

All Saints Magazine



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Resolutions?

Happy new year, How many of I wonder have made resolutions? A few I am sure and how many have resolved not to make any resolutions? Quite a few more. If you are like me you resolutions are consistent in that they are the same ones each year and also consistent that by the end of January they have often been pushed aside by life.

So this year instead of making a rod for my back or yours I am thinking of how we can embrace this life that God has given us how we can make the best of what we have and who we are.

And then on Thursday at communion as I prayed the following prayer, there it was before me in a nutshell. What I should be aiming at and where we as a church might be.

So let us look together at the post communion prayer.

**Father of All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Father of All: God is our heavenly father and we are his children no matter what. And this is something that can never change. All families are bound together whether they are actually together or not. Your parents are your parents whether they brought you up or not, whether you get on well or you cannot be in the same place ever.

So God is our father, whatever we do wherever we go and who ever we are. And if we are all God's children then we are all family, and we need to be the best kind of family, a family where we care for each other in the day to day, where we stick together whatever, a family where yes sometimes we disagree, or need to be separated for a while but that doesn't mean we are not family. A family where we weep together and where we celebrate together

The next three lines warm my heart every time we say them.

**we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.**

We were still far off and Jesus brings us home to God. Christianity in a nutshell. We are close to God because Christ made us so. Jesus brought us close to god once and for all because he paid the ultimate sacrifice for our sin and he enable to be with God without worry or fear that we are un worthy for in Christ we are all made worthy.

But having been chosen as God's children and enabled to stand before God without fear then we are charged to go out and help other to be God's children and to stand in his love.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we are living a life in the knowledge of our salvation, but do we radiate with the joy of a risen life. Sometimes we do but often we are too bogged down in daily life to just remember God's Love, remember our salvation and to live a risen life whenever and as much as we can. Even in adversity and sorrow we are redeemed and held by God. God enables us to look up move on and to find the rainbows in the rain.

we who drink his cup bring life to others; to bring life to others is our ongoing task as a church, to help and to heal to comfort and to care. This may be in the simple giving to a charity it may be in volunteering our time, it may be in helping a neighbour or feeding the homeless, or just being available when called upon, I know there are a myriad of way that we are all already doing this and many more ways we can continue to do so. You and I need to find the ways that work for us and the things that we can do.

we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

To give light to the world. Jesus is the light of the world and this is reminder that the world needs Jesus every day and in every way. We know Jesus and he lightens our lives and we need to remind other of his redeeming light. That Jesus is the inspiration and reasoning behind all our good deed and all lives. We are charged here to ensure that Jesus is proclaimed, that we preach his gospel, that we tell others of him, and that we keep God and Christ at the heart of all that we do.

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

God is the beginning and the end of everything that that we are full of joy because we have God with us always, we are God's chosen children, Jesus the word comes to us he is the light of all and however bad it seems the darkness never overcomes the light, Never ever ever. We are upheld and inspired by God's wisdom and God's Love

So let us pray together and resolve to live a risen life, to bring life to others and to give light to the world

Amen.

New Church Schools

November was a very significant month for both myself and Victoria Wainwright as we had reached an historic point in the journey of our Federation of schools!

Our schools, St. Mary Magdalene and Christ Church, are both located in Greenwich and have undergone significant changes in the last six years. We have been on a long journey as a Federation and it changed again when it was announced that Blackheath Bluecoats CE secondary school was going to close. When the question of what to do with the former school site was asked of local school leaders and clergy we, along with the Governors, requested the opportunity to build a new Church of England All- Through school for Greenwich. Both the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education and the Royal Borough of Greenwich supported our idea and decided that to have maximum and long term impact we could have a large amount of land on the Greenwich Peninsula to expand St. Mary Magdalene School.

Since that time we have opened two temporary campuses: an additional primary campus on the Peninsula in 2015 and a year later our secondary campus at Blackheath in September 2016. These were the temporary solutions to accommodate our pupils until our new build was ready on the Peninsula. Welcoming 180 Year 7 students was a monumental moment in our Federation journey - for the first time we were educating secondary students! We had finally been able to live out our vision of providing an All Through Church of England school.

The project then moved forward later in September with a ground- breaking ceremony on the Greenwich Peninsula to start the building works of our superblock to house a 6-form entry secondary school and a two-form entry primary school. As you can imagine there was a huge number of subsequent meetings with architects, builders and advisors.



This last Autumn term has probably been one of the busiest in our careers. The day before half term we packed up the two temporary school buildings ready for the removal company to move 25 classrooms into our amazing new school building. We had lots of work to do over the half term making sure everything was on track for our staff to unpack on their return from their break. We finally opened the doors of our new Peninsula All- Though building to students on Monday 5th November 2018! There is a primary wing, a secondary superblock and sports hall all which house a chapel, drama studio, dance studio, lecture theatre, library and modern technology classrooms. We (the staff and families) are so fortunate to have such an amazing building equipped with the very latest technology and equipment! To say thank you we held a very special Eucharist service on Wednesday 14th November for all our Peninsula pupils- from 4 to 14 years

old in our huge Sports Hall. Both primary and secondary choirs sang and the Student Faith team led the prayers. We were joined by the Director of Education for Southwark Diocese who described the service as both inspirational and invitational.

We also commemorated our special day by burying a time capsule containing artefacts for future generations to understand the history of our



school's collaboration and expansion. Enclosed in the capsule were interesting artefacts which represent a little bit of history: a school tie, school planner, *Mr Men* book, lego brick, class photos and £5 note!

Although students have already moved into our new building, Phase 2 of our development (which includes external sports facilities) will be completed in June 2019.



Once full, St Mary Magdalene Peninsula Campus will provide over 1,600 places for young people- this is in addition to our 450 pupils at our Woolwich primary Campus and our 210 primary pupils at Christ Church school. And if that is not enough to keep us busy our next task ahead is to set up a Sixth Form ready for opening in September 2021!

Claire Harrison

Diary Dates for January 2019

Thursday 3rd	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 6th		EPIPHANY
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 8th	5.00 pm	Jean Foyster's Body admitted to church
Wednesday 9th	2.00 pm	Funeral Jean Foyster
Thursday 10th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 16th	8.00 pm	PCC Meeting
Thursday 17th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	10.00 am	Family Communion
Monday 21st		Hall Shut for 4 weeks, for new disabled toilets and redecoration
Thursday 24th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	10.00 am	Holy Communion CTNE Joint Service for Christian Unity
Thursday 31st	11.00 am	Holy Communion

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Parish Pump

Funerals

3rd December, Reeva Eady

17th December, Meta James

100 Club

The December prize was won by Margaret Lyons. (Sadly Margaret passed away over Christmas, our thoughts are with her family at this time).

Quiz Results.

The November Quiz prize of £13.50 was won by Carol Reed, whose entry was picked from the correct entries.

Monthly Charity.

This month we are raising money for Age UK, the charity that supports the aged, Age UK's vision is to make the UK a great place to grow older. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. Thank you for your support.

Hall Update

As you can see from the Diary page the Church Hall will be closed from the 21st January for four weeks so that the existing toilet area can be re-configured to provide two disabled toilets with baby changing facilities to ensure that they are fully Disability and Discrimination Act compliant. The upgrade will also provide an energy efficient and more environmentally friendly experience in the future.

This project has only been made financially possible by a generous legacy, made several years ago for the express purpose of improving disabled facilities. After several false starts we are pleased that we now have a plan that meets the requirements and is affordable.

During the time the Hall is closed arrangements have been offered so that current regular Hall users, who are able to do so, can use the Church instead.

Please note that due to contractors vehicles accessing the stie, parking will be more limited than usual.

Fair Trade Café

Due to the work going on in the Church Hall the Café will be suspended until the Hall re-opens.

Churches Together in New Eltham (CTNE).

Has expanded this year from just All Saints and the Methodist Church to include the congregations from the Redeemed Christian Church of God-Victory Assembly, Novar Christian Fellowship and St James Mar Thoma Church, all located within New Eltham.

Prior to Christmas, all member congregations were invited to the Carol Singing outside the Co-op and the Joint Carol Service at the Methodist Centre, demonstrating the unity of God's Church and raising £143.90 for 'Action for Children'. Thank You.

Everyone is invited to the CTNE Joint Service for Christian Unity at All Saints, on Sunday 20th January 2019, 10 am,

Can't Cook won't Cook— Tiramisu

A recipe for the New Year without slaving over a hot stove.

600 ml Whipping Cream

250 tub Mascarpone

5 Tablespoons Castor Sugar

2 Tablespoons Cocoa Powder

500 ml strong dark Coffee

Vanilla essence

Two packets of Sponge fingers (lady fingers)

250 g whole dark chocolate

Coffee liqueur

Marsala/Sherry Wine

Arrange the sponge fingers in a flat container, sprinkle with coffee liqueur and with the dark coffee

Set to the side.

Whisk the cream, until just starting to thicken, add the caster sugar and vanilla essence

Stir in the mascarpone cheese.

Gently spread one layer of the mixture over the sponge finger base, arrange another layer of the sponge fingers on top of the cream.

Sprinkle again with liqueur and coffee.

Grate some dark chocolate over it.

Spread more cream mixture on top of the sponge fingers.

Repeat the layers until the sponge fingers and the cream are finished.

Decorate with Grated dark Chocolate
Refrigerate and serve!

Lord Jesus,

Today

I give you my hands to do your work,

I give you my feet to go your way,

I give you my eyes to see as you do.

I give you my tongue to speak your words,

I give you my mind that you may think in me.

I give you my spirit that you may pray to me,

Above all. I give you my heart that you may love in me
your Father and all mankind.

I give you myself that you may grow in me,

so that it is you Lord Jesus,

who live and work and pray in me.

Anon

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A prayer for today?

Archbishop Rowan Williams and Sister Wendy Beckett wrote a thought provoking article about the Lord's Prayer which we would like to share with you.

Living the Lord's Prayer

Some people ask how a prayer that's almost two thousand years old can have any relevance in the twenty-first century. Yet, as we will discover, the Lord's Prayer relates well to the experiences of people today and the issues they may have to contend with. Sister Wendy has no doubt that the value of the Lord's Prayer is timeless.

The teaching of Jesus is for all time. As long as human beings are human, we'll need what Jesus taught and what the Our Father sums up. There can never be a time when the Our Father becomes irrelevant.

Her view is echoed by Rowan Williams, who believes the Lord's Prayer is today not only relevant but also as radical as it would have been when shared with its first hearers. He says:

It's completely fresh, it never gets stale because what it's talking about is the human condition in the presence of God. It's about the world we live in and the world God wants us to live in, and I can't imagine anything taking its place.

.....Every single bit of the Lord's Prayer is radical because it challenges our assumptions about who we are and who God is and what the world is like. And what it's praying for is the most revolutionary change you can imagine in the world we live in. A change to a situation where all the hungry are fed, to a situation where forgiveness is the first imperative, and all our relationships are transparent to God. And, as people will notice, that's not exactly like the world we inhabit at the moment - it's looking for change from the roots up.

Extract from 'Living the Lord's Prayer' by
Archbishop Rowan Williams
And Sister Wendy Beckett.

(Known as Sister Wendy, a Nun and BBC TV Art Historian, who died on Boxing Day 2018 aged 88).

Answers to the December Quiz sheet

A Christmas themed quiz

1. Who wrote the words to the carol, "In the bleak midwinter"? **Christina Rossetti**
2. What were the names of the 3 Magi, and where did they come from?
Balthasar (Arabia), Melchior (Persia), Gaspar (India)
3. What are the names of Mary's mother and father? **Anna & Joachim**
4. Where can we find the name of Mary's mother? **In the Koran**
5. Who wrote "White Christmas"? **Irving Berlin**
6. How many films did Bing Crosby sing "White Christmas" in and what were they?
2. Holiday Inn and White Christmas
7. Who introduced the Christmas tree into England? **Prince Albert**
8. What is Wassail? **Hot Mulled Punch**
9. Which composer wrote the music for "Hark the Herald angels sing"? **Mendelssohn**
10. Where did the carol "Silent Night" originate from? **Austria**
11. Who composed the music for "Silent Night"? **Gruber**
12. Who appeared to Mary to tell her she was going to have a baby? **The Angel Gabriel**
13. Who wrote "Twas the Night before Christmas"? **Clement Clarke Moore**
14. Who was the original Santa Claus, and where did he live? **St. Nicholas, Myra**
15. When is St. Stephen's Day? **Boxing Day**
16. Who is credited with introducing the "Nativity Set" and when? **St. Francis of Assisi in 1223**
17. Where were the Shepherds when they were told Jesus had been born?
In fields around Bethlehem
18. In Dickens "Christmas Carol", what were the names of the Ghosts?
3 Ghosts. Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come
19. Using the Julian Calendar, when does the Orthodox Church celebrate Christmas?
January 7th
20. When is "Stir Up Sunday", what does it mean and where does the inspiration come from?

5th Sunday before Christmas, Traditionally a time to make Christmas Puddings, the Collect for that Sunday reads “Stir up we beseech thee O Lord the will of thy faithful people”

From the Archives – – *snippets from the January magazine of 1939, price twopence.*

BIBLES AND PRAYER BOOKS

One Hundred new Prayer Books, at a cost of £7 10s., have recently been purchased, for the use of the congregation. Sixty new Bibles, mainly for Sunday School and Classes, have also been purchased, also at a cost of £7 10s. The British and Foreign Bible Society very kindly gave us a £2 10s. Grant towards the Bibles, so that we got them for £5.

Would any members of the congregation like to help towards the cost of these “little extras”? If so, there is a box in Church at the West Door labelled “Bibles and Prayer Books,” or gifts may be given to the Clergy.

THE CHURCH UNION

An attempt is being made to form a Branch of the Church Union amongst Eltham Churches.

Sir John Shaw will address a meeting on the Church Union and its objects, etc., at St. Luke's, Eltham on Tuesday January 31st, at 8.15 p.m.

The Church Union is a combination of the old “English Church Union” and the “Anglo Catholic Congress” members.

Other interesting meetings at St. Luke's Hall, Eltham, to which a kind invitation has been extended to members of our congregation will be:—

January 10th 8.15 p.m., The Rev C. B. Mortlake, Lecturer in Ecclesiastical Art at Kings College, London, will speak on “Worship and Arts.” And on

February 14th, Dr Nicholas Zernov, Lecturer at the Russian Theological Seminary, Paris, will speak on “The Orthodox Church and its message to the West.”

Here are opportunities of first class Lectures, and we are grateful to St Luke's for their kind invitation.

There was no entry in the “Church Logbook” for January 1979.

Historical Note: The Church Union is still in existence today and “Seeks to promote and renew Catholic Faith and life within the Church of England”

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