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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE PEWS



Sun blest sunflowers near Paliano

LAMMASTIDE: 1st August was traditionally celebrated across the UK as **Lammas**, one of the four Celtic Cross festivals, linked to the old farming calendar. Lammas takes its name from *hlafmaesse*, the Old English for loaf mass, the time when the cereal crops were harvested. There are direct links to other cultures, such as Ceres, Roman goddess of agriculture.

The loaf has been a staple of our diet for thousands of years and is in the roots of the English language. The title, *lord*, from *hlaford* - is literally the bread guardian or bread winner; *hlafdige*, the *lady*, was the bread maker. So many communities across Europe have their own special loaf. In Genazzano the *grano duro* is wonderful fresh from the baker's wood oven. There is now a Real Bread Campaign in the UK to bring back locally produced loaves to the heart of the community. On 1st August, Lammas, bread would be made using the first grain of the year. The National Trust are re-introducing this custom with milling and baking days in August.

For **Christians**, the symbol of **bread** is fundamental to our beliefs. Moses fed the Israelites on the bread from heaven in the wilderness. **Jesus is the Bread of Life** for us. In eating it we live for ever - he promises he will raise us up on the last day (John 6), We give thanks for this in each Eucharistic breaking and sharing of bread. Perhaps we should have a bread making or sharing day to celebrate our faith!



2011 - THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Some more popular and familiar phrases straight from the Kings James Bible: *a man after my own heart; sign of the times; shake the dust from our feet*. More next time and another favourite account soon.

Our titular organist of over 50 years, **Wijnand van de Pol**, has been in hospital in Terni recently with some problems which required neurological checks. He is now back home and feeling considerably better. We send him our love and prayers for a speedy return to health and strength. We so look forward to welcoming him back to All Saints' very soon. We miss you, Wijnand!



HIGH SOCIETY



Food and shade under the canopy at St. Andrew's church, Rome

A veritable small army of All Saints' members supported the **first Churches Together in Rome** lunch recently at St. Andrew's to celebrate 40 years of the organization. About 100 people from 10 or 12 English-speaking churches in Rome crowded on to the roof terrace to enjoy a wonderful spread and friendly company. Great efforts were made amidst the throng to talk with those from other churches.

We heard news of the work of CTiR, including the vital **Rice Bowl** project at the **St. Joseph Orphanage** in Roxas City in the Philippines as well as local Roman charities and the Anglican Church of Kenya orphan appeal.

We thank the members of St. Andrew's very much for their warm welcome and liberal hospitality and trust this might become an annual event. The **40th anniversary** celebrations will continue through the year and culminate with the **Annual Prayer Service for Christian Unity** on Sunday 22nd January 2012.

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WHEN THE SAINTS ... for your diary

+39 349 655 8844. The Eucharist will take place:
 * Friday 12th, 19th and 26 August at 12 noon
 * every Sunday in August at 08.30 (Said Eucharist) and 10.30 (Sung Eucharist)
 20th - 23rd September: Archdeaconry synod
 Sunday 25th September: **Back to Church Sunday**
 Sunday 2nd October: **Harvest Festival** - more details about these very special Sundays next time.

PARISH LUNCHES

The next **Parish Lunches** are on **7th August** and **Sunday 4th September** following the 10.30 service. All are warmly invited to stay and join us for lunch. Suggestions, offers of help to Val Spicer on **06 9963336**
Food, forgiveness, fun - a family



Some of the saints from All Saints' at the CTiR Lunch



There's no place like Rome

Events in Rome in August 2011 - 5th August is the annual Festa della Madonna della Neve. This prompted the building of the magnificent church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome. The snow is recreated with flower petals in the church.

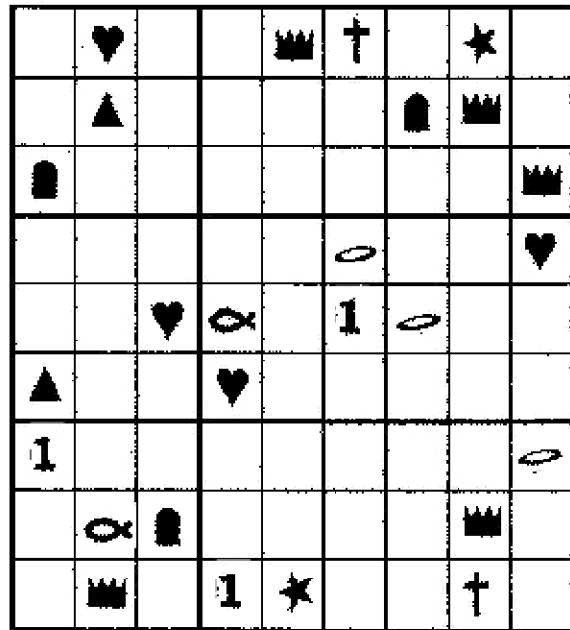
15th August across Italy is Ferragosto, the Feast of the Assumption and a national holiday. Festivities, music, feasts and fireworks included take place in villages and towns across Italy. For example, the hamlet of Colle Palme, near Cave, south of Rome, will host its 65th family night of food, fun and an endless talent contest - the rules take so long!

NEXT TIME: Mary Astbury (left, above) tells us about her 50 years living in Rome.

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SAINTS ALIVE!

DO U SUDOKU? Here's a Christian version from Nev!

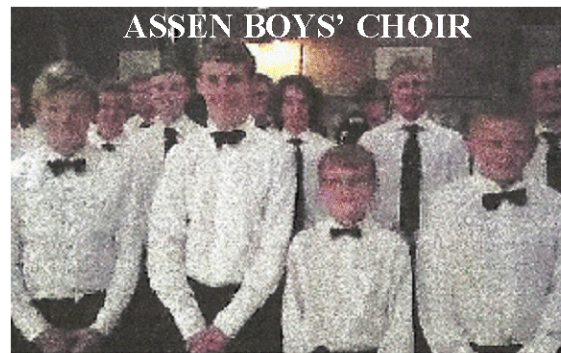


There's **one simple rule** in logical Sudoku - each row and each column must contain one each of the symbols and so must each 3 x 3 box.

MORE NEWS AND VIEWS

Seen outside a church:

Toot if you love Jesus - text while driving if you want to meet Him.



Blessed Summer

*O Summer, thou hast brought us
 A message sweet and fair;
 O Summer thou hast taught us
 Of Heaven's brooding care.
 Thy gleaming skies of glory
 Watch o'er the world in love
 They tell a glad, sweet story
 Of summer lands above.*

(From **Return of Summer Hymn**, a traditional old Christian hymn and song.)