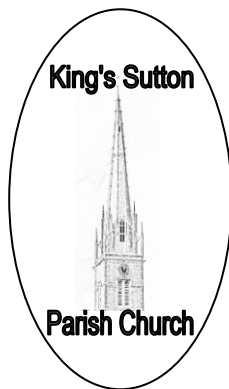


CHURCH NEWSLETTER MARCH 2014



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SACKCLOTH AND ASHES

You remember the story of Jonah? He had refused to go and preach to the city of Nineveh and ended up in the belly of a great fish, but then, obeying the Lord, he went to Nineveh, and the response was dramatic. They saw the evil of their ways and even the king came down from his throne and 'put on sackcloth and sat down in ashes'. This is a common expression of seeking forgiveness in the Bible, and it is where the 'Ash' of Ash Wednesday comes. Down the centuries people have come to church and have received a small cross mark on their foreheads shaped with ash. And even in churches where that doesn't happen (like Newbottle) there is still the act of penitence and the seeking of forgiveness.



This comes at the beginning of Lent - which is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. So at the beginning we seek to put behind us our wrong-doings and the things we ought to do that we failed to do and make a new beginning, and in that new beginning, we go forward into Lent trying to deepen our love for God and for one another. The small disciplines we impose on ourselves are not so we can arrive at Easter with a sense of something accomplished, but in order to strengthen our wills, so that we may be better Christians, having a deeper faith, hope and love.

Many of you who read this will not think about coming to church (of course you will be very welcome if you do!), but I invite you to reflect on your life and what in it could be better. How can you be more yourself? How can you be more loving? How can you let go of the things which hinder that - the letting go is, as it were, the ashes; and the 'how can I be more the person I can be?' - is the Lent thing.

All of us need change, and spring time is an excellent time for doing that bit extra to bring it about.

Fr Roger

From the Registers:

Funerals:

12 th February	Jane Bosley (Service at Crematorium)
14 th February	Robert Ayriss
28 th February	Alec Lovell

Celebration of Light : The floodlighting has been sponsored to remember

1 st	February	Bob Reid
9 th	February	Betty Sims



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



Lent Lunches

Light lunches of homemade soups and breads, will be served on Fridays during Lent except Good Friday. The lunches will be held in the Oman Room (the church room) at 12.30 on March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and April 4th & 11th. Donations raised will be sent to The Neuroblastoma Society, fighting childhood cancer.

LENT COURSE

The Lent course this year takes place on Tuesday mornings in the church room after the 9.30am Mass (10 – 10.45am). This is repeated on Wednesday evenings in the church after the 7pm Mass. The theme is 'The Sermon on the Mount'.

11 th	March	10am	Lent course 1 Tuesday
12 th	March	7.30pm	Lent course 1 Wednesday
18 th	March	10am	Lent course 2 Tuesday
19 th	March	7.30pm	Lent course 2 Wednesday
25 th	March	10am	Lent course 3 Tuesday
26 th	March	7.30pm	Lent course 3 Wednesday
1 st	April	10am	Lent course 4 Tuesday
2 nd	April	7.30pm	Lent course 4 Wednesday
8 th	April	10am	Lent course 5 Tuesday
9 th	April	7.30pm	Lent course 5 Wednesday

DAY OF PRAYER ASH WEDNESDAY 5th March

TO PRAY FOR OUR FINANCIAL NEEDS

MORNING PRAYER 8 30AM

PRAYER DURING THE DAY 12 NOON

EVENING PRAYER 5 30PM

SUNG MASS WITH ASHING 7 30pm

THE CHURCH WILL, AS USUAL, BE OPEN ALL DAY. LEAFLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE SO THAT YOU CAN PRAY THERE AT TIMES CONVENIENT TO YOU, OR TO PRAY WHEREEVER YOU ARE.



Children's Church News



Hi everyone,

I am sitting typing this with the sun shining through the window. The snowdrops are showing and the buds appearing on the other plants. Maybe spring is not too far away despite the last few weeks' weather!

King's Kids Thursday 3.30 – 5.00pm

At the last meeting the children arrived very wet and cold, but after a cup of hot chocolate for the children and mums we all sat and enjoyed eating and talking together. After this we continued with Days 3 and 4 of the Creation story.

At our March session we will continue by talking about and making a picture of Day 5, although the story of Noah and the Ark would seem more appropriate with all the rain! All the children's work can be seen in the Children's Area in the church.

Parent and Toddlers' Service Friday mornings 9.30am

Despite the weather our mums and children still arrived to join in the service. We had our usual Bible stories and songs, with the mums joining in with the actions.

We then went to the Church Room for refreshments. There are lots of new games to play and pictures to draw while mums have a chance to catch up with each other. If you have not joined us yet why not come along. It is a good way to meet other mums and their children. There is no charge, but we have decided to encourage the children to put a few coins in the Children's Society box.





Family Service Sunday 23rd February

The worship in February was a simple communion service. Fr. Roger talked to us about the conversion of St. Paul and how Saul became Paul. He also set us a musical challenge to learn and sing a hymn he had written.

Family Service Sunday 30th March

This service is a week later than usual so that we can celebrate Mothering Sunday together. We will be focussing on mothers, Mary and the Church. There will be posies for the children to give out and refreshments as usual in the Vicarage. See you there.

CHILDREN AT 11

This is not years of age but time!! Everyone is welcome at the Sung Mass at 11am each Sunday. This is our principal act of worship. Already some children and young people come, and we try to find them roles to play. The more there are, the more we will encourage them by helping them to feel more involved. So if you have children please encourage them to come to this service. They will be welcome!

Fr Roger

DATES IN MARCH

King's Kids (After School)	6 th	March	3.30pm
Parents & Toddlers	14 th	March	9.30am
Parents & Toddlers	28 th	March	9.30am
Family Worship	30 th	March	10.00am





COULD THIS BE YOU??

King's Sutton Parish Church

**is hosting a 'Come and Play' concert
on**

Sunday, April 6th at 3pm

**We need artistes of all ages and standards to
play, dance or sing in the concert.**

*Why not form a group with your friends and play
together?*

**If you would like to book your slot of about 5
minutes duration,
please phone 01295 810967**

**Entry to the concert will be free, so do bring
your friends and family to listen. There will
also be tea and cake!**

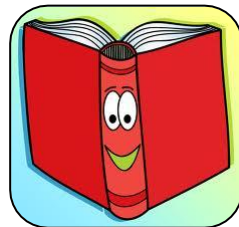


OTHER 'SOUNDS GOOD' DATES TO NOTE:

		MOSTLY MOZART WEEKEND with the Adderbury Ensemble
Saturday April 26th	7pm	Eine Kleine Nachtmusik and more
Sunday April 27th	3pm	Kegelstatt Trio, and music by Bruch

PAPERBACK BOOK SALE for church funds

A second-hand paperback book sale will be held in the Memorial Hall on **Saturday 22nd March from 1 – 4pm**. All the books will be priced at 50p! Do come along and have a browse – you never know what you might find....and it's a great place to get your summer reading. There will also be a raffle and coffee and tea available.



LETS FIND OUT.....

about the men who served in the Great War. There are a great many events being organised to mark the centenary of the First World War, but I thought we might have a local focus with a project to research the men from the village who went off to War. Each year we remember by name the 22 who died; but 160 men enlisted. All their names are on the Memorial in the West Porch of the Parish Church. They include many familiar village names: Twynham, Wyatt, Dancer. Some of them may be your ancestors. It will be interesting to discover which regiments they joined, where they fought and in the case of those who died, where they are buried. I expect there are people in the village who already know a good deal and there will be others who would like to do some digging around. To this end I am inviting anyone interested to a meeting in the Church Room at 11am on Saturday 29th March. If you can't make that but would like to be involved, please let me know.

Fr Roger

Women's World Day of Prayer: *The service this year is hosted by the Baptist Church, and takes place on Friday 7th March. The theme is "Streams in the Desert" – prepared by the Christian women of Egypt. Everyone is welcome – not just women. Tea and Egyptian cake will be served in the Baptist Church Hall after the service.*

Calendar of Services for March 2014

Sat	1	<i>S David</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	2	Sunday before Lent : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	3	
Tues	4	Mass 9.30am
Weds	5	Ash Wednesday: Sung Mass with ashing 7.30pm
Thurs	6	
Fri	7	<i>S Perpetua</i> : Mass 12 noon
Sat	8	<i>Edward King</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	9	Lent 1 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; The Litany 6pm.
Mon	10	
Tues	11	Mass 9.30am
Weds	12	Mass 7pm
Thurs	13	
Fri	14	Parents and Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	15	Bishop Donald's Road Show at Brackley
Sun	16	Lent 2 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	17	
Tues	18	<i>S Cyril</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	19	<i>S Joseph</i> : Mass 7pm
Thurs	20	
Fri	21	<i>Thomas Cranmer</i> : Mass 12 noon
Sat	22	Mass 10am
Sun	23	Lent 3 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	24	
Tues	25	<i>The Annunciation</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	26	Mass 7pm
Thurs	27	
Fri	28	Parents and Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	29	Mass 10am SOLW
Sun	30	Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday : Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Stations of the Cross 6pm
Mon	31	

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