

THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS

WITH ST SAVIOUR

Weston-super-Mare



Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others'- Philippians 2:4

AUTUMN 2022 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Warm greetings to our treasured Parish Family, and to you all reading this newsletter, after what's been a cold, dry spring and an alarmingly hot, dry summer. We keep farmers throughout the world in our prayers as they struggle to cope with the effects of climate change and as the heat of our summer gives way to the mellower days of approaching autumn we give thanks for all those working to find solutions to this global crisis.

What an eventful few months it's been! Politically, socially, and nationally much has happened since our last newsletter, including our Queen Elizabeth's platinum Jubilee in early June, for which we held a service of thanksgiving, and which was celebrated in style throughout the United Kingdom, bringing people of all races, creeds and beliefs together in great joy.

Despite Covid still being in evidence, life is returning to normal in many ways. This year, for the first time since 2019 our town was treated to the famous Weston Air Show again, with the spectacular Red Arrows, and many live events have taken place with a sense of jubilation, including our concerts.



On Sunday 29th May the Common Cup at the Eucharist was re-introduced at All Saints. This proposal had been carefully outlined by Terry at the APCM so that everyone felt comfortable with the choice they made, and

no-one felt under any pressure to partake unless they so wished. The choice still remains, but many of our congregation have decided to drink from the Common cup again.

And the Glastonbury pilgrimage took place once more on Saturday 9th July after three years, under the sunniest of skies and with a great sense of celebration.

Five of us pilgrims made the journey, not on foot or horseback, but four were kindly transported in Mike's luxurious car, and one intrepid member of the congregation travelled there via two buses.

It was a glorious day and much enjoyed by all. Here we are with our picnic lunch, having celebrated solemn Mass and now preparing for the Procession of Witness.



With pilgrimages in mind, you may remember reading in our last newsletter about the 100th anniversary of the restoration of the Walsingham shrine by Fr Hope Patten, and how some of our Walsingham pilgrims made the trip to Exeter cathedral on the 21st May for a service of thanksgiving. Well, on the actual anniversary day of 6th July a few members of our congregation joined with those from Clevedon and Bathwick to attend a second Solemn Mass of thanksgiving at St John's, Midsomer Norton, with celebrant the Right Reverend Jonathan Baker. The sun shone and there was much rejoicing.



June marks the season of ordinations, during Petertide, the feast day honouring the martyrdom of Saint Peter, who was such an instrumental figure in the early church. It is at this time that many long-serving priests look back with wonder and gratitude on the start of their ministerial life as deacons, and the subsequent years of priesthood, with all its joys and occasional tribulations.

At All Saints we marked two very special anniversaries, both of 40 years of ministry; the first on the 25th June, when Father Andrew Allen graciously responded to our congratulations by thanking all the clergy who had supported him at All Saints, and the second on the 17th July, when we presented Father David Parkinson with a card and token in appreciation of his belated 40th anniversary which had been sadly deferred by the lockdown. We are immensely grateful to them both, as we are to Fathers Arthur and Stuart, for their support and ministry.

And at the other end of the time spectrum we congratulate Mike Dyne, who, on the very night before his wedding, heard that he had been recommended without reservation by the Stage Two panel to go forward for vocational training for ordained ministry! This was after two days of intensive interviews and much preparation. Mike's report was glowing, mentioning his 'life-transforming faith' and his 'excitement about the prospect of serving God'. We shall miss him when he leaves for training; he has truly enriched our parish life at All Saints. Our prayers and love go with him.

Mike's wedding to Ursulla on Saturday 16th July at St John's church was very special-intimate, calm and beautiful. The choir from All Saints helped to augment the singing, and Janice served and read the lesson. And the sun shone!

We wish Mike and Ursulla much happiness in their new life together as Mr and Mrs Dyne.



The week after Mike's wedding saw strawberries galore at St Saviour's hall, scones, luscious cakes to enjoy with the finest clotted cream, and a variety of stalls to browse around.



Thanks to a superb serving team in the kitchen and much preparation behind the scenes we raised £214 for church funds.

Our church halls continue to bring in much valued income, and we thank Janice, Terry, Alan and Ray for maintaining the high standards of safety, cleanliness and appearance, which are often commented on favourably by the hirers. This kind of work is not glamorous! It is demanding and relentless, and we are truly grateful to those who labour behind the scenes to keep both our church and its two halls spick and span, as well as the office up and running. If anyone can offer half an hour of their time to clean on a regular basis please let Janice know. It will be much appreciated.

Now, two sad farewells. Philip Pughe-Morgan joined All Saints in 2012 after a move from Devon to Weston, and was appointed deputy church warden in April 2016 following the APCM of that year. He remained in that role ('deputy dawg' as he called it) up until the time he left in early July this year, to make a move to Glastonbury. Philip was a strong supporter of our church activities, and active on our committees up until the start of lockdown, when he had to shield to protect Paula's health. He is widely read, and committed to exploring his faith and current affairs, and we're grateful for his good humour, for the many scholarly articles he shared with us, and for his perceptive grasp of parish life at All Saints. We wish Philip and Paula well in their new home.

Father Arthur Payne served All Saints' church as a priest for 30 years, moving in July this year to The Hawthorns retirement village in Clevedon, where he continues his ministry. He first became a choir boy here on 31st November 1945, and after his confirmation the following year by Bishop Harry, Bishop of Taunton, he was a member of the serving team up to 1975, continuing this role whenever his work allowed. Father Arthur retired in November 1995 and returned to Weston-super-Mare and his ministry at All Saints' church.



It's almost impossible to put into words the degree of respect and affection in which Father Arthur is held by the whole congregation. His kindness, wise counsel, theological insights and the clarity of his sermons will always be remembered. Our love and prayers go with him, as do our very best wishes for his new life at The Hawthorns.



Coffee church continues to bring people in for fellowship, croissants and a cup of tea or coffee. During the summer holidays, when some people are away or looking after grandchildren, the pattern has become less formal and instead of being led by one of our lay team with a talk and prayers, the service is more like 'Songs of Praise' with everyone present choosing their favourite hymn. This has worked very well, especially as Father Chris seems to be able to turn his hand to playing any tune asked of him, and there have been some delightfully surprising choices!

Music has always been an integral part of our liturgy at All Saints, whether at Coffee church or in the formal Mass, and we're grateful to Robert and the choir, who each Sunday practise a short motet or anthem in the depths of the undercroft to be sung in the beautiful Lady chapel after Communion.



The concerts in particular provide a wonderful opportunity for outreach and welcome, and are so much enjoyed by our community.

Our concert season has been in full swing this year, and the new 50/50 series at 3pm on a Saturday afternoon has proved a real success, with a range of music from classical guitar to string quartets.



We were entertained by the Harlequin Singers on the afternoon of the 16th July, who delighted their audience with a medley of songs from 'My Fair Lady' as well as a terrific arrangement of Queen's 'Somebody to love'.

And by the time you read this we will have been 'invaded' at 3pm on Saturday 13th August by pirates in the form of The Steepholmers, fresh from the sea shanty festival in Weston, who, waving their cutlasses and 'bottles of rum,' sang heartily of adventures on the high seas, of tragedies and triumphs. The Steepholmers will donate their half of the £356 raised to the RNLI.



'Roma Triumphans' was the title of the Costanzi Consort's evening concert on the 25th June, when we were transported to 18th century Rome and the wealth of sacred music sung in churches and



Basilicas in the eternal city. As always, director Peter Leech's announcements and helpful information about each piece brought the music to life, and reflected his absolute passion for what he does so well.

We have more music in October and November, including a big joint concert with Trinity Singers and Churchill Academy on Friday 14th October, but before that of course we'll wave our flags, and raise our voices for 'Land of Hope and Glory' in our 'Last Night of the Proms' on Saturday 10th September at 12 midday, accompanied by Paul Beechey and the Weston Light Orchestra.



Tickets for this concert cost just £10 and include a delicious light lunch and a free glass of wine or juice. All proceeds from the raffle on that day will go to the Luhimba project, which works closely with rural communities in Tanzania, providing schools, water supplies, and farming equipment, and Paul Temple, who runs this wonderful charity, will be delighted to talk to you about Luhimba over lunch.

We are always delighted to welcome visitors to our weekday or Sunday Masses, so please feel free to join us in worship, and enjoy the beauty of our unique Anglo-Catholic liturgy, and our All Saints' welcome. Times of services are in this booklet.

Finally then, we thank Father Andrew Allen, and Fathers David and Stuart as always for their care and support; we thank the small, devoted team who look after our beautiful church with such dedication, our wonderful servers, all members of the PCC who work

so hard, and all of you who help in any way, by prayer, in practical ways, or in generous giving. We pray especially for those of you who can no longer join us for Mass on a Sunday. You may not be with us physically but you're in our hearts and prayers.

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

Jude



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





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.*

The following page shows the community groups taking place in our halls, if anyone requires further information please contact the parish office.

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 **Slimming World** meet 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. Also **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 1st Thursday in the month and the Carers drop-in on the 3rd 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 in the morning a **U3A Art Group** meet and **Axe Scout** group meet in the evening.

FRIDAY for the card players when the **Whist Club** meet in the afternoon.

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

