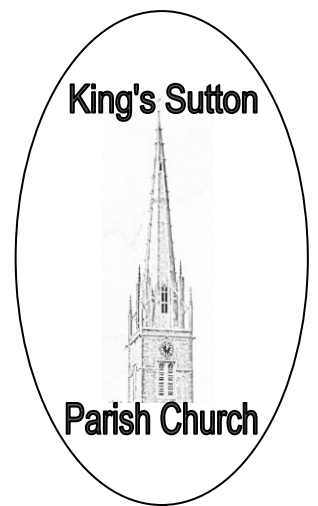


PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

May 2018



Come and join us

Thursday 10th May ***Ascension Day – Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm***

Sunday 13th May ***Christian Aid Service 6pm***

An opportunity to return the red envelope that you have had delivered with this newsletter.

Saturday 19th May ***Dee's Dee-Lights 10.30 – 12 noon***

Continuing, the successful 'coffee mornings' – a warm welcome, tea, coffee, cake – a small raffle, books, and a 'miscellaneous' stall and a chance to meet others. Come and join in!

Saturday 19th May ***Prayer Walk***



Everyone is invited to join in with a prayer walk – beginning by the Post Office at **2.30pm**. This is organised by the three congregations in King's Sutton: the Baptist Church, the Catholic Church and the Church of

England. There will be a walk around 'stations' (stopping points) in the village, and will finish at the Parish Church for a cup of tea!



From the Registers

Baptisms:

March 18th Fraser Louis Messer

Celebration of Light

Since the last newsletter, the floodlighting has been sponsored to remember:

March 5th Barbara Hone

If you would like to sponsor the floodlights of the church to remember an anniversary or other significant event in your family, please either contact Stephen Allday (811473) or take a form from the ledge just inside the church.

NOVENA 2018: Nine days of prayer 11th – 19th May

We are invited to pray with Christians from around the world during the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost, using art and scripture. 'Changing Lives' is the guiding theme of the Church of England 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative encouraging people to explore through prayer how they might courageously witness God's life-changing work. Some booklets will be available in church, so please take one when you are next passing, or they can be viewed at: www.thykingdomcome.global (under resources / Pocket Prayers).

From Fr. Roger:

Easter was marvellous: so many people in church and I am extremely grateful for everybody's help.

I had said I would work as long as possible but I think we might be approaching the end of that unless I pick up a lot in the next few weeks. I am sleeping more each day.

****Fr. Roger has asked that no-one contacts him directly. He is not currently looking at e-mails, answering phone calls or having visitors. Please talk to Dee Thobourne about any church matters that you feel need urgent attention.**

Church Fabric: Update

Repairs and Conservation of the windows and masonry surrounds: Holywell



A window being removed.

Glass re-commenced work on 26th March and made good progress until called away to work on another site a couple of weeks later. Whilst they were here most of the remaining windows were cleaned and on site masonry repairs completed. Some windows – or parts of windows – in the South Aisle were removed and taken back to their

workshops for repair. In their place some clear hard plastic panels were inserted (temporary) and the church already has a much lighter feel to it. The project is scheduled to be completed by 3rd June 2018.



Damage is revealed at masonry joints



Signs of death watch beetle activity high up in the rafters

Whilst this work was being undertaken it was discovered that potentially there is active death watch beetle activity, which is an additional piece of work that needs to be addressed. See picture. A specialist dendrologist, Robert Demaus, has been asked to undertake the work. This involves micro drilling the timber and fixing in place

(gluing) tissue paper to the timber to monitor beetle activity; when the beetles eat through this it can then be established how active they are.

The Nave roof: initial inspection of the Nave roof has been completed to identify why it leaks in wet weather. The contractors left rather puzzled as there was no obvious area where the rain was getting in. Further examination is now taking place. Work on this project is due to be completed by 3rd May 2018.



As always, May brings Christian Aid Week and this year it runs from May 13th. The theme for this year is 'Stronger than the storms' – relating stories from the people of Haiti. Typical of

those to be helped by Christian Aid is Marcelin, who lost his home and livelihood when Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti in September 2016. 'I lost pigs, goats, everything in the house. I have nothing left,' he says. He now lives in an old concrete shower block, a tiny space he shares with his teenage daughters.



There are no windows or doors, and the only furniture is a single bed that the girls sleep on.

Marcelin has shown incredible resilience in the face of such hardships and is working hard to raise his children alone. Every day he gets up at dawn to work the land but he's struggling to support his family. The changing weather frequently destroys the food he grows and his family often go hungry. He can no longer afford to send all his children to school and is unable to save any money for a new home.

So, this Christian Aid Week, will you help to build hope in Haiti? Please be generous in your support. There is an envelope with this Newsletter and they may be returned:

- at any service in either of the churches
- through the Vicarage letterbox
- 2 Marlborough Close
- or 26 Glebe Rise.

KING'S SUTTON PARISH CHURCH



**DEE'S
DEE-LIGHTS**

**A warm welcome awaits you,
so come along and join in**

WITH

CAKES, COFFEE, BOOKS, 'A MISCELLANY'

and a small raffle

in

THE PARISH CHURCH

SATURDAY MAY 19th

10.30 am — 12 noon

All proceeds to Parish Church running costs

NEWS IN BRIEF

Art Weeks: 5th-13th May 12.30-6pm daily, with late opening Thursday till 8pm



Please come and see the work of 10 local artists & crafts people exhibiting in the church and support the restoration fund by stopping to enjoy some tea & cake and having a flutter on the art tombola. A percentage of all sales will also go to the church funds.

There'll be painting, sculpture and textiles in a wide range of styles. There'll also be a sculpture trail leading from the church to the other 3 venues open in the village – Margot Bell's printmaking studio, Helen Woolner's ceramics studio on Astrop road & Paul Murphy's printmaking studio at the corner of Banbury Lane. For full artist line up visit: www.allthekingsartists.weebly.com



The National Churches Trust has developed a new website called 'Explore Churches'. This site puts the UK's churches, chapels and meeting houses on the map, and we are delighted to announce that King's Sutton Parish Church now has a presence on these pages. If you are out and about visiting other villages, then this site will be very useful: explorechurches@nationalchurchestrust.org

The church is also listed on the Visit Northamptonshire site as well.



SOME OF THE BEST OF BRITISH BARBERSHOP!



On Saturday 23rd June at 7pm

a very special Barbershop show will take place in the Parish Church

The brilliant Barbershop Chorus, 'Hallmark of Harmony' from Sheffield returns to the church to perform as part of their 40th anniversary celebration tour. Alongside them will be the Banbury-based chorus, '5Ways' and some very special quartet guests including 'The Emerald Guard'. The music will be a stunning mixture of soul, swing and show tunes as well as barbershop, with lots of fun and laughter in between.

Put the date in your diary now.....it really will be a spectacular evening (ask anyone who has already been to one of their performances)!!

To think about.....

“Faith can give us wisdom to ask those long-term questions about the causes of suffering and how to address them. Faith can give us the gift of hope to imagine a world where all God’s children shall live in safety, when love has no borders and no bounds.”

(Theological advisor for Christian Aid)

Children and families

PARENT AND TODDLER WORSHIP is at 9.30am every Friday during term time. We are in church for a short simple service and then play and chat in the Church Room.

FAMILY SERVICES: Please see the calendar overleaf.



Services at Newbottle: Contact David Morgan (811404 for confirmation)

May	6 th	Easter 6	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
May	13 th	Easter 7	Matins	9.30 am
May	20 th	Pentecost	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
May	27 th	Trinity	Matins	9.30 am

The Catholic Congregation meets for Mass at 9am each Sunday
in the Parish Church.

Fr James Evans is the parish priest: 01295 660592

www.sacredheart.btck.co.uk

Proposed Calendar of Services for May 2018

Please check with notice board in church or contact the Warden

Tues	1	<i>SS Philip & James: 9.30am Mass</i>
Weds	2	<i>S Athanasius</i>
Thurs	3	
Fri	4	9.30am Parents & Toddlers' Worship
Sat	5	
Sun	6	Easter 6: 11am Sung Mass; 6pm Evensong
Mon	7	
Tues	8	<i>Julian of Norwich: 9.30am Mass</i>
Weds	9	
Thurs	10	Ascension Day: 7.30pm Sung Mass
Fri	11	9.30am Parents & Toddlers' Worship
Sat	12	
Sun	13	Easter 7: 8am Mass; 11am Sung Mass; 6pm Christian Aid Service
Mon	14	<i>S Matthias</i>
Tues	15	9.30am Mass
Weds	16	
Thurs	17	
Fri	18	9.30am Parents & Toddlers' Worship
Sat	19	
Sun	20	Day of Pentecost: 11am Sung Mass; 6pm Evensong
Mon	21	
Tues	22	9.30am Mass
Weds	23	
Thurs	24	<i>John & Charles Wesley</i>
Fri	25	<i>The Venerable Bede: 9.30am Parents & Toddlers' Worship</i>
Sat	26	<i>S Augustine</i>
Sun	27	Trinity Sunday: 8am Mass; 10am Family Worship; 11am Sung Mass; 6pm Evensong
Mon	28	
Tues	29	9.30am Mass
Weds	30	

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