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'I was sick and you visited Me'

Thoughts about our Christian presence in care homes

At All Saints we have a committed pastoral team (photo below) who visit different local care homes once a month to chat to the residents and to conduct a short service. This is a practical response of the church to the needs of many in our community who often feel cast to the margins, showing them that they still matter for someone - especially to the Church. Indeed, this is also a chance to thank care workers for their efforts in looking after some of the most vulnerable individuals of our society. Ministry in these places, as well as in the private homes of housebound people is not always easy, but it is a blessing nonetheless.

In fact, spiritual care of the elderly and the disabled should be a high priority for Christians. If we really believe that the good news and new life of the Gospel are open to everyone, that Jesus died for all – not for someone more than another – then our ministry should reflect this belief; to share the faith with everyone, regardless of their age, status, or ability. Unfortunately, although seminaries and ministry courses offer invaluable opportunities for learning about children's ministry, they severely lack in theological reflection about old age and all the things that go with it. *'I believe the children are our future'* sung Whitney Huston, but – as much as I am inclined to agree with her – I do believe that Jesus is rather more interested in sharing his life with everyone equally, rather than worrying about the demographical proportions of his Church. This is not a zero-sum game!

Moreover, Jesus is already in our care homes, in our hospitals, and with housebound. He suffers in these places with those who have been confined there either by ailments or by society; he is with those who seem to have only death to look forward too – whether theirs or someone else's; and he is the one who treasures the now forgotten memories of those whose lives have been obliterated by mental illness. So it is our duty as Christians – as his followers – to be where Jesus is, to make his presence felt in the places where he is already suffering; to bring his joy and comfort where these are needed most. In this very specific type of ministry "making disciples" simply means sitting with people in their own circumstances and do what we can to better their conditions in the name, and under the example given us by Our Lord.

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But there is more. Experience also suggests that home residents – and those caring for them – are generally very pleased to see people from church. A minority of cynic people will inevitably think that the Church is only there to “get them when they are weak”, and who can blame them when some Christians only visit to ram hymns or Bible verses down other people’s throats? But, thankfully, this is not the dominating perception, as anyone involved in this ministry would tell you.

One last thought would be on Holy Communion, which we do not currently offer at our care home service, but only to private individuals. Dummying down things for the elderly, does not necessarily work very well. As Eucharistic ministers we bring the Body of our Lord to those who cannot attend Church. We do not bring “bread”. And indeed, most communicants will respond badly to being spiritually short-changed. One lady had me in stitches in my previous parish when our team brought Holy Communion to her care home. “The Body of Christ”, I said. “What? What?”, said her. “It’s bread from the church. Do you want some bread from the church?” said loudly one of my colleagues, only to hear that lady reply, “No, no. Thank you! I have my own bread!”

If you’d like to know more about our ministry in homes and to the house-bound, or you’d like to get involved get in touch with the Parish Office or with Father Diego (frdiego@mail.com)



First commemorative plaque for the town



Sunday 19th February saw the unveiling of the first commemorative plaque for our town, in celebration of its rich history.

The plaque commemorates Josiah Freeman, a “larger-than-life” character known in his days as Cyre. He was born in 1837 and made his living as a mill-owner with a steam mill and a windmill located in the field off Mill Road, and a third, smaller one, near his house. Interestingly, Josiah was related to film star Gary Cooper, who also had strong connections with Houghton Regis and Dunstable.

Josiah’s family lived in a house called The White House, which stood on the High Street near the junction with White Horse Close. This site is now occupied by Rosalyn House, on which corner the plaque is now on display.

The plaque was donated by Sarah Gelsthorp, author of ‘*Up Above The Streets and Houses*’, using a third of the proceeds from the sale of her book, and in partnership with Houghton Regis Heritage Society.

The unveiling was well attended, with Town Councillors, many members of the public, and a number of residents of Rosalyn House. The event was followed by refreshments and a pop-up exhibition of old town photographs hosted by HRHS at All Saints Church.

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My year as Town Mayor

Cllr. Chris Slough reflects of Church and community

To be elected Town Mayor to represent Houghton Regis has been a great privilege, and Susan and I have enjoyed every minute. It has given me a perspective on our town and indeed All Saints Church within it.

I'm one of those people who find value in special, spiritual places. One such place is All Saints Church. As an "early bird" on Sundays, Communion in the Lady Chapel has always been important to me. Imagine, then my thoughts when fulfilling civic duties in our church for the first time. In April we celebrated the Queen's birthday and in September remembered the Battle of the Somme. Our Remembrance services in November were a powerful reminder of what we hold in common. To watch the scouts parade and then read prayers at the Carol Service in December was truly moving, as was the beautiful singing by local school choirs.



All this reminds me that All Saints Church has such an important part to play in the life of the town. It is not a new role; it is one that has its beginnings many centuries past. We stand in a tradition, witnessing our faith and offering service to the community which surrounds us. This tradition is distinctive, especially liturgically, but it is not exclusive. It embraces all those who live within our parish bounds. It is open and accepting for those of faith and even those without. It is generous to the sojourner in our midst and sensitive to the needs of the less fortunate.

The role of Town Mayor is more recent in its origin, but it has a clear affinity with this tradition. The office is inclusive in representing all those who live in Houghton. The Mayor celebrates the service of our many volunteers and others, who do more than we have the right to expect in their employment. Others lift our spirits with their music and crafts.

At the same time, the Mayor represents Houghton Regis to neighbouring communities, and is able to express the pride we all have in our town. It is the image of All Saints that is so prominently represented on the much-admired town crest, which hangs on the mayoral chain. This modern design for the traditional badge of office reminds me that once again, as we embark on a period of change, the traditions of Church and community are entwined and will endure. I am grateful to have had the support and encouragement of the congregation of All Saints, and the opportunity to serve our community of Houghton Regis.

- Chris Slough



‘Go, your sins are forgiven!’

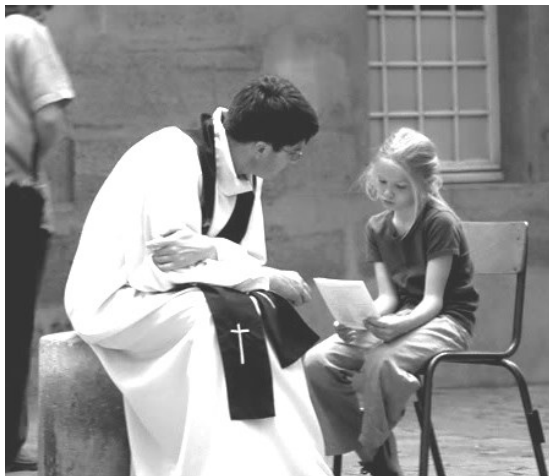
Fr Diego writes of Reconciliation

As we move towards Holy Week and Easter, the season of Lent invites us to take a good look at the way we live and to seek forgiveness for the times we have let others down – including God. Perhaps we have not treated others with the respect and gentleness they deserve; perhaps we have not been faithful in prayer, or we have avoided church altogether for a long time; perhaps we have shied away from doing good when we had the chance... there are countless occasions where we fail as Christians, but beyond every wrong decisions we make (decisions the Church calls sins) God offers us forgiveness we turn to him. Always.

The Scriptures give us three ways in which we can find forgiveness for our faults. First, in the Lord’s Prayer we say, ‘Father... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us’ meaning that through this prayer we ask God to forgive us in the same way and measure that we ourselves forgive those who have caused us offence. And if we stopped to think about the words of this prayer, we may see what level of responsibility we place upon ourselves every time we recite the Lord’s Prayer. In the same way that we forgive, we ourselves will be forgiven...

Secondly, the First Letter of Peter affirms that ‘charity covers a multitude of sins’ (1Peter 4:8 and Proverbs 10:12), this means that loving and doing good for others – especially for those in most need and for the Church – will be counted by the Father of the remission of our faults.

Thirdly, Jesus gave authority to the Apostles to forgive sins – plainly and completely – just in the same way that he did during his earthly ministry. So he said to them, **‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them’** (John 20:22-23). And from this, through the ministry of the Church – of priests within the Church – we can be “absolved” and assured of the Father’s forgiveness just as Jesus forgave those who turned to him.



This third and **most important** way of receiving the Father’s forgiveness is the Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly called “Confession” – a sacrament often overlooked by many Christians, and wrongly associated just with the Roman Catholic Church. But let us not be fooled by those who say that the Church of England does not have Confession, because this sacrament is a part of the Church’s tradition and it was recommended even by the Book of Common Prayer where the priest, before Holy Communion, was required to say to the congregation, *‘if there be any of you, who ...cannot quiet his own conscience herein, but requireth ...comfort or counsel, let him come to me, or to some other discreet and learned Minister..., and open his grief; that by the ministry of God's holy Word he may receive the benefit of absolution, together with ghostly counsel and advice, to the quieting of his conscience.’* (Book of Common Prayer, 1662, Exhortation.) So, from the simplest things, such as blurting out hurtful words to someone, to those pressing things that lay heavy on our hearts, Confession provides assurance of forgiveness and clean start without recriminations of the past.

But I don’t want you to sit there and think, “The vicar says I should go to Confession. I think it’s because he wants to know everyone’s business”. No. I’m neither here to know people’s business, nor to judge. I’m here to administer the God’s forgiveness and mercy to those who seek it. And importantly, I too am invited to approach Confession to receive and be forgiven. A priest is someone who experiences the same regular pitfalls as everyone else; someone continuing Jesus’s work of reconciliation, while being himself in great need of experiencing forgiveness when things go wrong. Also, we need to remember that whatever both you and I say to a priest at Confession we say to Jesus, in the person of the priest and **what we say can never be disclosed to anyone else**, regardless of its content or gravity, or even triviality.

In a society where we are constantly judged on looks, appearances, what we do or have done, **Jesus offers us something different.** He is not interested about what people think of us. He is just interested in us. So whenever we come to Confession, we come to Jesus. And although we may be worried or apprehensive about opening up what troubles us for another to hear, or even a little unsure about the whole thing, Confession assures us nonetheless of the Father’s forgiveness and continuing love for us.

I was told that the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, once used this image to describe God’s forgiveness for us; once we have confessed our faults and we have received absolution, God throws the sin into the deep, unreachable ocean of his love, down to the very bottom, never ever to be seen again. And on the surface of the water he puts a little buoy floating that says, “No Fishing”.

Whether “you’ve done this before” or not, Lent is a particularly good time to approach Confession seeking reconciliation with God; and if you wish to do so, you can come to Vestry Hour on Saturday mornings, or half an hour before weekday Masses, or make an appointment.



How many words can you find?

Clue: look up the story of Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11).

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Restoration and Renewal

Last year the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has started working towards raising a broad figure of **£400,000** for the restoration and renewal of All Saints Church. This is the combined rough estimate for a number of projects; the total, if you will, of a long shopping list comprising urgent and essential works.

Outside: All Saints' fabric was surveyed almost three years ago during a Quinquennial Inspection that highlighted areas in need of urgent repairs (at that time to be done within 2 years). For example, the chancel walls are not watertight, and there are a few sizable holes in the outer "skin" of the building; similarly, a few patches of stonework around the building need to be repointed and secured.

Inside the church is in need of work as well; wiring needs to be looked at, the organ needs extensive work, and some furnishing needs improvement and updating. Furthermore, the toilets and kitchen areas are in the process of being redesigned, to allow better access for prams and wheelchairs. This will include a reordering of the back of the church, introducing flexible seating arrangements, and creating a space for the use of wider community.

Outreach also poses some financial pressures as we are currently severely limited in what we can do in terms of advertising, organising large events, and youth-work.

Among all these challenges it would be easy to feel overwhelmed because All Saints, like most parish churches in the country, do not receive support from the Government or the Church of England as a national organization. Indeed the church relies entirely on the generous support of donors and volunteers. But there are some good news already! For example, the Town Council has already kindly given £2000 towards restoration; several donations (in money or labour) for specific jobs have been received, and we stand a good chance to receive help from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Above all, **we ourselves must be generous as God is generous.** And 'God will provide' (Gen 22:8) if we are ready to cooperate with him with everything we are, have, and do.

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Memorial Path - An update

Many readers and residents of Houghton Regis will know about one of our projects that is being developed alongside our Restoration and Renewal scheme - the creation of a new path in the churchyard, edged with memorial slabs (or plaques), providing better access to the church for wheelchairs and prams. The project will also see the reinstatement of the ancient walkway that originally connected the east gate of the churchyard on Bedford Square to the south door of the church (see above photograph).

This project suffered a major set back with the passing of Michael Hunt who was spearheading the development until a few days before his death. Since then the PCC has decided to proceed with a little caution, and to look at costings once again, in the light of further information received from ecclesiastical authorities. However, pretty much everyone at All Saints feels that the project should go ahead and several measures have already been taken in this direction.

The “Red Tape”

The Diocese of Saint Albans has provided very positive feedback about the path, and some advice about its aesthetics. Consequently, a faculty (official ecclesiastical permit for the works) should be granted provided that the paving of the path would complement the historic heritage of All Saints Church. Similarly, planning permissions should be granted by the civil authorities who will be concerned both about the path being in keeping with the Grade I listed building it adjoins, and its viability as disabled access to the church. This would mean using solid stone for the central section of the path, rather than paving made of reconstituted material.

Memorial Slabs

A great number of people have responded very positively to the project, sending in forms and payments for the memorial slabs that will be used to edge the path. However, because of the unforeseen circumstances surrounding Mr Hunt’s death, the cheques and the monies raised so far have not been banked yet (at the time of printing). Sponsors are being informed of the situation by post. Older cheques are being returned to their issuers informing them of the situation, whilst later ones will be banked as soon as possible. Also, it is likely that a different, higher price will apply to new bookings of memorial slabs, due to the changes in the project. This will not affect the bookings we have already received in any way. The churchwardens and the PCC wish to apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If you would like to know more about the project or you’d like to purchase a plaque in memory of loved ones, please contact the Parish Office on 01582 867246, and Father Diego or Mrs Janet Steele will be happy to discuss things with you.



The Parish Magazine is changing...

Regular readers will have notice a few changes since the last edition. We are now distributing free 600 copies across the town, and we aim to produce a new issue every two months.

If you would like to share a story about your community group or events in Houghton Regis, get in touch! Similarly, if you’d like to advertise in the magazine contact the Parish Office. **We look forward to hearing from you!**

A Tribute to Mick

Words from the homily preached for Michael Hunt's Requiem Mass

*'...there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know.'*

When you find yourself in my "line of work", for want of better words, funerals are sometimes occasions when a priest can add very little in terms of personal memories of the deceased, as we are often called upon when it is, in a sense, a little late. But on this occasion, I did know the man to whom we are bidding farewell. Mick in fact was one of the first people to welcome me with open arms into the parish on my interview day.

But Mick's welcome, like the welcome I received from countless other people here, did not end on that day, and was extended to my partner as well. Welcome transformed into friendship and over the course of the last two years, Mick taught me so much about this place, about the armed forces, about brass cleaning, and yes, even about Christian living.

If you speak to any regular worshipper here at All Saints, they will soon tell you how priceless Mick's contribution was to the life of the Church. He wore many hats; PCC Member, events' organiser, flags expert, cleaner and handyman, editor, communications officer, and lots more beside. He redrafted several of our policies and poured his heart and soul into the welfare of the church, not just in Houghton, but as the community of believers.

Mick came to Mass between three and four times a week. He took part in our study groups. He organised both pilgrimages, and our worship on Remembrance Sunday. He revived devotion to Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham, by acting as secretary to our local Cell. Ultimately, Mick shared the Christian faith with everyone through his genuine friendship with many of us here and through his faithful work for the Church. And this substantial example of commitment to faith, to the Lord Jesus and to the Church, is in many ways the greatest legacy Mick leaves to us.

His example should encourage us to deepen our faith (even when we are severely tested by things beyond our control, like a terminal diagnosis), to



welcome with open arms, to smile and never take ourselves too seriously, and to work unceasingly for God and for the common good of our local community.

In a few moments we will sing, "I vow to thee, my country" a hymn which embodies Mick's way of life quite concisely. He spent most of his life in the service of this country; as a soldier, educating cadets, and helping to build up our town wherever he could. He did his best, without counting costs, in whatever task was at hand – both for the wider community, and for the Church. But in all these things, he kept his eyes fixed on that other country God has prepared for those who love him, putting faith above all else. As proof of this, the order of service in your hands was his idea. Mick chose most of the hymns; he designed the cover, and made sure that his funeral service would be a Requiem Mass – that is, a celebration not of his own life, but of the death and resurrection of Our Lord.

So as today we send Mick on his journey to finally see the King of this other country face to face, we can remind one-another of the words of the Letter to the Hebrews about those who live a life of faith,

'They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ... They desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.' (Hebrew 11:13; 16)

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(Makes one 18mm cake)

500g Marzipan (for icing)
180g butter or margarine
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4 large eggs
2 tbsp milk
200g plain flour
½ tsp ground mixed spice
150g currants
150g sultanas
60g cut mixed peel
Zest of ½ lemon
2/3 tbsp apricot jam
½ tsp salt

Method

1. Roll out a third (165g) of marzipan to make a circle that fits snug inside an 18cm cake tin. Reserve the remainder for the cake topping.
2. Preheat oven to 140C/275F/Gas 1. Grease and line your 18cm cake tin.
3. Cream butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy then beat three of the eggs with the milk and incorporate to the mixture slowly.
4. Next, add sifted flour, salt and mixed spice gradually, folding into the mixture as you go. Finally, add the cut mixed peel, dried fruit, and grated lemon zest and mix well.
5. Put half the mixture into the greased cake tin, smooth and cover with the layer of marzipan before adding the rest of the cake mixture and smoothing again.
6. Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour 45 minutes, remove from the oven and set aside to cool on a wire rack.
7. Once cooled, spread the top of the cake with apricot jam and divide the remaining marzipan into two – roll out one half to cover the top of the cake and the other half to make 11 small balls, arranging these evenly around the edge of the cake.
8. Brush the cake topping with a little beaten egg, before placing under the grill for 2–3 minutes to brown. Keep a close eye on the cake at this stage as it can burn very quickly.



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Prayers for Lent, Holy Week and Easter

*'Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.'*

The seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter invite us to contemplate the boundless love God shows for us by giving us new life through the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

But what should our response be to such amazing love?

We can learn to respond to God's love by taking some time to **pray**.

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.
Amen.

(attributed to St Ignatius of Loyola)

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

(Maundy Thursday Liturgy)

The Paschal Candle

If you have been to a Baptism (or Christening) at All Saints you may have seen the priest lighting a candle from another larger and beautifully adorned candle situated near the font. This is called the Paschal candle and it is one of the most sacred and enduring elements in Christianity.

The Paschal candle is made of beeswax to represent the purity of Christ; its wick signifies Christ's humanity, and the flame his Divine Nature. It is adorned with a cross to represent Jesus' redemptive sacrifice, and it is inscribed with the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet – Alpha and Omega – to signify that He is the beginning and the end of all things.

Each year during the Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday night, a fire is kindled and blessed – usually outside the church. The “new” fire serves as an image of the Resurrection, and the Paschal candle is lit from its flames. Then five grains of incense are inserted into the candle through brass pins, to recall the aromatic spices that were used to prepare Christ's body for the tomb, and the wounds in His hands, feet and side, which scarred his body even after His resurrection. After this the candle is carried in procession into the dark church, and placed on a special stand near the altar.

The Paschal candle remains in the sanctuary for the full 50 days of the Easter season, and is lit for services during this time. After Pentecost the candle is placed next to the font and lit at baptisms throughout the year, passing the light of Christ to each newly-baptized person. The candle is also lit and placed next to the casket at funerals to testify to the faith in the resurrection of the dead and life with Christ in the world to come.



This candle, also called the Easter candle, originated in the earliest days of Christianity, when evening prayer began with the ceremonial lighting of a candle representing Christ, the Light of the World. And in turn this practice may have been inspired by the Jewish custom of lighting a lamp at the conclusion of the Sabbath. This ceremony was carried out with even greater reverence during the Easter Vigil. In the time of the Emperor Constantine (AD 274-337) an ancient historian recalls how the emperor *'transformed the night of the sacred Easter Vigil into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the whole city pillars of wax, so that this mystic vigil was rendered brighter than the brightest daylight.'*

However, the precise use of the Paschal candle has varied over the centuries. Initially it was broken up after the Easter Vigil and fragments were given to the faithful, but from the 10th century onward it was kept in a place of honour. By the 12th century, it was common to inscribe the candle with the current year. Over time the candle grew in size to merit the description of "pillar". By the mid-16th century, some Paschal candles weighed as much as three hundred pounds, and after use were melted into tapers to use at funerals of the poor.

The word "paschal" is derived from Hebrew "*pesah*" meaning the passing over. In the Old Testament it refers to the night the Israelites left Egypt for the Promised Land, when God struck the houses of the Egyptians but left the Israelites untouched, thus "passing over" or sparing them. In Christianity the word "paschal" took on a new meaning, referring to Our Lord's passion, death, resurrection. These events stand at the centre of our faith. God's saving plan for us was accomplished by the redemptive suffering and death of Jesus. His "passing over" from death into new life at the resurrection is assurances of eternal life for us – if we follow his words and his way.

So, when you next see the Paschal Candle at church, may you too think of its long and sacred past, the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus which it represents, and the hope of eternal life it means for all of us!

The Easter Vigil

with the blessing of the new Pascal candle will be celebrated on

15 April at 8:00pm

Supporting All Saints Church

You can make a real difference in helping All Saints Church with its Restoration and Renewal, and to grow to reach everyone in our town.

...with your Treasure

The money donated to our church is essential for its enduring and committed service to our town, and for securing the Christian heritage of this place for future generations.

Generous, regular, planned and tax-efficient giving can help us create a sound financial base.

These questions may help you reflect on how you give

- *Is your giving regular and planned?*
- *Is your giving generous?*
- *If the church returned all that you had given during a year, would it make a real difference to you?*
- *Would you join the monthly Parish Giving Scheme?*

...with your Time

Time is God's gift to us. The time you give to All Saints helps make it a place where lives are changed, the faith is proclaimed, your walk with God can deepen, and from which our town can be transformed.

Would you consider,

- *volunteering as a steward to keep the church open?*
- *joining our schools or homes teams?*
- *help with pastoral visiting?*

...with your Talents

The talents and skills which equip us for life can be used to help our church to grow. We see this already in administration, finance, and other areas. Sharing your skills is vital to leading a life in which all that we do is used to God's glory.

Would you consider using your talents, or would you be willing to learn new skills, and join a church team?

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Entries in the
Parish Registers | January - 28 February 2017

Baptisms

Lyla Hughes	08.01.17
Jorge Hollingsworth	11.02.17
Ariana Thompson-Worker	26.02.17

Funerals

Peter Wooden	30.01.17
Ashton Moore	15.02.17
Derrick Clark	22.02.17
Michael Hunt	24.02.17

Year's Mind for | March - 30 April

March

2	Stanley Hearn Erika Gardner
5	Ron Jellis
7	Beryl Abbitt
13	Alice Emily Davidson
14	'Dick' (George) Brooks
15	Irving Grigg
17	Jean Birchall
18	Harold Wellings
19	Enid Holmes
20	Ian Hall
23	Douglas Gardner
24	James McKinnon Wilson Baby Benjamin Lynch
26	Mary Burnage
27	Winifred Smith
28	Mary Ellingham
30	Ronald MacDonald
31	Esther Gay Barbara Dagley

April

3	William Wedge (priest) Albert Ellis
5	Crystal Danso
6	Stanley Watson
7	David Johnson
8	John Mathieson
9	Harold Jones
12	Ronald Sinfield
13	Albert Payne
18	Anne Margarete Tawell
21	Lisa
23	Reg Weeks John Sinfield Alice Gardner
24	Barbara Gardner William Morton Percy Hunt Doris Hunt
26	Jenny Gadsden
28	Rex Peter Albert Whittaker
29	John Kinchella
30	(Baby) Sean Gilmartin

Prayers will be offered at the Parish Mass on the Sunday on or preceding the anniversary of death.

Father Diego is also considering celebrating a monthly Requiem Mass for both the recently departed and those remembered in the year's mind list. If you have any suggestions about this, do get in touch!

The **40** Hours Prayer

2 - 4 June 17
All Saints Church
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40 uninterrupted hours of prayer
before the Blessed Sacrament for
evangelization, healing, and the renewal
of the Church.

Friday
8.00pm OPENING MASS

Saturday
12.00pm Mass

Sunday - Pentecost
8.30am Mass
10.00am SUNG MASS

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THY KINGDOM COME





Holy Week and Easter Services

9 April - Palm Sunday

10:00am Parish Mass, with the blessing procession of palms

13 April - Maundy Thursday

8:00 Sung Mass, followed by watch until Midnight

14 April - Good Friday

11:00am Family Service, *followed by crafts and refreshments*

3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

15 April - Holy Saturday

9:00 to 11:00 Confessions (*Sacrament of Reconciliation*)

8:00 Easter Vigil

16 April - Easter Day

8:30am Said Mass

10:00am Parish Mass



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

See inside for regular service and events.