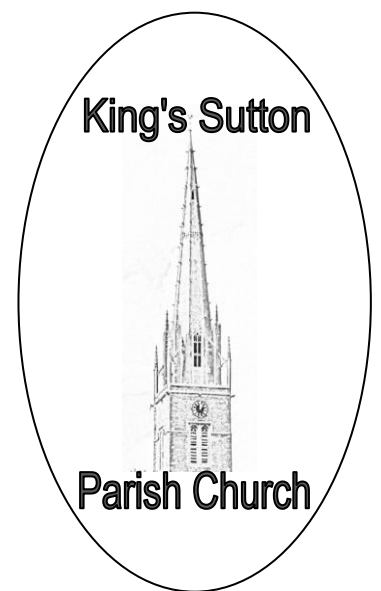


# PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2020



As February begins the Church starts to turn its attention towards Lent. The turn of the season is of course marked by Shrove Tuesday. This year it falls on the 25th February, and we shall be keeping this day by holding a pancake race in Church Avenue. You are very welcome to come along and participate or spectate. We will meet at the Vicarage at 4pm, and after the race pancakes will be served.

Pancake racing seems to have begun accidentally. It was the custom to ring the Church bell on Shrove Tuesday to mark the beginning of the day's festivities and to call the faithful to prayer and confession before Lent. One story goes that the bell would catch out those who were running a bit late, still cooking their pancake, and they were then seen absentmindedly running to church still clutching their frying pans.

Anyway, the tradition survives and it seems to me to be a good way to mark the beginning of this season. The importance of Lent is demonstrated in a change of tone in the Church. Traditionally there are no flowers in the building, and it is a period of contemplation, a season in which to take stock of our lives and consider the things we have got right, and the things we need to change to put us right with God and with our neighbour.

A good way of looking at Lent might be to think of it as a spiritual gym, with free membership! We use this time to get ourselves spiritually fit, and so a race on Shrove Tuesday seems an excellent metaphor for the season that lies ahead. Do come and join us.

*Fr Matthew*

## From the Registers:

### Funerals / Celebrations of life

December 20<sup>th</sup> John Arthur Hayward

### Celebration of light

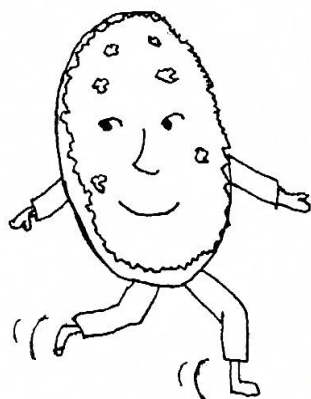
Since the last newsletter, the floodlighting has been left on, and we remember:

January 8<sup>th</sup> Betty Reid

January 18<sup>th</sup> Sara Charles-Jones

*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.*

### Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> Pancake Race 4pm



**Come and join in the fun**  
**Race Venue: Church Avenue**  
**Adults £2, children £1,**  
**Family of 4: £5 per entry**  
**Bring your own frying pan!!**

Races for children, adults, parents and grandparents....pancakes will be provided for races and for eating afterwards in the church room.

## **THANK YOU**

**A very big thank you** must go to all those in the community, both near and far, who have helped us to reach the target for raising money for our roof repairs, which have now been completed. We could not have done this so quickly without your help. Maintaining and restoring this historic Grade 1 building will ensure that it will be here for our future generations to use.



**ADVANCE NOTICE:** There will be a Lent study course on the Seven Last Words of Christ spoken from the Cross. This will take place on Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Oman Room.

Lent lunches will be served in the Church Room at 12.30pm each Friday in Lent, starting on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Lunches will be of homemade soups and bread, and all donations will be given to charity.



**To think about.....**

“The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.”

*G. K. Chesterton*

**Children and families**

**FAMILY WORSHIP:** We hope you will be able to join us in the chancel of the church for the service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Parent and Toddler Church Group:** Fridays at 9.30am during term time. There is a short service in church, followed by coffee in the church room.

**Services at Newbottle**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>: 9.30 am: Holy Communion at 7 Cartwright Road, Charlton

February	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Candlemas	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
February	9 <sup>th</sup>	Third Sunday before Lent	Matins & Communion	9.30 am
February	16 <sup>th</sup>	Second Sunday before Lent	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
February	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday next before Lent	Matins & Communion	9.30 am
February	26 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday	Holy Communion with imposition of ashes	10 am

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

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### Proposed Calendar of Services for February 2020

Sat	1	<i>S Brigid</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	2	<b>Candlemas</b> : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	3	
Tues	4	Mass 9.30am
Weds	5	<i>S Agatha</i> : Mass 10am
Thurs	6	
Fri	7	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Midday Prayer 12 noon
Sat	8	Mass 10am
Sun	9	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent / Septuagesima</b> : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	10	
Tues	11	Mass 9.30am
Weds	12	Mass 10am
Thurs	13	
Fri	14	<i>S Valentine, Martyr</i> : Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Midday Prayer 12 noon
Sat	15	Mass 10am
Sun	16	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent / Sexagesima</b> : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	17	
Tues	18	Mass 9.30am
Weds	19	Mass 10am
Thurs	20	
Fri	21	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Midday Prayer 12 noon
Sat	22	Mass 10am
Sun	23	<b>Next before Lent / Quinquagesima</b> : Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	24	
Tues	25	Mass 9.30am
Weds	26	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> : Sung Mass and imposition of ashes 7.30 pm
Thurs	27	
Fri	28	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Midday Prayer 12 noon
Sat	29	Mass 10am
Sun	1	<b>Lent 1</b> : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm; Stations of the Cross 6.45pm

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