

All Saints Magazine



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Editorial

Dear Friends

What an October Magazine we have.

As in October we hope to have our harvest festival we have some things to get you in an autumnal and harvest mood.

I am beginning a series on the seven sacraments with a thought about communion and in particular Bread.

Then we have more recollections from the lockdown, this time from Rita Mather our reader.

The salt plains of Krackow are here this time with the article as well as the photos and we have a report of the unveiling of the Covid Memorial in Southwood Park.

Along with all the usual diary notices, quiz answers and parish updates, We end as usual with our look at the history of All Saints New Eltham.

Enjoy.

Annette (Vicar)

At a recent magazine meeting, we wondered whether the Archive page was still relevant or needed in these times. When we read about the events at our church in the 1930's-40's, you realise that not much has changed. Money still needs to be raised, events still need to take place and the congregation still needs to have a safe place to worship.

The war years would have been very difficult to continue with these things, and we are faced with uncertain times now because of Covid. At least we don't have bombs to contend with, but we must all be wary of keeping our distance from our friends, wearing our masks and sanitising our hands. Nobody knows how long we will have to do this for, but we pray for easier times in the not too distant future. We must take care of ourselves, for if we do not, we cannot take care of others.

Bread.

Who can resist the smell of freshly baked bread? I remember when I was young and my mum would break us off the end bits of crust while the bread was still warm irresistible. Bread is something that most of us will eat in some form almost every day. It is something that reaches across all walks of life, all nationalities, and all traditions. Every culture has its own bread, from a bloomer to a naan, we all use bread to scoop up, to fill us up and to add to our plates. We use flour of a variety of grains and water, some use yeast, some use soda, some make flatbread but almost every tribe and every tongue has some form of bread as a basic food.

So it isn't a surprise really when Jesus says "I am the Bread of life".

Jesus tells us he is the bread of life and later he gives himself to us in bread and wine, his body and his blood.

We immediately know what bread is, Jesus is saying that he is so much part of our lives as bread and that he feeds us in some shape or form every day.

He is more than just bread though. For bread is a universal food stuff almost every community makes bread of some sort to eat and to sustain life.

Jesus as bread is making himself universal, Jesus Christ for each and every one of us and Jesus Christ in the simplest of forms, accessible and obtainable for everyone.

Bread is seen as the sustainer of life, and the basic building block of our food, needed for day to day living and for there to be any life at all.

Jesus is therefore part of our everyday life, he is a sustainer of life, He is needed in our everyday and is the giver of life in the first place.

Without bread, or food we perish and without Christ we perish too.

Jesus comes to feed our hearts and minds as bread feeds our bodies, He wants to be part of everything, the ordinary everyday experiences we have, the joyful moments and the agonies of life, Jesus is there with us all and always.

So when Jesus says I am the bread of life he means it. He is there always, everyday in all that we do.

AMEN

“Lockdown” with the Mathers

I think that at first no one took much notice of what was happening in China. But, I must admit that when I returned to the UK from Australia on January 29th, I did think that it was strange that on the plane from Hong Kong to Heathrow, everyone (except for myself and Gerald) were wearing face masks. We didn't know why, but then the majority of the people on the plane were Chinese.

While in Australia we were unaware of this Coronavirus, as the news was basically about the bush fires. But things then escalated as we all know and the lockdown began on 23rd March.

This was all rather a shock, I don't think I was prepared for this at all. The previous week I took my car to the garage for its MOT which is subsequently failed. The garage phoned to say that they were waiting for spare parts from France. In the meantime lockdown began, so not only was I in lockdown but also my car in a garage in Orpington. I was not to see my car again until 20th May.

The time during lockdown, at first passed slowly until I got into a routine of finding things to do. I only went shopping once a week so had to be really organised with my shopping list.

I passed the time doing crosswords, jigsaw puzzles, playing the piano, even Aaron “allowed” me to play Violin duets with him. We had our choir practice with the Eltham Choral Society on Zoom. I joined the great British home choral with Gareth Malone.

I regularly phoned family and friends, which was the only way we could keep in touch. Thankfully by the 15th June, the rate of infection decreased and shops which had been closed were allowed to open.

Then on the 4th July, there was further good news pubs, restaurants and hairdressers could open (with social distancing).

Aaron and I were shopping in Bexleyheath so we ventured into the Furze Wren, where we enjoyed a drink, there was such a good atmosphere in there that day.

Since lockdown has been eased considerably I can say I have enjoyed going to pubs and restaurants again, and of course it was good to be back to church once again, even if we have to observe certain rules. We all hope the rate of infection does not rise again, so we again are put into lockdown.

Krakow visit

Nearly two years ago Louise and I had a short city break in Krakow in Poland, one of the places we visited was the old Wieliczka Salt Mine complex about 10 miles south east of Krakow, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The mine workings, which date back, in some cases to the 13th century, consist of a labyrinth of nearly 300 km of tunnels and shafts and extend to a depth of over 300 metres. Salt extraction eventually ended in 2007.

The visitors' route, however, is not quite so long! Just 3 km and there are a series of lifts and walkways to reach the many different chambers on show. Visitors have to navigate a series of walkways in order to descend amounting to nearly a thousand steps in all but lifts assist in getting one back to the surface. To see everything the guided tour can take some 3 to 4 hours but is well worth the time and entrance fee. The exhibits depict life for those that had to work and, in some cases, live underground. Amongst some of the astonishing sights were a huge underground lake and St. Kinga's Chapel, a massive chamber that had been worked and then an altar had been carved and the whole area decorated accordingly.



Regular services are held there and it is possible to be married in this chapel and have the wedding reception there afterwards.

We also visited the walled old town of Krakow with its Main Square and Cloth House market, Basilica and the Cathedral, filled with very lavish and ornate decorations. All a complete juxtaposition to the fairly, and very modern buildings and shopping malls of the adjacent new part of the city, just a hundred metres away.

Dedication of the Covid 19 Memorial in Southwood Park

What a year 2020 has been, the advent of the corona virus and in particular the Covid 19 strain which has led to so many deaths and to restrictions on our lives never seen before and hopefully never again.

Meanwhile early on in 2020 a new friends of Southwood Park was formed with Jean Driver Mahy and Wendy Power as part of the committee.

Wendy Power saw on face book an idea for remembering those who have died and she set to work, asking the community for plastic bottles and paint to make into flowers. This then became a huge rainbow of flowers which has then had hearts hung under it to remember specific people.



This memorial was unveiled on Sunday 13th September by Wendy Power, who explained how she had had the idea, and giving thanks for those who had donated bottles, and paint.



Then the memorial was blessed by Rev'd Annette Rose

Prayer from Covid Memorial

Lord we thank you for this memorial
For the rainbow which makes us smile
For the flowers and hearts which help us to remember those who have died
For those families who grieving
For the NHS and all Key workers
For the friends of Southwood Park and our community of New Eltham
Help us to remember, to pause and to pray in this place.

AMEN



Roger Tester came last with his vote of thanks.

After this we listened to some beautiful harp music provided by Julie Hodgskin whilst having bucks fizz and rainbow cakes to celebrate. It was a lovely afternoon for all who were there

Annette

Diary Dates for October 2020

Thursday 1st	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 4th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 8th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	HARVEST FESTIVAL 10:00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 15th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 22nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 29th	11.00 am	Holy Communion

These dates maybe subject to change, depending on the R rate and current government legislation

Please check the weekly news sheet for any change

Parish Pump

Funerals.

21st August, Colin John Tregear

7th September, Bertram Widgeon

7th September, John Robert Porter

29th September, Edith Victoria Reed

100 Club.

The outstanding 100 Club monthly prize draws took place in August resulting in the following prize winners, Brian Leach and Paul Lawal.

The winner of the September prize draw was Sam French.

We hope that all 100 numbers have now been taken so that the club can run for another year.

Quiz Results.

The Monthly Quiz started again in September and the answers are provided later in the magazine.

The prize winner will be announced in next month's magazine.

Monthly Charity.

This month's charity is the Mission Aviation Fellowship. The Mission Aviation Fellowship is a Christian organisation that provides aviation, communications, and learning technology services to more than 1,000 Christian and humanitarian agencies, as well as thousands of isolated missionaries and indigenous villagers in the world's most remote areas.

All Saints Choir.

Due to the Covid restrictions, Choir practice has been suspended until further notice. For more details please contact Aaron Mather by e-mail at anjmather@gmail.com

Future Events.

Sunday 11th October, Harvest Festival. Provisionally a picnic in the church grounds, weather and restrictions permitting.

Sunday 1st November, All Saints Day, The Church's Patronal Festival.

Talking To God

Dear Father, hear the prayer I pray,
You've heard it many times,
But knowing I can talk to You
My weary spirit climbs.
I ask for healing every day
For all the aches and pains,
And You send comfort, help and strength
As hope and love remains.

Dear Father, help the ones I love,
I know You understand.
Be with them in the storms of life
And take them by the hand.
Now thank you for the gifts of life,
I count them as before,
Tomorrow, Father, I'll be here
And talk to You once more.

Iris Hesselden

Thank you for being there for me,
To lend a listening ear;
For helping me to understand,
And helping fog to clear.
Thank you for your kindness;
It means so much to me,
Knowing I can lean on you
For advice and honesty.
Thanks for all the little things
You've done without a care.
I'm not sure what I would have done
If you had not been there.
Thank you doesn't seem enough,
But at least it's a start,
And know, these words of gratitude,
They come straight from my heart.

Carrie Hewlett

Apple, damson, plum or pear,
Harvest home and time to share.
Kitchen filled with smells so nice:
Fresh-chopped fruit and fragrance spice,
Pickles sharp, and chutney sweet.
Home-made jam, a tasty treat,
Gifts for neighbours, gifts for friends,
Nature's bounty never ends.
Some for you and some for me -
Perfect for a fireside tea!

Maggie Ingall

Beryl

To: God.Com

Dear Lord,

Every single evening as I'm lying here in bed,
This tiny little Prayer keeps running through my head:

God bless all my family wherever they may be,
Keep them warm and safe from harm for they're so close to me.

And God, there is one more thing I wish that you could do;
Hope you don't mind me asking, please bless my computer too.

Now I know that it's unusual to Bless a motherboard,
But listen just a second while I explain it to you, Lord.

You see, that little metal box holds more than odds and ends;
Inside those small compartments rest so many of my friends.

I know so much about them by the kindness that they give,
And this little scrap of metal takes me in to where they live.

By faith is how I know them much the same as you.
We share in what life brings us and from that our friendships grew.

Please take an extra minute from your duties up above,
To bless those in my address book that's filled with so much love.

Wherever else this prayer may reach to each and every friend,
Bless each e-mail inbox and each person who hits 'send'.

When you update your Heavenly list on your own Great CD-ROM,
Bless everyone who says this prayer sent up to GOD.Com

Lord, Bless my online friends

Amen

ALL SAINTS SEPTEMBER QUIZ

Classic Movie Quotes

Can you guess the movie from the classic quote provided?

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| 1. "I'm going to make him an offer he can't refuse." | The Godfather |
| 2. "You talking to me?" | Taxi Driver |
| 3. "Here's Johnny!" | The Shining |
| 4. "Nobody puts baby in the corner." | Dirty Dancing |
| 5. "I'll be back." | The Terminator |
| 6. "Why So Serious?" | The Dark Knight |
| 7. "May the force be with you." | Star Wars |
| 8. "Rosebud" | Citizen Kane |
| 9. "We're going to need a bigger boat" | Jaws |
| 10. "Show me the money" | Jerry Maguire |
| 11. "Get your stinking paws off me you damned dirty ape" | Planet Of The Apes |
| 12. "Here's looking at you kid" | Casablanca |
| 13. "I'm big, it's the pictures that got small" | Sunset Boulevard |
| 14. "Roads...where we're going we don't need roads" | Back To The Future |
| 15. "Houston, we have a problem" | Apollo 13 |
| 16. "I've got a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore" | The Wizard Of Oz |
| 17. "A boys best friend is his mother" | Psycho |
| 18. "You have to ask yourself a question, do I feel lucky? Well, do you punk?" | Dirty Harry |
| 19. "Mama always said life was like a box of chocolates" | Forrest Gump |
| 20. "You can't handle the truth!" | A Few Good Men |

With Thanks to Steve and Victoria for providing this Quiz and the ones in the May and June editions.

A new Quiz will be available from the first Sunday of the 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 October magazine of 1940, price twopence

SERVICES AND SIRENS.

The Children's Altar has been placed in the Choir Vestry and the Vestry arranged as a temporary Chapel. The daily Eucharist can thus go on without interruption. What about Sundays?

In case of heavy gunfire during the Holy Communion Service, it may be necessary, if the service is being carried on at the High Altar, to remove to the Vestry and use the Children's Altar. This will ensure some shelter and also avoid the risk of flying glass. Should this be necessary, the congregation should move quietly to the vestries and organ chamber, and in this way we hope to be able to reverently carry on.

One other point:— I find some people who really want to leave the church as soon as the sirens sound, hesitate to do so. May I beg of them not to hesitate—not even to wait for a pause in the Service—but feel perfectly free to go at once. Everyone understands there are many reasons why such action is necessary, and it is essential that everyone should feel perfectly free. Normally there will be a pause in the Service, but if the clergy are slow— or for some reason or other the pause is not instant—please don't wait and don't hesitate.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GAZETTE

It gives all Diocesan News and is a very interesting publication. Here are some samples from the September issue: —

Most preachers have been paid what might be called “backhanded compliments” in their time. The Rev. John Capron of Dulwich tells me of the lady who said to the Vicar, “We do enjoy your sermons. It isn't intellect that's needed here.” My correspondent does not name the Vicar! The incident reminds me of a man who, on shaking hands with the preacher after a Watch Night Service at the Cathedral, said, “I must thank you for your address; it was far far better than a coherent discourse.” But to go back to Mr Capron. He says that at Kings College Hospital they have a service in the Children's Ward. One small boy held up his hand and said he knew three hymns, “All things bright and beautiful,” “There is a green hill,” and “Run rabbit run.”

The “Church Logbook” for October 1980 records:

October 4th, Harvest Supper. October 5th, Harvest Festival.

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