



All Saints Guildford

Joyfully Living Jesus

Welcoming Everyone

Growing Disciples Deepening Community



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If you'd like to feature anything in the magazine, we would love to hear from you! Articles should be emailed to **allsaintsmag@gmail.com** by the **15th of the previous month**. We like to keep content varied and interesting so almost anything goes. Please get in touch if you have any questions. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS SERVICES AND OPENING TIMES

Our pattern of services is as follows:

- ★ Morning Prayer takes place Monday to Wednesday at 9.15am in the church and via Zoom for anyone who would like this option.
- ★ A service of Holy Communion is held in church every Thursday morning at 9.30am.
- ★ An 8am service of Holy Communion is held in church on the first and third Sundays of the month (the third Sunday will use the Book of Common Prayer).
- ★ Our 10am Sunday services follow this pattern:
 - ◇ First Sunday: Café-style Altogether Worship
 - ◇ Second, fourth and fifth Sundays:
Church Family Communion with Children's Church
 - ◇ Third Sunday: Morning Worship with Children's Church
Note: Children's Church is term-time only
- ★ Each Sunday, we hold 'Tea-Time Church' at 4pm.
- ★ Each Sunday, we record the sermon and this can be found on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@allsaintsguildford



THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE



Over the past few months I've been thinking quite a lot about the people who have gone before us at All Saints; and particularly those who were instrumental in giving us the buildings we have today. It's an inspiring story.

Back in 1922 the rector of St. Nicolas' Church in Guildford paid £20 for a hut on the corner of Wilderness Road and Orchard Road – which became the first church building in Onslow Village. A few years later, in 1927, a larger building was purchased on the site we now use. The cost was £1000, and it was paid by the Revd John Skinner. By the late 1950s fund raising began for a new church – the building we now fondly refer to as 'All Saints' today.

The project was taken up in earnest by the then vicar of All Saints, the Revd Tom New. The congregation was faced with the task of raising £30,000, which was a considerable challenge at the time. But the goal was achieved, and our current building was consecrated on the 9th December 1967. Some of our present members at All Saints remember that time clearly – Jean and Tony Reed, Margaret Arni, Sheila Kirkland and others. They were among those whose faith and commitment realised their dream of a modern building in the heart of our parish.

Today we have reached the stage of fundraising for the Big Build project, and we will be launching our fundraising appeal on the 24th November, with a Gift Day. We hope to raise £300,000 of the £750,000 needed to substantially extend and improve our buildings. When completed, we will be able to offer an extended worship space, a 'hospitality area' in the current foyer, a catering size kitchen, three toilets and an enlarged office. It's a vision that has been developing over the past couple of years, and one that we long to become a reality in the next year or so.

So what is it for? Why are we embarking on this costly and demanding project? Well the reason is that we're following in the footsteps of those who have gone before us. Like them, we seek to provide a welcoming and hospitable space, which is fit for purpose in our generation. Like them, we want All Saints to be a community hub at the centre of our parish, welcoming everyone, serving the needs of people around us, and

standing as a beacon of light and hope for everyone – the light and hope that are to be found in Jesus our Lord.

So in this month of November I'd encourage each one of us to get on board with this vision; to pray daily that it will come to fruition; to ask the Lord how we can be part of this project ourselves; to consider how we might give financially to see this vision become a reality. Let's be inspired by those who have served faithfully in the past, and pray that we'll step up to the plate in our generation.

Wishing you every blessing,

Beverly

MISSION FOCUS: NORTH GUILDFORD FOOD BANK



The North Guildford Food Bank at St Clare's, Park Barn has been set up to provide temporary help for individuals and families in the Guildford area who are in need. Working alongside local agencies and churches, it wants to ensure that no-one goes hungry.

The food bank receives non-perishable food from local churches, supermarkets, schools and businesses to make up food parcels. Various agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, social services, the council etc then refer people who are experiencing short term financial difficulties.

Each Harvest time, the food bank sends out a list of items that they

would especially appreciate for their clients. We then post it on our weekly newsheet to guide us as to what is most needed, and it enables them to provide for their clients in the best possible way. We were so grateful for all the items that were brought to church, and the food bank were very thankful for the many bags and boxes of tins, jars, packets of food, etc that we delivered to them at St Clare's, Park Barn.

In 2023, it provided 1,709 food parcels, feeding 2,669 adults and 2072 children. The main reasons for needing help were unemployment and debt. The main referrers were Guildford Borough Council, Home School Link Workers and Citizens Advice.



In the two weeks before Christmas last year there was a huge increase in demand, serving 306 clients, compared to 200 in December 2022. It had some reserves in the bank so that they could buy more stock, in addition to food donations, which was needed on an almost daily basis. Monthly spend on food more than doubled in December and the usually healthy stock

levels were reduced to nothing for many foods. The food bank also provided Tesco vouchers in December, in addition to the food parcels, giving clients the opportunity to buy extra items for their families over Christmas.

As we begin to consider our own Christmas shopping and plan meals, it would be good to remember the extra demands which the food bank will experience. It is already beginning to start collecting a few extras for Christmas so if anyone is able to donate gift toiletries for men, women and children, they would love to receive them! Financial donations are also much needed and can be given by bank transfer or cheque.

Each week is posted online a list of much needed items. You can view this at northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk/weekly-updates/



Just a reminder that donations can also be given directly to St. Clare's Church (rear entrance) on Mondays 9:30 – 10:30am or via collection boxes at Sainsbury's Burpham, Sainsbury's Worplesdon Road, or Waitrose York Road.

For more information visit northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk

Carolyn Nicholls

...AND A THANK-YOU FROM THE FOOD BANK

"We just wanted to say a huge thank you to you and to all of All Saints' Church for the wonderful Harvest donations that were dropped down to us.

It was such a large and generous amount and we are ever so grateful as will our clients be!

Please pass on our thanks and warmest wishes to everyone at All Saints' Church. It's donors like you that help us continue to provide help to all those who need it in Guildford!

Many thanks again for all that you do."

Remembrance Sunday **Sunday 10th November**

10am All-age Communion with
uniformed organisations

4pm Service of Thanksgiving
for the bereaved



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FOR GOOD CAUSES

GIFT DAY FOR THE BIG BUILD PROJECT



On **Sunday 24th November**, we'll be holding our second 'Gift Day' for the Big Build project. The project will significantly extend our hospitality both within the congregation and for the benefit of the local community. We'll be extending the foyer area, putting in a large kitchen, enlarging the office, and including three new toilets.

We need to raise in the region of £750,000 to complete the project. We expect the money to come in the following ways:

- ★ Generous donations from congregation members and those who love All Saints
- ★ Grant funding from charities which support our vision
- ★ Fundraising events offered by our church congregation

At our Gift Day on the 24th November we hope to raise £300,000 as the first step in the process. Please give as generously as you can, to secure the future of our church buildings, and to provide for the generations of people who will come after us.

1 Chronicles 29:14

'All things come from you Lord, and of your own do we give you'

With many thanks for joining us in this exciting and inspiring project!

Beverly

How to give:

- ★ via bank transfer: Sort code 40-52-40, Acc: 00017975
(please use ref. Big Build) - *this can be for a regular donation or a one-off gift*
- ★ Cash or cheque to the office (Pay to 'All Saints' Church, Guildford' and please use ref. Big Build)
- ★ At our online giving page for the Big Build: bit.ly/build_donate
- ★ You can pledge a gift for a certain time in the future by emailing or talking to our treasurer Andy Wells
(treasurer@allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk)

Thank you for your generosity

MOTIVATION BY MUSIC CONTEMPORARY GOSPEL CHOIR (MBM)



*MbM in action at All Saints' Autumn Fair, September 2024,
led by Emily Bollon*

Our marvellous church magazine team asked me: “What’s it like to sing with the MbM choir?”

If you’d asked me this question before joining one of Emily’s choirs, I’d have burst out laughing: What, Annie sing in a choir?! I’d never sung apart from at parties and as a church congregation member.

My parents had moved from Cheshire to Guildford so I could support them more effectively. Mum had her first stroke and whilst on the road to recovery had a second one leaving her requiring 24-hour nursing care in a nursing home. Needless to say, all our worlds were turned upside down.

Then one day a ‘Morrow Pages’ magazine dropped through my letter box. An eye-catching advert interested me as it described a new choir starting locally.

I was struggling to adapt to being a carer to my dad and knew I needed something for my well-being. I was a juggler but not doing a great show.

Slight minor issue: could I sing? Emily says anyone can sing! Well, I have never looked back. I love singing tenor and quite often sing an octave lower.

I felt God had put this opportunity right in my path and how could I resist?

I was welcomed into a new family with mutual love, laughter, and a weekly escape by immersing myself in whatever gospel song we'd be singing. The privilege of being able to do this has helped me so much and I'll always be grateful to Emily for giving me this opportunity to discover singing

Interested?

Please use the link below and come along for a free trial:

forms.gle/M3T1DsxxHDc65Vim6

or email info@motivationbymusic.com.

What's it like to sing with the MbM choir?

- ★ Stimulating
- ★ Friendships
- ★ Social events
- ★ Amazing and Fun
- ★ Emily is a great leader
- ★ God is central
- ★ Opportunity to sing at events (optional)

Annie Twidell

www.parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/contact-your-mp/

THE STORY OF LONDON'S CITY CHURCHES

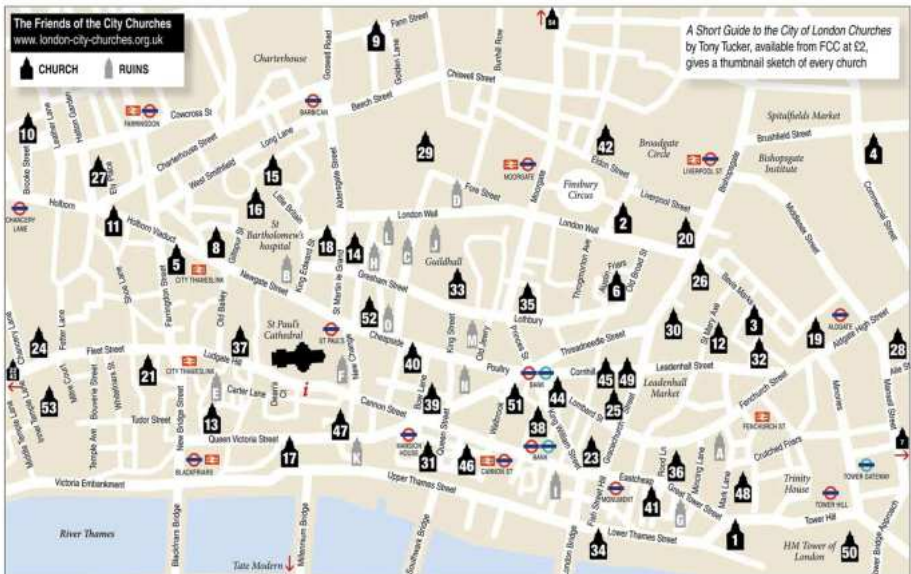
For hundreds of years the City of London was surrounded by walls and was home to thousands of people. They worked, had families and worshipped. Each small neighbourhood had a church, and within an area of one square mile there were a hundred churches.

The Great Fire in 1660 burnt 86 of these churches. Not all were rebuilt, but eventually 51 were replaced.

Times changed and people began moving into the new suburbs. By 1860 parliament passed the Union of Benefices. This reduced the number of parishes, and the surplus churches were demolished.

During the Blitz 18 churches were destroyed. Following the war the city was almost empty of people. In 1994 the Bishop of London published a report recommending the closure and reuse of a number of churches. These proposals reactivated a charity called The Friends of the City Churches who then organised watchers so that churches could open and receive visitors. The friends organised Zoom calls for their events, services and talks.

A communion is celebrated in a different church each working day for city workers. It's good to know these old churches are being looked after.



Churches

- 1 All Hallows Barking by the Tower
- 2 All Hallows London Wall
- 3 Bevis Marks Synagogue
- 4 Christchurch Spitalfields
- 5 City Temple (URC)
- 6 Dutch Church
- 7 English Martyrs (RC)
- 8 Holy Sepulchre without Newgate
- 9 Jewin Welsh Church
- 10 St Alban the Martyr
- 11 St Andrew Holborn
- 12 St Andrew Undershaft
- 13 St Andrew by the Wardrobe
- 14 St Anne & St Agnes
- 15 St Bartholomew the Great
- 16 St Bartholomew the Less
- 17 St Benet Paul's Wharf (Welsh)
- 18 St Botolph Aldersgate
- 19 St Botolph Aldgate
- 20 St Botolph Bishopsgate
- 21 St Bride Fleet Street
- 22 St Clement Danes
- 23 St Clement Eastcheap
- 24 St Dunstan in the West
- 25 St Edmund King and Martyr
- 26 St Ethelburga
- 27 St Etheldreda (RC)
- 28 St George German Lutheran
- 29 St Giles Cripplegate
- 30 St Helen Bishopsgate
- 31 St James Garlickhythe
- 32 St Katharine Cree
- 33 St Lawrence Jewry
- 34 St Magnus the Martyr
- 35 St Margaret Lothbury
- 36 St Margaret Pattens
- 37 St Martin Ludgate
- 38 St Mary Abchurch
- 39 St Mary Aldermary
- 40 St Mary le Bow
- 41 St Mary at Hill
- 42 St Mary Moorfields (RC)
- 43 St Mary le Strand
- 44 St Mary Woolnoth
- 45 St Michael Cornhill
- 46 St Michael Paternoster Royal
- 47 St Nicholas Cole Abbey
- 48 St Olave Hart Street
- 49 St Peter Cornhill
- 50 St Peter ad Vincula
- 51 St Stephen Walbrook
- 52 St Vedast alias Foster
- 53 Temple Church
- 54 Wesley's Chapel (Methodist)

Ruins

- A All Hallows Staining
- B Christchurch Greyfriars
- C St Alban Wood Street
- D St Alphage London Wall
- E St Ann Blackfriars
- F St Augustine Watling Street
- G St Dunstan in the East
- H St John Zachary
- I St Martin Orgar
- J St Mary Aldermanbury
- K St Mary Somerset
- L St Mary Staining
- M St Olave Jewry
- N St Pancras Soper Lane
- O St Peter Cheap

Angela Rose

All Saints' Church Hall

is available for children's parties on
Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
We offer a 4 hour party package for £90
(bouncy castle not included)



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"...and don't forget we're coming
into Nativity Play season – make sure
we have extra tea-towels in stock!"

A HARVEST ROUNDUP



Harvest Festival 2024 started with our Harvest Fish & Chips Quiz on Saturday 5th October. 65 of us gathered in the church to enjoy fish and chips whilst puzzling over the quiz set by Robin. Sadly, Robin is recovering from knee surgery so couldn't join us, but his son Justin and grandson Toby took up the reins and did a great job of stand-in quiz masters. Sylvia looked after the scoring and so it was a real Holdsworth effort!

Wafting away the smell of chips, we moved swiftly on to Harvest Sunday and three services: 8am Holy Communion, Café-style Altogether Worship and finally Tea Time Church. The children, and many of the adults, made some very lovely Harvest wreaths.

At all our services, we collected items for the North Guildford Food Bank, the picture below showing just a portion of the car boot full of goods that we delivered to St Clare's.



You'd think the vicar would be able to relax after the Sunday, but no. Between the Monday and Wednesday of our Harvest week, we had a further 629 people through the door! On the Monday, the year 3 and 5 children from Queen Eleanor's came with their teachers. Tuesday saw all the children from Onslow Infants and

then the children and staff from the Montessori Nursery. On Wednesday we welcomed the year 4 and 6 children from Queen Eleanor's.

When all the services were over, our Pastoral Team kicked into action sorting the harvest gifts ready for the food bank and also some additional gifts for people in our church family who have faced some difficult times this year.



What an amazing week, welcoming over 750 people through our doors to celebrate God's goodness to us at Harvest.



Adrian, Clare and Anna invite you to join them for a

Christmas social

Saturday 30th November

6 – 9pm

29 Elmside, GU2 7SH

Mulled wine and mince pies

Children's craft activities

Paper chain challenge

*Let Trish know if you have any allergies
(01483 563173)



FINANCE IS FUN

Our finance team is about to meet to start setting the budget for next year. I know we've only just had the autumn fair and are still waiting for fireworks, but the work of the finance team is never done!

We will be asking leaders in the church how much they think they will need in 2025 to keep our church running and, very importantly, growing, for our community.

We provide the budget holders with this year's actual spend and a proposed budget for next year to help guide them. To this they add in additional expenses they think they might need.

We then add this all up and make sure it meets the income we expect to have. Now, if it doesn't add up, then we all have a little chat ... and then it does!! Collaborative teams in action, I think they call it.

The income comes from generous donations from all of you, the hire of the hall and church, the rent from the property we owe, and wonderful Gift Aid. We also obtain significant income from our events. For example, the autumn fair produced a profit for our community work of £1,500 ... for the operational management amongst you, that's £500 per hour.

Next month I will be able to tell you about some of the important things we have used the church income for in 2024, so you can see how it is spent and the causes it goes to.

Finance definitely is fun because we make sure we have all we need to help our community in fellowship with God. Our team would be only too happy to talk to you about how it all works So please don't hesitate to ask.

*Andy Wells
Ordinand and Treasurer*

When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away your ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.

Corrie ten Boom

ALL SAINTS' ***YOUTH GROUP***

SAVE THESE DATES!



Sunday 20th October



Sunday 17th November



Sunday 8th December

NB. 2nd Sunday, rather than 3rd

5.30-7.30PM IN THE CHURCH HALL
FUN | GAMES | FOOD | CHAT

Contact jeanette.whiteman@gmail.com
Suitable for 11-16 year olds (at secondary school)

£2 SUGGESTED DONATION



from the register ...



Baptism

Luca Gene Prentki

29th September



Guildford Travel Club

travel for travel's sake

Guildford Travel Club's November talks: On **Tuesday 19th** Chris Lee - Francis, who's a big fan of seeing the world on a bicycle, will talk about cycling across Canada. A ride that broke no records or new ground but was full to bursting with the beauty and humanity the country has to offer.

Our meeting on **Tuesday 26th** is a members only social evening, with club member Jan Parsons taking us across Southern Europe to Ravenna, the capital of mosaics, seeking out awe - inspiring legacies of the Byzantine world.

Visit: www.guildfordtravelclub.org.uk for more details and our full programme.

We are friendly club, new members and visitors are welcome. Meetings are held at Onslow Village Hall, GU2 7QR. Contact our membership secretary: **Barbara Rogers 07899 868128** or email: info@guildfordtravelclub.org.uk if you wish to join the club or attend as a visitor

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Holly Barn, Bramley, Guildford GU5 0LR.



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All Saints' Patronal Festival

Sunday 3rd November

8am
Holy Communion



10am Cafe-style Altogether Worship



when we think of *all* the Saints!

6pm

Choral



Our choir will be leading us in this special service to celebrate our patronal festival.

Wine & Nibbles after, donations welcome.

Do come and maybe bring a friend

CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS



Christingle

Sunday 1st December

Café-style
Altogether Worship
10am

Tea-time Church
4pm



Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 15th December
at 6pm



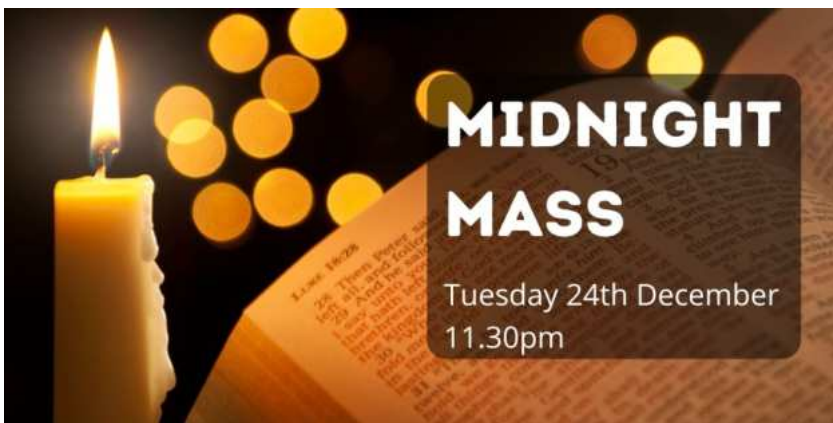
FAMILY COMMUNION & NATIVITY

Sunday 22nd December
at 10am

An illustration of a nativity scene set against a dark blue night sky with stars. In the center is a stable with a thatched roof. To the left, a king on a brown horse leads a white ox and a white sheep. In the center, Mary is seated with the infant Jesus in her arms. To the right, another king on a brown horse leads a white ox and a white sheep. A wooden chest sits on the ground in front of the stable. Two palm trees are on either side of the stable.

Crib Service

Tuesday
24th December
at 4pm

A lit candle with a bright flame is on the left. In the background, there are several out-of-focus yellow and orange bokeh lights. An open book with text is visible in the foreground, partially obscured by a dark grey rounded rectangle containing text.

MIDNIGHT MASS

Tuesday 24th December
11.30pm

A stylized white Christmas tree with a bright star on top and a string of white lights. The background is a dark red gradient with a white wavy line at the bottom.

Christmas Day

All-Age Church Family Communion
at 10am

ALL AT SEA

Have you ever been left *high-and-dry*, felt *pooped* when you were *under-the-weather* or *bearing-up* as you recovered; become a *dab-hand* at *learning-the-ropes*, enjoyed an unexpected *windfall* to *tide-you-over*, or been asked to *pipe-down* or *change-tack*? You have! Then you're closer to our living nautical heritage than you might have realised. For such expressions, and many more, are still common parlance onboard sailing ships at sea. Something I rediscovered this August, when I shipped aboard the three masted gaff schooner BLUE CLIPPER, as guest crew to sail from Falmouth to La Coruña in Spain.



Once my kit was stowed, I was assigned to Blue Watch for four hours on, six-eight off, day and night, as we tacked across an uncharacteristically benign Bay of Biscay. Ocean passage-making out of sight of land is all about predicting, then chasing the varying wind patterns, working together as a team to change sail, make and mend, steer, navigate and keep a lookout across a seascape that is mostly bereft of life. We did spot the occasional breaching fin

whale, and one pitch-black midnight I was called to the foredeck to witness a school of short-beaked common dolphins effortlessly keeping pace around us as they fed on a shoal of sardines – a magical moment!

But mostly, life on board a traditional sailing ship is simply about tuning in to the rhythm of the restless sea. An unvoiced spirituality that Longfellow captured so well:



*“My soul is full of longing for the secret of the sea,
and the heart of the great ocean sends
a thrilling pulse through me.”*

Longings and thrills aside, grabbing some shut-eye (when you can) and eating (if you can) are high priorities. If the weather is kind, there's time off-watch to lean on the rail and reflect on life much as Byron did on his many sea voyages:

*O'er the glad waters of the dark blue sea,
Our thoughts as boundless, and our souls as free,
Far as the breeze can bear, the billows foam,
Survey our empire, and behold our home!*



And truly an empire it is on which our floating home often seems a diminutive speck as the restless waves roll in from the Atlantic. Otherwise, it's about learning to heave, belay or make fast in unison to the stentorious commands of our watch leader. Ahh the unique entity that is a modern-day watch leader, on a traditional sailing vessel! As with the first mate and skipper, they convey an air of dedication to a timeless tradition born of Britian's proud sailing heritage. But it goes further than that. I was left with a sense that these highly skilled sailors are only truly contented out

at sea plying their trade, well away from the tribulations, puzzling confusions and ill disciplines of shore-bound life.

All too soon the leading lights of La Coruna pierced the night sky and we anchored at dawn for the last time. With some 600 nautical miles under our belt there was a mutual sense of disappointment tinged with loss as we rode the final dingy to shore, casting wistful, silent glances astern at BLUE CLIPPER as she snubbed gracefully at her anchor, tantalising us with the promise of fresh adventures, should we ever return.



Revd Paul Fenner

Forgiveness is a funny thing – it warms the heart and cools the sting.

William A Ward

MEN'S WELLBEING GROUP



Men's Wellbeing
Group

All Saints is a growing pastoral church with a multi-generational congregation and changing demographic within the community of the parish.

The Men's Wellbeing Group is here to meet the needs of both this congregation and the community, building upon the Men's Coffee Morning run by Richard Pointer. The group is open to any man over 18 years.

We have started as a small informal group to talk about the interests and needs of those who attend and gradually build upon the structure.

Those leading this group initially are Andy Wells, Christian Bravery and Paul Fenner and we are seeking others to help grow the team!

As we discuss further we might - or indeed hope to - see mini groups form, which would be marvellous. Here are some ideas that we have received from some of the men we have spoken to. Think of it as how this might evolve over the next 12 months so this may be what it looks like this time next year!

Age Centred Mini Groups

- ◇ 18 to 29 years : mainly single, career starters, graduates, apprentices
- ◇ 30 to 50 years: fatherhood, remaining single, career centred, carer
- ◇ 51 to 65 years: retirement thinkers, empty nesters, life rethinkers
- ◇ 66+ years: retired, volunteers, grand parents

Issue Centred

- ◇ Career based: decisions on career, appraisals, job interviews, under-performance, career change
- ◇ Health based: mental well being, physical health, growing older
- ◇ Parent based: young people / children, social media challenges, adolescent children, balancing career and home life, stay at home parenting, further education
- ◇ Retirement based: pensions, time on your hands, hobbies and interests, volunteering

Men's Issues

Whilst we were researching for the group, we asked about things that

were important to men these days. Here is what they said:

Physical and Mental Health

A safe space for men to talk about their physical and mental health which would normally be a closed subject. This might include testicular and prostate cancer awareness, work and home anxiety pressures, the need to perform financially at work and the desire to be at home to create a better work/life balance.

Work Related Issues

This enables a sharing of own experiences at work. Perhaps those with experience in this field will be able to help those who need it and it could become a self-help group. This might range from interview techniques to job applications for those seeking new roles. Leadership skills are complex and there is a wide range of this knowledge within our community. Leadership is often a lonely place, and the group can offer relief from this. This might even include a person who is under underperformance or indeed redundancy stress whilst still having the need to provide for the home.

Younger Generation Issues

Concerns facing the younger generation are very different to those 20 to 30 years ago. These include acknowledging you are a Christian to your peers, climate change, their own sexuality and gender, food poverty, mental health, homelessness and money. The older generation of the group will be able to learn from these concerns and also provide help.

Relationship Issues

This might include partner issues, young people issues, the role of the man in the provision for the home and family and in modern equality times being the second provider in the home behind the partner.

It may include the influence of social media on young people, the values important to youth today, gender and sexuality influences on them.

New Found Faith

This will help men grow in faith and walk with them on this journey. Learning to share decisions men have to take with God is a large step for some men that the group can help with. Equally a man's struggle with faith is also an area the group will be able to help with.

The church is able to offer many resources and the group can assist in making these available to those who seek it and other groups they might

wish to join. It may also include taking faith further in occasional preaching, lay leadership and ordination.

The group may also establish a Bible Study Group for men if there is a need for this.

Society for a Christian Man

The increasing secular world may be challenging the life a Christian man wishes to lead. The group can assist in helping the person find time for God in a busy work and home life. There are a number of resources that can help which the group can help the person identify.

We already have over 20 men in the group and there is a place for everyone. If you would like further information and would like to come to our future event, then please just speak to Andy Wells, Christian Bravery or Paul Fenner. We'd be delighted to help you.

*Andy Wells
Ordinand and Treasurer*



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- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
 27 See 18 Across

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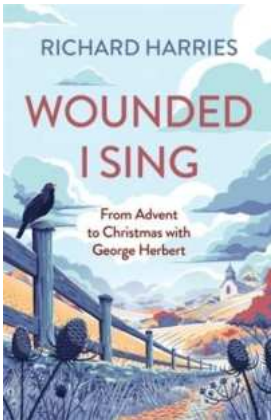
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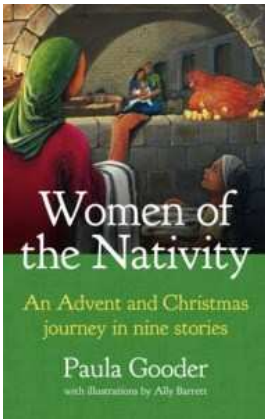
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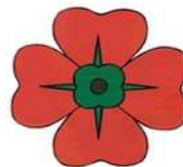
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3rd Nov All Saints Patronal Festival	Holy Communion Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 21:1-6a and John 11:32-44	Altogether Wor- ship Café Style Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 21:1-6a and John 11:32-44	6pm Choral Evensong
10th Nov Remembrance Sunday		All-Age Commu- ion, with uni- formed organisa- tions. Psalm 46:1-7, Ephesians 6:10-17 and Luke 6:27-31	Service for the Bereaved Psalm 23, 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
17th Nov 2nd before Advent	BCP Communion Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrew 10:11-14 (15-18)19-25 and Mark 13:1-8	Morning Worship with Children's Church Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrew 10:11-14 (15-18)19-25 and Mark 13:1-8	Tea Time Church Daniel 12:1 -3, Hebrew 10:11-14 (15-18)19- 25 and Mark 13:1- 8
24th Nov Next before Advent and Christ the King Gift Day for the Big Build		Church Family Communion Deuteronomy 14:22-29, 2 Corinthians 9:6- 11 and Mark 12:41-44	Tea Time Church Deuterono- my 14:22- 29, 2 Corinthi- ans 9:6-11 and Mark 12:41 -44



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - NOVEMBER

Friday 1st, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Saturday 2nd, 6.00pm	Bonfire & Fireworks Night
<i>Sunday 3rd</i>	<i>All Saints' Patronal Festival</i>
Monday 4th, 12.30pm	Women's Bible Study Group
Tuesday 5th, 7.30pm	Altogether Worship Planning
Wednesday 6th, 10.30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Wednesday 6th, 5.30pm	Mission Vision Group
Thursday 7th, 7.30pm	Young Adults Study Group
Friday 8th, 9.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
Saturday 9th, 8.30am	Prayer Breakfast
<i>Sunday 10th</i>	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>
Monday 11th, 10.00am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Monday 11th, 12.30pm	Magazine Team Meeting
Monday 11th, 4.00pm	Barnabas Group
Monday 11th, 6.30pm	Big Build Steering Group
Tuesday 12th, 12.30pm	Vision Group Chairs with Lunch
Tuesday 12th, 7.15pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 13th, 12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch Group
Wednesday 13th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 15th, 9.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
Friday 15th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Saturday 16th, 8.30am	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 17th, 5.30pm	Youth Group
Monday 18th, 12.30pm	Women's Bible Study Group
Monday 18th, 2.00pm	Hearing Clinic
Monday 18th, 3.00pm	Hard of Hearing Group
Wednesday 20th, 2.00pm	Dray Court Service
Thursday 21st, 7.30pm	Young Adults Study Group

Friday 22nd, 9.30am	Baby & Toddler Group
<i>Sunday 24th</i>	<i>Big Build Gift Day Launch</i>
Monday 25th, 4.00pm	Barnabas Group
Wednesday 27th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 29th, 9.30am	Baby & Toddler Group

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