

All Saints Shooters Hill: September 2010

We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Services

Jesus said "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart I have overcome the world"

John 16:33

5 September: 14th after Trinity

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

Acts 18:1-23 (1052) , Luke 17:11-19 (992) (P Sheath)

Sidespeople: A Lee, P Lee Counting: V Aigbirhio, G Sheath

Refreshments: V Aigbirhio, E Skeete

6:00 **Service of the Word**

John 5:31-47 (1009) (H Owen)

Sidesperson: M Hyland

12 September: 15th after Trinity

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

Isaiah 44:24-45:8 (693) , Acts 23:12-22(1058) (A Brown)

Sidespeople: R Ogunyemi, E Skeete Refreshments: A Lee, P Lee

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

Galatians 6:11-18 (1107), John 6:51-69 (1011) (H Owen)

Sidesperson: M Hyland

19 September: 16th after Trinity

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

Acts 26:19-32 (1061) , Luke 16:1-15 (991) (P Twinberrow)

Sidespeople: P Twinberrow, P Sheath Counting: J McQuillen , G Sheath

Refreshments: F Olarewaju, B Ogundimu

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

Ezra 1:1-11 (454), John 7:14-36 (1012) (A Brown)

Sidesperson: M Hyland

26 September: 17th after Trinity

10:30 **Harvest Family Service**

Back to Church Sunday: bring a friend or relative

Sidespeople: L Bailey, P Cutts Refreshments: P Sheath, P Cutts

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

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (1129), Luke 10:1-20 (983) (H Owen)

Sidesperson: M Hyland

Weekdays in September

Fridays 10am Church cleaning group

Thurs	9th	8pm	Meeting for Prayer at the Vicarage
Tues	21st	8pm	Bishop of Woolwich with PCC 106 Herbert Road
Thurs	23rd	8pm	House Group at 106 Herbert Road
Fri	24th	10am	Decoration and cleaning of the Church for Harvest
Sat	25th	7pm	'Harvest Supper' in the Hall listen in church for further details



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Newsletter

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Learning from the past

As one gets older the temptation is to view the past in a more favourable light. The danger is that you begin to live in the past and see all things modern in a negative light. On the other hand remembering and reflecting on the past can be of positive value.

For part of our holiday we spent ten days in Austria and southern Germany where we had the opportunity to attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau. The history of the play, which is performed every ten years, traces its origins to the 17th century. At that time the plague was devastating many communities all over Europe. The village of Oberammergau, surrounded by mountains and accessible only in the summer months, managed to keep the plague at bay. In addition they had a strictly enforced quarantine which restricted the movement of people. Unfortunately one night an inhabitant of the village, who had been living away, returned to the village at night. Unwittingly he brought the plague with him. Within months he and his wife and family had died together with about eighty others in the village.

In July 1633 the village council met and made a vow to perform every tenth year, a play of the Saviour's suffering and death, if God would deliver them from the disease. From that day forward, it is recorded, no one else died from the disease. At Pentecost in 1634 the play was performed by around seventy villagers. It was repeated every ten years until 1674 when it was decided that it should be performed at the beginning of each decade. Only twice has the play not been performed in 1770 and in 1940.

For the past four centuries the tradition has continued, every ten years. Only villagers are allowed to take part. They devote a year of their lives to re-enacting the life, death and resurrection of Christ. All performers are lay people and pursue their usual careers as wood carvers, housewives and so forth. For instance in this year's production the person playing Jesus is a psychologist and Mary Magdalene works as a flight attendant. By taking on their roles in the Passion Play, they are fulfilling the promise to God made by their ancestors.

The play lasted for five and a half hours with an interval of three hours in the middle. The play seeks to keep close to the biblical account of the events leading to Jesus' death and resurrection. While interpretations vary, in general the production retold the events clearly and at times movingly. Here is example of something from the past that has things to teach us today.

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

Harvest Thanksgiving

On **Sunday 26th 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 **Friday 24th September at 10am**. On **Saturday 25th September** we will be having our **Harvest Supper** beginning at **7pm** in the Hall, look out for further details in September.

Back to Church Sunday

Sunday 26th September is also Back to Church Sunday. If you have friends, family or neighbours who have lapsed or maybe have never been churchgoers please invite them to our Harvest Thanksgiving.

Sunday School and Children's Room

All Saints Sunday School will restart on **Sunday 5th September**. Children will come into church for the first part of the service and those aged 3 and above will leave after the readings for their own groups in the Hall.

Parents or carers of children under 3 years are encouraged to make use of the **Children's Room** near the hall where they will find toys suited to their children's needs. A loudspeaker extension enables parents to hear the service with their children. Because of child protection legislation all children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Bishop of Woolwich's Visit - Tuesday 21st September

On the 21st September the Bishop of Woolwich will be spending the rearranged afternoon and evening in the parish including a meeting with the PCC. At midday we hope that he will be able to meet us at the back of church for a light lunch. Following this there will be various visits around the parish.

Christian Belief and Confirmation

Does it matter what I believe? What does it mean to be a Christian? Can I trust the Bible? We live in an interesting and challenging world and the question of belief is for many still important. The above are some of the questions that people ask and may want to explore. In the autumn we hope to run a course which considers these and other questions. If you are interested in being part of a group speak to the Vicar or Curate for further information.

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.

Parish News

Please continue to remember **Ros Burton** and **Doreen Wenham** in your prayers. Both **Debbie Latter** and **Frank Mibuulo** continue to improve. Please remember them in your prayers.

Giving to the Lord's Work

In September 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.

Gift Aid

If you pay income tax you can also help us claim 25p 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 2009/2010 tax year All Saints will recover tax from the Inland Revenue around £3,000 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 nothing more that you need to do. We would encourage those who are taxpayers and give regularly to All Saints to use the Gift Aid scheme.

If you wish any information about giving to the Lord's work or about Gift Aid please speak to our treasurer Geoff Sheath.

Ripplings Pre-School

Ripplings Pre-school is a long established pre-school which meets in All Saints Church Hall from 9.15am - 12.15pm Monday to Friday and caters for children from 3 years of age. It is registered with Greenwich Council and provides a welcoming environment for young children. For further information either telephone 8854 3628 or call at the pre-school during the morning Monday to Friday.

Church Office

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