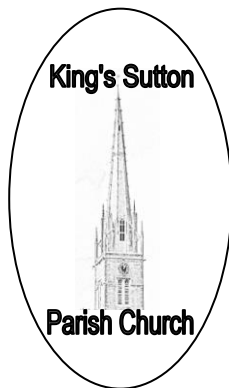


# CHURCH NEWSLETTER APRIL 2013



**Church of St. Peter & St. Paul  
King's Sutton**

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## ONLY READ THIS IF YOU ARE 11 – 21!!

WE NEED YOU!! You young people have energy, enthusiasm, many skills and talents and the Church could do with some of that. Most of you know me, by sight at least, and will have seen me around the village and in school when you were at the Primary School. But most of you don't think Church is for you, and I know there are so many other things to do – home-work, computers, i-phones, listening to music, playing rugby or swimming, dancing, shopping – the list could be endless.

But I think many of you would enjoy raising money for good causes, or learning to ring bells, or making music in church - and I don't mean playing the organ or singing traditional church music, although some of you might like that too!

The Church supports many good causes. We are a Fairtrade Church which means that where we can we buy fairly traded goods. We also try to reduce our carbon footprint - and you might have ideas about how we can do that better. Parts of the churchyard are for wild-life - another area in which you might be able to help.

We support Christian Aid, helping fund projects around the world, combating the effects of uncontrolled urban development, climate change, and poverty.

The money goes to help partners around the world who may or may not be Christian. Similarly we support an organisation called US, which again works with peoples around the world. Currently we are helping to fund James Pender who is working on environmental issues in Bangladesh. And previously we helped with a project for indigenous people in Brazil. Closer to home, the Children's Society works with runaways and to speak up for youngsters who have no one else to do so. The Christingle service raises money for them - you probably came to one of those when you were younger!

BHYP is a Banbury project for homeless young people and we collect food and toiletries for them. And we are currently raising funds for the Neuroblastoma Society – doing research for cancer in children. A little girl in the congregation died from this cancer last year. She was called Raffie, and this is a way of remembering her.

And then there are those bells! Bell-ringing isn't an easy thing, but it can be good fun once you get the hang of it. Dee Thobourne is the person in charge. We are happy to teach new volunteers, and when you ring for a wedding, you get some money - not a lot, but some.

So how about getting in touch. I respond to people calling to me in the street!! Ring me on 811364 or email me [rogerbellamy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rogerbellamy@hotmail.co.uk) I really want to hear from you. So come and say, "Hello. Yes, I'd like to..... Or tell me more about....."

*Fr Roger*



**If you have a smart-phone, try scanning this QR code....it will give you more information about the church.**

**MANY THANKS** to all those who supported or helped at the recent Book Sale. £516 was made for church funds.



In February we were entertained by 'The Occasional Singers'. On a very cold afternoon the temperature inside was raised by the quality of the performers as they gave renderings by (amongst others) Handel, Wesley, Mendelssohn and Mozart. The final piece, Pie Jesu by Andrew Lloyd Webber brought the house down! The next concert in the 'Sounds Good' series takes place on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>,

when internationally acclaimed harpist Tori Handsley will be playing at 3pm. Tickets on the door priced at £8.00 / £5.00. Tori is an artist and a musician who also composes and arranges her own music. Originally classically trained she now plays a wide style of music including contemporary, classical, jazz and latin. She teaches piano and harp and is an Associate of the London College of Music. Her performance venues locally include Blenheim Palace, The Great Barn Aynho, Waddesdon Manor, but further afield venues include the Tower of London.

Tori is no stranger to King's Sutton Church and this concert will be given 'In memory of Frank Stevens'.

The next two concerts will be given by equally talented musicians and represents the transition from harp to piano and then organ. So do come along; there is something here for everyone.

Sunday May 26 <sup>th</sup> 3.00pm	Alissa Firsova: Piano
Saturday June 8 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm	Jonathan Kingston: organ

### **Celebration of Light**

The floodlighting was sponsored last month in memory of:

- 7<sup>th</sup> March Barbara Hone
- 8<sup>th</sup> March Lilian Tustian
- 21<sup>st</sup> March Patricia Ayriss
- 28<sup>th</sup> March Dennis Tustian
- 30<sup>th</sup> March Gwynneth Wood

**QUIET DAY:** This year's post-Easter Quiet Day is to be held in Sulgrave Church on 27<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30am to 4.00pm. Anyone interested should contact the Vicar or one of the Wardens for more information.



## Children's Church News



Hi!

By the time you read our children's church news update for April, Easter will have happened - Christ is risen, Alleluia!

A full report on our Easter services will appear next month.

### **King's Kids: Thursday 7 March 3.30pm – 5pm**

After eating toast with chocolate or peanut butter and fruit, the children looked at the statue of Mary and Jesus with Fr Roger. He had brought it across to the Church Room from the Lady Chapel in church. The children noticed that Jesus had a gold rose in his hands. Fr Roger asked them what relationship there was between Jesus and Mary. Mother and Son of course, perfect timing for this session 3 days before Mothering Sunday! There were also craft activities including making flowers and cards which the children loved.

### **Mothering Sunday: Sunday 10 March 11am**

This service was enjoyed by mothers, children and families of all ages. Fr. Roger talked about the importance of the role of mothers and home making in family life. The children helped distribute the daffodil posies that Fr. Roger had blessed; there were plenty for everyone at the service – gentlemen included! Many of the congregation stayed for coffee and delicious simnel cake afterwards.

### **Celebrating Easter**



Come into Church and see the Easter Garden which the children will have made on Good Friday at our 10am service.

There are the three crosses on the hilltop and the open cave with the cloths that had been on Jesus' body.





## Year of Faith and Mission

If you're not sure how to introduce conversations about God, Jesus and the Church into your family life with, here are some ideas of things you can do with your children

- Tell your children stories from the Bible and especially those about Jesus
- Say 'Grace' before the main meal of the day
- Say prayers at bedtime – especially good with very young children
- Make sure that children see the religious heart of the celebrations of Christmas and Easter
- Answer their questions
- Remember the anniversaries of their baptisms

### Prayer Walk: Saturday 4 May 3pm

The Prayer Walk is on Saturday 4 May. We shall be doing a 'tour' of the village. We will begin in the Square by the Post Office and Baptist Church, and walk to a Farm (guess where?) then the school, then the playing fields, and hall, ending up with tea. We shall pray and sing. Let's hope it is fine and warm!

### Kings Kids: Thursday 9 May 3.30pm – 5pm

As this group grows, do come along and get involved. Due to the Easter break, the next after school club session is on 9 May. There will be snacks, stories, craft activities and singing – we do hope you can make it.

### Dates for your Diary

Service/Event	Date	Time
Parents and Toddlers	19 April	9.30am
Family Worship	28 April	10.00am
Parents and Toddlers	19 April	9.30am
Parents and Toddlers	3 May	9.30am
Prayer Walk	4 May	3.00pm
King's Kids (After School)	9 May	3.30pm
Parents and Toddlers	17 May	9.30am
Family Worship (Eucharist)	26 May	10.00am



## ANNUAL MEETINGS

As with any organisation the Church holds an Annual Meeting. In fact it is not just one meeting but two, which usually follows one after the other. This year these meetings will take place on **14<sup>th</sup> April** in the Church following the 11.00 am Eucharist service (so should start at about midday).

**Annual Parish Meeting:** This meeting is open for anyone in the parish to attend, to make any comment they feel is relevant and to take part in any voting that takes place. The main business at this meeting is the **Election of Churchwardens**. The role and responsibilities of churchwardens have not differed much over the years. The churchwardens are the officers of the bishop and it is their duty to submit an annual report to him, and also to inform him of any irregularities that are found to be going on in the parish. The churchwardens work very closely with the incumbent and collectively, together with the PCC, are responsible for 'running' the parish. The Annual Parish Meeting will also hear reports on any **Charities** that are the responsibility of the Church.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** This meeting is only for those persons that are registered on the Church Electoral Roll. Other people may be allowed to remain at the meeting but will not be able to vote on any issues that are raised, or have a say in the election of members to key roles within the local church. The Church **Electoral Roll** is completely revised every six years and this year everyone has had to complete a new application form.

Also at this meeting the Church Treasurer will present his **Financial Accounts** for 2012, which the PCC (the Church governing body) will already have approved. The Warden's **Fabric Report** will be presented, the activities of the **Deanery Synod** over the last year will be summarised and the **Annual Parish Report** will be presented in which all the various component parts of parish life and proceedings will be documented.

Once all that is done the meeting will then elect the persons that it wants to represent them on the PCC for the next year, people that they think will represent them well and to ensure that the general wish of the 'people in the pews' is aired and is given due consideration at Parochial Church Council meetings.

## The Vicar's Diary – February

By the time you read this February will seem a long time ago, but this is some of what I was doing in that month. I was asked to do this and told to leave out services etc, but that is the context in which everything else happens, so just to say that in the month I lead 38 services and preached 11 times!

The major piece of work was the Celebration of Work week-end. Others were involved, of course, but I spent quite a bit of time preparing for this, seeing people, devising the quotes that were displayed and at the week-end itself, being around, saying a few words at the Opening. And also some of the post-event stuff: thank you letters and returning some of the display materials.

I was in the schools quite a bit: assemblies in King's Sutton and worship in Charlton. I also did a lesson observation in Charlton for RE. I am the RE governor there, and at the end of the month I have yet to write my report on that! I chaired a meeting of all the clergy in the Deanery, and led the opening worship at the Deanery Synod which was here. I chaired the PCC at Newbottle. I talked to Sisterhood at the Baptist Church on Shrove Tuesday and talked about ashes. I took to the piano keys on two occasions: once there and once in our own church.

I am preparing and leading the Lent Course – each one done twice; one on Tuesday mornings and the other on Wednesday evenings. I have had meetings with four individuals and made two house visits. I loitered around the Book Sale, and the last day of the month took me to Peterborough for a meeting of Rural Deans with the Bishop, leaving here at 9am and back at 3 30! And of course, lots of emails, phone calls and brief conversations.

*Fr Roger*

### ***From the registers:***

#### ***Baptisms***

9 <sup>th</sup>	February	Ethan David Barratt
3 <sup>rd</sup>	March	Chase Martin Hopkins
17 <sup>th</sup>	March	Ethan William Alvin Bellamy

#### ***Funerals***

19 <sup>th</sup>	March	Valerie Fisher
20 <sup>th</sup>	March	Joyce Townsend
20 <sup>th</sup>	March	John MacCarthy
25 <sup>th</sup>	March	Pamela Lake

### Calendar of Services for April 2013

Mon	1	
Tues	2	Mass 9.30am
Weds	3	Mass 7.00pm
Thurs	4	
Fri	5	Mass 12 noon
Sat	6	Mass 10.00am
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Easter II: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong for the Annunciation 6pm.</b>
Mon	8	
Tues	9	<i>The Annunciation: Mass 9.30 am</i>
Weds	10	
Thurs	11	
Fri	12	
Sat	13	Mass 10.00 am
<b>Sun</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Easter III: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm.</b>
Mon	15	
Tues	16	Mass 9.30 am
Weds	17	Mass 7.00 pm
Thurs	18	
Fri	19	<i>S Alphege: Parents &amp; Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon</i>
Sat	20	Mass 10.00am; Wedding 12.30pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Easter IV: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm.</b>
Mon	22	
Tues	23	<i>S George: Mass 9.30 am</i>
Weds	24	Mass 7.00 pm for S Mark
Thurs	25	
Fri	26	Mass 12 noon
Sat	27	Mass 10.00 am; Quiet Day at Sulgrave 10.30am– 4pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Easter V: Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm</b>
Mon	29	
Tues	30	Mass 9.30 am