



All Saints Magazine



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Editorial

Dear Friends

Welcome to our Christmas and New Year Magazine

Two very different months one of celebration and coming together as family and friends, we often end up eating and drinking too much and partying our way through December, then comes January a new year with a fresh start, often accompanied by resolutions to eat and drink better, to change some things and to renew and refresh our lives.

First we have a ponder on the giving and receiving of gifts, a look to the future from our church wardens.

We have a reminder of what is happening in our community this month with the opening of the museum room at Wyborne School, and new path in Southwood Park. This Christmas we will be trying to maintain all of our usual events but some services may require booking in or have number restrictions so please watch the website carefully.

Then we have a visit to Whipsnade Zoo and Drusilla's Animal Park

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

Please do see our website for what is happening week to week

www.allsaintsneweltham.org.uk.

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Joyful New Year

Annette (Vicar)

Thought of the day...

“You make a life out of what you have, not what you are missing.”

Curtesy of St. Edwards, Mottingham.

Gifts

You may have heard the phrase
Yesterday is History
Tomorrow is a mystery
Today is a gift
It's why it's called the present

It is a reminder that we cannot and should not worry about what we have done as we cannot change the past, we do not know what will happen tomorrow either, and as we all know when we have made firm plans God laughs.

The only time we can really know what is happening is right now.

How we react to each other and those around us really depends on where we are today, not where we have been or indeed where we are going.

Do we treat each day as a gift, I know I don't always, but even on the toughest of days we can, if we choose to look find the small rays of sunshine.

On the day of my mum's funeral, I sat in the garden of her house with my morning cup of coffee and gave thanks for the sunshine, for the plants growing there, for friends reunited albeit in grief, and took breath for what was a difficult, sad but also glorious day.

Some of life toughest things have their moments of quiet, or their moments of sunshine in the rain. These moments are the gift of today.

When all is well with the world we forget to cherish these moments, but when life is darker we need them all that much more.

Christmas is a time for giving gifts and I wonder how often we lose the true connection with this season because we are looking for the next present or the perfect gift for someone when actually the things that truly last cost nothing, and don't break the bank.

So let's try this Christmas to spread Gods love in the small things we can do

Be kind to one another and to others,

Listen to those around us, what are they really saying, or asking for

Be gracious with one another, bit back the cross word, let someone go in front of you, don't get cross even if others are.

Take time for one another, find time to reach out to those who might be lonely or alone.

Care for those who are in need, or hungry, or thirsty, or those who are sick.

Let's think about what we give and to who.

Can we give to the foodbank just that little bit more, can we support our church by giving something extra to help out, could we volunteer our time, or write letters, or collect shopping for someone.

Let's do what we can to help and to give.

God Bless

Annette

New Path for Southwood Park



On Friday 28th November the Friends of Southwood Park opened their new pathway, it was blessed and walked by myself. The path enables all users of the park access to the picnic benches as well as making walking in the park less of a muddy experience.

Rev. Annette

Churchwarden's Corner

The Mission Action Plan (MAP)

Over the last two years, Graham and I have used this space to update you on some of the progress that we have made on the MAP, in spite of the restrictions of the pandemic. The MAP now needs updating. A small group has been tasked by the PCC to update and revise the MAP so that a new version can be in place by April 2022. The seven people on the group are Annette, Ayo, Emma, Sharon, George, Liston and Neal. If you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like to be considered, please feel free to talk to any member of the group about them.

The Peace Garden at All Saints - update

You may recall that in June we first wrote about our plan to create a Peace Garden on land that runs from outside the Lady Chapel at All Saints to the back of the Vicarage Garden. To recap, 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 filled with perennial plants backed by evergreen flowering climbers; a garden full of different colour, scent and texture throughout the year.

During the summer months we managed to make a first clearance of the whole site. We also started to clear a large dilapidated shed, which is currently centre stage in the proposed courtyard garden and which has become an old curiosity shop of unsold items from previous jumbles as well as a retirement home for electric lawn mowers! During the winter months we are aiming to dig over the whole site thoroughly and remove the shed and its contents.

We will keep you in touch as we begin to put together a more detailed plan during 2022 of the design and construction of the Peace Garden.

We still need:

- a garden designer who would be interested in helping to develop the ideas and design of the Peace Garden
- more volunteers to help prepare the 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.

Contactless Giving and WiFi/Broadband

As an update to the contactless giving we trialled earlier this year, we have now purchased a contactless donation device called a "CollectTin" which will enable us to take donations via credit and debit card and raise important funds for All Saints. The purchase was made possible by a grant from Southwark Diocese which heavily discounted the cost of the device. The grant itself was triggered as a result of individuals from the parish attending an online seminar given by the Diocese on donations and online giving. The "CollectTin" will be prominently displayed on the left as you go into the main part of church. Currently the device will work offline, but once we have the WiFi/Broadband facility (please see below) this will then be able to work online.

To enable us to install WiFi/Broadband in the church we have submitted a formal application to the Diocese and now await their decision. Our thanks to Peter French for his research and submission on this. The installation of WiFi/Broadband will not only enable us to take donations online through the CollectTin device but will also allow us to video and stream our church services throughout the year so that anyone who, for whatever reason, cannot attend in person can still be included; a facility that for example could be especially useful for those unable

to attend funerals or weddings in person, or for those in the community who cannot attend the New Eltham schools' services that ASNE hold, especially during the Christmas period.

Neal and Graham would like to take this opportunity to send you our best wishes for a happy Christmas and for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Graham & Neal

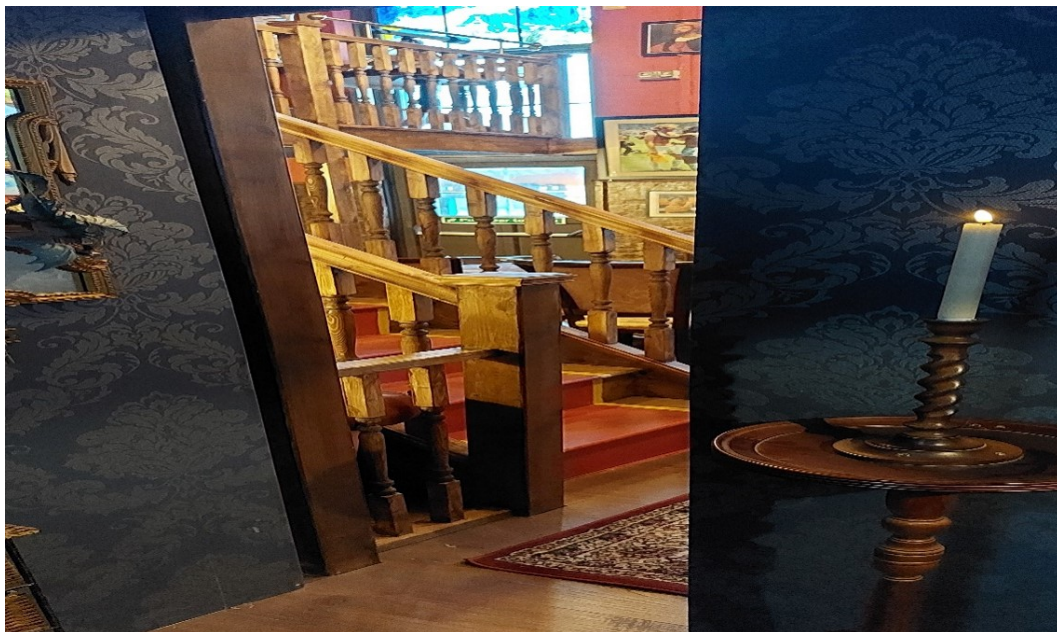
Wyborne Schools Secret

If you go to Wyborne school they have a secret. It's a room which is special and varied.

You go first into the desk room, what can you see



Is this it and then the room opens up





And there is the room beyond, a magical space to study and learn, filled with historic artefacts and books and all sorts of things. There is space to sit and read or draw, there are things from the romans right up to modern day. There are all sorts of bits of local history. It is truly special. If you would like to go and see this you can arrange through myself to meet with Mr Sargeant who would be absolutely delighted to show us round.

BUT..... we need your help, Wyborne have a community project which will last the whole of 2022 and would like to meet people in our community who have something they can show and talk about. It could be anything from a hat to war medals, or something from an interesting holiday. Or you could have been a pupil at Pope Street school and could tell something of those days. If you can help let me know and I will pass your details on to the school. Thanks.

Annette

Diary Dates for December 2021

Wednesday 1st	6.00 pm	Advent Course on Zoom
Thursday 2nd	10.00 am 5.30 pm	Dulverton School in Church Beavers Christingle (Private)
Sunday 5th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Monday 6th	am	Wybourne School Rehearsal
Tuesday 7th		Wybourne Yrs 1&2 Performance
Wednesday 8th		Wybourne School Rehearsal
	10.30-12.00	FairTrade Café
	6.00 pm	Advent Course on Zoom
Thursday 9th	am pm	Wybourne Yr 3&4 Wybourne Yr 5&6
Saturday 11th	10.30-12.30 7.00 pm	Coffee morning in Hall Concert by Eltham Choral Society
Sunday 12th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 15th	6.00 pm	Advent Course on Zoom
Sunday 19th	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Carol Service, with a few present at Methodists, CTNE Zoom.
Friday 24th		CHRISTMAS EVE
	4.00 pm	Crib Service
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass
Saturday 25th		CHRISTMAS DAY
	10.00 am	Family Communion
Sunday 26th		BOXING DAY
	10.00 am	Holy Communion

Diary Dates for January 2022

Sunday 2nd		EPIPHANY
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 12th	10.30-12.00	FairTrade Café
Thursday 13th	7.30 pm	CTNE Zoom meeting
Sunday 16th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 20th	7.00 pm	PCC meeting Zoom
Sunday 23rd	11.00 am	CTNE, Joint Service for Christian Unity at the Methodist Centre
Wednesday 26th	10.30-12.00	FairTrade Café
Sunday 30th	10.00 am	Holy Communion

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

Funerals

5th November Joan Dixon

3rd December Daniel Farrell

100 Club.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the 100 Club, it has enabled this valuable fundraiser to run for another year.

The October prize of £35 was won by Rosemary Ball (friend of Betty Macdonald), and Pam Piper won the £35 November prize.

Quiz Results.

The September Quiz prize of £16 was won by George Hare, and the October Quiz prize of £16.50 was won by Ruth Fancett. The winning entries were picked from all the correct entries received.

Fair Trade Café

The Fair Trade Cafés have started again in the Hall, from 10.30 to 12 noon on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Profits go to the monthly charity.

Monthly Charities.

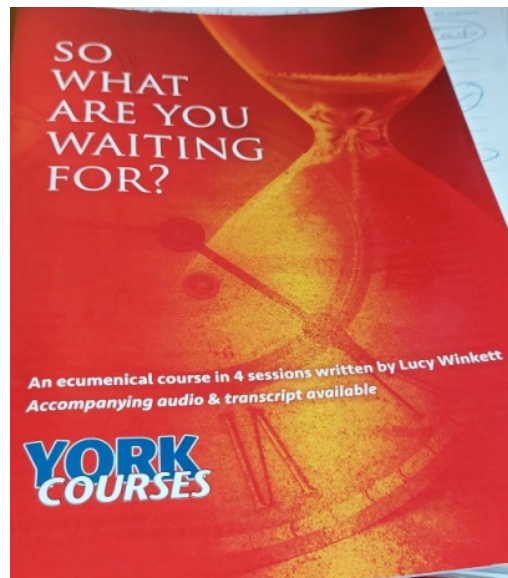
Our monthly charity for December continues to be the Children's Society.

The monthly Charity for January is Pennies for Penny (de Marcés/Everness), from our parish, to support her missionary work in Peru. Please place your donations in the wall safe by the main entrance. Or support the Wednesday Fair Trade Cafés. Thank you.

Churches together in New Eltham (CTNE)

CTNE has put together a number of events for Advent and into the new year.

An Advent 'York' Course 'So what are you waiting for'.



It has four sessions that we will record live on a Wednesday evening starting on 24th November at 6pm. The recordings will then be put on-line the following week for others to access. If you would like to participate in the live sessions or require further details please contact Rev. Annette.

Due to their technical capabilities the Methodist Centre will be hosting this year's Joint Carol Service on Sunday 19th December at 6 pm. Anticipating that COVID will still be about, a limited number of participants from each church will be invited to attend. Please see Annette if you are interested. Each participating church will pre-record the Carols and songs to be joined in with, and which will be interspersed with readings and prayers. The whole will be videoed to be available on-line.

The Joint Service for Christian Unity on Sunday 23rd January at 11am is also at the Methodist Centre this year and will replace All Saints usual Sunday Communion.

Bob Avery, Secretary, Churches Together in New Eltham (CTNE)

A Visit To Whipsnade Zoo

As a treat for Beryl's birthday the Garson family had a lovely outing to Whipsnade Zoo. There were four of us including Douglas's best friend Gavindar, who he has known since they were at primary school together.

After a long wait to travel through the Blackwall Tunnel and some excellent navigation by Gavindar using Simon's mobile phone we arrived at Whipsnade Zoo at about 11.30am. We took Beryl's wheelchair as we knew there would be too much walking for her to manage.

There was the most amazing opportunity to see giraffes as there was a ramp to a tower which enabled us to see them looking down. Here are some facts about giraffes: 5.7m - how tall they can grow, 2.4 m - the length of the neck, 30 kg a day - how many leaves they eat, 50cm - the length of the tongue and 56kmph - top running speed. They really are amazing animals. Apparently, they sleep in bursts of 15 minutes for about five hours a day and they can keep alert to any predators.

At the other end of the scale were the beautiful inhabitants of the Butterfly House. There was an incredible variety of butterflies including Plain Tiger Butterflies from Africa and Asia, Owl Butterflies from Central and South America, Blue Morpho Butterflies from the Rainforest and Postman Butterflies from Central and South America. It was lovely and warm within the house after the cold weather outside. Next to it was the aquarium, which had been opened in 2019 to enable visitors to explore the secret lives and the amazing adaptations of the world's freshwater fish.

Our other favourite creatures were the otters. It was the Oriental Small Otters, who delighted us when their keepers threw some food into the water for them and they swam about to catch it.

The animals at Whipsnade are divided into continents. Many of them are vulnerable and in danger of extinction. We did not see any lions, tigers, or elephants because they were either asleep or too far away. However, we did see some hippos, rhinos, pink flamingos, and a male ostrich in an enclosure. He strutted around as he thought he was the star of a wildlife film.

We advise anyone who wishes to visit Whipsnade to take a pair of binoculars with them as the paddock for many animals is vast.

We need to remember what an incredible world God created and use our best endeavours to appreciate all these creatures and ensure they are around for future generations.

Beryl & Simon Garson

We have not visited Whipsnade Zoo but have enjoyed Drucilla's in Sussex. A small zoo but very child friendly with low windows to enable small children and those in pushchairs to see the animals. We have also been to Colchester, larger than Drucilla's but with the same sort of view-points. We were able to feed giraffes at their level which was a real treat. Also in Sussex is a Rare Breeds Centre which we visited about 3 years ago. I had a lovely time with the guinea pigs and rabbits as well as a beautiful cockerel with iridescent green tail feathers.

Many years ago we visited London Zoo. It is vast and cannot be fully appreciated in a day. Some people think that zoos should be closed but some species would not survive if conservation was to be halted, and existing animals bred in captivity would not survive in the wild, so zoos are vital to their survival. Let us enjoy them while we can.

Barbara

Answers to the October Quiz sheet

A series of River related questions

1. Into which sea does the River Jordan Flow? **The Dead Sea**
2. The Murray-Darling is the longest river in which country?

Australia

3. Which river flows through the towns of Chatham, Gillingham and Rochester? **Medway**
4. On which river does Newbury stand? **Kennet**
5. The Okavango is the only permanent river in which African desert?

Kalahari

6. In which continent is the river Plate? **South America**
7. Which lake is the source of the White Nile? **Lake Victoria**
8. In which country is the Snake river? **USA**
9. On which river is the Kariba dam? **Zambezi**
10. Which river links St. Etienne and Nantes? **Loire**
11. Which is the second-longest river in the world? **Amazon**
12. Which river is straddled by the Bendorf Bridge at Coblenz? **Rhine**
13. In Greek mythology, which river surrounded the underworld? **Styx**
14. The River Tamar flows into the sea at which port? **Plymouth**
15. In which country is the Po river? **Italy**
16. On which river does Hanoi stand? **Red River**
17. Which English river has a bore? **Severn**
18. Which city lies at the mouth of the River Taff? **Cardiff**
19. In which US state does the Rio Grande river rise? **Colorado**
20. Which European capital stands on the River Vltava? **Prague**

Answers to the November Quiz sheet

The following are well known songs, but which musical/show do they come from.

1. 'There's no business like show business', 'You can't get a man with a gun'. **Annie Get Your Gun**
2. 'Memory (Midnight)', 'Mr. Mistoffelees'. **Cats**
3. 'One Night in Bangkok', 'I know him so well'. **Chess**
4. 'Mister Cellophane', 'All that Jazz'. **Chicago**
5. 'Don't cry for me Argentina', 'Another suitcase in another hall'. **Evita**
6. 'You're the one that I want', 'Greased Lightning'. **Grease**
7. 'This is me', 'From now on'. **The Greatest Showman**
8. 'Luck be a Lady', 'Sit down, you're rockin the boat'. **Guys and Dolls**
9. 'Aquarius', 'Good morning Starshine'. **Hair**
10. 'Close every door', 'Any dream will do'. **Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat**
11. 'Master of the House', 'Bring him home'. **Les Miserables**
12. 'I've grown accustomed to her face', 'Rain in Spain'. **My Fair Lady**
13. 'Surrey with the fringe on the top', 'Oh what a beautiful mornin'. **Oklahoma**
14. 'Where is Love', 'Food glorious food'. **Oliver**
15. 'The Music of the night', 'All I ask of you'. **Phantom of the**

Opera

16. 'Good Morning', 'Make em laugh'. **Singing in the Rain**
17. 'Ol man river', 'Can't help lovin dat man'. **Show Boat**
18. 'My favourite things', 'Climb ev'ry mountain'. **The Sound of**

Music

19. 'Bali Ha'i', 'Some Enchanted Evening'. **South Pacific**
20. 'Maria', 'America'. **West Side Story**

From the Archives — *snippets from the December magazine of 1941, price twopence (we don't have a copy of the January 1942 edition)*

HIGH ALTAR FESTIVE FRONTAL

An anonymous gift of a Festive Frontal—Dorsal and Riddle curtains is expected for Christmas. This will add greatly to the beauty and dignity of the High Altar and I am sure will be much appreciated. Our grateful thanks for this generous gift.

N.B.—Beginning on the first Sunday in December (i.e., December 7th) Holy Communion will be at 8.30 a.m. until further notice.

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

We are adding the figures of the animals to our Crib this year. The ass has been given. Contributions towards the cost of the ox (£2) would be very welcome.

WAIFS AND STRAYES—BOXES

Mrs Coleman—our Secretary—13, Longlands Road, Sidcup, would be glad to have boxes sent in as soon as possible. Boxes may also be handed in at Church or given to the clergy.

The "Church Logbook" for December 1981 Records:

Christmas Bazaar opened by the new warden of the sheltered accommodation, now opened and occupied by the Church. The completion of this work has really made a big difference to the look of the surroundings at the back of the Church.

Inter-Denominational service for disabled at All Saints to mark the end of "Year of Disabled".

And in January 1982 records:

Faculty granted by the Chancellor for the permanent removal of the Riddle Posts and the new position of the Altar in Church. The Riddle Posts are to be kept in safe keeping; and not disposed of.

Notes: 1) We are still using the festive frontal and the animals in the crib. The Riddle Posts are in safe storage.

2) Charity collections for the 'Waifs and Strayes' still continue today as this is a forerunner of 'The Children's Society'.

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