

NEWSLETTER
OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
CHILDS HILL

OCTOBER, 1992.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

- 8 am. Holy Communion.
10 am. PARISH COMMUNION &
Children's Church.
6 pm. Evensong (said).

For details of mid-week services, see noticeboard inside Church porch. After 10 am. Parish Communion, tea and coffee are served in the Church Hall. All are welcome to join in the worship at your Parish Church.

The 8 am. Holy Communion is a said service in the Lady Chapel, whereas the 10 am. is sung with hymns. Evensong is a quiet, reflective act of worship at 6 pm.

month at 6 pm. - i.e. 11th October.

The Church is open daily for prayer apart from Mondays. Matins and Evensong are said daily at 8.45 am. and 5.30 pm. BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES by arrangement with the Vicar - please telephone.

Vicar: The Rev'd. John Wainwright, All Saints' Vicarage,
Church Walk, Childs Hill, London, NW2 2TJ. - Tel. 071-435-3182.

Organizations meet in the Church Hall at the following times:-

Tuesday, 7 pm. Guides. Wednesday, 6 pm. Brownies. Thursday, 6.30 pm. Cubs.

Jack & Jill Playgroup meets every morning from 9 am. - 12 noon.

Mother & Toddler Group, 'Baby Busters', meets on Wednesday and Thursday from 1-3 pm.

The Vicar writes Eruv Hill?

One of the more sensible criticisms of the Archbishop's report entitled 'Faith in the City', which in the '80's pleaded for more money and resources to be spent on urban regeneration, came from the Jewish Community. It was their Chief Rabbi who said, words to the effect, that Jews never asked for any help; they put their heads down, worked hard, and made it in whatever community they found themselves to be living in. This attitude of self help cannot but be admired. Jewish people are part of our community and contribute a great deal in every walk of life.

Perhaps because they are so settled, there is now a proposal before Barnet Council that a North London Eruv be erected to define an area where Orthodox Jews may on the Sabbath carry out both social and religious duties. Most of such an Eruv would consist of natural boundaries like houses, barriers and fences. To complete an Eruv, thin inconspicuous poles about 7 metres in height would be erected with a joining wire across various roads so as to make a gateway, and thus define the perimeter of the area.

The proposed Eruv would take in the area of Hendon, Golders Green and borders. In all, (27) sets of gateways would be erected. Childs Hill will have no less than (10) pole and wire gateways, including a three-pole one across Hendon Way.

There are I believe several points which should be taken into consideration, which makes me a little concerned about such a scheme.

Once an Eruv has been erected it is clear that such an area would attract more adherents, since this would be the only area where they could live. This, I believe, would add to the ghettoization of the Capital and define here as being the Jewish area as opposed to one of many places where Jews live. In all honesty, with the frightening rise of fascism in Europe, it is not in the Jewish interest to define physically the area in which they live. If there is an Eruv so defined it should cover the entire Borough, and not the old Hendon Parish part.

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/By not having an Eruv I am sure there are ways and means of keeping the Sabbath to the satisfaction of all, and God. So for the sake of integration and unity I am unhappy with the proposals, however innocuous they may seem.

To our Jewish readers I wish you all a belated Happy New Year and Yom Kippur. May we all live in peace.