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*The Parish Magazine of  
All Saints' Church, North Hillingdon UB10 9BT*



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THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NORTH HILLINGDON  
UB10 9BT

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*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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**10.00 am**

Children's Corner

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

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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Articles for the November 2024 issue need to reach Rev. Ulric by **Friday 26th October 2024** [ulricgerry@icloud.com](mailto:ulricgerry@icloud.com) *We shall definitely need some new items for the next edition, please.*

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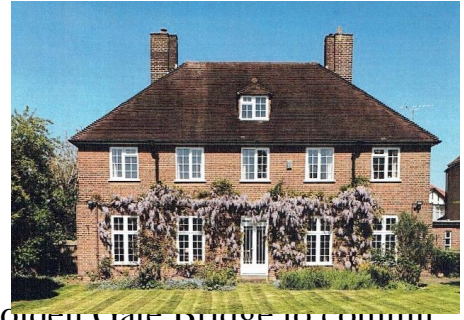
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# A VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE



## Dear All Saints


Kevin Hines had a miserable life, and jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge to commit suicide, but regretted the moment he let go, praying “God I don’t want to die, Help me”. He hit the water at terminal velocity (75mph), breaking several vertebrae, which alone should have killed him, went under the water, and kept sinking. He was sure he was going to die. He then felt this shape in the water, thought it was a shark, tried to punch it, but it continued pushing him upwards. It was a sea-lion that kept him afloat until the coast-guard rescued him. Today he is a successful motivational speaker and encourages others who are struggling and contemplating suicide, to look in the mirror and say “*I am not how I feel right now. I can choose to live, to thrive, and embrace the gift called life.*”

If I am honest, I still don’t understand prayer. Sometimes God answers miraculously and dramatically, like with Keven Hines, sometimes slowly, sometimes never. Sometimes the heavens seem like brass (Deut 28:23) and our most heart-felt prayers seem lost in the ether. But I’ll keep praying as no prayer is wasted; God turns our scraps of failed prayers into something good. Even Jesus’ prayer in Gethsemane to be delivered from agony and death was not answered, but it was converted into grace.

1<sup>st</sup> November is All Saints Day, and for over 1000 years the living church has remembered and celebrated the ‘Church Triumphant’ (those in now heaven) and the faithful departed. Hebrews 12:1 reminds us: “*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us*”. So as the nights get darker, keep going, keep faithful, keep running the race, keep believing, keep praying, as although we cannot see or hear them, we are watched over by the Lord, his angels and the multitudes who have gone before us.

Rev Ulric Gerry

October 2024



**Thank you!**

Our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September raised

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October

(Wed 16<sup>th</sup> 10am NO morning service)

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

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 10am *Healing Service* Rev. Michael Bolley

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> (Daylight Savings time – GAIN an hour!)

10am *Bible Sunday* Rev. Ulric Gerry

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm Fireworks John Arnold  
in the Church Gardens**

November

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am *All Saints' Service* Rev. Ulric Gerry

*tbc* 10am *All Soul's service* Rev. Ulric Gerry

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 12-3pm Christmas Bazaar**

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

**Editor required!**

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Parishioners and subscribers further afield.*

## UOGB

A merry band of us trekked out to the Wycombe Swan to see the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain.

We had no idea what we would hear!

When we walked in to the theatre, there were seven seats and microphones on the stage.

In walked seven musicians, carrying a Ukulele each – the last one was rather larger than the others and had an electric lead. It was a bass ukulele.

We were treated to almost 2 hours of music and humour. The music ranged from Handel (or so it was announced) to *Bohemian Rhapsody* via *Mr Bombastic* and the *CanCan!* Often with 4 or 5 different pieces being sung and performed at the same time! But brilliantly inter-woven.

My friends and I were thoroughly entertained, both by the music, and trying to work out what unannounced pieces of music were added in.

Of course, the finale included a version of *I'm Leaning on a Lamppost*.

Jane Turnbull

A poster for a firework party. The background is black with a pattern of small white and yellow stars. In the upper left, there is a large, stylized firework burst in white and yellow. The text is arranged in several sections. At the top right, ticket prices are listed: £5 ADULTS / £4 CHILDREN / FAMILY TICKET £15. Below this, it says REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO BUY BOUNCY CASTLE AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS. A horizontal line separates this from the location: ALL SAINTS CHURCH GARDEN - ENTRANCE VIA LONG LANE. At the bottom left, the date and time are given: SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER AT 5PM. At the bottom right, it says TICKETS ON THE DOOR OR VIA LESLEY (07742 326667). The main title 'FIREWORK party' is in the center, with 'FIREWORK' in large, bold, gold letters and 'party' in a white, cursive script below it.

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We started up these coffee mornings back in the middle of May this year and decided on a Wednesday morning hoping that the Wednesday morning congregation would come along and support us in this new venture. This proved to be a wise move as they have been a very loyal band of visitors to these mornings.

We simply just offer a cup of coffee or tea plus a slice of homemade cake for **£3** but with the chance to meet and make old and new friends. It was not started to make money but just to get people together to have some company over a cuppa.

We have about 30 visitors each Wednesday, not always the same people, and several have come along and made new friends. Occasionally we have a table quiz and have now set up a swapping library so people can bring along any book they have finished with and swap it for a new one.

People have been very kind and generous donating cakes, tea, coffee, serviettes, cooking apples and recently a very generous donation of £100 from one of our congregation who is also a regular visitor for which we were very grateful. This is testing my baking skills as I try to find new recipes so that the cakes differ each week, we now have to make three each week to cope with demand.

We so far have raised the grand sum of £1230 and given our current situation this will go towards the church's boiler fund or help with heating the church.

So a huge thank you once again to all of those that support us but especially to Marion Robinson (my right hand woman and fellow baker) who turns up each Wednesday and without her help these mornings would not be possible. So if you are free any Wednesday morning between 10:45-12:45 why not pop along and see for yourself over a cuppa and a chat? We'll be more than pleased to see you !



*Lesley*

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,  
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PARISH DIRECTORY**

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Do you enjoy our hymns?  
Can you follow a melody?  
We need your help!

The choir usually meets for an hour-or-so 'in' Church on a Thursday evening. We practice the Psalm, and check on the hymns for the next few Sundays with the help of Frances, our very talented accompanist.

NONE of the choir can sight-read, so we rehearse any 'tricky bits'.

Please do join us, and raise your voice in *Songs of Praise*!

### **TEA LOAF RECIPE**

*This is one of our popular cakes that we serve on a Wednesday morning. It can be eaten on its own or even better when buttered. I usually make one and once cold slice it up and then freeze it so just a slice at a time can be taken out to use, or if the family turn up then the whole thing, but it does freeze well.*

#### **Ingredients**

**300 ml of boiling water**

**3 or 4 tea bags**

**460 grams mixed dried fruit**

**140 grams light brown sugar ( can substitute for dark brown or caster )**

**250 grams self raising flour**

**1 beaten egg**

**1 tsp mixed spice**

#### **Method**

*Put the tea bags into the boiling water and leave to brew for ten minutes, squeeze out the tea bags and remove and then add the mixed spice to the tea liquid.*

*Put the dried fruit into a large bowl and pour over the tea/spice liquid, stir and leave for **two hours** so that the fruit plumps up.*

*Then add the flour, sugar and the beaten egg to the steeping dried fruit and mix well, then put into a prepared loaf tin and bake at **150c** for approx. **an hour and 15 mins**.*

*Check that the middle is done with a skewer or sharp knife - if it comes out clean then it is ready.*

*You can add nuts or chopped apple to the mix or drizzle with icing or honey once baked but however you do it I hope you enjoy it !*

*Lesley*

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4. Lettuce really love one another

**PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:**



1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

**NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:**



1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

**YOUR GARDEN MUST HAVE THYME:**



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*The man whispered, "God, speak to me"  
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But the man did not hear.*



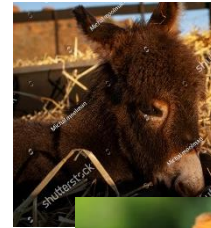
*So the man yelled "God, speak to me"  
and the thunder rolled across the sky.  
But the man did not listen.*



*The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you"  
and a star shone brightly.  
But the man did not see.*



*And, the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle"  
and a life was born.  
But the man did not notice.*



*So the man cried out in despair, "touch me God,  
and let me know you are here."  
Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man.  
But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.*



I found this to be a great reminder that God is always around us  
in the little and simple things that we take for granted...

..even in our electronic age....so I would like to add one more:

*The man cried "God, I need your help"..  
...and an email arrived  
(reaching out with good news and encouragement.)  
But, the man deleted it and continued crying....*



***Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way  
that you expect.***

***Author Unknown***



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