

# All Saints Magazine



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## Editorial

Thank you for picking up our magazine, we hope you find it interesting.

As this month marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, we have included a piece about the relevance of remembrance today.

The theme continues with our series of interviews with people who are connected to our church with Part Two of 'Pat' Flaherty's WWII memories. (Part One was in last month, still available on the website).

Then we have details for the Children's Choir club which has recently re-started.

Our centre spread contains the diary dates for church activities, Notices, Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and Future Events.

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

Then a little something to lighten the mood.

After that we have included one way to help us fundraise, **at no extra cost to yourselves** via easyfundraising, for the updating of the toilets in the Church Hall for full disabled access and with better energy efficiency and ecological friendly appliances, followed by our monthly quiz answers, and items from the past that may be of interest or still have relevance for today.

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**Annette (Vicar)**

## Remembrance

We come here to remember those who died and the sacrifices made, because evil in whatever form it takes must be stood up to.

Whoever said that "all that is needed for evil to flourish is that good men do nothing" had a point .....

We remember those who did something and can only hope that we too have the courage to do something to stand up for what is right when we have to.

We remember the sheer scale of the sacrifice made and hopefully it reminds us all to work for peace but to realise that peace does have a cost and striving for good has a cost. To go against the grain in this world is always to pay the price.

Whatever the wrongs or rights of the wars going on in Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and in other places in our world, the real cost of striving for a better life has been the tremendous loss of life to peace keepers, rebels and civilians alike.

So we gather to remember a sacrifice made long ago, which gave hope and gives hope to those left behind, and shapes our future action.

This puts me in mind of another sacrifice made on our behalf, the ultimate sacrifice made by our lord Jesus Christ

We gather here each Sunday and make memorial to that sacrifice in the act of Holy Communion, we remember a sacrifice made long ago, which gave hope to those left behind and give hope to us now, and shapes our future action.

And that has to be the whole point of remembering not just about honouring those who have made the sacrifices but shaping our future action.

We need to be changed by the sacrifices made on our behalf and we need to work towards peace in whatever way we can. We need to hold out our hands in friendship and love, we need to welcome those whose lives have been torn apart by war and terror with open arms and open hearts and minds, we need to give all we can to those in need, we need to be the listening ear, the comforting hug and the shoulder to cry on when necessary.

If you ask any family members of those who have died what they want most of all is for us to remember and for that remembering to have meaning which shows that their loved ones did not die in vain

So we pray now for all who have made the ultimate sacrifice

## **A Prayer of Remembrance**

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,

either by death or life:  
hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all who we remember this day  
fulfill in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all with them, to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### The Parish Interview

#### My Memories of World War Two

*Part one, in last month's magazine, contained Pat Flaherty's reminiscences from the outbreak of the war to 1941 on being evacuated from London to avoid the bombing.*

Part Two: Once we were all settled back home Joan and I went to Rotherhithe Junior School and we lived in fear of bombs. We started using the shelters in the local rope grounds. At sometime in the past this was where ropes were made between Silwood Street and Wardon Street. We had to sleep on wooden benches there until the council put in bunk beds. Each day mum would take a big bundle of bedding with us and brought it home on the pram with John in it. Most nights we managed to get a good night's sleep. One thing I remember was after the bombing of Millwall Docks I gave Joan a black eye because she would not wake up properly.

Because of unexploded bombs we were not allowed to stay in the house. After the Surrey Docks were bombed Grandad Pitcher took all the members of the family not in the forces up to Norwich where his family lived. We had to camp out in the shelter in the grounds. In front of it was a workman's hut and they were kind enough to let mum use it during the day. She cooked food for us on their brazier and the lady who ran the greengrocer's shop on the main road let us use her kitchen to wash in. We still went to school during the day. After about seven days we came back to London. They never did find the bomb because as they dug down, the hole kept filling up with water and in the end they gave up trying. While all this was going on dad was somewhere around the country delivering ammunition as the hauliers he worked for had been seconded to the government.

Sometime during 1942 senior children from Rotherhithe New Road School moved over to Midway Place School in Deptford. I attended there until we went to Streatham St. Margaret's, where our grandparents now live.

When I was twelve years old I had to have my tonsils out. First we went to Guy's Hospital and then we were taken by car to the military hospital in Orpington. I remember the women there were very kind to us children especially during the night when we could hear the bombs falling over London. Fortunately none fell on Orpington while we were in the hospital there.

In 1944 when the doodlebugs started to bomb London we went to stay with our grandparents again. This time in Stratton St. Margaret's near Swindon. They lived there because grandad had retired from the navy and had to do some kind of war work at the Vickers Armstrong factory. Lots of the rest of our family lived in the neighbourhood.

Our relative Dimple acted as housekeeper to an elderly man. When the man died the council allowed mum, Joan and myself to move in with her. I went to a Senior School which was in Upper Stratton and Joan went to the Junior School, which is just along the road from gran's house.

Situated around the village were several army bases (British and American) and we got used to seeing convoys driving through the village. If it was the Americans we sometimes got some gum or chocolate thrown at us. Life in Stratton was fairly normal. All of us children went to school and there were no air raids. While we were there the first Saturday film show started in Swindon opened by the film star Jean Kent. Those of old enough to go got the bus into town which was three miles from Stratton St. Margaret's. They would show films starring Pearl White which always ended with her tied to a railway line or some such object. You had to wait to the following week to find out if she had been saved. They also showed cartoons and other short films.

Upper Stratton Senior School was the first one I attended where you had to change classes for each subject. We were given a copy of 'A Tale of Two Cities', which we had to read if we finished our work before the end of the lesson. I came to hate this book and since then have not wanted to read any of Dickens novels. At the end of the school year we all had to assemble in the hall and the headmaster would read out the name of the pupils who would be going up at the start of the next school year. When your name is called you had to go and stand in line with your new teacher. When my name was called he made the comment that this pupil would be going up by two school years and that she was an evacuee not a local girl.

Dad came to visit us as often as he could. Just before my thirteenth birthday I sprained my ankle very badly running across the village green in front of gran's house. The doctor covered my ankle with ointment. He told mum it should stay on for a week, but that night I could not sleep as my foot itched so much it was covered in blisters. I could not put my foot down so they put my bed in front of the window so that I could see what was going on in the road.

On my thirteenth birthday (17th December 1944) the street lights were allowed to be lit and all the church bells were rung. Dad carried me down the stairs on his back and sat me on the garden wall so I could see all the street lights and church lit up.

On V.E. Day 1945 all the family living in Stratton got together for a party. Soon after we came back to London. Our house was just about habitable having suffered a bomb blast. We found a lot of our cooking utensils, etc had been stolen. Joan and I went back to school.

When V.J. Day was announced on the 14th August 1945 I was visiting Beatie near Peterborough where she lived with her mother-in-law. We both got the first train available to get us back to London so that we could be with mum and dad to celebrate the end of the war with them.



Cecilia Margaret Flaherty (nee Bradley known as Pat to family and friends).



# All Saints Junior Choir Club

## Monday 5pm-6.00pm

All Saints Church  
Bercta Road  
SE9 3TZ

Come and sing, play games,  
Learn about Christ & the Church

Free to join

More info from : [revannette.rose@btinternet.com](mailto:revannette.rose@btinternet.com)

## Diary Dates for November 2018

Thursday 1st	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 4th	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> (transferred)	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion With Rev'd Canon Michael Kingston Followed by Lunch—Bring & share
Monday 5th	5.00- 6.30 pm	Junior Choir Club
Wednesday 7th	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 8th	11.00 am	Holy communion
Sunday 11th	<b>9.30</b> am	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Act of remembrance
	4.00 pm	All Souls service of recollection
Monday 12th	5.00- 6.30 pm	Junior Choir Club
Wednesday 14th	10.30 -12.00	Fair trade café
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 15th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Friday 16th	12.00 pm	Wedding of Amy & Sean
Sunday 18th	10.00 am	Family Communion
Monday 19th	5.00- 6.30 pm	Junior Choir Club
Wednesday 21st	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
	8.00 pm	PCC Meeting
Thursday 22nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Monday 26th	5.00- 6.30 pm	Junior Choir Club
Wednesday 28th	10.30 -12.00	Fair trade café
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 29th	11.00am	Holy Communion

## **Parish Pump**

### **Baptisms.**

7th October, Teddy Jamie Rowe

11th October, Edward Douglas Taylor,

28th October, Sonny Westward

### **Weddings**

16th November, Amy Dixon & Sean Luckhurst

### **Funerals**

4th October, David A. Quinnell

### **100 Club**

We hope to be able to re-start the 100 Club this month

### **Quiz Results.**

The September Quiz prize of £14 was won by Simon Garson, whose entry was picked from the entries with the most correct answers received.

### **Monthly Charity.**

This month we are raising money for Crisis the charity for the homeless. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance, or support the Fair Trade Café on Wednesdays, whose profits go towards our monthly charity. Thank you for your support.

### **All Saints Day**

4th November, 10 am Communion Service with Rev'd Canon Michael Kingston, who was previously a curate at All Saints. Followed by bring & share lunch in the Hall starting at 12 noon.

### **Remembrance Day**

11th November, Our normal Holy Communion service starts at the earlier time of **9.30** as it is immediately followed by the Act of Remembrance service outside around the war memorial, starting at 10.45, when we hope to be joined by members of the other Churches Together in New Eltham communities and local residents in time for the two minutes silence at 11 am..

This is followed at 4 pm by the All Souls service of reflection, for those who wish to remember the departed.

### **Future Events**

2nd December Advent Sunday and 4.00 pm Christingle Service.

## Churchwardens' Corner

### **Church cleaning and de-cluttering**

One of the main outcomes of the initial push to de-clutter the church and tackle areas which cannot possibly be covered by the regular weekly clean provided by Janet, was that the church windows, both inside and outside, are now being cleaned by Tony Broughton on a regular basis.

There has been some focus recently from the Diocese on making churches more welcoming and inviting. First impressions matter. As a result, our focus now is turning to the lobby area when you enter All Saints and then to the area surrounding the table where you are greeted. If you have any ideas on how we can improve the appearance of both areas and make them more welcoming, especially to those who may be coming to the church for the first time, please feel free to share them with either Graham or Neal.

### **Saturday 4th November – Garden & Church Cleaning Working Parties**

**Remembrance Sunday** this year on 11th November marks the 100-year anniversary since the end of the First World War. Churches Together New Eltham have made a special effort in the preparation of the Service and we are equally determined to do all that we can to make our Memorial Area, Church and Gardens a welcoming focal point for the many people in the Parish who attend the service.

If you can join us from 10.00 to 1.00 on 4th November you will be very welcome and, as always, our gastro-chefs, Evergreen Evelyn, Bonny Brenda and Dashing Dennis will serve teas, coffees and hot dogs!

### **Raising money for All Saints**

By the time you read this, Neal should have staggered round, very, very, slowly the Great South Run (ten miles) in Portsmouth. The cunning plan is that over the course of October, November and December he is doing four events, totalling 20 miles, to raise money for All Saints, Sands and Aching Arms.

Neal wants the money that he is raising for All Saints to go to the Mission Development Fund to help finance future potential developments such as a Peace Garden near the Lady Chapel, a new sound system in the Church or a new kitchen in the Hall. He will be coming round with a sponsor form during November or, if you prefer, you will also then have the option to make an online donation via our website. All donations will be gratefully received. Thank you.

### **Thank you**

A big thank you to Jack Pickerell and Paul Maddison at Maddison's Bakery in Long Lane, Bexleyheath, for making and providing the wonderful bread Wheatsheaf, as they have done for the past four years. This served as the centrepiece in front of the altar for our Harvest Festival service which included a very large pumpkin donated by Jean Mahy, together with the many generous donations of food from members of the congregation which will be given to the Falconer Trust for distribution.

Thank you also to Alfie Phillips, who is continuing to do his best to secure the much-coveted prize of becoming Neal's future son-in-law (!), when he responded immediately to the sad demise of Henry the Hoover by buying, delivering and paying for a new and much more heavy duty hoover through his company London&Kent.

Graham & Neal

## Smile lines

### **Painting the Church**

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey MacGregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the local church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings.

Smokey put in a bid and., because his price was so low, he got the job. So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.....

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgement from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried:

“Oh God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?”

And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke.

“Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!”

*(From The 3 Spires parish of Sleaford, Quarrington and Silk Willoughby)*

### **Reflections on a night out**

If the melon had been as cold as the soup  
And the soup as warm as the white wine  
And the white wine as old as the chicken  
And the chicken as plump as the waitress  
And the waitress as willing as the old trout sitting next to me  
It would have been a damn good meal

### **Oops in Church Notices:**

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church’s new campaign slogan last Sunday: “I Upped My Pledge — Up Yours.”.



# Help out when you check out

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## Answers to the October Quiz sheet

What do you know about Africa

1. Which country is nearest to the point where the Prime Meridian and the Equator intersect?  
**Ghana** (only 380 miles North)
2. Which African country has the biggest landmass? **Algeria** (919,595 sq miles)
3. What is the Northern most point of the African Continent? **Iles des Chiens** (Tunisia)
4. What is the Southern most point of the African Continent? **Cape Agulhas** (South Africa)
5. How many colours are there on the South African flag?  
**6** (Red, Green, Yellow, Black, White, & Blue)
6. How many kilometers, to the nearest 100, is the length of Africa? **8,000 kilometers**
7. How many countries are there in Africa?  
**54**
8. Which animal kills most humans in Africa? **Hippopotamuses**
9. Who is the king of Swaziland? **Mswati**
- III**
10. Who won the battle of Isandlwana?  
**Zulus**
11. At Rorkes Drift, how many Victoria Crosses were won?  
**11**
12. How many official languages are spoken in South Africa?  
**11**
13. Which country speaks Xhosa? **South Africa**
14. In which country did Nando's start and who were the founder members?  
**South Africa, Fernando Duarte & Robert Brozin**
15. Which countries did Italy occupy or colonise? **Libya, Ethiopia, Eritrea & Somalia**
16. What is the biggest lake in Africa? **Lake Tanganyika**
17. What happened on 18th July 1918 in the village of Mvezo, near Mthatha in the former Transkei?  
**Nelson Mandela was born**
18. How many African countries are member states of the Commonwealth? **19**
19. What is the common name of one of the top poisonous snakes in Africa (Dendroaspis Polylepis)?  
**Black Mamba**

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

#### ARMISTICE DAY

There will be a short Service of Prayer to include the Two Minutes Silence on Armistice Day, Friday, November 11th, at 10.45 a.m.

WE CELEBRATE TO-DAY THE END OF THE GREAT WAR TWENTY YEARS AGO.

Each year since then we have on this day dedicated ourselves to the cause of World Peace. This year we observe the Two Minutes' Silence under the shadow of preparations for a war which, if it should come, would be more horrible and devastating than anything known before. What can we do in these circumstances for peace?

WE MUST RENEW OUR FAITH.

“There is no reason why we should abandon the idea of the League and give up the ideals for which the League stands” — Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons on March 24th, 1938.

#### THE ORGAN

The Church Council has accepted an estimate for the cleaning and overhauling of the organ of £45 10s., also an estimate for an electric blower of £48 10s. The necessary wiring will probably bring the total cost to £100.

Fortunately there will be a £100 to spare from the Sale of Work to cover this. The first charge on the Sale proceeds is £200 to clear the debt on the West End.

#### WEDDINGS

Oct. 5th, Ronald George French and Betty Kathleen Trengrove.

Oct. 15th, Eric Edward Walter Green and Dorothy May Ovenden.

*The “Church Logbook” for November 1978 records:*

All Saints Day. Special Preacher: Fr. Peter Penwarden. Parish Reception afterwards.

HISTORICAL NOTES: The “League” refers to the League of Nations, an organisation set up after the first world war to provide a forum for resolving International disputes. A fore-runner of today's United Nations.

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