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Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

These words resounded through the air on Holy Saturday and throughout Eastertide, and the All Saints' Easter garden, so lovingly created by Janice, has since been the subject of much attention and admiration, both by our congregation and by concert audiences.

It's with Easter joy that we greet you, our friends in Christ, with this 2022 summer newsletter, and if we go back in time to Palm Sunday you would have found us beginning our Holy Week journey in the hall, where our palms were held aloft and blessed, and we sang 'All Glory, Laud and Honour' in procession from there to the church, bathed in sunshine.

In fact the sun shone brightly through the stained glass windows of All Saints all week, giving the church warmth and an extra beauty, enhanced by Myra's arrangement of palms on the Sunday, and a preponderance of flowers on Holy Saturday, both in the Lady Chapel and the body of the church, thanks to Myra, Allison and Janice.



Each of our Holy Week services had its own unique quality: the humility of Maundy Thursday, the mourning of Good Friday, and the darkness of the church on the Easter Vigil, symbolising the darkness of Christ's tomb, which, after the sung Exultet, is then dispersed by the light of many candles – Christ, the risen light of the world.

We are so grateful to Father Andrew Allen, Fr Stuart, Fr David and Fr Arthur for their support and assistance over the last few months. Their service to All Saints has been beyond measure.

Our thanks go as well to Father Christopher, who has without fail provided the accompaniment –often from memory! - to our hymns at Coffee Church, an informal Wednesday prayer time which is still immensely popular with our congregation and with many in the Locking Road/ Worle area. Hot croissants, coffee and conversation are enjoyed afterwards and it's a real pleasure greeting our new friends as they come to join us each Wednesday.



Our ordinand and server Mike Dyne continues on his journey of vocation to the priesthood. His first selection interview on the 1st March was a great success, and on Saturday 7th May he returned to Wells to see Bishop Ruth at Flourish House.

Following that interview Bishop Ruth has agreed to put Mike forward to National Stage 2 selection (6th and 7th July) and to sponsor him for training. This is likely to be at Sarum theological college in Salisbury, starting in August.



This marks a big juncture in Mike's life, and we give thanks for his contribution to the life of All Saints, and his commitment to our flourishing. He is well liked and respected by all, and we hold him in our prayers.

Music continues to flourish at All Saints as well, both in the form of our outreach concerts and as an aid to our liturgy. On 30th April Richard Lennox drew a large audience to All Saints with a hugely varied programme of organ and piano music, including a medley of over 50 famous classical and show tunes which he'd created during lockdown in such a way that each fragment of melody ran seamlessly into the next one.

With the help of a lively raffle that afternoon we were delighted to be able to contribute £420 to the general fund, and this was increased by takings of £160 at our 'bar' at the Weston Choral concert on 7th May.

The choral society's choice of programme was 'Music through the Years', a springboard for a musical journey through time, from the Renaissance to the 20th century, culminating in the lively choral suite from West Side Story – very difficult to sing but amazing fun!

By the time you read this newsletter we shall have enjoyed the first of our 50/50 afternoon concerts by the young Cynefin Trio (clarinet, cello and piano) from Cardiff, recommended to us by Peter Leech. In August, two of the Cynefin (which is an ancient word calling to mind trails left by sheep on pasture and mountainside) will travel to rural Uganda to volunteer with Play Action International, a charity which supports vulnerable and refugee children in Sub-Saharan Africa. James and Laurie will be helping to build a playground incorporating musical sounds, and will generously donate all of their share of the concert takings to PAI.



On the very same day that Cynefin will be performing, Saturday 21st May, our Walsingham pilgrims will make the journey to Exeter cathedral to celebrate the centenary of the restoration of the Walsingham Shrine and Pilgrimage, so they will be in our thoughts and prayers that day.



Looking forward to 18th June we're very excited to host a classical guitarist, Ross Morris, for another free entry 50/50 concert at 3pm, and on 25th June our friends the Costanzi consort return to present 'Roma Triumphans', an evening of sacred music from the Eternal City, which will, as always, be superb.

July sees the post lockdown return of the Harlequin Singers, and the following month we'll be singing along with a sea shanty group, the Steepholmers, so keep an eye on our website for all details of concerts, including Andrea Monk's piano pupils' showcase evenings. You can be guaranteed the warmest of All Saints' welcomes at our concerts.

Music is also a vibrant and integral part of our liturgy, and our organist Robert Yeomans came through Holy Week with honour, tackling for the first time the complexities of different Mass settings with great patience and calmness, despite-no doubt-a few sleepless nights! We are immensely grateful to Robert, and to our faithful choir who enhance our worship each Sunday, and we also pay tribute to our guild of servers: David, Sue, Mike and Jo, always calm and dependable, they lend great stability to our Sunday Mass.

All our service times can be found at the back of this booklet.



A gentleman, currently worshipping at St Paul's, was reading our outdoor notice boards recently, and, on being invited in, made his way with great interest round the whole church, admiring the Easter garden and the beauty of our two chapels. At the end of his tour he turned to me and said, 'This is a well-loved church, I can feel it'.

His spontaneous response meant a lot, but of course, he's right. We do all love our church, and a small group of people work extremely hard week in, week out, to clean, maintain and preserve the highest standards in all aspects of church life. They know who they are, and on behalf of the congregation we thank them so very much for all they do. However, it's hard work, and any extra offers of help will always be greatly valued!

Now, had this gentleman left the church through the south porch he could have admired the recent handrail installation, a handsome legacy from Joy Dengler-Harles, which now ensures the safety of all those exiting via the steps. Alan Yeates has put in a huge amount of time and effort, from the original design to the completion of this work, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for all that he, Terry, Janice and Ray do to care for our church building.

Both our halls continue to offer a variety of activities for the community, as well as contributing towards our finances, and it's no surprise how often we hear positive comments on the cleanliness and good maintenance of these buildings, and the efficiency of the office system; all down to the hard graft of those same PCC members. Thank you to all our PCC for their faithful contribution.

With the PCC in mind we will have had our APCM by the time this edition is distributed. This year it takes place a little later than usual, on Sunday 22nd May, and we look forward to forming a united vision of the way forward for All Saints' church.

And of course we shall be marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a service of thanksgiving on Sunday 5th June.

In the meantime, as summer unfolds in glorious colours and birdsong around us, we pray for the world, for the people of Ukraine in particular, and for each other. And we pray for you, reading this newsletter, that daily you will feel the love of God surrounding you in everything you do. Bless you all.

Jude



Coffee Church

Every Wednesday at 11 am, St Saviour's Hall, Locking Road, Weston super Mare, BS23 3EN. Tel 01934 415379

Everyone welcome.

A safe space in which to have a chat, tea and coffee, cake or biscuit, within a Christian context.

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Open 10am-12noon **Wednesday to Friday** *Enquiries for baptisms, banns, weddings, funerals, and the booking of both halls.*



Every Tuesday and Thursday morning 10am Mass
at All Saints Church.

Every Wednesday morning 11am **Coffee Church** at
St Saviour's Hall.

Every Sunday morning 10.30am Mass
at All Saints Church



St Saviour's and All Saints Hall Activity

The halls are used for community activities throughout the week.

St Saviour's Hall is mentioned first in details below.

MONDAY morning **Weston Art** Group meet, in the late afternoon **Twist-o-Flex** for the youngsters Mini Street (4-7 years); Junior Breaking (6-9 years); Junior Street (6-9 years) and Street without Limits for special educational needs and disabilities. Meanwhile at All Saints **Axe Scouts Beaver** group meet in the hall early evening.

TUESDAY'S see **Splat Messy Play** for toddlers and babies in the morning and U3A run an afternoon **Mahjong** group on the 1st and 3rd week, and a **Folk Dance** group on the 2nd and 4th week. **Weston Scrabble Club** every Tuesday evening.

WEDNESDAYS we have **Coffee Church** in the morning. The **Labour Party** meet every 1st Wednesday of the month in the evening, meanwhile **Axe Scouts Cubs** meet at All Saints Hall early evening.

On **THURSDAY** **Parkinson UK** Weston branch have their sessions at 2.30pm on the 2nd Thursday in the month and the Carers drop-in on the 4th Thursday in the month, once every quarter on the 5th Thursday in the month they have a people with Parkinson's drop-in. Twice a month, in the evening, on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month **Weston Assembly** meet for old time dance. Up the hill at All Saints the new **Axe Scout** group meet in the evening.

FRIDAY for the card players when the **Whist Club** meet in the afternoon during the Winter and evenings in the Summer.

Every **SATURDAY** afternoon **Chelis Theatre Company** for children trains youngsters in drama, dance, singing and a whole host of other performing arts subjects.