

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, friends and neighbours.

To start we have an article from our Vicar Annette about safeguarding at church.

Following last month's initial account of a recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land, undertaken by a member of our youth group, this month we have part two. (Final part next month).

Next are the details of the Lent course about 'how Christians respond to Climate Change' being run in conjunction with Churches Together in New Eltham (CTNE).

Then one of our Churchwardens gives us the 'Town Crier's' insight into the joys of appearing in the New Eltham community's very own panto.

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

Fixing the Church Roof is about as old a chestnut as you can get, however maintaining our 120 year old roof remains a challenge and the next article is about how you can help us fund that challenge, at no cost to yourselves!

Next we address the 'generation gap' with a piece you may find amusing or thought provoking, depending on your age.

Finally, we have the answers to our regular monthly quiz; and an item from the past that may be of interest.

We thank our regular and new advertisers/sponsors whose support continues to enable us to provide the magazine free.

Many may be surprised to learn that Christmas—at any rate, the official ecclesiastical season—ends on 2nd February. In the past it was marked by special services and candlelit processions.

Talking of candles reminds me of a saying I once heard a speaker use at a school speech day. "Teachers", he said, "are like candles which light others by consuming themselves."

Not teachers alone either—parents, doctors, nurses, friends, writers, musicians, artists; the list is endless. Indeed it includes, or *ought* to include, us all. Worth thinking about on Candlemas Day.

Dear friends

It is with a heavy heart that I write this today. But I feel that it is important to respond to the documentary aired this week on BBC 2 'The Churches darkest hour'.

I have watched in horror at the stories of systematic abuse by the Rt Rev Peter Ball, and by other clergy.

No doubt some of you will have seen this too. I am ashamed of my church, as well as being shocked by the behaviour of Archbishop Carey, Prince Charles and several senior bishops.

I truly believe that this corruption has so much to do with power and little to do with GOD.

I believe that we do need as a whole church to ask forgiveness for the behaviour of our brothers and sisters

We need to be transparent in our systems and all our processes so that such a cover up can never happen again.

As a church I believe that we have moved forward with our safeguarding practices, but that we must always be on our guard, and that we must be aware of the potential for abuse and ensure that each and every church in the land can be considered the safe place it should be.

One of these ways is to regularly have safeguarding training for all our officers, and to keep refreshing that training.

It is to comply with the diocesan need for DBS checking, when requested and to see this as a step in our safeguarding, not a judgment or something to trip you up with.

We need to ensure that nothing like this can ever happen again. That those who seek to abuse are called out and made accountable, that our church is not defiled by such people or behaviours.

We need to be able to hold our heads up high knowing we have done Justly and not to hang our heads in shame that we can belong to such an organisation.

Let us move forwards with the lessons learned and truly try to be better people in the light of this report.

AMEN

Annette

Pilgrimage (Part 2)

In this, the second part of the Diocese of Southwark Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I would like to share with you my experiences from the two schools which we visited during our trip, as well as our journey to the Dead Sea, River Jordan and the Sea of Galilee.

The first school was a special needs school in Bethlehem, where we had a presentation from the head of the school and some of its students and were told many inspirational and life changing stories.



Pilgrims at the special needs school

One man told us about how his parents had disowned him as a child (?) because of his disabilities. The school then took him under their wing and helped him to talk and live a life where he wasn't the odd one out or bullied for the way he was. The school also helped him find work and now he volunteers part time in the school, and also carves and creates different woodwork images of Holy scenes. These pieces are sold in the local shop, which raises money for different charities. We bought some of these pieces back as souvenirs, including a Christmas tree decoration which I bought back for my parents.



Wooden Christmas decoration

The second school was in Nazareth and was very different. It was a lot bigger and very noisy. The primary school children there were so excited to see us they were screaming! We had a look around, then we had a look around the secondary school. It was very much like our school at home, just a bit smaller.



Playing Volleyball at the local school

We played volleyball with some of the children and we lost, very badly! So, they mixed up the teams to make it fairer.

One morning we started our day with a dip in the Dead Sea, but we couldn't go under because if the salt got in our eyes we could go blind! We all covered ourselves in mud, which protected us from the sea salt, and floated on the sea. We had to wear flipflops in the sea, because the salt crystals could be really sharp. After our float we spent AGES trying to wash off all the salt so we wouldn't dry out and itch for the rest of the day!

We then went to the River Jordan where we had a Thanksgiving service for Holy Baptism and reaffirmed our faith in God and Jesus by being re-baptised in the River.



A few pilgrims at the River Jordan

Following on from this, we travelled to The Sea of Galilee, where Jesus performed miracles such as, his walking on water, calming the storm and feeding the multitude, and we had a eucharist service next to the chapel.



The Sea of Galilee

Please join me again in the March edition of All Saints Magazine for my final 'Easter' account of the Diocese of Southwark Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Emily Lewis

Lent Course

This year the Lent course is going to be about a topical issue and so is based on Susan Sayer's book THIS? (How Christians respond to climate change). The book can be obtained online at Eden.co.uk for £6.52, with a 5% donation for All Saints if you order via Easyfundraising.

The book is divided into 6 chapters:

- Our 'This': Where we are
- God's 'This': The hidden holiness
- Incarnate 'This': A grounded God
- 'This is ...': Body, blood, bread, wine
- 'This in all its fullness': Loving the Creator's Creation
- 'This': Living in both time and eternity

As the course is being co-ordinated by Churches Together in New Eltham (CTNE), each church will be hosting a session as follows:

- Wednesday 4th March 1.45pm – 2.45 pm, at the Methodist centre
- Wednesday 11th March 1.45pm – 2.45 pm at Novar Christian Fellowship
- Wednesday 18th March 1.45pm – 2.45 pm at All Saints
- Wednesday 25th March 2.00 – 3.00 pm at the Victory Assembly

Pantomime time!!

The time around Christmas is also the time for "Pantos", these performances are loved by so many, especially the young, as well as the young at heart!! In January this year, as in the previous 48, members of New Eltham Community Productions staged a pantomime, it was the turn this time for an excellent version of Rapunzel, at the Methodist Centre. It was performed with gusto by the whole cast with the usual mix of a pantomime dame, a fairy, a wicked witch, a villain, a hero and a heroine, musical numbers, dancing and jokes, both good, bad and terrible!! and plenty of audience participation. All this supported by the rest of the cast and crew including wonderful little squirrels ably assisted by a big chief squirrel, who bore a striking resemblance to Duncan McBean, the minister at New Eltham's Methodist Church. All who saw the five performances at the beginning of January enjoyed it as did the cast themselves, particularly after all the hard work of rehearsals and set design, construction and painting. Audience feedback was very complimentary so watch out for 2021 and look forward to the "50th" panto performance of "Sugar Plum: A Nutcracker Panto".

Diary Dates for February 2020

Sunday 2nd	CANDLEMAS	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 5th	6.45 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 6th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 noon	Wedding rehearsal Foxley/Cole
Wednesday 12th	10.30 -12.00	Fair Trade Café
	6.45 pm	Evening prayer
Thursday 13th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	10.00 am	Family Communion
	2.00 pm	Wedding Foxley/Cole
Thursday 20th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	3.00 pm	Wedding rehearsal Bartlett/Boggans
Wednesday 26th	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	10.30 – 12.00	Fair trade café
	11.00 am	Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
	6.45 pm	Evening Prayer
	8.00 pm	Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
Thursday 27th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 29th	2.00 pm	Wedding Bartlett/Boggans

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Parish Pump

Baptisms

26th January, Albert Stevenson.

100 Club

The January prize was won by Janet Johnson.

Quiz Results.

The December Quiz prize of £19.50 was won by Vera Owen, whose entry was picked from the correct quiz sheets returned.

Monthly Charity.

At the January PCC meeting it was decided, for the remainder of January and February, to support 'Smalls for All' a Scottish charity that collects and distributes underwear to help women and children in Africa and the UK.

All Saints Choir

In preparation for the Easter Services, the Choir will be meeting in the Church vestry every Wednesday evening at 7.00 to 8.00. If you are interested and would like more details please contact Aaron Mather by e-mail at anjmather@gmail.com. All abilities welcome.

Future Events

Saturday 7th March, fundraising concert for Australia bush fire victims..

Wednesday 18th March 8.00 pm PCC meeting

Sunday 22nd March 10.00 am, Mothering Sunday Service.

Saturday 4th April 6.00 pm, Fish & Chip Supper – we eat together as we begin Holy week.

Sunday 5th April 10.00 am, Palm Sunday procession and Service.

Wednesday 8th April 7.00 pm, Tenebrae Service.

Maundy Thursday 9th April 11.00 am & 8.00 pm, Holy Communion with Footwashing.

Good Friday 10th April 10.00 am, Walk of Witness from Clare Corner; 10.00-12.00 noon, Messy Church; 2.00 pm, reflection of the last hour.

Holy Saturday 11th April 8.00 pm, Easter Vigil.

Easter Day 12th April 10.00 am, Holy Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt.

Sunday 26th April 11.15 am APCM.

Thursday 28th May, Christian Aid Lunch.

Saturday 4th July, Family Fun day.

Easy fundraising update

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, you could be raising a FREE donation for All Saints Church, New Eltham.

Currently we are raising funds to maintain the flat roofs of the church and eventually redecorate areas in the Lady Chapel and Chancel where leaks have occurred.

There are now over 4,000 retailers including Amazon, ebay, John Lewis, Tesco & Sainsburys (including grocery shopping), M&S and countless other big name stores and companies, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to All Saints to say thank you for shopping with them. You can even access donations by buying holidays, insurance, broadband, gas & electric online.

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.

All Saints is really grateful to our supporters who have already signed up, currently we can get a £5 bonus donation when you refer a friend, and for the £579.20 in donations you have generated so far that have helped us update the hall toilets and repair church guttering.

Even if you don't shop online but know of family or friends who do, please feel free to share our "cause page" (link above) with them on facebook or twitter.

Thank you for your support, every penny counts.

How old is Grandpa?

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about the recent stabbings, the computer age, and just things in general.

The granddad replied, “Well, let me think a minute, I was born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill. There was no radar, credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens. Man had not invented tights, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn’t yet walked on the moon. We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, day-care centres, and group therapy. We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends, not purchasing holiday homes. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or men wearing earrings. If you saw anything with “Made in Japan” on it, it was junk. The term “making out” referred to how you did on your school exam. Pizza Hut, McDonald’s and instant coffee were unheard of. In my day, ‘grass’ was mowed, ‘coke’ was a cold drink, ‘pot’ was something your mother cooked in, and ‘rock music’ was your grandmother’s lullaby. ‘Aids’ were helpers, ‘chip’ meant a piece of wood, ‘hardware’ was found in a hardware store and software’ wasn’t even a word. We were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us “old and confused” and say there is a generation gap.

And how old do you think in am? The answer is 59. Scary isn’t it.?

Differences are not
intended to separate, to alienate.
We are precisely different
in order to realise
our need of one another.

Desmond Tutu

Answers to the January Quiz sheet

Can you name the Capital Cities of these Countries

1. Australia.	Canberra
2. Bahamas.	Nassau
3. Canada.	Ottawa
4. Denmark.	Copenhagen
5. Estonia.	Tallinn
6. France.	Paris
7. Greece.	Athens
8. Hungary.	Budapest
9. Italy.	Rome
10. Japan.	Tokyo
11. Kenya.	Nairobi
12. Lebanon.	Beirut
13. Malaysia.	Kuala Lumpur
14. Peru.	Lima
15. Poland.	Warsaw
16. Russia.	Moscow
17. Scotland.	Edinburgh
18. Switzerland.	Berne
19. United States of America.	Washington, D. C.
20. Zimbabwe.	Harare

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 is currently going towards necessary works for the upkeep of the roof and redecorating parts of the Church.

From the Archives – snippets from the February magazine of 1940, price twopence

RESERVATION

The Faculty for the Aumbry to be placed in the Lady Chapel for the Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament has been granted.

The work is being carried out by the Warham Guild, at a cost of approximately £25, including £5 5s. Faculty Fee. Towards this £12 has already been received. Further gifts will be welcomed.

SENIOR GUILD

In accordance with the usual custom the social activities of the Guild will be suspended during Lent and it is hoped that members will devote all their energies to the spiritual side which is by no means as strong as one would wish. Full details of the Lent Services will be found elsewhere in the magazine. Please make the best use you can of the opportunities provided for strengthening and keeping our spiritual life.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Just another reminder that the Annual Parochial Meeting will be held in the Hall in Easter Week.

It is important that all who are qualified to be on the Electoral Roll should make sure of enrolling at once.

The necessary qualifications are:

1. To have reached the age of 18;
2. To have been Baptized;
3. To be a member of the Church of England and not to belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England.

The "Church Logbook" for February 1980 records:

Work started on the building of 28 new flats on the former Tennis Ground at the back of the Church. This waste land has been a source of nuisance for years. At last we hope to see less vandalism when the flats are built.

The full complex should prove one of great joy to elderly people and includes a residence for a full time warden.

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