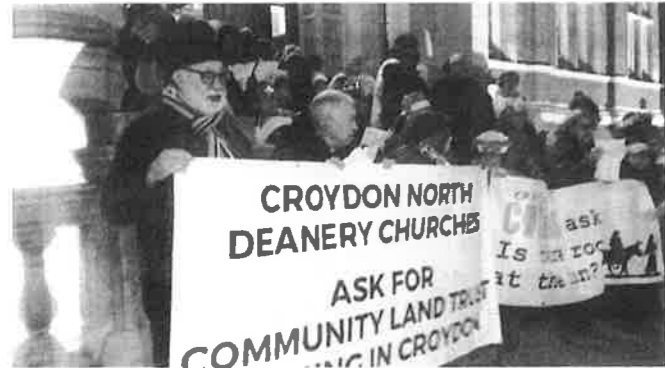


**Pictures from the Christmas Nativity event on 7th December featuring pupils from the School Choir**



# THE NEWSLETTER



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH Upper Norwood

February 2019

### The Vicar's Monthly Letter

Dear Friends

This edition of the newsletter contains some photos of a group of pupils from our Parish school at Croydon Town Hall. I went with the group as part of a joint Christmas Nativity event with our deanery of Croydon North and Croydon Citizens. This was to draw attention to the lack of affordable housing in our borough. I was very pleased that on a cold Friday afternoon they were prepared to join in this venture.

Could I also draw your attention to the article regarding the revision of the electoral roll. Every three years the roll has to be complete revised so everyone who comes to All Saints and would like to be on the roll needs to fill in a form to enable this to happen. If you consider yourselves part of our worshipping community please fill in a form. It has no other implications other than you wish to be part of our church life here at All Saints - it also gives you the ability to participate fully in our annual meeting later this year.

During lent - a time of reflection and preparation for Easter our custom has been to have a weekly Lent group. We will be using as our study guide Seven Last Words by Timothy Radcliffe. It is a profound reflection on the traditional last words of Jesus on the Cross before his death and resurrection.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday a day of reflection and penitence recognising our frailty, and our need our God's love, mercy and grace in our lives. We have a service on Ash Wednesday 6th March at 8 p.m. Please come to this important service. The Lent group will meet on Tuesday 12th March and the following Tuesdays for 5 meetings. It starts at 8 p.m. and is preceded by a said Mass at 7.30 p.m for those who can come to that as well as the group. You can just come to the group if you wish to and come to any one or all of the meetings. Do consider joining this way of strengthening and deepening our Christian faith, and as well as exploring what it means to be a Christian today.

With all good wishes,

Fr. Leonard



### Prayers for the Month

#### *The collect for Candlemas*

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Caedmon's Hymn

Now let me praise the keeper of Heaven's kingdom,  
The might of the Creator, and his thought,  
The work of the Father of glory, how each of wonders  
The Eternal Lord established in the beginning.  
He first created for the sons of men  
Heaven as a roof, the holy Creator,  
Then Middle-earth the keeper of mankind,  
The Eternal Lord, afterwards made,  
The earth for men, the Almighty Lord.

## CLERGY

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## SERVICES

### All Sundays

8.00 am	Said Eucharist
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist
6.30 pm	Night Prayer

### Tuesdays

7.30 pm	Said Eucharist
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### 1st Saturday of month

10.00 am	Said Eucharist
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**2nd February:** the Feast of Candlemass, celebrated this year on **Sunday, 3rd February.**

**Advance notice: 6th March:** Ash Wednesday – service at 8 pm.

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*Our regular 'Sunday School':*

**Small Saints:** Every Sunday (depending on staffing) for children up to 10 yrs.

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**All Saints, Upper Norwood**

## Saints of the Month: February

- 1<sup>st</sup> St Brigid. The 'Mary of the Gaels', honoured in Ireland second only to St Patrick, died about 523.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Candlemass: the Presentation of the Lord/Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (celebrated at All Saints on Sunday 4th February).
- 11<sup>th</sup> Caedmon; monk of Whitby abbey and poet, died. 680.  
Also the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- 14<sup>th</sup> St Valentine. Little is known of this early martyr, whose association with love seems to be either because birds were supposed to pair on this day, or perhaps of the Roman pagan feast of Lupercalia.

## The Electoral Roll 2019

The Electoral Roll is the basic list in every parish of all those people entitled to vote on elections within the Church of England. Those entitled to have their names on this roll have to be 16 years of age or more and they must reside in the relevant parish or be regular worshippers in the church whose roll they wish to join.

The roll is completely renewed every six years, at which point all members have to re-apply for membership or else their names will be deleted. But this means the continuing validity of the roll is maintained.

I was appointed Electoral Roll Officer at the AGM in 2018 and am writing this article to alert members of the church that in the spring of 2019 All Saints' will be renewing our Electoral Roll as this was last done six years ago.

Therefore all of you who are currently on the list will need to resubmit a new form. Also there may be members of the congregation who are not on the list, but wish to join and there may be some of you who no longer wish to remain on the Electoral Roll.

The current Electoral Roll list will be put up on the notice board in the entrance of the church and forms for renewal or joining will be available from the Church Wardens. These need to be completed and returned to the Church. The date will be specified on the weekly notices.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email me or speak to me or one of the Church wardens after a service. My email address is [alisonaustin48@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alisonaustin48@yahoo.co.uk).

Thank you

Alison Austin

## All Saints' Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

### *Important Notice*

If a parent is considering asking about a Foundation place for their child at All Saints' school they need to let Fr Leonard know well in advance.

Eligibility has to be agreed with Fr Leonard before completing an application form at the school, and is dependent on church attendance.

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Contributions are very welcome; please let the editor have articles in writing by the middle of the month. Email is preferred but we are also happy to receive hand-written articles, and can write up rough notes if you wish.