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If there is any other area of church life on which you would like information, please get in touch with the Church Manager and he will direct you to the most suitable contact.

If you have any gifts or talents you would like to be used at All Saints' to the glory of God, please let us know!

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WELCOME to ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTBOURNE GRAPEVINE EXTRA



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giving you all the up-to-date news of what is happening
in All Saints' Church

Welcome to the All Saints' Church family. If you are new please do not hesitate to make yourself known to one of the staff team. If you have any questions the welcome team will be happy to help. Please help yourself to one of the welcome booklets at the entrance to the Church and Centre.

INTO A NEW COMMUNITY - Duncan Fraser

First sentences are hard to write. I've been trying for some time as the scribbles in my notebook will testify! I guess I am falling prey to the side of our human nature that seeks to portray itself in an exclusively positive light when stepping into a new community. It would certainly be unusual to broadcast my many failures and shortcomings in my opening paragraph; you'll find them out soon enough anyway.

What's amazing is that the bible doesn't share our reticence. In the evening services we are looking at the life of Abraham. He is undoubtedly a great man of faith but the scripture writers, inspired by the Holy Spirit, are concerned to unveil his mistakes as well as his triumphs. Abraham's journey of faith is a turbulent one; impressive advances are accompanied by spectacular failures.

Scripture's stark honesty is, however, deeply reassuring, because many of us can relate to the ups and downs of the journey of faith. At times it feels like we're cruising on the motorway at 70mph (and of course no more!); at other times it feels as though we're lost in a suburbia fraught with one way systems, cul-de-sacs and roundabouts that all look the same. So what a great thing it is to learn from Abraham's story that faith is not based on our feelings but on the promises of God. This means that whether I'm turning the radio up for a sing along, or throwing the sat-nav out of the window in frustration, I can always rely on God's promise to get

me to the destination. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus are proof of God's faithfulness.

So as the gears start to turn for a fresh season of activity, and as I join with you in the gospel, let's remind each other to trust in the promises of God even when everything around us tempts us to turn away. For He who began the first sentence of faith in us is the One who will bring the prologue to a fitting conclusion before the real, new creation story begins.

WHAT HAPPENS AT 4pm? - The Barber Family

We have been coming to the 4 o'clock service since it started around 8 years ago. There was a demand for a service that suited younger families and families who had sporting commitments in the morning.

The service is held in the All Saints' Centre with families sitting around small tables. This provides a more relaxed setting and encourages worship and prayer around the small tables.

For worship we sing a number of children's songs (with actions!) along with the more traditional songs. The service averages around 30-40 people so everyone gets to know each other very well. We also hold a number of picnics throughout the year which are great fun involving games and open air worship in a local park.

The service is particularly popular with teenagers with a teenager based group and every two weeks an after Church social.

Sunday school has on average 10-15 children ranging from 3 to 11 years of age. We generally have 30 minutes of teaching time which often involves games, acting, craft, quizzes, reading and prayers. We try to encourage all children to participate in prayer so that talking to Jesus becomes familiar to them from a young age. Above all we want the children to experience Jesus in a fun and friendly atmosphere which they look forward to each week.

We love going to the 4 o'clock service as it is more focussed on younger families and teenagers and being smaller in number encourages everyone to get to know each other.

If this has made you more curious then come along and see and hear for yourself! Everyone is welcome no matter what the years tell you!

questionable government, their true security was not in the government of this world but in the city of heaven with God. Who having been claimed by Christ prayed, 'Our hearts find no rest until they find rest in You'.

This story is so familiar isn't it, it could be told by countless Christians all over the world all over time. After all, 'There is nothing new under the sun' (Ecclesiastes 1.9). As a parent of one (nearly two!) children I fear for their adult years. I worry for the world in which they will live. But most of all I long for them to cling to their Saviour. Many of us will have children or grandchildren whom we pray for. I hope the, not unique, story of Augustine's mum may serve as an encouragement. Let us persist in prayer. We may feel helpless, we may be helpless. No matter how long it's been let us keep praying, keep begging the Lord to protect and to draw to Himself those we love. We can't all be like St Augustine, great erudite teachers of the faith. We can all be like Monica, faithfully praying, constantly interceding for our families. When others have given up the Lord hasn't. Let us never give up praying.

FINANCE CORNER

'COUNT ME IN' – Andy Anderson

If you consider All Saints' to be your church, then 'Count Me In' is for you!

There are many people who are part of All Saints' church on some level and 'Count Me In' aims to help each person take a step in their membership of the All Saints' community. To see our vision become a reality we are inviting everyone to membership of the church through regularly connecting with God and each other in worship, serving in some way, and giving financially to the church.

If you already connect, serve and give – then thank you! 'Count Me In' is an invitation for you to prayerfully re-commit yourself for the season ahead. If you are not currently a member, or if you do one or two of these things, we would love to invite you to take a step towards belonging more fully to the All Saints' community.

Sunday 1st November is All Saints' Day, and Gift Day. We do need your generosity to continue, and grow, the ministry of our church. On that day, we will be providing you with more information on 'Count Me In', and asking you to complete a response form, and be part of the adventure of this next chapter in our story.

NEW CHURCH MEMBER'S DATABASE AND DIRECTORY *- Andy Anderson (on behalf of the PCC)*

A few months ago, the church's main server crashed and the existing database was rendered unusable. Mindful of the frailties of our systems, even if we could retrieve any data, we investigated a number of specialist databases written specifically for churches and trialled a system called ChurchApp.

We were able to upload details from an old backup and were very impressed with what the system could give us. We demonstrated ChurchApp to the PCC in June who saw the benefits, and approved the purchase of the system.

We have worked hard since then to build the database to a point where we will now start testing production of a new directory. There are still a few gaps in the data, but we will be seeking to fill these as the system evolves.

By holding the data and producing directories, we must be mindful of Data Protection Legislation. Those of you who completed an electoral role form in April 2013, and any since, will know that specific questions were asked about whether you wanted all, some, or none of your details to appear in the public arena. Although the completion of this section of the form was fairly good, a large number of you did not complete it; our default position where this happens is **NOT** to include your details.

Watch this space!

My thanks go to Sonia Turner who has devoted many hours on this project.

SHE NEVER GAVE UP PRAYING - Benjamin Lucas

'Behind every great man lies a great woman'. A lady called Monica had a son. Being a Christian she began to pray for him from birth. Like many young people the boy grew up amid temptations in the world around and was charmed by them. She never gave up praying. She wept, she begged, she prayed. She longed for the Lord to bring her son to himself. It seemed as though he just got farther away. He rejected Christ and joined another religion. She never gave up praying. He was finally brought back to the Lord when he was 31. It hadn't been an easy ride. She never gave up praying.

Today we know the boy as St Augustine. The man who taught Christians that, in a world with a failing economy, mass migration and a

A GREAT MEMORY - Cindy James

On Saturday June 13th Robert and Sandy Kirby-Maynard took Beryl Twitchett and myself to Ashburnham Orangery for a treat. As it was my birthday on the next day, Robert invited me to travel with him in his sports car as an extra treat.

Well, what a thrill! I felt like the queen with my head covered with a headscarf and the sheer joy and delight of the journey was wonderful. Life in the old dog yet!

We enjoyed our refreshments in the Orangery and then the four of us set off to walk around the lake. The wind was cool but the weather fine. We all felt the 'Splendour and Glory' of God as we walked through the temple of trees and we automatically began to sing,

*'O Lord my God, when I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the works Thy Hand has made'.*

At the end of the walk I espied a longish plank with four sets of foot-straps attached and Robert, Beryl and Sandy gave it a good 'go' of walking with it in unison. It just goes to show that, although we all well on in years, the child within us does not diminish and everyone had a good giggle.

What a blessed person I have been, I have had a flight in a hot-air balloon and in a glider, a ride in a Dutton kit-car and now a ride in a MG sports car. Other delights I would like to sample include a canal boat holiday and to own my own campervan.

Thank you Lord for a wonderful afternoon with Christian friends.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT! - Robin Weldon

A Christian wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time ... and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor.

It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall what the menu was for a single one of those meals. I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me strength. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be dead today."

That pretty much ended the discussion.

COMPUTER HACKED? - Aileen Rickard

Recently I received a number of calls informing me that my computer has been hacked and that it is infected with a malicious virus. In future rather than hanging up perhaps I should try responding as follows:

"Forgive me I must interrupt you. You see we all have something more awful than a computer malfunction. Our mainframes have been hacked big time and an awful virus has overwritten our hearts – that virus is SIN. It is no use looking for a patch to mend the virus you need to be completely rebooted – in order to overcome sin you would need a complete factory reset – we call this repentance – it is a complete turning around, restarting from scratch. There is only one way to remedy this situation and it is to install a new operating system, namely Jesus Christ. He came so that the SIN virus could be dealt with once and for all. He will wipe the virus out of your life if you will put your trust completely in Him.

How does His programme work? First, He takes SIN and puts it in the trash by dying on the cross then, He installs a completely new operating system, this includes a new EXE file which allows His Holy Spirit to flow through each of us. We receive this new operating system simply by asking Him to take over our hard drive and each moment allowing His Spirit to transform our computing experience. Once installed in your life you will find that communication with God, the Father, is quicker and clearer. Your online experience will be transformed from the previous virtual experience of cyberspace into a real experience of life in all its fullness. "

Since putting this script by the phone I have not been troubled by further calls about my computer. I guess I'll have to write one now in readiness for other types of nuisance calls!

FROM CAMEO to KABUBU –

When Wednesday Fellowship changed to CAMEO, it also changed many of its activities and one of the things they wanted to do



was of a much more practical nature. They decided that they would like to knit squares to make a blanket for their sponsored granny in Kabubu.

With Robert going to Kabubu as part of his sabbatical this Autumn, this seemed like an ideal opportunity. During this summer five or six of the group have been busy knitting with the above result! We feel sure that when Robert hands it over to her, she will feel the love of Jesus flowing from this group here in Eastbourne!
