



All Saints

Shooters Hill

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Newsletter

September 2017

How much are you worth to God?

Two months ago, we celebrated a season that has lasted 150 years playing in God's team of dedicated defenders of the truth of God's word, centre forwards with the readiness to pass the good news of the gospel of peace, and strikers taking the sword of the spirit which is the word of God to penetrate the defence of the opponents (the devil). In God's team there are twelve players at any game, with Christ the link player, linking each player with another in the game here on earth and with God at the team's head office in heaven. All All Saints Shooters Hill past teams, that we celebrated, we believe were fully armed with God's belt of truth; the breastplate of righteousness; shoe of peace; shield of faith; helmet of salvation; and with the word - the sword of the spirit, {Ephesians 6:10-18}. Together they made prayer their life and their life prayer, while living and playing against a team with God's powerful influence.

That was last season. Today we are the new team of All Saints Shooters Hill. In the football world, hardly any season goes by without a record transfer fee paid for a player. Why should there be such astronomical sums of money? I'm sure the clubs have many good reasons for buying and selling their human assets - the players. One reason could be that a player in a rival club has shown skills and leadership they don't have so their club wants to poach that player with an offer the rival team can't refuse. Maybe, because of financial problems, the clubs need to raise funds, or maybe the player is not pulling his/her weight in the team so it is better they go.

Many non-football fans are always left wondering *How can someone be worth £120 million?* Indeed, how can someone be worth that much? You may be wondering why clubs put such a value on a single player. But have you ever thought of how much you are worth to God's team? Or how much he offered to his rival, an offer he couldn't refuse?

The Word of God says, God, the club owner of the kingdom of light, has paid for you and those still playing in the rival club of the kingdom of darkness an equal transfer fee. The astronomical sum God paid for your transfer can't be compared even to the highest ever transfer fee paid today. Jesus is your transfer fee and that is why when you put your trust in Him, you are transferred out of the old club that belongs to the kingdom of darkness,

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

into the new club that belongs to the kingdom of light. {Colossians 1:13-14}. This is what our memory reminds us of *“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come.”* {2 Corinthians 5:17} In this new club, you are all special and equal because you all cost the club owner an equal price: the life of His Son Jesus Christ. So everybody has a part to play in his club, however small or big that part is. {Corinthians 12}.

How do we go about this?

Today we are the new team in All Saints Shooters Hill, and I believe as a team we are ready to play our parts. But first thing first;

- *As individual team members and collectively as a team, do you/we have the confidence in our team leader Jesus Christ to have the ability to work with and through All Saints Shooters Hill to bring about growth in us in all circumstance?*
- *Are you/we committed to the belief that God wants his church to grow in quality and quantity?*

If our answer is Yes, then our first act is to be fully dressed in the club’s uniform – the Armour of God {Ephesians 6:10-18}: a mark that we belong to a new club and have a new boss - Christ himself.

Commitment is a deep desire to obey God’s command to go and make disciples {Matt 28:19}, and this desire grows naturally out of our confidence in God’s ability and a conviction that God wants us to be fruitful and provides us with the needed tools {Holy Spirit}. It is this deep desire that positions us to commit ourselves to act on the strength of our hope and play our parts under all circumstance. So let us play our parts and make this season as good as ever. If God has paid such a price to get us on his team, how could we possibly think that he would ever change his mind and not give us everything else we need! *“He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”* {Romans 8:32}

May Christ whose mission was to proclaim good news to the poor; freedom for the prisoners; recovery of sight for the blind; to release the oppressed; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour; dress us up with his power to proclaim this good news through our words and deeds. Amen.

Rev. Herbert Aparanga

Church Office

For information about activities at All Saints (including weddings and baptisms) please contact the Priest in Charge, Revd Herbert Aparanga.

To get it touch with Revd Herbert Aparanga please email

vicar@allsaintsshootershill.org, write to him at 106 Herbert Road

London SE18 3PU, call at the **Church** on any **Friday morning** between

10am – 11am (if the church door is closed look for the bell) or phone

020 8854 2995 (but this will only be answered and messages listened to on Friday mornings). General enquiries should be sent to **office@allsaintsshootershill.org**

For Hall Bookings see allsaintsshootershill.org and follow the links.



Applying for places in Church Schools

We have lots of children in our congregation and parents often would like them to go to local Church of England primary or secondary schools. This is less straightforward than it seems. All church schools give some preference to regular church goers but each school has slightly different rules. The process for applying for September 2018 will start this term.

1. You MUST apply to Royal Greenwich listing the schools you want your child to be considered for using the online form at <https://goo.gl/yv2JD6> for primary or <https://goo.gl/a3y9Sm> for secondary

2. You must ALSO fill in the supplementary application form for the particular church schools you want your child to be considered for. You will also need to get a letter from Herbert or ask him to fill in a form and you will then need to return it TO THE SCHOOL.

Please allow time for this to be done

The forms usually ask

- If you are a member of the church (make sure you're on the electoral register)
- If you help in any way in church (maybe you can start by volunteering to give out books or help with refreshments or the Sunday School)
- If you attend regularly (often it needs to be at least once a month or once a fortnight)
- How long you have been a member (this is sometimes very difficult for us to know unless you have been active in one of the ways above.) If you have come to us from another church you may want to ask them to confirm that. Some schools require three years membership.

We will always answer these questions honestly and to the best of our ability but if we don't have evidence we may not be able to confirm the length of your membership meets the school's criteria.

Church of England Primary Schools supplementary forms

Christ Church Shooters Hill SE18* <https://goo.gl/MdWg71>

St Margaret's Plumstead SE18* <https://goo.gl/6p6sia>

St Mary Magdalene Woolwich* <https://goo.gl/5phBQg>

St Mary Magdalene Peninsular* <https://goo.gl/5phBQg>

Christ Church Blackwall Lane SE10* <https://goo.gl/3a6qdH>

Bishop John Robinson Thamesmead SE28 <https://goo.gl/o1fiQX>

Eltham Church of England SE9 <https://goo.gl/xEEh1Y>

St Alfege's Greenwich <https://goo.gl/JUfknm>

Church of England Secondary School supplementary form

St Mary Magdalene Blackheath Standard but moving to the Peninsular* <https://goo.gl/4Mdybf>

*These are schools where either children from our congregation attend and/ or members of our congregation are governors. If you would like to talk to someone about any of these schools or the application process, please ask Herbert, Geoff or Pauline.

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We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Services

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:7

3 September 2017	10:30 AM	12th Trinity Holy Communion: Moving with the Spirit! Led by: Rev Herbert Aparanga Reader: G. Sheath: Galatians 5:1; 13-26, John 15:1-8 Prayers: S Nwolu No Sunday School Refreshments: M Akpewrene, J Anyasi Sidespeople: N Nelson, S Nwolu
10 September 2017	10:30 AM	13th Trinity Service of the Word: Loving God! Led by: Rev Herbert Aparanga Reader: K Byfield, Psalm 116, Ephesians 3:14-21 Prayers: O Ogundemi Sunday School Refreshments: M Popoola, B Jatta Sidespeople: V Aigbirhio, J McQuillen
17 September 2017	10:30 AM	14th Trinity Holy Communion: Loving Neighbour! Led by: Rev Herbert Aparanga Reader: N Nelson, 1 Corinthians 13, John 13:34-35 Prayers: M Olarewaju Sunday School Refreshments: S Okolie, C Naefulu Sidespeople: A Okoro, F Decaneva
24 September 2017	10:30 AM	15th Trinity Family Service: Removing Clutter! Led by: Rev Herbert Aparanga Reader: S Nwolu, Philippians 3:7-8, Psalm 86:11 Prayers: H Nwolu Children in church for Family service Refreshments: F Olarewaju, K Byfield Sidespeople: N Umeokafor, M Umobi

Please let Kathy Byfield know if you are unable to do any duties: pat.kat17@ntlworld.com

Weekdays in September

Church office and cleaning group Every Friday at 10am in Church

Tue	5 Sep 2017	8:00 pm	Bible Study at the Vicarage
Wed	6 Sep 2017	8:00 pm	PCC in the Hall
Tue	12 Sep 2017	8:00 pm	Prayer group at the Vicarage
Tue	19 Sep 2017	8:00 pm	Bible Study at the Vicarage

Saturday November 11th at 7:30pm

Memorial Concert

To raise funds to restore the church's memorial to the dead of the Parish in World War 1

Tickets available shortly