

# All Saints Magazine



April-May 2022

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## **Editorial**

Dear Friends

Welcome to our magazine for April and May

It really does feel as spring has sprung as I write from the study with glorious views of blossom and temperatures in the mid twenties already. It is easy to have our spirits lifted in such wonderful weather and the time taken to have a cuppa and a pause outside give some respite from all the war and sadness in the world today.

We have been fortunate to be in touch with an organisation which is helping refugees from Ukraine and ultimately from further afield, they are able to come to church and collect clothing, toiletries and other things from our church and others are able to give what they have too.. We also have continued with our cash collection for Ukraine giving just short of £400 so far.

This also helps us to have church open and available for those who need it, several mornings a week, this is also meaning that there is access to church for all.

This April we have a day of prayer with Author Amy Boucher Pye, this includes all materials and accessories, tea, coffee and lunch as well as a goodie bag to take away (Cost £25)

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](http://www.allsaintsneweltham.org.uk).

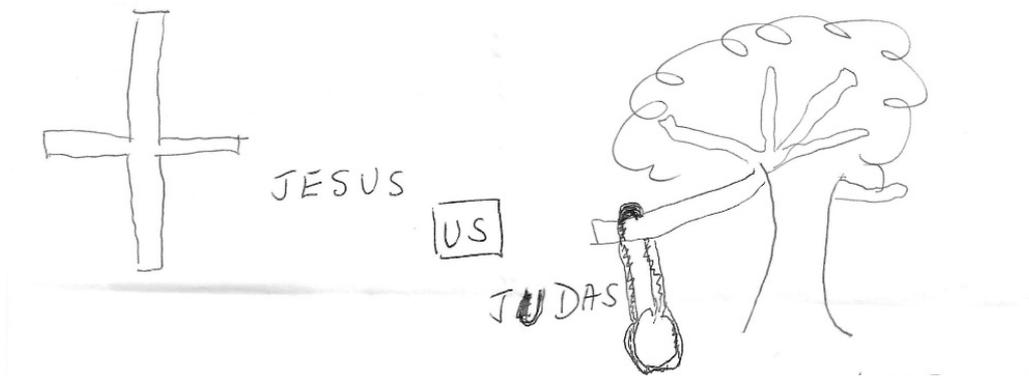
God Bless

**Annette (Vicar)**

### What's in a name?

We all have names, some we love and perhaps. Some we don't. In the New Testament there are two names which are very similar, Jesus and Judas. Why did Judas betray Jesus? Was he disappointed in the direction of the group and leadership? Was Judas' aim quite different? When he was approached to identify Jesus, which he did by a kiss, and for which he was to be paid, he agreed. However, afterwards, he felt terrible remorse, he knew he had done wrong and could no longer live with himself—he threw down the money and went and hanged himself. So he was not all bad. (a bit like us).

Many years ago as a Sunday School teacher, when we were to tell the story of Jesus' betrayal, I decided we would act it. In class of 10 year old girls was a small boy, a brother who wouldn't join a class of his own age; he was very quiet, very good. When giving out the parts I asked him if he would be Judas, he agreed, and I gave him a bag of money to hold. When it came to his part to be paid he threw down the bag with such force that the coins all spilled out and went down the gratings. There they lay to this day under the House of God, the good and the bad together, (a bit like us).



**E.J.M.**

## Letter from Iris Bennett

Thank you so much for your love and best wishes for my 90th Birthday. Theresa told me she had sent you the photos of the lovely day my family gave me. I was completely overwhelmed with all the love and kindness they showered me with. It started at 10 o'clock with coffee and a beautiful birthday cake that Issy had made and didn't end until midnight when I went to bed. Ed had come down from Bath for the day and Issy had delayed going back to Amsterdam so she could share in all the family celebrations. I felt so very blessed. There were four Bennett generations, for my darling little Great Granddaughter was there, Anthony would have been so proud of them all, I miss him so much.

Ed and Issy are both in their final year at Uni. Issy is staying on in Amsterdam to do a masters degree. Ed is completely opposite to her, he doesn't seem to make plans. A small architect practice have offered him a permanent post if he wants it.

Theresa and Chris are both keeping fit and well. Chris is retired, he was made redundant. He has spent the last year doing their house up and making it beautiful. He loves being a free agent.

Laura is happily married to Craig, a paramedic like her, and they have a little angel of a daughter name Eilidh. She is nine months old and adorable. Martin would have been so proud of her. They live ten minutes away from me so I see quite a lot of them.

I am not too bad. I have so many various surgery appointments, Theresa sorts them out for me. The main problem is my blood pressure. They can't seem to get it down. All they do is up my medication. I can't see a doctor, it is all online which Theresa takes on her phone. I am not worried I've got to 90 so what will be will be. The Lord will take me when he wants to.

I want to thank you so much for the beautiful card you got all of my friends at All Saints to sign. I miss them so much. St. Mary's here will never be the same. Fifty years in one church is so special it can't be replaced. Betty Mac sent me the magazine and I was so surprised to see me in it. It had to be you who organised that. What a special friend you are. Many thanks. I wish you all a happy and COVID free 2022, it still is quite rife down here but I seem to be okay. I have had all my jabs.

God Bless

Iris Bennett

## Connie Humphries

Constance Mary Sheehan was born in Ealing on 29th January 1929 to George Albert Sheehan and Florence Britannia Sheehan. She had 3 siblings, an older sister Kathleen, a younger sister Eileen both of whom sadly left this world far too soon and a younger brother John who sadly passed away a year ago. Mum was brought up a Roman Catholic and went to a convent school, she described the teaching as good but some of the Nun's needling lessons in basic kindness whilst the good ones were Angels. Her sister Kath was never one to toe the line or mince her words and as the story goes, often had her mouth washed out with soap and water.

Mum worked as a telephonist then she met Ernest Waterman. Her dad, who was a Company Sergeant Major in the Royal Engineers, often when on an overnight leave and some of his men couldn't get home, he would bring them to the house to have a hot meal. Ernie was one of those men. They married in 1948 and lived in Tooting, they had two children Raymond and Pamela unfortunately their life together was short and Mum was widowed aged 27 and was left not just to mourn but to support her young family. This time in her life was tough but made her strong and able to cope with most of the challenges that came her way. 2 years after Ernie's death she also lost her much loved dad. She settled into life supported by her family and Ernie's family.

Mum met William Humphries through Friends and they married in 1962 Still living in Fountain Road, Tooting she had 2 more children John and David. She unfortunately also had a miscarriage and lost twin girls. She also now had a new extended family in Scotland where many holidays were happily spent. The whole family later moved to a house in Southcroft Road Tooting. By then Mum was working as a playleader for Wandsworth council and eventually supervised their flagship Play Group. The play group was in a diverse area of Wandsworth, it ranged from big expensive houses, parents who could afford to employ nannies to look after the children, to those living in high rise blocks and the worst of social housing. All came to the play group, all were the same in mum's eyes. Mum and her co-worker Cath were loved and respected by all, they provided a service that was second to none. They would throw parties, cook Christmas dinner and go on outings. Mum was also a life line to lots of those young Mums, many had her home phone number and she would get phone calls at all hours. "Connie the old man's left me I can't pay the rent", mum would always know where they could go to get the help they needed. The more regular calls were about sick children. Mum always knew what to do, she could diagnose most infectious diseases over the phone and how long to quarantine for.

Mum had to eventually retire when Wally was diagnosed with Motor Neurones disease, a devastating illness. She again became a widow in 1996 aged 67. After Wally's death she decided to move to Sidcup to live closer to me, then later to New Eltham, she liked living in the village, she was near the train station had easy access to the buses. She loved to be able to visit friends and relatives, she rarely stayed in and was always out and about. She also started to attend here at All Saints church, she was grateful for the welcome she received and settled quickly into Church life. It meant a lot to Mum being part of Church again and I thank the congregation here for the part they played in this.

Mum was a bit of a legion loved and admired by many. She was always welcoming and good natured. Our lives as children were happy and full of friends, family and children. Here is just a small snapshot of what made mum.

She loved any and all sports and Wally was the manager come trainer of local football and cricket teams. Mum got involved in it all, whether it was watching and supporting, washing the team's football kit or the cricket team's whites. Mum herself played in a darts team and an outdoor bowling team and has the trophies to prove her success. Mum also loved to read, do a jig saw puzzle, crossword puzzles, play cards and a good game of scrabble.

Anybody was welcome at our house and there was always food and lots of it. Mum also had a bit of a reputation for producing a good buffet and supplied every Mayor of Wandsworth with a buffet or 2 for at least 20 years before she retired. Buffets or Teas would be supplied for visiting darts teams, cricket matches, parties and get-togethers not to forget half time oranges for the football teams.

Mum made a cooked breakfast every day for Wally who was a postman, he used to stop off at home half-way through his round often with another postman or 2, Mum always had a never-ending supply of eggs, bacon, black pudding, mushrooms and sometimes even kidneys.

She would always make her niece Lee a macaroni cheese as that was her favourite. Anyone visiting would have a piece of cake or if they were lucky a whole one to take home.

As for us children it's a running joke, I being the girl and seeing mum most days was lucky to get a slice of cake, Ray got a slice of cake and took home what was left of the cake, John would get a slice of cake and a whole cake to take home and then there's Dave being the youngest, the baby of the family and in need of looking after, he would get a roast dinner and a cake to take home.

When a young Ray was taken to the dentist and was in there for so long that mum got worried that poor Ray must be having treatment. Eventually after half an hour the dentist came out with him, only to tell Mum that he couldn't even get him to open his mouth". Mum said she was so ashamed she clipped him around the ear all the way home. I think she must have been exaggerating as I've never seen her raise her hand to any of us, but Ray might tell you different.

Ray featured a lot in her shame. She was ashamed again when we were out shopping and Ray being a scruffy boy and always looking a bit grubby at the best of times refused to go in another shop and sat outside to wait. Some kind person took pity on this poor boy and dropped some money in his lap. Mum again was beside herself with shame.

Being, so ashamed! Was a running theme in some of her stories. She was so ashamed when she found out Ray and I used to go begging. HER WORDS, not ours. We actually made Guys for penny for the Guy, she was even more ashamed when she found out the most lucrative spots were setting up outside the dogs or the fountain pub. You can imagine her shame when John and David some years later were featured in the local paper with their Guy doing exactly the same thing. We were not allowed to swear as you can imagine. Certain other words were banned when we were young, bogies, snot, and fart. But of course as adults we would slip these in to conversation when she least expected them. Her moral outrage was so funny, we would wind her up regularly.

Mum loved to drive she came to it later in life but enjoyed every minute of it. She had a little yellow fiat sports car, but oh, you wouldn't want to drive with her, not that she was a bad driver she was actually a very good driver. But my very proper Mum had a personality change when in a car. If you cut her up or did something dangerous she would wind the window down, she didn't swear that would be very unladylike but let us say she did have a large and very varied selection of very interesting hand signals. You'd have to see it to believe it. Mum cared for her family 100%, she was a fantastic Nan, her grandchildren and later her great grandchildren were everything to her, she was so proud of each and every one of them. But Mum was a Carer in the broader sense, always looking after people, friends, family, neighbours even strangers. She did small acts of kindness whenever and where ever they were needed. She looked after many when they were very ill and to the end. She always put others first.

We were very lucky to have her and have her for so long.

She will leave an enormous void in our lives.

We will miss her greatly but we will never forget her.

She will be talked about and remembered always with pride and love.

## Nan

Nan was special, she always had time for people. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were everything to her, she was interested and took joy in everything we did and was very proud of us all. She loved her family dearly and treasured every phone call, visit and family get together.

Nan enjoyed listening to music-very loudly, she had classic FM on every day. She liked a good drama or comedy on the TV and watched any quiz programme available. She had a passion for sport of any sort, football, tennis, bowls, darts, cricket, rugby, snooker, athletics and the list goes on. Nan's other passion was reading, she had difficulty sleeping so read 4 books a week, it took a long time in the library to find books she hadn't read, she even had a black book listing all the books she'd read in alphabetical order.

Nan always liked playing with us as children, she was a fun Nan and enjoyed every minute she spent with us, as we did with her. As adults we all still enjoyed a game of cards or scrabble with Nan or just popping a few pieces in her latest puzzle. She was always interesting to talk to, she had loads of stories about her life and had a fantastic sense of humour.

Nan enjoyed life and yes she had her share of changes and challenges along the way, but she just got on with it.

In the last year Nan lost her younger brother John and her niece Lee both of whom she loved dearly and missed greatly.

We will all have special memories of Nan and will treasure them always. Nan wouldn't want us to be sad for too long, she'd want us to live life to the full just as she did. She will live in our hearts forever.

## Diary Dates for April 2022

|                |                        |  |
|----------------|------------------------|--|
| Sunday 3rd     | 10.00 am<br>2.00 pm    | Holy Communion<br>Baptism Nellie & Harry Wilson  |
| Saturday 9th   | 6.00 pm                | Supper for all in Church Hall                    |
| Sunday 10th    | <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>     |  |
|                | 10.00 am               | Holy Communion                                   |
| Tuesday 12th   | 7.00 pm                | Stations of the Cross                            |
| Wednesday 13th | 10.30-12.00<br>7.00 pm | FairTrade Café<br>Tenebrae                       |
| Thursday 14th  | <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> |  |
|                | 11.00 am<br>8.00 pm    | Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion                 |
| Friday 15th    | <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>     |  |
|                | 10.00 am<br>2.00 pm    | CTNE Walk of Witness<br>Service of the last hour |
| Sunday 17th    | <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>   |  |
|                | 10.00 am               | Easter Service and first Communion of Easter     |
| Thursday 21st  | 7.30 pm                | PCC Meeting                                      |
| Sunday 24th    | 10.00 am               | Holy Communion                                   |
| Tuesday 26th   | 10.00-3.30 pm          | Time to Pray Day                                 |
| Wednesday 27th | 10.30-12.00            | FairTrade Café                                   |
| Thursday 28th  | 7.30 pm                | CTNE meeting, All Saints                         |
| Saturday 30th  | 2.00 pm                | Wedding, Charlotte Dinnadge and Aiden Hayes      |

## Diary Dates for May 2022

|                |                      |  |
|----------------|----------------------|--|
| Sunday 1st     | 10.00 am             | Holy Communion   |
|                | 12.00 pm             | Baptism Grayson Terrelong  |
| Tuesday 3rd    | 11.00 am             | Holy Communion   |
| Friday 6th     | 2.00 pm              | Baptism Chloe Voller   |
| Sunday 8th     | 10.00 am             | Holy Communion   |
| Tuesday 10th   | 11.00 am             | Holy Communion   |
| Wednesday 11th | 10.30-12.00          | FairTrade Café   |
| Friday 13th    | 1.00 pm              | Funeral Vera Owen  |
| Saturday 14th  | 1.45 pm              | Wedding, Conner Stretton and Maisie Walker   |
| Sunday 15th    | 10.00 am             | Holy Communion   |
| Tuesday 17th   | 11.00 am             | Holy Communion   |
| Sunday 22nd    | 10.00 am             | Holy Communion with Speaker Sophie Samways from the Children's Society, followed by APCM |
| Tuesday 24th   | 11.00 am             | Holy Communion   |
| Wednesday 25th | 10.30-12.00          | FairTrade Café   |
| Thursday 26th  | <b>ASCENSION DAY</b> |  |
|                | 11.00 am             | Holy Communion   |
|                | 7.30 pm              | Holy Communion   |
| Sunday 29th    | 10.00 am             | Holy Communion   |
| Tuesday 31st   | 11.00 am             | Holy Communion   |

Do please check our website for any immediate changes.

## **Parish Pump**

### **Weddings**

30th April Aidan Hayes and Charlotte Dinanadge

14th May Conner Stretton and Maisie Walker

### **Baptisms**

6th February Zachary Spalding

20th March Elsie Dobson

3rd April Nellie Karen & Harry John Wilson

1st May Grayson Terrelong

6th May Chloe Voller

### **Funerals**

11th March Connie Humphries.

22nd March Stewart Lawson

25th March, Maria Kanti

12th April Frank Walker

13th May Vera Owen

### **100 Club.**

The February prizes of £35 and £30 were won by Emma Lewis and Graham Dix respectively and Liston Siregar won the £35 March prize.

### **Quiz Results.**

The January Quiz prize of £16 was won by Rita Mather, and the February Quiz prize of £13 was won by Eda Comb. The winning entries were picked from all the entries with the correct answers received.

### **Fair Trade Café**

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

### **Monthly Charity**

Our monthly charity for April is the Ukraine appeal.

The monthly Charity for May is Christian Aid.

### **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.

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

The Lent Course “Opening the Scriptures” was held by Zoom sessions 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.

We hope people will feel safe enough to take part in the Walk of Witness, as it’s an outdoor event, that will start at 10am on Good 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.

We propose to hold a Joint Open Air Service and Picnic during Pentecost, (details later), as this should be relatively COVID safe by then. The venue is at All Saints Memorial Gardens (by the Church Hall), to allow easy access to refreshments and seating. This would also prevent any clash of events that maybe taking place in Southwood Park to do with the Royal Jubilee celebrations.

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

### **Smile Lines**

Apple watch for sale, hardly used, used to belong to my Granny Smith, presented to her at a Royal Gala in Braeburn.



### **How old am I?**

I’m at that age where my mind still thinks I’m 29,  
My humour suggests I’m 12,  
While my body mostly keeps asking if I’m sure I’m not dead yet.

### Answers to the February Quiz sheet

How well do you know your TV Series and Soap Operas.

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|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. Who played the pub landlady Peggy Mitchell in <i>Eastenders</i> ?                                 | <b>Barbara Windsor</b>          |
| 2. Who's catchphrase was 'I don't believe it' in <i>One Foot In the Grave</i> ?                      | <b>Victor Meldrew</b>           |
| 3. What was the name of the pub in Coronation Street?  | <b>Rover's Return</b>           |
| 4. Who was always coming up with 'cunning plans'?  | <b>Baldrick</b>                 |
| 5. Which TV detective uses 'little grey cells'?  | <b>Hercule Poirot</b>           |
| 6. Whose TV Characters included Mr Angry of Mayfair and Marcel Wave?                                 | <b>Kenny</b>                    |
| <b>Everett</b>   |                                 |
| 7. Who longed to become a Yellowcoat in <i>Hi-De-Hi</i> ?  | <b>Peggy Ollerenshaw</b>        |
| 8. Who played Jim Rockford in <i>The Rockford Files</i> ?  | <b>James Garner</b>             |
| 9. What was the name of the family in <i>Bread</i> ?   | <b>The</b>                      |
| <b>Boswells</b>  |                                 |
| 10. At which residential establishment was Manuel the waiter?  | <b>Fawlty Towers</b>            |
| 11. What was the name of Hyacinth Bucket's long-suffering husband in <i>Keeping Up Appearances</i> ? |                                 |
| <b>Richard</b>   |                                 |
| 12. Who played Audrey Fforbes-Hamilton in <i>To The Manor Born</i> ?                                 | <b>Penelope Keith</b>           |
| 13. Kathy Burke played Waynetta Slob but who played Wayne?   | <b>Harry Enfield</b>            |
| 14. Which TV show features 'Dictionary Corner'?  | <b>Countdown</b>                |
| 15. Which TV detective was confined to a wheelchair?   | <b>Chief Robert T. Ironside</b> |
| 16. Who promised: 'The world is your lobster' in <i>Minder</i> ?                                     | <b>Arthur Daly</b>              |
| 17. Wendy, Scoop, Muck and Dizzy are friends of whom?  | <b>Bob the Builder</b>          |
| 18. What was the name of Boycie's wife in <i>Only Fools and Horses</i> ?                             | <b>Marlene</b>                  |
| 19. What is Edina's surname in <i>Absolutely Fabulous</i> ?  | <b>Monsoon</b>                  |
| 20. Helen Mirren played police officer Jane Tennison in which TV series?                             | <b>Prime Suspect</b>            |

### Answers to the March Quiz sheet

Some questions on Sport

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|---|--------------|
| 1. Which Scottish rugby player married a TV sports presenter in 2001?   | <b>Kenny</b> |
| <b>Logan</b>  |              |
| 2. As whom is Edson Arantes do Nascimento better known?                 |              |
| <b>Pele</b>   |              |
| 3. Which British ski jumper was ironically nicknamed 'The Eagle'?       | <b>Eddie</b> |
| <b>Edwards</b>  |              |
| 4. What is the term for an over in cricket where no runs are scored?    |              |
| <b>Maiden</b>   |              |
| 5. In boxing which is heavier—featherweight or flyweight?               |              |
| <b>featherweight</b>  |              |
| 6. How many players are there on a basketball team?                     |              |
| <b>Five</b>   |              |
| 7. Which jockey beat cancer to win the 1981 Grand National on Aldaniti? | <b>Bob</b>   |
| <b>Champion</b>   |              |
| 8. Of what sport is Sergio Garcia a leading exponent?                   |              |
| <b>Golf</b>   |              |
| 9. How many frames are there in a game of tenpin bowling?               |              |
| <b>Ten</b>  |              |
| 10. In which county is Silverstone motor-racing circuit?                |              |
| <b>Northamptonshire</b>   |              |
| 11. What nationality is ex-Formula One Champion Niki Lauda?             |              |
| <b>Austrian</b>   |              |
| 12. In which city is the Ashton Gate football ground?                   |              |
| <b>Bristol</b>  |              |
| 13. At what sport did Richard Meade represent his country?              | <b>Show</b>  |
| <b>Jumping</b>  |              |
| 14. Which country's rugby union team plays at Lansdowne Road?           |              |
| <b>Ireland</b>  |              |

15. Edgbaston cricket ground is in which city?

**Birmingham**

16. Which football club plays at The Valley?

**Athletic**

**Charlton**

17. Which boxer was nicknamed "The Louisville Lip"?

**Ali**

**Muhamed**

18. What sport takes place at the Daytona circuit in the USA?

**Racing**

**Motor**

19. In Which game would you use a 'spider'?

**Snooker**

20. Where was the 2004 Olympic Games held?

**Athens**

### **Questions that didn't make the quiz**

**Q.** Name three fish that begin and end in 'k'?

**A.** Killer Shark, Kippered Haddock and Kilmarnock.

But Kilmarnock isn't a fish. Yes it is, it's a place (Plaice)!

**Q.** Name four sports that have a net but no ball?

**A.** Badminton, Ice Hockey, Fishing and Boxing.

But Boxing doesn't have a net! The lady walks around the ring between rounds holding a board, she's Annette.

**From the Archives** – *We don't have a copy of the April or May 1942 magazine, so here's an extract from Mr. Pond's Archive book of the time.*

The morale on the "District Home Front" was excellent in spite of the many disturbed sleepless nights and anxious days. Every able-bodied man and woman had some special part time war effort to do.

The highly organised night Fire Duty was one of the many essential duties undertaken by civilians. Father Norledge and his Curate Rev. Roy Hicks were members of the local branch of Fire Fighters. Extra to his local commitment the Rev. Roy Hicks with a number of All Saints boys who were 16 years old, volunteered for Fire Fighting duty at Southwark Cathedral each Wednesday night.

The war news in the Far East was very critical. Both China and Burma had been overrun by the Japanese. Singapore also was being hard pressed by the Japanese. In the parish of All Saints there was great anxiety as for the safety of our two missionary sisters, Mrs Marion Leach (née Chapman) a missionary in China and her sister Josephine (Jo) in Burma.

All communications with the two countries were severed. From scanty information received by the London Headquarters of the S.P.G.\* Mrs. Leach with her family was making every effort to leave China, while Jo in Burma was engaged in escorting a crowd of refugees women and children fleeing from the Japanese on a 200 mile track to India.

\*Note: **S.P.G.**, The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was founded in 1701 as an overseas **missionary** organisation of the church of England.

*The "Church Logbook" for April 1982 records:*

Mrs Silvia Mayhew confirmed in office for her second year of office as Churchwarden.

Faculty granted for the overhaul of the Organ. Work commenced by Mr. Gregory Simpson. A promise given that the work would last no longer than one month. As it turned out, through much procrastination, the work was not completed until much later. Owing to the instability of the man doing the job, the last part of the job was given to Willis and Co. of Petersfield. They were appointed to take care of the Organ.

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