

All Saints Magazine



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Editorial

Thank you for picking up our magazine, we hope you find it interesting and will pass it round to family and friends.

To start we have an article from our vicar Annette. Followed by an update on Easyfundraising, a way to support the Church for FREE.

Our centre spread contains the diary dates for church activities, Notices, Baptisms, Funerals, and Weddings, followed by more information about Church Events, including the choir.

The Churchwarden's corner is back in its regular slot.

Finally we have a report on the New Eltham player recent production; the answers to our regular monthly quiz; and an item from the past that may be of interest.

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Dear Friends

Do you sometimes look at all that is wrong with the world and think why bother, it's all bad, it's so frustrating, all there is, is doom and gloom, the economy's shot, the NHS is squeezed to breaking point, our education system is rubbish. All we hear about is war and disaster that is going on, maybe I shouldn't even get out of bed this morning.

It can be so easy to think, well what's the point in being good? No one will notice. What's the point of caring? Can we have any impact on the bigger things in life or is it all just happening around us?

But actually everything we do has an impact on those around us. The smallest droplet can cause ripples in a pool.

Take the Fairtrade movement, there is a long way to go but twenty years ago, Fairtrade was only happening through charities like Trade Craft and sold mainly through churches, few people thought about where things came from or what was paid for things, and now it has grown beyond belief. Every supermarket sells fair trade tea and coffee, fair trade chocolate, fruit, bananas, roses, wine and many other things. You can buy fair trade t-shirts, jeans and shoes, you can even get clerical shirts that are fairly traded. A huge impact on the way we shop and a huge impact for growers and suppliers. But all because some churches persevered and did their bit. Just because they thought it was worth the small but significant step of making a change.

Love another is a radical step but it does work.

Love doesn't mean you are a doormat.

Love doesn't mean anything goes or that you don't have boundaries.

But it does mean that you want what's best for the one you love, and that means striving for justice, peace, prosperity, harmony and all that is good for that person.

It means sacrificing your own agenda for that of those you care about, it means being the best person you can be all the time, whatever is going on, and whatever the personal cost.

This is not easy for any of us, because we can honestly say that yep it is easy to love some people. We all love those who are close to us but what about everyone else.

What about the people who live on our streets, the homeless, the helpless, those who are dirty or unwashed? Harder I know.

What about those who we dislike or disagree with?

What about those who are a different race, colour or creed?

We all have our different sticking points and those who we find it hard to love but we must try because it is through love that the world is changed. It is by thinking long and hard about what we do and how we care that we can begin to change what goes on around us.

If we all do one extra loving thing each day, the world is a better place because of that. So let's be gracious with each other, let's give people a second chance, and a third and a fourth.

When we feel ourselves getting cross, let's think twice about what we do, it is easy to lash out in anger and harder to step back, to bite your lip and be gracious.

This month give love a try. Try really hard to reach out to those who need our support and our care, to those who need a helping hand, not a slap in the face. Give love a real go see the difference it can make in all our lives

Let them say of us here in All Saints they know we are Christians by our Love

AMEN

Annette

Easy fundraising update

Easyfundraising is a website that enables charity supporters to nominate their cause to receive donations from suppliers/retailers based on what you spend with them.

We currently have 21 supporters and thanks to their online spending over the last two years, **at no cost to themselves**, donations to All Saints have reached £521.25, which last year was used to pay towards the replacement of a section of collapsing guttering.

There are now over 3,600 shops and sites including travel agents, insurers, comparison websites, and retailers including Amazon, eBay, Just Eat, John Lewis, Groupon, Sainsburys (including grocery shopping), Tesco (but not groceries), 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 provided 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.

Thanks to your support, every penny counts.

Note: All funds raised this way are going towards the cost of keeping this 120 year old Church in good repair.

Diary Dates for June 2019

Saturday 1st	10.00-12.00	Parish Office
Sunday 2nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 6th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th	PENTECOST	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion & Sunday School
	11.15 am	Inter Jim Mailing's ashes
Wednesday 12th	10.30-12.00	Fair Trade Café
Thursday 13th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	10.30 am	Family Worship in Southwood park (bring your own picnic and chair blankets etc)
Thursday 20th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 22nd	1.30 pm	Christening
Sunday 23rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 am	Baptism of Hetty Harrison
Wednesday 26th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
Thursday 27th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Future Events

Saturday 6th July, Family Fun Day

Saturday 5th October, Deanery Forum Away day.

Parish Pump

Baptisms

26th May, Everly Gladys Harris

Funerals

20th May, Anne Murphy.

21st May, Ronald Comb.

100 Club

The May prize was won by Emily Fancett.

Quiz Results.

The April Quiz prize of £14.50 was won by Carol Reed whose entry was picked from those with the most correct answers.

Each month we run a new quiz starting on the first Sunday of the month and ending on the last Sunday of the month. Each quiz sheet costs £1 and can be bought throughout the month. Half the money raised goes to a fund for necessary repairs to the church, and the other half is given as the monthly prize, so the more quizzes sold the bigger the monthly prize.

Monthly Charity.

This month we are raising money for The Falconer Trust, an orphanage in Zambia.

Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. You can also show your support by coming to the FairTrade Cafés, (2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 10.30 am to 12 noon), as the profits from this also go to these charities. Thank you for your support.

All Saints Choir

If you enjoy singing and would like to join our choir, we meet in the Church vestry on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 to 8.30.

If you are interested and would like more details please contact Aaron Mather by e-mail at anjmather@gmail.com or just come along to one of our rehearsals. All abilities welcome.

Churches Together in New Eltham (CTNE)

On Sunday 16th June at 10.30, Churches together in New Eltham are holding an open air, family service in Southwood Park, in place of the normal Sunday service. The service is open to all and will last about 45 minutes, followed by a “bring your own” picnic. Please come and meet with your fellow Christians in New Eltham. If the weather is bad it will be held in the Methodist Centre hall.

Churchwardens' Corner

The Churchwardens' Oaths

On 16th May, Graham and I, supported by Annette, Ruth and Bob, were duly sworn in for our second year as churchwardens, together with some 500 others at the Visitation Service in Southwark Cathedral. Some of our fellow parishioners have very clear ideas of what churchwardens are and are not meant to do! So we thought we would give you a quick snapshot of what according to the oaths that we swear, we are asked to do.

After an initial reminder from the Registrar that “those chosen for the ancient office of churchwarden have legal duties and responsibilities prescribed by Statute and Canon Law”, we were asked the following questions:

Will you, as an officer of the Bishop, discharge all such duties as are by law and custom assigned to you?

Will you be foremost in representing the laity and in cooperating with the incumbent?

Will you use your best endeavours by example and precept to encourage the practitioners in the practice of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them?

Will you maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service?

Will you care for the property, ornaments and other moveable goods of the church, keeping an inventory thereof, and duly deliver to your successors all such goods remaining in your hands?

The response to each of the questions from the assembled mass of would-be churchwardens was a loud and what felt to be a supremely confident **“With Help of God, I will.”**

So fellow parishioners there you have it and no pressure Graham and Neal!!!

A Country Churchwarden

As if sensing that some at least of the newer churchwardens present at the Visitation Service might potentially feel a little overwhelmed by the considerable expectations of the role, Archdeacon Alastair Cutting, began his sermon by telling the story of a visitor to a very old church in the depths of the English country side.

“After the service, the visitor went up to an elderly parishioner and asked who he was.

“Churchwarden” came the confident response. “How long have you been churchwarden?” the visitor enquired.

“Forty years” came the equally emphatic and short response. Undeterred, the visitor continued to gently probe. “You must have seen a lot of changes in that time?”

“I have and I have opposed every one of them!”

Needless to say the Archdeacon encouraged us to adopt a slightly more proactive, collaborative and radical approach to change!

Garden Working Party – Saturday 1st and 21st June

As we mentioned in last month’s edition, in a determined bid to keep on top of the work required to properly maintain the All Saints Gardens, we are holding a Garden Working Party on two Saturdays of the month.

Even if you can only make it for an hour or so please do feel free to drop in at any time from 10.00 – 2.00 and as ever our trio of gastro-chefs, Evelyn, Brenda and Vera will endeavour to keep you fed and watered! Thank you. **Graham & Neal**

Answers to the May Quiz sheet

Can you unscramble the names of these Cities?

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| 1. OREM. | ROME |
| 2. NOONDL. | LONDON |
| 3. MRIDAD. | MADRID |
| 4. LOOS. | OSLO |
| 5. NEHTAS. | ATHENS |
| 6. ARPIS. | PARIS |
| 7. NEVIEC. | VENICE |
| 8. SAMAMTRED. | AMSTERDAM |
| 9. OMWCOS. | MOSCOW |
| 10. TANSILBU. | ISTANBUL |
| 11. EGPOCHENAN. | COPENHAGEN |
| 12. RIBENL. | BERLIN |
| 13. NNAIVE. | VIENNA |
| 14. VEENGA. | GENEVA |
| 15. LASRELEMIS. | MARSEILLES |
| 16. BILNOS. | LISBON |
| 17. NUBLID. | DUBLIN |
| 18. ERPUGA. | PRAGUE |
| 19. CINHUM. | MUNICH |
| 20. SRWAWA. | WARSAW |

A new quiz is available from the first Sunday of each month at £1 a sheet. Half the money collected is paid as a prize for the winner, drawn on the last Sunday of the month. The other half goes towards necessary works for the upkeep of the Church.

Guys & Dolls

This New York based musical was performed at the Methodist Church Hall starring our own Churchwarden Graham Dix.

The musical 'Guys and Dolls' was unfamiliar to us although some of the songs were known – such as "Luck be a Lady tonight".

It was a lively performance by the whole cast – energetic dancing and emotional songs. A very enjoyable evening and well done everyone.

From the Archives – *we don't have a copy of the June 1939 magazine, so here is an extract from Mr. Pond's archive book from the time, which may be of interest.*

“During the past few months the political situation on the continent became a grave menace to the whole world.

In the Summer months of 1939, the London County Council took over All Saints Church hall—making a temporary Fire Station Headquarters of it. A fire engine, a fire escape and other mobile equipment were kept in the Church grounds. The Church Hall was partitioned off to provide sleeping—living—and administrative quarters for the Auxiliary Fire Service personnel. Known during the war as the A.F.S. Government instructions were that all Public Buildings—meeting places etc. should as far as possible be protected against Air Raids. All expense incurred adapting the Church Hall for occupation of the A.F.S. was paid for by the London County Council. The occupation was of short duration, following that heartrending experience of evacuating all the children at the outbreak of war to safer zones, the L.C.C. transferred the Auxiliary Fire Service to Wyborn School. Regarding compensation for use of the Hall by the A.F.S. the London County Council agreed to a weekly charge of 30/-. All damage to the Hall during their occupation, the London County Council made good; also the Park's Committee restored the damaged Church grounds.”

There were no entries in the “Church Logbook” for June 1979.

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