

## Harvest Greetings from All Saints, Rome to all the saints



Mellow fruitfulness in a Birmingham (UK) garden

**WHEN I SURVEY** ... wads of paper and even some pens have again appeared in church, accompanied by impassioned pleas to help **All Saints'** refresh its church profile, renew its commitment to mission and meet the needs and requirements of members in the 21st century. **All Saints'** is gathering your views and ideas to help with its ongoing and future planning, to discover the various gifts, experiences, interests and breadth of background of the church community and begin the update the electoral role. PLEASE help by taking ten minutes to fill it this confidential survey ONLINE or on PAPER. It would be much appreciated. Copies in church. THANK YOU!



### 2011 - THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

The Authorized Version of the bible, often referred to as the King James, was written to be read out loud. Completed in 1611 it was the third such official translation into English. The first, the Great Bible, was commissioned by Henry VIII, the second, the Bishop's Bible of 1568. The Puritans saw problems in these translations. For example, they

preferred *congregation* to *church*, *wash* to *baptism*. In 1604 James 1 convened the Hampton Court conference to conceive a new English version which would unite the Church of England and conform to its ecclesiology and episcopal structure, that is, a church united in nature, practice and constitution under the King and its bishops who ordain its clergy. 46 of the 47 scholars were Anglican clergy, some with Puritan sympathies, translating the OT from Hebrew and NT from the Greek, its intentions, to make '*good translations in English better*'.

Though some of the language was already obsolete ...

## NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE PEWS

A Harvest Festival is an annual celebration at about the time of the main harvest so they are found at various times around the world. Harvest festivals often feature public and private feasting on the crops harvested. Music and merriment often key



features too! Notable harvest celebrations include Jewish *Sukkot* and north American *Thanksgiving*. In Britain the pagans gave thanks for a successful harvest. The church continued this custom at the end of harvest on the Sunday in September nearest the autumn equinox and Harvest Moon

### A reluctant farewell to Mary Astbury-Saracchi cont.



Last month we heard about Mary's first year with the Contessa, her many years living in Rome, her love for Italy and the many changes she has seen there over the years.

As she looks to the future

in the UK she reflects on what

she enjoys. Mary has a love of all music except jazz! If she had to choose one particular piece of music to have on a desert island it would have to be Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* so she could swirl away into an imaginary winter if the island became too hot. She'd need a book to make her laugh and the Romantic Poets for reflection. She would dream of holidays in England - she loves its unpredictable seasons, its gentle rain from heaven, its bluebell woods. She enjoys well prepared food which is a pleasure to the eye. She finishes: **Best wishes and God Bless you all!**

Mary, we wish you well for your move and the future. If you get time **please** write the story of your time with the Contessa! **Love, prayers and buon viaggio** from all your friends at **All Saints'**. We'll miss you.

### 2011 - THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE cont.

... when it was written it is still the most popular translation worldwide, the most celebrated book in the English speaking world. However, it isn't, nor ever was, as such, authorized! It did become the the standard lectern Bible by 1662 - and *church* and *baptism* stayed in!

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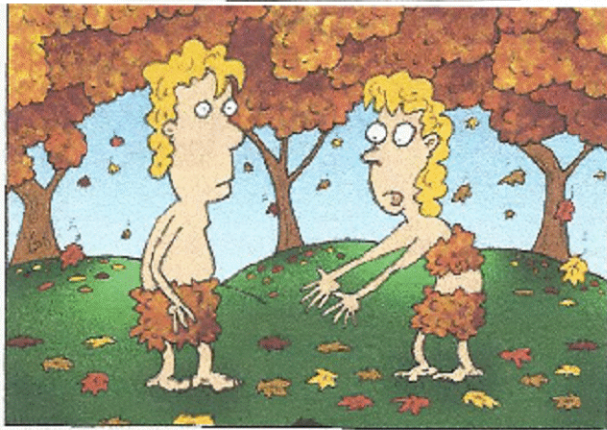
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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

**WHEN THE SAINTS** .... for your diary  
**Youth Group** is meeting most Sundays and on occasional weekday evenings -check with the office.  
**Sunday School** gets together during the 10.30 service most Sundays in the St. George room.  
**Bible study** every Sunday at **09.15** in the church office.  
**Organ Vespers** at **5pm** and **Evensong** at **6pm** resumes **6th November** then every 1st Sunday of the month.

**Sunday 2nd October; 10.30** All age **Eucharist** for **HARVEST FESTIVAL** with visiting choir, **IPS Kingston**, followed by **Parish lunch** at **1pm; 6pm Evensong.**  
**Saturday 15th October: New Chambers Singers Concert** at **8.30pm, Dido and Aeneas**  
**Sunday 23rd October; 10.30** Dedication Festival Sung Eucharist; **6pm** Dedication festival ecumenical choral Evensong.  
**Sunday 30th October; 10.30** **Patronal Festival** Sung Eucharist for All Saints' Day (1st November)  
**Tuesday 1st November; OGNISSANTI; 11am** Requiem for All Souls at the Cimitero Accatolico; **6pm** Evensong for All Saints.

**The Communion of Saints - PARISH LUNCHES**

The next parish lunches are on **Sunday Sunday 2nd October, Sunday 6th November and Sunday 4th December** following the 10.30 service. All are warmly invited to stay and join us - bring a contribution to share. Offers of help to Val Spicer, **06 9963336**



**NO PLACE LIKE ROME** Events in Rome for **October 2011**: For the first time in their history to celebrate 150 years of Italian unification the **Cinecitta' Film Studios** are open to the public for a special exhibition. It traces the history of **Cinecitta'**, including scenes, costumes, sets, actors, directors and producers who have passed through the 'Dream Factory'. Two live sets can be visited; the film, *Gangs of New York* and the *Rome* TV series. Open till **30th November** (10 euros): [www.cinecittashowsoff.com](http://www.cinecittashowsoff.com)

**For God's Sake, Man, Reef Your Sails!**

On **8th July 1822** the romantic poet, philosopher and radical, **Percy Bysshe Shelley**, not quite 30, set out in the teeth of a gale from Livorno to Le'rici at the eastern end of the Italian Riviera in Liguria. His body was washed up on the beach of beautiful **Bocca di Magra**, near La Spezia.

Nearly 200 years later Nev and I again took a pilgrimage/holiday group to **Santa Croce**, a Carmelite monastery with its own beach and gardens situated high above Bocca di Magra, the Carrara marble mountains in one direction, the Med in the other. Watching the yachts and other sea craft silently sailing out in the morning, some worth more than the national debt of a small nation, returning later in time for pre-prandials, their lights glowing like fireflies, is quite magical, if morally dubious! Nearby the community sings the office unaccompanied, off-key but no-one wants to move! We must - a swim in the sea, wonderful places to visit nearby, such as the Unesco heritage villages of the **Cinque Terre**, over visited but approached by sea the sight of the multi-coloured fishermen's houses clinging to the steep rocks is worth the rough ride. Quiet, historic **Lucca**, lovely Le'rici, Roman Luni' and Sarzana with its huge market, the Carrara marble works, classy Viareggio, a mad day with Italian friends in 42 degrees at Pisa were all part of the experience plus our own daily Eucharist and meals taken with the very friendly guests and staff. We plan to return next August! [www.monasterosantacroce.it](http://www.monasterosantacroce.it)

Meanwhile, **Shelley** might have enjoyed a longer life in this perfect spot if he had i) not drunk so much before setting out and ii) heeded his friend who sailed out after him at great risk shouting 'For God's sake, man, reef your sails!'

**NO PLACE LIKE ROME** cont.  
**La Soffitta Sotto i Portici**: 2nd, 8th and 16th October sees the busy Roman market in **Piazza Augusta Imperatore**, Surrounded by 1930's marble buildings, exhibitors fill the piazza selling all sorts of things from antiques to more modern pieces. [www.wix.com/collezionandopms](http://www.wix.com/collezionandopms)

**HARVEST PRAISE**  
*Come, ye thankful people, come,  
 Raise the song of harvest-home!  
 All be safely gathered in,  
 Ere the winter storms begin;  
 God, our Maker, doth provide  
 For our wants to be supplied;  
 Come to God's own temple, come,  
 Raise the song of harvest-home!*

*Then, thou Church triumphant, come,  
 Raise the song of harvest-home;  
 All be safely gathered in  
 Free from sorrow, free from sin.  
 There for ever purified  
 In God's garner to abide:  
 Come, ten thousand angels, come,  
 Raise the glorious harvest-home!  
 (Henry Alford, 1810-1871)*