

ALL SAINTS WEEKLY NEWS CRAWLEY DOWN

Wednesday 7th - Saturday 17th Feb 2007

**All Saints' Church is the Church of England
parish church for Crawley Down.**

The church is the people; not the building.

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The next edition of the News Sheet will cover the period Weds

14th Feb to Sat 3rd March. Please send all material for the

News Sheet to the Vicarage by 9pm on Tuesday 13th Feb.

You can pick up a copy of the News Sheet to give to your

neighbour from the bench outside the Vicarage front door.

SHOW-SONG-SUPPER to be held at All Saints' Church at 7.00pm
on sat 24th Feb and afterwards in the Parish Rooms.

For information and supper tickets

- contact Jean O'Callaghan (716624), or
- Janet Rayner (714882), or
- Jean Greenhalgh (712620), or
- Brenda Law (712401).

Adult: £4.50. Child: £3.00. Family: £12.00

**Welcome to worship at All Saints' Church on
Sunday 11th February 2007
2nd Sunday before Lent**

The prayer for today:

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

7.30am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion

Old Testament reading: Genesis 2: 4b - 9, 15-end
Page 4 in pew Bibles

New Testament reading: Revelation 4
Page 1236 in pew Bibles

Gospel reading: Luke 8: 22-25
Page 1037 in pew Bibles

**Please pray for those who are unwell or in
difficulty:**

Betty Ansell, Paul Bond, Magda Downton, Tony Fryer, Pam
Glover, James Henshall, Mary Karani, Sue Laughton, Jordan
Lewin, Emeline Pope, Sheila Roberts, Stephen Simpson,
Shirley Spalding, Sue, Maureen₂ Thayre.

6.00pm Holy Communion

Readings as at 8.00am

Hymns from A & M

Hymn 399 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Hymn 246 Angels voices ever singing

Comm Hymn 335 Blest are the pure in heart

Hymn 221 Come let us join

Please pray this week for:

- All who live in Woodland Drive & Woodland Close
 - Crawley Down Cricket Club
 - Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work
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RIP: Alan Ernest Arthur Dawson. Funeral details on p.8.

NETWORK

Could anyone help Network by answering the telephone for us?

Calls taken are then passed to the Contact for the day, who will organise the help required.

Colleen has done this job very ably for many years, but would now like to hand over to someone else. This is a very important job without which Network could not continue to serve those in need in Crawley Down.

Also, if anyone can spare some time to occasionally give a lift to the Health Centre or local hospitals, we would appreciate it.

A mileage allowance is payable.

Contact June Lane on 715613. 3

**The Vicar's sermon on the Third Sunday before Lent
Sunday 4th February 2007
Luke 5: 1-11**

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Three weeks ago we stood in the churchyard around a stone slab on the ground. No – it was not a gravestone: it was the well cover. We don't open the well these days: you have to take my word for it that there is a well down there.

I have not seen a history about the well. Was it there before the church was built, or was it dug for the church? A well at an ancient church may be a sign that the site was in sacred use before Christianity.

Water under the ground, and water emerging from the ground: these are strong religious symbols:

The dry earth gives birth to a flowing stream.

From hidden depths comes forth the water of life.

In pre-Christian times a lake or a pool would be seen as sign of the spirit-world inter-woven with the material world. That's why King Arthur's sword came out of the lake. That's why we still throw coins in a wishing well for luck.

A body of water still has a hold over us:

a mirror to the sky and a mirror to ourselves;

a surface over which to sail, but also a depth that is unknown.

And this morning we have already been out upon the lake with Jesus and Peter and James and John. And an overwhelming catch of fish has been to us a sign of God's overwhelming generosity.

Joseph

When we were at the well we stood there with the young **Joseph**, traded by his brothers into slavery, after they had hauled him out of the dry well where they thrown him.

Joseph goes into slavery, ahead of his people, to save them from slavery. Joseph is a fore runner of Jesus, who takes on servant-hood – slavery even – for humanity, so that he may go before us in death, and by grace – unconditional, saving love – may draw us from death into God.

Joseph goes down into the dry well, but out of certain death he is drawn up into another life to witness to the wondrous works of God.

Jeremiah

Another Old Testament hero had a similar experience. **Jeremiah** was a conscientious man of faith who went against the popular grain. He would not toe the line.

As their enemies approached, he warned the people of Jerusalem that, so long as they lived lives contrary to the Ten Commandments, they could not place their hope in their worship and rituals in the Temple. In Jeremiah 7:3: ‘Amend your behaviour and your actions, and then I will stay with you here in this place’.

And Jeremiah persisted. And as is the fate of whistle-blowers, he suffered.

He became the object of ridicule.

As Jeremiah puts it himself in Chapter 20, verse 7, he was a laughing-stock and the butt of jokes.

He was imprisoned

He was thrown into a water cistern – a kind of well. And Jeremiah was lowered into the cistern by a rope, but there was no water – only mud. ‘And into the mud Jeremiah sank’ (Chapter 38, verse 6). But others spoke up on his behalf and Jeremiah was pulled up, out of the mud, still alive.

Jeremiah paid the price of those who speak out. He, too, is a Christ-like figure.

The abundance of God’s grace

This morning we have already been out on the lake with Jesus and Peter and James and John. We have sailed across deep water and have found there the great riches that lie in store.

From out of a place of danger and potential death, a great draught of fishes is hauled; and more than that: three men become followers of Jesus and the origins of the church begin.

This is what we will be doing in Lent and at Easter in Giving in Grace:

We will pause and look again at what we are going as people who gather around Jesus.

We will see with new eyes the saving acts of God in Jesus and the abundance of his grace.

We will become, as if for the first time again, the followers of Jesus, leaving everything to follow him.

Heading out into deep water

As a parish church we are heading out into deep water:

You know that the arrangements have changed: that in a few years' time we will be drawn into the reckoning of the way that clergy are deployed, and that you could end up with half a Vicar.

You know that the amount we pay to the Diocese will be part of that reckoning, and you know that the sums involved are larger than at present.

The Church Council has recently taken all of this on board and has agreed that not only should we as a church be paying these larger sums annually in future, but that an even larger sum of money is needed to make sure that we do the things that a church needs to do in 2008: open up our worship space; employ a part-time children's worker; rebuild the Parish Rooms.

This is deep water that we are getting into, and we have not been this way before.

'You have never been this way before'

I have already used the words from Joshua 3, verse 3 to help us approach this deep water ahead of us: 'You have never been this way before'.

And to prepare the people of God for the new way that they must go, Joshua tells the people: 'Sanctify yourselves, because tomorrow God will work wonders among you'.

And how will we sanctify ourselves? It is Christ who sanctifies us, but we must be close to Christ, and our behaviour must be Christ-like if we are to be sanctified.

We sanctify ourselves by approaching Giving in Grace during Lent in prayer, and by suspending our own thoughts and fears, and our own views and opinions about the deep water we are led out onto.

Please suspend your own thoughts and fears and views and opinions until Easter Day. Live patiently by faith and in hope. And then, in the light of the cross and the empty tomb, make your own response to God and only then speak about it to others.

The Parochial Church Council

In the meanwhile the Parochial Church Council does have some more challenging decisions to make, so please support our Church Council members by praying for them.

The members of All Saints' Parochial Church Council

Mr Tony Bounds

Mr Barry Bull

Mrs Jenny Bull

Mrs Nancy Covill

Mrs Beccy Edwards

The Revd Jon Hale

Mr Ralph Harris

Mr Philip Hill

Mrs Jane Howell

Mr Stephen Howell

Mr Terry Miles

Mr Brian Moore

Mrs Jean O'Callaghan

Ms Sally Taswell

Mrs Margaret Telford

Mrs Judy Turner

Mr Steve Warr

Mr John Wells

Mrs Judith Wells

Ash Wednesday is 21st February. Please bring to church your old palm crosses so that the Vicar may burn them to make ash for blessing at Holy Communion at 8.00pm on Ash Wednesday.

THE FAMILY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

The Churchwardens have started to produce a quarterly newsletter that reflects the inspirational work by members of our church both past and present. It also reflects the work undertaken by the various charities we support via our tithing policy.

- Go to the village website www.crawleydownvillage.co.uk
 - Click on Churches
 - Select on the left hand side Family of All Saints'.
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CAN YOU DELIVER CHURCH AND VILLAGE TO TURNERS HILL ROAD? (Railway bridge to the tree surgeons)

THIS TASK HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT FAITHFULLY BY TED SMITH FOR SEVERAL YEARS. TED WOULD NOW LIKE TO HAND OVER TO SOMEONE ELSE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DELIVER CHURCH AND VILLAGE IN TURNERS HILL ROAD - EITHER ALL OF IT OR PART OF - PLEASE CONTACT BRIDGET POOR ON 01342 713816.

Advance notice: Tuesday 13th February

The Vicar has been summoned to a meeting for all clergy in the diocese on Tuesday 13th February in the morning about proposed changes to clergy terms and conditions of service.

The Vicar will be attending, so there will be no Holy Communion or Tiny Tots service that day.

MUNCHING MANNA WITH MOSES

A children's fun afternoon
in the parish rooms
on Saturday 17th March.
More details later.

To find out more about the All Saints' groups ring:

Tiny Tots	Zoe Mc Curry	719431
	Juli Furniss	718775
Housegroup	Barry Bull	712549
Choir	Helen Acraman	714329
	Robert Atkins	717265
Chimes	Margaret Telford	713240
Chums	Bridget Poor	713816
Wed Housegroup	Brian Moore	714359
Thurs Housegroup	Judy Turner	716688
Junior Church	Sandra Cook	714967
Junior Youth	Steve & Chris Warr	719764
Crèche	Deirdre Roberjot	715816
Coffee Club	Jenny Bull	712549
Mothers' Union	Joy Norris	714703
Flower Guild	Margaret Atkins	718683
Social Committee	Jean O'Callaghan	716624
Open Door	Jenny Bull	712549

The Parish Church of All Saints, Crawley Down, Vicarage Road

In the Diocese of Chichester and the Deanery of East Grinstead

Vicar: The Revd A J Hale. (tel: 01342 714922) aj@jkcahale.co.uk

Churchwardens: Mr Terry Miles (tel: 01342 714729); Mr Tony Bounds (tel: 01342 717199)

Assistant Churchwarden: Mr Philip Hill (tel: 01342 716517)

Hon. Secretary to the Parochial Church Council: Mrs Nancy Covill (tel: 01342 718192)

Hon. Treasurer: Mr Ralph Harris (tel: 01342 718342)

Readers: Mr Brian Moore (tel 01342 714359); Mr Barry Bull (tel: 01342 712549);
Mrs Margaret Telford (tel: 01342 713240)

Pastoral Care Co-ordinator: Mrs Christine Sumpter (tel: 01342 713894)

Chairman of the Buildings Maintenance Committee: Mr John Wells (tel: 01342 300960)

Child Protection Representative: Mrs Mary Calvey (tel: 01342 715369)

Health & Safety Officer: Mr Stephen Howell (tel: 01342 719397)

Stewardship Secretary (Envelope regular giving scheme & Gift Aid):
Mr Barry Bull (tel: 01342 712549)

Parish Rooms Co-ordinator: Mrs Gill Crook (tel: 01342 717511)

The members of the All Saints' Church Standing Committee are:

Tony Bounds, Nancy Covill, Jon Hale, Ralph Harris and Terry Miles.

The full membership of the Parochial Church Council is on the porch notice board.

You can read approved minutes of PCC meetings in the folder at the back of the church.

This church of All Saints is a tender, yet tenacious, faith community. We are no better and no worse than Crawley Down as a whole. We are all sorts.

We hold onto the belief that despite our different backgrounds, there is something greater that unites us – which is Jesus Christ.

OPEN DOOR GROUP PUB LUNCH

The Open Door Group welcomes anyone who, perhaps through bereavement, loneliness or for whatever reason, would like the opportunity to meet once a month with a friendly group of people for different social events. **The next event is a PUB LUNCH AT THE GARDENERS ARMS, ARDINGLY on Tuesday 13th February, leaving Crawley Down at 12.30 p.m. for Lunch at 1.00 p.m.** To assist with catering, the pub has asked that they have advance notification of numbers and a choice of main menu. Menu forms, with prices, may be obtained from Jenny Bull (712549) or Brian Moore (714359) and should be returned to them please by Tuesday 6th February.

ON 14th February the Wednesday House Group is showing the film *An Inconvenient Truth* which presents the urgent problem of global warming in a very easy to assimilate message, using photographic and graphically presented evidence.

The ex-Vice President of the United States Al Gore presents the film in an eye-opening and compelling view of the future of the climate crisis facing us and future generations. The recent Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change emphasises the need for urgent action by governments and us as individuals.

The showing begins at 8pm, venue Orchard Cottage Sandhill Lane, the home of Brian Moore.

Please note the meeting is open to all.

Any queries please see David Lane.

OUR SHOP WINDOW!

If you have looked at our notice board on Vicarage Road recently you will know that it is in a very sorry state and we need to replace it. If you can make any offer by way of contributing materials, skills or can make a financial contribution to this project please have a word with one of the Fabric Committee: John Wells, Judith Wells, Tony Bounds or Terry Miles.

This week at All Saints'

- Wed 7th** **9.00am** **Morning Prayer in church**
8.00pm Housegroup meets at Mulberry Cottage, Tithe Orchard, Felbridge - the home of John & Judith Wells for a coffee evening.
- Thurs 8th** **9.00am** **Morning Prayer in church**
7.30pm Housegroup meets at 27 Squires Close, home of Brenda & Gerry Law. Ecclesiastes, chapter 8: 'How shall we live under authority?'
- Fri 9th** **5.15pm** **Junior Choir practice to 6.15pm**
6.00pm Adult choir practice to 7.00pm
- Sunday 11th February (2nd Sunday before Lent)**
7.30am Morning Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am *The Welcome Service*
6.00pm Holy Communion
- Mon 12th** **9.00am** **Morning Prayer in church**
12noon Crawley Down Churches Prayer Group
- Tues 13th** **9.00am** **No Morning Prayer in church**
10.15am No Holy Communion
10.15am Tiny Tots in the Parish Rooms
12.30pm Open door group lunch at the Gardners Arms (see inside on page 10 for details).
- Wed 14th** **9.00am** **Morning Prayer in church**
1.30pm Mothers' Union AGM in the Parish Rooms
8.00pm Housegroup meets at Orchard Cottage, Sandhill Lane, home of Brian Moore. See inside on page 10 for details.
- Thurs 15th** **9.00am** **Morning Prayer in church**
2.30pm The funeral in church of Alan Dawson followed by burial in the churchyard.
- Fri 16th** **5.15pm** **Junior Choir practice to 6.15pm**
6.00pm Adult choir practice to 7.00pm
- Sunday 18th February (Sunday before Lent)**
7.30am Morning Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.00pm Evensong