

All Saints Turvey Newsletter

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Notices for July

Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 9th. July** from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon at Highfields, The Green, Turvey, by kind invitation of Russell and Glen De Ville. There will be a raffle and bring-and-buy stall for which contributions especially of cakes will be much appreciated. All are welcome.

Last month's coffee morning raised £251 towards church funds. Thanks to the weather we were all able to enjoy our coffee outside in the lovely garden. A big thank you to Anthony and Sheila Ormerod for a very enjoyable morning.

Charity

We are still taking donations of food to BeCHaR in Bedford.

Also Bedford Food Bank has contacted us: They currently need: Cup-a-Soups; long life sponge puddings; UHT Fruit Juice; Squash; Biscuits (in date please); Coffee; Washing Powder and unisex deodorant. If you can help please leave at the back of the church for Heather to collect and drop off,

Thank you.

Church Roof – our church may not look as beautiful as usual as we have started repairs to the roof – but its business as usual! Look inside the church for more detail on what's going on!

Lunch Club

July lunch Club will take place on **Friday 1st July** at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. All ages welcome.

Cream Teas

Next Cream Teas are planned for Bank Holiday Monday 29th August. Join us at the church – outside if the weather is fine – from 3.30pm to 5.30pm for a delicious Cream Tea.

SUNDAY 10th JULY

We have all seen the scaffolding around the Church for the roof restoration. This has been made possible by the generous support of the National Lottery.

As part of this National Lottery support they have also agreed to help us fund the creation of a tranquil area in an overgrown part of the churchyard for the community to enjoy.

Initially the community is asked to begin clearance work before the professionals move in.

Please come along to help us from midday on Sunday 10th

July – bring your gardening tools and perhaps a picnic – tea

& coffee provided.

Do join us in this village project.

In Our Prayers:

If you know someone whom you would like us to pray for, or remember please contact Heather Whelbourn or a Church Warden.

Newsletter Articles:

If you have a favourite prayer you would like to share; an interesting article or comment to make; or even a request for articles to include in the newsletters, please let Heather Whelbourn know on info@allsaintsturvey.co.uk.

Those of you who attended the special service for the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration on Sunday 12th June had the pleasure of hearing Jo Coward's memories of the past 95 years...we thought we would share this with you...our thanks to Jo for the following article...

If you watched the televised service from St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday, this particular "slot" was delivered by Sir David Attenborough who is 90 and the same age as H.M. The Queen but I have passed that landmark. I can, however, claim to be the same age as Prince Philip as we both celebrate our 95th birthdays this month so she is my junior!!

I can hardly believe that I have reached this age but I have. When I was born, King George V was on the throne and Lloyd George was Prime Minister. I was 5 years old when Princess Elizabeth was born and during the years we watched her and her sister, Princess Margaret growing up.

I was born and brought up in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire and enjoyed a happy childhood. My first train journey was a visit to my great grandmother and when we arrived at her cottage we met a little old lady dressed in black and wearing a bonnet with ribbons tied under her chin. In her living room was an oil lamp suspended from the ceiling which when pulled down over the table enabled us to read and play games. At home it was gaslights and mantels - tricky to renew because they were so fragile (Mum's job!) We had a wind-up gramophone and on a Saturday my brother and I walked to the local shop to change the accumulators for the radio. Wonder of wonders though, an uncle of ours had a crystal set with earphones and we all went to his house to hear of the arrival of Amy Johnson flying back from America — our first long distance lady flyer and when she landed we all dashed outside shouting "hurrah".

We had an earth closet at the bottom of the garden, so to avoid night time visits in the cold we kept chamber pots under every bed!!

Even hotels had one stored in the bedside cupboard. We did have a bathroom but it was so cold that we were in and out very quickly.

But then, after all the primitive living we had electricity installed and that changed everything!!

I can remember the turmoil when King Edward 8th, who succeeded to the throne in 1936, abdicated later in the same year. He had been much admired as a dashing Prince of Wales and the people, my family included, felt that he was "one of them."

It was only three years later, when war was declared and I had to wait another three years until I was 21 before signing up for the ATS (The Auxiliary Territorial Service) the Women's branch of the British Army. In the meantime I worked with the WVS (Women's Voluntary Service) Princess Elizabeth followed in my footsteps and joined up in the ATS in 1945 when she became 18.

From 1942 I served with the ATS in the UK and in 1944 was shipped out to the Middle East and East Africa. I was demobbed in 1946 and took part in the VJ (Victory in Japan) parade in Nairobi that year before returning home to Ellesmere Port.

Seeking work I went to London, but after a few years there I found it to be too busy and noisy for me and I wasn't really happy. I then decided that I needed to be somewhere with wide open spaces and where the sun shone every day and in the early 1950s I went to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). Princess Elizabeth, by then married to Prince Philip, was herself in Kenya when in 1952 she learned of her father's (King George VI) death and acceded to the throne at the age of 25. I remained in Rhodesia, married in 1960 and returned to live in Scotland in 1980.

So, yes I have seen many changes over 95 years but, for the last 65 years there has been one constant – Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who, over all that time, has tirelessly carried out her duties in accordance with the vows she made at her Coronation, devoted to her subjects in the U.K. and the Commonwealth.

I must say thank you to God for my own good health all through the years and thank you for listening.

Happy Birthday, Ma'am!

Pray every day

'I woke early one morning, and rushed right into the day; I had so much to accomplish, that I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task.

"Why doesn't God help me," I wondered; He answered,

"You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, grey and bleak. I wondered why God didn't show me; He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock. God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day. I had so much to accomplish, that I had to take time to pray.' By Grace L. Naessens from her poem, 'The Difference'

Confirmation

Laurence, Emma and Nicole Nichols Cook were confirmed at St Owen's church, Bromham, on Tuesday 14th June. They are all regular members of our church choir and are also bell ringers. Please pray for them as they take the next steps in their Christian faith.

There will be another Deanery Confirmation later in the year. If anyone is interested in preparing for confirmation, please let Rod, our Churchwarden, know or contact Jo Spray.

Turvey Mysteries:

The second cycle began in 2014, with The Nativity being performed in January and The Passion in March 2015. Doomsday will be performed again on 27th - 29th October 2016, the initial workshop/casting session was held on **Sunday 26th June 2016**. **If you would like to help or be involved please contact Tim Brewster**.

Gift Aid giving: Are you regularly giving to the church through writing cheques and placing monies in a Gift Aid envelope? If so please consider asking to sign a Gift Aid Form (just once) and ask for a numbered envelope. This number is specific to you and can be placed in the collection pouch as usual but you do not need to fill in your details on to the envelope each week. Monies donated through Gift aid envelopes - if you are a tax payer – means we can claim the gift aid on them! Any donation, no matter how small, is gratefully received. If you would like to give by regular direct debit, please ask for a form from a Church Warden or Chris Knell. Thank you.

Newsletter / Website - If you would like to make an entry into the

Newsletter or the website, please contact Heather Whelbourn on 881728.

The deadline for the August News Sheet is 21st July and - due to printer holidays, August and September issues will be together.

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email please let Heather know.

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Services at All Saints July 2016:

| Date Colour | Calendar | Celebrant | Sunday | Service | Time |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|--|-------|
| 3 rd July Green | 6 th Sunday after Trinity | Rev. Jo Spray | 1st | Parish Eucharist | ll am |
| | | | | Evensong | 6 pm |
| 10 th July Green | 7 th Sunday after Trinity | Rev. Shaun Atkins | 2 nd | Parish Eucharist | ll am |
| 17 th July Green | 8th Sunday after Trinity | Rev. Jo Spray | 3 rd | Family Service (Eucharist) | ll am |
| | | | | Evensong | 6 pm |
| 24 th July Green | 9th Sunday after Trinity | Rev. Jo Spray | 4 th | Parish Eucharist | ll am |
| 31st July Green | 10 th Sunday after Trinity | Rev. Jo Spray | 5th | "Together at ten" Turvey (Eucharist) | 10 am |

Services may be subject to change during Interregnum. Coffee is served after all services. Please stay for a coffee and a chat.

Family Services: These services are open to everyone of all ages – all are welcome.

Thank you for your continued support.