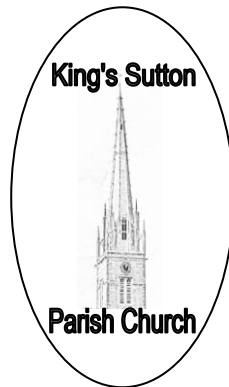


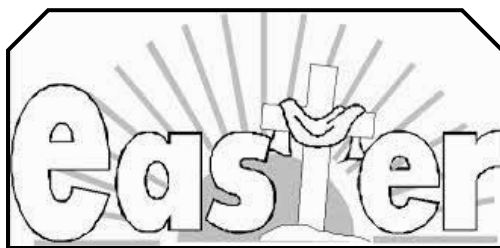
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The date of Easter moves, as we all know. It is the first Sunday after the full moon, after the spring equinox, and is related to the date of the Jewish Passover – although they rarely coincide. It

was at Passover that Jesus was crucified and rose from death and it was important for the early Church to maintain the link. The date can vary from about the 23rd of March through to a month later. We have had some of those extreme dates in recent years: March 23rd in 2008, April 24th in 2011 and this year, April 20th.

This year is the 1350th anniversary of the Synod of Whitby. It was called to settle a dispute between the Celtic Church and the rest of the Church in England as to how the date of Easter should be decided. King Oswy of Northumbria listened to the arguments and decided that the way it was done in Rome was the proper way, and thus it has been ever since. In a way the date of Easter was not the real issue: the real issue was whether the Church in these islands would be an integral part of the Western Church, or whether it would be isolated. And that is an issue that doesn't go away, not just for the Church, but for society as a whole.

For long periods of our history we have had an uneasy relationship with the rest of Europe. At times we have been more than insular, turning our backs on our nearest neighbours, and the debates about the EU continue to ask the same questions. From my reading of the situation there seem to be people here who naturally look towards our physical neighbours in the Netherlands, France, Germany, Italy and further afield to Poland and Slovenia, to the Baltic republics and Greece. Others look towards the far distant lands which were once British colonies: the USA, Canada, New Zealand, Australia. I think those who know me at all will guess that I am the first group. The culture and history to which I belong is definitely European. Purcell, Elgar and Britten sit for me alongside Shakespeare and Constable and belong to the same milieu as Cervantes, Dante, Beethoven, Michelangelo, Picasso.

Recently I have been reading John Julius Norwich's book *The History of the Middle Sea* and what strikes me most is the constant wars down the centuries. Eastern Europe still provokes some conflicts but, by and large, Europe has been free of war for nearly seventy years and it is unthinkable now that the nations of Western Europe should attack each other. The future is never certain, but this seems to me an enormous achievement of the EU. But, of course, that is my personal view and I don't expect everyone to agree with me!

But I wish you a blessed Easter when it comes. For Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Fr Roger

Celebration of Light : The floodlighting has been sponsored to remember

23 rd	December	Rodolphe d'Erlanger (omitted from Dec. Newsletter)
7 th	March	Barbara Hone
8 th	March	Lilian Tustain
15 th -17 th	March	Miriam Thorne
28 th	March	Dennis Tustain



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 bread continue on Fridays April 4th and 11th. The lunches will be held in the Oman Room (the church room) at 12.30 and donations raised will be sent to The Neuroblastoma Society, fighting childhood cancer.

LENT COURSE

The Lent course continues 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', found in Matthew chapters 5 - 7.

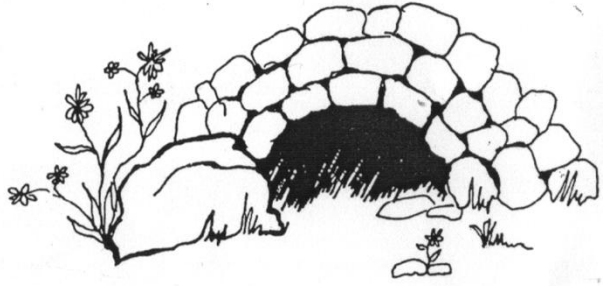
How many times have you used the phrase, "I'm in deep water"? How many times have you said, "To the bitter end"? There are many phrases that we use every day, which, sometimes surprisingly, originate in the Bible. Below are a few that have come from the Sermon on the Mount:

- "turn the other cheek" (5:39)
- "go the extra mile" (5:41)
- "the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing" (6:3)
- "do not throw your pearls before swine" (7:6)
- "do to others as you would have them do to you" (7:12)
- "beware of wolves in sheep's clothing" (7:15)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING CLEAN! There will be a 'church working morning' on **Saturday 12th April** between 10.30am and 12 noon. There will be lots of jobs – both inside and out, large and small. So if you can spare half an hour or so, please come and help to prepare the church for Easter, which follows a week later.

May 31st: A May Fair will be held during the afternoon – please save the date now, and details will follow next month.



FAMILIES.....

GOOD FRIDAY April 18: 10am

EASTER DAY April 20: 11am
Sung Mass for Everyone

COME AND SEE THE EASTER GARDEN

The Church is open every day.

PARENTS AND TODDLERS' WORSHIP
April 25th: 9.30am.

A short service for pre-school children, and a time for play.

FAMILY WORSHIP April 27: 10am

A PRAYER TO USE WITH CHILDREN:

Heavenly Father, we thank you that Jesus came to free us from sin, and we praise you that he rose from death and lives for ever. Amen.

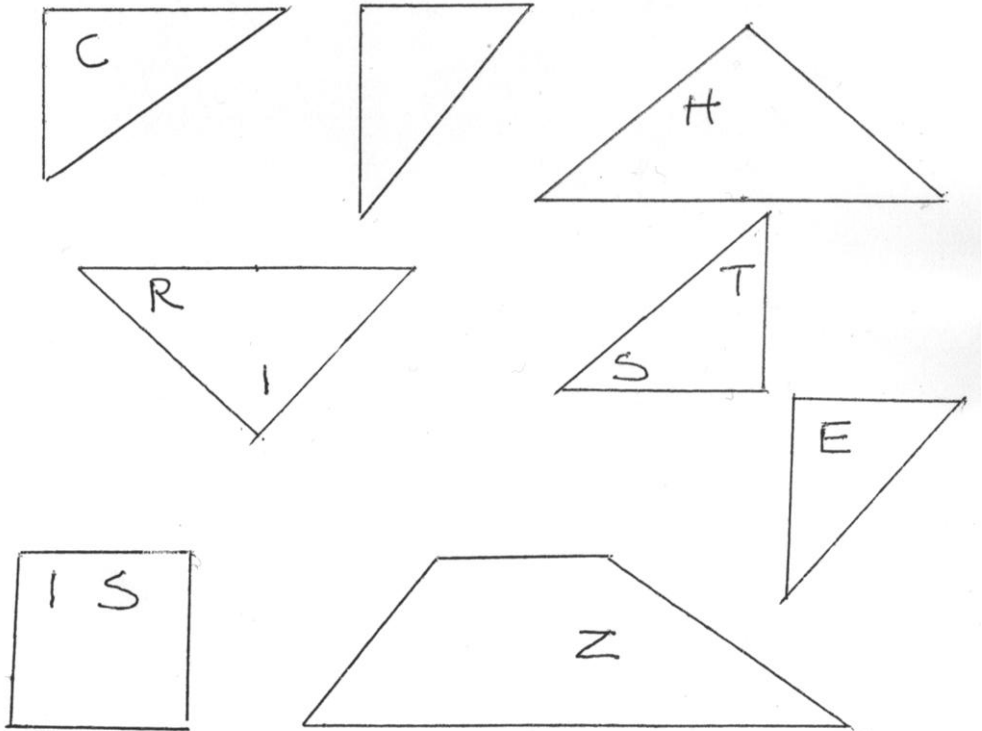
A song: the tune is 'Twinkle, twinkle little star'.

*See the stone is rolled away, Jesus lives again today.
He's alive and he's our friend, and his love will never end.
See the stone is rolled away, Jesus lives again today.*

A QUIZ and a PUZZLE

1. Jesus rode on what kind of animal when he came to Jerusalem?
2. The people waved what?
3. Who betrayed Jesus?
4. Where was he arrested?
5. What day did Jesus die on?
6. Who was the first person to see him alive again?

CUT OUT THESE SHAPES AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN MAKE WITH THEM....



Sounds Good' Concerts in April:



COME AND LISTEN

to a 'Come and Play' concert on

Sunday, April 6th at 3pm

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

MOSTLY MOZART

*A weekend with:
THE ADDERBURY ENSEMBLE*



Saturday 26th April 7pm:

*Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
(performed by young musicians of King's Sutton)
Borodin – String Quartet No. 2
Mozart – Quintet for clarinet and strings*

Sunday 27th April 3pm:

*Bruch – pieces for clarinet, viola and piano
Mozart – Kegelstatt Trio*

Entry to each concert £12 / £10 (Children free)

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 on one after the other. This year these meetings will take place on **6th April** in the Church following the 11.00 am Eucharist service. (So it should start round about 12.00 midday).

Annual Parish Meeting

This is the first meeting and 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 business at this meeting is the

- **Election of Churchwardens.** The role and responsibilities of churchwardens have not differed much over the years. They are the officers of the bishop and it is their duty to submit an annual report to him, informing 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.
- **Report on the Church's Charities.**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This meeting follows on and 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. Within this meeting reports will be heard from each part of the Church organisation which is contained in the Annual Parish Report. The main part of this annual report is the financial accounts and whether we are managing to live within our means.

Once all that is done the meeting will then elect the persons that it wants to represent them 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.

Calendar of Services for April 2014

Tues	1	Mass 9.30am
Weds	2	Mass 7pm
Thurs	3	<i>Richard of Chichester</i>
Fri	4	<i>S Ambrose</i> : Mass 12 noon
Sat	5	Mass 10am
Sun	6	Lent 5 – Passiontide begins : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	7	
Tues	8	Mass 9.30am
Weds	9	<i>Dietrich Bonhoffer</i> : Mass 7pm
Thurs	10	
Fri	11	Mass 12 noon
Sat	12	Mass 10am
Sun	13	Lent 6, Palm Sunday : Mass 8am; Procession and Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	14	Stations of the Cross 7pm
Tues	15	Mass 9.30am
Weds	16	Mass 7pm
Thurs	17	Maundy Thursday : Sung Mass 8pm, followed the Vigil (church open for prayer until midnight)
Fri	18	Good Friday : Family Worship 10am; Liturgy 3.15pm
Sat	19	Easter Eve : The Pascal Ceremonies, Vigil and First Mass of Easter 9pm
Sun	20	Easter Sunday : Sung Mass for all 11am; Songs of Praise at the Baptist Church 6pm
Mon	21	
Tues	22	Mass 9.30am
Weds	23	Mass 7pm
Thurs	24	
Fri	25	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	26	Mass 10am SOLW
Sun	27	Easter 1 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	28	<i>S George (transferred from 23rd)</i>
Tues	29	<i>S Mark (transferred from 25th)</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	30	Mass 7pm

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