

# All Saints Shooters Hill: January 2012

We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Services

*Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful. 1 Corinthians 13:4*

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## 1 January: Sunday after Christmas

10:30 **Holy Communion (CW)**

Galatians 4:1-7 (1105) , Luke 2:15-21 (970) (G Sheath)  
Sidespeople: F Mibuulo, B Ogundimu Refreshments: V Aigbirhio, B Ogundimu

**No Evening Service**

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## 8 January: 1st Sunday of Epiphany

10:30 **Morning Prayer (BCP)**

Ephesians 3:1-12 (1109) , Matthew 2:1-12 (914) (C Wilkinson)  
Sidespeople: P Cutts, H Hughesdon Counting: R Robertson, G Sheath  
Refreshments: F Olarewaju, S Owen  
Sunday school: J Walsh, P Sheath, B Ogundimu

6:00 **Holy Communion (CW)**

Romans 12:1-5 (1075), Luke 2:41-52 (971) (H Owen)

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## 15 January: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10:30 **Holy Communion (CW)**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (1089) , John 2:1-11 (1105) (V Aigbirhio)  
Sidespeople: B Wilhelm, R Wilhelm Refreshments: P Cutts, L Otieno  
Sunday school: J Walsh, K Baxter

6:00 **Evening Prayer (ASB)**

Isaiah 60:9-22 (709), Hebrews 6:17-7:10 (1139) (A Brown)

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## 22 January: 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10:30 **Family Service**

Sidespeople: J McQuillen, V Aigbirhio Counting: J McQuillen, G Sheath

6:00 **Holy Communion (CW)**

Romans 12:16-21 (1076), Matthew 8:1-13 (919) (H Owen)

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## 29 January: 4th Sunday of Epiphany

10:30 **Holy Communion (CW)**

2 Kings 23:1-11 (378) , Mark 1:21-28 (947) (R Mibuulo)  
Sidespeople: R Robertson, E Woods  
Sunday school: J Walsh, A Paul

6:00 **Evening Prayer (ASB)**

1 Samuel 3:1-20 (261), 1 Corinthians 14:12-20 (1090) (H Owen)

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## 2012: a year for celebration

As I write the New Year is fast approaching. 2012 promises to be a memorable year. In July through to September we will witness the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London. The last time the games came to the UK was in 1948 when they were known as the 'Austerity Games' because of their closeness to the end of the Second World War. The country, indeed the world, was still recovering from the effects of that war. The games of 2012 will no doubt be a great occasion and Christians and churches are planning what they might do.

*In 2012 we will also be marking the 60<sup>th</sup> year of the Queen's reign with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. These will centre on an extended weekend from the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June. The Queen came to the throne on 6 February 1952 and her coronation took place on 2 June 1953. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria in 1897. During the last sixty years the Queen has faithfully discharged her God given responsibilities in way which has endeared her to many people throughout the world.*

In 2011 the Queen in her Christmas Day broadcast mentioned that for many this Christmas was a difficult time. She went on to remind us that, "although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves - from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person - neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) - but a Saviour, with the power to forgive." Forgiveness, the Queen said, "lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love."

**Let us therefore look to the future aware of the power of God to transform people's lives, restore broken relationships and bring comfort and hope to those in need. May we enter this New Year thankful for God's mercy and alert to the opportunities of loving service and witness that 2012 will bring.**

All Saints Church exists to help people live the best life possible through our commitment to serving God, the community and one another.

## Sunday School

The **Sunday School** restarts at **10.30am on Sunday 8th January**. Children 3-10 years will continue to come into church for the beginning of the service and then go into the hall for teaching appropriate for their age. Children under 3 years are encouraged with their parents or carers to make use of the Children's room near the hall where they will find activities more suited to their children's needs. The loudspeaker extension enables parents to hear the service with their children. We continue to need more teachers and helpers in Sunday School. If you would be interested in finding out more of what this might involve then please speak to Joanne or Pauline.

## Flowers in Church

If you wish to donate flowers for the Communion table please sign the list in the entrance. Alternatively if you wish to contribute to the Flower Fund, donations are much appreciated. Thank you to all who give towards the flowers in Church. If anyone would like to be involved in arranging flowers in church then please speak to Linda Bailey. We are always on the lookout for new flower arrangers.

## Confirmation and Christmas celebrations

Please remember in your prayers **Olaoluwa, Funmilola, Lesley and Constance** who were confirmed by the Bishop David Atkinson on the 4th December in All Saints. Thank you to all who helped with the cleaning and decoration of the Church for the Christmas services. A congregation of over one hundred were present for the Carol Service. The mix of carols was much appreciated with the Choir rising to the challenge of singing carols from around the world. The dramatised readings from the King James Version of the Bible added to the occasion. My thanks to readers, members of the choir and Geoff Sheath for arranging the music and preparing the choir for the Carol Service. Thanks also to our musicians who play at our Sunday services and to all who read or lead prayers.

## Rotas and Refreshments

January provides the church with an opportunity to update the various rotas that help towards the smooth running of All Saints. The PCC appreciate the contribution made by people who are willing to help and go on the sidespersons, reading or refreshment rotas. A number of people have recently come off some of these rotas. We are in particular need of help with refreshments after the service on Sunday mornings. This involves getting the cups ready before the service, checking the urn which heats the water and serving the coffee, tea and orange squash after the service. If there are any members who would be willing to help with refreshments or are interested in going on one of the other rotas mentioned above please speak to the churchwardens or Vicar.

## Cleaning Party

The cleaning party continues to meet on most Fridays from 10am in church. Thank you to those who have helped in this way over the last year. Check with Linda Bailey for more information. Additional helpers are always welcome.

## Parish News

**Doreen Wenham** and **Ros Burton** are comfortable in Gallions View Nursing Home in Thamesmead. Please remember these members in your prayers. **Naomi Sanusi** who is expecting a baby in a few weeks is in the Queen Elizabeth hospital for observation. Please remember Naomi and her family in your prayers.

Over Christmas we again heard news of a former member **Harry Webster** who is now living close to his daughters and their families in Sussex. Now 89 he is generally keeping well. It was good to see **Dele and Remi** together with **Kayode** at the Carol Service in December. They were looking relaxed and getting on well in Nunhead.

## Church Pastoral Aid Society

CPAS (the Church Pastoral Aid Society) was founded in 1836 by prominent Christians, including the social reformer Lord Shaftesbury. It was established as a Christian response to the social changes being brought about by the Industrial Revolution. Lord Shaftesbury and his friends set up a new charity that would resource local churches to cope with these changes. The society began giving grants to enable churches to employ extra members of staff. Their aim was simple: the gospel should be taken 'to every person's door, with a single eye to the glory of God'.

Over time the work of CPAS has developed. Like the founders of the society CPAS today believes in resourcing leaders - both lay and ordained. They seek to equip leaders to cope with rapidly changing social circumstances and want to see the gospel find its way to everyone's door. CPAS has been linked with All Saints over many years where they act as Patrons. CPAS has responsibility for nominating incumbents (Vicars or Rectors) to over 500 benefices in the Church of England. Working with the church and the diocese they seek to fill vacant parishes with incumbents "who have a heart for the gospel, are committed to seeing people won for Christ and built up in the faith".

## Ripplings

Ripplings is a successful and friendly pre-school that runs in the church hall every morning in term time. For further information look at [www.rippplings.org](http://www.rippplings.org)

## Church Office

For information about activities at All Saints (including weddings and baptisms) please contact Rev Harry Owen ([h.d.owen@talk21.com](mailto:h.d.owen@talk21.com) 020 8854 2995) or call at the Vicarage, 106 Herbert Road, on any Monday evening between 7pm – 8pm.

## Weekdays in January

Thurs	5th	8pm	Prayer Meeting at 106 Herbert Road
Tues	17th	8pm	Deanery Synod Meeting at St Mary's Welling
Wed	18th	8pm	House Group at 106 Herbert Road
Tues	24 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	PCC at 106 Herbert Road