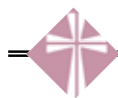


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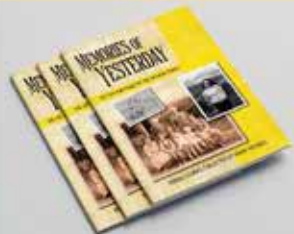
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From the Editor..

I'm writing this on the 23rd March, exactly two years since the country first went into Lockdown as a result of Covid-19: an invisible 'enemy' about which nobody knew anything other than that it was unpredictable and completely random as to whom it attacked, and that it caused the death of many.

Now, it seems to be largely under control: all restrictions have been lifted and we can go about our daily lives in normality and without the "fear factor".

Or can we?

No sooner has one worldwide crisis been overcome than another kicks off – the Russian invasion of Ukraine. And in many ways, for "Covid", read "Putin".

All of us, I'm sure, have spent many hours over the past two years praying that God would take away the deadly virus, or at least would give scientists, chemists and the medical profession the skill and ability to render it impotent and even kill it off completely. And I'm certain that those individual or collective prayers were answered. Vaccines were created in ultra-quick time, doctors and nurses learnt swiftly how best to deal with the sick, and now we can relax and know that we'd be very unlucky to be taken by Covid.

But – and here's the big difference, at least in my mind – can we adopt the same approach to President Putin? Most rational people, certainly in the western world, firmly believe that he is evil beyond belief. A modern-day Hitler. And mad, dangerously mad, particularly given that he has access to weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons, and can't be trusted not to use them. Yet is it right to pray to God to destroy Putin? Can we say words to the effect of "Please God eliminate this psychopathic tyrant"? Can we ask God to kill someone just because their philosophies are different to ours? After all, there are millions of people who doubtless believe with equal sincerity that Putin is simply defending his country's position and future against the insidious and stealthy advances of NATO.

I know where I stand on this: anyone who deliberately bombs and shells civilians – women, children and babes in arms – deserves to meet a painful death. Quick or slow, I'm not bothered: just get rid of him. But I'm still not comfortable about asking God to inflict that ultimate action on someone. Maybe if I'd been alive during the Blitz in 1940/41 and seen first-hand what it did for mankind, or been closer to subsequent wars like those in Vietnam or Iraq I'd see things in a different light. Maybe I just need a good talking to.

How do others of our congregation feel? Do you have crises of conscience? And if so, how do you square things in your own minds? If anybody, from the ministry team through to the occasional church-goer, has views that he or she feels might help those of us who are, shall we say, confused, please share them with us.

In the meantime, let's step away from the problems the world faces for a moment as we approach Easter. The time when we celebrate the life of Jesus Christ who was crucified to save us all that we might enjoy eternal life. The contrasts with President Putin could not be starker.

Malcolm Webb
Editor

From the Rector

This spring edition of the parish magazine comes with the joy of Easter and the hope of new life found in the risen Christ. Trees, plants, and flowers are all waking up with the warmer, longer days and pointing us towards the centre of our Christian faith – the death and resurrection of Jesus.



If you are reading this at the beginning of April, then you have much to look forward to if you plan on participating in our Passiontide

and Easter worship. With the last two Easter seasons being affected negatively by the pandemic, we hope to bring a full programme of services and events to help all of us grow in faith and deepen our relationship with God this year.

The Leadership Team have planned a deeply traditional Holy Week to allow each of us to journey through the events of Christ's Passion in a way that will make Easter morning feel both powerful and joyful.

We begin on **Palm Sunday (10th April)** with a procession at St Peter's and a full re-telling of Jesus' last week at both services.

On **Maundy Thursday (14th April)** we will gather at St Peter's at 7.30pm for The Mass of the Last Supper, which includes foot washing for anyone willing to participate (please note the foot washing is not compulsory!), Holy Communion, the stripping of the altar and then a vigil in the chapel as we remember Jesus in Gethsemane before his arrest.

Good Friday (15th April) brings a 2pm Tenebrae service at All Saints. Tenebrae simply means "darkness" in Latin, and this service brings classical music and the re-telling of Jesus' trial and crucifixion before the church is left in complete darkness.

Holy Saturday evening (16th April) brings us back to All Saints at 7.30pm, for the Easter Vigil. This is a service that starts outside the church with a bonfire, from which is lit the brand-new Paschal (Easter) Candle, before it is carried into the dark church, symbolising the light and life that the resurrection of Jesus brings. The church is then flooded with candle light as we all process in behind the

Paschal Candle while "The Exultet" is sung by a solo voice, proclaiming the call to worship, and the great deeds of God in raising Jesus from the dead:

*"Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!
The night is past, the day of life is here!"*

The service then allows each of us to renew our baptismal vows and receive Holy Communion. It's a beautiful occasion and I encourage you to come if you can.

Then finally, on **Easter Sunday (17th April)**, we will gather to celebrate the resurrection once again with Holy Communion in both churches in the morning. There will be baptisms at St Peter's and a number of children taking their first Holy Communion too. Praise the Lord!

The evening of Easter Sunday also sees us host a "Churches Together" Easter Praise service in St Peter's at 7pm. It promises to be lively, joyful and full of life!

As you can probably tell, I for one am excited for this season. Despite all the troubles of the world, we can hold onto our Lord whom we know to have conquered death, confident that Jesus has the last word over the injustice and suffering we know too well. I hope you can find the time to journey through Easter and beyond with us in 2022.

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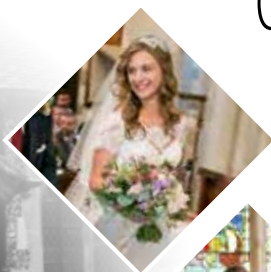
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WEDDINGS

Spring is fast approaching and it was wonderful to catch up with our brides and grooms at All Saints and talk through **"what does it mean to be married in a church?"**

What do you think? Is it because of tradition? Is it more meaningful? Beautiful hymns? Great pictures? There is no one correct answer. It is a union made in front of friends and families, in the presence of God. You are bound together with God, in faith, hope and love.

We are looking forward to Christopher and Alexandria of this parish getting married on Saturday 22nd April; Emily and James on Wednesday 4th May, and Jamina and Courtney on Friday 20th May. Please pray for our couples as they make promises to love and to hold and to cherish each other.

Meanwhile, all information about getting married in our churches can be obtained by contacting me. My details can be found on the "Useful Contacts" page at the back of this magazine.

Annie Bayley

Weddings Co-ordinator

THE “ART” OF PRAYING



Praying. Something that in all probability everyone reading this magazine does at some time.

Some of us might do it routinely every day, at the same time of the day or night. Some might do it more often. Some might do it just when they have a weighty matter that they want God's help to resolve. Some might do it just on those occasions when we come to church.

But what exactly is prayer, and what is the point of it?

The most straightforward and simple definition of “prayer” is that it represents a meeting with God. It is about talking and listening to God. It can be done in a group when we meet together with God in church and recite or listen to set prayers, and it can be done when we meet individually with God through our own prayers.

There are many formal prayers of course: established and well-known prayers for all occasions, but you don't have to recite a prayer in order to make it 'heard'. Indeed, struggling to remember fixed prayers can quite easily take your focus away from exactly what it is that you want to speak to God about. Nor do you have to conform to the old image of kneeling by your bedside to say your prayers.

You can just as easily talk to Him when you're out walking, or on the train, or sitting in the dentist's waiting room. All you need is to be in an environment where you can give yourself a chance to listen to what God might want to say back to you after you've finished your prayer. And the quieter your surroundings the more likely you will be to hear Him.

Then simply picture Jesus in your mind and say what is in your heart, what you feel. You don't have to utter the words for all to hear (potentially a little embarrassing if you're on the train!): "speaking" the words silently through the thought process is perfectly acceptable.

Wherever, whenever and however you do it, it is always the best way of all to unburden yourself of your concerns or to thank God for things that He has given you.

Remember though, that while God hears every prayer, not all prayers are answered in the way we might expect or desire: we don't always pray for His will to be done!

Without doubt prayer takes practice. And whilst there are no 'right' or 'wrong' ways to pray, trying to find the words to express yourself might be a bit daunting. If you haven't had much practice at speaking to God lately, try the following to set you on your way:

Bring peace to this house, O Lord:

*Calm our fears,
Soothe our pain,
Heal our wounds.
May we know your love in our lives
And live together in your peace.*

Amen



Café

The café continues to be busy with our weekly activities: Colouring Club and Computer Club on Tuesdays, découpage, Gardening Group and Knitting Group on Wednesdays, and the gardeners Chatty Walks on Fridays.

Peabody are due to come back on 5th April, and every Tuesday from 9.30am-1pm to help anyone who needs advice with benefits and housing.

Easter

The Easter holidays are almost upon us. During the first week there will be daily arts and crafts activities in the café for children (and adults!) to take part in, as well as a competition to design an easter egg with prizes to be won!

In Holy week there will be an opportunity to reflect on the Easter story in the church grounds (weather permitting) with a child-friendly version of Stations of the Cross.

Litter Picking

We took part in the "One Bag - Big Difference" litter picking initiative, collecting litter from the local area from 29th March-1st April led by the gardening team and Sarah and Karalyn.

We received a number of litter picker packs provided by the council and were able to help make our neighbourhood cleaner!



Ukraine Appeal

Daily Bread has been a collection point for items for Ukraine to be delivered to Bonnetts – only new items can be used at the moment due to customs requirements: no used items can be dropped off or stored.



On 25th March there was a second hand clothing collection with Bags2School

to raise money for the Ukraine appeal. As you can see from the pictures an entire van was filled! Thanks to all who brought bags on the day and the volunteers who organised and helped load the van. We will provide an update on the amount raised, all of which will go to Bonnetts to buy more items that are needed and that can be shipped to Ukraine.



Food Hub

We have seen a dip recently in the amount of food that we are able to collect from supermarkets against an increase of people needing to access food. It is always useful to have cupboard staples available for times when fresh food is limited but this goes very quickly so donations are always welcome.

We are always looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours to collect food in the evenings and help in the café during the day, particularly to provide cover in the school holidays. If you think you could help or know someone who would like to volunteer, please email dailybread@huttonparish.com.

Hebrews 13:2 - Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Tracey Jenkins

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FOOD HUB 10am-12pm	FOOD HUB 10am-12pm	FOOD HUB 10am-12pm	FOOD HUB 10am-12pm	FOOD HUB 10am-12pm	FOOD HUB 10am-12pm
	CAFE 9am-1pm	CAFE 9am-1pm	CAFE 9am-1pm	CAFE 9am-1pm	
	ARTS & CRAFTS 10am-12pm	ARTS & CRAFTS (Decoupage) 10am-12pm	LITTLE FISHES (Babes/Preschool) 10am-11am	ARTS & CRAFTS 10am-12pm	
	COLOURING CLUB 10am-12pm	GARDENING CLUB (Chat 1st) 10am-12pm	UNITED IN KIND COFFEE MORNING (fortnightly) 10am-12pm	GARDENING CLUB (Chat 1st) 10am-12pm	
	JOB CLUB/ COMPUTER ACCESS 10am-12pm	KNITTING GROUP 10am-12pm	BLUE FLOWER DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP (1st Thursday) 10am-12pm		
	PEABODY DROP IN 10am-1pm				

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Tea Break

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

4. Vengeance (8)
8. Conifer (4,4)
9. Revealing sign (4-4)
10. Novice (8)
11. Mixed (8)
12. Indonesian Island (4)
14. Obligation (4)
15. Public transport (4)
16. Old Peruvian Indian (4)
17. Part of a church (4)
20. Biblical arkwright (4)
22. Inventive (8)
25. Approved (8)
26. Clever (8)
27. Notice of death (8)
28. Metal used in jewellery (8)

DOWN

1. Predicament (7)
2. Used to crack safes (9)
3. Part of New York (5)
4. Take back (7)
5. The Holy Land (9)
6. Bury (5)
7. Illness(7)
13. Raquet sport (9)
14. Hazardous (9)
18. Type of letter (7)
19. Liberty (7)
21. Branch of maths (7)
23. Representative (5)
24. Allow to enter (5)

QUIET DAYS AT ALL SAINTS.

In late September last year we were able to hold a Quiet Day using our beautiful parish church as the venue for a day of reflection and silence, and giving to God the time, space and attention which we sometimes neglect.

I used as the theme for the day the life of Christ as it is portrayed in the stained-glass windows which we have in the church.

The 17th century poet-priest I wrote of in the last edition of the magazine, George Herbert, wrote a poem called Teach Me my God and King which we now sing as a hymn and which includes the lines:

*The man who looks on glass,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth through it pass,
And then the heavens espy.*

And that is what we hoped to do. Starting in the West window with the story of the Annunciation and the Nativity of Jesus – the start of our salvation story - we moved through His life as teacher and healer to the East end of the church where the window tells of the passion and crucifixion.

We reflected then on a window hidden away - rather as the resurrection was - and then onto windows depicting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the Ascension of Jesus, remembering his promise that he would return but that he was always with us to the end of the ages.

I hope that those who came to the day, both those who were looking at the windows for the first time and those of us who have been looking at them for many years, went away with an appreciation of how the visual arts can help in our meditations and spiritual life.

We were also blessed with a lovely day as far as the weather was concerned which meant that we were able to sit out in the sunshine during the quiet times enjoying the peace of our churchyard.



**I am hoping for similar weather on
SATURDAY JUNE 18th for our next Quiet Day at All Saints.**

Following on from the last I will use the etched windows in the screen between church and choir vestry as we meditate on the lives of the saints portrayed there and how they can help us in our spiritual journey.

The stained-glass windows in the church were all left in memory of ministers, benefactors and others during the Victorian era and as such reflect the style of that period. The etched windows in the screen were similarly left as memorial to a dearly loved member of our church Patricia Harries. Patricia, who had come to live in the parish in 1965, died in Hutton Village Nursing Home in 2008.

All who knew Patricia loved and admired her, not only for her work over the years on church committees, as a governor of our church school, as a pastoral worker of great sensitivity, and of course as Mothers Union leader at all levels from branch to headquarters, but also for her courage and persistence in the face of her strokes. The last of these proved too much and it was with much sadness that we lost our dear friend.

Both Patricia and her husband Ken (until not so long ago our Treasurer) had a passion for art and architecture and Ken wanted to leave a lasting memorial to her and approached the Rector and Churchwardens (of which I was one at the time) to talk about a window at All Saints. We felt that the church – which can be quite dark at times – did not really need any more stained glass.

And then we hit on the idea of something lighter and a little different for the screen windows. It was organized by commission4mission which encouraged the creation of modern art in the Chelmsford Diocese. Designed by Henry Shelton and made by Richard Paton they were installed in 2010 and dedicated the following year, near to Lady Day by the Archdeacon of Southend.

The seven panels to the right of the door represent saints but using their attributes, or symbols, to show the space and light to its greatest effect. At the centre is the **Blessed Virgin Mary** with her attributes of Lily and Crown.

QUIET DAYS AT ALL SAINTS.

Surrounding her are saints who have a particular link with Hutton or had a special resonance with Patricia.

To either side are St Peter and St Paul.

St Peter with his keys given to him by Jesus (Matthew 16 v13-19) and the fish denoting his original occupation and his calling to be a fisher of men.

A fish, not the cross, was the first symbol of Christianity- ICTHUS meaning fish being an acronym for the phrase Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour.

St Paul was chosen as he was the counterpart of Peter who preached and took the gospel message out to the Gentile world.

His attributes are a book representing Paul's letters which form a good part of the New Testament and a sword, the instrument by which he died (a privilege as a Roman citizen). The Dean and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral are the patrons of the living of Hutton.

Next to Peter in the scheme is **St Martin**. He was a 4th century French saint – a soldier in the Roman army who was renowned for his kindness to a beggar, sharing his cloak- hence his attributes of sword and cloak.

In the early history of this parish Benedictine monks came from Battle Abbey to collect dues to pay for King William's new foundation of St Martin, and the name of the saint lives on in the secondary school in our parish.

Next to Paul is St James the Great an apostle and a member of the inner circle around Jesus. According to tradition he was buried at Compostela in Spain, the site of great pilgrimage in the Middle Ages and becoming increasingly so again in more recent times. St. James is usually seen with a pilgrim's staff, water bottle and scallop shell and these have been used in this panel.

For many years pilgrimage was part of the life of the parish of Hutton and in the lives of Patricia and Ken Harries. Patricia 'did' the big three, the Holy Land, Rome and Compostela.

Flanking the set by the door to the choir vestry is **St Cecilia**. This is absolutely the right place for this saint at the point where the choir moves into the church. She was a 2nd or 3rd century martyr who was buried in the catacombs of Rome but moved in the 9th



century to the Trastevere region. She is the patron saint of church music and usually depicted playing the organ.

To the other side is **St Margaret of Antioch**. Margaret was Patricia's second Christian name. St Margaret was persecuted for her faith and beheaded in the 4th century. During her time in prison she was swallowed by the devil in the form of a dragon but escaped due to the sign of the cross.

This panel also bears the inscription to Patricia.

**In memory of
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Later in 2011 further panels on the screen were etched to the left of the door.

These additional windows depict the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, but again not as saints sitting at desks writing as we see in much art or in illuminated manuscripts, but as the four beasts described both by the prophet Ezekiel and in the Revelation of St John.

From around the 2nd century they had come to represent the evangelists and so we see in the windows stylized versions of Matthew as the winged man bringing news of the ancestry and birth of Jesus; Mark as the winged lion bringing news of the royal dignity of Christ, the Lion of Judah; Luke as the winged ox bringing news of the priesthood and sacrifice of Christ and John as the eagle bringing news from on high of a divine plan for mankind.

The aim of the Quiet Day will be to explore how the seven saints can help us in our spiritual journey by example, by teaching, and how they show the love of God to us.

But the main aim will be to give us all time and space and quiet to listen to what God might be trying to say to us if only we will, as the psalmist says,

"Be still and know that I am God". Psalm 46 v 10.

Parish Quiet Day Saturday 18th June 2022 at All Saints.

Look out for further details soon.

Chris Thomas.



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This half term we celebrated a special 1st birthday with Kason and a 2nd birthday with Ezra. We sang a special "thank you" song for all who mother us. We all enjoyed the wonderful Sharon and Maggs "Sing and Sign" session including the popular Rainbow song! This was well received as being a "wonderful, joyous morning". We did colouring and crafts sharing God's love and planted sunflower seeds for hope, especially in light of Ukraine. All monies collected in March's sessions are donated to Ukraine.



We collected £106.97 and we also collected donations of clothing, food and feminine hygiene packs, to help the lives of the women of Ukraine. At Little Fishes we believe that we can all make a difference in this world as shared in this prayer:



**Jesus bid us shine,
With a pure, clear light
Like a little candle
In the world of darkness
So we must shine
You in your small corner
and me in mine - Amen**

We will be taking a short break over the Easter holidays. Have a wonderful Easter and we very much look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 21st April, at 10am.



Sheryl, Annie, Jenny & Jan

REACHING OUT AND CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE POWER OF PLAY.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Men's Prayer Breakfast was the brainchild of Fr Andy, who realised in an enlightened moment (perhaps whilst reading the magazine?) that whilst there were plenty of church activities run by, or aimed at, the ladies of the church, there was nothing specifically for the gentlemen of the parish!

Hence, the introduction of the monthly Breakfast Group.

The Group has been meeting at 9.00 on the last Saturday morning of the month for three months to date. It was marketed as being an opportunity to "join together for a cooked breakfast, hot drinks, conversation and a time of prayer". And it has provided all that in spades!

Roughly twenty of us have been in attendance on each occasion, and irrespective of the quality of the conversation and the few minutes that are given over to a time of reflection and prayer, it is fair to say that nobody goes home hungry or thirsty.

Andy summed it up accurately at the inaugural meeting when he likened the tables groaning with food to the breakfast buffet at a decent hotel! I counted eight different types of bread, buns and pastries on one table, along with butter, jam and preserves and of course a toaster, coffee machine and tea pot. Another table had various types of cereals, and then the kitchen itself was a hot-bed of activity as volunteers produced vast dishes of **bacon, eggs, sausages, fried potatoes, baked beans, mushrooms** and probably other delights that I have forgotten.

Never have so many men been seen at any one time in a kitchen with not so much as a beer between them! And to maintain the surreal theme, there were even ample volunteers to do the washing

up afterwards – although I suspect that might have had something to do with the need for a bit of calorie-burning exercise!

And all that for a modest **donation of £3.00.**



If you haven't yet experienced the occasion, I urge you to give it a try. It's a good way to meet people that you might usually only see from a distance on a Sunday morning; to put names to faces, and to get to know more of the characters in our church family. It's not compulsory to attend every month. Just turn up when you can. And don't worry if you can't cook, just volunteer for a stint of drying-up. In the first instance, have a word with Andy, or message/WhatsApp him with your 'expression of interest' so that we know roughly how many to cater for.

Don't be shy – we've all got something in common right from the start:- St Peter's and All Saints. Oh, and the partiality to a decent "Full English"!

Malcolm Webb





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As 2022 has unfolded, Rooted's patterns of meeting have settled down again - now gathering on Friday lunchtimes each week and Wednesday evenings on a monthly basis.

This evening gathering - 'Recharge' - launched in September last year and aims to provide a bigger space for the community to gather, in St Peter's Church. The format combines elements of our social gathering on a Friday along with more focused reflection on the Bible and some sung worship. We've been working through Psalm 23, one verse at a time, drawing on the experiences of the community in panel discussions, sharing stories in small groups and seeking to consider how God is speaking to us today, in our everyday normal lives as we manage conflict, rest, death, direction, motivation, money.....

Setting aside this time each month, in the midst of such huge global challenges as well as personal circumstances, has been important as we navigate life and faith without pandemic restrictions. But don't take it from me, here's what some of Rooted say about this new evening gathering:

"Recharge provides an opportunity to reflect on the bigger questions of life, in a friendly and hugely supportive community. Where else do you get to laugh, cry, sing, hug and eat cake all in one evening?!" **L**

"Recharge is a safe space, there's no wrong or right, everyone comes to share together and discuss without fear." **A**

"Rooted Recharge is a welcoming, relaxed, enjoyable evening where we can share and be 'real' women together. A time out from busy lives where we can support and be supported and pray for one another." **D**

In a recent Rooted Community newsletter, I shared a Sarah Bessey reflection prompted by this quote by Blaise Pascal: **"In difficult times, carry something beautiful in your heart."**

Sarah Bessey writes: "When the world is struggling or when we are exhausted, we are invited to the holy conversation of noticing. Noticing the canopy of blue sky or trees waking up from winter sleep still available to us, noticing the stars, noticing our children, noticing the night. We live into the darkness until it becomes a friend.

"We build altars right in the rubble of nonsense and tragedy to bless what remains good, here, right now. Noticing the breath in your lungs, the cold, the cadence of Psalms in your bones even still, the prospect ahead of a cup of tea and a hand to hold while you fall asleep. I still believe God is putting all things right, I still believe so many of us are trying to join in that work, and so it is worth noticing what is already steadily, ordinarily glorious.

"This is how we catch our breath. This is why noticing can also be a form of prayer and of praise and even of worship again, our conversation with God to say, 'yes, I see the sanctuaries and altars and invitations of this place, these people, this moment, and I won't miss it'. It is precious and important and fleeting, as vital as water and stars and piles of books. **Pausing to notice and name, especially when we are sad or discouraged, tired or overwhelmed, is as good as hallelujah."**

Choosing to notice that which is already and steadily and ordinarily glorious is at the heart of how Rooted Community is moving forward.

We're looking forward to celebrating our 10th Anniversary later in the month and will report on that event in a future edition.

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Alice

Bible Study

The Bible study group has been suspended during the Lent period to give space for an Alpha course. The Bible study will resume in May – every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm at St Peters.

In addition, there will be a new group starting with the Gospel according to Mark. The other group will still be looking at Paul's letter to the Colossians.

Please come along to join us for any or all of the sessions: everyone is welcome!



Some brief notes and background on Mark's Gospel:

AUTHOR: John Mark. He was not one of the 12 disciples but he accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey.

DATE WRITTEN: Between A.D. 55 – 65. Mark was probably the first Gospel written.

PURPOSE: To present the person, work, and teachings of Jesus.

SETTING: The Roman Empire under Tiberius Caesar.

SUMMARY

The empire, with its common language and excellent transportation and communication systems, was ready to hear Jesus' message, which spread quickly from nation to nation. This Gospel was written in Rome.

Out of the 4 Gospels, Mark's narrative is the most chronological – that is, most of the stories are positioned in the order they actually occurred. Although the shortest of the four, the Gospel of Mark contains the most events; it is action-packed. Mark shows us Jesus moving, serving, sacrificing and saving.



During the reign of Emperor Nero in the AD 60s, Christians were cruelly persecuted for their faith. They were accused of causing the 'Great Fire' which destroyed a large part of the city of Rome. The Emperor used this opportunity to persecute the Christians in the city and to clear the slums of Rome for his rebuilding programme. In Palestine at this time, the Jews were attempting to overthrow their Roman overlords. This conflict ended in total defeat for the Jews and tragic destruction of the temple in AD 70. The first Christians were wondering what was to come next. Mark records what Jesus said about suffering – and about the signs of the last days.

Mark was probably writing his Gospel for Christians enduring great persecution. They must have asked the questions: Is Jesus the Messiah? Has the kingdom of God come? If so, why are we having such a bad time? It's as though they are engulfed in a storm of suffering. In answer, Mark tells how the disciples were once caught in a storm at sea, while Jesus lay asleep in the stern of their boat.



Mark is trying to record what the disciples had been going through but Jesus was able to calm the wind and the sea instantly.

Mark is trying to emphasise Jesus' power but on the other hand Mark says that Jesus warned his disciples they would suffer persecution for his sake.

If they are following him only for power and glory, they had better think again.

The first 2 sessions in May will be looking at

- 1) Gospel Roots – Mark 1:1-13
- 2) Portraits of Jesus – Mark 1:14-39

Tino xx.

**To find out more about the Bible Study Group,
please contact Tino on 01277 230944 or 07845 943676.**





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HUTTON PARISH YOUTH GROUP

SPACE FOR THOSE IN SCHOOLS YEAR 6-9

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS

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After a two year hiatus, we are delighted that we have been able to restart our regular youth gatherings. We welcome young people in school years 6-9 to St Peter's on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

The sessions are relaxed and involve some games, food and a Bible-based discussion. Recently a number of the young people were Confirmed by Bishop John and we hope that there will be more in the next year.

All young people are welcome to come along – do get in touch with Fr Andy for more details.

UPCOMING DATES:

April: 10th, 24th • **May:** 8th, 22nd
June: 12th, 26th • **July:** 10th, 24th

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
3 rd Apr – 5 th before Lent	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Fr. Tony
	11.15	Holy Communion	All Saints	Fr. Tony
	19.00	C.E.W.	St Peters	Rev. Lisa
10 th Apr – Palm Sunday	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Passion Narrative
	11.15	Morning Prayer	All Saints	Passion Narrative
17 th Apr – Easter Day	9.30	Holy Communion/Baptism	St Peters	Rev. Lisa
	11.15	Holy Communion	All Saints	Rev. Lisa
	19.00	C.E.W. Easter Praise (Churches Together)	St Peters	Fr. Andy
24 th Apr – Easter 2	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Chris
	11.15	Morning Prayer	All Saints	Chris
1st May – Easter 3	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Fr. Andy
	11.15	Holy Communion/Baptism	All Saints	Fr. Andy
	19.00	C.E.W.	St Peters	
8 th May – Easter 4	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Fr. Andy
	11.15	Morning Prayer	All Saints	Chris
	18.00	Memorial Service	All Saints	Chris
15 th May – Easter 5	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Fr. Tony
	11.15	Holy Communion/Baptism	All Saints	Fr. Tony
	19.00	C.E.W.	St Peters	Rev. Lisa
22 nd May – Easter 6	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Tino
	11.15	Morning Prayer	All Saints	Tino
29 th May – Easter 7	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Rev. Lisa
	11.15	Holy Communion	All Saints	Rev. Lisa

In addition to the above the following services are also being held:

14 th Apr – Maundy Thursday	19.30	Eucharist	St Peters	
15 th Apr – Good Friday	14.00	Tenebrae	All Saints	
16 th Apr – Easter Eve	19.30	Easter Vigil/Holy Communion	All Saints	Fr. Tony
26 th May – Ascension Day	9.30	Eucharist	All Saints	Fr. Andy



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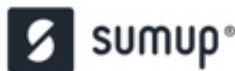
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We hope that this will enable even more of our parishioners and the local community to have access to the magazine. In time we hope it will be possible for you to pick up a copy at a few of the local shops, but in the meantime, if you know of anyone who would like a printed copy but is unable to get out to collect one, perhaps you would consider taking an extra one and delivering it to them. It goes without saying that the magazine will still be offered free of charge, even though there are obvious costs – paper and ink – in the production of hard copies. The aim is to cover those costs by selling a small amount of advertising space in the magazine, so if you have your own business or know of someone who does, please could you think about advertising it in future editions? Our rates are incredibly cheap, and think about the exposure you will get..... Anyone who would like more information in this connection should contact the Editor, Malcolm Webb.



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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

Baptisms

6th February (St Peter's)
20th February (All Saints)

Laura and Ted Coe (mother and son)
Monty Manookian

Funerals

1st February (All Saints)
4th February
22nd February
1st March (All Saints)
4th March (All Saints)
7th March

June Marilyn Clark
Patricia Clark
Greta Westmacott
Vera Searle
Desmond Felton
Shirley Harris

Funeral Arrangements

Should you need to book a funeral for someone, please contact a member of the Ministry Team in the first instance, and they will arrange for you to be talked through what needs to be dealt with. In normal circumstances this would include funeral arrangements, pastoral care, a visit from a member of the Bereavement Visiting Team, if appropriate, and information about interment of ashes, plaques on the Memorial Wall, Book of Remembrance, and anything else that you would like to know.

Baptisms

We are now able to resume conducting baptisms (or Christenings, as they are often called) at both All Saints and St Peter's Church. Any child or adult who lives in the Parish may be baptised in our churches during an appropriate Sunday service.

For a child, baptism is the beginning of an exciting journey of faith. In choosing to have their child baptised, parents are saying that he or she is precious to them and precious to God. For some parents – or other adults, for that matter – they themselves didn't have the opportunity for whatever reason to be baptised as a child. We want to encourage them to be baptised as adults and to enjoy the same feelings towards God as their children will.

In the first instance please contact the Parish Office. The Parish Administrator will liaise with the Clergy to establish a date suitable to all parties and you will be sent an application form and information leaflets about the baptism itself and the other facilities available for you and/or your child to become involved with, all of which are mentioned elsewhere in this magazine.



St. Peter
Hutton Parish

Some of you (well, one or two, at any rate) may have read the articles that appeared in this magazine over the past twelve months or so giving a potted history of All Saints church. The series ended with plans being

discussed for the creation of another church in the parish to cater for the swiftly-growing population, post-war. This, of course, became St Peter's.



In actual fact, although it was constructed to serve a specific – and pressing – need, it was originally the vision of the Rev. Piers Leopold Claughton, minister of All Saints from 1881 until 1939 when he died. That his vision took so long to become reality was in large part due to the outbreak of the 2nd World War and the time it took the country to recover thereafter.

And originally, it was earmarked for a completely different location to Claughton Way!

I have started researching the origins of St Peter's, and hope to be able to produce an article or two over the course of the next few months for the magazine. We do know that St Peter's was originally constructed in 1959, but it was largely rebuilt in the modern form that we see today in 1990/91.

I am sure there must be a large number of our congregation who remember both the original St Peter's and the construction of the 'new' one. Indeed, maybe there are some amongst you who were involved in the development of it?

If so, I would love to share your memories with the rest of us. So, if you have any recollections, no matter how vague after all this time, could you let me have them please? It doesn't matter if it's just a couple of sentences or a paragraph or two. If enough people respond it will help to build a picture that we can all enjoy.

My contact details are on the "Useful Contacts" page. Please either email me, text me, or telephone me. I should really like to hear from you.....

Thank you
Malcolm Webb



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