

All Saints Magazine



February-March 2022

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Editorial

Dear Friends

Welcome to our magazine for February and March

In February we naturally turn our thoughts to Valentine's day and love. St. Valentine was believed to be a Roman Soldier and priest who married Christian couples before their execution in the Colosseum. He is also the patron saint of those with epilepsy, and of beekeepers. Whilst we may not all be up for a bit of romantic love, it does us well to remember that God is love and loves us all. That to meet people with love is to be giving and gracious and generous both with our time and our things. To meet people with love is to pause before we speak, to forgive not once but seventy times seven times, and to truly be there for one another.

In March we turn our thoughts to Lent and will be running an online Lent course with churches together on a Thursday evening. Please consult our website for details as well as having daily prayer for Lent on our youtube channel.

It is interesting to look to our history as we too this Easter seek to relaunch our flower arrangements after the pause of the pandemic. If you can contribute either with arranging or paying for flowers, please let us know.

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.

God Bless

Annette (Vicar)

Churches together in New Eltham (CTNE)

At the time of the last meeting the COVID infection rates were sufficiently high that a joint churches indoor service was considered too risky and so the service scheduled for Sunday 23rd January was postponed until later in the year.

Instead we propose to hold the Joint Service as an Open Air Service and Picnic. It was suggested that Pentecost would be an appropriate date (Sunday 5th June at 3pm or 4pm), as this should be relatively COVID safe by then, and that for refreshment/seating etc logistical reasons the venue should be at All Saints Memorial Gardens (by the Church Hall). This would also prevent any clash of events that maybe taking place in Southwood Park to do with the Royal Jubilee celebrations.

Lent Course. Opening the Scriptures (Churches Together in England & Wales)

It was agreed to hold the above Lent Course by Zoom on Thursdays at 7.30pm on the 10th, 17th, and 24th March, with the Methodists, All Saints and Novar Christian Fellowship hosting a session each. This leaves the other dates in Lent for the Redeemed Christian Church of God-Victory Assembly and St. James-Mar Thoma to host additional sessions at times to suit them and participate if they are able. If you would like to participate in the live sessions or require further details please contact Rev. Annette.

Walk of Witness, Good Friday.

It should be safe enough to hold outdoor events by then so the Walk of Witness will start at 10am on Friday 15th April at Clare Corner (Junction of Green Lane and Footscray Road) and process down Footscray Road to the Methodist Centre, stopping by Wyborne School, outside the Co-op and Pope Street for each church to participate in the hymns and readings.

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

TV News

A few days before Christmas, BBC News was reporting on a display of Christmas lighting all over a house in Welling, where a retired clergyman was raising funds for charity, and decided to interview some of the visitors. It turned out to be our own Ruth Fancett with daughter Emily and grandson Max. Asked by a reporter if they were having an enjoyable time, Emily said 'that it was a wonderful experience'. It was very cold so let's hope they all thawed out quickly.

Birthday Girl!

Many of you will remember Iris Bennett, who, together with her husband Tony, was a stalwart member of All Saints for many years, but moved to live near her daughter 5 years ago and has been sadly missed.



Last week Iris celebrated her 90th birthday, surrounded by her family and had a lovely day. Iris was overwhelmed by the number of cards she received & was especially touched by all those from her “All Saints’ family” I have been asked to pass on her thanks & love to everyone.



Life

Today it's back to keep fit class
It's cold, my nose is red
Should I really venture out?
I'd rather stay in bed.

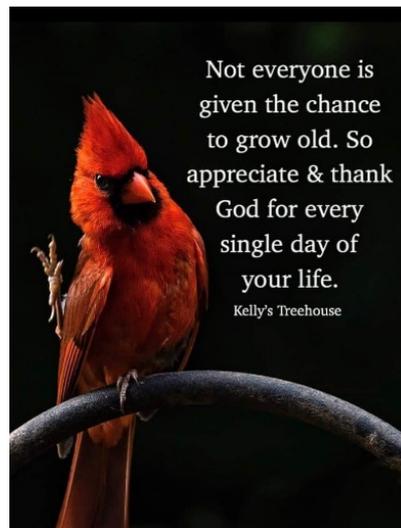
And is it really worth the pain
This leaping all about.
I'm aching every part of me
I think I've got the gout.

I really want to lose some weight
And take it off my tum.
I know I need the exercise
Not just sit on my bum.

But that is life, as you must know
If needs be we must suffer.
If pain and loss we can live through
It makes us all the tougher.

So now you know, my dearest friends
It's tough without a doubt.
All we can do is "do our best"
That's what life's all about.

E.J.M



Diary Dates for February 2022

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| Sunday 6th | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 9th | 10.30-12.00 | FairTrade Café |
| Sunday 13th | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 20th | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 9th | 10.30-12.00 | FairTrade Café |
| Sunday 27th | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |

Diary Dates for March 2022

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| Wednesday 2nd | ASH WEDNESDAY | |
| | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 6th | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 9th | 10.30-12.00 | FairTrade Café |
| Thursday 10th | 7.30 pm | CTNE Lent course on Zoom |
| Sunday 13th | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Thursday 17th | 7.30 pm | CTNE Lent course on Zoom |
| Sunday 20th | 10.00 am | Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 23rd | 10.30-12.00 | FairTrade Café |
| Thursday 24th | 7.30 pm | CTNE Lent course on Zoom |
| Sunday 27th | MOTHERING SUNDAY | |
| | 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

Baptisms

6th February, Zachary Oscar Spalding (Jan & Paul Clifford's Grandson)

Funerals

4th January, Louisa Treece

28th January, Denis Bickerton

2nd February, Joe Montague

100 Club.

The December prize of £175 was won by Paul Lawal, and Bella Broughton (Cynthia Peacock's Granddaughter) won the £35 January prize.

Quiz Results.

The November Quiz prize of £15 was won by Rita Mather, and the December Quiz prize of £16.50 was won by Lily Hutchins. The winning entries were picked from all the correct entries/ or the entries with the most correct answers received.

Parish Breakfast

Starting after the 6th February Service, we will return to serving tea and coffee in the Church Hall after the Sunday Services. All are welcome.

Lent Lunches

Soup and a roll, followed by tea or coffee is the usual fare, offered for a donation to charity, on the Fridays in Lent at 12.30 in the church hall. Please let Ruth Fancett know if you wish to participate, or help with preparation, as minimum numbers are required for this to proceed.

Fair Trade Café

The Fair Trade Cafés take place in the Savagge Room in the Hall, from 10.30 to 12 noon on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Profits go to the monthly charity.

Future Events

Tuesday 26th April, 10 am to 3.30 pm. Time to Pray day—A day of exploring different ways to pray with Amy Boucher Pye (Author) at All Saints. £25 per person including coffee and lunch.

Easyfundraising Update

Help us get 2022 off to a great start for All Saints CofE Church - New Eltham by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 6,000 retailers including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, ASOS, M&S and more. Plus, we will get a bonus £5 donation when you do! Sign up today - this will make a BIG difference to us this year: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=60OWMX&char=157405&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox

We now have 24 Supporters who have raised £714.34 so far to help with maintaining the church building. Unfortunately the cement fillet on the South Aisle roof has come away again, which if unrepaired will lead to internal water damage, so further funds are required.

Thank you for your fund raising efforts so far and please remember to nominate us your donation when shopping, at no cost to yourself.

Denis Bickerton

Denis returned to the UK in 2015, following some 30 odd years in South Africa, after the passing of his wife Marti in Durban, Denis decided the time was right to return to the UK.

Once he returned to the UK, Denis relocated to the London area, being close to the river Thames as the water was always strong in his heart, constantly talking about Plymouth and his time in the Royal Navy, it was clear he was passionate about it and secretly wanted to return to the coast one day.

Being the eldest of us all, Denis in his younger years growing up was always shadowed by Sandra on his outings with his friends, something he reminded us all of at times—playing football with your sister behind the goal, skimming at the pond—climbing trees with the call from below from Sandra to be careful—funny how some things never change—Sandra is now and always has been the sensible and cautious one, whilst the brothers would generally be doing something slightly daring.

Since relocating to London Denis settled and took to exploring the local area, using an app on his phone, educating himself on the plants and flowers of the park, never wandering far from the Thames, boat trips with Maria, days out to local parks and attractions, celebrating anniversaries with Simon and Beryl and above all driving us all mad with silly Tic Tok videos at some strange times of the day and night.

Even though he left South Africa behind he was very interested in affairs of the country, an avid spokesman to anyone silly enough to listen to his opinion on day-to-day toils of the country—I suppose when it's been such a big part of your life for 30 years, its hard to just let it slip away.

A kind and caring chap, gifting food from food parcels he received to others, referred to as Carl Fredricksen by the family, due to his uncanny resemblance to the character from the film 'UP', however we as a family think the character was actually based in him.

Kyle and I shared many many phone calls on the way home from work in fits of laughter, listening to him put the world to rights—the world according to Denis—Denis was excited for the birth of Kyle's son Magnus. Magnus was born the day before Denis passed, although he was absent minded and notable dates all seemed to merge into one for him he did send a gift for the birth of young Magnus, surprisingly in advance! Maybe this was his turning point to being organised! Our daily chats will be missed and it's a big charismatic pair of shoes to fill.

Answers to the December Quiz sheet

A quiz around the traditional Christmas season, but how much do you know?

1. On what date does the Anglian Season of Christmas finish? **5th January**
2. How many windows are there on an Advent Calendar? **24**
3. Which is the only book in the Bible to mention the Magi at the birth of Jesus?
Matthew (2: 1-12)
4. Why did Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem? **To pay Taxes/Census**
5. Which Saint's day is celebrated the day after Christmas day? **St. Stephen**
6. Which English leader banned Christmas in 1647? **Oliver Cromwell**
7. Who were Balthasar, Melchior and Casper? **The 3 Wise Men**
8. In Latin it's 'the Ilex and the Hedera', but what is the Carol in English?
The Holly and the Ivy
9. What fruit is used to make a Christingle? **Orange**
10. Often served at Christmas, what name is given to chipolatas wrapped in bacon?
Pigs in blankets
11. Of what is the 'Norfolk Black' a variety? **Turkey**
12. Which gift offered to the new born Jesus is also known as Olibanum? **Frankincense**
13. In the Christmas carol, how many ships came 'sailing in'? **Three**
14. What language was the carol 'Silent Night' originally written in? **German**
15. At what time on Christmas Day is the Queen's Christmas message usually broadcast? **3 pm**
16. From what vegetable is a snowman's nose usually made? **Carrot**
17. What is traditionally put on top of a Christmas tree? **A Fairie or Angel**
18. Who is said to have introduced the Christmas tree into the UK? **Prince Albert**
19. The Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square is an annual gift from which nation? **Norway**
20. What colour are the berries on Mistletoe? **White**

Answers to the January 'T' Time Quiz sheet

Can you work out what words the following clues describe? All the answers begin with T.

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| 1. A hot pepper sauce used as flavouring | Tabasco |
| 2. A pair of Hindustani small drums played with the hands | Tabla |
| 3. Commonly, a small sized newspaper | Tabloid |
| 4. Being reticent and uncommunicative | Taciturn |
| 5. Very thin Mexican pancake with meat filling | Taco |
| 6. Brass instrument with long slide bar | Trombone |
| 7. Italian pasta in long ribbons | Tagliatelle |
| 8. Very fine, sometimes perfumed, powder | Talcum |
| 9. A breed of long bodied pig with golden/red hair | Tamworth |
| 10. An enzyme that causes the blood to clot | Thrombin |
| 11. The spike of a fork | Tine |
| 12. The art of clipping trees into various shapes | Topiary |
| 13. The national flag of France | Tricolore |
| 14. An edible root of the brassica family | Turnip |
| 15. A clump of grass or reeds | Tussock |
| 16. An Italian restaurant | Trattoria |
| 17. Material you easily can see through | Transparent or Translucent |
| 18. The study of poisons and antidotes | Toxicology |
| 19. A first nations American war-axe | Tomahawk |
| 20. A constant noise in the ears i.e.ringing | Tinnitus |

Smile lines

Dust to Dust

You come from dust,
You will return to dust.
That's why I don't dust.
It could be someone I know.

Hymn or Humm!

What is green, happy and sings?
Lettuce with a gladsome mind!

From the Archives – snippets from the February magazine of 1942, price twopence

FLOWERS

At present flowers are an expensive luxury. The cost of our Altar flowers, except at Festivals, is borne by the limited number on the flower rota.

Several who cannot undertake to be on the rota have expressed their desire to take a share in providing flowers. This will make it possible to lighten the burden on the few and to enable others to help and also help to build up a reserve fund for the Festivals.

It is suggested that any who care to help, should give monthly, or as may be convenient, to a flower fund—say 3d., 6d. or 1/- a month. Gifts may be given to Mrs. Scates or Mrs. Norledge, or put in the box in church marked “Flower Fund”.

If such a fund were sufficiently supported, it could then be arranged that in expensive months like January and February, the altar flowers could be the gift of the congregation.

We don't have a copy of the March 1942 magazine, so here's an extract from Mr. Pond's Archive book of the time.

The Roll of Honour list that hung in the Church Porch giving the names of parishioners in the Forces was constantly being added to. To those who were fortunate to get home leave, how lovely it was to welcome them home again in their loved All Saints. The 7 o'clock Tuesday morning service was enriched by their presence. Often it was the occasion for the whole family to attend that service with the member of the family on leave to thank God for a safe return. There were times of deep emotion when the casualty list was read during the service, names of the dead—those wounded, in foreign hospitals, the prisoners-of-war, and those reported missing: that dreaded word could mean any one of the three mentioned above.

The “Church Logbook” for February/March 1962 records:

The Church floor has been mentioned in Architect's reports as being in need of repair and attention since 1961. Finally we have now been able to do this. The whole floor has been repaired and polished. Part of the cost has been obtained by the kindness of an anonymous donor.

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