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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 SERVICES

SAID HOLY COMMUNION

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH HYMNS

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:

10.00 am

Sung Holy Communion (*in a less formal style*)

USUAL WEEKDAY TIMES

Wednesday Said Holy Communion Service
(followed by tea and cake in the Hall)

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).

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A VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE



Dear Saints,

We are living in a time of anxiety. I recently visited someone who was very distressed by the news on the TV, not unreasonably, with all that is going on in Ukraine, the Middle East and Africa. Add to this fears around climate change and the cost of living, rising unemployment and taxes, fears around demographic changes and personal safety, and it is not surprised many are anxious.

One antidote is to tune less into the BBC, and more into the HBC, the “Heavenly Broadcasting Company!” In the bible there are around 365 occurrences of verses around the idea of ‘do not fear’, do not worry’, ‘do not let your hearts be troubled’. Thus there is a comforting verse for every day of the year, and for good reason, as it is a human tendency to worry.

We recently visited the great Medieval Barn at Harmondsworth. Built in 1426, and 600 years old, it has seen the rise and fall of many kings and queens and all our prime ministers, survived civil wars and world wars pretty much unchanged. Today the village itself lives under the threat of Heathrow expansion, as it has since 1946. Living with such uncertainty is not easy. One ex-resident person I spoke to had moved out 40 years ago, and regretted it as she could have lived out her days there. Another, still living in the village, has wanted for years to install a new kitchen and bathroom, but hasn’t out of fear of the house being demolished. How would you feel living under such uncertainty? In reality all human life is uncertain. We don’t know what will happen to any of us tomorrow, let alone next week.

As a Christian, I find living with uncertainly easier when my faith is stronger. Paul compares to living in this world like camping (2 Cor 5), and we groan, longing for permanent resurrection life. So if you feel your anxiety levels rising, can I suggest you watch less news, read your bible more, name the things that are worrying you and give them over to the Lord. It’s going to work out OK; we’ve read the end of God’s book. *“Cast your burdens onto Jesus, for he cares for you”*. As Jesus said; *“my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

Have a blessed October,
Fr Ulric

EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Wednesdays at 10:30am - Coffee, Cake and Companionship in the Hall

October

Saturday 31st October – Children’s Fancy Dress Light Party 6pm onwards

November

Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day service 10am

Tuesday 3rd November at 11am - Service at Ryefield Court Care Home

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday 10am Service

Saturday 28th November – Christmas Craft Fayre

EVENTS IN HILLINGDON

2nd October at 3pm – Coffee and Crime event with author Simon McCleave at Manor Farm Library.

3rd October at 11am – Archaeology Talk (From Ice Age to Rome) at Hillingdon Museum.

8th – 10th October – Pastiche Theatre Group present ‘Musical Maestros’ at the Compass Theatre.

12th October at 2pm - Coffee and Crime event with author Mel Pennant at Manor Farm Library.

12th October – 21st December – Digital Taster Sessions at Uxbridge Library.

13th October – An evening with gardening professionals Matthew Pottage and Fergus Garrett at Winston Churchill Theatre.



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Bollywood Night



On Saturday September 19th the church hosted a Bollywood themed event in the church hall for 80 guests which included a dance display, live music and dancing, and also the most amazing spread of Indian food.

The hall was decorated with lots of twinkling lights and Indian decorations and looked magical.

The guests, once they had taken their seats, found on their tables, trays of homemade samosas and pakoras with a tamarind and mint chutney for dipping - these were just the starters.

We then had a Bollywood dance demonstration from a very capable and enthusiastic young man with so much energy. The audience were then invited to get up and join him, which the majority did, and they all looked to be thoroughly enjoying themselves for the next hour.

We then served the food which included chicken curry, vegetable curry, dahl, rice, naans, salad and raita - a veritable feast which went down a storm.

We then had DJ Chutney who played a variety of music for people to dance to and although the event was due to finish at 10.30pm, it went on until 11.00pm and I'm sure could have carried on longer!

We made the great sum of £1,300 - half of which is going to the charity Ear4U – run by Ann Sargent (one of our Wednesday coffee morning regulars).

The success of this event was down to a small band of people but I must particularly mention Surekha and Kashmir - they are the daughter and daughter in law of another of our Wednesday morning regulars - who cooked all of the amazing food from scratch and worked so very hard to make it the success it became.

Lots of great feedback and requests for a repeat performance all round!

Lesley Thompson

Thank You from Mount Vernon Cancer Centre

On behalf of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre I would like to pass on our sincerest thanks to the All Saint's community for their amazing generosity at the fundraising coffee morning held on Sunday 6th September.

Together, you raised an incredible £526.70 for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre.

These funds will help us to continue supporting the amazing work carried out by the staff making a difference to every patient, providing treatments and enhancements to the patient experience above and beyond what the NHS provides.

Examples of projects support like yours has helped us to fund include a peaceful fern garden outside the chemotherapy suite, scalp cooling systems and a ground-breaking ScarWork programme to improve the appearance of surgical scarring.

Thank you again.

Claire Adams - Community Fundraising Manager



MET Engage - an update on recent activities

MET Engage uses a website to allow residents to tell the local police of their concerns about criminal activity in their area - and for the police to inform residents of their progress in dealing with these crimes, any criminal activity in the local area and advice on what to do if they are affected.

There are also MET Engage Police Road shows where you can learn of recent police activity and discuss any concerns. The last Roadshow was on Monday 21st September at Oak Farm Library.

To join this scheme go to **<https://www.metengage.co.uk/contact/join-us>**.

I receive about one email a week with details of criminal activity occurring in our area and what has been solved, and emails with details of fraud and scams and how to avoid them.

One email was about the local Police carrying out patrols in Elephant Park and Pole Hill to keep our local parks and green spaces safe for everyone to enjoy and looking for anti-social behaviour and stolen mopeds.

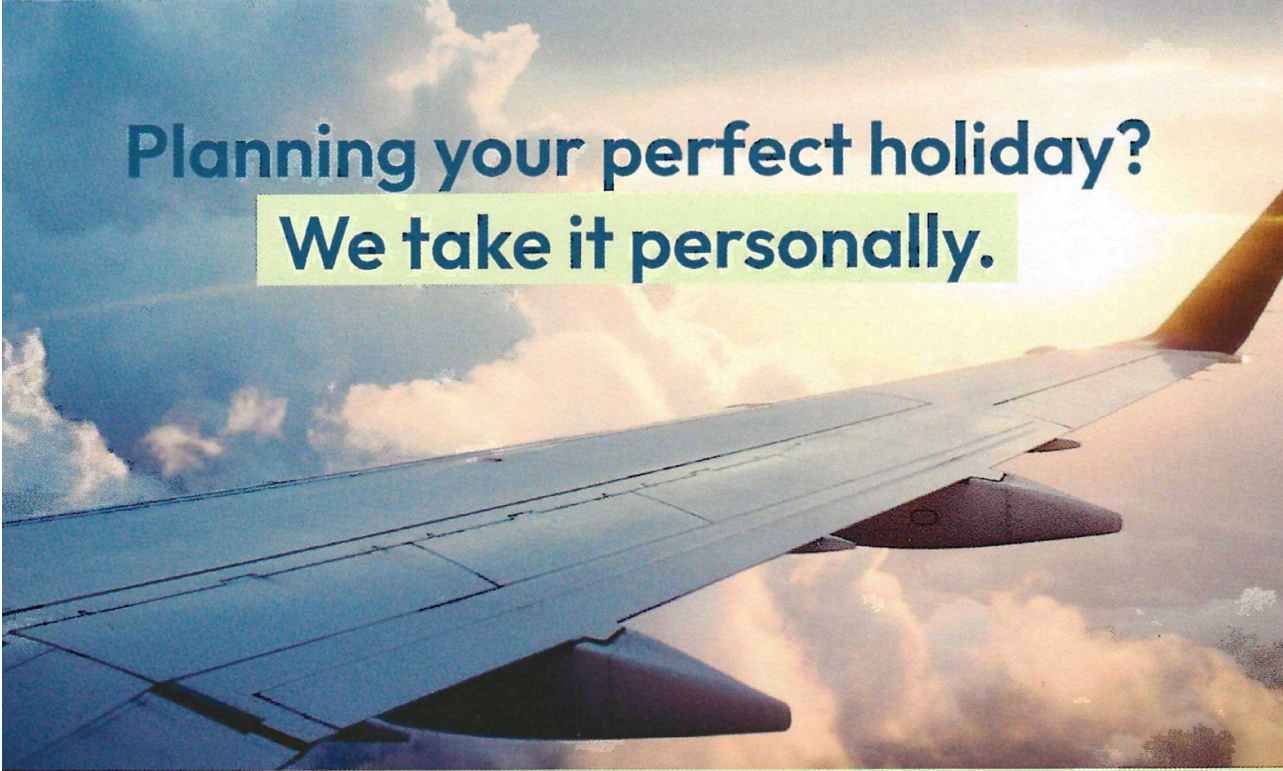
Another email had details about scam phone calls where criminals pretend to be your bank or even police officers and common tactics are;

- Claiming your bank account has been compromised and instruct you to move money.
- Stating “an officer” has arrested someone with documents linked to you.
- Spoofing phone numbers so the call appears to come from a trusted organisation.
- Keeping you on the line to stop you checking with family, your bank, or the police

The advice given was to hang up immediately and do not transfer money. Do not give them any personal details. If you want to verify a call, use a trusted number from the organisation’s website. Do not redial a number provided by the caller. Contact your bank directly if you think you may have shared financial details. Report suspicious phone calls to Action Fraud – www.actionfraud.police.uk or 0300 123 2040.

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Brian Hillier



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Leighton House and Sambourne House



In July a friend and I visited Leighton House and Sambourne House in Kensington.

The houses are now owned by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and people usually buy a joint ticket and visit both as they are only a few minutes walk from each other.

Both houses combine living and studio spaces and were built at similar times in the late 1800's and amazingly remain largely unchanged today and give a real insight into the life lived by the two artists and their families who lived there.

Leighton House was the home and studio of celebrated painter Frederic Leighton and today is not only a fascinating place to visit but also a venue for many creative events. Be sure to see the Arab Hall and Narcissus Hall.

After enjoying an hour or so in this beautiful place we rested with coffee and cake at the De Morgan Café, the on-site café, and then headed off to Sambourne House - a 10 minute or so walk away.

Sambourne House was the home of Edward Linley Sambourne, Chief Cartoonist at the infamous satirical magazine Punch.

Linley decorated the house in the fashionable aesthetic style, installing stained glass windows, and Morris & Co. wallpaper.

I thoroughly enjoyed both houses and found them full of interesting decor and artefacts.

I will definitely be revisiting in the future as there was too much to take in all at once. Totally recommended!

Jan Morris

A big welcome to Jan, Katherine and Hazel who will be joining our coffee rota. If anyone else would like to help out, please speak to Marion or Anne.

Jane Bunker



I was fortunate to visit the Battle of Britain Bunker on Saturday 19th September, in time to see the unveiling of a new memorial to the International Collaboration in the Battle of Britain efforts.

As well as depicting all the national flags on the memorial, they were flying above the car park too.

Hillingdon's Mayor and the Commander of RAF both made short speeches, a poem commemorating the loss of many nations was also read.

I was very impressed by four young Cadets, who stood smartly at-ease at the start of the speeches, then came to attention for their Commander and veterans. It was a very moving ceremony.

Jane Turnbull

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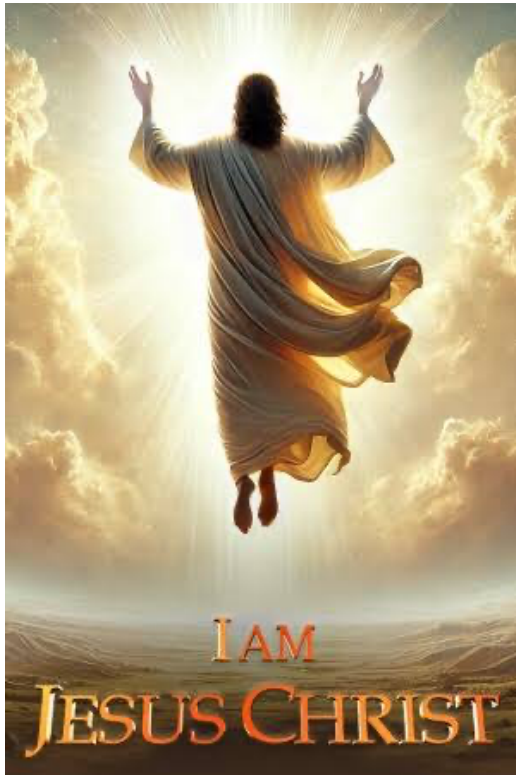
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Are you a video game disciple? In this one you play as Jesus.



“I Am Jesus Christ” lets players live out the New Testament, from performing miracles to confronting the money changers and being tempted by the Devil. As you heave your cross up the final yards of the path to Golgotha, the heavens open and thunder rolls all the way down to the walls of Jerusalem. Satan, standing by the roadside with his arms folded, sneers: “*This is no triumph of justice, Jesus. Just a crowd, craving someone to blame.*” Then the Devil vanishes in a shower of sparks and your vision turns to the sky as you are laid out on the crucifix and have your hands nailed to its crossbar.

This is *I Am Jesus Christ*, a Polish video game that appears to be the first full-blown “Christ simulator” retelling of the New Testament, from the baptism in the river Jordan to the crucifixion at Calvary. There have been previous attempts to turn the life of Jesus into a computer game, ranging from rudimentary point-and-click adventures to *The You Testament*, which allowed players to test alternative endings to the gospel narrative and was once condemned as the “worst game ever made”. Unlike these predecessors, *I Am Jesus Christ* is set in an “open-world” environment with the same basic exploration mechanic as the *Grand Theft Auto* and *Elder Scrolls* franchises. Players can roam around Roman Judaea, performing 30 miracles, resisting temptations in the wilderness, battling demons, casting the money changers out of the temple and getting up the noses of the Sanhedrin.

When it was first announced in 2019 by SimulaMaker, a Warsaw-based independent developer, the concept elicited a mixed response from Christians. Some accused it of trivialising scripture or even committing blasphemy. However, others welcomed the attempt to popularise the gospel through such a medium. A limited “demo” version, released in 2022, was widely panned for its cheap-looking visuals and clunky dialogue. However, the full game, which was published

on Maundy Thursday, has had a more enthusiastic reception. On Steam, the world's largest platform for downloading games, the user reviews are summarised as "very positive". Players praised the engrossing quality of the gameplay and the faithful recounting of the New Testament, which is largely quoted verbatim. "This could easily have been a joke game, but it clearly isn't trying to be," one wrote. "There's genuine effort here, and at times it actually feels kind of immersive just stepping into these moments... there's really nothing else like it, and I can't say I didn't have a good time with it."

Rev Ulric

Gardening in this year's heatwave



We have had an extremely hot summer and it's been very difficult looking after our plants and shrubs. I have lost two lovely old shrubs.

I was given a tray of nicotiana that had been grown from seeds since March. I wasn't sure how they would grow so I planted some in the ground and some in pots.

The plants in the ground grew best and grew to over 5ft, the flowers have all shades of pink and with the light behind them look so pretty and as you brush past them give out a nice smell. I planted just one by my front door and if you pass by you will see it's like Jack and the beanstalk.

One thing about the long hot summer and no rain... we didn't have the slugs to eat the plants!

What have you been growing this summer and do you have recommendations for drought tolerant plants?

Marion Robinson



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Honey and almond cake



Ingredients:

85g of plain flour
1 tsp of baking powder
pinch of salt
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200g of granulated sugar
1 tsp of vanilla extract
1 tsp of almond extract
3 large eggs
100g of ground almonds
28g of sliced almonds
12g of honey
76g of water

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F and grease and line an 8 inch round cake tin.
2. Cream the butter and sugar for two minutes, then add the vanilla and almond extract followed by the eggs one at a time - it may look curdled but it will come together when the flour etc is added.
3. Mix in the flour, baking powder and salt slowly and then add in the ground almonds by hand very gently.
4. Put the cake mix into the prepared tin and sprinkle over the slivered almonds and bake for approx 30 mins until a skewer comes out clean.
5. Put the cake still in the tin onto a wire cooling rack and warm the honey and water in a saucepan then pour this syrup over the cake so it also goes down the sides and leave in the tin for another 20 mins then remove from the tin and leave to cool completely on the rack.

This cake is absolutely delicious served with some creme fraiche or plain yogurt.

Lesley Thompson

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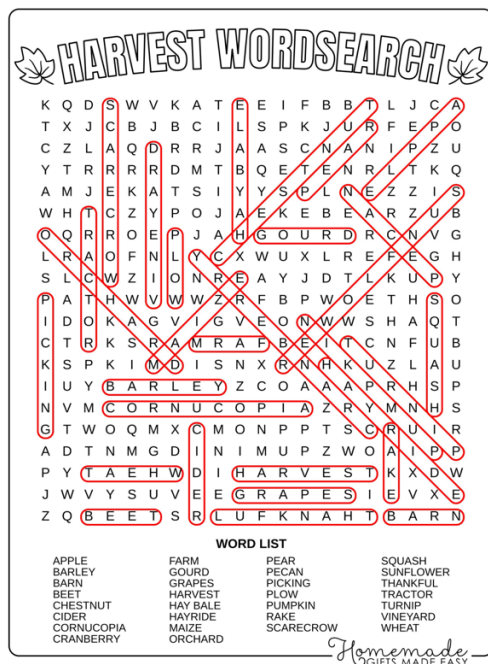
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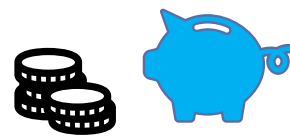
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