

All Saints Magazine



June 2020

Free

Editorial

Due to the on-going Government restrictions on movement and social gatherings and the consequent closure of Churches and meeting places, it has been decided not to produce a printed copy of the magazine this month, but to publish it on our web-site only. Hopefully the restrictions will be lifted in time us to print and distribute the July edition.

To start we have our 'Dear Friends' letter from our Vicar Annette about church life continuing whilst we are at home.

This is followed by an update of what we know about the changes that may have to take place, to comply with the Covid-19 guidance, before the Church and Hall can be safely opened again.

We have also included a piece about the financial effect of the lockdown on our church and some information as to how you can help alleviate our current cash flow shortfall.

Our centre spread contains the diary dates for church activities, these are planned to take place on-line whilst the restrictions remain in place, other Notices and the current restrictions on Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms.

We are still holding over the closing date of the March Quiz until the end of the month the church opens again. However Victoria and Steve have come up with new TV quiz, just for fun, to amuse those stuck at home watching repeats. The answers will be in next month's magazine and we have provided the answers to last month's general knowledge quiz, give yourselves a pat on the back if you got all 20 right.

Finally, we have our regular item from the archives, the earlier one explains some of the ceremonial parts our Sunday services that we are still using and the later gives a clue to the naming of one of blocks of flats behind the church.

While we suspend printing the magazine we intend to roll over our sponsors subscriptions into next year. Meanwhile there is a new area on our website with links to our sponsors web pages so that you can support them while they continue to support our magazine production.

Trinity Sunday is on the 7th June and, as there are no major festivals at this time in the church calendar, marks the start of "Ordinary time".

In this extraordinary time "Ordinary" sounds good.

Dear friends

As we enter the 10th week of Lockdown, we are just beginning to ease up on some of the restrictions, but church life will not be the same for several months to come.

We know now that we won't be entering our buildings except by myself or wardens for at least another month and then we will only be opening for private prayer in the beginning of July, and this at the moment is only a possibility and not set in stone

How we do church and what we do as a church has been challenged beyond belief with the outbreak of the corona virus as we have moved online for some things and have phoned or spoken to some of you and others we are just hoping you are keeping the faith.

Church however does begin at home, for it here we are primarily nurtured and cared for. It is here we learn much about the world around us and here we can be comforted and protected too. If we have a solid home life it is the place we can launch ourselves into the world with confidence and trust that whatever happens home will be there for us.

Our church too should be a well of love that we feel we can reach out into the world around us confident of what is there for us to lean on when needed. Church too is a place where we can find comfort, and protection, where we can find inspiration, and nurture and energy. So I hope that you can find all these things in church as we enter a new phase in our life together and that we can look forward to meeting once more in the flesh some time soon.

God Bless

Annette

Returning to Church

The House of Bishops has identified a three-stage process:

Stage 1, clergy may enter otherwise locked churches for prayer and worship (which can now be done behind locked doors).

It may well be that Sunday services are “live streamed” from inside the church using this facility. See the diary page for details

Stage 2, when government restrictions are eased, the House of Bishops will permit churches to be open for private prayer. This is unlikely to be before Saturday 4 July but planning for this second stage should begin with the PCC providing a risk assessment for the activity that will keep everyone safe.

The PCC have been advised to particularly prioritise spatial/social distancing. Make sure that people only enter the part of the building they need to enter. Clean necessary (touched) surfaces on the way in and the way out. Leave time, ideally 3 days (72 hours), between different people accessing the building.

Specifically the National Guidance currently is that:

- for the purposes of Track & Trace, records should be kept of who entered the building and when;

- good hygiene is maintained with high alcohol hand sanitiser at entrances; liquid soap and paper towels or electrical dryers are used for washing; and touched surfaces are properly clean especially on entering and leaving;

- 2m social distancing is maintained.

So although at the time of writing the PCC had not met and therefore we cannot be specific about what the changes will be, we can be certain that access to the church, in the first instance for private prayer, will require changes to our usual ways of doing things, maybe even queuing outside church, just to keep everyone safe.

Stage 3, in the longer term when government permits, we will begin to open churches again for carefully regulated public worship, within the government guidelines. It is anticipated that churches will proceed at different rates as and when they are confident to do and so as safely as possible.

This will require a further PCC risk assessment looking at how more people can safely use the church together. Specific plans at the moment

are not possible, as we do not know; whether there will be a limit on the total number of people attending; whether Communion will be authorised; or whether hymn singing will be allowed.

It is likely that many of the safety features put in place for stage 2 will remain.

Here we share a number of other measures, currently in the guidance, that may have to be implemented.

Do not share Bibles, prayer books etc. This includes lending libraries, Parish Magazines etc. Each person should bring their own books, order of service and take them home with them.

If you are using candles then take care not to light them immediately after using hand sanitiser gel, especially if this has alcohol in it. Wait a full minute after applying gel, then wipe your hands with a disposable tissue.

Remove holy water from stoups and do not make use of these at present.

Surfaces and door fixtures; light switches etc. must be frequently sanitised.

None of the above should be taken as “written in stone” as the restrictions change week by week and at the time of writing the PCC had made no definitive decisions as to what measures to adopt.

The good news is that although the Church is shut, the church grounds are open and the guidance has answers for these frequently asked questions

Are we allowed to cut the grass and other gardening? Yes. Whoever undertakes gardening, whether volunteer or professional, must take responsibility for the equipment that they use and for maintaining appropriate physical distancing. It is better that anyone undertaking works in the churchyard should work alone (unless they are with someone from the same household). If they are using the church’s equipment, then it should be sanitised before and after use. This could be an opportunity to change your mowing regime by allowing suitable areas to grow long over the next few weeks, letting natural wildflowers grow and encouraging biodiversity. You can get advice on this from Caring for God’s Acre.

Can people visit to tend graves? Yes. The government has included burial grounds as places that can remain open. It specifically includes visiting a grave as an appropriate activity.

Use of Church Halls by Others

Re-opening the Church Hall is likely only to be possible at Stage 3, probably with the same recording, hygiene and social distancing measures in place as for the Church, and with the possibility of no access to the kitchen or toilets initially.

With the onus on the hirers to provide their own risk assessment of how they can undertake their activities safely, it will be a matter for discussion as to whether they can modify the way they operate to work around the restrictions or whether they will have to wait for the restrictions to be further lifted before being able to use the Hall again.

Because shared space is more complex the PCC will have to give very careful thought to separating different users both spatially and temporally. As the guidance currently suggests leaving time, ideally 3 days (72 hours), between different users, multiple use of the same space in the same week is unlikely. This includes shared entrances, corridors, kitchen, toilet or washing facilities.

None of the above should be taken as “written in stone” as the restrictions change week by week and at the time of writing the PCC had made no definitive decisions as to what measures to adopt.

Church Finances

Like many other places that have had to close during the pandemic the church is suffering from a loss of income as we are no longer receiving collections on Sunday nor income from our hall. However, unlike businesses, we do not qualify for government loans and cannot furlough staff, so we still have to meet most of our usual expenses.

We are very grateful to those members of our planned giving scheme who pay by standing order and those in the envelope scheme who have recently transferred to this method of giving, as currently this is our only source of regular income. Unfortunately this does not cover our expenses and we have had to call on our reserves to meet imminent cash flow requirements.

Please can you help?

If you normally give your offering in an envelope or by putting cash in the plate, please could you set up a standing order or give online. (please include your envelope number in the reference). Please contact the Treasurer for the bank details. You can always cancel the Standing order and go back to the envelope system once the church re-opens.

Alternatively, if you can't get to a bank to set up a standing order and don't do on-line banking, perhaps you would send a cheque, made payable to "All Saints, New Eltham, PCC", together with your relevant envelopes to the Treasurer.

Thanks you to all, and those who support us through the Easyfundraising scheme, for your generous help, and please be assured of our prayers for you at this challenging time.

Diary Dates for June 2020

Due to the current Government restrictions on movement and social distancing the Church and Church Hall will have to remain closed until at least the 4th July.

Meanwhile Annette is posting services using the All Saints Facebook page, accessed from the website. The planned events below are due to go ahead on-line, until the restrictions are lifted.

We have included the references for the readings and Gospel so that you can follow them.

Sunday 7th TRINITY SUNDAY
 12.00 noon Holy Communion
First Reading. Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31
Second Reading. 2 Corinthians 13. 11-13
Gospel. Matthew 28. 16-20

Sunday 14th 12.00 noon Sunday Service.
First Reading. Genesis 18.1-15
Second Reading. Romans 5.1-8
Gospel. Matthew 9.35-10.8

Sunday 21st 12.00 noon Sunday Service
First Reading. Genesis 21.8-21
Second Reading. Romans 6.1b-11
Gospel. Matthew 10.24-39

Sunday 28th 12.00 noon Sunday Service
First Reading. Genesis 22.1-14
Second Reading. Romans 6.12-23
Gospel. Matthew 10.40-42

Please check the website for any change

Parish Pump

The restrictions on Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms are correct at the time of publication:

Funerals may now only take place at the Crematorium or at the graveside. Only immediate family members can attend, to a maximum number of 10 (if the crematorium allows) – that is, spouse or partner, parents and children, keeping their distance in the prescribed way (*this is true also for the burial of ashes*).

No Weddings can take place in Church Buildings and no Baptisms.

100 Club

The 100 Club monthly prize draws will recommence when the church re-opens with April, May and June draws the first to take place.

Quiz Results.

The March Quiz is being held open until the end of the month the Church re-opens. The current prize fund is £17.

Monthly Charity.

This month's charity is The Falconer Trust, an orphanage in Zambia.

All Saints Choir

Due to the restrictions, Choir practice has been suspended until further notice

Easyfundraising

We are grateful to those shopping on-line who support All Saints through Easyfundraising. The total raised is now £591.98, just by shopping normally and at no cost to themselves. Details of how to join are now on our website under /Supporting the Church/Fundraising. Currently the funds raised are being spent maintaining the Church Roof.

Future Events

The future events remain planned but are now subject to Government and Church of England guidelines on restrictions on gatherings in place at the time. *Note* :the Family Fun Day, due on 4th July, has been cancelled

Saturday 26th September, Michaelmas fair.

Sunday 11th October, Harvest festival.

June Edition TV Quiz.

(Just for fun)

1. Who was the presenter of TV quiz show 3-2-1? -----
2. Which actor portrayed the character Jack Bauer in the TV series 24? -----
3. How many boxes are used in the U.K version of Deal Or No Deal? -----
4. Who shot J.R Ewing in the TV series Dallas? -----
5. In Doctor Who, who was the creator of the Daleks? -----
6. What was the character name of The Saint? -----
7. In which city was the soap Brookside set? -----
8. What was the name of the mascot on TV quiz show Bullseye? -----
9. Which fictional holiday camp was the setting for Hi-De-Hi? -----
10. What was the name of the car used by the Duke brothers in the Dukes of Hazard? -----
11. What is Rachels surname in the TV series Friends? -----
12. Who was the sister of Andy Pandy? -----
13. Benny Hill had a number one single in 1971 with which of his TV characters? -----
14. What was the name of the cartoon cat who chased Pixie & Dixie? -----
15. Sheldon Cooper is a character in which TV comedy? -----
16. What was the name of the family the Fonz stayed with in Happy Days? -----
17. Dennis Waterman played which character in The Sweeney? -----
18. What was the name of the father in Steptoe & Son? -----
19. Which TV character has the sisters Daisy & Rose? -----
20. "I could be so good for you" was the theme song to which Classic British TV comedy/drama? -----

(Answers in next month's edition)

May edition General Knowledge quiz answers

(Just for fun)

1. Who is the only British prime minister to have been assassinated? **Spencer Percival**
2. The song “You’ll Never Walk Alone” was written by Rodgers & Hammerstein for which musical? **Carousel**
3. What is the only bird able to fly backwards **Hummingbird**
4. Which British detective series was set on the island of Jersey? **Bergerac**
5. In the film The Great Escape what were the names given to the three tunnels?
Tom Dick & Harry
6. Which sea creature has three hearts? **Octopus**
7. Who is the English Premier Leagues all time top goal scorer? **Alan Shearer**
8. A deficiency of which vitamin leads to scurvy? **C**
9. Fort Knox lies in which U.S state? **Kentucky**
10. In the 1984 film the characters Spengler, Zeddemore Venkman & Stantz are collectively known as?
The Ghostbusters
11. Britain’s only venomous snake **Adder**
12. Who was the last British governor of Hong Kong? **Christopher Patten**
13. In Only Fools & Horses what name does Trigger always call Rodney? **Dave**
14. What was the name given to soldiers who protected Roman Emperors? **Praetorian Guards**
15. Manchester City retained their Premier League title in 2019 with 98 points but by how many points did they beat second place Liverpool? **One point**
16. In what film did Paul Newman famously eat 50 hard boiled eggs? **Cool Hand Luke**
17. In the human body what is produced by Lacrimal Glands? **Tears**
18. Who became U.S President by default after the assassination of John F. Kennedy?
Lyndon Johnson
19. The Beatles record label with a name shared by a fruit? **Apple**
20. Which singer starred in the film The Bodyguard? **Whitney Houston**

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

THE SUNG EUCHARIST

I have been asked to write something about the recent changes we have made in the ritual of our Sung Eucharist.

All that we have done has been with the idea of improving the order and dignity of the Service, and bringing the ceremony more into line with old English Use. We are not, of course, just pleasing ourselves, but we are following in a simple and limited way the ancient Use of the English Church. There is nothing Roman in this Use. We have an English Altar- which is quite distinct from a Roman Altar, in arrangement and furnishing- our Servers wear amices, albs and girdles. This again is distinctly English.

It is, therefore, fitting and appropriate that our ceremonies should follow the old English Use rather than the Western or Roman Use.

The full Use includes considerable more ceremony than we have introduced.

The Chief changes are:-

(1) The use of three priests instead of one. This, of course, is common to both Roman and English Use for a sung Eucharist, and the priests taking part are known as 1 The Celebrant, 2 The Deacon, 3 The Sub-deacon. The Epistle is read by the Sub-deacon and the Gospel by the Deacon.

(2) The Gospel Procession. Why is this? The singing or reading of the Holy Gospel represents a very important moment in the Service, for here we listen to the words of our Blessed Lord Himself. Special ceremony has therefore surrounded the reading of the Gospel. A procession is formed and the book of the Holy Gospels is carried by the Sub-deacon to the place where the Deacon is to read it.

In the full ceremonial, incense and lights are used to illustrate the going out into the world of the Gospel of Him Who is the Light of the World.

It is the great missionary moment in the Service.

It emphasises the fact that the whole Body of Christ is the Church Missionary Society and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

The "Church Logbook" for June 1980 records:

Visitation of Mervyn (*Stockwood*) – Bishop of Southwark to the Deanery for the last time. 6 p.m.
Evensong at St Luke's Westmount Road. Final Eucharist at St Nicholas, Plumstead.

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