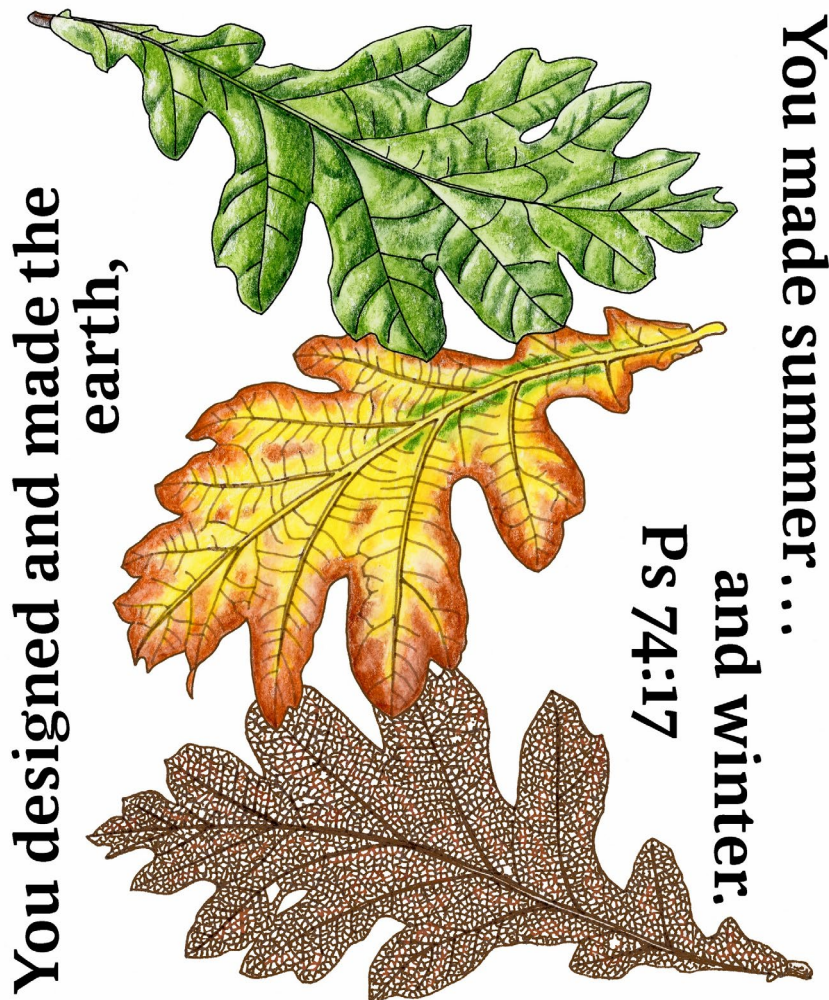


Saints Alive!

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From the vicarage

Dear friends and neighbours,

Party, Party, Party

Does the party conference season make you switch the radio on, curious to know what they're proposing this year, or does it make you switch the radio off, weary, angry, frustrated that you can't believe a word?

I wouldn't mock you if it were the former. I wouldn't criticise you if it were the latter. We are truly fortunate to live somewhere where we are free to hold political discourse in contempt and angrily switch off the radio. What a long way from the [Im]morality Police of Iran and the persecution of Muslims in Myanmar and atheists in India. In every political culture, Christians are urged by St Paul to pray for those, good and bad, who find themselves in positions of leadership (Romans 12-13). What might that look like here today?

We may pray for particular policies to be implemented. Our intercessions, then, will vary and contradict each other, but be heartfelt and important. We may pray for groups we regard as disadvantaged and against injustices we perceive. We do so often and publicly here. While always keeping an eye for the ever-shifting boundaries of who is excluded and whose opinion is marginalised, I am proud of the way our intercessors do not shy away from specific and current political issues.

I wonder if, when we are most frustrated, most likely to switch off the radio (or hurl it at the wall), then our prayers might most be needed and we might all the more need help to shape them. I wonder if we can go a little deeper.

There are many moments of good and bad leadership in Scripture that can help us find ways to pray when we feel most helpless or frustrated. Take the powerful story when a new king sought the advice of older ministers, who suggested he be generous to his people. Then he asked young advisers, who suggested he assert himself by being harsh to his people... remember which he chose (2 Chronicles 10)? No matter how much we like or loathe a given party in power, we can with this story begin to tune in to identify which voices they are responding to, and pray for voices to be raised around them that will lead towards the common good. Right now, an example might be to listen to the Home Secretary and the Prime Minister's contrasting assertions about multicultural Britain and their policy announcements about migration, about delayed carbon reduction measures, about transport, and start to discern the voices they are responding to – northern voters? The 1922 Committee? Future party leadership electors? What other voices do we need to pray they will hear?

Another aspect of that story is that King Rehoboam is following Solomon, someone of great stature who went off the rails at the end. Both aspects of his leadership are difficult to follow. The story reminds us to look at what leadership have inherited and how they are reacting to it – well or badly. It invites us to ask how far the present regime is tied up with the past and coloured by it. Are they showing any signs of wisdom in the light of past conflict? Then, maybe, something is loosened and prayers for wisdom can emerge from our frustrated hearts.

What, personally, might we pray for any politician of any hue, when caught in the headlights of an approaching election, or the turmoil of a world crisis or the maelstrom of party ambition? They all need our prayers. The desperation, expressed in self-justification, is a real human crisis in which they as human beings need help. That help may include stopping being involved in something that is really bad for them. We can pray that someone will emerge in their life lovingly to tell them to stop.

The more frustrated we are, the more we need to pray. Let's take this political season, recognising our good fortune in being free to be publicly angry, and turn it into prayer.

Helpless, frustrated, rather ashamed of what our generation bequeaths the next in British politics, but still praying,

David

All Saints Tea Cake and Music

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2.30 pm to 4pm – Free**



Memories of Margaret Shepherd

On 7 September a service of thanksgiving was held for the long life of Margaret Shepherd, a dedicated member of the All Saints congregation for many decades. Rowland Cotterill played the organ with music including 'Nimrod' from Edward Elgar's *Enigma Variations* and *Jesu, joy of man's desiring* by J S Bach; Clare Noakes sang Bach's *Bist du bei mir* and alongside leading some favourite hymns a choir assembled to give a setting by Michael Perry of the Nunc dimittis. Psalm 34 and 1



Corinthians 13 were read from the King James Bible (a book mentioned elsewhere in this edition of *Saints Alive!*), and alongside David's address and a tribute from friends, Helen Lloyd put together an All Saints tribute, which she has kindly allowed us to reproduce below:

There are people here who knew Margaret much better than I did, but I did record her life story in 2017 and David has asked me to give a summary of her life and to summarise memories sent to me by All Saints people and members of the Kings Heath Local History Society.

Margaret was born in March 1931 at 192 Station Road and she lived in Kings Heath all her life, apart from two years at teacher training college. Her father died when she was around 14 months old and her mother struggled financially, though an aunt and uncle came to live with them and helped out.

Margaret didn't have any other children in the road to play with and during the war her mother and aunt were out at work all day and her uncle was asleep between night shifts, so from the age of nine Margaret had to entertain herself. She played at being a teacher and told me she 'haunted' Kings Heath Library. She enjoyed her education – at Colmore Road Infant and Junior Schools, at Kings Norton Girls' Grammar and at Bingley Teacher Training College in Yorkshire.

Her mother didn't go to church, but when they visited her father's sister in Hallow in Worcestershire in 1943, they attended a Matins service in the village church. Margaret said that somehow she felt 'at home' in that service, even though she didn't understand it and knew nothing about churches. She looked on that as the beginning of God calling her.

Returning to Kings Heath, she started going to All Saints on her own, at the age of 12, and she was confirmed on 29 April 1945. She attended services here for over 70 years and was a member of the church for 80 years, always keeping in touch after she could no longer attend in person. She read the pewsheets and magazines, received home communion and said her own prayers at the same time as we were celebrating here. We often don't know who's praying for us, but I'm sure Margaret prayed for our son when he was in Japan at the time of the tsunami, because she kept asking after him – and I'm sure she continued to pray for us all at All Saints to the end of her life.

The trouble with living to 92 is that there's nobody left who remembers your childhood and few who remember your working life, but we know from Margaret that she returned from training college to teach at Colmore Road Girls' before moving to Tilton Road School in Small Heath, where she stayed

until 1960, when she was appointed Head of RE at Sir Wilfred Martineau Comprehensive School – and she stayed there until she took early retirement in 1984.

Jane Apperley attended Sir Wilfred Martineau as a pupil from 1971 for eight years and says she loved every minute of it, including having Margaret as an RE teacher. When Jane moved to Kings Heath as an adult and started to come to All Saints, she met Margaret again and they reminisced about happy times. Jane is very sorry she couldn't be here today.

Also sorry not to be here is Jan Pick, acting chair of Kings Heath Local History Society, who began her teaching career at Wilfred Martineau in 1979 when Margaret was a senior teacher. She remembers Margaret being kind to her and 'always with a friendly twinkle in her eyes'. Later she knew her through Kings Heath Local History Society, which Margaret chaired for many years. Together they researched education and the First World War, producing papers on both, and Jan says she was an inspiration.

Margaret contributed her love of history to All Saints and wrote a history of All Saints from 1960 to 2010, starting where Stan Budd's volume finished.

She also contributed her knowledge of theology, through Sunday School teaching and adult Bible courses, but for much of her time at All Saints women didn't preach or read or lead intercessions – or act as churchwardens, sidespersons or servers. Margaret said with a wry smile that until the 1980s women made tea, cleaned and arranged flowers.

She didn't despise these activities and Des Workman remembers that she was one of the stalwarts providing morning coffee when the church was open on Saturday mornings and she also ran the All Saints Social and Fundraising group up till the mid-1990s, with Molly Price and Andrea Drury. At one time she was also secretary of the PCC.

Liz Fletcher remembers her sitting with Mollie and Stan Budd, Mollie and Edwin Price and Mollie Budd's sister Joan Taylor. She was close to Mollie Price and was very sad when Mollie died not long after joining her at Highbury Court. Margaret told me that she felt that the members of All Saints were 'another family' since she had no close family of her own.

Some people found Margaret a bit austere at first but soon discovered that she had a dry sense of humour, and I can testify to this: I remember her telling me that her teacher training college didn't allow male visitors in the evening, but did in the daytime: 'Presumably,' she said, 'because they thought they couldn't get up to hanky-panky in the afternoon!'

Tony Cocks remembers that when he took her for hospital appointments in difficult circumstances towards the end, she never complained and that struck me too – that she didn't complain and I never heard her criticise anyone or anything at All Saints. She was glad when women were given more roles in the 1980s; she thoroughly approved of women's ordination and thought the women who came to All Saints as curates were excellent, but near the end of the CD I made with her, she said that the most important thing is that we continue to hold communion services, to 'do this in remembrance of me', and that's far more important than whatever other roles people play.

A reminder that you can sign up for the regular All Saints email newsletter here:

<https://landing.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/o7a2q4>

From the PCC

Since the last issue of *Saints Alive!*, there has been one meeting of the PCC on 19 September which was a lively meeting and well attended. We had the pleasure at the meeting of being chaired for the first time by our recently-appointed lay vice chair, Martha Ann Brookes.

There were a number of topics discussed and a résumé of these is given below:

Finance:

Expenditure: Our treasurer has provided an update on the financial position of the church and reported that expenditure for this year to the end of August 2023 was circa £94K. Expenditure on utilities continues to be significantly higher than budgeted. The treasurer explained that the standing charge for gas and electricity was now much higher than could have been predicted when he was preparing the 2023 budget. To cover this an extra £2.5K will be required.

Income: The treasurer reported that income at the end of August was circa £128K but it did include a bequest of £39K. The account was effectively therefore currently in deficit to the amount of circa £5K although our finance team is proposing to make another claim for a tax refund shortly which would reduce the deficit.

Regular giving: The treasurer reported that the average for the past 12 months was some £572/month up on last month's average. He said that it was reassuring that the congregation is responding well to the need for more giving to support the rising costs associated with running the church.

Overall net worth: At the end of July the church balance net worth was circa £216K, but as reported previously did include the as yet unpaid long-term loan of circa £170K to the Development Company. This gave a surplus of circa £46K.

Parish Giving Scheme: The treasurer reported that a significant number of people have changed their method of giving to the Parish Giving Scheme (via Direct Debit) which is very encouraging. This will help very much to reduce the work necessary by the finance team so far as claiming back tax is concerned as this is done directly by Parish Giving on behalf of the church.

Safeguarding: David, our vicar, was pleased to report that there had been no incidents in this regard since the last meeting in May which was very reassuring.

Policy review lead: In order to function well as a community of organisations, the church and the five organisations on the site have some 30 policies. Each policy has to be reviewed every three to five years. A policy review lead is required to work in conjunction with the PCC, the PCC secretary and the parish administrator to help with the periodic review of these policies.

The policy review lead would be required to liaise with the five boards to instigate the review of a policy when the time arises and manage the review process on behalf of the PCC. Currently, our Health and Safety Policy and our Creating a Safe Environment Policy are due for periodic review.

If anyone from the congregation feels that this is something that they would like to assist with on the church's behalf, please contact the vicar or parish administrator.

Churchwardens: A replacement or replacements for Chris Pearce is still being sought for the post of churchwarden or churchwardens. This is the first time ever, as far as can be recalled, that there has been no-one prepared to take up this important role. In the interim, a rota of former wardens is fulfilling duties, particularly for services.

Development Company/Youth Investment Fund grant: The team working on the application for the Government Youth Investment Fund grant (YIF) reported that the application is progressing well. There are still a few outstanding matters to attend to but they are confident that all the signs are that the application would be successful. On this basis, arrangements are being made for the appointment of a suitable project management team, architects, liaising with all stakeholders, finalising legal requirements and for a planning application to be made so that the proposals could be finalised and implemented if and when approval is obtained. Further announcements to be made in due course.

Air entering heating system: In absence of a churchwarden, our PCC secretary explained the situation that they had been progressing with respect to rectifying the leak on the church heating system, having identified the leak as being from a joint where the heating pipes enter the church on the north side.

The diocese is providing assistance via their People & Places Parish Support Services which assists with HR, buildings and bookkeeping in its deaneries. To take advantage of this, we have been liaising with the diocesan surveyor to identify a suitable contractor for undertaking the repair work. To date, the surveyor with two contractors have visited the site to view the problem and identify and cost possible solutions.

As the leak is in a very inaccessible place, the current proposal is to cut the pipe either side of the leaking joint, ie inside and outside of the church building, and splice in a new piece of pipe. This will involve excavating a trial pit on the outside of the church to establish the nature of the pipework in this area where one of the cuts and subsequent joints would be made. Following this, the details of the repair can be finalised and costed. The surveyor has to date requested a price from a suitable contractor for excavating and reinstating the excavation which is due shortly.

Quinquennial inspection plan: The proposal to mobilise a structural engineer to review the cracks identified in the quinquennial inspection located in the north porch, above the chancel north-side window and above the door into the boiler room from the North Vestry is on hold until the leak in the heating pipework is resolved.

The Robin Centre: Our Robin Centre rep was pleased to report that that attendance at the Centre was gradually increasing after the Covid shutdown. Most attendees are self-funded and there are not many council-funded attendees; in fact they are diminishing, despite contact with known local authority social workers. Otherwise, the arrangement appears to be stable and effective. With respect to activities, they have had two trips to Stratford.

All Saints Community Catering: Our rep for ASCC reported that the 'Live Music with Local Musicians' held every Friday evening in All Saints Centre Café was still very successful. She said that the Warm Lunches initiative from February to March this year for which she had obtained funding were very successful and has received notification of further funding and donations for this for November 2023 to March 2024. She has also started Sunday lunches in the hall, basically soup and bread, once per month at which there have been up to 70 attendees. She is hoping to continue Sunday lunches and start up Friday meals as well.

She said that the situation regarding the destiny of the Café was subject to the outcome of the Youth Investment Fund application. There was still the question of whether the Café, as originally intended, is a community café as part of the church's mission or whether it should continue just as a business.

She said that Birmingham City Council's Environmental Health Department had notified her that they would be coming to the Café to do an inspection. She said that the officer was being very reasonable and gave the impression that she wants to support these kind of enterprises associated with churches as much as possible but within the requirements of the regulations.

All Saints Community Arts: Our ASCA rep reported that she is still in contact with Westhill Endowment Trust regarding possible free art exhibits but there is nothing planned at the moment. Some may recall a recent exhibition in the church of their paintings.

Archiving: A considerable archive of historic documentation is currently stored on the site accumulated by former members of the church, particularly Margaret Shepherd and Stan Budd whom some readers will know were longstanding members of the church. These records are currently stored in the South Vestry. There is also more recent documentation stored in the coach house (next to the vicarage), as well as other locations both on and off the site. It is proposed that this in many ways interesting collection is to be catalogued and made accessible to the congregation and the community.

Our rep leading the archiving team reported that there have been a lot of developments recently regarding archiving and storage of the church documents and they have a vibrant group progressing this project. There are various facets to the project including materials in various locations, electronic data, storage space required and location of the storage space. The group has sent out a request to all the organisations in the church to give the group details of what archive material that they have and how much. The group is proposing to apply for funding and has requested assistance in writing bids as the group has little experience of this. The group is also hoping to identify an expert in archiving documentation so that the material is stored and indexed in the most appropriate way. If any readers feel that this is something they would like to assist with, then please contact the vicar or parish administrator.

Silver Eco Award: Our Justice, Peace and Green Group reported that it is now working towards obtaining a Silver Eco award. The previous award was Bronze in 2017.

Lunch Club: After a period holding the lunches in the All Saints Café most Wednesdays, the Club has now move back into the Chapel oom.

John Parkin (Reader): John Parkin, one of our Readers for many years, has decided to retire in November. John has had a remarkable and dedicated time in the church as a Reader and will be greatly missed. More will no doubt be said about this in the next month or two.

Next meetings: These are scheduled as follows:

SC meetings: 17 October, 12 December 2023; 20 February, 16 April, 18 June 2024.

PCC meetings: 21 November 2023; 16 January, 19 March, 21 May, 23 July, 17 September 2024.

Tony Cocks
PCC Secretary

Something I would like to share

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (hereinafter known as WAGGGS) numbers almost 10 million members in 153 countries worldwide, including Ukraine (and Russia). It holds an international fund, made up of contributions from members, ready to give support wherever needed, especially in times of crisis. While the invasion of Ukraine meant that while war was continuing it was not possible to give help there, it was clear that there would be work to be done, and initially an appeal was made to boost the fund. This resulted in £300,000 collected over a period of two months, and this was used to provide necessary supplies at the border: food, water, clothing and blankets, medical supplies. Local members leapt into action: ZHP (Poland) carried out a huge enterprise of packing and requisitioning lorries, aided by Junák (Czechia) and Slovenský skauting (Slovakia). In other areas, meeting places were opened to provide resting places with warmth, hot food and washing facilities, and in Riga Latvijas Skautu un gaidu centrālā organizācija (Latvia) opened a 'tea stop' to offer hot drinks and advice to refugees for their onward journey. While the adults were in discussions their children were entertained with cartoons on a big screen – no doubt 'Pow!' and 'Zap!' are the same in any language. During the summer Scouterna (Sweden) and Asociația Ghidelor și Ghizilor din România (Romania) invited girls still in Ukraine to have a break and join in their camps and holidays. The WAGGGS fund is also providing bursaries so that girls in refugee families who have joined local units in their adopted countries can have uniforms and any other equipment needed to feel at home. The story that most moved me was of a young woman who crossed the border, spotted someone in uniform with a neckerchief, rushed over and flung herself into her arms, sobbing. She had found not just a friend, but a sister.

I know that I can bore you stiff rabbiting on about Girlguiding, but I hope this account may help you to understand why I am so very proud to be even a small part of this amazing family.

Liz Haskins

Get involved...!

We are always pleased to receive contributions for the magazine – including reports and reflections, *Getting to know you* interviews, and hearing about activity across the church campus and beyond.

This is *your* magazine – the broader the range of contributors and of topics covered, the more interesting it will be!

If you have any comments, suggestions, ideas for articles or would like to submit something for inclusion in a future issue, please contact **Ben & Clare Noakes, Editors:**

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(Ex)-warden's musings

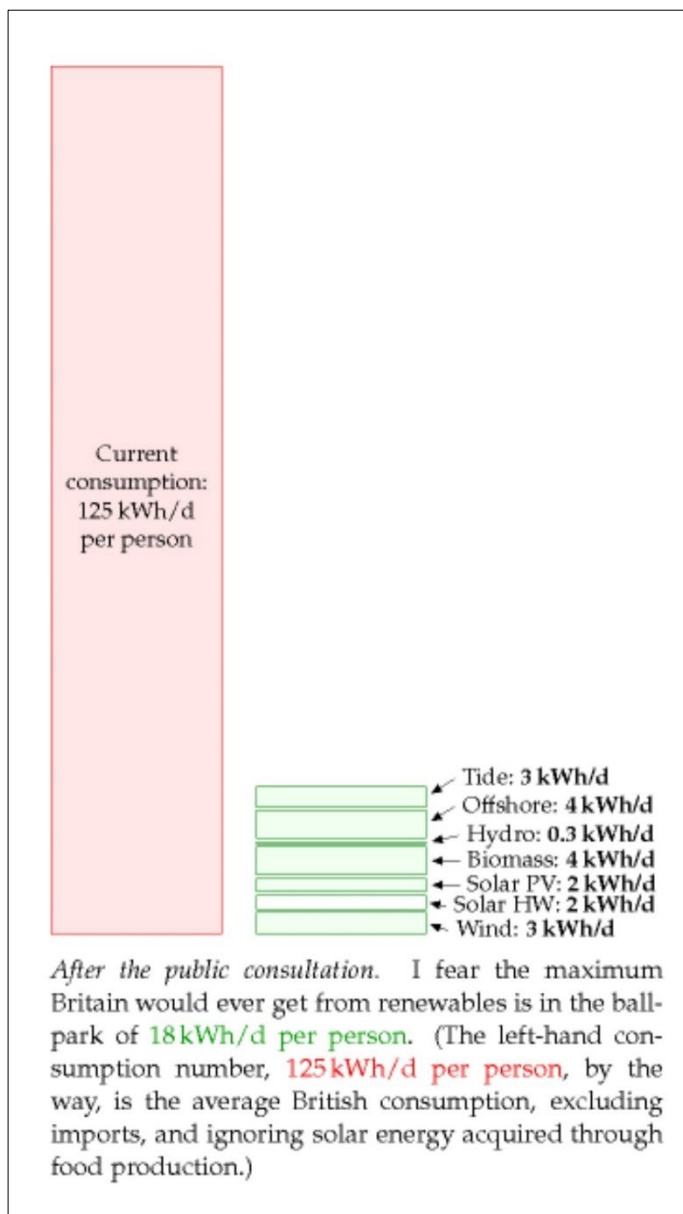
Time is definitely speeding up. I feel like I'm writing this only a week or two after the last article – I am uncommonly getting this written early for a change so maybe that's why? [*Thanks for your generous interpretation of our slipping deadlines... – Eds.*] The only problem with that is that events may have moved on, making whatever I write about irrelevant. Fortunately, as you are already aware, the contents of this article are rarely relevant to anything anyway, so I'll just carry on writing!

Summer is over and the long autumn term is ahead. I do like this time of year though, despite the shortening days and cooler temperatures. It's surprising how quickly the shadow cast by the house over our garden (we have a north-facing garden) marches down the garden. The washing line is now only in sun for a brief period between 10am and about 3pm. We have a rotary airer too which is further down the garden to catch the sun for longer. By midwinter the sun only falls on the fence right at the bottom of the garden which leads to an odd phenomenon where lots of flies sit on the fence sunbathing!

The choir term has restarted, which was odd the first week as it was still very warm. I walked into the rehearsal wearing shorts, bright yellow Crocs and a t-shirt to start singing Christmas songs. Fortunately, the temperature has now dropped so the shorts have been put away and I feel that the rehearsal programme and my sartorial selection are more in tune. Hopefully the same will be true of the singing – eventually. It's always interesting starting new choir items. Sometimes your particular part seems dull, but over time as they come together they begin to sound great. I struggle to practise much – I used to get an hour or so a day listening to recordings of the songs in the car on the way to work each day, but now I work at home.

I like to have music or the radio on when I'm working at home, but it can be distracting. When I'm not having to concentrate too hard, I've got into some good podcasts on BBC Sounds. My most recent discovery is the *More or Less* podcast. I love *More or Less* because they explain the numbers behind the headlines. One of my favourite quotes was from David MacKay's book about how to create a sustainable energy future *Without the Hot Air* which explained the numbers behind our energy use and how we can supply that energy while cutting our carbon dioxide emissions; he said: 'I'm not pro-nuclear. I'm pro the numbers adding up' – or something like that. His book basically explains, with lots of pictures, graphs and numbers in a very understandable way, that if we want to continue with the lifestyle that we currently have, while not increasing the carbon dioxide levels in our atmosphere any further, we need to switch all our vehicles, trains, boilers, cookers etc to electrical, which would double or triple our electricity demand over current levels, while at the same time generating all our electricity from carbon-free sources. He then explains what we could possibly hope to generate from 'low carbon' electricity sources including nuclear AND renewables and eventually fusion... (More about that next month.)

The graphic overleaf is from David MacKay's book published in 2009 – it shows our current personal energy consumption per day in kWh (red) and the likely 'achievable' renewable electricity generation credible given our current political and public attitudes (green). This was David MacKay's pessimistic estimate to demonstrate that his 'absolute maximum' estimates presented throughout the rest of the book were really, really optimistic. This pessimistic estimate is equivalent to 18 kWh per day per person, which for 60 million people in the UK would be 394 TWh per year. In 2022, our total electricity generation from renewables was one third of this, at 135TWh. We haven't even started yet... On *The News Quiz* last week, one of the comedians suggested that if you liken our journey to



net zero to that of someone doing a 'couch to 5K run' we are currently at the point of deciding we might do a 5K run and maybe walking down to the cake shop to reward ourselves for making the decision.

Currently, half our electricity is generated by gas-fired power stations, so to achieve net zero we have to develop as much renewable energy as possible and use nuclear power. We also have to work out how to deal with the problem that solar energy is only available in the daytime (obviously) and peak demand is in the evening when it's dark. And wind power is very variable: the wind blows when it feels like it, not when we have peak demand. We have made very slow progress with tidal and wave energy development, insulating houses, fitting heat pumps, rolling out electric car charging points, electrifying our trains, etc, etc... It really bugs me when our politicians backtrack even further and then keep going on about Britain 'leading the way'.

We used to be known as the 'dirty man of Europe' because all our electricity was generated in coal-fired power stations which emit about 1,200 grams of CO₂ per unit of electricity. When our electricity industry was privatised by Margaret Thatcher in 1989, she also permitted burning gas in power stations which only emits about 450

grams of CO₂ per unit (incidentally, renewables and nuclear probably emit about 20 grams per unit due to emissions building the equipment, concrete, steel, etc). The reason for change of policy on burning gas for electricity was to encourage new companies to invest in the now competitive electricity and create more competition to drive down prices. Gas-fired power stations are cheaper and quicker to build than anything else. It worked and we had the cheapest electricity in Europe for a few decades. It's also why we had the most expensive electricity in Europe after Russia cut off the gas supplies.

We also massively reduced our CO₂ emissions. That's why politicians always refer to '1990 levels' when talking about how much less CO₂ we emit now – because 1990 was the peak. Most of the reduction occurred in the 15 years after 1990. Since then not much has happened. Maybe, Margaret Thatcher knew what she was doing – she was a scientist before she became a politician, and she was one of the first politicians to talk about climate change – but it was not the reason why we switched from coal to gas. That was purely economics.

Last week I was at a conference about the shortage of nuclear professionals. Fiona Rayment OBE is Chief Science and Technology Officer at the National Nuclear Laboratories and was the first keynote speaker. She presented a stark truth, that to achieve net zero by 2050 we need to increase the number of engineers and scientists in the UK by about 300% over what we have today. At the same time, the average age of professionals in the nuclear industry is around 50 years old and around a

third of all experts could choose to retire in the next five years. These figures are based on a recent government report about achieving 24GW (that's seven power stations the size of Hinkley Point C). To achieve net zero, we actually need two or three times this amount. So – there is a good future as an engineer in the nuclear industry.

Back to *More or Less* after that long digression... One episode explored the release of tritium from Fukushima in Japan (mentioning tritium twice in one article deserves some kind of prize?). After the earthquake and accident, the operating company has been capturing water used in cooling the reactors and treating it before storing it in hundreds of tanks around the plant. The water treatment captures most of the radioactive contamination, but because tritium is a kind of 'radioactive hydrogen' it is impossible to chemically separate it from ordinary hydrogen in water (this is also a problem fusion power will need to solve – how to source the tritium fuel!). It is usual to release tritium from nuclear power plants and processing facilities and dilute and disperse it in the sea where it naturally decays. It occurs naturally in seawater in vast quantities already being generated by natural processes. The release from Fukushima has been criticised by China, but what is not reported is that it is only about a quarter of the normal release from a single Chinese nuclear power plant. The Fukushima release is 22 terabecquerel (TBq) per year into the Pacific Ocean. One of the Chinese plants (there are many of them...) on the Sea of Japan is releasing 60 to 80 TBq a year which is not unusual. Sellafield releases 150TBq into the Irish Sea every year and La Hague in France (which you sail past going from Portsmouth to St Malo) releases 10,000 TBq a year into the Channel with no detectable effect on humans or the environment. The problem is that a terabecquerel (tera means a million million) sounds big. To put it in context, drinking a litre of the water being discharged every day for 6 months would give you about the same radiation dose as a single dental X-ray. If you drank 13 tonnes of this water every day (1 tonne of water is 1,000 litres), apart from being a physical impossibility and the fact that you would die of water poisoning, you would achieve the same daily radiation dose as an astronaut on the International Space Station. Inaccurate reporting about the release has seen people in South Korea panic-buying sea salt before the release began. The psychological stress will certainly do far more damage than any additional radiation dose...

We need real numbers, real science and lots more scientists and engineers to stand a chance of meeting our net zero targets.



Chris Pearce

Ex-churchwarden (and engineer)

David MacKay's book is available free on the Internet:

<http://www.withouthotair.com/>

From the registers

	We congratulate: Logan Thomas Holland, baptised at All Saints on 3 September
	We remember: Carol Halsey, whose funeral took place at Immanuel, Highters Heath on 5 September Margaret Shepherd, whose funeral took place at All Saints on 7 September Ernest Humpage, whose funeral took place at All Saints on 15 September

High days and holy days

6 October – William Tyndale, Bible translator and Reformation martyr

As a priest, William Tyndale's abilities would have taken him a long way, but his primary desire was to translate the Bible so that English people could read it for themselves. Tyndale had rediscovered a vital doctrine that the Church had been ignoring – that of justification by faith – and his life's work was well summed up in some words of his mentor, Erasmus: 'Christ desires his mysteries to be published abroad as widely as possible. I would that [the Gospels and the epistles of Paul] were translated into all languages, of all Christian people, and that they might be read and known.' Tyndale's translation was the first Bible to be published in English, the first to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, and the first English translation to take advantage of the printing press.

It was to cost him his life, for Tyndale's work was seen as a direct challenge to the power of both the Roman Catholic Church and the laws of England in maintaining the Church's position. When the authorities had tried to stop his translation, Tyndale fled to Hamburg, Wittenberg, Cologne and, finally, to the Lutheran city of Worms. It was there, in 1525, that his New Testament emerged. It was quickly smuggled into England, and King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey and others, were furious. Tyndale moved on to Antwerp, where for nine more years he continued his work. Then in May 1535 he was betrayed, arrested, and jailed in a castle near Brussels. Tied to the stake for strangulation and burning, his dying prayer was that the King of England's eyes would be opened: sure enough, two years later King Henry authorised the Great Bible for the Church of England, which relied largely on Tyndale's work. Not only that, but in 1611 the 54 scholars who produced the King James Bible drew very heavily from Tyndale. Even today we honour him: in 2002, Tyndale was placed at number 26 in the BBC's poll of 100 Greatest Britons.

31 October – All Hallows' Eve, or Holy Evening

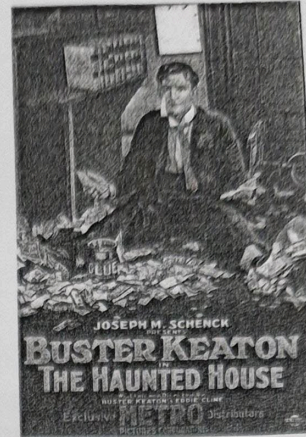
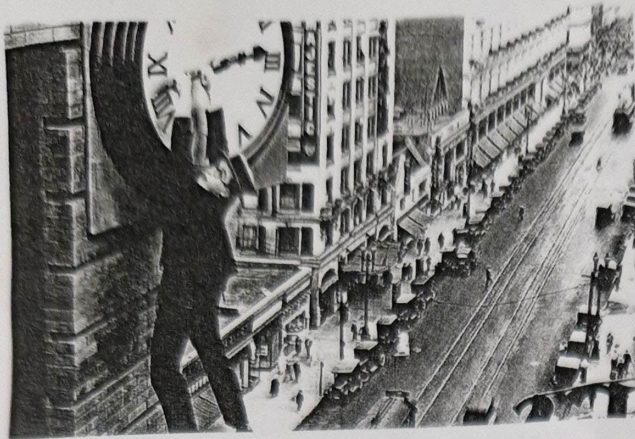
Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. The druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease dark supernatural powers. Then the Romans arrived, and brought their harvest festival which honoured the goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and druid religions. 1 November – All Saints' Day – was dedicated to all Christian martyrs and saints who had died. It was called All Hallows' Day; the evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called All Hallows' Eve', the Holy Evening, later shortened to Halloween. For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune-telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so prevalent that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night. Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. The deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten: as Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

(adapted from www.parishpump.co.uk)

Around the campus

There is so much happening on or near to the church campus each day of every week, and it is interesting to find out a bit more about the different activities that make up part of life at All Saints. This month we take the opportunity to mention a few forthcoming things taking place in the church.



SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

TWO FILMS - A SHORT AND A FEATURE

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**LIVE MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT ON ORGAN
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AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

KINGS HEATH

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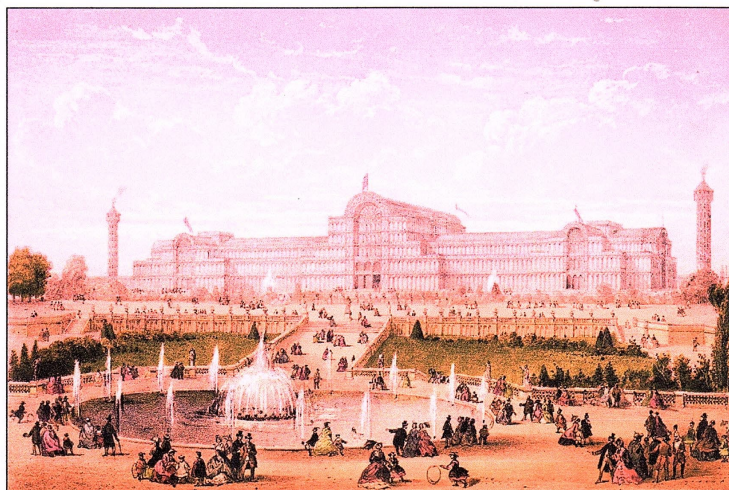
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The Building of Crystal Palace

A talk by Jim Andrews

at All Saints Church, Kings Heath

On Saturday November 11th at 3pm

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There is no space for a *Music matters* article in this issue, but our busiest time of the year is fast approaching...

Rehearsals will begin next month for the Candlelight Carol Service, which will take place on Sunday 17 December, and there will be other opportunities for carol singing and making music during Advent and over the festive season.

More details will be publicised later this month and in the next issue of the magazine, but if you are interested in finding out more about any of these, or music in church in general, then do please contact us as below.

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The *Saints Alive!* magazine is available in digital form on the All Saints website at <https://allsaintschurchkh.org/about-us/publications/>, with hard copies available to pick up from the back of church each month. The suggested donation for each issue is £1, but cost should not be a barrier to anyone in the church reading the magazine in either online or printed form. Cash donations can continue to be made via the slot at the back of church; alternatively a standing order can be set up to pay in advance for a year's-worth (10 issues) of the magazine – please see the form below – or a cheque made payable to All Saints Kings Heath PCC can be sent to the Parish Office (address is on the back page). The form gives the individual the ability for their payment to go towards one of three areas – please select the General Purpose Fund (GPF) and delete the other two. The church's Charity Commission Number is 1145723. Finally, if you or someone you know would like a copy of the magazine posting out each month then please contact us as below to arrange this.

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Worship *(for clergy see back page)*

Children's Worship Co-ordinators	Grace Storey	07813 322697
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	Steve Brittle	01905 772171
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Lunch Club	Elizabeth Turner	0121 604 6086
Meditation Group	Daniel Wilson	0121 449 9869
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Traidcraft	Gill Parkin	0121 604 6127

Planned giving: All are invited to join the planned giving scheme, contributing by Direct Debit (Parish Giving Scheme), Standing Order or Weekly Envelope. Taxpayers – please sign a Gift Aid declaration for reclaiming of tax and use of payroll giving if possible. Contact the Finance Team for further information. The church's Charity Commission Number is 1145723.

Parish Office: For enquiries about baptisms, baby naming services, banns and marriages, please contact the Parish Office: 9.30am-3pm Monday-Friday or via parishoffice@allsaintschurchkh.org.

Ministry to the sick: Visiting the sick at home or in hospital – please inform the Ministry Team of anyone who is sick. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved and oil is kept for ministry to the sick.

Ministry of healing: Laying-on of hands and anointing – last Saturday in the month at 9:15am as part of Morning Prayer, occasional Sunday evenings (as announced), and at home or in hospital as requested.

Communion of the sick: At home or in hospital, as requested, communion is taken, monthly, to the long-term sick or housebound.

Other ministries: For blessing of homes, celebrations of anniversaries, thanksgiving after childbirth, confession and counsel, please contact the Ministry Team.

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Officers	Lay Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer
	Martha Ann Brookes, 0121 444 5655	Tony Cocks, 0121 441 2945	Steve Brittle, 01905 772171
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	Jim Andrew	(Reader)	Claire Wesley (Reader)
	Margaret Andrew	John Parkin (Reader)	Daniel Wilson
	Philip Brookes	Chris Pearce	Sarah Wilson
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	Brian Miles	David Warbrick (Vicar)	Sheila Workman

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All Saints Youth Project	Vicki Willinger	0121 443 1842

The Robin Centre for Older People

Centre Manager	Paula McGrath	0121 444 8111
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Churchwardens	Vacant Vacant	
Licensed Readers	Margaret Healey-Pollett John Parkin Claire Wesley	c/o 0121 444 0760 0121 604 6127 0121 444 2778
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Worship

We have reopened for our Sunday services (said at 8am, sung at 10am and an evening service at 6:30pm), and 11:30am Wednesday service.

We will continue to provide an online order of service via the website and newsletter for those at home.

Up-to-date information can be found at www.allsaintschurchkh.org and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

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