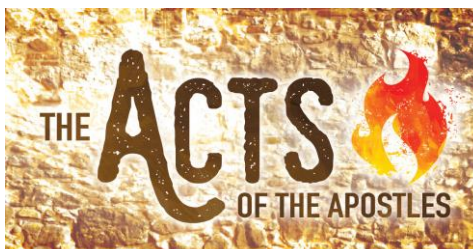


BIBLE STUDY GROUP NEWS

Bible study group will continue at 11.15am. The group has grown over the last quarter due to the ever-reliable recommendations of its members. We have been exploring The Acts of the Apostles with Reverend Paula and the group is thoroughly enjoying her gift of explaining in detail the sections of the Bible we are studying. Over the next few months we shall be studying further readings from the Acts of the Apostles.

Why not come along to our next session and join our Bible study group? Visitors are encouraged to come and join us, even if you are only here for a few weeks. You will be assured of a warm welcome, some stimulating discussions and Christian Fellowship.

Next sessions:



Weds 13th March

Acts 10 : Peter and Cornelius

Weds 27th March

Acts 12 : Herod's persecution

Weds 10th April

Acts 13 : Saul and Barnabas

Weds 24th April

To be arranged

The Acts of the Apostles presents the amazing story of the early Christian church of the New Testament. After Jesus was victorious over Satan and returned to heaven, the enemy turned his attention to Jesus' church on earth. Here are thrilling stories of fierce persecutions and unswerving loyalty to God. Peter, Paul, James, John, Luke, Barnabas, Stephen, Mark, and the other early apostles carried the wonderful news of the gospel to all of the then known world. Unwilling to surrender their faith, many gave their lives.

St Stephen, the 1st Christian Martyr



Bishop Robert's Lenten Appeal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mental Health and Livelihoods Support for the Vulnerable in Greece

I send you this appeal as we begin to prepare our hearts and minds for the beginning of Lent in three weeks' time.

Natural as well as man-made disasters in our world bring hurt and heartbreak to all those affected. They remind us of the fragility of our human existence, wherever we live. Where natural disaster has occurred, there is physical suffering: the tragedy of lives lost, or the pain of families, homes and livelihoods devastated. But the wounds are also psychological. And they frequently do not manifest themselves immediately, but later on. This is especially true for the vulnerable and applies particularly to children. In July 2018, the resort village of Mati witnessed Greece's worst ever forest fires. The death toll reached 100, over 200 people injured, and over 700 evacuated from their homes. To these numbers, we should add the number suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other psychological after-effects.

An Athens-based organisation called Hestia Hellas is providing a vulnerable community with sustainable tools and a skill set necessary to participate in daily life and thrive in times of difficulties. Greece is facing multiple challenges including an economic crisis, an influx of refugees and migrants and the devastating fires that have deprived many families from housing and jobs. Hestia Hellas is dedicated to offering psycho-social support services, Child Friendly Space, jobs and life skills support, and food distribution to those in need. There will be an Appeal launch on the Diocesan website at <https://europe.anglican.org/bishops-appeals/bishops-appeals>, followed by regular updates on the website, and our social media. Do keep an eye out for these. And please do consider how you can support my appeal. As usual, you can give money to this appeal through your church treasurer, who will forward money to the diocesan office.

I wish you a holy and spiritually fulfilling Lent. With every blessing,

Bishop Robert.



Why not come and join us for a Lenten Lunch at All Saints? These will take place every Wednesdays at 12.30pm, after either Bible Study group or during Lent on the following dates:

13/03/19 20/03/19 27/03/19 03/04/19 10/04/19 17/04/19

Lunches will consist of a homemade soup and either a cheese or egg mayo baguette. Donations will be gratefully received, and all money raised will be donated to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Come, support this worthy cause and Live Lent in Christian Fellowship. All are welcome.

Bodas & Bautizos – Weddings & Christenings



All Saints Church is available for christenings and wedding blessings. You do not have to be a member of the Church of England to have your marriage blessed or your children christened here. This is an option that is particularly popular with couples and parents who are from different religious backgrounds or who are looking for a service with an international flavour. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the chaplain if you think this might be a possibility for you.

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La Iglesia de Todos los Santos está disponible para los Bautizos y las Bendiciones del Matrimonio. No hay que ser miembro de la Iglesia Anglicana para recibir una misa de bendición o bautizar a sus hijos en nuestra Iglesia. Es una opción para las parejas y padres que buscan una boda o bautizo con un aire internacional, o las que vienen de diferentes religiones etc. Por favor, no duden en ponerse en contacto con nuestra Sacerdote Paula si piensan que esto podría ser una opción para ustedes.

Todos son bienvenidos en nuestra Iglesia

The Who's Who Corner

Derek and Ann-Louise Minns - Decades of Dedication to God's Service

When Ann-Louise and Derek finally settled in Tenerife in 1992, it was after several years as visitors to the Island. They became involved with All Saints from their early days in Tenerife and their dedication to the church has grown steadily over the years.

During these past decades, Ann-Louise took on the role of churchwarden for some 10 years, and Derek offered to "stand in" until someone could be found to do the Treasurer's job - even though this didn't happen for about 4 years!!

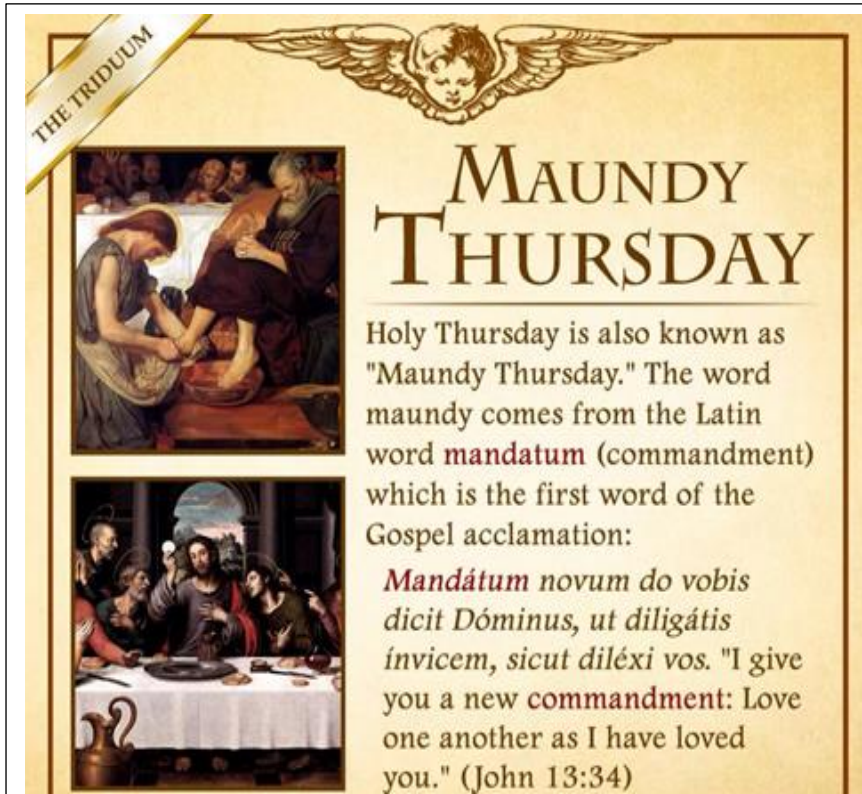
They have worked on various stalls and taken on countless roles in and around the church as volunteers. Ann-Louise has been for many years the carer of the church linen and altar cloths. Repairing worn or ripped lace and putting them back in the draw, freshly laundered without saying a word.

Even now, after almost 30 years, Ann-Louise is still a member of the Church Council.

Derek and Ann-Louise are always willing to serve to the best of their ability as true Christians, spreading their own special brand of kindness, compassion and care. May God Bless you both for all your years of dedication to All Saints.



Maundy Thursday Service – 18th April at 5pm



The 5.00 pm service on Maundy Thursday will be a Holy Communion service that includes washing the feet of those who wish it. This is an ancient custom that follows the example of Jesus who washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper. Traditionally the priest kneels at the feet of members of her congregation to do this.

Jesus said, "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13.14).

A Service of Confirmation and Acceptance into the Church of England was held at San Blas Church on Sunday 17th February in the South. Presided by Bishop David, Rev. John and Rev. Rachael. Cheryl and Wendy were amongst those confirmed and received.



All Saints Charitable Giving

Amongst our chosen charities for 2019 is the Educational Centre "Madre Matilde Téllez" based in Puerto de la Cruz. This day centre is run by Reverend Mother Amparo and the daughters of the Holy Order of María Inmaculada Madre de la Iglesia. It helps children between the ages of 4-17 at risk of marginalization, poverty and social exclusion, and it is an honour for all of us at All Saints to support the work done by these wonderful ladies.

In December it was my great privilege to deliver All Saints gift for 2018 to Reverend Mother Amparo who was delighted with our donation. She told me she had been praying for help to provide the children with much needed computer equipment, and that we were the answer to her prayers. Our donation will help the Centre purchase some of the necessary equipment to assist the children with their school work, whilst allowing them access to everyday social media and help develop their computer skills; so necessary in the 21st Century.

May God Bless you for sharing your gifts with those in need in our Community and Around the World.

The Power of Prayer

To pray is to make our hearts ready to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Praying regularly will help us to develop a spiritual rhythm. A discipline of prayer changes the way that we think about our lives, because it creates new habits of heart and mind. Prayer opens us more deeply to the transforming grace of God. We enter into God's presence, allowing the Holy Spirit to pray in us.

Remember that God hears every prayer—but not all prayers are answered in the way we might expect or desire: we don't always pray for his will to be done! Prayer is a discipline - it can be difficult at times, just like keeping fit, being on a diet, or keeping weeds down in the garden. Little and often is best, but don't give up! No prayer, however inadequate you may feel it to be, is ever wasted or of no value.

According to the Bible, the power of prayer is, quite simply, the power of God, who hears and answers prayer.

Consider:

- 1) The Lord God Almighty can do all things; there is nothing impossible for Him (Luke 1:37).
- 2) The Lord God Almighty invites His people to pray to Him. Prayer to God should be made persistently (Luke 18:1), with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6), in faith (James 1:5), within the will of God (Matthew 6:10), for the glory of God (John 14:13-14), and from a heart right with God).
- 3) The Lord God Almighty hears the prayers of His children. He commands us to pray, and He promises to listen when we do. "In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears". (Psalm 18:6).
- 4) The Lord God Almighty answers prayer. "I call on you, O God, for you will answer me" (Psalm 17:6). "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles".

A popular idea is that the amount of faith we have determines whether or not God will answer our prayers. However, sometimes the Lord answers our prayers in spite of our own lack of faith. In Acts 12, the church prays for Peter's release from prison (v. 5), and God answers their prayer (vv. 7-11). Peter goes to the door of the prayer meeting and knocks, but those who are praying refuse at first to believe that it is really Peter. They prayed he would be released, but they failed to expect an answer to their prayers.

The power of prayer does not flow from us. The power of prayer comes from God who hears our prayers and answers them. Prayer places us in contact with Almighty God, and we should expect almighty results, whether or not He chooses to grant our petitions or deny our requests. Whatever the answer to our prayers, the God to whom we pray is the source of the power of prayer, and He can and will answer us, according to His perfect will and timing. <http://www.allsaintschurchededworth.co.uk/learning-to-pray/>

Prayer Meetings will begin on Weds. mornings at 9.30am before Holy Communion. All are welcome.

All Saints church will be open for Silent Prayer over the Lent and Easter Period. Please come along and join us.

Shrove Tuesday – A fun history of the Pancake

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the “Pancake Bell” and is still rung today.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year and falls between February 3 and March 9. In 2019 Shrove Tuesday will fall on the 5th March.

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. The pancake has a very long history and is featured in cookery books as far back as 1439. The tradition of tossing or flipping them is almost as old: “And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne.” (Pasquil’s Palin, 1619).

In the UK, pancake races form an important part of the Shrove Tuesday celebrations – an opportunity for large numbers of people, often in fancy dress, to race down streets tossing pancakes. The object of the race is to get to the finishing line first, carrying a frying pan with a cooked pancake in it and flipping the pancake as you run.

The most famous pancake race takes place at Olney in Buckinghamshire. According to tradition, in 1445 a woman of Olney heard the shriving bell while she was making pancakes and ran to the church in her apron, still clutching her frying pan. The Olney pancake race is now world famous. Competitors have to be local housewives and they must wear an apron and a hat or scarf.



Each contestant has a frying pan containing a hot pancake. She must toss it three times during the race. The first woman to complete the course and arrive at the church, serve her pancake to the bell ringer or church warden and be kissed by him, is the winner.

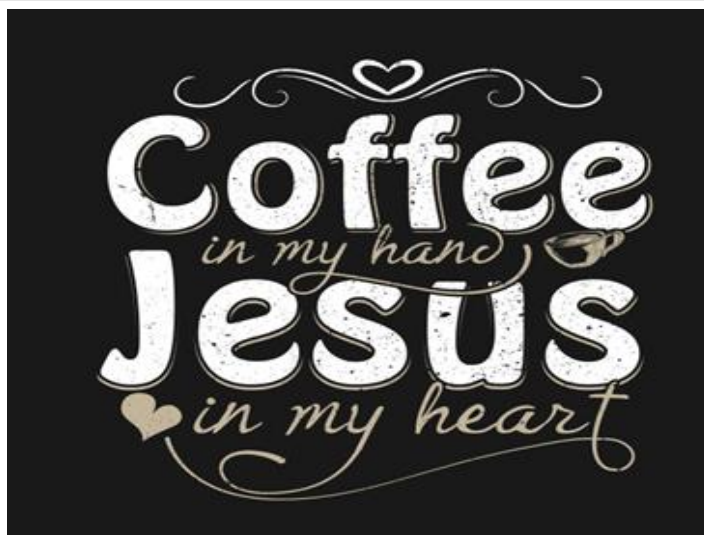


Taizé prayer is the creation of a monastic community in Taizé, France, founded in the 1940s by a Swiss man known as Brother Roger. Brother Roger was especially interested in bringing Catholics and Protestants together.

There is no preaching, no teaching, no talk of sin or repentance or forgiveness. There is just this elegantly simple service: short chants, often in Latin, repeated over and over in the candlelight. Plus, some short Scripture readings or psalms, accompanied by candles and short periods of silent pray, where we lift our hearts and innermost thoughts and praises to God.

Wednesday Morning Service 10am

Why not come and join us on Wednesday Morning for Holy communion in our beautiful church? The service is followed by coffee and conversation in the cottage at the back of the church, in the gardens to the right. Everyone is guaranteed a friendly welcome.



Good Friday 19th April **An hour at the Cross -2pm**



On Good Friday come and spend an hour at the cross with us – a service of readings, music and quiet reflection.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday or Easter Day is the most important day of the year for Christians. It is when we celebrate that three days after being killed, Jesus rose from the dead, sometimes called 'the Resurrection' and defeated evil forever. Many Churches start the Easter Sunday celebrations at Midnight on Easter Eve. Candles are used in churches all over the world to start the Easter Day Midnight celebrations. Candles help Christians to remember that Jesus is the light of the world and that when he rose to life on Easter Day, he overcame the darkness of evil.

In some churches, the service starts in darkness. Then twelve candles are lit, and these are taken round the rest of the church lighting the other candles. When a candle is lit the Priest says, 'Christ is Risen!' and the congregation responds, 'He is Risen Indeed!' Churches are filled with flowers on Easter Day. These represent new life. Priests wear their best, brightest robes in celebration.

If a Church has a model of a tomb in it from Good Friday, it will be empty with the stone rolled away, as it was on the first Easter Day. Easter Day is the end of Lent and means the end of some people's fasting.

Living out our Faith - Love your Neighbour as yourself (2)

It is a fact of nature; we humans are social animals and we do like to talk. Now there is nothing wrong with engaging in a nice long conversation with a friend or neighbour, who after all does not enjoy a good chat? But we must also be conscious of not overstepping the mark between chatting and gossiping.

Stop Gossip by Tightening Loose Tongues

Here are five ideas to help put the brakes on wagging tongues. As always, start with **self-first**.

1. Make a conscious effort to monitor your own words. Actively listen to yourself. Make careful note of what you talk about, who you talk about and precisely what you say. Ensure that your words are Godly words that directly build-up, not tear down.
2. Make a conscious effort to monitor your own hearing. Whatever comes into your mind makes an impression. Do not listen to the juicy details about someone you know. Either move the conversation to a new subject or move along yourself.
3. Speak out to stop gossip. There is no need to be nasty, but just let people know you will not be a party to gossip. It might be easier to tell your close friends *before* gossip begins that you are trying to break a bad habit. When the talk starts, interrupt and remind people that you'd rather not talk about other people.
4. Assume unflattering stories are false. When you hear something tawdry about someone do you assume it is true? What if we all just assumed that the gossip was false? Would that slow things down?
5. Let gossip end with you. What if every piece of gossip depended upon you? Would it live or die? Slay gossip by refusing to repeat it. Keep count for the next week. How many pieces of gossip did you kill? You might be surprised.

Let us make a special effort as we approach Lent and Easter to Love one and other as the Lord commands us to.

<http://preachersstudyblog.com/2010/04/stop-gossip-in-the-church/>

Join us at the All Saints Easter Sunday Lunch 21st April 13.00hrs - Tickets 15€

Don't forget to make your Easter Bonnet or Hat ladies and gents! There will be a prize for the winner! Tickets may be purchased from Jane on 676506957 or Wendy on 605486792



Menu

Various Tapas

Roast Beef & Trimmings

Desert.

Wine & Water included



Volunteers Corner

Safeguarding Officer Required

Can you stay calm in a crisis and are the soul of discretion? Then your Church needs you to volunteer as the new Safeguarding Officer. This is a vital role and must be filled as soon as possible. Training will be given. The Safeguarding Officer's role is, amongst other things to: Work closely with the incumbent to advise within the parish on all safeguarding matters relating to children, young people and vulnerable adults; Receive, with the incumbent, any concerns about children or adults in the parish and make sure that proper advice and referrals are made; Report all matters relating to allegations of abuse against church officers. Maintain safeguarding records; The Safeguarding Office should regularly report on safeguarding in the parish. Safeguarding should be a standing agenda item at each PCC meeting. Please speak to the Chaplin if you are interested.

Card Makers and Card Stall Helpers

Are you an artistic person who enjoys arts and crafts? Looking for a new hobby and a way to help the church? Ann-Louise and Derek are looking to retire in April and would like to pass on their stall to someone else. They are willing to teach you how to make all types of greetings cards and show you the ropes! All those who are interested in learning and taking over the stall please speak to Ann-Louise after the Sunday or Wednesday services. Thank you.

The PCC would like to express their sincere gratitude to all those people who have come forwards to volunteer in and around the Church in answer to previous advertisements. Please contact Wendy if you are interested in Volunteering There is always room for more! "Welcome" to all our new gardeners, car boot and church welcoming volunteers.

Without your assistance the church would find it difficult to survive, so a Huge thank you to you ALL. Volunteers, both old and new.

All Saints Parishioner, Mark, has decided to take up the Jurassic Coast Challenge in June 2019 in aid of Sepsis and is looking for sponsors. Sepsis is a disease caused by an infection that brings about an abnormal response in the body's immune system and endangers the life of those affected.

Here is his story: I considered myself to be a man who took regular exercise; walking and working out at the gym to maintain a good level of fitness. In 2018 whilst on holiday in Tenerife, I contracted an infection which led to my developing Sepsis. I was admitted to hospital in a serious state, close to death. Fortunately, I was able to receive medical treatment which enable me to return to the UK. I lost more than a fifth of my body weight and became so weak that I was unable to complete even simple tasks. Ten months on I still struggle and have to take things easy. My life has been changed forever. However, I am determined to complete this walk to raise money to increase Sepsis awareness and will be eternally grateful for any support you are able to give me. Please contact Mark if you would like to Sponsor him or speak to Wendy Sanderson on 605 486 792.



Fundraising and Social Events at All Saints

By Wendy Sanderson

After the success of the Epiphany Lunch which raised €500, we are looking forward to our next Social events to be held.

April 21st is the Easter Sunday Lunch. The Menu is tapas to start, followed by Roast beef with all the trimmings and a surprise desert. Wine and water are included. A prize will be given to the best Easter Bonnet or Hat, so get cracking ladies and gents on your design and Impress us with your creative skills! Tickets will be 15€. Tickets this event are available from Jane and Wendy.

You are also invited to join the quizzes held on Tuesday 12th March and 9th April. These are held in the parsonage grounds and start at 6pm.

Following the overwhelming success of the "Bring and Share" Sunday Fellowship Lunch, more of these will be held this year. I would like to thank all those who brought food to share and to those who joined us in Fellowship on the day. It was lovely to see everyone enjoy this day so much.

Thank you for supporting All Saints Church.

"Holy Humour" - A chance to laugh at Human error!



The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who laboured the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.

22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.

The Men's group will meet at 6 p.m. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal feel.

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So, each one goes into the woods, finds a bear, and attempts to convert it. Later, they all get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his first Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy Word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a stretcher in a plaster body cast.

"Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

And Finally, All Saints artisan Marmalade maker, Jean Baker, needs your spare Jam Jars! Jean has already made over 200€ for the church selling Marmalade & Lemon curd. Well Done Jean! All jars appreciated.



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Car Boot Sales/ Rastros

The following days in March and April are All Saints Car Boot Sales / Los siguientes días son para los Rastros en la Iglesia Anglican de Todos Los Santos:

Saturday/Sábado: 02/03/2019 & 06/04/2019

Come and join us for a fun day out. Entrance only 1€. Children free. / Ven y disfrutar con nosotros. Entrada solo 1€. Niños gratis.



All Saints Church, Taoro Park

Song Recital

by

Qingmei Liao-Wörmer

(mezzo-soprano)



Works by Converse, Franck, Handel, Hine, Lloyd
Webber, Lovland, Mendelssohn, Mozart & Stölzel

Accompanist – Graham Taylor

Saturday 30th March, 7:00pm

Tickets at 12€ will be available on the night of the recital. These will be sold at the church door from 6.15pm onwards.

A glass of wine, beer or soft drink is included in the price of the ticket and will be served during the intermission.

An enjoyable evening of music and song is guaranteed.