



All Saints and the spire that was never built

All Saints' Church in Durham Road is starting off this year with a bang by celebrating the 125th anniversary of its consecration on Sunday 8 January. The Bishop of Fulham will preside and preach at the Parish Mass at 10am on that day and the church will be welcoming the Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Barnet together with the Mayor and Mayoress of Barnet.

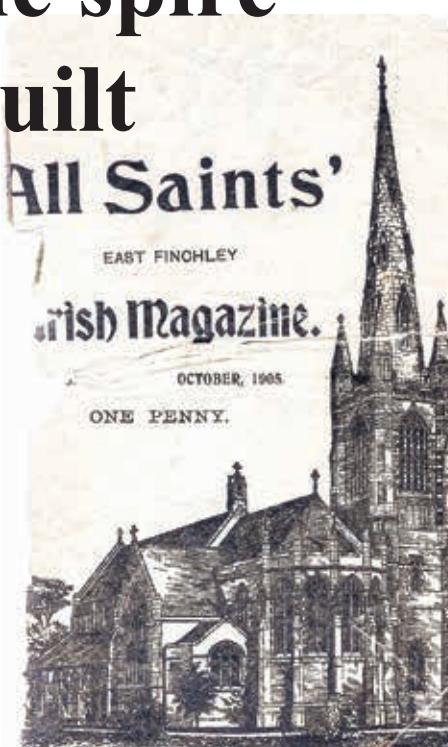
Outreach from Holy Trinity

The history of All Saints' actually goes back to May 1886 when the Revd H N Collier, vicar of Holy Trinity Church in Church Lane, made his first appeal for a collection to be made for a "Mission Church Fund" to enable "spiritual provision" to be made for those who were living "in the new houses on that side of the parish".

The church architects were JEK and JP Cutts who designed and supervised the construction of 46 churches in England, many in and around London, between 1873 and 1912. The original intention had been to have a tower and spire, as can be seen from the drawing on the front of the parish magazine in 1905, but in the end there was insufficient money to make this prominent addition.



Landmark: The west front of All Saints' Church as it is today



Had it been built, the All Saints' spire would have joined that of the Congregational Church already towering over the High Road, East Finchley. That church was demolished in 1965 and the site is now occupied by Viceroy Parade, including Budgens, Amy's and Iceland.

Within six years of its first proposal, All Saints' was built, furnished and consecrated at a total cost, including the purchase of the site, of £6,278 (about £600,000 in today's terms). The money was raised from "sales of work" and from donations.

The church was not actually completed until 1911, with the addition of a fine apse. By this time, All Saints' was a parish in its own right, its first vicar, the Revd A W Armitstead, being appointed in 1900.

Chance to star at the Phoenix

The Phoenix Cinema Trust, the charity which runs the Phoenix Cinema in East Finchley, is looking for new Trustees to join the Board. Built in 1910 as part of the first wave of cinema construction projects in the UK, it was saved from demolition by the Phoenix Cinema Trust in 1985 and has been run as a community cinema ever since.

The Board plays a very important role in ensuring one of the last remaining purpose-built cinemas remains operational. The new trustees will be responsible for formulating strategy, managing financials and promoting the cinema. To this end, those applying should be passionate about cinema and would ideally have some experience in areas such as fundraising, marketing, digital media or HR.

Time and enthusiasm

James Kessler QC, Chairman of the Phoenix Cinema Trust, says: "This is an exciting opportunity to get involved in

one of the original pioneers of cinema in London. The Phoenix is an integral part of the community fabric here in North London; providing opportunities to see classic films, experience theatre and engage with art, all under one roof."

"The new trustees will play a vital role in ensuring this independent cinema continues to add value over a century after it was built. As Chair, I'm looking forward to welcoming the new trustees and the unique contributions they will be able to make to the Board."

"We welcome applicants from all walks of life, as running a community cinema requires a

huge range of skills. The critical requirements, however, are a passion for cinema and the time and enthusiasm to make sure the Phoenix remains the jewel of East Finchley."

Patrons

The Phoenix is known for its original barrel ceiling and 1938 art deco panelling. In 2000 the cinema was listed by English Heritage in recognition of its historic and architectural significance. The cinema now has a number of high profile patrons, including Benedict Cumberbatch, Dame Judi Dench and Michael Palin.

Learn more about becoming a trustee at www.phoenixcinema.co.uk or email management@phoenixcinema.co.uk.

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When we were young

Remember when rock was young, when we had so much fun, floating up to the Roundhouse on a Sunday afternoon? Remember the 60s? They used to say that if you could, it meant you weren't really there. And no one expected the stars of the 60s and 70s to be turning up at Glastonbury in 2016. So let's not stare into New Year crystal balls trying to predict who will be the next Little Mixed Up Direction; let's look back at what's been lost. And 2016 will always be the year of the lost.

Motorhead's Lemmy started it, choosing to die just as 2015 crashed and burned. There was someone who I shared a bottle of Jack Daniel's with when we were both young enough to know better. Next came the man who fell to earth onto a thousand bedroom walls and changed from Jones to Bowie. But that was just the start.

As the year went on I watched as Glen Frey of the Eagles and Keith Emerson followed them into rock'n'roll Valhalla. And so it went on with Greg Lake, Mose Allison, Leon Russell, Merle Haggard, Scotty Moore, Leonard Cohen, Rick Parfitt and George Martin. Soon the younger generation got in on the act with Prince, Pete Burns and George Michael failing to reach 60.

None of this should have mattered because rock'n'roll's a young man's game. You formed a band, lived fast, died young and left a recreationally adjusted corpse. Being in a band wasn't a career, it was something you did first. The Beatles only lasted seven years at the top. Led Zep did ten, but you never thought you'd still be at it when you got your pension. No one expected The Who to be turning up 40 years later drinking tea and waving bus passes or that Keith Richards would still be alive.

The thing is they are now dying; not young men's cars wrapped round trees, overdosed on drugs, drink and groupies' deaths, but old men's cancer and heart failure deaths. Soon it won't be about if you remember the 60s you weren't there, it will be because dementia hasn't got you yet. So spare a thought for Dale 'Buffin' Griffin of Mott the Hoople. He died this year, almost unnoticed, from early onset Alzheimer's at 67 and that, somehow, seems young.

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Join us
on Sunday 8 January at 10.00 a.m.
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