



SAINTS ALIVE!

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THE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

All Saints' Church aims to be a welcoming Anglican community, a place of prayer and worship, providing a ministry to all and where people gather to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Normal SUNDAY Times

Said Eucharist **8.00 am**

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with Children's Corner

10.00 am

*followed by refreshments in the Church Hall next door,
at which **all (and especially any visitors)** are very
welcome.*

One Sunday each month:

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Usual HOLYDAY & WEEKDAY Times

The Parish Eucharist on Holydays & Feastdays **7.30 pm**

On weekdays Wednesday **10.00 am**

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A VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear All Saints,



Pope Francis was born in Argentina, in 1936. The son of Italian immigrants, he trained as a chemist before joining the Jesuits in 1958. He became Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1999 and in 2013 was elected the 266th pope. He was the first South American Pope and the first to take the name Francis (after St. Francis of Assisi). He was known for emphasising God's mercy, compassion for the poor, and simple living over grand ceremony; *"I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined"*. He had faith and hope for all: *"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow."* and *"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."* Rather than a bullet proof car, he drove a 20-year-old car, caught the bus around Rome and cooked for himself.

He emphasised the family, but had compassion on the divorced: *"It can no longer simply be said that all those in any 'irregular' situation are living in a state of mortal sin and are deprived of sanctifying grace."* and *"The eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak'."*

On homosexuality and gay marriage: *"If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?"* and *"Homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God. You can't kick someone out of a family, nor make their life miserable for this. What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered."*

He spoke out about abuse of the natural world: *"The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth"* and called for global responsibility.

He welcomed migrants: *"It is not easy to enter into a different culture. Therefore, we must not be afraid of the other, of the one who is different"* and *"each migrant has a name, a face, and a story. They are not numbers, they are people"*

On other faiths he emphasised dialogue: *"All religions are paths to God"* and *"We Christians and Muslims are brothers and sisters, and we must act as such."*

"Authentic Islam and the proper reading of the Quran are opposed to every form of violence."

On limiting the Latin Mass: *"The danger today is indietrismo (backwardness), the reaction against the modern. It is a nostalgic disease... being used in an ideological way, to go backwards."*

On sexual abuse scandals, he sent a strong signal defrocking US Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, but was criticised for allowing Fr Marko Rupnik's excommunication to be lifted.

Primarily he will be remembered for his humility, simplicity of living and love and grace for all, especially the poorest. Traditionalists and conservatives felt he was doctrinal ambiguous (especially around marriage and sexuality), were angered by his banning of the Latin Mass, and his leftish politics. What he hated was legalism and artificial barriers keeping people out of the Church. *"I dream," he said, "of a Church that is a mother and a shepherd."*

Thinking also of the Anglican church, we never know if we want in a leader: a charismatic apostolic leader, a spiritual monk, or a truth-speaking teacher.

In Pope Francis, the Roman Church had a pastoral shepherd.

Have a blessed month
Fr Ulric Gerry



EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Wednesdays 10:30am Coffee, Cakes and Companionship
in the Hall

Wednesday Service 8am Rev. Ulric Gerry

Sunday Services 8am and 10am Rev. Ulric Gerry

May ~ Eastertide

Saturday 10th Live Music and Dancing – *Large Hall*

"NHWS Sunday" 10am 25th May

**** APCM Sunday 18 May after 10am service ****

Annual Church Meetings for ALL members of our Congregation on the
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June

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Book Review:

The Fellowship of Puzzlemakers by Samuel Burr

This is a feel-good read with a liberal dose of quirkiness and a sprinkle of puzzles.

Crossword compiler Pippa Allsbrook brought together the greatest minds in Britain and created a community of creators of riddles, mazes and jigsaw puzzles known as the Fellowship of Puzzlemakers.

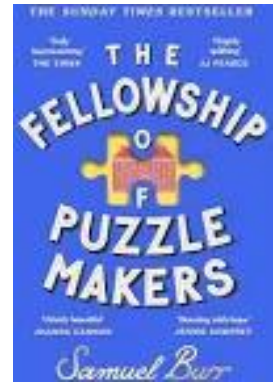
The greatest mystery though is how Clay ended up on the doorstep of the Fellowship abandoned as a baby and now as a young adult wondering about his place in the world.

When Pippa passes away she leaves Clay a series of puzzles to him to discover his parents' identity.

Clay has to solve acrostic puzzles, crosswords, word searches and anagrams each of which lead him to a different member of the Fellowship. Each member holds another clue that leads him closer to discovering his parentage and helps him to explore and evolve his own identity.

This is a really lovely book to switch off with after a long day at work. It has a good plot, good pace and a mystery to solve as well as multiple other puzzles along the way to keep you interested.

Fiona Robinson-Morey



Theatre Review:

Anything Goes

On Saturday 12th April we went to an amateur production of Cole Porter's *Anything Goes* at the Questors theatre in Ealing. Among the excellent production team was the musical director, our friend Charlotte Medlar, who some of you may know as Charlotte White.

The scenery, colourful costumes, music and choreography were outstanding and the leading performers were good enough to grace the West End stage. We thoroughly enjoyed it and look forward to their next production in November of *Beauty and the Beast* at the Winston Churchill Hall in Ruislip.

Jean & Bob Veale.



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Wednesday	Scrabble 11-1pm Knit and Crotchet Group 1-3pm
Thursday	Sit Down Exercise 11-midday and 12-1pm Dementia Friends Sessions 2-3pm
Friday	Coffee Mornings 10.30-12pm (<i>Alternate Fri</i>) Knit and Crochet Group 11am - 1pm Men's Cancer Support Group 1-2pm (<i>Last Friday of the month</i>) All Male Games Group 2-3pm Women's Cancer Support Group 2-3pm (<i>Last Friday of the month</i>)

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Recipe – Shortbread

Ingredients:

150 grams of plain flour
100grams of butter chilled
50 grams of caster sugar



Heat the oven to 170c or 150c for fan

Put all of the ingredients into a mixing bowl and use your hands to rub the butter through until it resembles breadcrumbs

Then squeeze together until it becomes a soft dough.

Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and roll out to approx 1/2 cm thick .

Cut into fingers and place on a lined baking tray,
use a fork to create a pattern and sprinkle more caster sugar on the top
then chill in the fridge for 20 mins.

Bake for 15-20 mins until golden brown,
remove from the oven and leave for 10 mins to cool before transferring
to a cooling tray.

A very simple recipe that just need a bit of careful handling but
absolutely delicious especially with a cuppa .

Lesley

The Punny Plaice

How does Moses make his tea?
Hebrews it.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club,
but I'd never met herbivore.

How to Get Your Lawn Summer Ready

TOP TIP: Apply all-in-one feed and weed lawn treatment in spring for a lush green lawn - a place to relax, entertain and play with the kids. With just a few easy steps you can get your lawn into great shape ready for the summer season.

- You may have given your lawn its first mow of the season. Keep the blades on the highest setting to start with, lowering them gradually as the season progresses.
- Tidy up the edges with a lawn edging iron if you have one, or a sharp spade. It's amazing what a difference crisp edges can make to the look of your lawn.
- Use this opportunity to make any changes to the shape of your lawn for a new summer look. A garden line is a great help for marking out straight edges, while a **hosepipe laid out** on the lawn is a good way to create sweeping curves.
- Rake the entire lawn with a spring tine rake, known as **scarifying**. This will remove any dead thatch, let more light into the grass and encourage strong growth. Don't worry if it looks a little bare afterwards, the grass will quickly grow back.
- A wet winter can leave your lawn compacted and waterlogged so use a garden fork to **aerate the soil**. Push it halfway into the ground every 6 inches/15cm across compacted patches, wiggling it around to create air channels down to the roots and help with drainage.
- Repair bare patches by sowing grass seed directly onto the soil. Rake first to create a crumbly surface, then scatter seed evenly. Rake again to settle the seed into place, water and cover with fleece or fine mesh to protect from birds.



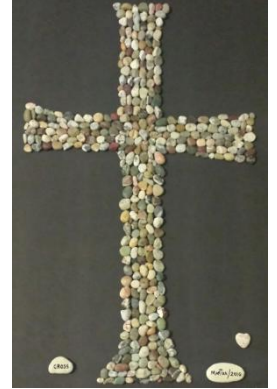
Thanks to Dobbies for their informative emails.

Some Garden centres offer a delivery service, but check the website, and if you are able to go out for your shopping, many of the larger stores have gardening products.

Good Friday 2025 Walk of Witness

Oak Farm School : motto "From the Acorn to the Mighty Oak"

Joan Stammins at Oak Farm School and Chiswick polly with my sister Winnie. Joan married Laurie Tarr and they invited the *Long Lane Link of Churches* to come on the Saturday before Palm Sunday – bring a stone to form a cross in the Methodist Church forecourt. I couldn't go, as with my mum had a Trust House Forte Bargain Break booked that weekend.



Then for a few years on that same Saturday folk walked from St Johns + to North Hillingdon shops carrying a large wooden Cross. Inspired by 14 Baptist + folk with banners and streamers, my friend Jeff and I made a *Long Lane Link of Churches* banner, double-sided, fixed with 5 runner bean poles.

As the Salvation Army chose to march on the road, this was a welcome barrier when the Met. Police were too busy to provide an escort for us.

Then the vicar of St Johns + said, "If we are going to do this each year, let's do it on the right day." Thus, Good Friday was chosen as an annual event.

But nationally, *Churches Together* was formed with a boat on the logo and the name was changed. I understand 1st time = a vote, and Jean Gorman, Parish Rep. and member of the Youth Club staff, with club members made a new banner.

As Audrey Bunce, church warden at St Johns + said, "We could not carry that named banner any more."

The new banner, heavy, square, 1 central pole, even with Girl Guides Colours' bucket support, it only made 1 outing from Crescent Parade to North Hillingdon shops.

After lock-down, we are blessed that Johnathan Mead and possibly Caroline said, "If we don't do it again this year!! The Good Friday Walk will not start again."

Within 2 weeks, contacting the Churches, it happened again, this time walking along the pavement (Health and Safety). **With Hot Cross Buns and tea/coffee at All Saints +**, not the soup and ploughmans lunch at the Baptist Church.



The crowds came again a few years ago and also **Friday April 18th 2025** in the sunshine.

Start 9:30am at St Johns +, Hillingdon Hill, and *Bill the Baker* bakes her Hot Cross Buns annually on Good Friday.

If you missed it – diary date **April 3rd 2026**.



Rosemary Bounden



2025

Articles for the **June 2025** issue need to reach the Editor by **Sunday 25th May 2025** saintsalive.editor@gmail.com

We shall definitely need some new items for the next edition, please.

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MAYbe you'll enjoy these

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
Pilgrims.

What season is it when you are on a trampoline in May?
Spring-time.

Can February March?
No, but April May!

What do you call a snowman in May?
A puddle.

VE Day

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Rather tricky!

JaneT

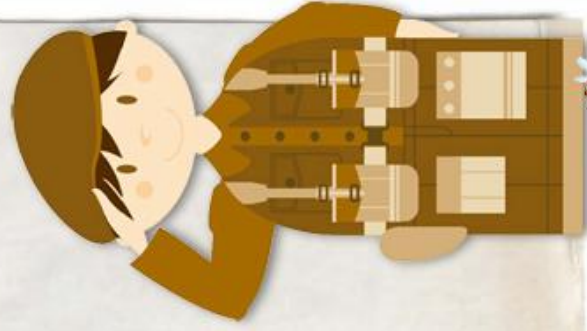
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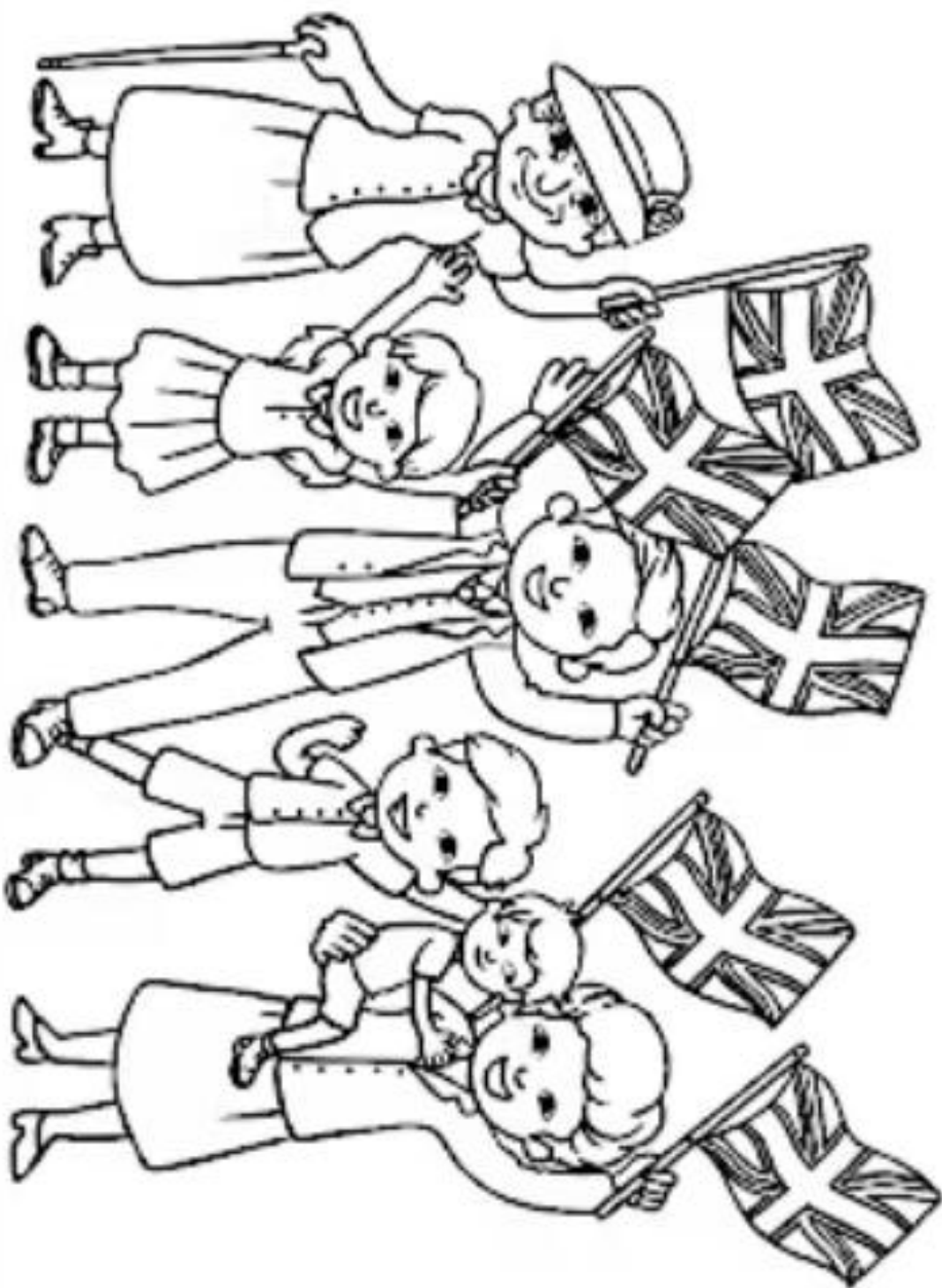
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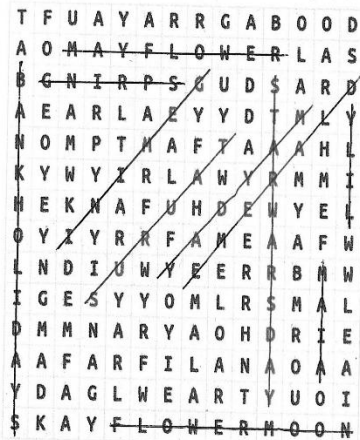
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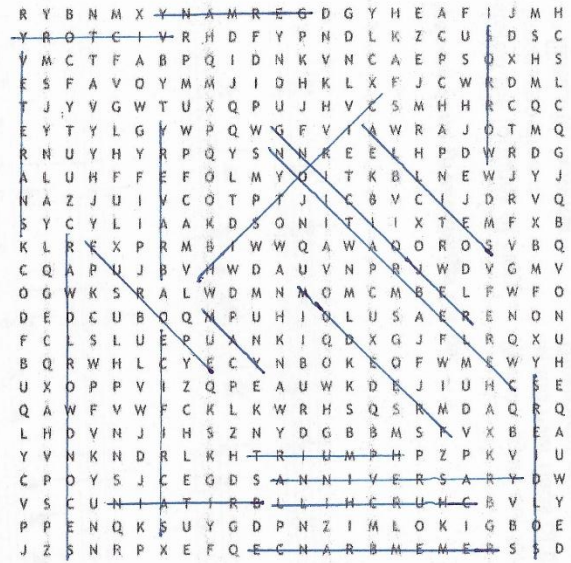
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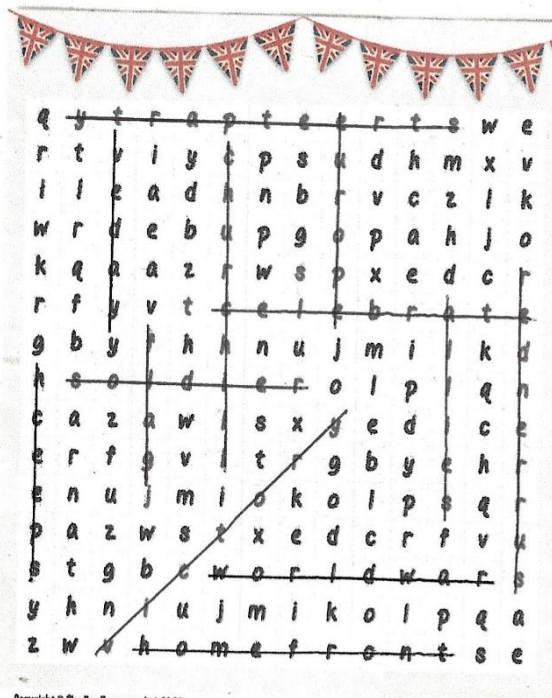
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VE Day



V E Day -children



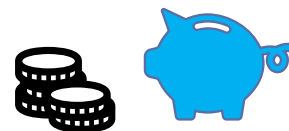
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