

CHURCH NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2013

King's Sutton

Parish Church

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

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Rome

I stayed in a small guest house not far from the Tiber in the area called Campo de fiori - literally the field of flowers. It is a large square with a statue of Giordano Bruno who was burnt at the stake there, for heresy, in 1600. His hooded figure is rather grim, but all around him, during the day a flourishing market – fruit, veg in the main, and all the time, restaurants. I had dinner there every evening and chose a different one most nights! The purpose of being in Rome was to look at some of the ancient churches – those dating from the 4th to 9th centuries. One is very aware in this city of how long the Christian faith has been central in our culture. Within five minutes of my guest house there were 10 churches - one used by the Ethiopian Orthodox church. One day they took over the piazza outside it for a wedding – it lasted for several hours, with almost non-stop singing, clouds of incense and much ceremony. I only watched for a bit. Of those ancient churches more on other occasions, but Rome is an amazing city. Everything is on a grand scale, but it has some surprising features. The river is way below the street level. Steps - 60 odd – go down from the streets that run alongside – Lungotevere they are called – alongside the Tiber waterfront. And then there are wide walkways – used by a few cyclists and joggers, but largely deserted. I found places to sit and watch the green, swirling waters, and it was a good place to pray.



And it rained! Most of the time was brilliant sunshine with temperatures in the upper 20s, but on my last day, a torrential storm. Some of the roads were flooded and I got very wet, but eventually the sun emerged and I dried off.

I also had a couple of train trips: Italian trains vary greatly. The one that took me to Castle Gandolfo – where the Pope has a summer palace – was very slow, and ancient, but the windows opened and there were blinds. The fare for an hour’s journey was €2.10 – less than £2. The village is set on a hill top overlooking a large lake with wonderful views. The other trip was on a more modern train to Civitavecchia – a port north-west of Rome. I went on a slow train - 90 minutes – but by accident came back on a fast one – 40 minutes, with the wrong ticket!! But fortunately no inspector appeared!! Italians have very laid back attitudes to many things.

But I come back to the churches: they are used and although many are much visited by tourists, they remain places of prayer - open, free, and with great paintings, stunning architecture. My next planned port of call was northern Spain and tiny ancient churches in the remote countryside.

Fr Roger

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

29 th September	Esme Ivy Jade Bishop
5 th October	Chloe Skye Billsdon Leighton Lewis Billsdon
6 th October	Frederick Tiberius James Angus

Funerals:

27 th September	Eileen Hunter
7 th October	Steven Gregory
21 st October	Marjorie Lloyd
24 th October	Frederick Tate

Celebration of Light :The floodlighting will be sponsored to remember

25 th October	Roger Stillman
4 th November	Jack Brown
11 th November	Irene Mitchell
16 th November	Clive Ward
23 rd November	Ron Reeve Johnson

FLOODLIGHTING

Many of you will have noticed that the church has often been darkened in the evenings. This is because the time-clock on the floodlighting has become faulty. We have asked our electricians to supply a new one, but it seems that there is a problem finding a clock that matches the existing one. We are optimistic that the “problem” will soon be rectified and that “normal service” will soon be resumed! In the mean time, please accept our apologies for not having the lights on your church. If you are interested in sponsoring the lights, please get in contact with Stephen Allday (01295 811473) in the normal way.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday falls on 10th November. A Service of Remembrance will start at the War Memorial at 10.55am, and then continue in the Parish Church afterwards. All are most welcome to this. Collections at this service will go towards the Royal British Legion.



On Monday, 11th November, Fr. Andy Ollard will be leading a short act of Remembrance at the War Memorial starting at 10.55am. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Parish Church room.

Many thanks

Fr. Roger's sabbatical comes to an end on 17th November. The Wardens are extremely grateful to all those who have taken services or preached whilst he has been away. So, 'thank you' (in no particular order, as they say) to: Ven. John Duncan, Bishop James Johnson, Revd. Eddie Smith, Ven. David Painter, Revd. Brian Fairbank, Carrie O'Regan, May Chong, Carole Hill, Peter Allen, Gordon Wood, and Dr. Katharine Dell.



Children's Church News



Hi! Well there is certainly a change in the weather. After all the wonderful sunshine we now seem to be in the wet season, with the days becoming shorter. All our activities are still there for you to come and enjoy whatever the weather.

King's Kids Thursday 10th October 3.30 – 5.00pm

Last month we made a Scarecrow “King” for the Festival arranged by the Playgroup. This was then taken to the Church to be part of the Harvest Festival celebrations. The Church looked beautiful with all the flowers and fruits of the harvest on display.

The theme for the October meeting was God's creation of the world and all the many wonderful things he has given us. This was led by Mayleng and Chris. The children were then given colouring and quiz sheets to do and take home to finish. Karen as usual provided a fun craft activity. We then sang the song “Colours of the Rainbow” and finished with a prayer.

November's meeting will be starting to look towards Christmas and all that this means within the Church.

Family Service 22nd September 10.00am

With Fr, Roger away Mayleng led the service. To celebrate harvest gifts of tins and dried goods were taken to the altar by the children. As usual these will be given to Banbury Young Homeless.

The service took its usual form with prayer, singing and music with much enthusiasm from the children with the instruments.

Unfortunately we were unable to meet for refreshments, but will be able to use the Church Room in November.





Parent & Toddlers' Service 11th October 9.30am

Mayleng started the service by lighting the candles. We then sang the Candle Song: God is here with us, God is in the light, now there is no dark, candles burning bright.

The next song was based on Psalm 23 to the music of the Nursery Rhyme " Little Bo Peep", as follows:

God is my Shepherd! He guides His sheep,
And leads them to the safe places,
He loves one and all, the big and the small,
He knows all their names and faces.

God is my Shepherd! He loves His sheep
He leads them to yummy green grasses.
He keeps them in sight, both day and night
Protects them until danger passes
Why not sing this with your children!

After prayers we as usual went to the Church Room for refreshments and play.

DATES IN NOVEMBER

King's Kids (After School)	7 th November	3.30pm
Parents & Toddlers	8 th November	9.30am
Parents & Toddlers	22 nd November	9.30am
Family Service	24 th November	10.00am



**A mazing! Wonderful! Fantastic!
Talented! Superb!**



Best so far!

These were just some of the reactions of the audience as they left the Church on Saturday evening 21st September after being entertained by the sound of British Barbershop. **Hallmark of Harmony**, currently the second best chorus in the country came down from Sheffield to entertain the packed house, ably supported by the local Banbury based chorus, **5Ways**. They were also joined by a Ladies' quartet, '**Something Blue**', and a men's quartet, '**Doghouse**'.

A full church was entranced by the tremendous vocal ability of these 'barbershoppers' and were delighted with the range of songs and the introductions and humour in between. Hallmark had entertained the Banbury Castle Quay shoppers in the afternoon, performed in this concert in the evening, and sang to the White Horse clientele afterwards with what is called

The AfterGlow until long after midnight. After that it was back to Sheffield.....a two hour journey. What a day! But one that was well appreciated by those that heard their magical barbershop sound.

Members of the **Peterborough Cathedral Choir** will be visiting on **9th November** to perform choral favourites at 4pm in the Church. This parish is in the Diocese of Peterborough and we are associated with that Cathedral and everyone that plays a part in its upkeep and its traditions. The choir will be singing a selection of well known music to showcase the range of talents within the choir and will be available to mix and chat after the event. Our Cathedral choir has an extremely good reputation.....so don't miss it.

Research results: Earlier this year everyone was invited to express their views on what type of entertainment would appeal to them and what time of the year/ week would be the most convenient. Many thanks to all those who returned a questionnaire to enable the music sub-group to plan the 2014 activities. The results of the questionnaire were that most types of music would appeal to some people with choral, classical and instrumental music

topping the list. There was, understandably, less support for turning out to music events between January and March than at other times of the year. Bearing these results in mind the musical events for 2014 will be organised between April and July and then again between September and December. Details of events will follow when known.

Other dates for your diaries:

Saturday, 14 th December	7.00pm	Music by Adderbury Ensemble Entrance £8 / £5
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If you have a smart-phone, try scanning this QR code....it will give you more information about the church.



Christmas Bazaar.

Saturday 23rd November 3-5 pm

To be held in the church. All the usual stalls and games plus lots of gift ideas for Christmas.

Live music, mulled wine and warm mince pies.

Festive fun for all the family

The **Church Working Party** next meets on Saturday 16th November between 10.30 and 12.00 noon. This morning is to catch up on all those little jobs which never seem to be done ...because other big ones come along and require attention! Like any home there are chores to be done and the more people that can do them the quicker it takes. Everyone is welcome, even if you can only spend 10 – 15 minutes; an ideal opportunity to see the Church when no service is taking place. Father Roger returns from his sabbatical on 17th November and it would be good to welcome him back with a clean, shiny church.



Calendar of Services for November 2013

		KING'S SUTTON	NEWBOTTLE
Fri	1	<i>All Saints:</i> Mass 12 noon	
Sat	2	<i>All Souls:</i> Mass 10am	
Sun	3	Kingdom 1: Sung Eucharist 11am; Evensong 6pm	<i>Sung Eucharist 9.30am</i>
Mon	4		
Tues	5	Mass 9.30am	
Weds	6	Mass 7pm	
Thurs	7		
Fri	8		
Sat	9		
Sun	10	Remembrance Sunday: Mass 8am; Service of Remembrance 10.55am at War Memorial; Requiem Mass 6pm	<i>Morning Prayer 9.30am</i>
Mon	11	Remembrance: War Memorial 10.55am	
Tues	12	Mass 9.30am	
Weds	13		
Thurs	14		
Fri	15		
Sat	16	Mass 10am	
Sun	17	Kingdom 3: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Baptisms; Evensong 6pm	<i>Sung Eucharist 9.30am</i>
Mon	18		
Tues	19	<i>S. Hilda:</i> Mass 9.30am	
Weds	20	<i>S. Edmund:</i> Mass 7pm	
Thurs	21		
Fri	22	<i>S. Cecilia:</i> Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon	
Sat	23	<i>S. Clement:</i> Mass 10am	
Sun	24	Christ the King: Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Baptism; Songs of Praise 6pm	<i>Morning Prayer 9.30am</i>
Mon	25		
Tues	26	Mass 9.30am	
Weds	27	Mass 7pm	
Thurs	28		
Fri	29	<i>Day of Prayer for Missions:</i> Mass 12 noon	
Sat	30	<i>S. Andrew:</i> Mass SOLW 10am	

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