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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

SUNG PARISH EUCHARIST WITH

10.00 am

Children's Corner

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

On the 3rd Sunday of each month: Sung Parish Eucharist *in a less formal style*

10.00 am

USUAL HOLYDAY & WEEKDAY

Times

The Parish Eucharist on Holydays & Feastdays

7.30 pm

On weekdays

Wednesday

10.00 am

Please see the Parish Website or the weekly ***Parish Bulletin*** on the church porch notice-board for full details or telephone the Vicarage (01895 262024).

Enquiries concerning Baptisms, Banns, Marriages or other parish business can be made during **Vestry Hour** in church, which is normally on Saturdays between 10:00 and 11:00. No appointment is needed.

A VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE



Dear All Saints,

Have you seen the Barbie movie? There is a moment in the middle of a joyous, youthful, sparkly, arm-waving, dance party, when Robbie Margot blurts out “Do you guys ever think about dying?”. And the music stops. Embarrassed silence. (Google “Barbie the movie Thinking about dying” YouTube). We don’t like to talk about death. Instead, we hope to live forever with the right combination of diet, yoga, and elective surgery. We pretend death will never happen. Half of us die without even writing a will. We want to cheat death’s hold over us with state-assisted suicide. And when a loved one dies, we don’t know how to mourn; our culture no longer has any songs or rituals around death.

Death has always been an issue for us humans. The psalmist tries to twist God’s arm, reminding him; “The dead cannot praise you”. In Orpheus and Eurydice, Orpheus enters hell itself to bring back his beloved mortal wood-nymph. He fails, and the message is clear; death is inevitable, accept it, man up, and make the most of life. Until we face death, we cannot truly live. So often we waste our lives, frittering time away on meaningless activities, maudlin about the past, without purposeful vision for the future.

Our culture offers the illusion of a utopian fantasy in this world; happy families, home baking, exotic holidays, health, ‘living the dream’ and self-fulfilment. In reality, although life has many blessings, it is also constant struggle. This is where faith comes in; for Christians, heaven is our home, and life on earth only temporary. Death is a beginning, not an end. As Jesus said to Martha, Lazarus’s sister: “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die”. When we know this, we truly begin to live.

Revd Ulric

Articles for the **December 2024** issue need to reach Rev. Ulric by **Friday 22nd November 2024** ulricgerry@icloud.com

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

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“Borrowed” from the *Children’s Corner*

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Jane

... and for the adults:

Bonfire Night Quiz

- Complete the Bonfire Night rhyme:
“Remember, remember the fifth of November _ _ _ _ “
- Who was the leader of the group that planned the Gunpowder Plot?
- What fake name did Guy Fawkes give when he was caught guarding the gunpowder barrels?
- How many barrels of gunpowder were found under the building?
- Who and what were the targets of the Gunpowder plot?
- What year did the Gunpowder Plot take place?
- The uninhabited Guy Fawkes Island is in which group of Islands?
- It is believed that fireworks were invented in the 2nd Century BC.
Where in the world?
- What other major religious festival occurs around the same time as Bonfire Night?
- What speed, in miles per hour, will a typical firework rocket reach?

Lesley



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Wednesdays 10:45am Coffee, Cakes and Companionship
in the Hall

November

Saturday 2nd 10am *All Souls Commemoration
of Faithful Departed* Rev. Ulric Gerry

Sunday 3rd 10am *All Saints' Service* Rev. Ulric Gerry

Sunday 10th 10am **Remembrance Sunday**
with laying of wreaths

Saturday 23rd 12-3pm Christmas Bazaar

FRIDAY 29th 7:30pm *Joint Memorial Service* Haven / Centre
of Hope / All Saints

December **Season of ADVENT**

Sunday morning 10am services

AND **Christmas Services**

Sunday 15th 5pm Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday 22nd 5pm Christingle

Tuesday 24th **11:15pm** Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th 10am First Service of Christmas Day

EDITOR'S NOTES

Editor (still) required!

Please contact Rev. Ulric ulricgerry@icloud.com

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Parishioners and subscribers further afield.*

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Friday 29th November

7:30pm-9:00pm



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ANSWERS:

Bonfire Quiz:
 1. "Gunpowder, treason and plot"
 2. Robert Catesby 3. John Johnson
 4. 36 5. James I and VI, Parliament
 6. 1605 7. Galapagos 8. China
 9. Diwali 10. 150mph

Find the Saints

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Read around the edge and find the sentence ▲
 Saints show how God wanted them to live and love.

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The Pearly Kings and Queens' Harvest Festival

On the 29th September, The Pearly Kings and Queens, plus Mayors from across London, gathered for their annual charity Harvest Festival. It is a tradition which dates back to 1875 and has been kept alive by 30 London families who were all out in force in their black collared jackets, adorned with hundreds of pearlescent buttons and badges.

The organisation has raised millions of pounds for the capital's charities since it was founded in Victorian times.

Pearly Kings and Queens evolved from the costermongers, market traders who sold fruit, vegetables, fish and other produce from a cart or stall on the street. They were said to have sewn mother-of-pearl buttons onto their clothes to set themselves apart.

The first Pearly King is thought to have been Henry Croft, an orphan and street sweeper born at St Pancras workhouse in 1861. In the mid to late 1870s, he completely covered his suit in pearl buttons to stand out when raising money for orphanages and hospitals.

Croft was probably inspired by the costers' charitable work, their outlook of helping those less well off, as well as the pearly details of their clothes.

His clever thinking proved so successful that soon other charities were asking for his help and so began the society of Pearly Kings and Queens.

Today, you can't just call yourself a pearly king or queen. Titles are passed down. Children are raised in their family's pearly traditions and will eventually be 'crowned' with their parents' title.



For the annual Harvest Festival, we all gathered at Guildhall Yard in the City of London, where maypole dancing, Morris dancing, and a Cockney singalong ensued – all led by Donna Marie, the Queen of the Maypole!



At around 2.30pm, we then all paraded to St Mary-le-Bow church (home of the famous Bow Bells) for a beautiful service to mark Harvest time. The pearlies were laden with Harvest goods which were blessed at the altar.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the festivities and attend the service every year, and I would highly recommend it – it really is a sight to behold.

Anne Robinson

Few Tips to Keep Energy Costs Down



Reducing the thermostat by even a single degree could save you over £100 a year.



Prevent heat loss by insulating your pipes and boiler.



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ALL SAINTS' FIREWORKS PARTY 2024

We held our Annual Fireworks Party on Sunday October 27th and once again it was a sell out and I even had to refuse several enquiries. We had over 100 people attend who all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

There was something for all ages; we had a bouncy castle, Halloween crafts and spooky biscuits to decorate for all the children. We also had a range of glow in the dark items and Halloween sweets for them to buy. For the adults we had a BBQ plus a variety of hot drinks to purchase and a table firework quiz and dingbats sheets for them to complete.

However, the main event of the evening was the wonderful firework display to music which was truly spectacular and received lots of "oohs and ahhs". Once again, our very grateful thanks go out to **John Arnold** and his team for his generosity and hard work in putting on this wonderful display for us all to enjoy.



The Fireworks Party raised £560 towards our Boiler Fund

Lesley



Correction : The *Craft Group's* £50 donation reported last month, was for the **Boiler Fund**

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Our new campaign to tackle contamination

From Monday 14 October we're launching our new campaign to further reduce contamination in dry mixed recycling.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6oEd15IYpjw>

The 'Top of the Contaminants' campaign asks you to 'just take two seconds to check your recycling', by highlighting the misplaced items most commonly found by our crews during kerbside collections.

Contamination occurs when items which **can't be recycled** are put out in your clear bag for collection. If too much contamination is present, it can mean all the recycling is **sent to general waste** instead.

If you've been putting any of the items in our top five (see video above) into your clear bag, it's time to double-check how to dispose of them and help get Hillingdon up the charts for good recycling.

If the link does not work the top 5 **not** to recycle are

- 1 food
- 2 clothes and textiles
- 3 nappies and sanitary products
- 4 polystyrene
- 5 crisp packets

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Changes to winter garden waste collections

From December, the council's garden waste collections will change from weekly to fortnightly for the winter.

This change reflects recent data that shows usage by residents halves during these months. It will also help the council reduce its carbon footprint by reducing lorry journeys and vehicle emissions.

Weekly collections will return in March 2025.

Are there hidden batteries in your recycling?

Hidden batteries, found in things like rechargeable headphones, electric toothbrushes and mobile phones can't be recycled and can still carry enough charge to **start a fire**, even when empty.

Recently a fire badly damaged one of our refuse trucks and was most likely caused by a battery being crushed, so make sure you dispose of unwanted small electricals the right way. If you **book a [free textiles collection](#)** through our partner **Traid**, they will also take away any electrical items you no longer need at the same time.

We also offer facilities for recycling small electricals for **free in all of our libraries**. To keep everyone safe, pop your unwanted small electricals in the bright pink wheelie bins you'll find in each branch.



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Plant bulbs now for spring colour

If you want to fill your garden with colour next spring, plant bulbs from October to December, before the first frost. Daffodils, tulips, crocus, grape hyacinths and fritillarias are just some of the plants to choose from that will bring an explosion of colour to your garden when everything starts to wake.

Tips for buying bulbs

- Before you buy, give bulbs a little squeeze to make sure they are firm and avoid any that have soft patches or look as though they are decaying
- Handle bulbs with care and always wear gloves when handling or planting as some bulbs – like hyacinths – can irritate the skin
- If you're a beginner with bulbs, go for crocus, daffodils or tulips for fuss-free planting with great results
- If you're looking for something to plant later in the season, go for tulips, as these do best when they're planted in November
- Buy a good range of bulbs to use in beds, borders and containers

Planting:

Step 1

Choose bulbs to plant. Depending on what variety you buy, each bulb will produce 1-4 stems and blossoms. Choose bulbs that are firm to the touch with a light brown papery skin, almost like an onion skin. Do not plant a bulb that is soft or shrivelled, as it may be rotten or dead inside.

Step 2

Dig holes for the bulbs. Space the holes 4 to 6 inches apart, and dig them about 8 inches below the base of the bulb. So if you have a 1-inch bulb, you'll need a 9-inch hole. The larger the bulb, the deeper the hole must be. As you dig, clear away roots, rocks and other debris that could impede the growth.

Step 3

Plant the bulbs. Place them in the holes pointy-side up (otherwise they'll try to sprout downward). Sprinkle the soil back into the holes and pack it down with your hands, taking care not to tilt the bulbs in another direction.

Step 4

After planting, water the bulbs **lightly**. This helps them begin the process of growing. Don't give them a soaking, though; bulbs will decay and die if they get too wet. Don't water the bulbs again unless it's extremely dry outside.

Step 5

Then wait for your beautiful spring blooms start to sprout.





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