

St Anne's Record

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This is the first issue of our extended newssheet which give us the opportunity to share news in a more extended format that the regular newssheet. Thanks to those who have provided items for this first issue. Keep them coming in to keep the flow of news going.

The Ordination of Revd. Dr. Elizabeth Gloyn

On 14th September, in Chelmsford Cathedral, our daughter was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Chelmsford. This followed three years of theological training at St Augustine's College in Southwark, an institution especially set up to train those who are called to combine ministry and their normal "day-job". For Elizabeth this is her role as Reader in Latin Language and Literature at Royal Holloway College. She has authored two books and a number of other publications as well as appearing on radio and TV.



She started attending the St Anne's pre-school when she was four and soon joined the Sunday school, followed by her brother George. They then became members of the choir and also acted as Servers until leaving for university. During that time, with help from the Director of Music at Chingford Parish Church, they undertook the Royal School of Church Music Bishop's Chorister Awards – presented to them in Chelmsford Cathedral in 1994.

After attending Longshaw and Latymer schools, Elizabeth went to Cambridge for her undergraduate and Master's degrees and then to Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, for her PhD. On returning to England, she first had a two-year Teaching Fellowship at Birmingham University before taking up a Lecturer's post at Royal Holloway.



She and Geoff, whom she had met in New York – where he was working for a UK bank – were married by Jude in St. Anne’s in 2012. By then they had moved to Loughton, where they still live. Their son Rufus arrived in 2015 by which time they were firmly members of St John the Baptist, just a short walk away from home. Elizabeth had joined the choir there and started to undertake other duties, including being licenced to take home communions. It came as no surprise to her parents when she announced that she was starting the process of being accepted for

ordination – a tortuous process that was made no easier by the intervention of the Covid lock-down and the move of the Diocesan Bishop to become Archbishop of York in 2020.

Despite those interventions and the demands of continuing her jobs as wife, mother and full time academic, Elizabeth successfully completed her training and was formally licenced in June. It was then announced that she was to be a Self-Supporting Curate at St John the Baptist in Epping. She actually started there before her ordination as Deacon but is now in full swing and enjoying her new part-time role. It was rather a baptism of fire as the parish includes the Bell Hotel, currently being used as accommodation for asylum seekers – a number of whom are active members of the congregation. Some of them have arrived in the UK after several years in Germany, speaking no English, and Elizabeth’s knowledge of German has been of considerable benefit.

She was thrilled to see Jenny and Mick in the cathedral for her ordination, an



emotional and joyful occasion, together with all her family and various friends from along her life journey – including one of her bridesmaids who had travelled from Switzerland to be there. She was also grateful for the prayers from St Anne's as she prepared for that momentous step. Hopefully, with the appropriate approvals, she will be ordained Priest next September and we hope that she will soon be able to join us to preach.

Bishop Guli's Visit 26th October

We were very blessed to have Bishop Guli preaching for us on Bible Sunday. Her challenge to us went along the lines of:

It is not enough to hear the Bible read once a week in Church. We must dig down into and pour over the Scriptures ourselves, with great regularity.

If you find this discipline a bit tricky on a daily basis, you might like to have the prompt of (as a few of us do) the daily selected passages and notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship?

"New Daylight", for example, is printed in booklet form by post or from Christian booksellers three times a year (£5.25p), or in a large print / deluxe version, or

New Daylight is available by email – here is the link.

<https://www.brfonline.org.uk/products/new-daylight-by-email-sustaining-your-daily-journey-with-the-bible>

Getting ready for the bazaar – just four weeks away!

St Anne's Christmas Bazaar is the single biggest event we hold each year to raise money for church funds, helping us to pay our way and support the life of the church and centre. Equally, if not more important, it is an opportunity to welcome old friends and new, to open the doors of church and centre to our community, and to extend an invitation to join us in worship and celebration over the coming Advent and Christmas seasons.

The Projects and Events Committee - Anthony, Bridget, Caroline, Clare, Heather, Joy, Jude, Lindsey, Lisa and Velma – have been making plans for some time. We shall be building on what has worked well in recent years – including Velma's wonderful decorations – and are pleased to say that this year Father Christmas will be joining us in his beautiful grotto on Thursday as well as Saturday. This year's refreshments will have a strong Christmas theme. There will be the usual mix of

stalls and, as already announced, we shall once again have a display of crib scenes in the church.

As ever, all this will only happen with a great deal of help!

First, thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to have an **estate agent's board** to advertise the bazaar. We have now given addresses to Central Estate Agents, and will let you know when they expect to put up the boards.

Second, we are now inviting **help with stalls**, with the usual list to sign at the back of church. If you can take the lead on or help with a stall, or can offer some time on either day to help out and give others a break, do please sign up. Help on Thursday afternoon and to give stallholders a break over Saturday lunchtime is especially welcome, as is help with setting up stalls on Wednesday 26th and Thursday morning.

Third, there is now a box at the back of church for **donations of goods to sell**. We would welcome:

Toiletries

Prizes for the raffle and tombola stall

Soft toys for the teddy tombola

Unwanted gifts, good quality china, glassware, ornaments etc for the treasure trove stall

Jewellery

Christmas decorations for the Christmas stall – do you have unused decorations you could contribute?

Good used toys and jigsaws

Items for the rural recycling stall – please have a word with Anthony and nearer the time, home made cakes, preserves and sweets.

Fourth, if you have a **crib set** you would be prepared to lend for the church display, please sign the list at the back of church. We will set up the scenes on windowsills after the 10am service on Friday 28th November.

Fifth, and perhaps most important, **do please come along and encourage family, friends and neighbours to do so too!** And if you can, please take a **Bazaar poster** from the back of church to put up at home or offer to a local shop.

And finally, there will be a short meeting after church over coffee on Sunday 9th November for stallholders and helpers, so do please feed in any ideas and questions to that.

With very many thanks from the Projects and Events Committee