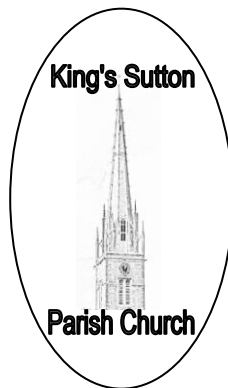


CHURCH NEWSLETTER JUNE 2013



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King's Sutton

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GREEN

After the very long winter the burgeoning greens of spring have been very welcome this year. In the Church Year we are now in Ordinary Time and the liturgical colour is green – the colour of the altar frontal and the robes the priest wears. Green is always associated with nature, very full colours, rich and of infinite varieties of shade. But often green is a background colour against which other colours stand: it reminds me of the silence into which music or speech comes, the space in which activity make take place.

But green is a symbolic colour too. It is “go” at the traffic lights – and surely that is not arbitrary, but a reflection of the positiveness of this colour. There are phrases like greenhorn and green-eyed monster, but on the whole green is a positive, creative, energetic colour.

It is a healing, integrating colour. But that leads me on to the think that England’s green and pleasant land, has become full of satanic mills. Blake was concerned about the industrial revolution and its effect not only on the landscape, but more importantly in the lives of people. And some 200 years on we are now discovering in climate change the terrible effects of industrialisation on the whole of the world. Green has become, for most people, a symbol of the need to conserve and protect our world, and it relates also to a spirituality which treasures the natural world, rather an in unlimited exploitation. And this should always have been at the heart of the

Christian Gospel because of our belief that God is the source of all that is. Green reflects a creation theology which says that through the intricate, complex developments of space and matter and even “dark materials”, through the development of plants and animals and finally humanity, God is making a world which is full of his love.

For me the unfolding of leaves from their tight buds on the trees in my garden is a sign of that new life, full of energy and power, and goodness, which God is constantly giving to the world. To paraphrase the Benedicite (The Prayer of the Three Children - an addition to the Book of Daniel that you can find in the Apocrypha and which is used during Lent in Morning Prayer) “Let all green things bless the Lord, praise him and exalt him for ever!”

Fr Roger

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

The Parish Church in King’s Sutton, as part of its **YEAR OF FAITH AND MISSION** is organising a weekend to celebrate marriage and family life on June 8th – 9th 2013. Plans are well advanced for an exhibition and display of wedding dresses, orders of service, photographs and other mementos. If you have anything like that that you would be happy to loan us for the weekend, please get in touch with the Vicar on 811364 (rogerbellamy@hotmail.co.uk), or Peter Allen on 810967 (petersueallen26@aol.com). Contact by 1st June please.

On the evening of Saturday the 8th Jonathan Kingston, who was Parish Church organist here in 2000-2001 is going to play a selection of wedding music for organ. Will the pieces you chose for your wedding be amongst them? Come along and find out. If you haven’t managed to see the displays beforehand then come a few minutes earlier and have a look round. The concert will begin at 7.15pm and entrance is £8 /£5 paid on the door.

On the afternoon of the 9th at 3pm there will be a special service to which anyone who is married, or has been married is invited, and especially people who were married here. It will be a short service with hymns, readings and prayers and tea will be available afterwards. We very much hope that this is something that will interest you.

The Concert given by Tori Handsley, International Harpist, in memory of Frank Stevens on 21st April was a great success. Tori played a



wide style of music including contemporary, classical, jazz and latin but also demonstrated what a fine composer she is in her own right by playing many of her own compositions. She is such a natural talent and is very much relaxed and at home with any type of audience. She

was totally at ease with the attendees at this concert and mingled well afterwards, talking to anyone that she came across with a cup of tea in her hand.

In recent months there have been concerts of choral works, harp and organ with piano and jazz yet to come. To help us plan future events please complete the questionnaire in the middle of this newsletter and return it by 31st July so that events can be tailored for our local audiences.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 14 th	3pm	Jazz afternoon with local artistes
Aug 3 rd	7pm performance	Come and Sing Vivaldi's Gloria, and Mozart's Ave Verum. The afternoon rehearsal will start at 3pm. Some OUP scores will be available for hire. More details next month.
Sept 21 st	7pm	Barbershop concert with Hallmark of Harmony from Sheffield – who have just won the silver medal in the British Barbershop Convention 2013. It should be a treat!

From the Registers:

Baptism:

12th May Estelle Faith Grant

Marriage:

23rd March Graeme Neil Baker and Mary Ann Southgate
 20th April Simon Richard Dean and Bethan Louise Jenkins

Funerals:

5th April Herbert Dale



Children's Church News



Hi!

There's loads going on in June so have a read and so do come along and join in!

Family Worship

Sunday 28 April 10am

The theme of this service was, 'Love one another as I have loved you'. After the usual 'noisy' opening of singing and playing instruments, Fr. Roger talked to the children, asking them who they loved and who loved them. Even some of the youngest members of the congregation responded by saying 'Mummy' and 'Daddy'. This theme was then expanded on as we talked about the love of Jesus. Prayers, a psalm and more singing and instrument playing followed with candle blowing out to close.

Refreshments were served in the vicarage after the service which gave everyone a chance to get together.

Kings Kids

Thursday 9 May 3.30pm – 5pm

This month's Club started in a very unusual way with Carole leaping out of the kitchen and disposing of two well-burnt pieces of toast in the Church Yard. It was a very good way of testing the smoke alarm, and, yes it did work very well!! Thankfully by the time the children had arrived all was well and the rest of the toast was fine.

The children then did some colouring and word searches relating to texts from the Bible, and then Karen helped them to turn a balloon into a person, complete with nose, ears, eyes, mouth and shoes!! One of these got overblown and surprised everyone with a loud bang. Having survived that, everyone then settled down and heard a story told by Fr. Roger about Jesus going up into Heaven as it was Ascension Day. This was followed by a song about God's blessing and a prayer to finish.

Our next meeting is on the 13th June. Not been to one yet? Come and join us – it's great fun!





Kids Colouring Fun Pentecost



Dates for your Diary

Service/Event	Date	Time
Parents and Toddlers	7 June	9.30am
Celebration of Marriage & Family Life	8 – 9 June	
King's Kids (After School)	13 June	3.30pm
Parents and Toddlers	21 June	9.30am
Family Worship	23 June	10.00am
King's Kids (After School)	11 July	3.30pm
Parents and Toddlers	12 July	9.30am
Young at Art	20 – 21 July	
Family Worship	25 August	10.00am



HEALING and HOPE.....in time of illness

When we are sick we feel alone, weak and frightened. Things which seemed important don't matter so much anymore. Yet as Christians, we know that we are never alone. Jesus is with us. In fact we are never so close to Jesus as when we are weak or unwell. Each day we receive signs of God's constant love for us. Just pause awhile and recall the presence of God close to you, and let it remind you of his love for you. During his life on earth Jesus 'loved' people into total health. He fought pain and suffering in himself and in others. He lifted up those who were sick and raised them to a new life. Through suffering he was raised to a new life; and Jesus offers this same life to all who accept him in faith.

Sickness brings loneliness...

- We can feel cut off from our family and friends, separated from the rest of the world and abandoned by God.

Jesus felt like that as he suffered. He was forsaken by his friends and in total distress and suffering he died in order to rise again.

Sickness brings weakness....

- We can lose interest in our life, become more aware of our sins, unable to look after ourselves and feel a nuisance to others.

Jesus faced these feelings both in himself and in those he met. He experienced weariness and fatigue, and he was constantly coming up against disease of body and spirit in others. He raised up those who were sick and sinful to a new life. We are lifted up and encouraged to start again and are helped to overcome our weaknesses.

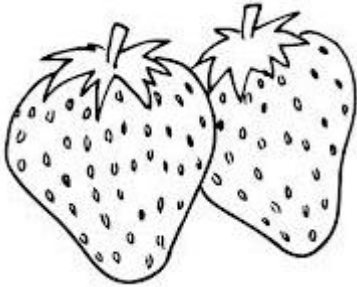
Sickness makes us fearful...

- We fear pain, what the future may hold for us and the possibility of death.

Jesus faced these fears in his own life and he also knew the fears others suffered. The voice of Jesus created calm and brought inner peace. Our fears for the future begin to dissolve as we listen to His words.

Occasionally during the year we incorporate Prayers for Healing and the laying on of hands into our Sunday Evening worship. The next Sunday this will happen is 7th July. If you feel that this type of service might appeal to you then do come and see what happens.

Patronal Festival Weekend



On Saturday 29th June a Strawberry Fair is to be held in and around the Church from 2 – 4.30pm. This promises to be fun for all the family with stalls, games and cream teas.

Any donations of cakes, bric-a-brac, books or gifts for the raffle or tombola (preferably with a strawberry or red theme), would be much appreciated. Please contact Diane Kennerley on 01295 811678.

On Sunday 30th June there will be a Patronal Lunch following the 11am service. The lunch will be held in the garden of The Bell House by kind permission of John and Margot Bell. A buffet lunch, including a glass of wine followed by strawberries and cream will be served at £5 per ticket.

All are most welcome. Tickets to be purchased by 16th June, available from Dee Thobourne 811961, Peter Allen 810967 and Diane Kennerley 811678

Celebration of Light

The floodlighting was sponsored to remember:

May	9 th	Audrey Worker
May	10 th	Edward David Smith
May	27 th	Betty Reid
June	13 th	Sara Allday



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

Many thanks: Pauline Barber would like to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes after her recent accident.

Calendar of Services for June 2013

Sat	1	
Sun	2	Trinity 1: Mass 8am; Sung Mass and adult baptisms 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	3	
Tues	4	Mass 9.30am
Weds	5	<i>S Boniface</i> : Mass 7pm
Thurs	6	
Fri	7	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	8	Mass 10am <i>Celebration of Marriage and family life weekend starts 11 am</i>
Sun	9	Trinity 2: Mass 8am; Service of celebration 3pm; Deanery Evensong at Steane 6pm
Mon	10	
Tues	11	<i>S Barnabas</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	12	Mass 7pm
Thurs	13	
Fri	14	Mass 12 noon
Sat	15	Mass 10am
Sun	16	Trinity 3: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	17	
Tues	18	Mass 9.30am
Weds	19	Mass 7pm
Thurs	20	
Fri	21	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	22	<i>S Alban</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	23	Trinity 4: Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	24	<i>S John Baptist</i>
Tues	25	Mass 9.30am
Weds	26	Mass 7pm
Thurs	27	
Fri	28	<i>S Irenaeus</i> : Mass 12 noon
Sat	29	SS <i>Peter and Paul</i> : Mass SOLW 10am
Sun	30	Trinity 5: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Baptism 3pm; Evensong 6pm

Please check with the latest Sword & Keys for updates on these services.