pepper
3. What would you buy from a boulangerie?
Bread
4. What can be 'electric' or 'jellied'?
Eels
5. What is the main ingredient of a guacamole dip?
Avocado
6. Which TV cook was embarrassed when a girl spat out his food?
Jamie Oliver
7. What name indicates cookery of a high standard?
Cordon Bleu
8. What is the Italian dish 'zuppa inglese'?
Trifle
9. What does 'Bisto' stand for?
Browns Seasons Thickens-In-One
10. Which Benedictine monk invented champagne?
Dom Pérignon
11. 'Allium Cepa' is the latin name for which vegetable?
Onion
12. What is dulse?
Edible
13. What does 'Spam' stand for?
Shoulder Pork & Ham
14. What was rolled down Cooper's Hill in Gloucestershire?
Cheese
15. With which food is Billingsgate Market associated?
Fish
16. What is a wampee?
A
17. The Colorado Beetle preys on which plant in particular?
Potato
18. What is cucciocavallo?
A
19. Which celebrated cook was born Isabella Mary Mayson?
Mrs Beeton
20. Which is the world's most widely eaten fish?
Herring

From the Archives – *snippets from the September magazine of 1938, price twopence.*

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL FOR
ANGLO-INDIAN SCHOOLS

Many people will have heard on Sunday, August 28th, Vincent Goschen's Broadcast Appeal on behalf of the Anglo-Indian Community, and of the great need for help to-day to maintain the Church Schools in India, if its children are to continue to receive a Christian education. Anyone wishing to know more about this important problem of the Church in India, is invited to write for a copy of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Appeal and other literature, showing how individuals and parishes can help and befriend the Anglo-Indian Community, united to us as it is by the strong ties of a common kinship, religion and education.

These Anglo-Indian Church Schools, staffed by Christian teachers, and educating together as they do the children of British, Anglo-Indian and Indian parentage, present an unique opportunity for the breaking down of inter-racial barriers in India.

As the India Chapter of the Unified Statement "The Healing Church" says: "Here is a community, English in culture, and Christian in Religion. Yet its are in India, and it is to the *Indian* Church and to the *Indian* nation that its contribution must be made. Given a fair chance it can make that contribution."

GUIDES AND BROWNIES

Brownie Pack Meetings will re-commence on Thursday, 1st September, at 6 p.m.

Brown Owl is Miss J Macdonald, of 75, Gerda Road, New Eltham.

The Guides are spending the first week end in September at the District Camp Site at Ash, so that the first Parade will be on Friday, September 9th, at 7 p.m., and the first Church Parade on Sunday the 11th. Thereafter Church Parades will be on the first Sunday in the Month.

Owing to the increase in the Brownie Pack, Miss Macdonald has resigned her position as Guide Lieutenant in order to give more time to the Brownies.

The "Church Logbook" for September 1978 records:
Sunday School outing to Chessington Zoo.

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