

CHURCH NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2013



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King's Sutton**

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On the churchyard wall is a banner reminding everyone who passes that we are celebrating a Year of Faith and Mission. It continues till the end of November, when we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

Many of you who read this are people of faith, although you may not be among those who come regularly to worship. But let me write again about faith.

It is a gift from God but needs the right conditions in which to grow. You may recall Jesus' parable of the Sower. (Mark 4: 1-20) The seed is sown everywhere, on the footpath, among the weeds, in places with little soil but the only seed which grows and flourishes is that which falls on the good soil. So I suppose a key question about faith is whether we are good soil? Put another way, are we people who are open-minded, listening, observant, finding time to reflect and ponder on the great issues that we face as human beings in a complex world?

Faith is a way of interpreting the world. The Bible is full of stories in which people interpreted the things happening around them: they saw in them the activity of God, and perhaps, naively, they speak of God as if he were another character in human history. The modern age is so used to seeing everything

“as if God did not exist” that it finds it hard to interpret events in the light of God.

Faith is rooted for me in Jesus. In him, in his teaching and activities, but above all in his death and resurrection, I see God at work. When we look at Jesus we see God. And from that, it seems to me, follows an experience of seeing the whole of life as the activity of God. But faith does not expect to be able to prove God – his existence or his activity – because God by his very nature cannot be observed, measured, recorded in the way that the world can be. Faith says there is much more than I can see, and when I look at the world with the eyes of faith I see not only beauty and truth and love, but a vision of how life might be if we followed the way of Jesus.

There is always an open invitation to be part of the Church here. Come and join us and bring your faith alive in worship.

Fr Roger



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



Our first ‘Come and Sing’ event proved to be great fun! Nearly thirty singers of all ages gathered at 3pm on August 3rd to have an afternoon practicing Vivaldi’s ‘Gloria’ and Mozart’s ‘Ave Verum’ under the very capable direction of Jonathan Timms (once a member of the church choir). After a cup of tea and cake, more practice and then an evening performance, which was enjoyed by the audience and choir alike, and of a really good standard. Many thanks go to Jonny, to Richard Briggs who played the organ, to the soloists Diane Burton, Hilary Fryer and Angela Hooton and most of all to the singers who all made a wonderful sound!

Our next event, also featuring an ex-choirboy (Andy Allen) is advertised opposite. Do come and welcome some wonderful close-harmony singers..... coming all the way from Sheffield, with friends from Byfield.



Barbershop Chorus
Hallmark of Harmony

from Sheffield

**Saturday, September 21st
at 7pm**

Silver medallists, 2013 BABS Convention

with



Best small chorus 2011

Entry £8/£5 (under 12 free)

Saturday, 19 th October	7.00pm	Brass concert by Brackley Junior Brass Band Entrance £8 / £5
Saturday, 9 th November	4.00pm	Peterborough Cathedral Choir Entrance £8/ £5
Saturday, 14 th December	7.00pm	Music by Candlelight by Adderbury Ensemble Entrance £8 / £5



Children's Church News



WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Look at this. Is it a pattern?
Does it make sense?



AUGUST is a month when lots of people are on holiday but we had the film “The Prince of Egypt”. Did you come?

And FAMILY WORSHIP was a simple Mass. Fr. Roger told the story of the woman who was bent double and was straightened out by Jesus.

DATES IN SEPTEMBER

King's Kids (After School)	12 th September	3.30pm
Parents & Toddlers	13 th September	9.30am
Family Worship	22 nd September	10.00am
Parents & Toddlers	27 th September	9.30am





DO YOU SAY PRAYERS?

Three good times for saying prayers are:

- **First thing in the morning**
- **When we have food to eat**
- **Last thing at night.**

So here are three simple prayers you could use:

In the morning:

Dear God, it is a new day. Thank you for sleep and now as I get up be with me through the day, so that I can be strong and loving. Amen.

At a meal time:

Heavenly Father, everything we have comes from you. Thank you for this food and for those who have prepared it for us. Help us be generous to those in need. Amen.

At the end of the day:

God in heaven, thank you for today. Forgive me for the things which were unloving, and as I go to bed, bless me and all those I love, so that we may sleep in peace. Amen.



From the Registers:

Baptisms:

11th August Amelia Ruby Lock

18th August Sydney Violet and Phoebe Rose Edge

Weddings:

27th July Toby Barratt and Harriet May Scott

Celebration of Light

The floodlighting was sponsored to remember:

4th Sept Ron Reeve-Johnson

SAINTS' DAYS

In September there is a plethora of saints' days and festivals – Gregory the Great (3rd), the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8th), John Chrysostom (13th), Holy Cross Day (14th), Cyprian (15th), Ninian (16th), Edward Pusey (16th), Hildegard of Bingen (17th), Matthew (21st) and Michael and All Angels (29th). There are many more that could be on this list!

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the three named Biblical angels, depicted as the beloved messengers of God. Michael, (meaning 'Who is like God?'), is perhaps best known as the slayer of the dragon in the book of Revelation. Michael has thus come to be regarded as the protector of Christians from the devil, particularly those at the hour of death. Gabriel, ('The Strength of God') is the one, according to the Gospel of Luke, who is sent by God to Mary to announce the birth of Christ. Raphael, ('The Healing of God'), is depicted in the book of Tobit (in the Apocrypha) as the one who restores sight to Tobit's eyes. A basilica near Rome was dedicated in the fifth century in honour of Michael on 30th September, with celebrations beginning on the eve of that day, with the result that 29th September came to be observed as a feast in honour of Michael and all Angels throughout the Western Church.

This year, the 29th falls on a Sunday, and to mark the occasion, Evensong at 6pm will be more fully choral than normal, using a setting of the canticles by Stanford in Bb.

An ancient celtic poem in praise of Michael the Archangel:

THOU Michael the victorious,
I make my circuit under thy shield,
Thou Michael of the white steed,
And of the bright brilliant blades,
Conqueror of the dragon,
Be thou at my back,
Thou ranger of the heavens,
Thou warrior of the King of all,
O Michael the victorious,
My pride and my guide,
O Michael the victorious,
The glory of mine eye.

I make my circuit
In the fellowship of my saint,
On the machair, on the meadow,
On the cold heathery hill;
Though I should travel ocean
And the hard globe of the world
No harm can e'er befall me
'Neath the shelter of thy shield;
O Michael the victorious,
Jewel of my heart,
O Michael the victorious,
God's shepherd thou art.

Be the sacred Three of Glory
Aye at peace with me,
With my horses, with my cattle,
With my woolly sheep in flocks.
With the crops growing in the field
Or ripening in the sheaf,
On the machair, on the moor,
In cole, in heap, or stack.
Every thing on high or low,
Every furnishing and flock,
Belong to the holy Triune of glory,
And to Michael the victorious.



Calendar of Services for September 2013

		KING'S SUTTON	NEWBOTTLE
Sun	1	Trinity 14: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm	Sung Eucharist 9.30am
Mon	2		
Tues	3	<i>S Gregory: Mass 9.30am</i>	
Weds	4	Mass 7pm	
Thurs	5		
Fri	6		
Sat	7		
Sun	8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm	Matins 9.30am
Mon	9		
Tues	10	Mass 9.30am	
Weds	11		
Thurs	12		
Fri	13	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am	
Sat	14	<i>Holy Cross Day: Mass 10am</i>	
Sun	15	Trinity 16: Sung Mass 11am	Harvest Evensong 6pm
Mon	16		
Tues	17	<i>Hildegard of Bingen: Mass 9.30am</i>	
Weds	18		
Thurs	19		
Fri	20		
Sat	21	<i>S Matthew</i>	
Sun	22	Harvest: Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm	Matins 9.30am
Mon	23		
Tues	24	Mass 9.30am	
Weds	25	<i>Lancelot Andrewes</i>	
Thurs	26		
Fri	27	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am	
Sat	28		
Sun	29	St. Michael & All Angels: Sung Mass 11am; Baptism 2.30pm; Evensong 6pm	Sung Eucharist 9.30am
Mon	30		

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