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“ I WONDER HOW I SURVIVED NOT GOING TO CHURCH ”



Introducing Karen Rieveley, our new churchwarden. Karen was elected along with Vaughan Smith, at the annual Meeting of Parishioners in the Spring.

Can you tell us a little about yourself?

We moved as a family to Laleham from just up the road in Sunbury in the summer of 2003. I am originally from Lancashire and my husband from Southampton, we met in London and before you know it, we are married with a young family and settled in the area. I am a property lawyer and Director of a legal practise with several offices in London and I commute to Battersea most days so it's a busy week. I do a lot of networking and business development which means evening meetings and commitments. My kick back time involves running – great for the mind as well as the body and I love to lose myself in a good book.

I began thinking about coming to Church and All Saints' about seven years ago but as a busy full time working Mum wasn't sure how I would find the time. I took the plunge one Sunday morning and realised that I did have time. In fact, I look back and wonder how I survived NOT going to Church as I find it so beneficial. The love and support that I receive from my Church family is without bounds. I slowly became more involved, joining a home group and then the Church Council. I feel very connected to All Saints' and the Parish.

What does a churchwarden do?

Good question and the answer to that seems to change each week as I discover new things that the churchwarden does, often because I haven't done it and someone points that out to me! The main role is to offer support to the Clergy and a link to the Congregation.

Why were you willing to serve as a churchwarden?

We are encouraged as Christians to use our talents, whatever they are, to the best of our abilities in a servant-hearted way – as so aptly demonstrated by Jesus. I am also a person who likes to be busy and I am happy to help where I can.

Why are you excited about being involved in the life of All Saints'?

My Church family at All Saints' have helped me to understand and grow my Christian faith. It has provided love and support at difficult times and shared life's successes and good times. I am keen to give back to my Church where I can and being a churchwarden is one way of doing that. It is also important to share the good news that being a Christian brings, and I would hope in my time with All Saints' that we can see greater use of the Church facilities, and to reach out to our Parish and Community with a message of love and hope.

A Refurbished Resource for Laleham

Bishop Graham, our Area Bishop of Kensington, opens the refurbished Parish Office and Heritage Centre.

With thanks to Bishop Graham, all those members of the church who gave so generously to meet the cost, the team who planned and oversaw the work including Alastair Duncan and Kasia Van't Hoogerhuijs, and those who arranged for the refreshments to celebrate the re-opening.



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BUSY SUMMER - FOR - YOUNG PEOPLE

There have been numerous opportunities over the Summer for our young people to meet and enjoy a wide range of activities, with sports, outings, crafts, games and teaching and discussion from the Bible.



Some have been away on Christian holidays, joining with youngsters from around the country in places including Sparkford, Haselmere and Barnstaple where our former curate Andrew Bowden is leading. Closer to home our 14th annual Holiday Club in the Youth Centre in Laleham is fully booked with over 70 primary aged children on 'Mission Possible'. At the beginning of September is the 3rd joint youth weekend with Ashford and Staines Congregational Church teenagers at Oakwood Youth Challenge, where activities include high ropes and mountain boarding.



The theme of the church's pitch at the Village Fair was The Bread of Life. As well as the display created by Tamsin and Wolsey, several hundred people followed the discovery trail created by Alexandra through the Churchyard to the flower display and refreshments in the Church.



The Church camping weekend saw more than 60 people of all ages from All Saints' enjoy glorious sunshine in the New Forest. In October the Church has a weekend away in East Horsley, Surrey.




AN Outstanding CHURCH SCHOOL

Congratulations to Laleham Primary School who were awarded 'outstanding' in every category of their recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Report.

The inspection occurs every 5 years, and the full Report can be read on the school's website. There are so many highlights, but to quote just a few comments:

"The school promotes a sense of spirituality that is shared by the whole community and pupils have many opportunities to ask deep questions, learn the power of reflection and develop their spiritual personality, irrespective of their personal faith or belief."

"The strong and effective partnership with the parish church adds significant capacity to the school's service to its pupils, their families and the community."

"Pupils come to school regularly and enthusiastically, work hard, make good progress and achieve high standards, regardless of their starting points."

THE FLOWER FESTIVAL IN THE CHURCH
THIS YEAR WAS ON THE THEME OF
THE LORD'S PRAYER.

DO YOU WONDER IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY WHICH LINES OF THE PRAYER ARE THE INSPIRATION FOR THESE DISPLAYS?



Dates for your diary

SEP 2017

SUN 3 10:00. Holy Communion
10:30. All Age Service
18:30. Evening Service

SUN 10 10:00. Morning Service
10:30. Holy Communion
18:30. Evening Service

SUN 17 10:00. Holy Communion
10:30. Morning Service
18:30. Evening Service

SUN 24 10:00. Morning Service
10:30. Morning Service
18:30. Holy Communion

OCT 2017

SUN 1 10:00. Holy Communion
10:30. Morning Service
18:30. Evening Service

SUN 8 10:00. No service
10:30. All Age Service in Church
18:30. Evening Service

SUN 15 10:00. Holy Communion
10:30. Morning Service
18:30. Evening Service

SUN 22 10:00. Morning Service
10:30. Morning Service
15:00. Memorial Service
18:30. Holy Communion

SUN 29 10:00. Morning Service
10:30. Morning Service
18:30. Evening Service

NOV 2017

SUN 5 10:00. Holy Communion
10:30. Morning Service
18:30. Evening Service

Services at 10.30am in Laleham School Hall. Other services in All Saints' Laleham unless specified.