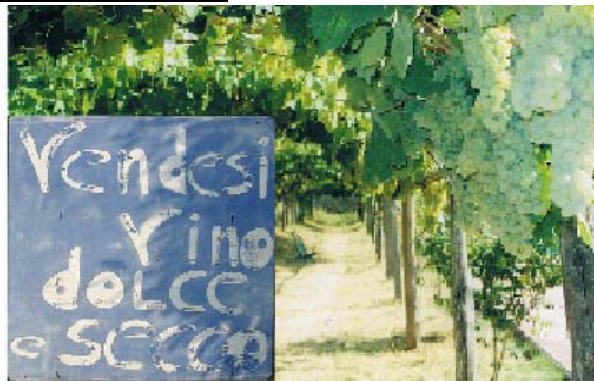


NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE PEWS

FALL INTO AUTUMN



Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness wrote the apothecary turned poet, **John Keats** in 1819. Keats died tragically, aged 25, in 1821, at the house on the corner of the Spanish Steps, not far from All Saints of tuberculosis and horrendous medical treatments. He's buried in the Protestant Cemetery near the Pyramid. His tremendous legacy is his wonderful poetry. *'To Autumn'*, inspired by an autumn walk near Winchester, has been called the most perfect short poems in the English language. The evocative, sometimes melancholy, words, describing the movement from summer to early winter resound in us. In rural Italy the early morning mists, the smell of wood smoke, fat green grapes and swelling olives ripe for the picking and the sharp crack of the early morning guns of the hunters echoing off the hillsides herald shorter days of autumn and approaching year end. We celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving soon although it's always harvest somewhere in the world. **Come, ye thankful people come - Raise the glorious Harvest Home!**

WHEN WE SURVEY A whole year has passed since we questionnair-ed and assessed ourselves as members and congregation of All Saints' in Rome. Well, the candles on the high altar are straight, the children's corner is brighter and welcoming, Evensong is back to its old time and we probably still consist of the same demographic - predominantly more females over 55! The most significant change has been perhaps the introduction of monthly Parish lunches. Whether in the crypt in winter or garden in summer, numbers ranging from 10 at new year to near 40 recently they are times of happy chatter, meeting new people, catching up with old friends whilst eating a delicious variety of food from world wide recipes made with love. We have truly got to know each other better over *frittata* and cottage pie, cake and wine. The next is **3rd October - DO COME!**



AUTUMN LEAVERS

Fr. David Greenwood and **Cynthia** returned to their native **Canada** and their family recently. David had been seconded from the military to Rome on a 2 year study sabbatical. He is currently at the military chaplain school, in Borden, Ontario, north of Toronto where they are living currently, in charge of curriculum design as well as military chaplain branch research and development.

We miss them so much, not just because they supported All Saints and other local activities so fully but also because they were such good friends to all of us. At their last service at Macerata they were presented with 300 euros for a charity close to their hearts, Rice Bowl Appeal (for work at an orphanage in the Philippines) followed by lunch at the home of John and Sue Viney. At All Saints they were given 500 euros for Rice Bowl, and yes, lunch in the garden and a special cake.

We **DO** wish you both well and trust we **WILL** see you back with us soon!



Enjoying the children's corner at All Saints!

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WHEN THE SAINTS for your diary

which resumed on **5th September**, return to their traditional time of **5pm** and **6pm**. The **Youth Group** returns on **3rd October**.

OCTOBER 2010

Sunday 3rd October: 10.30, Harvest Festival with **St. Saviour Choir**, followed by **shared Parish lunch**. The **Youth Group** resumes - each 1st and 3rd Sunday. **6pm Evensong** with **St. Saviour's choir**.

Saturday 9th October: High Achievers' concert.

Saturday 17th October: 6pm, New Chamber Singers concert fundraiser for church fabric.

Sunday 24th October: Dedication Festival evensong with **Heathfields (Ascot) School Choir**.

Sunday 31st October: PATRONAL FESTIVAL for the festival of **ALL SAINTS day** (1st Nov.)

NOVEMBER 2010

Monday 1st November: All Saints/All Souls commemoration at the **Cemetery. 5pm, Organ Vespers, 6pm All Saints' Evensong.**

Sunday 7th November: PARISH LUNCH (as usual, bring or make a contribution); **5pm Organ Vespers; 6pm Evensong.**

Saturday 20th November: 7pm 'Arciliuto'; music and refreshments fundraiser (to be confirmed) and **Thursday 2nd December Bazaar** at **Villa Wolkonsky**.

..... and for those of eclectic taste on **2nd October** the **Red Bull X-Fighters** (free-style motocross riders) rev it up in **Rome** at the finale of their world tour (www.redbullxfighters.com) whilst the **Hobby Show** for arts and craft enthusiasts (all women, apparently, according to their web site!) takes place **1st-3rd October** at **Nuova Fiera di Roma** (www.hobbyshow.it)

A 40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



John and Sue Harper renewed their wedding vows for their **ruby wedding** at **All Saints**. They write: At home with very fond memories of our holiday, especially the kindness and wonderful welcome we received. The congregation showed such generosity we were overwhelmed. **Many thanks to you all** for making the day so special for us and the family.

WITH ALL THE SAINTS

The oldest and youngest church members share a moment together at the **September church lunch**.



Sig.ra Gemma Riccardi celebrated her **91st birthday** seen here holding **Ava Ruth**, baptised on **Sunday 13th June** at **All Saints'**, and mum **Margaret Becker**. The congregation, after an excellent shared lunch in the church garden, presented **Gemma** with a card signed by everyone over a glass of **Prosecco**. **Tanti auguri, Sig.ra Gemma!**

CONGRATULATIONS as well to **Christine and John Mathison** on the occasion of their **Golden Wedding** recently. *Facciamo un brindisi!*

MORE THANK YOU'S

..... *the love that you have for all the saints (Col.1:4)*
From Valerie Spicer and Jo Trippa: We would love to say a very big **THANK YOU** to everyone for your love and thoughts and cards and calls and especially your prayers. We have been really touched and it means so much to us. Special thanks to **Fr. Jonathan** who is a *punto di riferimento* for us during this time. We are so grateful to you particularly for your constant prayers, your visits, for bringing us the Eucharist and above all for caring. It helps enormously. **Val and Jo**

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness
Close bosom friend of the maturing sun
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimmed their clammy cells.*
(From *'To Autumn'* by John Keats)