

# 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.

We start with a “summery” introduction from Rita our Reader as Rev. Annette is now on a sabbatical break.

Then there is a picture feature from our successful. Family Fun Day, followed by the continuation of Evelyn Green’s “parish profile”, the first part of which was in last month’s magazine. (still available on the website)

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 Churchwardens corner is in its regular slot.

As its holiday season, we continue with a holiday piece from a member of the congregation’s visit to Japan. Then something to amuse you.

Finally we have the answers to our regular monthly quiz, as there are no archive items from August 1939 or 1979.

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## **Dear Friends**

The Summer holidays are now upon us and most of us at this point will be looking forward to going away for a well earned break. It may be flying off to some beautiful place, seaside resorts or our beautiful coastline, or just relaxing at home.

While away we may even attend a local church service, which of course may be in another language. But even if the church is Roman Catholic, the order of the Mass will be very familiar to us. We may not understand each individual word but as we respond to the priest's "e con il tuo spirito" (and with your spirit), we have then become part of the local family of Christ.

Many of us are fortunate enough to be able to fly away to warmer countries where we can be assured of long days of sunshine, where we can relax with a glass of wine and a good book.

As well as the lovely sunshine and good weather, one of the joys of summer is the explosion of green everywhere, even in the City of London, dark green pine trees, soft green grass, for picnics, tender green leaves that get darker through the summer, we only have to look in our gardens to see these different shades of green. There are of course vibrant colours of the flowers, mixed in with this, reds, oranges, pinks, yellows and many more.

Summer is also a wonderful time for planting. There is satisfaction in seeing seeds or bulbs flowering in those vibrant colours. Like the plants grow, we need feeding spiritually. Praying and reading the scriptures is a great way to feed our growing faith.

Long summer days and nights can be a good time for both of those.

Prayers don't have to be long and complicated.

Here is an example of a simple prayer, you might like to try.

God the Father, who made us, we thank you.

God the Son, who saved us, we thank you.

God the Spirit, who holds us in love, we thank you.

God who is everywhere, thank you for being you.

May God grant us all a relaxing summer break, so that when we return home we feel refreshed.

Amen

**Rita**

## **Family Fun Day**

Entertainment for all the family on Saturday 6th July. With free activities.



*Skill: duck hooking stand.*



*Art: face painting.*



*Art: the painting and drawing tables*





*Exercise: Diddi Dance in church and refreshments in the Hall*

## Family Fun Day-continued



*Skill: An exercise in concentration*



*The Art of haggling*



*Some of the goodies available*



*A lucky prize winner*



*Craft stalls and cakes*



*and Relax*

We hope you enjoy the pictures, even if we didn't get one of the bouncy castle, and have as much fun as the participants did on the day. The free activities were a community project that we hope to provide next year as well.

We also thank the uniformed organisations and craft stalls for their participation and our own volunteers for raising over £350 to help keep the church running each week.

### **Parish Profile—Evelyn Green—continued**

*Last month we covered Evelyn's early life, including her nursing training and her marriage to Eric. We continue with her life in New Eltham.*

In 1972 there was a flu epidemic and hospitals were struggling for staff so I went back to nursing at Greenwich District Hospital just to help out and stayed for 17½ years until I retired. Both boys left for university during that time. When Eric retired we took ourselves off on a couple of world trips to see relatives in New Zealand and Canada. And I had a couple of trips to South Africa to catch up with my father's family.



Golf played a big part in our lives from the time we moved to Green Lanes and Eric learnt to swing a club in the field at the back of the house. It took us all over the British Isles and beyond from April to October. Eric joined The English Golf Union and helped to run their events and we made some good friends who still keep in touch. I realise I was missing a lot of our church events, especially our services as we were away for many weekends.

Back in the 1960s when Barney Milligan was vicar of All Saints, he organised a survey of New Eltham and along with the Methodist minister Barry Heafford the formed The New Eltham Community Council. Under this umbrella a playgroup for 3-5 year olds and a club for disabled people were set up. I was involved with Brenda Whyte in running the playgroup for 15 years and the Sunshine Club for disabled people for the latter part of it.

The Sunshine Club ran for 50 great years with the invaluable help of some very good friends, especially when it came to fundraising for a much needed minibus to transport our disabled members. Mary and Joe Kenny and friends raised enough over 3½ years to buy our first bus. Another local friend, Dennis Knapp, volunteered to drive it and he set up a 100 Club to keep it maintained a year later. Both buses were stolen in 2009.

Every year the Sunshine Club had an outing to Eastbourne and on our way home we had our tea at Tunbridge Wells Methodist Church, which we thoroughly enjoyed. We were allowed to choose our own hymns, which we sang with gusto. We also had two trips each year to the Orchard Theatre. At each club meeting we had an entertainer, usually singers. Two of our favourites were

the Greenwich Youth band and the Guides singing carols at Christmas. At the end of each meeting we sang TAPS.

The words are:

Day is done  
Gone the sun  
From the hills, the sea and the sky  
All is well  
Safely rest  
God is nigh

All the Sunshine Club members remember this with affection.

The mayors of Greenwich used to come to our annual birthday party and several came to our 50th birthday party.



It was extremely enjoyable evening with good food and good company. The Sunshine Club closed in 2018. It was an end of era, but community involvement will carry on with the help of our dear Lord. We still meet some of the members at The Greenwich Friendship Club at The Progress Hall. I enjoy cod bites and chips with Beryl and Simon. When asked what I liked doing I would say reading, talking and meeting friends.

I would like to finish with news of my sons. Both sons are now abroad, Mark in Ireland and Michael in Italy with my two granddaughters Andrea and Allegra. They come to stay one or twice a year and do London.

I hope you have enjoyed reading my story and wish you all the best in the future.

**Evelyn Green.**

*Clearly modesty has prevailed, however no story of Evelyn could be complete without mention of her being honoured with a Royal Borough of Greenwich Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018 to go with her MBE awarded in June 2009 for services to the community.*

### **Diary Dates for August 2019**

Thursday 1st		No Service Today
Sunday 4th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Father John Francis Friendship
Thursday 8th	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Mtr Catherine Shelley
Sunday 11th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer with Angela Vamplew
Wednesday 14th	10.30- 12.00	Fair Trade Café
Thursday 15th	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Father Brett Ward
Friday 16th	1.00 pm	Wedding Roger Horne & Isio Wekpe
Sunday 18th	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Fr Gerry Stevenson
Thursday 22nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion Father Brett Ward
Sunday 25th	10.00 am	Holy Communion With Rev'd Christine Latham
Wednesday 28th	10.30- 12.00	Fair Trade Café
Thursday 29th	11.00 am	Holy Communion Mtr Catherine Shelley

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

## **Parish Pump**

### **Weddings**

16th August, Roger Christian Horne and Isio Wekpe

### **100 Club**

The July prize was won by Liston Siregar.

### **Quiz Results.**

The June Quiz prize of £14.50 was won by someone who entered in the name of “All Saints Choir Fund” whose entry was picked from the correct quiz sheets returned.

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 Macmillan Nurses, a charity that provides support for cancer sufferers.

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**

The Choir is taking a short break over the summer months, however if you enjoy singing and would like to join our choir, we will be meeting 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](mailto:anjmather@gmail.com) or just come along to one of our rehearsals. All abilities welcome.

### **Future Events**

Saturday 14th September, Stall at New Eltham Festival.

Saturday 28th September, All Saints Michaelmas Fair.

Saturday 5th October, Deanery Forum Away day.

Sunday 13th October, Harvest Festival.

Sunday 3rd November, All Saints-Confirmation Service

Saturday 16th November, Concert for Demelza

## **Churchwardens' Corner**

### **Requiem Mass at Holy Trinity Eltham**

On 12 July, a number of us from All Saints New Eltham attended the Requiem Mass to commemorate the life and 40 years of ministry of Robert Leslie Pyne, who together with Father Brett has done so much for the parish of Holy Trinity.

The Mass featured beautifully arranged and performed music which included "Make me a channel of your peace", "If ye love me", and "Peace I leave with you" which the choir sang memorably from the middle of the church facing on to the congregation.

Led by Bishop Christopher as the principal celebrant, it was remarkable to see how many of Robert's and Brett's colleagues were among the concelebrating priests and with family and friends in the congregation. Especially poignant and powerful was the moment in the service, during the Farewell and Commendation, when Robert's coffin was encircled by the priests in a moving gesture and symbol of Christian love and support.

Among the final words from Father Brett and Robert's two brothers which are at the end of the order of service, it feels only appropriate to repeat here their thank you "to the people of Holy Trinity Eltham whose love, generosity, friendship and embrace have been the greatest of gifts to Robert and Brett through the past 12 years, and especially during these last, difficult 16 months."

### **Can you help?**

As we begin to implement some of the key objectives in our Mission Plan, we need the involvement of more and more people with different skills and interests.

Can you help us with design/artwork for a small number of flyers and leaflets that we wish to produce?

Are you interested in joining our choir which re-starts in September?

Are you interested in playing table tennis on a regular weekly basis?

Are you interested in joining our gardening team which meets on the first Saturday of every month?

Would you be interested in helping with our fundraising?

If you are interested in any of the above or know someone who might be open to a little bit of the churchwardens' gentle persuasion or encouragement (!) please do get in touch with either of us.

### **Garden Working Party – Saturday 3rd August**

At the last count there are now some fifteen of us who on a regular basis either dig, plant, prune, trim, weed or compost! Although, during an especially wet May the weeds in the Memorial garden began to run away with us, there are signs that a more regular programme of mulching is beginning to have effect.

As growth begins to slow, August is a great month to try and get on top of things in the garden. So if you can make it to our next Garden Working Party morning on 3rd August please do feel free to drop in at any time from 10.00 – 1.00 and as ever our trio of gastro-chefs, Evelyn, Brenda and Vera will endeavour to keep you fed and watered!

If you can't make it then but could put in a few hours gardening during August that would also be much appreciated. If you could just let Neal know when you are planning to do a bit of gardening so that he can make sure you have what you need.

Thank you.

## **Graham & Neal**

### **Holiday in Japan**

Last year I took a two week holiday in Japan and Tokyo, Hiroshima and Kyoto. This details the Hiroshima part.

14th October: I left the hotel Gracery in Shinjuku, Tokyo and took the subway to Sengakuji station and then a 15 minute walk to Shinagawa station. The fare to Hiroshima is about 18,000 Yen (£120) by Shinkansen which we know as the 'Bullet' train. It's about 500 miles and takes less than four hours. On the journey there was no countryside, all built up. Once there I walked to the Mitsui hotel on a warm day with just a threat of rain. Time to rest, then a walk to the Genbaku dome.



This is the only A-bomb building left standing. Some of the public wanted it demolished because of the memories, but it was kept. There is the peace park nearby with about 50 memorials in it. A notable one is for gas workers. Gas lamps blaze continually on it. Then it was time for a pizza and back to the hotel.



*Hiroshima Castle*

15th October: After a pleasant top floor breakfast buffet, it was time to walk to the castle about ½ mile from the hypocentre. On 6/8/45 this was flattened and was rebuilt in 1958. However there are still A-bombed trees there. One of them is a eucalyptus. The castle exhibits talk about Mori Terumoto the builder of the castle and lots more. Then it was on to the peace museum. It was only about £2 to get in but plenty to see. There is an explosion simulation and then testimonials

from survivors. Toshiko Saeki survived near the hypocentre but lost 13 of her family. Hiroto Kuboura was at Hiroshima station about 2 miles away. He survived but people near him didn't. He lost sight in one eye and considered taking his life until his father reassured him. Later on in the exhibition there were details of A and H bombs from WWII onwards and the arms race. Further on there are remains of items, a trike and fused glass bottles. There was then a section on the human casualties in graphic detail. I had seen enough.

The A-bomb timeline. 6/8/45 Hiroshima was primary target, Kokura secondary target. 9/8/45 Kokura primary target, Nagasaki secondary target. An oil refinery fire at Kokura made targeting impossible so Nagasaki was bombed. With just two bombs constructed, I found the bombing strategy to be sound but it is questioned to this day.

There is an island called Itsukushima (popularly known as Miyajima) about 15 miles away from the city centre. I took a boat there.



*Five storey pagoda at Itsukushima*

There is a shrine there on the shore called Itsukushima and 200 yds out to sea there is the Miyajima gate. As the sun was lowering it looked incredible. Then it was back on the boat and a salmon meal at an American style restaurant. Then time to turn in.



16th October: I had a quick look at the hypocentre plaque detailing the bomb dropped by the "Enora Gaye" sic. The hypocentre was located by seeing where burn marks had been stopped by

obstructions, leaving a projected inverted shadow. The bomb fission lasted 1,000,000th second with intense white light. Another long walk to the station made me think of the people who died over two miles away from the hypocentre. My imagination went on overdrive with flashes of light and destruction. Then it was the Shinkansen again a two hour trip to Kyoto.

**Brian Leach**

**Smile Lines**

Unintended headlines from US local newspapers:

“Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter”.

““Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash”, Expert Says”.

“Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers”.

“Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over”

### Answers to the July Quiz sheet

How well do you know your traditional Nursery Rhymes?

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| 1. Who had a big fall?  | <b>Humpty Dumpty</b>                     |
| 2. Who spoilt her nice new clothes?                               | <b>Polly Flinders</b>                    |
| 3. Who made the tarts?  | <b>The Queen of Hearts</b>               |
| 4. Who called for three fiddlers?                                 | <b>Old King Cole</b>                     |
| 5. What did the nut tree bear?                                    | <b>A Silver Nutmeg and a Golden Pear</b> |
| 6. Who marched his men to the top of the hill?                    | <b>The Grand old Duke of York</b>        |
| 7. How many blackbirds are in the pie?                            | <b>24</b>                                |
| 8. Who was asked to blow on his horn?                             | <b>Little Boy Blue</b>                   |
| 9. Who pulled out a plum?   | <b>Jack Horner</b>                       |
| 10. Who broke his crown?  | <b>Jack</b>                              |
| 11. Who has pretty maids in the garden?                           | <b>Mary</b>                              |
| 12. Who lost their mittens?                                       | <b>The Kittens</b>                       |
| 13. Who wandered in my lady's chamber?                            | <b>Goosey Goosey</b>                     |
| <b>Gander</b>   |  |
| 14. What did Old Mother Hubbard go to the cupboard for?           | <b>A dog bone</b>                        |
| 15. What did the old woman who lived in a shoe have so many of?   |  |
| <b>Children</b>   |  |
| 16. Who climbed back up the spout when the sun dried up the rain? | <b>Incy Wincy</b>                        |
| <b>Spider</b>   |  |
| 17. What was 'like a diamond in the sky'?                         | <b>Little</b>                            |
| <b>Star</b>   |  |
| 18. How much wool did the black sheep have?                       | <b>3 bags full</b>                       |
| 19. What time did the clock strike when the mouse ran down?       |  |
| <b>one</b>  |  |
| 20. What to do with Hot Cross Buns if you have no daughters?      | <b>Give them to your sons</b>            |