

## All Saints Shooters Hill: May 2013

We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Services

*In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10*

### 5 May: 5th after Easter

- 10:30 **Holy Communion (CW)**  
Revelation 21:9-22:5 (1182) , John 14:23-29 (1022) (O Ogundemi)  
Sidespeople: P Cutts, E Skeete Refreshments: F Olarewaju, P Cutts  
Sunday school: A Jarrett, B Ogundimu
- 6:00 **Service of the Word**  
Zephaniah 3:14-20 (894) (H Owen)

### 12 May: Sunday after Ascension Day

- 10:30 **Morning Prayer (BCP)**  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (204) , Luke 24:44-53 (1003) (**A Brown\***)  
Sidespeople: F Mibuulo, B Ogundimu Counting: R Robertson, G Sheath  
Refreshments: S Owen, M Akpewrene Sunday school: J Walsh, K Baxter
- 6:00 **Holy Communion (CW)**  
1 Peter 4:7-11 (1154), John 15:26-16:4 (1023) (H Owen)

### 19 May: Pentecost

- 10:30 **Holy Communion (CW)**  
Acts 2:1-11 (1032) , John 14:8-17 (1022) (**F Olarewaju\***)  
Sidespeople: B Wilhelm, R Wilhelm Refreshments: K Byfield, M Agboluaje  
Sunday school: P Sheath, S Campbell
- 6:00 **Evening Prayer (ASB)**  
Exodus 33:7-20 (88), 2 Corinthians 3:4-18 (1095) (A Brown)

### 26 May: Trinity Sunday

- 10:30 **Family Service**  
Sidespeople: J McQuillen, V Aigbirhio Counting: J McQuillen, G Sheath  
Refreshments: V Aigbirhio, B Ogundimu
- 6:00 **Holy Communion (CW)**  
Revelation 4:1-11 (1169), John 3:1-15 (1006) (H Owen)

## Weekdays in May

**Church cleaning group:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> then **Saturday** 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am

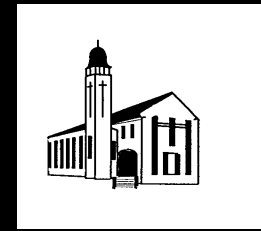
Wednesday	1 May 2013	8pm	Prayer Meeting 106 Herbert Road
Friday	3 May 2013	9.30am	Working Party at Church
Thursday	9 May 2013	10.30am	Ascension Day Holy Communion
Thursday	16 May 2013	8pm	Lewisham & Greenwich Archdeaconry Service at Southwark Cathedral
Wednesday	22 May 2013	8pm	PCC Meeting at 106 Herbert Road
Wednesday	29 May 2013	8pm	House Group at 106 Herbert Road

## Church Office

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

*If you have a suitable phone, taking a picture of this QR code will take you straight to our website*

**\*Correction**



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Newsletter

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## Christian privileges

Time and tide wait for no man is a well-known adage meaning that we cannot stop the passage of time. We live in a world that does not stand still and have to adapt to what is happening around us. In 2012 the Church Mission Society set out to answer the question, 'Does it really matter if the world knows Jesus?' As I said at the AGM it is a question that is relevant to us also.

In John 10:22-30 we learn that there was a discussion among the Jews about who Jesus was. Two thousand years later differences of opinion about Jesus and the Christian faith remain. We are told that many who listened to Jesus failed to believe because they were not his sheep. In the course of his reply Jesus highlighted some of the privileges enjoyed by those who do believe in him.

What are those privileges. Firstly, from John 10, the call of Christ has brought us into a new relationship with him (v27), a relationship which results in a change of lifestyle as we begin to reflect the life of the one that we follow. Secondly we have received the gift of eternal life (v28). This is a relationship with Jesus now and a life that will continue beyond death. Thirdly as his sheep we are members of his fold and are eternally secure. As Jesus says, 'My Father who has given them to me is greater than all, no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand' (v29). If today we are 'his sheep' let us be thankful that we are people who have been called by Jesus; we are people who have received the gift of eternal life and we are people who are eternally secure, and this through the grace and mercy of God.

At the end of Jesus' earthly ministry he commissioned his disciples to, 'Go and make disciples of all nations.' As Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> century that is also our calling. Later this month we will recall the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples at Pentecost. It was this and the disciples' obedience to Jesus commission that led to the birth and growth of the Christian Church. It is the same Holy Spirit who enables the church today to make disciples here and throughout the world.

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

## **Please keep Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June free**

Faith Hope Love is the title given to the Bishop of Southwark's Call to Mission. As mentioned in the April Newsletter on Saturday 8th June all members of All Saints are invited to join us when we will together reflect on our life and mission. Please keep the day free, put it in your diaries and aim to join us. We will be welcoming the Rev Laurence Gamlen who will lead the day. Listen in church for further details.

## **Annual General Meeting Report**

The **Annual General Meeting** took place on Sunday 21st April in church following the Morning Service. A number of reports were received and members elected to serve on the PCC for the coming year. Thanks were expressed to all those who had served as members during 2012 including Victoria Aigbirhio, Elmena Skeete and Eileen Woods who were standing down this year. **Linda Bailey** and **Geoff Sheath** were thanked for their work as churchwardens. Both had been nominated as churchwardens for the coming year and were duly elected. Thanks were expressed to all who voluntarily help to maintain the smooth running of the church and its various activities during the year.

### **Parochial Church Council report**

The PCC had met regularly six times since the last AGM. Updates about our finances enabled us to keep a check on our income and expenditure. With the regular income we receive from Mereworth Drive, the finances are reasonably healthy although the cost of replacing the boiler is an on-going issue with quotations having been sought.

In July, the PCC welcomed the architect Roger Molyneux to the meeting when he presented the plans for the new Hall, Vicarage and development on part of the Vicarage garden site. After consideration by the PCC the plans were presented to the congregation and the local community in September. After some further adjustments the planning applications have now been submitted to the Royal Borough of Greenwich and we await further developments.

Several sub-committees met during the past year. The Building and Maintenance sub-committee still has a list of priorities on which to work. The Music and Worship sub-committee met in the autumn to discuss and plan the Carol Service. The Children and Young People's sub-committee has met regularly to discuss the issues surrounding the Sunday school and Children's room. An audit of our Safeguarding policies and procedures was carried out and reported to the Diocese. The findings have also been reported to the PCC and an action plan has been drawn up. Safeguarding policies are kept under review and updated as appropriate. A further health and safety risk assessment is due.

The PCC also discussed a number of other issues including the Bishop of Southwark's Call to Mission 'Faith Hope Love' and agreed recently to support the Greenwich Food Bank. Other notable events were the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Service in June and the 2012 Olympics Family Service in July followed by the mini Olympics for children and lunch in the Vicarage garden.

### **Children and young people's work**

In 2012 the Sunday School benefitted from a team of willing volunteers who were thanked for their help. The numbers attending Sunday school fluctuated between 5 and 15 during the year with the average attendance being around 8 -10 children. The age range is still predominantly between 3 and 6/7 years with very few older children in evidence.

The Children and Young People's committee met on a regular basis. Joanne Walsh and Pauline Sheath meet half termly to plan the rota, teaching sessions and follow up activities and share these with the other volunteers. It is hoped to arrange some planning meetings for the whole team over the summer.

The Under 3s Children's room is being put to good use. We have a collection of toys and books for the younger members of the congregation to use. Parents are expected to stay and supervise their children in the room but they are able to follow the service via the audio link and are welcome to come back into Church with their children for Communion. Some of our toys and books are getting a little tired so if anyone has any suitable toys or books for this age group which they are willing to donate they will be gratefully received.

Please continue to pray for the Sunday School children and their families, the teachers and the Children and Young People's Committee as they seek to plan the work with the younger members of All Saints.

### **New Parochial Church Council**

The PCC for the coming year is **Margaret Akpewrene, Linda Bailey, Kathy Byfield, John McQuillen, Olabisi Ogundimu, Harry Owen, Geoff Sheath, Pauline Sheath, Justin Walsh, Benson Wilhelm and Paul Winslow.**

The Accounts for 2012 had not been independently examined at the time of the meeting. The AGM was therefore adjourned and will reconvene in the near future to receive the report on the accounts. Lunch in church followed the AGM. Thank you to all who contributed to the food.

*Fuller versions of the reports given at the AGM will be available at the back of Church for those who were unable to attend the meeting.*

### **Parish News**

Doreen Wenham remains comfortable in Gallions View Nursing Home in Thamesmead. Dick Woods continues to suffer some persistent pain at home. Please remember these members in your prayers. Please let the Vicar and Churchwardens know of others who are in need.

### **Safeguarding at All Saints**

At All Saints we have a Safeguarding policy which is on display on the notice board at the back of church. Our two safeguarding officers are **Linda Bailey** and **Pauline Sheath**. Please contact them if you see or hear of anything which concerns you as we seek to keep children and vulnerable adults safe.