



SAINTS ALIVE!

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UB10 9BT

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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 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:

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).

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A VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE



Dear all,

How do people come to Christian faith?

Many of us grew up in the Christian faith, with our parents taking us to church, and in turn we brought our own children to church, we found a sense of peace and contentment, the enjoyment of belonging to a loving and supporting church community, and have a strong faith that has been gently nurtured over the years.

However, now we have two generations in England who have never gone to church. They have no idea what happens in a church service. They don't know the hymns or even the Lord's prayer. To even enter church, an unfamiliar space, on a Sunday is a barrier. So how do they come to faith? And even when they do come, it is difficult to pick up what Christianity is about from just attending a service.

What has worked in many churches around the world are 'seeker-sensitive' courses. There are a number of these; Alpha (www.alpha.org), Christianity Explored (www.christianityexplored.org), Emmas, Being With (being-with.org). These courses allow people to meet outside the church worship context, to build friendships, talk, share, ask questions, listen and work out what they believe. Someone said, 'people come to church for many reasons, but they only stay for one, for friendship', and courses like this enable people to build those life-long friendships.

Many who have been Christians a long time also enjoy these courses, as it gives them space to consider and ask questions that they have never had an opportunity to ask, and get to know others in the church in a depth that is not always possible on a Sunday. Someone said of the Alpha Course:

"In the relaxed, informal atmosphere, it proved very different from anything I had encountered before ... All, I believe, were searching for answers to deep-rooted questions ... On the whole, I found the course enlightening, interesting and totally absorbing."

How does this sound? Would you like to come to a group like this? Or perhaps bring one of your neighbours or family members? How about we do this as a church? And when would work for you? And would you like to get involved?



Food for thought,

Fr Ulric Gerry

EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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

Wednesday Service at 10am - Rev. Ulric Gerry

Sunday Service at 8am and 10am - Rev. Ulric Gerry

October

5th October – Harvest Festival and shared lunch

Tuesday 7th October at 11am - Ryefield Court Communion Service

November

Look out for details of the ooh-aah Fireworks display

2nd November at 5pm - All Souls Service with lighting of candles to remember the departed

Tuesday 4th November at 11am - Ryefield Court Communion Service

9th November at 10am - Remembrance Service with laying of wreaths

16th November at 10am – Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Willesden

EVENTS IN HILLINGDON

Select days throughout month - Digital Skills Workshops at Uxbridge Library

Wednesday October 15th from 11am-3pm - Age Friendly Festival at Battle of Britain Bunker (drop-in for a tea/coffee and object handling)

Friday 17th October at 10am - Creative writing workshop at Uxbridge Library

Monday 20th October from 11am-3pm - Age Friendly Festival at Uxbridge Library

Plus, the Coffee and Crime events continue at Manor Farm Library with talks from various authors.



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Breast Cancer Now - A Thank You Gathering



The week after the successful Breast Cancer Now event in the garden of All Saints vicarage, Lesley Thompson very kindly invited volunteers and family out for a drink as a thank you.

We all met up at the Swallow Pub on Long Lane for some well-deserved refreshments and food. The fish and chips were excellent, as was the rest of the menu, and since it was still early afternoon, we almost had the place to ourselves.

The relaxed atmosphere made for easy conversation and lots of laughs. Between the excellent food and the wonderful company, it turned into a really memorable afternoon.

The photo seen here was taken early on, and more friends arrived a little later to join the gathering.

Peter Turner

Another big thank you!



A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support on Sunday 21st September.

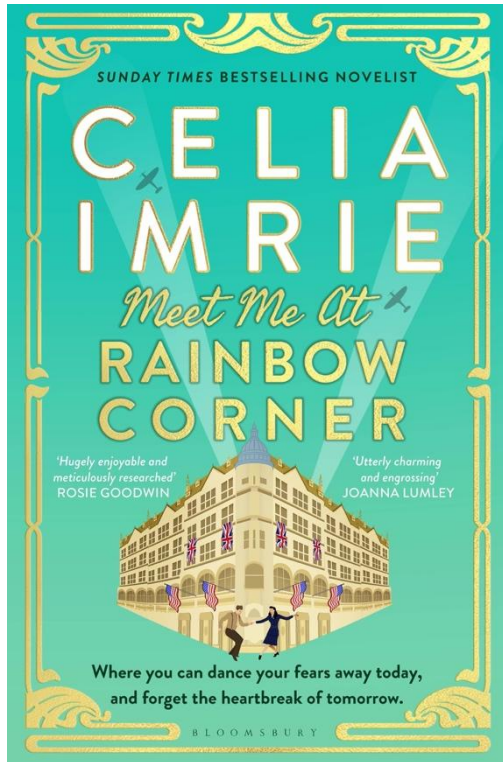
I'm pleased to say, we raised just over **£375** to help the charity provide vital care and support for people living with cancer.

Big thanks to mum (Marion), Lesley, Janet, and Pip and Geraldine, for all their help baking up a storm!

Anne Robinson

Book review

Celia Imrie - Meet me at Rainbow Corner



When I see a famous actor or celebrity put their name to a book (I word it that way deliberately because I imagine they have gifted editors who have a firm hand in shaping the novels), I'm immediately suspicious of the quality. So Celia Imrie's latest novel *Meet Me At Rainbow Corner* was a surprise hit for me.

The blurb on the book jacket and the image may fool you into thinking this is about dancing and nurse Dot Gallagher merrily bopping her way through 1944. But it's not all lightness.

The novel follows the highs and lows of our two heroines Red Cross nurse Dot and Lilly as they move into lodgings together in London and are called to work at Rainbow Corner.

This delightfully named building was a corner of the United States in London complete with all the luxuries the American GIs knew from home like doughnuts, chewing gum and cola. There is no rationing and the constraints of British war time living are left at the door.

There are movies, restaurants and a huge dance hall. It is there that Dot is employed to spend her evenings as a hostess dancing with the American soldiers.

Through this experience she becomes firm friends with many of the other British women working there, and in particular with Lilly, who works for the terrifying Colonel in a department that seems to be an early forerunner of the secret services.

It's not all fun though - Dot and Lilly begin to suspect one of their social circle at Rainbow Corner is a traitor sharing information with the Germans. The clock ticks as they try to track the traitor down before the women, many of whom become GI brides, set sail for America at the end of the war. This was an intriguing plot that kept me hooked.

This historical novel follows the ups and downs of Dot and Lilly's relationships, careers and the challenges they have as women living in wartime Britain, against the backdrop of air raid sirens wailing and bombers flying overhead.

I found the social history of women in war time explored through the lives of our heroines and the treatment of the GI brides fascinating. I liked this novel a lot. A recommended read.

Fiona Robinson-Morey



At **Oak Farm Library**, on the corner of Long Lane and Sutton Court Road, there are a wealth of weekly activities (see poster to the right). Ask a member of staff for more information or give them a call on **01895 556242**.

Opening times:

Mon, Thurs (late opening) 10am to 7pm

Tues, Weds, Fri 10am to 5pm

Sat 10am to 4pm

Sun CLOSED



Amazing craft work

This summer, I was privileged to visit two exhibitions of amazing crafts.



First in the Scottish Borders, in a purpose-built building in Galashiels (recently reconnected to Edinburgh by train on the Waverley Line), we spent a too-short few hours exploring the *Great Tapestry of Scotland*. I will certainly go back!

160 panels were stitched by 1000 volunteers across Scotland, working for 50,000 hours! A couple of extra panels have been made, to introduce the project and to commemorate the visit of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

One very interesting story concerned the Rosslyn Chapel panel. While the exhibition was on tour, the panel was stolen. Neither the panel nor the thief/thieves have been found, and it's suspected that the panel left the country within 24 hours. The devastated team of stitchers recovered and made another panel "with subtle differences". Many panels had information that I found personally interesting.



At the end of August, I visited the Chiltern Open Air Museum to see *The Longest Yarn 2* - a history of Britain at war (WW2) in 80 wool-crafted dioramas. Again, the work involved was amazing and I had a personal interest in several of the scenes.

The exhibition included several life-sized mannequins representing all the services from Land Girls to fighter pilots, and a stunning poppy dress!

The exhibition is still on tour.

Jane Turnbull



Quiz Night

All Saints' Church Hall, Long Lane,
Hillingdon.

Saturday 18th October

7.30pm-10pm

In aid of church funds

Teams of 6 - £8 Per person

Bring your own drinks and snacks!

Contact Carol on 07749 415449
for more information

Welcome Anne!



Welcome Anne Robinson, who took over as Editor of *Saints Alive!* when her Mayoral duties ended in May.

Anne, who studied journalism, and started her working life in local radio, is keeping up the family writing tradition. Her late father wrote the weekly article 'Angling with Les Robinson' for the Uxbridge Gazette.

Anne's older sister, Fiona Robinson-Morey (who still writes book reviews for *Saints Alive!*), took her work and reporting to New Zealand – and Fiona's 11-year-old son Alexander has recently written about his favourite book for this magazine.

So now it's Anne's turn. She had a practice in lockdown, assisting the vicar Father Desmond on a Thursday with the website, social media, and filmed online services.

She was a volunteer at 2012 London Olympics and Paralympics, and has reported at various sporting venues, including the Rugby World Cup at Twickenham.

While Anne was chatting to Curate Lynne Fawns about her booking to go to Windsor Great Park, where HM Queen Elizabeth II would unveil a statue, she told her to 'find out about it before you go!'. But she didn't find out what colour outfit the Queen would be wearing (protocol says, 'don't wear the same colour as The Queen'). Anne stood proudly by her Majesty, both wearing red coats, ouch!

Can you fulfil the Editor's request regarding extra copy for future magazines?

Rosemary Bounden

Can you help?

Do you have used stamps, used ink cartridges, ring pulls from cans, plastic sweet tubs, currency from anywhere in the world, or used full strips of raffle tickets?

Linda Berry is accepting donations on behalf of a friend who sends them off to different charities as part of their fundraising efforts.

MetEngage - Connecting Londoners with Their Local Police

The Metropolitan Police want to create a strong link between them and local communities, by using a new free website called MetEngage.co.uk.



What Information does MetEngage Provide?

Subscribers receive a variety of messages to make them more aware and secure.

Local Crime Alerts: Notifications about recent crime trends in the area, such as a spate of burglaries or vehicle thefts, often accompanied by prevention advice.

Crime Prevention Advice: Timely tips on how to guard against common scams, secure your property, or stay safe online.

Community Events: Invitations to local police engagement events, community meetings, or property-marking sessions.

Witness Appeals: Information about local incidents where police are seeking public assistance.

Good News Stories: Updates on successful police operations, arrests made, or community problems solved, helping to build public confidence.

MetEngage provides excellent communication between public and police

Local officers send out surveys to gauge public opinion on policing priorities, which help to arrange patrol strategies and tackle issues that matter most to the local community

I became a subscriber about three months ago and submitted my concerns which were, dangerous driving, fraud and theft. MetEngage regularly emails me with details of their success and makes me aware of any developing problems in my area.

If you wish to become a subscriber, its free, go to <https://www.metengage.co.uk> and submit the following details - First and Last names, Postcode and your email address

I am sure you will find being a subscriber very informative and worthwhile.

Brian Hillier

Date, orange and almond loaf recipe



Ingredients:

150 grms chopped pitted dates
180 ml freshly squeezed orange juice
1/2 tsp. bicarbonate of soda
115 grms softened butter
100 grms brown sugar
2 large eggs
zest of one orange
1 tsp of vanilla
100 grms of ground almonds
100 grms of plain flour
1tsp of baking powder
1/4 tsp of salt
1/2 tsp. of cinnamon
60 grms of slivered almonds

Method:

Preheat the oven to 175c and grease and line a loaf tin.

Put the dates and bicarbonate of soda in a small bowl and add in the orange juice. Stir and leave for ten minutes.

Cream the butter and sugar together in another bowl and beat in the eggs one at a time - then add the orange zest and vanilla. Now add in the date and orange juice mix and combine together.

Add in the flour, ground almonds, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Mix together but don't overwork and lastly add in the slivered almonds.

Pour into the loaf tin and sprinkle a few extra almonds on the top. Bake for 50-55 mins until a skewer comes out cleanly and the cake is golden brown. Leave in the tin for ten minutes to cool before turning it out. Once cool it can be decorated with a drizzle of icing made from orange juice and icing sugar and decorated with more orange zest.

This cake has proved a great hit at our Wednesday coffee mornings so why not give it a try!

Lesley Thompson

The Golden Chain of Friendship

A poem by Helen Steiner Rice



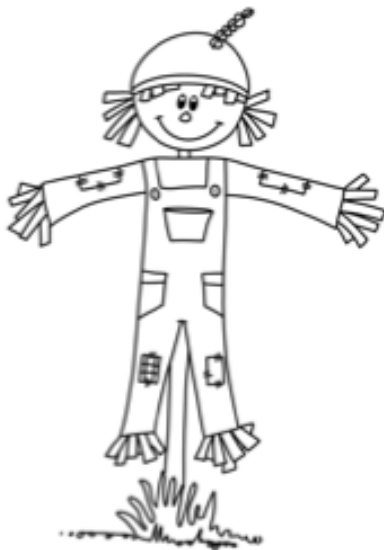
Rosemary Bounden read this out at her big birthday celebrations and I wanted to share it with you all. It beautifully captures the timeless and invaluable nature of true friendship. So today, be thankful for all the friends you treasure (*the Editor*).

Friendship is a Golden Chain,
The links are friends so dear,
And like a rare and precious jewel
It's treasured more each year...
It's clasped together firmly
With a love that's deep and true,
And it's rich with happy memories
and fond recollections, too...
Time can't destroy its beauty
For, as long as memory lives,
Years can't erase the pleasure
That the joy of friendship gives...
For friendship is a priceless gift
That can't be bought or sold,
But to have an understanding friend
Is worth far more than gold...
And the Golden Chain of Friendship
Is a strong and blessed tie,
Binding kindred hearts together
As the years go passing by.



Do you have a favourite poem or book that means something to you? Maybe a bible passage that deeply resonates with you? Or a quote that inspires you? I would love to hear it (*the Editor*).

Scarecrow Word Search



Fall	Pumpkin
Leaves	Scarecrow
Rake	Red
Orange	Yellow
Apple	Acorn
Autumn	Trees
Harvest	Birds
Squirrels	Colours
Corn	Colder

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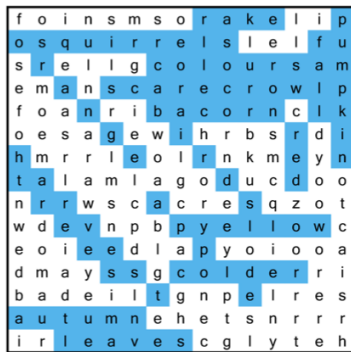
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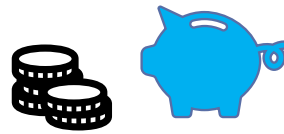
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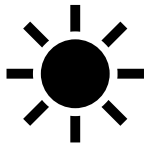
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Punny Plaice



What does a clock do when it's hungry?

It goes back four seconds

Articles for the November magazine need to reach the Editor (Anne Robinson) by **26th October** at anne.robinson82@btinternet.com or saintsalive.editor@gmail.com

Have **you** got an item to share with our readers? We need more contributions to keep the magazine going. Could **YOU** provide an article? Or a photo for our front cover?



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