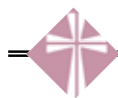


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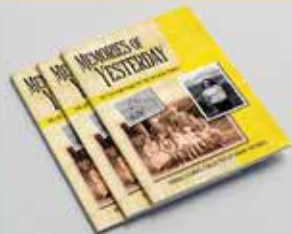
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From the Editor..

How wonderful it has been to be able to get back into church on a summer Sunday morning. "Live Streaming" was an acceptable alternative – and still is for those who are unable to get to church, but there's nothing like the real thing.

And gradually, as restrictions have been lifted and self-confidence has started to return, so we have seen the chairs back in orderly lines in St Peters rather than just grouped in sets of twos or fours, congregational singing of hymns, the abandonment, by and large, of face masks, and, perhaps most significant of all, the return to receiving both bread and wine at Communion. I never thought I would see the day when Communion was served by dunking the wafer in the wine!

So, bit by bit, we are returning to what we used to class as 'normal'. There's still a way to go of course: I for one am not particularly relaxed about travelling on public transport – and certainly not without wearing a mask (even though that seems to put me in a severe minority); nor will I go into shops, let alone supermarkets, without being 'masked-up'. Whether it give me, or those with whom I come into contact, greater protection I have no idea. But it makes me feel safer, and if that in turn encourages me to do more of the things that I took for granted until March 2020, then that's fair enough in my book. Let us all hope and pray that things don't go downhill again as autumn turns into winter and we have to return to living under restrictions.

I'm having to write this a fortnight before the magazine is published, but I hope that those of you who want to are being able to read it in print form rather than just on-line. It was always the intention to offer both facilities, but a bewildering range of hurdles have conspired to prevent that from happening, apart from last April's edition.

With normal (or near normal) service being resumed a lot has been going on in the church over the past couple of months. We welcomed Sue from Billericay for ten weeks as part of her curacy training; Lisa has now been ordained, and Alice has taken the first steps towards deaconship. I'm sure we shall all keep them in our prayers as they travel these new and exciting paths.

As usual, all the articles and information are supplied in good faith by individuals who are best suited to provide them. Should you find anything that is incorrect, personal or otherwise, please contact the person who supplied the article. Any views expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Church or the magazine editor, and no responsibility for errors or omissions is accepted by the Ministry team, the PCC or the magazine editor.

And should you find anything that stimulates a reaction in you, whether one of agreement or disagreement, or if you would like to contribute an article or even write a letter about something that you'd like to share with the rest of us, please contact me by 'phone or email (my details are in the Useful Contacts page). Don't worry about making spelling or grammatical mistakes: we can deal with those. Just write from the heart.

Malcolm Webb

Editor

From the Rector..

Dear Church Family,

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Hutton Parish Link. This is always my favourite time of year as we anticipate the upcoming festivals and feasts before Advent and Christmas descend on us once again! The schools are back, there are dates for Harvest, All Souls and Saints and Remembrance in the diary and life is looking a little more normal that it did 12 months ago.

It has been an absolute delight to have been allowed back into Hutton All Saints School to lead weekly worship with our children and to have helped plan their Harvest Service in St Peter's – the first full school visit to the church since Christmas 2019.



Looking back over the summer, it has also been a wonderful time of celebration despite the terrible British weather! The highlight has been the ordination of our very own Lisa Whymark. Lisa was ordained Deacon by Bishop Guli on the 11th September and began her public ministry the next day at St Peter's. It was a joyful occasion for the whole parish, with some congregation members joining Lisa in the cathedral and a group watching the YouTube livestream on the big screen in St Peter's.

Lisa's ordination was also sandwiched by two other visits to the cathedral. On the 4th September, Bishop Guli was installed in her cathedral seat, formally marking the beginning of her public ministry as Bishop of Chelmsford. I was privileged to receive an invite and to play in the worship band for the occasion.

On the 18th September, I was back at the cathedral – this time to celebrate those in the diocese who had completed course in lay ministry. Our very own Chris Thomas and Sheryl Dyson were celebrating the completion of courses in Spiritual Companionship and



Pastoral Care respectively. We look forward to seeing how their ministries grow and develop.

It was also a pleasure to be able to finally honour our retired Licensed Lay Minister John Patterson. A parish lunch was held on Sunday August 29th for John following his retirement earlier in the summer. John was presented with gifts from the parish including a large icon of Christ holding the open Bible - a reference to John's teaching ministry among us for over 25 years.

The new evening service C.E.W (Contemporary Evening Worship) has been running on the 1st Sunday of the month at 7pm at St Peter's, since its introduction on Easter Day. The service usually draws in 35-50 people for a time of worship led by a music group, a sermon and a time of prayer. October and November see us continue our teaching series on the Holy Spirit - I'd encourage you to come along and try it if you haven't done so already. It's an uplifting time of praise!

Finally, I'd like to share with you an opportunity to look forward with a verse from Isaiah 43:19.

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

***I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.***

This verse has been mentioned to me twice in the context of the new ministry we are seeing develop in the parish. Having Revd Lisa on board as a paid member of staff is just one of the reasons we can be expectant that God has new plans for our parish. My wife Alice will also be ordained as a self-supporting Deacon next September and we pray for her as she balances training with her work for Christians Against Poverty. We hope to see the evening service grow even more in 2022 and are excited about the growth in the congregations which we are praying will lead to baptisms and confirmations. What other "new things" God has in store we will have to wait and see but we pray that we have the heart to follow wherever He leads us!

With every blessing for the Autumn Season,

Andy +

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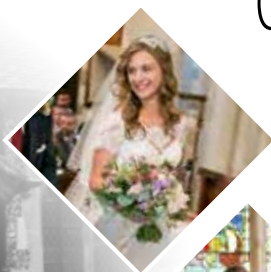
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WEDDINGS – LOVE, LOVE, LOVE!

All Saints church has had six weddings and a wedding blessing since national restrictions were lifted in July 2021.

We had two couples from this parish, Natasha and Graeme, and Laura and Lloyd marrying in August. It was joyous to hear the bells ringing and hymns sung, especially when we were treated by professional singers.

We held our second marriage preparation session for our autumn and winter couples, discussing why they want to marry in a church and how the marriage service will work. We have five weddings booked for October and two of the couples have waited patiently since theirs were postponed from April 2020. Many of them have waited three years since their engagement and postponed their wedding days many times due to Covid restrictions. Over that time, some have lost loved ones, got a new kitchen, moved house, adopted a dog and had a baby.

If you need any information about getting married in our churches, please contact me. My details can be found on the "Useful Contacts" page later in this magazine.

Annie Bayley
Weddings Co-ordinator



THE ROAD TO HUTTON

As you will all know, we had the pleasure of welcoming Sue Goldsmith to our churches for ten weeks earlier in the summer as part of her training towards becoming a fully-fledged priest.

These are Sue's reflections on her time spent with us and among us. She clearly enjoyed being here as much as we enjoyed having her with us.

- Ed

The first thing that has to be said in this article is "thank you". Thank you to everyone. It really has been a totally brilliant placement and I have loved it all and learnt loads. I said on my first Sunday that it felt as though I was visiting family I hadn't met before and your friendship, encouragement and support has been wonderful.

So, how did I end up in Hutton and where, and what, is happening next? For me all this started with a Course in Christian Studies. I had been an active worship leader and was doing all sorts of things in the services at my church in Billericay, but there was a strong feeling that maybe I should understand things at a deeper level.

Two years later, with my Course in Christian Studies certificate under my arm (metaphorically), I went through a process of selection to become a Licensed Lay Minister (like Tino and John). I really felt I was being called to a more defined role in my Church. It wasn't a case of doing more: I was by then a Church Warden; leading two music groups and singing in another; planning our Summer Series; organising the Christingle material; praying, reading, preaching and being the only one who appeared to be able to climb a tall ladder, I really couldn't do any more! So, if not more then what?

A common question that had been asked of me during my Lay Ministry training was "why aren't you exploring ordination?" I think - I hope - I am a fairly humble person and had thought that I wouldn't be good enough to be a priest; it's that kind of secret doubt that nibbles at the edge of your confidence. It was when I prayed about it and found a real feeling of peace that I mentioned it to a Chaplain at college.

Three years later, Licensed Lay Ministry training completed, I found myself in Ely at what is affectionately known as a BAP (Bishop's Advisory Panel). During the three days that I was there, I and the other candidates went through a series of interviews, tasks and challenges. It was during this process that I decided to do this only once - if God wanted me to be a priest then I would get through, all I needed to do was be myself! I sallied forth in my gold Doc Martin boots and was told my training to become a priest started the next September - during lockdown.

So, how did I end up in Hutton and where, and what, is happening next? One of the units of work I have to do is based on a 50 hour placement in another Parish, with a different style of worship. I was blessed to be offered Hutton for my placement and Father Andy has been totally awesome in taking me to all sorts of different events, services and meetings. He has been so generous in the time he has given to my questions and for giving me a really well rounded experience and I am truly grateful for that. Lisa and Father Tony have also been a real blessing, I have learnt so much in my "50 hours". I didn't know why Hutton had been picked for my placement but having been with you all it now makes perfect sense.

What's next? I am now awaiting the release of the assessment question for this unit and cannot wait to start writing it: for once I will know what I am talking about. Then a Parish will be agreed on for my curacy.

I am leaving it all in God's hands (and Bishop John's) and pray for somewhere as fab as where I have just been. Thank you Hutton family for looking after me.

Sue Goldsmith



This is a presentation done by one of the Daily Bread leadership team for a Womens Institue meeting recently, if you would like a similar presentation to a group you belong to or want to know more about our Christmas Hamper appeal then please contact a member of the leadership team.

Daily Bread Café & Foodhub

- Daily Bread began in the autumn of 2018 as an outreach into the community from St. Peters Church, Hutton
- Hutton (and Pilgrims Hatch) has the highest level of child poverty in the Brentwood Borough.
- Distributing waste food picked up from local stores and a place for people to gather for coffee as there were no coffee shops or cafés on the estate
- Over lockdown, the café had to close and we began distributing food from the door.
- As demand grew, we increased the amount of supermarket collections we were making and started opening 6 days a week. We also opened a satellite site at Sawyers Church in Brentwood, which has now moved to St. Georges Church

Daily Bread Café & Foodhub

- The team of volunteers grew to meet the demand and we now have >200 active volunteers with approximately 40 reserves
- The foodhub opens 6 days a week, Mon to Sat from 10am to 12pm
- The Café opens 4 days a week, Tues to Fri from 9am to 1pm
- Partnering with other agencies, DWP, Police, traveller support, education agencies, has enabled us to provide a more holistic support to the community
- Activities at the Café include:
Knitting Club – Wed 10am to 12pm
Gardening Club – Wed and Fri 10am to 12pm
Job Club – Tue 10am to 12pm
Baby and pre-school group – Thu 10am to 11am
Arts & Crafts daily during Café opening hours

Following nearly two years of discernment with the Church of England (many meetings, mostly on Zoom and lots and lots of paperwork and reference, culminating in two extensive interviews in late July) I'm glad to let you know that my wonderful and gifted wife, Alice, has been selected to train for ordination as a Distinctive Deacon. I'm sure you're wondering what that means – for her, for us and what comes next! So, I've asked Alice to write a little explanation for you.

Andy +

TOWARDS DISTINCTIVE DEACONSHIP

Although it has been a two-year process, I still find myself surprised to be at this junction, this next step in my Christian life!

I've been in church communities since the age of 14 and, in that time, lots of people have suggested to me that I should consider ordination. By ordination, most people mean 'collar, cassock, christenings' or being the main Church leader. That has never felt a comfortable fit for me – and I have definitely been of the view that one member of clergy is quite enough for any household! What I did know, quite early on in my Christian life, is that I was called to work with young people and have been much more comfortable starting new things and being part of the messier aspects of church and community life!

With Andy's discernment journey and training towards ordination for the priesthood starting in 2011, we entered a period of significant change and upheaval, moving 3 times before landing, finally in Hutton in 2017. That 'settled-ness' has given me the space to stop and consider again what God is doing in my life. A number of helpful conversations with significant people introduced me to the Distinctive Diaconate and I was challenged to at least explore the possibility. The oldest 'order' of ministry in the Church, with St Stephen listed as the first appointed deacon (and martyr) in Acts 6, deacons were called to serve the wider community, bringing the needs and hopes of all the people into the Church, through relationship, prayer and active service.

The words of the ordination service itself were also really helpful, with Deacons being described in this way: They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world that the love of God may be made visible.

A more outwardly focused and intentionally 'edgy' feature of this call is becoming a significant part of the conversation about how the church responds to and grows in our post-modern and highly complex world:

"As those who cross boundaries, make connections and bring people together, deacons are well placed to move into the challenging new contexts, with their network of relationships, of mission and evangelisation."

- Bishop James Newcome

Distinctive Deacons have been part of the church forever, and yet the majority of those who offer for, train and are ordained serve for just one year as a Deacon - an apprenticeship almost. It becomes a transitional year, learning the ropes with an experienced Priest and eventually going on to be ordained again, this time 'priested', at which point they are able to preside at the Eucharist, marry people and go on onto 'Incumbent' status or solo Church leadership.

So, what does this all mean for me now? Without wanting to describe these next steps in negative terms, it might be helpful to describe what I'm not going to be doing!

- Firstly, I'm not going to be leaving my job – I've been selected to train as a Self-Supporting Ordinand so will continue to work 4 days a week as Head of Mission at Christians Against Poverty.
- Secondly, I'll not be doing any formal academic training, but will take part in a range of modules and formational training tailored to being a Distinctive Deacon. I'll train at St Mellitus College at Chelmsford Cathedral on a Thursday evening for a year and will, God willing, be ordained in Autumn 2022.
- Thirdly, I'm not going to be stopping what I am already involved in within the Parish. Daily Prayer, Rooted Community, Children's Ministry etc. will continue to be key areas for me, where I am standing on the threshold of church and community and being a bridge and connection between the two.
- Fourthly, I'm very clear that, while I've discerned this particular path for my life, together with Andy and affirmed by the wider Church, this call is not just for me! As a Deacon, my role is to embody the church in mission and encourage all of you in this area too!

"It is a releasing and empowering ministry, standing as a reminder and a demonstration to the wider church of their call to worship, proclamation and pastoral care too".

Being part of this Parish, the friendship, faithfulness and encouragement that is so present here is a huge part of God's call and I look forward to where this journey and the next few years will take us all. Thanks be to God and please pray for me!

With every blessing,

Alice Smith



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ST. LUKE

St. Luke (Lucanus/Lux meaning Light) the Evangelist and writer of the 3rd Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles was probably born in Antioch in Syria. He was by profession a doctor and was called "the beloved physician", by St Paul in his letter to the Colossians 4. v14. Luke possibly studied at medical school in Tarsus, where he could have met Paul. This is attested to by the early Church Fathers Tertullian and Eusebius.

Although he had a great knowledge of all things Jewish, he was not a Jew. His style of writing, with its rich vocabulary and freedom of construction, suggests that he was Greek. St Jerome writes that the Luke's words are "medicine to the languid soul." There is also a legend that Luke was an artist and that he painted several portraits of the Virgin Mary. A painting in St. Maria Maggiore in Rome, although dated at A.D. 847, is held to be a copy of one by Luke.

Certainly, his writing, especially the gospel, is very "painterly", giving very graphic and vivid pictures of the Annunciation and the Birth of Our Lord, and the only two stories of the boyhood life of Jesus which made it into the canon. In turn they themselves have been the inspiration for much Christian art.

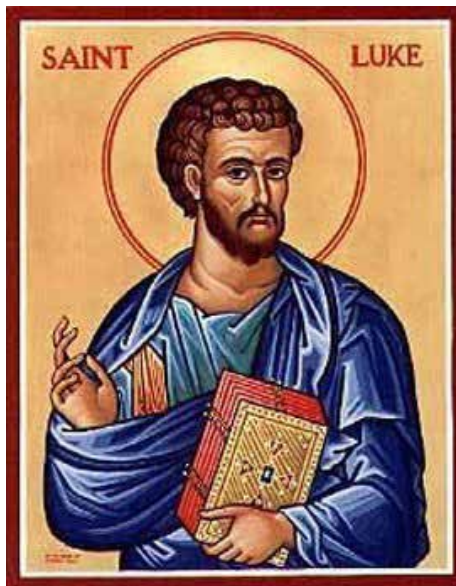
His gospel also includes many of the best loved stories and parables such as the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.

His own attributes in art are the winged ox, possibly because he emphasised the "priesthood" of Christ and began his gospel with the episode concerning the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. He is sometimes seen holding his gospel or his portrait of the Virgin, or even medical instruments.

If we dismiss, as some do, that Luke was the companion of Cleopas on the journey to Emmaus, then Luke's first appearance is at Troas (Acts 16, where the narration from this point in the first person) joining Paul on the first expedition to Europe. They landed at Neapolis and went on to Philippi where Lydia became the first non-Asian convert. Luke possibly remained at Philippi whilst Paul was in Corinth and Athens (in Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians 8 v18 Luke is thought to be the brother "whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches." He accompanied Paul back to Jerusalem via Troas (Acts 20). Here it is believed he had the opportunity to gather information from those who "from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word"(Luke 1 v2).



The Golden Legend suggests that writing after the others he was able to add what they had omitted and omit what they had already used. He is associated with St. Mark and it is thought that he knew Peter well, and may have helped him with his letters (on stylistic grounds) After Paul's appeal at Caesarea he travelled with him to Rome and was frequently at his side, being with him at the end- "only Luke is with me" writes Paul (2 Tim 4 v11). After Paul's martyrdom we hear little of Luke, but tradition says he died in Greece in A.D. 63 "in Bythnia, full of the Holy Spirit" (St Jerome's prologue to St. Luke's gospel.) It is not known where he is buried but relics are found in a variety of places throughout Europe.



St. Luke is the patron saint of surgeons and doctors, painters and sculptors, lace-makers, manuscript illuminators and bookbinders, and glass artists and manufacturers.

In All Saints church there is a stained-glass window in the north aisle with a picture of St Luke. The window is dedicated in memory of a young man who was an army surgeon and killed in the line of duty in the Boer War.

Also in All Saints St Luke and the other three gospel writers- or at last their symbols can be seen etched into the glass panels to the left of the choir vestry door. We see St Matthew as the man (proclaiming the humanity of Christ); St Mark as the lion (proclaiming the kingship of Christ); St Luke as the ox (proclaiming the priesthood and sacrifice of Christ; and St John as the eagle (proclaiming the mysteries of Christ the Word).

These form part of the memorial to Patricia Harries and won a design award from Chelmsford Diocese.

His feast day falls on October 18th.



ROOTED COMMUNITY

AND THE REVOLUTIONARY POWER OF FRIENDSHIP

My name is Elspeth and I'm part of the Rooted Community. As a more mature lady I was anxious to join what I perceived to be a group of young Mums and I thought I would be out of place.

I need not have been concerned as I was warmly welcomed and I felt 'right at home'. 'Home' sums up the Rooted Community for me because home is a place where you feel safe and secure, comfortable to be yourself, where your family support and love you. Rooted does all of that for me. It has also recharged my faith especially when we have Deeper Rooted when we have opportunity to explore our faith in a deeper way

At the beginning of September Deeper-Rooted restarted on a Wednesday evening on Zoom. So far we have been exploring the coming Sunday's Gospel reading using a process called 'Lectio Divina' (divine reading). It is a contemplative way of discerning the Bible, it dates back to the 6th century and St Benedict. It's based on the belief that Christ is truly present in Scripture. Basically the bible passage is read aloud three times (can be different people) each time we contemplate on God's word and think about what stands out for us in the passage.

Rooted Recharge

A new monthly gathering in person started on the 23rd September called Rooted Recharge. Its lead by Heidi and Linda. It was held in St Peter's church and I'll try and set the scene.

I arrived to be greeted with a big smile a warm atmosphere.





The lighting was subdued and the chairs were arranged in circles around a butler tray set with a vase of golden roses and tea light flickering candles (battery operated). Nearby was a large table covered in a pretty tablecloth groaning in an array of cakes. As more people arrived the circles got bigger. Every effort had been made to help us relax. The evening was opened by prayer and a reading of the 23rd Psalm which was the focus of the meeting and next few meetings.

We then sang three worship songs lead by Eve on the piano and a trio of singers. I think they were surprised by our rousing singing. We sang a new song called 'The Goodness of God' which is very moving. Following this we had a panel discussion which included the question, "had they ever witnessed an answer to prayer" and "how do you know it was God's doing and not just coincidence" – tricky! We had a small break for more cake, synonymous with Rooted. The point of these monthly meetings are to recharge our spiritual battery and this first meeting certainly did that for me. Many thanks to Heidi, Linda and all who helped making the evening such a success.

We continue to meet on a Friday at 1.30pm for a light lunch and catch-up where we can share the 'Hi's and Lows' of our week. No matter what I leave with a smile on my face.

I thank God for pointing me towards the Rooted Community and the privilege of sharing in the lives of these remarkable women.

Elspeth x



ST. ANDREW

His name is derived from the Greek andreaia meaning manhood or valour.

The brother of St. Peter, Andrew was born in Bethsaida of Galilee, and both were fishermen. According to John 1 v35-42 Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist and recognised Jesus as Messiah. It was he who then brought Simon, as he then was, to our Lord.

St Mark's gospel records that the two were called from their nets together to be made "fishers of men." He is always listed with Peter and James and John in the lists of the apostles both in the Gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles. However apart from a reference to him in connection with the feeding of the five thousand we hear little about him, although of course as one of the twelve he would have been present at the important moments of Christ's Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension.

There is no certainty about his subsequent life, but Eusebius(relying on Origen.), St. Gregory and St Jerome all report that he evangelised throughout Scythia, Cappadocia, Byzantium, and into Thessaly, Macedonia and Thrace. It is believed he got as far as south Russia.

It is generally agreed that the Roman governor Aegeas, at Patriae in Achaia, fearing an uprising because of his preaching, had him arrested, tortured and bound to a cross. (this to prolong his sufferings) According to the Golden Legend he preached to 20,000 people during his martyrdom. He died in a flash of great light. The governor's wife, who was a convert, secured his body for burial, whilst the governor was seized by a demon and died!

The apostle died on 30th November in 60.A.D. and both the Latin and the Greek Church keep this feast. His cross was a decussate or saltire cross but is commonly known as the cross of St Andrew.

His relics were taken from Patriae to Constantinople in 357.A.D. In the 13th century they were transferred to the Cathedral in Amalfi, Italy where most of them remain. The move of his bones to Constantinople is one of the explanations for St. Andrew being the patron saint of Scotland. St Regulus was instructed by an angel to take many of these relics to the N.W and being told to stop when he reached the coast of Fife, founded St. Andrew's.

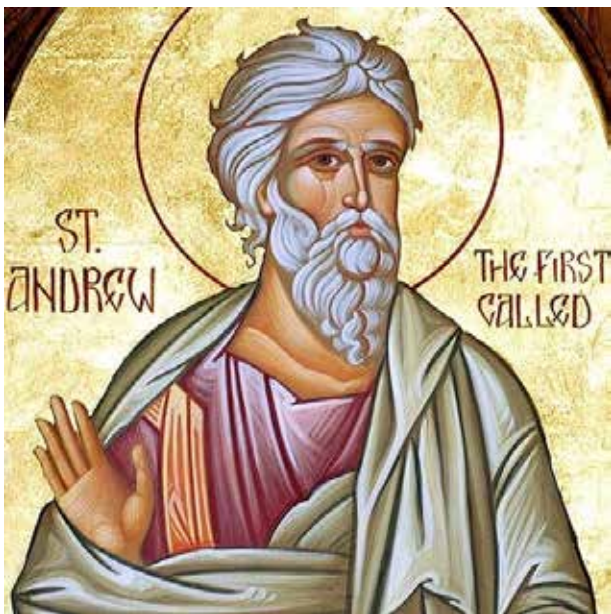


Others say they were brought back in the 7th century by St Wilfred. Yet others say that he was declared patron saint after the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314 following Robert the Bruce's victory. The saltire cross became the emblem of Scotland in 1385.

There are some very odd marriage superstitions associated with this saint--most of them involving sleeping naked on the eve of his feast to obtain a vision of a future husband. (I have to say that he does not have the monopoly in this particular field, many other saints claiming this !!)

Apart from being the patron saint of Scotland he also gives protection to, not unnaturally, fishermen and fishmongers, old maids, unmarried women, singers, sore throats, various universities, Greece and Russia.

His feast day is of the day of his martyrdom 30th November.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We have learnt that All Saints church was largely reconstructed round about the turn of the century from the 1500s to the 1600s. The beams and arches that we see now were added at that time, as was the bell turret and a set of bells and the north porch and entrance door.

One other feature that would have also been incorporated into the rebuild is pews.

Until the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century the only form of seating generally found in the Church of England was a stone bench attached to the wall. At that time services (amongst other things) took place in the open space of the nave which by law had to be unencumbered. The congregation stood or knelt during services unless they were particularly old or frail, whereupon they were allowed to sit on the stone bench. They literally “went to the wall” – a phrase still in common usage nowadays.

Over time during the 16th century more stone benches were added to the body of the church and then gradually replaced by fixed wooden seats. This of course meant that some of the activities that traditionally took place in churches – including in many instances markets – no longer had the space available to them, so the wealthier churches invariably built small halls on to the main building to accommodate these alternative events. It is probable that All Saints fell into that category, and equally likely that the present-day south chapel started life as a small hall.

One of the most common beliefs as to why seats (and eventually pews) suddenly became so popular in churches like All Saints is because services were lasting longer! This in turn was due to the length of sermons, where frequently Ministers took the opportunity to make political statements about the increasing friction within the Church of England which eventually contributed to the first of the English Civil Wars (1642-46), fought between the Royalists (“Cavaliers”) and the Parliamentarians (“Roundheads”). The traditionalists in the Church (plus some Catholics) supported the Royalists, who were beaten by those who supported the Puritans, and as a result its Bishops were abolished and the Book of Common Prayer was banned. Most of Essex, as it happens, was on the side of the Parliamentarians: we know for a fact that there was an extremely strong Puritan stronghold in Brentwood, which would doubtless have stretched to Hutton and to All Saints. But just by reading this paragraph you can get a feel for the degree of confusion that reigned during that period. And in 1643 legislation was passed demanding that all altars and tables made of stone be demolished. So much for all the expensive improvements of the previous century.

During the Civil War, the appointment of church ministers came under the jurisdiction of the Civil Authority. The first minister to be so appointed to All Saints was Walter Taylor, who promptly signed a ‘statement of orthodox Presbyterianism’ and was later a signatory to a pamphlet decrying the outcome of the war and defending Royalist attacks. Whether he actually believed what signed is a moot point.

Eventually, in 1660 came the restoration of the monarchy, reinstating the recalcitrant Bishops and reintroducing the BCP. Any existing clergy who refused to accept this conciliatory move were then themselves forced to leave their posts, and, along with their congregations, were ostracised and persecuted until 1689 when the Tolerance Act was passed to give legal acceptance of protestant groups beyond the Church of

England who nonetheless accepted the doctrine of the Trinity. This basic tenet remains in place to this day which is why there are so many other faiths, effectively spin-offs from the Church of England, able to practice freely their particular form of Christianity in Britain.

At about the same time, church attendance was legally compulsory, so churches like All Saints were packed out every Sunday. One can imagine the mad scramble to get a seat, particularly one where one had a good view of the proceedings, or where one could be seen by the rest of the congregation, and for a number of years many churches were in the habit of renting out pews to members of their congregations, the income, known as "Pew Rents", going to church funds. Obviously the wealthier congregants could afford the better-located seats, and frequently these remained in the same family for generations. The trouble was that if the owners didn't come to church for one reason or another, their pew would remain empty, which meant that it was not uncommon for churches to be overcrowded and would-be celebrants turned away.

Nevertheless the system prevailed in this country until the middle of the 19th Century – and for a further one hundred years or so in America – but eventually the Church of England became a bit nervous of the legal status of pew rents, and when a prominent London priest (and one-time teacher at Chelmsford Grammar School) called Richard Yates wrote a pamphlet entitled "The Church in Danger" stating that in his estimation nearly one million people were prevented from worshipping in church through lack of space, the effective 'reserving' of pews started to be quietly dropped, and by the time of the Second World War the policy had been completely abandoned.

Two years after the three Civil Wars finally ended in 1651 England, Scotland and Ireland became a Republic and were ruled by Oliver Cromwell as "Lord Protector" until he died in 1658. His son, Richard, took over the mantle for a few months, but the Republic started to crumble; Parliament was reassembled, and eventually in 1660 Charles II returned in triumph to resume the throne and rule the country through the Restoration period until 1685. Locally, this was a time of relative peace and quiet. Hutton as a village started to grow, slowly, and a number of wealthy and landed gentry took up residence in the vicinity, often friends or acquaintances of the incumbents of Hutton Hall. Probably the name that is most well-known from that period is Petre. The family had settled in Ingatstone and frequently made the journey to Hutton in their recognisable carriage. Until his retirement a couple of years ago, John Petre, the 18th Baron Petre had been Lord Lieutenant of Essex for nearly twenty years. I am sure there are a number of readers who have been involved with organisations actively supported by him over the years.

In the next edition of the magazine we shall look at how All Saints developed through Victorian times – including more rebuilding – to the present day.

Much of my research for this and subsequent continuation articles has involved a number of sources, not least of all old church magazines, various writings of the late Mary Kenyon, M.A., and information gleaned from the website of Hutton Preservation Society, all of which I freely and publicly acknowledge and express my gratitude.



HALLOWEEN

If you were asked what picture Halloween conjured up for you, you would probably say something along the lines of “dressing up in scary costumes; pretending to be witches or wizards; hollowing out big pumpkins, turning them into spooky faces and putting tea-lights inside them, and trick-or-treating”.

And if you asked your parents the same question they would likely say that it was a Pagan festival that was introduced to the modern world from America and involves a lot of face-painting and banging on the neighbours’ doors to try to frighten them into giving the children so many sweets that they suffered a sugar rush and couldn’t sleep. So it may surprise you to learn that it actually has religious origins.

It is thought to have been started by the Celts, a race who lived in Northern France and the United Kingdom and Ireland, about 2,000 years ago as a festival called Samhain, which took place on the 1st November every year and marked the Celtic New Year. It signified the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the long dark cold winter – the time of year when generally more people died. So on the night before the 1st November they celebrated the lives of the living and the dead and believed that the ghosts of the dead came back to earth to join in. The Celtic priests, known as Druids, built and blessed huge bonfires from which everybody took an ember to light a fire in the hearths at their homes to warm and protect them through the winter.

When the Romans conquered the Celts they continued the custom and added a couple of their own, one of which was a day to honour Pomona, the Roman Goddess of fruit and trees. Her symbol was an apple, and that is probably why ‘apple bobbing’ was incorporated into the Halloween festivities.

A few hundred years later, Pope Gregory III set aside a date in May to celebrate all the saints. It was known as “All Hallows Day”, ‘Hallows’ being an old term for ‘saints’. In the 9th Century the date of the celebration was moved to the 1st November to join with Samhain.

So the 1st November became the Christian festival known as “All Saints Day”, and the 31st October was ‘All Saints Eve’, or ‘All Hallows Eve’ which over time got shortened to ‘Hallows Eve’ and eventually ‘Hallowe’en’ or ‘Halloween’.

And we still celebrate All Saints Day on the 1st November (and All Souls Day on the 2nd) – for the historical reasons outlined above, not just because we have a church named after it!!



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The Summer Olympics were held in Japan a few weeks ago. But how many of the sports can you remember? Twenty-two of them are hidden in this wordsearch. See how many of the following you can find.....

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GOD CALLS THE STRANGEST PEOPLE

– AFTER ALL LOOK AT YOU! AND ME!!

Inspired by the Lord's instruction in the Gospels of Matthew 9:38 and Luke 10:2, in which Jesus exhorts the people to "ask the master of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest," the Christian church has always encouraged its members to consider how they may serve God through their gifts and talents.

And it is truly a humbling experience to read back through the Old Testament and see how frail and imperfect all the "heroes" actually are. Abraham, the coward who cannot believe the promise. Jacob, the cheat who struggles with everybody. Joseph, the immature and arrogant teen. Moses, the impatient murderer who cannot wait for God. Gideon, the cowardly Baal-worshipper. Samson, the womanizing drunk.

David, the power abusing adulterer. Solomon, the unwise wise man. Hezekiah, the reforming king who could not quite go far enough. And finally, a very young Jewish girl from a small village in a remote corner of a great empire.

It never ceases to amaze me why God could not have chosen "better" people to do His work in the world. Yet if God can use them, and reveal Himself through them in such marvelous ways, it means that He might be able to use me, inadequate, and unwise, and too often lacking in faith that I am. And it means that I need to be careful that I do not in my own self-righteousness put limits on what God can do with the most unlikely of people in the most unlikely of circumstances.

The Church has in the past sometimes emphasised priestly ministry (Vicar / Rector) as the primary vocation, when in fact being called to lay ministry (not wearing a Collar!), is so important if the church is to flourish in every neighborhood.

Hutton Parish has experienced the 'London Bus Syndrome' in recent years, you wait hours for a bus and then 3 or 4 all come along at once!! We have people in training for lay and ordained ministry, folks being licensed

and ordained - all of which is wonderfully exciting and certainly shows the breadth of talent in our midst and the depth of God's love for His people.

So how about you? What is God calling you to? If you feel God is calling you to 'do something' or you would like to know more about the work of the Church in Hutton talk to one of the Church Wardens, or one of the lay ministry team who are often at the Daily Bread Cafe during the week, or speak to one of the clergy - they're the ones wearing their collars the 'wrong way round!'

Luke 10. v 1 - 2

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

Rev.
Tony Barber



Refreshments At St Peter's

It seems an awfully long time since we were able to gather together for a **coffee and a chat after the 9.30 service** – in fact the last time it happened was in March 2020. A lot has happened since then. But we are now looking to reintroduce “Refreshments at St Peter’s” on a weekly basis. The trouble is we don’t have enough volunteers.

It’s not too onerous: we all know how to make a pot of tea or coffee – and of course you get first choice of the bickies!

The plan is to establish a rota, so you won’t have to do a turn more often than you feel comfortable with, be that every other week or once a month or once a quarter.

All we ask is that you consider getting yourself added to that list by contacting

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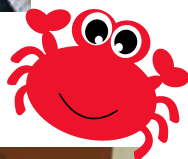
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We are very much delighted to share the news that the re-opening of Little Fishes after a summer break, on Thursday morning, 10am to 11am, has been hugely popular.



Little Fishes, the babies and pre-schooler group, reopened in June 2021 and consistently achieved an attendance of about 35 to 40 people: 18 children plus their parents, carers or grandparents. We returned after a summer break and had between 38 people (18 children) and 53 people (28 children) each week through to September.



It is an absolute joy to see so many familiar faces as well as new faces (and some new babies!)

It would be wonderful to have more volunteers to support us. Please get in touch with Annie her contact details are at the back of the magazine. Full training will be given!



Jenny, Jan, Annie & Sheryl

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

Bible Study

In this last chapter of Ephesians, Paul continues to teach us how to build up new relationships in a family after submitting to Christ as Jesus is their example, and standard of love.

(6:1-4) There is a difference between obeying and honouring. To obey means to do as one is told; to honour means to respect and love. Children are not commanded to disobey God in obeying their parents. Adult children are not asked to be subservient to domineering parents. Children are to obey while under their parents' care, but the responsibility to honour parents is for life. Paul also speaks to fathers. In Paul's days, a Roman father dominated his children. He could punish them, treat them as slaves, sell them or even have them killed. His power over his children was total, and lasted as long as he lived. Paul taught parents a different approach. They were not to use their power to oppress or to discourage their children. They were to show their children the love of God and give them the training of Jesus.

(6:5-9) Many of Paul's readers are slaves. Their bodies are owned by other human beings, who make them do whatever they want. Some slaves work as house servants or land labourers. Others are doctors, or teachers, or gladiators or prostitutes. They have no rights to payment, justice or kindness. Paul tells slaves to respect and obey their earthly masters: do their work wholeheartedly for the sake of their heavenly master, who is Christ. And he tells the masters to treat their slaves in a way that will please God. Both Christian slaves and Christian slave owners have the same master in heaven. In God's sight they are equal, He has no favourites. God sees everything, judges everyone and rewards the good.



(6:10-20) Undoubtedly, life was much more terrifying for the people of those times than it is for us today. They believed implicitly in evil spirits, which filled the air and were determined to bring harm to people. The Ephesians themselves had known the bondage and fear of astrology, magic and spiritism. When they turned to Christ, they burned their books of spells. All this mirrors and reflects a gigantic power struggle going on in heaven. Paul wrote this letter while he was in prison under Roman soldiers; this gave him an idea of the full armour of God to protect Christians from the evil force. Paul reassures that the power available to Christians is exactly the same power as God used to raise Jesus from death.

- a) The belt of truth holds the Christian together, giving an integrity of belief and behaviour.*
- b) The breastplate of righteousness is the protection of Christ's holiness and victory over sin. Dressed in Christ, we can face the enemy.*
- c) The shoes of the Gospel – The Roman soldier has shoes which can grip and graft, they are good for marching or for standing firm. Christians should put on the shoes ready to go anywhere with the Good News, and able to hold the ground when under attack.*
- d) The shield of faith – the shields used by the Roman army are full-length and protect the soldier's whole body. They are covered with hide, to beat out fires or extinguish flaming arrows tipped with blazing tar. In these arrows Paul sees the darts of doubt and temptation which rain down on the Christians, and can only be fended off by faith in God's truth and greater power.*
- e) The helmet is an extremely strong protection for the head and neck. For the Roman soldier it was made of iron or bronze. For the Christian soldier it is forged from salvation – the assurance that Christ has rescued us from sin and shares with us his victory.*
- f) The Christian's spiritual sword is the Bible – the living and active word of God. Properly used, Scripture comes right to the point on every issue.*

In the spiritual war, Paul emphasizes the importance of total prayer. He exhorts the soldiers to pray in every way on all occasions, and at all times, in constant communication with their commanding Lord and actively supporting their fellow soldiers.

(6:21-24) Finally Paul asks to be included in the prayers of his readers. He doesn't ask them to pray for the opening of his prison door, but for the opening of his mouth; to be brave in sharing the Gospel and clear in explaining it. Paul posts his letter with Tychicus, whom he trusts to tell the rest of his news. Instead of signing off with best wishes, Paul sends the peace of God and the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Questions

- 1) What does God ask of all children, and with what promise? **(v1-3)**
- 2) How can parents bring up their children "in the training and instruction of the Lord"?
- 3) What do you consider to be the ideal employer/employee relationship?
- 4) What does a wife do when the husband does not take spiritual leadership?
- 5) Whom do you look up to as a good role model for marriage?
- 6) What is God saying to you in this passage about your family or work situation?
- 7) Where do you see the devil's schemes being played out in the world today?
- 8) What makes up the "armour of God" ? **(v14-17)**
- 9) Which parts are defensive weapons?
- 10) In what ways does the armour enable us to stand against evil? What piece of armour do you need the most in your life right now?
- 11) What have you been struggling against lately? How does this passage help equip you?
- 12) If you had to compare your spiritual armour to this list, where are you strong? Weak?
- 13) What do you need to do to prepare for battle? What is at stake if you don't?
- 14) What evidence do you see of the battle in your life?

The afternoon Bible Study class will restart on 4th October, 2pm at St Peter's Church, and will take place thereafter on the first Monday of every month. The evening Bible Study class restarts on 6th October, 7.30pm also at St Peter's, and will meet every first and third Wednesday in the month.

**Contact Tino for further information:
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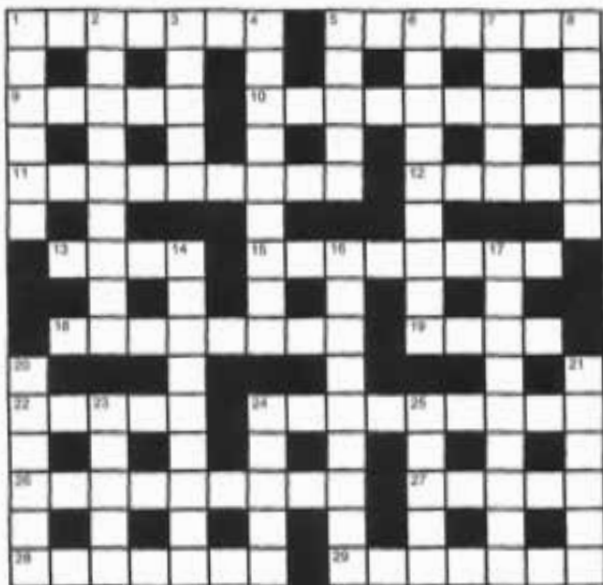


Tea Break

BIBLE CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Desperation; Praised (anag) (7)
- 5 God, doing this on day 7 (7)
- 9 More refined (5)
- 10 One of Paul's letters (9)
- 11 Uncared for (9)
- 12 Encamp against city (5)
- 13 Charitable giving (4)
- 15 Consecrated (8)
- 18 Abraham received these (8)
- 19 Jesus raised in 3 (4)
- 22 Colour found only in Ezekiel (5)
- 24 Someone who shields (9)
- 26 Continuance of life (9)
- 27 Grind together (5)
- 28 Unusual (7)
- 29 Athalia's cry (7)



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Down

- 1 Rely on (6)
- 2 Tail-ender (9)
- 3 Be in harmony (5)
- 4 Not wicked (9)
- 5 Reigned (5)
- 6 Contented (9)
- 7 Picture (5)
- 8 Good news (6)
- 14 The first, first-aid? (9)
- 16 Fraudulent (9)
- 17 Slain by Moses (9)
- 20 They get the hump (6)
- 21 Parentless (6)
- 23 Prickly shrub (5)
- 24 300 bought ointment to anoint Jesus (5)
- 25 Keen-sighted bird of prey (5)

(The answers can be found later in the magazine)



Tea Break

STAYCATION ANAGRAMS

For many of us, "holidays" this summer have involved staying in the UK, either by choice or by the lack of opportunity to travel to more exotic climes due to Covid. And maybe some of us have discovered or rediscovered the beauty of the British countryside or seaside resorts, or simply the splendour of what are commonly called 'tourist attractions'. The following are all anagrams of UK holiday destinations or sights that fall under those descriptions. Some of you may even have visited them during the course of the year, or maybe they are on your 'wish list'. All I can say is that without exception they are more attractive than their anagram form suggests – particularly since all the individual anagrams are in alphabetical order! Good luck: the answers will be revealed in the December/January edition of the magazine. If you can't wait that long, contact me and I'll put you out of your misery!

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CDEHIILLNNOORSSW (12-5)

DEFLNNOOOORTW (5-2-6)

ACDGHHHIILNOSSTT (8-9)

ADEEEEKLMMRRW (4-10)

ADEEHIKLORSSSY (9-5)

ABEENORSTU (10)

ADMOORRT (8)

ABDFKLNNOORRS (7-6)

ACEHHHOORSSTTUW (10-5)

EFGHIILOSTY (4-2-5)

ABDEEGHIILLMNORRUY (9-5-4)

ADINNOOSW (9)

AACCIJORSSSTU (8-5)

CDLOOSSTW (9)

ACDEIHKPRSTT (4-8)

AACEEGILLNSTTT (8-6)

EIIMNOOPRRT (11)

AACDEELLNRSTU (7-6)

CEIILLSSSY (6-5)

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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.



Daily Bread were lucky enough to be awarded a Civic award for contribution to the community which Cheryl Benson collected on our behalf at a ceremony hosted by the Mayor of Brentwood, the full article can be seen in this week's Gazette.

We have also been awarded a Stars of Brentwood award which we will be receiving at a presentation evening in October.

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ANSWERS

BIBLE CROSSWORD

Across:

1. Despair, 5. Resting, 9. Purer, 10. Galatians, 11. Neglected, 12. Siege,
13. Alms, 15. Ordained, 18. Promises, 19. Days, 22. Amber, 24. Protector,
26. Existence, 27. Gnash, 28. Strange, 29. Treason

Down:

1. Depend, 2. Straggler, 3. Agree, 4. Righteous, 5. Ruled, 6. Satisfied
7. Image, 8. Gospel, 14. Samaritan, 16. Dishonest, 17. Egyptians, 20.
Camels, 21. Orphan, 23. Briar (or Brier), 24. Pence, 25. Eagle

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11th Aug

SPENCER, Raymond. Funeral service at All Saints

12th Aug

SAUNDERS, Doreen - Funeral service at Bentley Crematorium

17th Aug

MEADE, Eric. Funeral at All Saints & Bentley Crematorium

Weddings

20th Aug

Callum Lock and Roberta Agar

21st Aug

Graham Brown and Natasha Kirk

28th Aug

Lloyd Morgan and Laura-Jamie Edgington

30th Aug

Paul Crownshaw and Sarah Kiernan

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

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

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.

Contact details for all the people mentioned above can be found on the "Useful Contacts" page at the back of the magazine.



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