

NO PLACE LIKE ROME ... 1st November, the festival of **All Saints' day - 2nd is All Souls** - is a national holiday in Italy. The tradition is thought to have started around the 4th century and Italians enjoy a day with friends and family, often exchanging gifts. On All Souls' day fresh flowers are taken to the graves of loved ones. It is our patronal saints' day which will be celebrated at **10.30 on Sunday 1st November**. Later in the month Rome is hosting an **international Jazz festival** in the **Auditorium Parco Della Musical**. Top of the bill is US soul star **Gregory Porter**. www.romajazzfestival.it



With deep sadness the death was announced of our oldest parishioner and dear friend, **Margaret Hammond**, just before her 102nd

birthday. After her funeral service at All Saints' she was committed at Rome's Non-Catholic cemetery. A wonderful artist with a deep Christian faith, she was working on a commission in her 99th year. She told us some of her fascinating life story (Sept. 2012 edition) and often contributed items. We celebrated her 100th birthday in style in church (above) in October 2013 (Nov. 2013 edition) Rest in peace and rise in glory, Margaret. We miss you.



Amy and Taimoor were married recently at All Saints' by Rev Dana English.

Up-to-date details about parish lunches, Choral evensong, Contemporary Worship and other services and events can be found on our open **Facebook page**, All Saints', Rome or on the **NEW LOOK** web site



Pews News
An **ecumenical group**, including Rome Baptist, Footsteps, Ponte Sant'

Angelo Methodists joined All Saints' members recently to pray for persecuted Christians. **Light@Lunchtime** meets on Wednesdays 12.45 studying 'What's so amazing about Grace?' and **Alternative Worship** begins again on 14th November. 7th Nov - Festal Choral Evensong

A prayer for Remembrance

At this time of Remembrance we pray for all who have engaged in conflicts in two world wars and many conflicts since, many of whom gave their lives or sustained severe injuries in the pursuit of peace. We remember their families and friends who down the generations bear the aftermath of war. Today we think of those whose lives are shattered in the war-torn regions of the world. We give thanks for the life-saving work of medical staff for military casualties.

Help us to learn the lessons of comradeship so that we may be known as peacemakers. Bring peace into our hearts. Bring peace into our lives at home, with friends and neighbours in our communities, the peace that comes from a common purpose and a united loyalty. Bring peace to a world that nations may grow beyond the bitter cruelty of war into trust and honest friendship. May light shine upon us like a beacon of hope in a dark world. AMEN

November has been the month of remembrance across the world since 1919, marking the end of World War 1 at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The **Remembrance Service** at All Saints' is at 10.30am on 8th November.



November Sagra of the Chestnuts at Cave (Roma) (thanks to David Ash, worshipper when in town)



CHESTNUT TREES There are two references in the KJV, Ezekiel 31:8 and Genesis 30:37. (Chestnut is translated as *plane tree* in other versions.) Israel was extensively forested in Biblical times. Chestnuts were found along streams and rivers. Genesis records Jacob using branches of the trees in a curious flock breeding experiment! The sweet chestnut is the only native European variety. As well as providing shade, shelter and food for the winter they attract wild life - one of the few food crops to grow well on mountain slopes. They have always played a part in the Mediterranean diet, mentioned by Homer and Pliny, who discusses the varieties grown in southern Italy. There are chestnut festivals all over Italy mid-autumn with a variety of recipes, including a delicious sweet ravioli filling doused in icing sugar!



Rev. Dana and some of the congregation at the harvest festival at our sister church in Macerata.

WELCOME to ALL SAINTS', ROME
newsletter for November - the month of remembrance.

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MORE NEWS FROM THE ALL SAINTS' DI-ASPORA and BEYOND!

Rev Alaric Lewis is now settled happily in to the chaplaincy of St. Andrew's, Costa del Sol (East) and its 2 sister churches in **Alicante, Spain**. He writes: 'Life has certainly been busy since leaving All Saints! Officially I began my ministry in February but it seems like I've been here a lot longer.'

115 are on the electoral role but many are 'swallows' spending some months here, returning to the UK in summer. We have 5 worship centres - 3 on the coast at Benalmadena, Calahonda and Fuengirola and 2 inland at Alhaurin el Grande and Coin. We are blessed to have a retired priest to help plus a licensed reader, a Church Army captain and 2 congregational worship leaders.

Fuengirola is the only church we own. We are guests of the RC church and the Spanish Evangelical church in other places. We own the vicarage so more services during the week are held there: Sung Matins on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Holy Communion on Wednesday plus a charity shop and coffee morning that draws lots of non-churchgoers. There is a coffee-gathering at the worship centres each week, so I'm spending a lot of time in the car - and having way too much caffeine!

Our congregation is for the most part UK pensioners - our eldest is 96! (photo right) So I am kept fairly busy with funerals alone! Lots of people come here to marry so there are festive occasions as well. There are a younger generation of Brits here who don't come to church but they certainly want christenings!

The lovely vicarage is 10 minutes walk from the church and beach! It's a large-ish townhouse in a small development plus a pool for those who can't be bothered to walk to the beach! (photo below) The garden has a fig, an olive and a passion fruit tree taking over the place! There's a large patio so it's nice to relax there in the evening over a cool drink.

The newest resident is an 8 month old miniature dachshund, Linus! (below) He often attends Sung Matins and, like his owner, loves the book of Common Prayer! I take him on visits to the care homes where the residents are more interested seeing him than me! He is already well travelled, accompanying me on holiday in the United States in August!

Life is pretty good. There are the usual challenges of finances and management but the pastoral, liturgical and social sides of things help make the others more tolerable. I think a great deal about All Saints', my home in Rome. We pray for Jonathan and its needs each week. If anyone makes it to southern Spain, I DO hope you'll look me up! Blessings, Alaric.



Rev David Greenwood writes from Marseilles: We are too far west to have been affected by the recent flash flooding which hit the Antibes area a few days ago.

further east the chaplain of Holy Trinity, Cannes, Giles Williams, reports that 'it was an extraordinary storm - we spent 3 hours stopping water pouring through the ceiling, minor stuff compared with whose loved ones drowned, and homes and livelihoods devastated by the floods. Some church folks have lost their cars and several are still without electricity. Roads and rail links were cut off so the church was half empty. They put up with me strumming a guitar to accompany the hymns! The French authorities and emergency services have done a very good job responding and cleaning up. The outskirts are still a mess, abandoned cars piled up, vans in river beds, mud everywhere. Thank you for your concern.'



The English Tea at All Saints' in September for the church roof appeal was nothing short of a triumph! Wonderful

Food, songs and poetry from the Campion Quartet, raffle, tombola in the garden all helped create a fun afternoon. Main organizer **Jo Trippa**, to whom so many thanks are given, writes; 'gratitude to Fr. Jonathan and Rev. Mary for their support and encouragement, Flavia and Cinzia on reception, Beth and Philippa who performed miracles with the tea making, and the two Jane C's doing everything needed and staying on to the end to help sell off the left overs and clear up. Additional gratitude to the congregation who contributed a variety of mouth watering, delicious things - no catering company could compare! The afternoon was a tremendous success and **FUN!** The guests were happy and in no hurry to leave - we raised a fantastic **€903!**

The Parish Lunches still triumph! Held on the first Sunday of the month, all are welcome to stay - bring a contribution if possible - help is always welcome! The next one is **1st November**.

GARDENING ROMA



First - an apology. Vital words 'slipped off' the final text last month - **Oleander is poisonous in all its parts so handle with care and keep children away from it!**

Plant of the month for November - Geranium - by which I mean Pelargonium.

Vast numbers will be on sale in the spring and I have photos of masses of them blooming away in the nineties. Italy is ideally suited to all of them BUT now they will start to bloom and then fail miserably. The bronze geranium butterfly - now the commonest butterfly in Rome - is the culprit. Treatment used to be to soak the container with a systemic insecticide but the best neo-nicotinoids are now banned in the EU. You can try spraying weekly with a contact insecticide plus, perhaps putting one tablet of the product designed to kill mosquito larvae in each container. Above you can see a new **YELLOW** geranium alongside the dreaded butterfly (about the size of your fingernail). Below - the dreaded geranium caterpillar.



No hopper of the month - Fuchsia - they hate the Rome heat. You might succeed in a cool, totally shaded, moist place with a long-tubed short sepal variety. **Tip:** Dead head everything in the summer for repeat flowering - yes - everything! Till next time - **Adamo il giardiniere**