

All Saints Magazine



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Editorial

Dear Friends

Welcome to our Magazine, which will be bi-monthly in future

As we begin to open our churches up once more please do read our Wardens heart felt cry for, readers, servers and intercessors.

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

We too look at the new marriage laws and celebrate the closing of our registers with marriage of Colleen and Mick Kirby

In this time of pandemic it gives me great pleasure to have opened our church once more, it really is safe and we have put into place all precautions where we can. It is our responsibility as Christians to care for each other in the pandemic and to be respectful of each other's health and space

Annette (Vicar)

Easter Thanks

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter and would like to thank the P.C.C., Annette and Rita for the warm welcoming display on Easter Sunday. The daffodils were a joy to behold, with a larger congregation completing a warm feeling after the austere feeling due to lockdown.

Thank you again

B. M. W.

Marriage & the Law

There has been a stratospheric change in the laws concerning the registration of marriages here in England. From the 4th of May 2021 church registers which have been in use since the introduction of the formalisation of marriage in 1753 are no longer to be in use. Our own marriage registers were returned to the register office on Wednesday 12th May.

Our last wedding in the old format was a joy to behold as it had been put off by Covid at least twice.

Mick and Colleen were able to finally tie the knot with just a few family and friends.

Below is a photo of them signing the register for the last time.



It is in some way a relief to not be so responsible for the checks and counter checks of who, where and how, but it is too with sadness because as clergy we have held the office of registrar in our parish context for so long and there is something of the law, and the language of the law that will be missed. I love the richness of the I, Annette Rose of New Eltham, witness my hand on this the xxx day of March 2021, to hereby declare that xxx is a true copy of the item no xx of the register of this church.

Here is the Law and Religion UK update about marriage following the laying of the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021.

In summary:

1) The new system of marriage registration comes into force on 4th May 2021. The aim is to create an electronic register that covers all weddings regardless of how/where contracted.

We can still give notice of weddings by Banns/Licence etc as usual but instead of entering the details into our registers we need to get the couple, the witnesses and the person conducting the wedding to sign a 'marriage document'; it is then the officiating clergy's obligation to deliver it to the (Civic) Registrar's Office within 21 days so that the Registrar can enter the details into the electronic register.

If you don't send it in within 21 days they can chase you!

It is OK to send the marriage document by email.

2) From 1st July 2021 you will need to treat EEA nationals as non-UK/EEA nationals under the previous provisions and send them to the Superintendent Registrar for interviews and authorisation of their wedding.

Banns, Common Licence etc will no longer be possible for this group of nationals.

Hope this is informative and may explain some of the differences you may see along the way

Annette

Churchwardens' Corner

A Peace Garden at All Saints

“Those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.” Romans 8:5-6

If you look through the windows of the Lady Chapel at All Saints, there is an area of ground that extends beyond the back of the Vicarage garden, which at present is full of brambles, self-seeded sycamores, cow parsley and foxes. The plan is to create a Peace Garden with many potential uses. At the moment, we are very much at an ideas stage, but a simple outline of the plan goes something like this.

The area immediately outside the Lady Chapel would become an open space courtyard where outdoor services could be held; where people could gather informally before or after services such as baptisms and weddings; a place which teachers could use as an outdoor classroom or where music, poetry or plays could be performed.

From the “outer” courtyard garden you would then walk through into an inner garden with a central area laid to lawn surrounded by a profusion of layered perennial planting backed by evergreen flowering climbers; a garden full of different colour, scent and texture throughout the year.

The boundary of the courtyard garden would possibly be iron railings through which evergreen hedges like photinia, or escallonia or variegated holly could be grown so that as you walk round the south side of the church you are drawn into an inviting green space.

Over the course of this year we will focus simply on clearing the site, visiting other gardens to get ideas and inspiration and then developing a detailed plan and costing for the garden. Subject to gaining the appropriate approvals, we will then fundraise for the garden in 2022 so that the garden can be created in 2023.

As a church we are being encouraged to look more closely at how we can reduce our carbon footprint and become more environmentally friendly. The Peace Garden project will provide a focus for how we can make that a reality.

Can you help?

- We need a garden designer who would be interested in getting involved from the beginning with the proposed Peace Garden project
- We need more volunteers to help with the clearing of the Peace Garden site.

If you are interested in helping or know someone who might be open to a little bit of the churchwardens' gentle persuasion or encouragement (!) please do get in touch with either of us. Our contact details are at the back of the Parish Magazine.

Garden Working Party – Saturday 5th June

At last, the first Saturday of the month garden working party will be meeting again from 10.00 to 2.00 on 5th June. We will be working in both the Memorial Garden and in the proposed Peace Garden. Even if you are only able to drop in for an hour or two your help will be most welcome.

If you can't make it then but could put in a few hours gardening during June that would also be much appreciated. If you could just let Neal know when you are planning to do a bit of gardening so that he can make sure you have what you need.

Alternatively, if you would like to join our small core gardening team who are now working regularly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 2.30 – 4.30, we will be more than happy to involve you in our full repertoire of digging, weeding, planting, pruning, mulching and, the jewel in our crown, “composting!”

Thank you.

Graham & Neal

Diary Dates for June 2021

Sunday 6th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 24th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	10.00 am	Holy Communion

We will resume Thursday communion service after the 21st June – this is a change from what was in the last magazine

Diary Dates for July 2021

Thursday 1st	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 4th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 8th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	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
Saturday 31st		Wedding Blessing, Colleen & Mick Kirby

Hopefully all this will be ok, we are still looking at government and church guidelines. Do please check our website for any immediate changes.

Parish Pump

Weddings

31st July, Wedding Blessing, Colleen & Mick Kirby

Funerals

19th May, Lily Uden

100 Club.

The March prize was won by Pam Piper, Graham Dix won the April prize and Pat Flaherty won the May prize.

Quiz Results.

The March Quiz prize of £14 was won by Evelyn Green, whose entry was picked from the correct quiz sheets returned. The April Quiz of £13.50 was won by Graham and Louise Dix, whose entry was picked from the correct quiz sheets returned

Monthly Charities.

Our monthly charity for June and July is MIND.

Easyfundraising update

A big thank you to our 23 supporters, who have now generated £696.03, for All Saints, **at no cost to themselves**. 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 have been shopping on-line and many of you will be looking forward to booking a holiday, 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. Currently we get a £5 bonus for signing up.

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely **FREE**. There are now 4,700 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.

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.

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

Answers to the April Quiz sheet

How good is your knowledge of historical people and events?

1. What did Pope Pious V do to Queen Elizabeth in 1570?
Her **Excommunicated**
2. Which organisation was founded by William Booth?
Army **The Salvation**
3. Who was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth?
Lincoln **Abraham**
4. What was King George VI's first Christian name?
Albert
5. Who was the founder of Methodism?
Wesley **John**
6. Who introduced the printing press in England in 1476?
Caxton **William**
7. Who was the first Archbishop of Canterbury?
Augustine **St.**
8. Which English King was killed at the Battle of Hastings?
Harold
9. Which general was killed at the siege of Khartoum in 1885?
Gordon **General**
10. Which royal residence on the Isle of Wight now belongs to the nation?
Osborne
11. Who built Hampton Court?
Wolsey **Cardinal**
12. Who was the influential monk at the court of Tsar Nicholas II?
Rasputin
13. Who was the mother of Queen Elizabeth I?
Boleyn **Anne**
14. Who designed St. Paul's Cathedral?
Wren **Christopher**
15. In which war did the charge of the Light Brigade occur?
War **The Crimean**
16. What nationality was Martin Luther?
German
17. Which island was awarded the George Cross for gallantry?
Malta
18. Where was Davy Crockett killed?
Alamo **The**
19. Which German was nicknamed the Iron Chancellor?
Bismarck
20. When did British shoppers start using decimal currency?
1971

Answers to the May Quiz sheet

What do you know about Animals?

1. What is the largest carnivore on land?
Polar Bear
2. What is the name of the two-humped camel?
Bactrian
3. What is the world's largest animal?
The Blue Whale
4. What is the world's fastest land animal?
Cheetah

5. What is the most dangerous shark?

White

6. What sort of animal lives in a holt?

Otter

7. What proboscis has 40,000 muscles?

8. What is a female fox called?

9. What is the name of a badger's home?

Sett

10. What animal lives in a drey?

11. How many legs does a spider have?

12. What are young hares called?

13. How many toes does a cat have on its front paw?

14. What is a female red deer called?

15. What is an eagle's nest called?

16. What is caviar?

17. What is Britain's largest freshwater fish?

18. What is the popular name for the crane fly?

19. In which of the two polar regions do penguins live?

Antartic

20. What are swallow tails, orange tips and morphos?

The Great

An Elephants Trunk

Vixen

A

Squirrels

Eight

Leverets

Five

A Hind

An Eyrie

Fish (usually Sturgeon) Roe

Catfish

Daddy Long Legs

The

Butterflies

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

SOCIAL CLUB FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

At the request of some of our young people and their parents, we have recently started a Club for boys and girls between the ages of fourteen and nineteen. The Club meets on Wednesday evenings in the Church Hall from 7—9.30, and in the summer time various outdoor functions will be arranged.

This All Saints' Club, as it is called, is distinct from the Junior Guild which has, as you know, definite rules of church membership. The Club, however, is open to any young people of the district (subject to their being proposed and seconded by existing members), and is designed to meet a need for a place where boys and girls can meet socially, on at least one evening a week.

I am glad to say that the Club has the warm approval of a number of parents, and that the Vicar is the President. One parent has kindly offered to pay the rent of the Hall for the first quarter, and others have lent dart-boards, and a small billiard table. We want various equipment of this kind, and shall be glad of any offers.

We are grateful to Mr. C. S. Smith, the headmaster of Cannock House School, who has offered to give instruction in physical training and boxing.

If you are interested in this venture, will you help the work forward with the gift of sports equipment or a donation? The Club has practically no funds yet; members pay an entrance fee of 1/- and 2d. a week, but naturally at the beginning there are many wants.

snippets from the July magazine of 1941

THE CHURCH'S WEALTH

There are many strange and wrong ideas still prevalent about the financial resources of the Church of England. Do you know where the Church gets her money from? A great many people, even Church people, think that because the Church in this country is "established" it is therefore supported in some measure by the State. This is entirely wrong. The Church of England receives no grant or support whatever from the State, neither arte any of the clergy or Church dignitaries paid by the civil authorities. The only clergy whose stipends come from the State are Chaplains to the Forces and Institutions under State control.

But most people know that the Church has quite a large income. From what, then is it derived? Most of it comes from endowments and property left in trust by people in past generations. The Church is a large property owner. Much criticism has from time to time been levelled against the Church in her capacity as a landlord and particularly when her property has been in slum areas. But a great deal has been done in recent years to improve such property and those responsible have gone far in setting a good example in the administration of their trust. Perhaps the most serious objection which can now be raised about the Church's income is that a large part of it is derived from mining royalties, chiefly in the north-east of England. The objection to Tithe is no longer so acute since the passing of the comparatively recent Tithe Act.

Altogether the Church has an income of a little over seven million pounds per annum. This is not available for any purpose which the authorities may choose, but the majority of it is "earmarked" for the maintenance of some particular foundation—it may be Cathedral, Parish or Collegiate Church. Thus it often happens that a quite small parish is well endowed through generous bequests in the past, while a large new parish (such as our own, for example!) is inadequately endowed. In such cases, of course, the upkeep of the Church, and at least some part of the stipends of the clergy, depends upon the generous and systematic giving of the congregation.

Will you help to enlighten your friends upon some of these important facts? Help them to see that, although they may only use their Parish Church very occasionally, they have a definite obligation to help in a reasonable way towards its upkeep. They like to feel it is there if they want

it, but through carelessness or thoughtlessness (or some other cause which need not be mentioned) they never give anything towards its maintenance.

Perhaps they are among those who still think the Church is supported by the State.

The "Church Logbook" for June 1981 records:

John Martyn appointed as Organist at All Saints in place of Nigel Owen, who has resigned owing to pressure of work.

P.C.C. Non-business meeting to discuss Lay Ministry. Interesting debate, but nothing really conclusive.

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