



ALL HALLOWS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2017

'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.' *Matthew 7*

Restoration news

The first instalment of the grant from the Listed Buildings Roof Repair fund has arrived. The work is scheduled to begin on 6th March. Scaffolding will be erected and the Church will remain locked except for Services until the work has been completed. This is necessary for Health & Safety reasons.

Retirement of Verger

Mr Douglas Darlington has retired. He has held various offices at All Hallows Church since 1994. He took over as Verger after his wife, Mary, died in 2012. He has made an enormous contribution to the Church. Many thanks, Douglas!

Editor's Note

Many have missed the Church magazine. I have tried to create a simple newsletter with a similar content to the ones in the archives of the History and Memories Society, kindly loaned to me by Kath Sharpe.

The weather has been bitterly cold this week. Roll on Spring, with longer days, more sunshine and the blossoming of the lovely countryside around our village. I saw the first snowdrops today in the Churchyard! (Candlemas bells)

2016 has been a time of change at All Hallows. Change is always unsettling, but good can come of it. We were disappointed to lose the regular organist and choir but come Christmas, others stepped up to help, and this month a new community choir has begun to take shape thanks to Neil and Joanna. We hope to hear them sing at some of our family services starting in February at a new time of 4pm.

Feedback on this newsletter will be appreciated!

Sheila

Vicar's words — Rev Gary Schofield

Have you heard of Hygge? Pronounced 'hoo-ga' or 'hue-gah'. Originally a Norwegian term for wellbeing, it has been developed by the Danes.

Hygge is sort of a feeling or mood - simple words like cosiness just don't do it justice. A Hygge moment can be slipping into a hot bath, or curled up in blankets with a good book. It can be enjoying your morning coffee with a scented candle lit nearby or sharing the company of friends over dinner.

Candlelight plays an important part in Hygge, creating an atmosphere of warmth and welcome for both friend and stranger. Candlelight transforms a room into a flickering refuge from winter's chill, and a simple lit candle is seen as one of the most fundamental hygge moments to achieve.



The church celebrates Candlemas on February 2, forty days after Jesus' birth. Jesus is our salvation and our light which no darkness can extinguish, not even death. Candlemas is also known as the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the Feast of Meeting, and the Purification of Mary. Each name highlights a particular aspect of the day.

It is customary on Candlemas to bless candles—those that will be used throughout the Church year, and those that are given to take home. Candlelight is important in church as an outward and visible sign of Jesus Christ who illumines our heart and inner being. We are eternally safe in the warmth of his light and love.



Moses

See if you can spot the carving of Moses with horns inside the Church. Why does he have horns? *answer overleaf*

From the Harthill Church Monthly magazine Sept 1888:

"The Cricket club has been very active.... We won one match, drew another, lost a third, and the fourth had a most unsatisfactory termination. Harthill required 2 runs to win and had several wickets to fall, when the Retford umpire declared it was time to draw the stumps, and refused to recognise any watch but his own. This is a poor spirit for lovers of cricket."



From the Registers

Baptisms

11th Dec Eva May Mason

Burials

8th Dec Maureen Moorhouse

15th Dec Robert Nicholas Drabble

We also remember Sheila Sampson, whose funeral service was held on 22nd December followed by cremation



Regular Sunday Service times

1st and 3rd Sunday 10.45am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday is a joint service with the Methodists
10.45am at All Hallows (Feb 12th)
10.30am Chapel (March 12th)

4th Sunday 4pm Family service for all age groups

Pancake day—Shrove Tuesday, 28th February

Why Shrove Tuesday?

Families needed to use up all the eggs, milk and butter in preparation for fasting in Lent.



225g (8 oz) plain flour with a Pinch salt

2 large, fresh eggs

600ml milk

2 tsp melted butter plus extra melted butter for cooking

Make a well in the flour add the eggs and then the milk slowly with the butter, beating well. Stand for 15mins then fry a ladleful at a time in the rest of the butter. Toss if you are brave! Add a squeeze of lemon, orange or your choice of filling.

All Hallows relies on donations and fund-raising to remain open.



You can donate in Church, on line

www.justgiving.com/allhallows-harthill

or by texting ALLH26 £1 or £5 to 70070

Forthcoming events

Wed 8th Feb. 7.30pm PCC meeting : Old Schoolroom

Thurs 9th Feb 2pm or Sunday 12th Feb 6pm :Wales Vicarage: Anyone interested in attending **Confirmation classes**

Saturday 18th Feb. 2.30pm : Old Schoolroom

Puppet show and afternoon tea! Suitable for all ages! Tickets available from any of the church officials (see bottom of page). No charge but any donations given go to the Restoration Appeal.



Tuesday 7 March 7pm weekly until Easter: Old Schoolroom : **Lent group** : These sessions are to be led by Bob and Margaret Lunt, looking at the Bible in preparation for Easter. All welcome.

Wed 1st March 7.30pm **Ash Wednesday service** All Hallows

Nature at All Hallows

Tawny Owls



You can hear the tawny owls calling in the area around All Hallows during the evenings, making the typical calls of “woo– woo” (the male) or

Gardening Tip for February

As soon as snowdrops finish flowering, dig up big clumps, split them into individual bulbs and replant them straight away at wider spacings. You will be pleasantly surprised next year



Moses—answer

Due to a mis– translation from Hebrew in an early edition of the Bible.

The beautiful wooden carvings of the pulpit, lectern and choir stalls were made in Italy by Carlo Scarcelli in 1887 and purchased by the Rector George Hudson.

The Old Schoolroom is an excellent venue for small functions such as childrens’ parties, funeral teas, family get-togethers. It has a well-equipped kitchen and toilets. Hire it for £6 per hr.

In The Old Schoolroom:

Monday 7pm Keep Fit

Wednesday 8pm Country Dancing

Thursday 7.15pm Yoga

Come along and get active !

Contact information

For all enquiries regarding All Hallows Church email allhallowsharthill@gmail.com

You can telephone the Church Wardens on 01909 773291 or 515698; or the Priest -in-charge on 01909 771111

The Old Schoolroom can now be booked via the website : allhallowsharthill.org.