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# Autumn 2019



## A message from Lynda Davies

Those of us who have been at home this year have been blessed with some lovely weather this summer, but many have also had the pleasure of holidaying both in this country and abroad. It's been lovely hearing about your holidays on your return.



Martyn and I are off in September to the Greek Islands of Skiathos and Skopelos, made famous by the film *Mamma Mia*. I'm looking forward to visiting the little church of St John of the Small Castle (*Agios Ioannis*) even if it does involve walking up one hundred and ninety-nine steps to get there. Rest assured I

won't be singing *The Winner Takes it All* as I climb! It's lovely to take time out to re-charge batteries, see new places, sample different food and relax in the sun.

It's been a very busy year so far as we journey through our Year of Discipleship. There have been sermon series on how to grow in faith; generosity and giving; forgiveness; relationships; and prayer. Still to come in October and November will be a short series exploring how we share our faith with others.

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## Message from Lynda Davies continued from page 1

There have been short courses on the Creeds, and how to read the Bible, and twelve of us enjoyed a Quiet Day on 15th June on the theme of 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. Four church members, Peter, Kevin, Hannah and Alice, were confirmed at the end of June, with Bishop Stephen leading a very engaging service. It is lovely to see and hear of people growing in their faith – if you haven't yet completed what you pledged to do at the start of the year, there's still time!

It's also been lovely to welcome new people in the church, particularly those in their twenties and thirties (who are the missing generation). We held a 'Welcome BBQ' in the Rectory Garden on 30th June where twenty-one adults and eight children enjoyed getting to know each other better. I'm delighted that Phil and Bekki Ward are keen to start a group for younger adults, supporting one another in faith and thinking about how we reach out to the community around us. Thank you all for the warm welcome you give to new folk – it makes such a difference!

In reaching out to the village, it was fabulous to be able to host the annual Holiday Club in the church, hall and rectory garden this year (see article on page 4), and also to launch Messy Church, a Fresh Expression of Church reaching out to all ages, but particularly young families. We also had a lovely afternoon tea in the Rectory Garden and were able to include many older folk who come to the Fellowship Teas. By offering something for everyone is the only way we will grow and reach others with the Good News of Jesus.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to making All Saints' the lovely family church that it is. And enjoy what's left of the sunshine as the nights draw in and the autumn leaves fall. Christmas will soon be upon us!



The monthly **Fellowship Tea** is an opportunity for anyone to meet for prayer and a chat over afternoon tea. It takes place on the third Monday of each month in the Community room at Franklin Gardens from 2.30 to 4 pm. If you would like to know more, or if you require transport to and from the tea, please contact Sue Hooks (250560) or Maggie Appleby (200035).

**Little Saints** is a group for babies and pre-school children with their parents and carers. They meet in All Saints' Hall on Thursday mornings in term-time from 10 to 11.45 am. If you would like to know more, please contact Emma McCaughan (250827, [emma.mccaughan@pobox.com](mailto:emma.mccaughan@pobox.com)).

**Does God Matter (DGM)** is run by Christians Together in Cottenham for secondary-school-aged young people who have a church connection and those that attend can invite a friend. They meet at Cottenham Baptist Church on some Sunday evenings from 6.15 to 8.15 pm. DGM is an opportunity for young people to chat about the universe, God and relevant issues in a café style environment and an opportunity to meet together, have fun and build positive relationships. For information and dates please contact Emma May (07917 714660, [emma.may.uk@gmail.com](mailto:emma.may.uk@gmail.com)).

**All Saints' Choir** usually practises in All Saints' Hall on Thursdays from 7 to 8 pm, but dates and times can vary. They practise hymns for the 10.30 Sunday services and learn other music for special occasions. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Frances Horgan ([horganfm@gmail.com](mailto:horganfm@gmail.com)).

**All Saints' Praise Band** plays at the All Age Service once a month and practises immediately before the service. If you play an instrument and would like to know more, please contact Emma McCaughan ([emma.mccaughan@pobox.com](mailto:emma.mccaughan@pobox.com)).

**All Saints' Bellringers** practise in the bell tower most Wednesday evenings 7.30 to 9 pm. New members are always welcome and the team will be glad to provide training: if you would like to chat about it, call the Tower Captain, Simon Wilson (251105).

## Regular services and groups

The **10.30 am Sunday service** takes place every Sunday in church. One Sunday a month is an All-Age service, other weeks are Holy Communion. See All Saints' Diary for the schedule for each month. Services always include hymns and are followed by fellowship with refreshments in the church hall.

**Junior Church** runs in term-time, except when it is an all-age service. We start in church, then go across to the hall, where the Samuel Group (older children) meet upstairs and the younger children downstairs. There is no lower age-limit, and parents are welcome to accompany their children until they settle. We have stories, songs, games and craft activities, and re-join parents during Communion. For more information contact Emma McCaughan ([emma.mccaughan@pobox.com](mailto:emma.mccaughan@pobox.com)) or Sarah Ward ([sarah@wardhome.me.uk](mailto:sarah@wardhome.me.uk)).

The **8.30 am Sunday service** takes place every Sunday in church. This is always Holy Communion without hymns. On alternate weeks the Book of Common Prayer is used.

**Morning Prayer** is held on Saturdays at 9 am in church. Based around a simple liturgy, we spend up to forty-five minutes together praying for varied needs and seeking to discern what God is saying to us and the church.

**Wednesday communion services** take place at different locations in the village on a monthly pattern. Details are published in the weekly and monthly notice-sheets.

The **Evening Discipleship Groups** meet either weekly or fortnightly and include a Bible study, discussion, fellowship and prayer. Members aim to encourage and support one another and are always open to new members. To find out about what groups are currently running or planned, please contact Lynda Unwin ([lynda.kingsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:lynda.kingsfarm@gmail.com)) or Revd Lynda Davies (583651, [rector@allsaintscottenham.org.uk](mailto:rector@allsaintscottenham.org.uk)).

The **Daytime Discipleship Group** meets in term-time on Tuesdays at 1.30 pm. Anyone who is happy to study with small children present is welcome. If you are interested in joining, please contact Kirsten Burrows ([kirsten.burrows@gmail.com](mailto:kirsten.burrows@gmail.com)).

## Confirmation 24th June



It was lovely to welcome Bishop Stephen to All Saints' for the confirmation of four church members in June this year.

Confirmation is a very special service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised. Most will have been baptised at a christening when they were a child, and parents and godparents would have made promises on the child's behalf. As a young person or adult, confirmation is about affirming these promises for yourself and committing your life to following Jesus Christ. And this is precisely what Peter, Kevin, Hannah and Alice did, surrounded by family, friends and members of the church family. Please continue to pray for them as they continue their Christian journey.

If anyone else would like to be confirmed, please let Revd Lynda know.

## Holiday Club 2019



Holiday Club, organised by Christians Together in Cottenham, kicked off on Monday 29th July and, this year, was held at All Saints' Church. The re-ordered Church provided a great space for story,



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As we believe that “the Earth is the Lord’s” and he is the creator of all things, we should be showing our love for God in caring for his good creation. And we need to consider our neighbours and note that, if our lifestyle will cause damage to our neighbours (such as the people in Bangladesh), we should change the way we live in order to help safeguard the future.



Many people feel that this issue is too big and there is nothing they can really do. However the speaker urged us to consider taking action and his suggestions included: taking political action, for example by writing to one’s MP; considering which energy supplier we use; taking fewer car and plane journeys; considering how we heat our homes; and eating less meat.

In the question time it seemed to me that there was a good balance between recognising that there is a huge problem but also being hopeful because we believe in a good God. But what is not appropriate for a committed Christian is to bury one’s head in the sand.

The *Science meets Faith* talks occur on the second Monday of the month at the Wesley church in Cambridge. For details of forthcoming subjects see <http://www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith>

songs and games as the super-talented John Hardwick led us through stories of children in the Bible who had been super-heroes: the boy Samuel; the little boy who gave his lunch to Jesus to multiply for a crowd; David fighting Goliath; Naaman’s servant girl; and King Josiah following God’s way.



After a time together in the morning, the children enjoyed crafts in the Church Hall, games in the Rectory Garden, a time of unpacking the story with John before re-grouping for a brilliant drama and quiz.

The Watt Family were on fine form as they tried to work out what being a hero really involved, finally agreeing that it was acts of kindness and showing how much we care that makes the real difference.

Thank you to everyone at All Saints who led or helped out in any way. You were fabulous!

## Why humans are unique, extra-terrestrials don't exist and other theological conundrums

Report by Lesley Maile, with additional details by Joe Webster

I am not a scientist so it was with some trepidation that I attended a talk given by Professor Simon Conway Morris, a Fellow of St John's College Cambridge, as part of All Saint's year of discipleship. He specialises in palaeontology, evolutionary biology and astrobiology. I need not have worried as Professor Conway Morris tailored his subject matter to the needs of a diverse audience. He laced his talk with anecdotes and humour and touched gently on spiritual matters. The question and answer session at the end showed how much those there had followed his reasoning and had engaged with the subject matter.

The first part of the evening was about what makes humans different from animals. Professor Conway Morris emphasised that in his opinion the difference is absolute.

*Darwinian theory assumes that each creature is closely similar to its immediate ancestors. This continuity implies that there is no fundamental difference between the minds of apes and the minds of people, only a difference of magnitude. Although behaviourists, who investigate sophisticated creatures such as monkeys and crows, subscribe to the continuity idea, Conway Morris believes that in that respect humans have real differences from animals.*

Perhaps the most important difference is that language is unique to humans. Language is fundamental to humans and who we are.

*We can build sentences upon sentences to any degree of complexity, whereas animals can only express simple things. Their vocalisations are not really language in the sense that we understand it. There are interesting parallels with bird song. In many species, very young birds start with something akin to a young child's babbling and they later learn more complex vocalisations, although they still cannot use language to express ideas.*

industrial revolution. The clear trend is for carbon dioxide levels to continue to rise and therefore global temperatures to rise.

However, it's important to appreciate that a small average rise in global temperatures may mask very significant, more localised changes. Models of future temperature changes suggest rises of up to 10° C in some places, while other places might cool.



The impact on the environment and particular species of plants and animals is likely to be very serious. Already there are worrying issues with coral reefs, and the distribution of many plants and animals is being drastically changed. The rate of extinctions is increasing.

Of course, human beings are better able to make changes to protect themselves from the effects of climate change. However this does not really apply to poor people or countries and it's therefore likely that the poor people will suffer first. For example, in Bangladesh there are currently about ten million people living below the one metre contour. If sea levels rise by this amount (which is to be expected) all these people will be, at best, displaced.

The speaker went on to consider a Christian response. He noted that, when Jesus summarised the law he said "love God and love your neighbour."

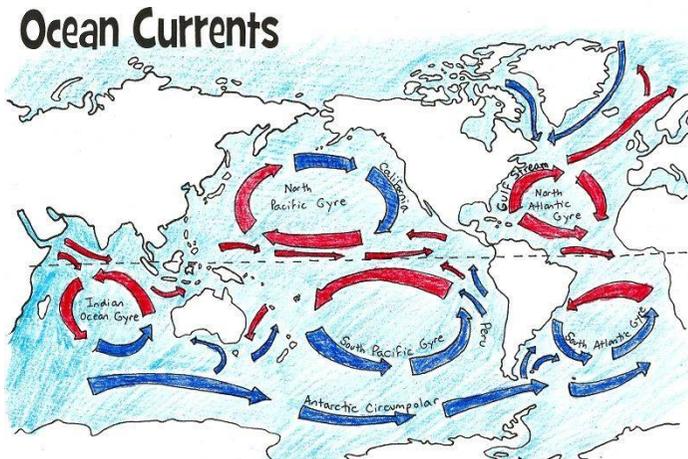
## Oceans, climate change and Christianity

A report by Mick Lumsden on a talk by Professor Meric Srokosz of the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton, given in February 2019 as part of the Science meets Faith series.

Professor Srokosz is a committed Christian and set his talk in the context of the story of God's good creation.

In Genesis the story is told of God creating the oceans and them being good. One way we can see this is that they act as a heat reservoir (the top three metres of the seas hold as much heat as the entire atmosphere – the average depth of the oceans is about 4,000 metres). In addition to being a heat reservoir the oceans also act as heat transporters. For example the currents in the North Atlantic Ocean transfer heat from the tropics into northern latitudes and the heat released

is equivalent to about 30,000 power stations. This is why Western Europe has a mild climate, particularly compared with Canada and the eastern United States.



The speaker was very clear that the science shows that the climate is changing, with temperatures rising steadily. There is very strong evidence that the rising temperature is caused by rising levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. The rising levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are believed by the vast majority of scientists to be caused by the activities of human beings since the

Another difference is that animals can learn but they cannot teach; unlike humans. Animals can use tools but they cannot use a tool to make another tool as we do.



*Chimpanzees can show their young how to use stones to break nuts open, there is no evidence that they are aware that they understand how teaching works. They don't appreciate the idea of explanation and they seem not to have a mental model of the minds of their pupils.*

This led neatly on to the point that animals do not have an understanding of cause and effect. Humans have the ability to make sense of the world and realise that the universe is rational.

*Professor Conway Morris reminded us of one of Aesop's fables, in which a crow, finding itself unable to reach the water in a pitcher, dropped stones into the pitcher to raise the water level – and thereby got itself a drink. Experiments have shown that crows can indeed do this but they are easily fooled by simple tricks like adding U-bends to the system. Many animals can be trained to perform a variety of tricks – although*

*some seem capable of mastering only one trick – but a great deal of repetition is needed and there is no evidence that they ever get to understand the principle of cause and effect.*



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These opinions were interspersed with anecdotes about animals that have been studied in the wild by animal behaviourists and also animals that are used and trained in laboratories and homes.

*When it comes to learning, chimpanzees and crows brought up in captivity in an atmosphere of inculturation do much better than those brought up in the wild.*

To sum up why he believes humans are unique is that we understand animals but animals do not understand us!

In the second part of the evening Professor Conway Morris talked about why he thinks Earth has not been visited by extra-terrestrials. He was being quite provocative here and offered ideas to stimulate discussion. He felt that extra-



terrestrials would need to be very advanced technologically. In travelling the huge distances necessary to visit our solar system, such a civilisation would be hungry for energy. Depleting energy from stars would leave the evidence of infra-red radiation; this has not been detected. As a young solar system, we may have been visited by extra-terrestrials earlier in our planet's history during our evolutionary process. The fossil record, however, shows no sign of disruption so Professor Conway Morris believes this probably did not happen.

*Had extra-terrestrials visited Earth at an early evolutionary stage, they might have been able to find our ancestors in the oceans and, finding them good to eat, eliminated the possibility of us evolving.*

## From the Registers

We welcome into the family of the church by baptism

12 May	Albert Palmer
2 June	Vera Gifford
7 July	Lily-Grace Webber Reyn Maskell

We celebrate the confirmation of

24 June	Peter Wilbourn Kevin Hussein Alice Palmer Hannah Ward
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We rejoice in the marriage of

4 May	Sophie Woodroff and Jacob Muncey
8 June	Antonia Wate and Thomas Smith
17 August	Bethan Howe and James Rodden

We commend into God's care those who have died

15 February	Margaret Palmer
21 February	Valerie Bowles
13 March	Joan Buntin
26 March	Janice King
29 April	Janice Badcock
28 June	Andy Easy
4 July	June Chandler
2 August	Ray Chandler
13 August	Ronald Oakes

## Launch of Messy Church

On Saturday 6th April, sixteen families came to Messy Easter at All Saints'. The re-ordered space provided a great opportunity to offer a range of craft activities around the Easter Story.

Children and their parents or carers enjoyed making Mini Egg cornflake cakes, rolling marbles in paint (rolling the stone away), setting up a huge domino run (illustrating the chain of events through Holy Week), making a



sun catcher in the shape of a cross, a memory game with Easter objects (telling the story) and banging nails into a heart of wood (showing how Good Friday turned bad into good). A time of celebration followed – the Easter Story, song and prayer - before everybody tucked into Hot Cross Buns and chocolate cake. The afternoon ended with an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard.

Messy Church is a way of being church for families involving fun. Its values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration, and is primarily for those who don't already belong to another form of church. It is all-age and is one of the most effective ways of reaching families who are not connected with church. Of the sixteen families who came to Messy Easter, nine were not part of any church and another two are on the fringe of All Saints, coming just at Christmas and Easter. More sessions are planned at Harvest, Hallowe'en and Christmas. Do spread the word!

The question and answer session was lively and would have gone on much longer than it did, had time allowed. During this part of the evening several ideas emerged. One of the most interesting concepts was how difficult it is to study animals without imposing human concepts onto what was observed. Another was that scientists are still struggling to understand how language is acquired.

*What about dogs? Might they be communicating between themselves whilst believing that we are just making mostly meaningless noises? Dogs may appear clever but they don't really understand. A dog's life can be rich and interesting and they really do help humans emotionally, partly because they can't speak but do interact with us in helpful ways. Dogs, like monkeys, don't "get" the idea of cause and effect. Similarly, adult meerkats eat scorpions and their young need to be taught how to handle them, so meerkat pups are trained with dead scorpions until they are experienced enough to cope with live ones. However, their mothers judge that ability not by observing the pups' behaviour but by listening to their maturing voices and they can be tricked into giving inexperienced pups lethal live scorpions by playing recordings of older pups.*

Professor Conway Morris finished by admitting that there may be many other ways to interrogate the world around us and that we simply do not have enough information to come to firm conclusions. We are part of a much larger story than we can, at the moment, see and understand.

*Maybe what we observe is only a tiny part of what actually exists. In Edwin Abbot's book **Flatland**, a sphere passes through a two-dimensional universe and is observed as a point that grows into a circle before diminishing back to a point and disappearing. The two-dimensional inhabitants of Flatland cannot appreciate the three-dimensional reality of the sphere as they only understand two dimensions. By analogy, people have peculiar experiences which suggest that the world we inhabit is only part of reality. Sometimes we get glimpses of a greater reality, which can be life-changing.*

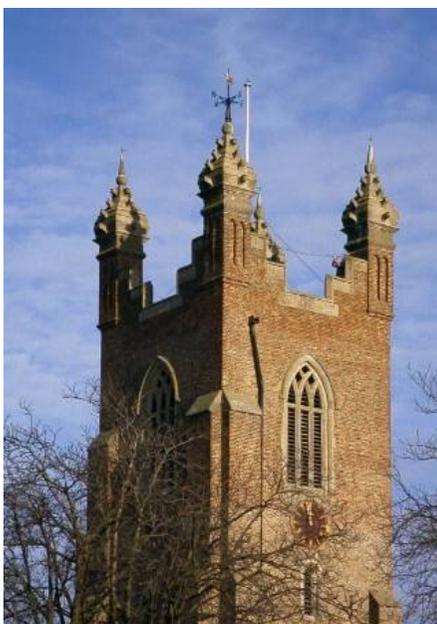
## Friends of All Saints' Cottenham

Update on the work of the Friends by Revd Ian Winterbottom

Those of us living in Cottenham are today's custodians of probably the finest parish church in Cambridgeshire. Local wealth would have contributed to its construction, probably during the reign of Henry IV around the turn of the fifteenth Century. In its glorious open, dignified architectural style it just predates King's College Cambridge.

Church towers, of whatever age, are particularly vulnerable from weather, pollution and sometimes heavy passing traffic. All Saints' very visible tower, for much of the summer shrouded in scaffolding, is no exception. The huge structure with its fun finials is a substantial Jacobean rebuild of almost exactly four hundred years ago. It needs constant attention if it is to continue to stand proud over the Cambridgeshire fens for centuries to come. The Parochial Church Council (PCC), who are the trustees of the church, need to engage the wealth, interest and active support of today's wider community so that they can fulfil that trust: to preserve and develop this precious historical treasure for the use of present and future generations. Friends of All Saints Cottenham has been launched to assist with that task.

It is thought by some that the vision and possibly the funds for this magnificent building came from Lord Nicholas of Cambridge – the Rector of Cottenham from 1334 to 1375.



A church choir is by its nature a conservative group, consisting as it does largely of individuals whose parents remember the Boer War and whose appreciation for popular music died with Elvis Presley. I had not expected my charges to welcome the opportunity to sing a hymn entitled *God is a spirit* to a tune oddly reminiscent of *Eleanor Rigby*, and I was not wrong. The normally roseate hue of Canon Drinkwater's heavy features deepened to purple; Daniel Ducket, a local gardener, muttered that it was "total horse manure" (a charge he later denied), and even gentle Mrs Barnabas said to Janet Worthington with an anxious frown on her face that "it didn't seem quite Christian, somehow." Clearly, an extra helping of positivity was required, and I did my best to supply it.

"Now come along," I said firmly. "Look at us – some of us are young and some of us are old, some of us are beautiful and some of us are, erm, less good-looking." (I tried to avoid addressing Ducket directly as I said this.) "But we know, or at least we hope, that God loves us all equally. Well, isn't it the same with music? There isn't just one kind, you know. Haven't you ever thought, what if you get to heaven and find that the Beatles have been put in charge of the entertainment at the heavenly banquet? Are you going to send back your invitation?"

A fair point, I thought and, I flatter myself, rather well made. But wasted on my recalcitrant flock. They huffed and puffed and complained about the pitch, the rhythm, particularly the syncopated passages, the lack of originality, the amount of repetition and the unsound theology of certain portions of the text. I reminded them that there was a time when Charles Wesley was considered dangerously modern, but I don't think they believed me. We struggled to the end, with no credit to ourselves, and I turned with relief to the psalm set for evensong. Psalm 98:

*O sing unto the Lord a new song*

In our dreams!

The characters in this piece are fictitious. Any similarity to persons, living or dead, is entirely coincidental.

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of Valerie is that she gives invaluable help with concert refreshments. Luckily, Janet Worthington and Christine Barnabas were both with us, so Valerie was effectively neutralized.

I was pleased to see Cecil Drinkwater in the back row. The canon possesses a



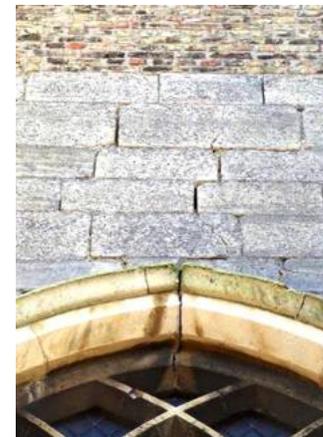
fine, resonant baritone, no doubt the product of years of leading cathedral congregations in worship, and he can be relied upon to provide a strong bass line. "The choir's one foundation,"

I sometimes think, irreverently. If he has a fault, it is an unwillingness to listen or to take direction.

"Drinkwater!" I sometimes find myself shouting, "Will you please, occasionally, raise your eyes from your book and watch me. I am not waving my arms about for the good of my health."

"I *am* watching," he invariably replies. "I can see you perfectly well out of the corner of my eye." We both know that this is not true, but we also understand that there are questions of pride and self-respect that are more important than musical accuracy. A point has been made, and honour is satisfied.

The arrival of Daniel Duckett, tenor (allegedly), made us quorate, and the rehearsal began. On this particular evening, the choir was learning a new hymn. It had been specially requested by a member of the congregation for the occasion of an anniversary, and it would be fair to say that it had not been greeted with unalloyed enthusiasm.



Rectors these days don't have that kind of money! Nor do PCCs.

Large repairs are expensive. The recent tower repairs cost about £85,000, funded by a combination of grant, loan and donations. Adapting the building to satisfy the needs and requirements of safety and disability access needs money. Reordering the church to welcome visitors, hold concerts and other events is costly. The Parochial Church Council can usually finance ordinary routine maintenance, but for any major project it needs to look wider. That is what Friends is for.

We are very grateful to the fifty-three members we have at the moment, but we need to work on adding to, sustaining and looking after many more: not only individuals but perhaps by also finding corporate supporters and sponsors.

A beautiful historic building like ours attracts visitors. Tourists from all over the world come to Cambridge and Ely. With suitable promotion, they may be persuaded from the A10 and along our High Street. All Saints' has to beckon to them before they continue down historic Twenty Pence Road. Walkers and cyclists often take a breather outside the church. Businesses in Cottenham would surely benefit from such a nearby attractive and welcoming venue.

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Developing an ongoing programme of money-raising events and promotions will be the routine of our Members' Committee. We are grateful for the fees our present Members have paid both as life and annual contributions but we need many more. Gifts in kind such as time, printing and IT expertise; visiting and getting to know members socially; creating a personal feeling of belonging and regular communicating: these are all important and things for the Committee to organise.

I am writing this as a way of continuing the excellent short discussion that arose at the Friends' AGM. Please consider joining Friends and sharing with us your ideas for the future of our precious building.

Ian Winterbottom

All Saint's Church has recently received a grant of £3,000 and a loan of £20,000 provided by Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CHCT) for which we are very grateful.

The Trust offers grants and loans to help congregations look after their historic places of worship. Its main source of income, apart from membership, is the annual "Ride and Stride". Each September sponsored cyclists and walkers visit churches, chapels, and colleges throughout Cambridgeshire, sharing the money raised between the Trust and their local church. Watch out for dates of future events and support them if you can.

Details of the Trust's work can be found at [www.camhct.uk](http://www.camhct.uk)

## Notes from St Norman's a new series by Frances Horgan

Extracts from the diary of Martin Merriman, organist and choirmaster

September 28

'It was a dark and stormy night,' or rather, it would be, when night finally fell. The wind had been blowing all day; heavy raindrops were currently splashing down from the



unpleasantly yellow sky, so characteristic of our East Anglian region, and turning the fallen conkers along the path leading to our church hall to soapy slime. "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, I don't think," I mused as I approached the door. "Season of blocked drains and rotting vegetables, more like."

Still, I make it a rule not to let these things get me down. The only way to deal with a thoroughly depressing day is to approach it in a spirit of unquenchable positivity. Take it by the scruff of the neck and tell it to go . . . (you can finish the sentence for yourselves). So I hummed a bar or two of music as I turned the key in the lock, and declaimed the first line of Hymn 298 (*Lead kindly light amid the encircling gloom*) as I pressed the switch. The harsh neon tubes flashed eerily, and a couple of black beetles scuttled under the piano.

The choir arrived in dribs and drabs, or perhaps in drips and drops. By ten past seven we still had no tenors and only one alto. Valerie Parker was of course the first to appear. It is a sad fact that the regularity of a person's attendance at choir practice is often in inverse proportion to its desirability, and the best that can be said

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## Let's Be Friends

The church has been serving the people of Cottenham for over 800 years. If you want to know that the building will be here and in good order for future generations to enjoy, why not join the **Friends of All Saints Cottenham**.

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**Declaration:** I hereby apply to join the Friends of All Saints Cottenham: for 1 year (£10); for life (£100) [delete as applicable]  
I agree that my contact details as written above may be stored in machine readable form for the sole purposes of receiving communications from the 'Friends'.

**Signed and Dated:**

**Receipt:** I hereby acknowledge receipt of £ (cash/cheque) from:

for *one year / life* membership of the Friends of All Saints Cottenham

Signed and dated by:

Position in the Friends' Committee:

Pull out this leaflet and complete the form on page 16 to join the Friends of All Saints'.

# Friends of All Saints Cottenham



## Become a Friend of All Saints Cottenham

Your opportunity to help keep in good order this iconic Grade-I listed building at the centre of the community

## All Saints' Cottenham

The church of All Saints is a thriving Anglican community whose centre of worship is the well-known iconic church building at the north end of the busy village of Cottenham, South Cambridgeshire. A church has existed on this site for over 800 years. The building represents to many what it means to be a village; it is part of the landscape. Of course, the Christmas and Easter services in church are especially popular with Cottenham residents, there literally being standing room only for the annual Carol service! Through the years many weddings, christenings and funerals have been conducted there with a wonderful mix of joy, reverence and gratitude.

**Funding** Through the generosity of the 'core' worshipping community of All Saints' church, the running costs are met fully year on year, meaning that the building is kept warm and well-lit and most importantly that the church has its own minister, the Rector of Cottenham with Rampton. Recently the church building has undergone a major refurbishment programme with radical changes to the layout and a big improvement in access for the disabled. The improved, flexible space has already attracted several high-quality concerts, and has great potential for further events that will benefit the whole community. However, the stark reality is that very little additional funds exist for forward planning and for meeting the inevitable high cost of maintaining in good order this magnificent **Grade-I listed** building, much loved by the community at large. It is now imperative that we make plans for a secure future for the **church building**.

The building is much appreciated by the community – these are some comments written in the visitors' book:

A very peaceful and beautiful church - I love the East window; so glad the building is kept open and thank you to the person that I met here for your warmth and friendliness; visiting my grandparents, with happy memories of this church and village that will always be part of who I am; thank you for keeping church open for visitors; visiting Cottenham on behalf of American friend with family connections here - thank you for being open; thank you for keeping this piece of England's history for generations - enchanted with this church!; descendent of John Coolidge, Cottenham



It is our intention in forming a **Friends of All Saints Cottenham** to seek support, both practically and financially, from the countless families and individuals from the community at large who value and care about the upkeep and future wellbeing of the building. The skills and ideas of all the Friends will be vital to initiate and support a programme of fund-raising events, talks and other ideas that will be appreciated and enjoyed by as large a number of people as possible.

You are warmly invited to join the Friends of All Saints Cottenham and in doing so help secure the rich heritage of this unique building for future generations to enjoy.

**The annual cost of membership is £10. Life membership is £100**

**To join the Friends, please fill in the form over the page**