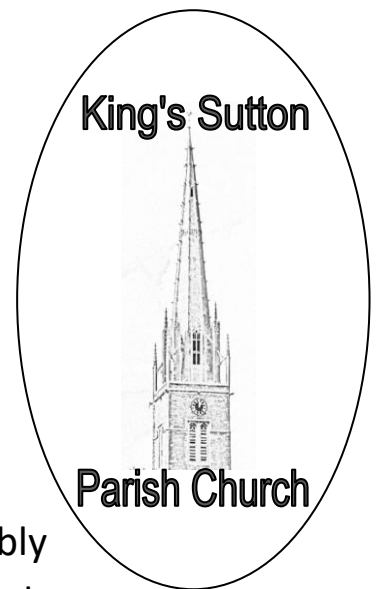


# PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## Easter Season 2020



We are in the midst of the Easter season, though it's probably one of the strangest Easters most of us have known. Clergy have been told to close their churches to stop people gathering and spreading the Coronavirus. This doesn't mean that *the Church* is closed. The Church has existed for 2000 years and hasn't always owned buildings! Prayers and some services continue, and our parish website contains some prayers that can be said at home by anyone, at any time. You can find the website at <https://kingsuttonchurch.weebly.com>.

I continue to pray each day for the wellbeing of everyone in the parish, and you are welcome to contact me at the Vicarage if there is someone who you would like me to remember in my prayers. Alternatively, if you would just like to talk you are welcome to call me.

What happens next? When, and how, will life return to normal, and what will 'normal' be like? These questions are starting to be asked, but as yet, no clear picture is emerging. From a Christian perspective you might call these 'Good Friday questions'. On that day the disciples had seen their hopes and expectations, their normal lives, suddenly taken away as Jesus was crucified. Yet the darkness did not overwhelm the light, and hope and life returned on Easter Day.

With my prayers and all good wishes,

*Fr Matthew*

## From the registers:

### Baptisms:

March 1<sup>st</sup> Austin Hayes Mills

### Funerals / Celebrations of life:

February 14<sup>th</sup> Doris Sheila Gladys Wyatt  
February 27<sup>th</sup> Rodney Stanley Aulesbrooke  
March 25<sup>th</sup> Peter James Philip Barwell  
March 30<sup>th</sup> Betty Bignell  
April 1<sup>st</sup> Cyril David Winman  
April 15<sup>th</sup> James Edward Frederick Lucas  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Ronald James Green

### Celebration of light

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

March 7<sup>th</sup> Barbara Hone  
March 13<sup>th</sup> Anne Wise  
March 28<sup>th</sup> Donald William Tustain  
March 29<sup>th</sup> Mervyn & Gwynneth Wood  
March 30<sup>th</sup> Joy McCarthy

*If you would like to sponsor the floodlights of the church to remember an anniversary or other significant event in your family, please contact Stephen Allday (811473).*



**Lent Lunches in March** raised the following sums for charity:  
Pancreatic Cancer UK: £80; Neuroblastoma UK: £130  
Educaid: £230;  
Many thanks to all who supported these lunches.

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# Pancake Races

Shrove Tuesday 2020 – cool, and after lunch, threatening rain...which arrived in a heavy shower just as races started at 4pm! Not the best weather for the planned Pancake Races!



*Under starter's orders.....*



*They're off.....*

However, our plucky racers were not to be put off, and they all arrived warmly wrapped up in Church Avenue together with a number of parents, grandparents and friends. They were all ready to race and then eat pancakes.

The vicarage kitchen was commandeered to cook the pancakes and so an enthusiastic team of volunteers were soon at work with their frying pans.



Races were run for all age groups, and then there was a mass retreat to welcoming warmth where hot pancakes quickly arrived ready to eat! This event was much enjoyed, and even made an edition of the Banbury Guardian.



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

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all who love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*(St. Patrick's Breastplate)*

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