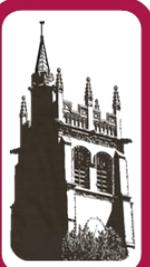


# ALL SAINTS' ALIVE



All Saints' Welcomes Everyone



## VICAR'S VIEWPOINT *Trust in God*

Dear friends,

We live in a time of great uncertainty, with environmental, political and social changes of which we cannot predict the outcome. This can cause us to feel powerless and even fearful. We need hope and strength to cope with our own personal issues and those of the world around us.



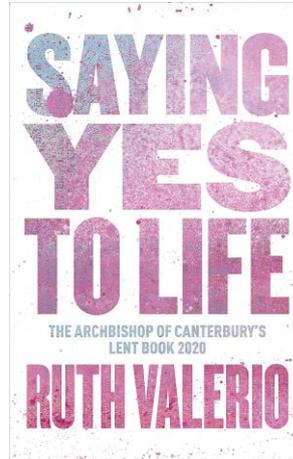
I have always found encouragement in the words of Psalm 46, an age-old song of trust in God:

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

I do not say this simply and blithely. It goes to the heart of our willingness to go on trusting even in challenging circumstances. Our current series of discussions about Broken, addressing how to maintain faith in the face of painful personal circumstances, speaks of light in the darkness. And that is a vital part of the Christian message that God sent his Son to bring guidance through this world's problems and hope for the next.

Love Jo

## Lent Book and Course



How can we live more responsibly?

Read "Saying Yes to Life" with us this Lent and join our Lent discussion group to consider its contents.

These are taking place every Tuesday in Lent and will be in the Church Meeting Room.

Please note the meeting in the last week of March will be Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and not Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>.

### About the book

In the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2020, Dr Ruth Valerio imaginatively draws on the Days of Creation in Genesis 1 to lift our focus from everyday concerns to issues that are affecting millions of lives around the world.

Bursting with practical advice as well as biblical reflection, discussion questions and prayers, this is a stirring and liberating call to look after the world that God has made – and to share in God's joy and creativity by making a difference for good.

Ruth Valerio's book is perfect for individuals and groups to think, reflect, pray and be challenged together. - *Justin Welby, from the Foreword*

Ruth Valerio is a true pioneer . . . This book brings us all the benefit of her hard-won experience and applied faith, and will be an essential resource for all concerned to live the whole of their lives to God's glory and for the healing of his creation.- *Peter Harris, A Rocha*

Offers a challenge that none of us can ignore. Buy it, read it, and make a difference. - *Elaine Storkey, Theologian, author and social scientist*

## LiveLent: Care for God's Creation



This Lent, we hope both adults and children might engage in God's plea for us to "Care for Creation". It is an opportunity for us to rebuild our relationship with our planet, and in turn with the God who is Lord of everything.

During this time, we hope you might engage in prayer, learn more about the remarkable world we have been given and build habits that last beyond the season to protect and honour the earth.

### **Archbishop Justin Welby & Archbishop John Sentamu**

#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020. With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created.

This year's #LiveLent challenge offers 40 short reflections and suggested actions to help you, your family and your church live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature.

It has been inspired and informed by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2020 Lent Book, *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio (SPCK).

SPCK have created a range of resources, including introductory videos for each chapter. These are available at <https://spckpublishing.co.uk/saying-yes-resources>

You can also get texts and/or emails by signing up at <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent> or by an update to the award-winning #LiveLent app, due shortly.

## Finance in 2019

Overall, on our General Funds we had a deficit of £5,103. This is a very good result, given that we budgeted a deficit for the year of £18,377 -, so we managed to make up £13,200 over the year.

Our income was £10,000 above budget – due to massively improved income on events, giving us an extra £7,345 (primarily, but by no means only, Starry Christmas), better than expected income tax collections in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (£4,621), mainly from one-off donations, less a shortfall on baptisms, weddings and funerals of £2,000.

Costs were kept under control - £119,000 against a budget of £122,000. General Funds now stand at £28,763.

During the year the Music Development Fund received a legacy of £18,500 and also had a surplus in the year of £1,254. At 31 December it stands at £31,558.

The Fabric Fund received generous donations of £15,000, which matched £14,000 of repairs during the year, including the Reredos, the Vestry roof and quite a lot of electrical works. At 31 December we had £24,493 in our fabric funds. The roof alarms and the architects fees on the sustainability project were paid for by the Memorial Fund (totalling £6,218).

The Organ Fund hardly moved during the year and stands at £9,000.

Finally, the Bells Appeal raised £21,088 and, with grants promised, has reached its target of £25,000.

So, in summary, a much better year than we could have hoped for – but we are still running a deficit on our day to day operations.

At least 2019 has taken a little pressure off us, through the impact of a major legacy, significant one-off donations, and a great effort from everyone to stage more events.

*Colin Bird*

## Work Party

All Saints Work Party meets on the third Saturday of each month from 9 am to 12 noon to carry out repair and maintenance jobs around the church and hall. We would love you to join us. No experience necessary but all practical skills very welcome. For further details please contact David Dean on 01920 462873 (deandandr@aol.com).

## Candle Recycling at All Saints'

All Saints' only buys new candles for The Altar, the Paschal Candle and those held by the congregation at The Advent & Christmas services.

All the other candles you see around at Christmas and other events are recycled from the remnants of Altar and Christmas candles each year. When any get messy or burn down, they are recycled yet again.

The wax is cleaned in the process, and we have not bought any pillar candles for the window sills or other displays for many many years.

When we have enough for Church, colours and scents are added to sell them and help raise funds for All Saints'. We only have to pay for new wicks, and the occasional colour or scent!

It is great to recycle but it is time consuming, although we hope you agree, well worth it

## Easter Journey 2020

All Saints, with Bridge Builders Christian Trust, will be hosting the Easter Journey, for all year 5 and 6 children in our Parish primary schools from Monday 23rd to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

This is a very exciting project which stimulates 10 and 11 year olds to know more about Jesus, his Death and Resurrection.

Children will be in groups of about 6 and visit: The Miracles of Jesus, Jesus enters Jerusalem/Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Death of Jesus and Activity and Snack

At each Station they will be given a piece of evidence to stick into their book to help remind them of what they have seen, heard and learnt about Jesus and the events that took place.



The journey will draw to a close as they return to the empty tomb and share what they have gathered. It is here that they will receive their final piece of evidence,

The Journey will last about 1.5 hours.

This all means a week that needs substantial planning and it will not run smoothly **WITHOUT YOUR HELP.**

If you would like to know more or to get involved, please come and talk to me after the Sunday service, or email me at [andrewpoveyrichards@gmail.com](mailto:andrewpoveyrichards@gmail.com)

Most importantly

**Please pray for the Easter Journey and all those who will experience it, both children and adults.**

Thank you for your help and support.  
*Andrew Povey-Richards*

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### COFFEE MORNING



**SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2020**  
**10.00am to 12noon**

Home Made Cakes • Books • Vintage Gifts • Crafts  
Raffle • Aschiana Charity Stall

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### HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Part 2  
All Saints' Choir and Friends

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**5 APRIL 2020**  
**6.30pm**

Hazel Ford (*Soprano*)  
Michael Stephens-Jones (*Tenor*)  
James Norrey (*Organ*)  
Directed by Martin Penny

Free Admission with Retiring Collection

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# Parish Diary

## Regular Weekday Events

### Mondays

15.15–16.30 Hot Choc Stop

19.30 Fellowship Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon)

**Tuesdays 10.00-12.00** Hertswise

### Wednesdays

12.15 for 13.00 Soundbites

### Thursdays

11.00 Holy Communion

12.00 Light Lunch (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday)

14.30. 'Get up and Go'

19.30 All Saints Art

**Fridays 18.30 - 21.00**

Choir Practices (in Term Time)

## Soundbites

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup>** Eleftheria Kotzia –*Guitar*  
Wilfred Murray – *Piano*

11<sup>th</sup> Gelachter Trio

*Oboe, Bassoon, Piano*

18<sup>th</sup> Yoon Seok Shin - *Piano*

## MARCH

**1<sup>st</sup> First Sunday of Lent**

8.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Family Service

18.30 Choral Communion

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

19.30 Lent Reflection 1

**6<sup>th</sup> Friday**

10.30 Womens' World Day of  
Prayer service at URC

**7<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

10.45 for 11.15 Heavenly  
Harmonies - *Deserted*

**8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Parish Communion

18.30 'Be Still and Know'

**10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

19.30 Lent Reflection 2

19.30 MU: *Lent Meeting*

**11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

10.00-12.00 YOD Group

**15<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Family Eucharist

11.15 Prayer Group

16.00 Messy Church

18.30 Choral Evensong

**17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

19.30 Lent Reflection 3

**21<sup>st</sup> Saturday**

9.00 Work Party

10.00 Coffee Morning

**Tbc** MU Posy making

**22<sup>nd</sup> Mothering Sunday**

8.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Special Eucharist

18.30 Choral Evensong

**23<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

9.30 onwards Easter Journey

**24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

9.30 onwards Easter Journey

19.30 Lent Reflection 4

**25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

9.30 onwards Easter Journey

14.00 Lady Day Service at  
Stapleford

**26<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

9.30 onwards Easter Journey

11.15 a.m. Holy Communion

**Please note time change**

**28<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

10.15 MU Diocesan Spring  
Sharing Day at Christ Church  
Radlett

**29<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Parish Communion

18.30 Choral Compline

**30<sup>th</sup> Monday**

9.30-10.15 Abel Smith set-up

14.15 Abel Smith Service

19.30 Lent Reflection 5

**31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**

20.00 PCC

**APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

7.30 Concert by HCS

St Matthew Passion - *Bach*

**5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

8.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Family Eucharist

11.10 Eco Walk

15.30 Rehearsals

18.30 Part II of Messiah -  
*Handel*

**7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

19.30 Lent Reflection 6

**8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

10.00-12.00 YOD Group

14.30 MU: *Cathedrals* Susan  
Oxlade at Stapleford  
Church

**9<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday**

20.00 Choral Communion  
with Stripping of Altars

**10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**

9.30 Family Service

13.00 Rehearsal

14.00 An Hour at the Foot of  
the Cross

**12<sup>th</sup> Easter Day**

8.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Parish Communion

18.30 'Be still and Know'

**18<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

9.00 Work Party

11.30-12.15 Visiting ringers –  
Fire Service Guild

**19<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Family Eucharist

11.15 Prayer Group

16.00 Messy Church

18.30 Choral Evensong

**26<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Parish Communion

12.00 Annual Meetings

18.30 Choral Evensong