

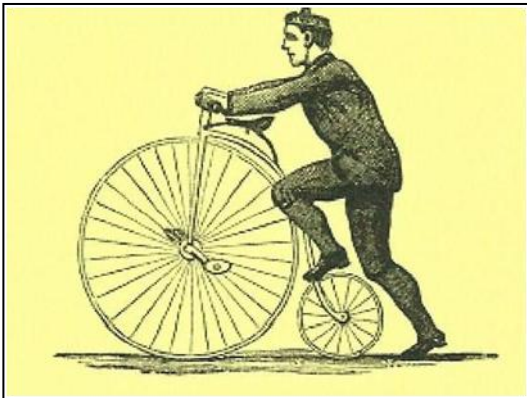
# PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## September 2018

King's Sutton

Parish Church

# Come and join us



## **RIDE AND STRIDE**

The next sponsored 'Ride and Stride' takes place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. This annual event is an excellent way of raising money for a church of your choice as well as the Northamptonshire Historic Churches. In addition to a day in the open air – you can plan your own route, with over 350 stunning churches and chapels open for you to visit. People of any age can take part, and most churches will be open from 10am – 6pm that day. St. Peter and St. Paul's will be open for custom that day as normal! So if you are a cyclist or walker, do come and visit. Sponsorship forms are available on the grey boards at the back of church.

## **HARVEST**

We are celebrating Harvest on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup> with an All Age Service at 11am - that means what it says! The service, like those on Christmas Day and Easter Day is designed for people from 0 - 100! So this is an opportunity for us all to come together, children, parents, the 8.00am and 11.00am congregations, those that come to Family Worship and Parents and Toddlers services. At Harvest we collect tinned and dry, packaged goods for homeless young people through the BYHP charity based in Banbury who will benefit from 'our' Harvest. Please come and make it a real Christian Family occasion.



## From the Registers

### Baptisms:

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Bentley Paul Griffin

### Weddings:

July 28<sup>th</sup> Owain Ashley Hurren Price and Joanne Allen

August 11<sup>th</sup> Alexander James Chocholowaski McFarlane and  
Anastasya Molodykh

### Celebration of Light

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

August 19<sup>th</sup> William (Bill) Golsby

*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.*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**



The Adderbury Ensemble will be giving a concert in the church on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** at 6pm.

Look out for posters detailing the programme, which will be out soon.



***Stowe School Musicians in Concert  
Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. More details next month***

# CHURCH FETE 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018

The sun shone and it was extremely hot, there was not a cloud in the sky and very little shade on the Square and in front of the Church. This was the day of the traditional Church Fete with cakes, produce, preserves, raffle, bottles, books, toys, floral art, bric-a-brac and children's games.



Cream teas were served in the gardens at Bell House where those lucky enough to find some shade were able to eat their cakes/scones with jam/cream before the cream melted.



It was really good to see such large numbers turning out to see the Adderbury Morris Men doing their stuff which made a splendid sight later in the afternoon. A big "Thank you" to them for coming and providing such great entertainment, especially in encouraging the 'locals' to give it a go.



Visitors from further afield enjoyed going into the Church and having a look around...especially as it was relatively cool in there compared to outside.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported this traditional community event, making it one of the most successful church fetes held in recent years, and very grateful thanks to all those that were involved in organising it.



## Does the Church have Wall Paintings?

This is a question that often gets asked when sharp eyed members of the public notice some coloured paint in the plaster on the walls round the font area in the church. So a report was commissioned from the conservation specialists that were working on the spire in May 2016.

Their brief was to establish the extent of the blue and red painting, and to see if the glints of red and blue in the modern lime wash were indeed part of a grander scheme of figures or pictures from the scriptures.

The report below was received from Sally Strachey Historic Conservation Ltd.



“I started on the south west end of the south aisle (near the font), in between the wood panelling and the window above. The top coat, the most recent is a neat white lime wash applied with course brushes as the brush marks are quite evident. Over time this white lime wash has discoloured to a grey hue. In many places the lime wash has become detached from the coat of paint beneath. The layer beneath

the lime wash seems to be bound with oil of some type, or distemper with a lot of casein. This layer is very hard and cannot be scraped with scalpels. It snaps into small pieces very easily on contact with any tool. The original paint and the top coat are not compatible with this layer of oil bound paint. I think that this layer is responsible for the lime wash



flaking off on all of the walls. In the trial area in places the oil bound paint layer has attached itself to some of the original red and blue paint and cannot be separated by mechanical or chemical methods without destroying the original decoration. This is why patches of this paint remain in the trial area. The paint began life as a cream colour, but has discoloured to a grey/ brown tone; it is very smooth on the surface.



I believe the oil bound layer dates from when the pews were installed in 1842 by the architect D. G. Squirhill or 1866 when Sir G. G. Scott worked on the church. Under the layer of aged cream paint is indeed the red and blue paint. Through the opening up the two trials windows on the south aisle and looking on all walls at the same height as the red and blue in both north and south aisle, there is a definite blue band and red below, running around the church. In the trial above the blue is a soft cream distemper. In this zone there is evidence of the plaster being repaired. The later coat of plaster

rides on top of original coat in places, but in other places has cut into the original. Both plasters seem to be made of the same materials; both have horse hair present and are generally in good condition. In parts of the church settlement cracks have appeared in the plaster work.

The red and blue have been painted over with a thin layer of oil bound paint. Its colour is now a greenish brown grey, its age and environment has changed the colour. The red and blue are dry to look at and are pigment based. Within the trial area there is no evidence of letters, figures or patterns. The red below the blue band possibly extended to the floor but when the panels and pews were installed in 1842 the lower half of the plaster on the walls was removed.

## **Conclusion**

From finding that the red and blue pigments are the first layer on the north and south aisle which date to the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries would lead me to think that they are from this age. But in the 17<sup>th</sup> century the aisle roofs were altered and because of the lack of layers to cover the time from the 14<sup>th</sup> century to the present day, points to the aisles may have been re plastered in the 17<sup>th</sup> century along with the roof alterations. In my opinion therefore there is no evidence that the glints of red and blue in the modern lime wash were indeed part of a grander scheme of figures or pictures from the scriptures.”

*Lee Hargreaves, Sally Strachey Historic Conservation Ltd.*

## **OUTREACH.....or taking part in the community**

Part of the Church of England's mission and ministry is to actively engage with the local community, to see what goes on and how things matter. The parish church here has a number of tasks identified in their own mission plan as a way of getting the church membership involved.

A monthly newsletter is delivered to every household in the parish, detailing what is going on in the church and what is being organised – events such as the Fete always attract a great deal of support and help from the community. *(Thank you!)*

The parish priest responds to requests for Baptism, Confirmation, weddings and funerals and is a regular visitor to the school, both here in King's Sutton and at Charlton where the incumbent has a role as School Governor.

Services, Quiet days, Bible study evenings and talks are open to all. Your church here is always open to visit and to use for private prayer and meditation. Large numbers from the community attend special school services, the Remembrance Day service and also the annual Carol Service.

Open Days held a couple of years ago attracted a good audience; there is a great deal of interest in the church as a building, and what and why things happen here. Outside of service times, the building is available for use for community events e.g., Oxfordshire Artweeks, charity events, and music events. It has been good to see members of the wider community as part of the tower bell ringing team, as well as helping with the maintenance of the church and churchyard.

Church members take part in community organised events in the Memorial Hall and at the Playing Fields. They have been part of the School PTA, members of the Parish Council and the Hall Management Committee – all quite central parts of the community and which provide opportunities to get involved and help the parish as a whole.

With this newsletter is a flyer outlining a number of opportunities to get more involved in the wider parish life. Are you able to help? Please give it some thought. Why not give it a try?

## To think about.....

“Life is like a ten speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use.”

*(Charles M. Schulz)*

## Children and families

**PARENT AND TODDLER WORSHIP** resumes at 9.30am each Friday, starting on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**FAMILY WORSHIP:** This month everyone is invited to the Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 11am.



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

September	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trinity 14	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
September	9 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 15	Matins	9.30 am
September	16 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 16	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
September	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity 17	Matins	9.30 am
September	30 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 18	Harvest Celebration preceded by tea	5pm

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](http://www.sacredheart.btck.co.uk)

## Proposed Calendar of Services for September 2018

Please check with notice board in church or contact the Warden

Sat	1	
Sun	2	<b>Trinity 14:</b> Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	3	
Tues	4	Mass 9.30am
Weds	5	
Thurs	6	
Fri	7	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	8	Wedding 3pm
Sun	9	<b>Trinity 15:</b> Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	10	
Tues	11	Mass 9.30am
Weds	12	
Thurs	13	
Fri	14	<i>Holy Cross Day:</i> Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	15	Wedding 12.30pm
Sun	16	<b>Trinity 16:</b> Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	17	
Tues	18	Mass 9.30am
Weds	19	
Thurs	20	
Fri	21	<i>S Matthew:</i> Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	22	
Sun	23	<b>Trinity 17 / Harvest Thanksgiving:</b> All-age Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	24	
Tues	25	<i>Lancelot Andrewes:</i> Mass 9.30am
Weds	26	
Thurs	27	
Fri	28	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	29	<i>S Michael &amp; All Angels</i>
Sun	30	<b>Trinity 18:</b> Sung Mass 11am; (Harvest tea 5pm and Evensong at Newbottle 6pm)

<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Churchwarden Dee Thobourne - 811961</b>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://kingsuttonchurch.weebly.com">http://kingsuttonchurch.weebly.com</a>





# **YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!**

There are a number of vacancies on the King's Sutton Parish Council and the present councillors have the power to co-opt new members.

Why not come along to a future meeting and see how things work? Maybe you would be able to play a part in the future success of the village.

In the last few years the Parish Council has been involved in improving many aspects of village life and has supported lots of local organisations.

There are various ways in which councillors can contribute by using their skills and knowledge either as 'doers' or 'administrators' or both.

We need new people to join us with fresh thinking and enthusiasm and a wish to put something back into the community in which they have chosen to live.

For further information please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council  
email: [clerk@kingsuttonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@kingsuttonpc.org.uk) (01295 816905)

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ROLES**

- As Secretary of the Millennium Memorial Hall trustees and management committee - if interested please contact the Chairman, Bob Burrell on 07970 934309
- As volunteer bus drivers for a possible mini-bus service to replace the 499 bus service - if interested in the first instance please contact the Parish Clerk (details above)