



# Friends of St Peter & All Hallows Church West Huntspill

## Newsletter Issue 7 - Spring 2021

Dear Members,

We are sending you a copy of our Spring Newsletter hoping that you have kept well and safe over the last few very difficult months. You will also be pleased to know that the Vacancy for a new Rector has now been filled and we welcome the Reverend Christine Judson who took up her duties on 24th February this year.

With the vaccination programme in full swing, it is hoped that the easing of restrictions may enable us to hold a Friends Council meeting to discuss plans for the remainder of the year. In this respect we would welcome any suggestions from the Membership to include in our discussions. Please email the friends on [hello@friendsofspaahc.org](mailto:hello@friendsofspaahc.org) or telephone David or Janet Hill on 01278 229379

With my very best wishes,

David Hill, Chairman of Friends of St. Peter and All Hallows Church, West Huntspill.

*With the continuation of lockdown a high degree of uncertainty about when it will be wise (and permitted) to hold social events it is difficult to bring you news. However, we were keen to keep in contact and to issue the newsletter to our members and so we are grateful to Annette Moore for allowing us to share her recollections of family life in West Huntspill in years gone by.*

### **Recollections of a local family**

My Mother, Phyllis Irene Braund, later Hooper, always spoke with affection of West Huntspill. She was born in 1920 at 5, New Road, the youngest of nine children of Alice and Edward Braund. Edward worked as a Fireman on the Somerset and Dorset Railway. Three of Mum's siblings went to Canada when Mum was only 8 years old.

Mum went to school at Huntspill School where Mr. Darcy was Headmaster. She spoke often of the social life in the village, going to dancing and parties at the Balliol Hall and Summer Garden Parties at the Pizey's Big House and at the Church. At bluebell time a group would cycle to Loxley Wood to pick some flowers

I visited New Road often until my Grandmother died, aged 80, when I was 7 years old. I have a record of the people who lived there:-

1. Saunders ( a policeman)
2. Ginny Clements
3. Bill Hegarty
4. Cunningham, also Kath Fear
5. The Braunds
6. Washers
7. Masons (Mr Mason rescued my brother from a pond nearby)
8. Riddell
9. King
10. Perham

Mum and Dad married at St Peter & All Hallows in 1931 and their four children were all christened there. Her brother Arch was a member of the choir and is in a photograph of the choir. (He later went to Nigeria to construct the Railway.) Arch is buried in the Churchyard, as are my grandparents.


My husband Bob and I joined the Friends of Huntspill Church (we were no's 1 and 2!). We loved visiting the Church and attending the Fetes and Flower and Vegetable Shows and the other social occasions such as the Skittles Evening! We hope to continue to support the Friends when we are allowed to meet again.

The Braund Family

Left to right: Phyllis, Harold, Olive, Jim, Nell, Arch. Front: Parents Alice (nee Cox) and Edward Braund (Ada and Ern were in Canada. I always thought Olive went at the same time as them, but I believe she came back for a reason!).



**WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO, WE WILL ANNOUNCE NEW DATES FOR OUR EVENTS. ANY NEWS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE OR INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED QUARTERLY.**

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