

# All Saints Magazine



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## **Editorial**

February's magazine comes to us despite it being Lockdown again, and church being partially open.

There is a reflection from the vicar about the time taken away from our everyday lives for the virus.

We remember Fr. Barney Milligan.

Along with 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)**

## **Revd. William John 'Barney' Milligan.**

A notice in the *Church Times* records the passing of Revd. Barney Milligan on 11th January 2021.

Revd. Milligan was the third Vicar at All Saints (from 1962 to 1971) and the last to live in the old vicarage at 471 Footscray Road before moving into the current vicarage next to the church. He said he thought it was the best house in New Eltham!

After leaving All Saints he moved to Roehampton (1971 to 1979) before becoming Canon Residentiary of St. Albans Cathedral (1979 to 1986). After that he was a chaplain in Strasbourg (1986 to 1995) and was the Anglican Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg for the last five years.

On his retirement in 1995 he moved to Dorset where he died at the age of 92.

**E. J. M.**

## **How long O lord How Long?**

This is a cry from Isaiah about waiting for the messiah

But this last year it could well have been a cry from any of us. A year can seem to be such a long time and the issues thrown up by the pandemic are both serious and worrying and yet I want to say to all of us, even if we need to be locked down periodically and or have our lives put on hold, is it really such a huge interruption or for most of us an inconvenience.

I honestly believe that it is actually a short time in our lives, however endless the days seem to be.

It is an interruption, but it is not the end. Lots of things may change, but life can and will go on, the starting point may be different but life for most of us continues.

Take our children's education. It is interrupted, not irrevocably crashed. Children and young people are the most resilient and they will not suffer in the long term by these interruptions, even those whose exams have been put on hold or given out in a different way will be ok. They are not lost, but actually able to move forwards albeit more slowly. It is truly amazing what work has been able to be set in this pandemic, and I have great respect for the teachers who have had the goal posts changed time and again, (often at very short notice).

It is a time for patience, for resilience and for us to care for those immediately around us, if the pandemic has taught us one thing it is that church is where we are and not encased in a building, yes the building gives our worshipping lives a focal point but it is as ourselves and our connections together that we are church and it our place amongst the communities in which we live that can serve God best and show his love best.

For the most part it is through small acts of kindness and love that we can show God's love for all. So do check on your neighbours, do offer to shop for them if you can, do pray for those who live near you, do listen out for those in need, do what you can and also ask for help if you need it too.

We will be together all of us, and yes the world will have changed irrevocably but we need to meet this latest challenge with God's love and an attitude of patience and caring.

Amen

**Annette**

### **Churches Together in New Eltham (CTNE)**

At the last CTNE meeting, representatives of the churches in New Eltham considered what could be done collectively in the light of the Covid restrictions on social distancing and limits on meeting numbers.

It was therefore decided that the, now traditional, Good Friday Walk of Witness from Clare Corner to the Methodist Church would not now be able to go ahead.

However, with churches increasingly using videos of services and using social media to post them online and meetings on the 'Zoom' platform, it was considered possible to run a Lent course by this means.

Therefore, for five of the Thursdays of Lent (25th February, and the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th of March) at 7.30 pm, each Church would host a Zoom session from the York course 'Caring for Creation'.

The document is available from [info@yorkcourses.co.uk](mailto:info@yorkcourses.co.uk) and the session topics are: The Environment; Global Warming and Climate Change; The Age of Humans; Coming out of Denial and Facing Crisis; and Faith, Hope and Love.

If you would like to take part in the course, please make sure that Rev. Annette has your e-mail address so that links to the Zoom sessions can be sent to you.

### **Easyfundraising update**

Thank you to our 23 supporters, who have now generated £664.25, for All Saints, **at no cost to themselves.**

As a result of the pandemic more people are more likely to be doing their shopping on-line, so please share our "cause page" <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintsneweltham> with family and friends or those shopping for you, as new supporter often generate a £5 bonus for us just for signing up, and remember to shop via. Easyfundraising.

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 go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintsneweltham> and sign up.

Full details are on All Saints website under 'Supporting your church'.

### **Diary Dates for February 2021**

Sunday 7th	12.00 am	Service online
Sunday 14th	12.00 am	Service online
Wednesday 17th	ASH WEDNESDAY 11.00-1.00 pm Church open for receiving of ash, and please do pop in and collect some, 3.00-5.00 pm and /or pray	
Sunday 21st	10.00 am	Holy Communion – dependent on the R rate falling
Thursday 25th	7.30 pm	Lent course session via Zoom
Sunday 28th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – dependent on the R rate falling

We may well resume Thursday communion service but this will depend on how the r rate develops so please do watch out for notices in church and on our website [www.allsaintsneweltham.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsneweltham.org.uk).

## **Parish Pump**

### **100 Club.**

Due to the extended lockdown the January and February prize draws will be held in February and the results published in the March magazine.

### **Quiz Results.**

The November/December Quiz prize of £13.50 was won by someone who completed it on behalf of the "Church Fabric Fund", whose entry was picked from the correct quiz sheets returned.

Due to the January lockdown restricting the number of quizzes sold and the opportunities for participants to return them, the January quiz will be held open until the service on 28th February, and the answers will be published in the March magazine.

### **Monthly Charities.**

As Lent starts in mid February our monthly charity is the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

### **Christmas Raffle**

The Christmas raffle draw was finally made on Sunday 3rd January after the service. £131 was made for church funds to offset the continuing cost of providing PPE items, hand sanitiser, etc for worshippers.

### **Future Events**

Thursdays 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th of March, 7.30 pm, Lent course by Zoom. (see CTNE Article for details).

The following events are dependent on restrictions on church opening being lifted, although social distancing in church is going to be necessary.

Sunday 14th March 10.00 am, Mothering Sunday Service.

Sunday 28th March 10.00 am, Palm Sunday Service.

1st April 11.00 am & 8.00 pm, Maundy Thursday Holy Communion.

2nd April 2.00 pm, Good Friday reflection of the last hour.

3rd April 8.00 pm, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil.

4th April 10.00 am, Easter Day Holy Communion.

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

### JUNIOR GUILD

Owing to the necessary reduction in the size of the magazine, the notes for last month were not printed. Some of the following should have appeared then.

On Christmas Day we were able to use for the first time the silver Lavabo Bowl which the Guild has given to the Church in memory of Freddie Lamb. It is much appreciated, and will be in daily use at the Eucharist. We still need a little more to cover the cost, and if any of you would like to give anything towards it the fund is still open.

As a result of the Whist Drive held on January 11th over £2 has been added to our Guild Funds, and we are grateful to our friends and supporters.

### PERSONAL

Many of you know that Mr. Leslie Freeman, a member of our congregation is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Two parcels have recently been sent through the British Red Cross: one from a friend in the congregation, and one from the Senior Guild

I am sure many would like to join in sending further parcels. Please let us know, and we will gladly arrange.

### STOP PRESS

Our grateful thanks to the new Vicar of St. Luke's, Eltham, who has promised to preach a Course on Wednesdays in Lent, 3.30 p.m., on "Studies in the Beatitudes."

*There are no entries in the "Church Logbook" for February 1981.*

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