

## All Saints Parish Church: September 2008

We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Services

*Jesus said "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly"*

*John 10:10*

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### 7 September: 16th after Trinity

10.30 **Holy Communion (CW)**

Romans 13:8-14 (NT153), Matthew 18:15-20 (NT18) (R Mibuulo)

Sidespersons: F Mibuulo , M Olarewaju Counting: J McQuillen, G Sheath

Refreshments: R Mibuulo, N Azikiwe

6.00 **Service of the Word**

Ezekiel 12:21 - 13:16 (OT738) (H Owen)

Sidesperson: M Hyland

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### 14 September: 17th after Trinity

10.30 **Morning Prayer (BCP)**

Genesis 50:15-21 (OT46), Matthew 18:21-35 (NT19) (A Brown)

Sidespersons: L Bailey , P Cutts Refreshments: F Olarewaju , O Ogunyemi

6.00 **Holy Communion (CW)**

Ezekiel 20:1-8 (OT745), Mark 8:27-38 (NT41) (M Hyland)

Sidesperson: M Hyland

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### 21 September: 18th after Trinity

10.30 **Holy Communion (CW)**

Philippians 1:21-30 (NT185), Matthew 20:1-16 (NT20) (L Hunt)

Sidespersons: R Mibuulo , E Ntabyera Counting: E Woods, G Sheath

Refreshments: P Sheath , P Cutts

6.00 **Evening Prayer (ASB)**

Ezekiel 33:23 - 34:10 (OT761), Acts 26:9-25 (NT139) (H Owen)

Sidesperson: M Hyland

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### 28 September: 19th after Trinity

10.30 **Harvest Family Service**

Sidespersons: J McQuillen , V Aigbirhio

Refreshments: I Twinberrow, P Twinberrow

6.00 **Holy Communion (CW)**

Philippians 2:1-13 (NT185), Matthew 21:23-32 (NT22) (M Hyland)

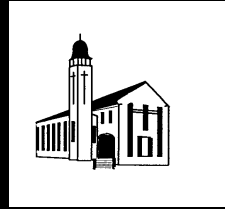
Sidesperson: M Hyland

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### Weekdays in September

After School Club for children 7 - 11. See the Vicar for latest information

Thurs	4th	8pm	Meeting for Prayer at the Vicarage
Wed	10th	8pm	Vision Group at 106 Herbert Road
Mon	15th	8pm	PCC at 106 Herbert Road
Thurs	18th	8pm	House Group at 106 Herbert Road
Sat	27th	10am	Decoration and cleaning of the Church for Harvest



# All Saints Shooters Hill

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Newsletter

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## A fine line

For those of us who took some interest in the Olympic Games in Beijing the difference between receiving a gold or silver medal or between third and fourth place could have been one hundredth of a second. The difference between so called success and failure can be equally as close. Someone who may have failed to get the grade they wanted for entry to a particular course at a university by one or two marks. Of course for someone who was judged to have no hope of an Olympic medal fourth place would have been to them a success and for someone predicted a much lower grade than they actually achieved, albeit a few marks short of what they desired their grade would have been judged to be good.

*It is clear from the above that the terms success and failure are therefore often relative. Indeed what one person terms success to another person may appear to be failure. During our summer holiday in the Peak District we visited the village of Eyam. The village suffered during the plague which affected London in the 17th century. A box of cloth was sent to Eyam from London. The cloth contained a flea which was carrying the plague. The Rev William Mompesson was the newly appointed rector of Eyam and together with his predecessor, Thomas Stanley, he persuaded the villagers to enter voluntary quarantine, bury their own dead and even worship outdoors to limit the spread of the disease.*

**During the period when the village was quarantined people in the surrounding area sent food to the people of Eyam which was left on the village boundary. The sacrifices made by the villagers stopped the plague spreading to neighbouring villages. For the people of Eyam the death toll was terrible. Between September 1665 and October 1666 seventy six families were affected and 260 people, around a third of the population, died as a result of the plague. Among those who lost their lives was Catherine Mompesson, the wife of the Rector. She is buried in Eyam churchyard. Today a stained glass window in the church commemorates the events. To the people of Eyam their efforts in limiting the spread of the plague proved to be a success. But for many in the Village that success in containing the plague also saw many of those living in Eyam itself lose their lives.**

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

## Ordination at Southwark Cathedral

On **Sunday 5th October at 11am in Southwark Cathedral** the **Rev Dele Ogunyemi** will be ordained priest by the Bishop of Southwark. Many will recall the memorable service last September when Dele was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Woolwich in All Saints. Members of All Saints are welcome to attend the service at Southwark Cathedral but we will need to know numbers so that seats can be reserved. If you would like to attend please sign the list on the table at the back of church. If you are signing for a family please indicate how many of you will be attending. We are asking those who are able to make their own way to the cathedral. Southwark Cathedral is near London Bridge station. If you are intending to use your car and would be able to give one or more people a lift please indicate this on the list at the back of church. For those not attending the service at the Cathedral there will be a 10.30am service of Morning Prayer in All Saints. On the following Sunday, the 12th October, Dele will preside at the service of Holy Communion at 10.30am. Following this we will have lunch together in the hall. Later in September there will be a list at the back of church for offers of food. Please put these dates in your diary and remember Dele as he prepares for the Ordination Service in October.

## Harvest Thanksgiving

On **Sunday 28th September** we will be celebrating Harvest. As usual for Harvest the church will be decorated and people are invited to bring gifts of produce on Sunday to express their thankfulness to God for the provision of their daily food. We would welcome any help with decorating All Saints together with any gifts of flowers and produce on **Saturday 27th September at 10am.**

## Sunday School

All Saints Sunday School will restart on **Sunday 7th September**. Children will come into church for the first part of the service and those aged 5 and above will leave after the readings for their own groups in the Hall. **Debbie Latter** and **Sarah Owen** will continue to run the Sunday School. We would like to reopen a class for 3-5 year olds. If you would be able to help or want more information please speak to Debbie or Sarah.

## Parish News

Please remember in your prayers those who are not able to join us on Sunday at the present time including **Ros Burton, Vera Irwin, Doris Rogers** and **Doreen Wenham**. We would also ask you to remember in your prayers the **Rev Phil Rogers**, the Vicar of St John's Plumstead whose wife Linda died at the beginning of August.

## Oliver on the move

Oliver writes: "Having finished my two years training to be a youth worker I decided it was the right time to leave Newcastle (sadly!) having been there for 6 years. I am taking up the role of youth leader at Christ Church Chislehurst. Christ Church has a large youth-work programme so I'm sure I'll be kept busy. I will be responsible for leading the work for 11-18s within the church and will also be involved in local schools and working alongside *Youth For Christ* in the area. I'll be living in the church flat which is above the church hall and will be handy! Thank you for your prayers which I will continue to value."

## Giving to the Lord's Work

At this time of year at All Saints we ask people prayerfully to review their giving to support the Lord's work. We have a great deal for which to give thanks to God as we look back over the last year. While we recognise the challenges before us in being a witness to Jesus Christ in this community we look to the Lord to provide through his people the resources necessary to support and continue this work. For those relatively new to All Saints there are three ways that people can give:

- through the weekly envelope scheme which begins a new year in October,
- by standing order through the bank (forms available at the back of church) or
- by putting money in the offering on Sunday.

It costs All Saints around £550 per week to maintain its work. But over the last six months our weekly income has been averaging only around £480 per week (excluding the income the church receives in rent for the letting of the house we own in Mereworth Drive).

## Gift Aid

If you pay income tax you can help us receive 28p from the Inland Revenue for each £1 that you give. This is at no cost to yourself. The scheme is called **Gift Aid**. In the 2007/2008 tax year All Saints will recover tax from the Inland Revenue around £5,000 as a result of Gift Aided donations to the Church. Forms for those who wish us to claim back the income tax on their giving for the first time are available at the back of church. The information is confidential: only the Gift Aid secretary deals with this. For those who have signed a Gift Aid form in previous years there is probably nothing more that you need to do.

There are three ways to gift aid your donations

- For one-off donations, fill your details in on one of the special envelopes, put your donation in the envelope and put it in the collection plate
- For regular standing order, fill in a form
- For the envelope scheme, fill in a gift aid form, make sure you return the form that tells the gift-aid secretary which envelope numbers you use and put your envelopes in the collection plate.

We would encourage those who are taxpayers and give regularly to All Saints to use the Gift Aid scheme. Speak to Geoff Sheath, our treasurer, for more information.

## Christian Belief, Baptism and Confirmation

What does it mean to be a Christian? Can I trust the Bible? How does what I believe affect my daily life? These are some of the questions that we will be seeking to explore when we again we run a course looking at the Christian faith. This also serves as a preparation course for those thinking about baptism/confirmation. Please sign the list at the back of church if you are interested. Please speak to the Vicar for more information. We hope to begin the course in the near future so listen for details during the notices on Sundays.

## Church Office

For information about activities at All Saints (including weddings and baptisms) please contact Rev Harry Owen (020 8854 2995 or [harryowen@allsaintsshootershill.org](mailto:harryowen@allsaintsshootershill.org)) or call at the Vicarage, 106 Herbert Road, on Monday evening between 7pm - 8pm