

All Saints Magazine



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Editorial

What a magazine we have for January. We are continuing on our series of the seven sacraments looking at confirmation, we have some seasonal poetry and did you know the meaning of some of the words listed?

Along with the quiz answers and a look at the history of our church there are the usual dates and parish pump information too.

A short but sweet magazine this time.

Annette (Vicar)

A thought for these times

I was in a hospital chapel - or spiritual area - earlier. There was a little alcove where a notepad lay open. A sign told visitors that prayers written down would be respectfully raised before God.

I took two attempts to read through that book, and turned away in tears each time. There were hopes for successful outcomes, thanks for peaceful departures. One just said, "I thank you, I thank you, I thank you! Amen!" One told how they had just met someone who was severely depressed after a particularly serious diagnosis. They were able to tell the person that they had lived with the same condition for twenty-five years, so far.

The words Dad, Mum, son, daughter, husband and wife almost crackled on the pages from the love they contained.

As I left the chapel, I looked down the corridor, at patients, staff, visitors. They probably weren't the people who wrote those prayers, but they were living similar lives, full of experiences that might overwhelm some, confuse others, lift some up to a higher place.

We treat each other so casually at times, but if we could really know people's prayers, how could we help but love each other?

Confirmation

Confirmation celebrates the presence of the Holy Spirit within us.

Our confirmation is a continuance of what has begun at our baptism, a continuance of the developing awareness and reality of faith and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. At our baptism faith was conceived, we became part of Christ's body, part of his church. The Holy Spirit ensures that we are a brother or sister of Christ. Our confirmation is the gentle unfolding of what our baptism means. When we celebrate confirmation, we celebrate the fact that we are being transformed and that transformation will take place from the day we are confirmed until the day we are completely one with God. We are on a journey to wholeness Peace and love and confirmation helps us to celebrate this. We have said 'yes' to God's invitation to be part of the visible, living, breathing, spirit filled body of Christ. It is only through the actions and lives of Christians, that the Holy Spirit can show what the church is truly called to be: the living body of Christ.

History & the bible

On the day of Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and this gave them the courage to speak out, to begin building a Christian community and to have the ability to convince others of the truth of what they said about Jesus Christ.

From the earliest times the Holy Spirit and Baptism were closely linked. In Acts we read of Philip, the deacon making converts in Samaria and baptising with water. The apostles then sent Peter and John to the converts, they then pray that the Holy Spirit may come upon them they lay their hands upon them and the converts receive the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8 14-17).

Paul, later comes to Ephesus, he finds disciples who had not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit, having received the baptism of John, Paul baptises then in the name of Jesus Christ, and then he laid his hands on them and the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to speak in tongues and prophesy (Acts 19 1-6).

So it is with us, we accept Gods invitation at Baptism, but after the laying on of hands at confirmation, we receive the Holy Spirit and are ready to go out into the world to preach the Gospel and to show God's love.

What happens at Confirmation

Those to be confirmed, their family, friends and the local Christian community gather together. Usually at the Eucharist.

The candidates are presented to the congregation.

Then they renew their three fold baptismal decisions rejecting the powers of evil and affirming their faith in Christ.

The bishop extends his hands over those to be confirmed and prays that they will be given the Holy Spirit.

In some churches the Oil of Chrism is used and the bishop makes the sign of the cross on the candidate's forehead.

The bishop addresses each by name *NAME* God has called you by name and makes you his own, then he lays his hands on each one saying 'Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit'.

The bishop then invites the whole congregation to pray with him.

Defend , O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours forever and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
Amen

The newly confirmed are invited to share in Christ's mission building the kingdom of God.

Finally all exchange the sign of peace symbolising the fellowship and unity of all in full membership of the church.

Why is a bluebell so bonnie and blue;
 Why is a buttercup gold?
Why is a blossom heartbreakingly pure;
 What makes a snowdrop so bold?
How does an apple grow rosy and red
 Or russet, or yellow, or green?
Why does a peach have a velveteen coat;
 Why is a nettle so mean?
How do the bulbs, so snug in the earth,
 Hear the light footfall of spring?
How do the feathered heralds of dawn
 Learn all the songs that they sing?
Who gave every harlequin flower
 Its very own personal scent?
 Did all transpire by accident,
 Or by Divine intent?
While questions wait for answers,
 Sweet wisdom's inner voice
Whispers, "Feel the wonder, and
 Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice".

Tricia Sturgeon

The origin of phrases

Pot Holes

Before cooking pots were readily available, our ancestors fashioned them from clay. Villages built up near water-sources, and the clay was harvested from the wet, soft earth, leaving holes—pot holes.

Cloth-Ears

Is a term we sometimes use when a person we are talking to doesn't hear. This phrase was born in the cotton mills of the industrial north of England, as the machines were so loud and working with them twelve hours a day made the workers deaf.

Cottening-On

Another phrase relating to the cotton mills, meaning to understand something. The workers had to understand how to loop the thread onto hooks before the process of weaving the fabric could begin.

Going Round the Bend

When mental institutions were built they were in open spaces away from other buildings. The roads that led to them were always curved so that they could not be seen from the main roads—hence, 'going round the bend'

The Upper Crust

A term referring to the gentry. They were sold the top of the bread which had not been on the bottom of the ovens which were often dirty. The bottom of the loaves was sold cheaply to the parish poor.

Eating humble pie.

The intestines of a deer (humbles) were given to the poor after a kill. The Lord of the Manor had the very best meat, and the rest went to the household.

Brass Monkeys

This saying originates from fighting ships. Cannon balls were stacked on 'monkeys'—brass stands on deck. When the weather was really cold the brass shrank, causing the cannon balls to roll off the monkeys. So, not such an indelicate saying after all.

Diary Dates for January 2021

Sunday 3rd	EPIPHANY	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 7th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 13th	7.30 pm	PCC (Zoom)
Thursday 14th	11.00 am	Holy communion
Sunday 17th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Monday 18th	7.30 pm	CTNE (Zoom)
Thursday 21st	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 27th	11.00 am	Chapter Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday 28th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31st	10.00 am	Holy Communion

These are subject to the R rate and also what is safe for us to do in church. Please do look at the notice boards in church and outside church as well as our website

It is my hope that we can reinstate Thursday Holy communion

Parish Pump

A happy and prosperous new year to us all, may 2021 be better than 2020, and we pray for continued recovery and restoration of our world.

100 Club.

The winner of the £175 December prize draw was Neil Long.

Quiz Results.

Due to lockdown restrictions the November picture quiz deadline was extended to Sunday 27th December 2020. The answers appear later in this magazine and the winner will be announced next month.

Monthly Charities.

Penny Pot

Collecting pennies for Penny (de Marcés/Everness), from our parish, to support her missionary work in Peru is a continuing charity we support. We are grateful that Cynthia Peacock maintains contact with Penny and her family, who send a monthly newsletter, an extract, "Praying for Peru", featured in last month's magazine. (Still available on our website).

Bexley Food bank

For some years we have been collecting food donations for the Bexley food bank, and have continued to do so when All Saints has been able to be open to receive them. Our thanks go to Simon Garson for delivering your donations to Avery Hill Christian Fellowship where the Bexley food bank is located.

Traidcraft

We are grateful to Ruth and Graham Fancett for continuing to hold FairTrade Cafés during the restricted periods last year. To maintain social distancing these were held in their garden and numbers restricted. £146 was raised for Traidcraft exchange. We were extremely lucky to have had such wonderful weather.

At their meeting on 13th January the PCC will be deciding which monthly charities to support for the rest of the year. Suggestions for deserving causes will be welcomed.

Easyfundraising update

Thank you to our 23 supporters, who have now generated £663.61, for All Saints, **at no cost to themselves**. With the £28.48 generated last quarter winging its way to our bank account. So far these funds have been put towards replacing damaged gutters, and repairing flat roof surfaces, money that would otherwise have had to come from funds we currently need just to keep the church running.

As a result of the pandemic more people will be shopping on-line and you may be looking at the “January Sales” or even considering booking next year’s holidays, so please share our “cause page” <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintsneweltham>

with family and friends or those shopping for you, and remember to shop via. Easyfundraising

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely **FREE**. 4,300 shops and sites, including travel agents, insurers, and retailers including Amazon, ebay, Just Eat, Groupon, Tesco, Sainsburys (including grocery shopping), M&S and countless other big name stores, that will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - **at no extra cost to you!**

Easyfundraising also alerts you to special offers and discount deals, so you could save money too. It's really simple, and there are no catches or hidden charges.

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.

Any donations you raise are in addition to any rewards from your card provided and it won't stop you getting any cash back.

Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up and share today.

Courage and determination

When he was aged fifty-seven, Francis Charles Chichester was told that he had quite a serious illness.

But instead of thinking that his life was over, he decided instead that this was the perfect time to begin an adventure. In 1966, he set out in his yacht, Gypsy Moth IV, and became the first person to sail single-handed around the globe.

On his return to Portsmouth nine months later, thousands of people gathered to welcome him home. He was such an inspiration that, in the following year, he was knighted.

No matter what obstacles we find along life's path, if we can find courage and determination, those obstacles can be overcome.

Answers to the November Quiz sheet

Can you name the TV Shows from the pictures?



1. Red Dwarf



2. Goodnight Sweetheart



3. Bless This House



4. Benidorm



5. Mrs Brown's Boys



6. Just Good Friends



7. Keeping Up Appearances



8. Allo Allo



9. Absolutely Fabulous



10. Birds of a Feather



11. Extras



12. Citizen Smith



13. George and Mildred



14. Gavin and Stacey



15. It Ain't Half Hot Mum



16. The Royale Family



17. Not going Out



18. Please Sir



19. League of
Gentlemen



20. Dinner Ladies

From the Archives – *snippets from the January magazine of 1941, price twopence*

THE MAGAZINE

We are getting anxious about our magazine. For some years past it has been run at a profit and a few years ago that profit ranged from £10 to £15.

Owing to the war, that has naturally fallen and in 1939 there was a small surplus balance.

Now 1940 is going to show a deficit.

This is due to two causes, both arising from war conditions.

- 1) Some reduction in the number of Advertisements.
- 2) Considerable reduction in the number of readers.

The second cause is serious, as our circulation has gone down from about 750 to 625.

This is due almost entirely to evacuation and it means a decreased income of about £1 per month or £12 per year.

Some of our evacuated friends still take the magazine but many have ceased to do so. We should be glad therefore of new readers for 1941. In this our present readers can help us by interesting others and persuading them to take the magazine. We are also economising in the cost of production and cutting down our local matter from six pages to four. We regret this but we feel it is necessary, not only financially but also from the patriotic point of view. It is up to us to save paper.

We must accept this war-time necessity and in doing so we appeal to all readers to continue their support and to help us at least to maintain our circulation and if possible increase it.

Our grateful thanks are due to Mr Bahns who has done such good work under difficult conditions in maintaining our advertisements—and to Miss Steel, our Secretary, and all her helpers who continue their good work in these difficult days.

Please rally round them for 1941 and then we feel sure we shall at least have an “All Clear” at the end of the year.

There are no entries in the “Church Logbook” for January 1981.

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