

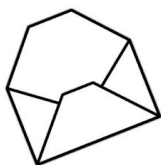
CHURCH NEWSLETTER MAY 2014



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King's Sutton**

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INSIDE

Inside this Newsletter is an envelope for gifts to Christian Aid. Please return the envelope to one of the addresses below.

So what does a gift to Christian Aid do? Well, first, despite the title it is not aid for Christians – aid goes to people in need of whatever faith. But it is Christians who organise the collection and distribution. It doesn't go to governments but to partner organisations around the world.

I would like to share some examples of the aid that your generosity makes possible.

First, some 12 million people were affected by a Cyclone in India. Our partners there had put in place preparations for evacuating people, but nevertheless more than a million people were made homeless and 300,000 hectares of crops were ruined. Our partners have provided shelter, food and water purification tablets. Embankments and roads are being repaired and people helped to rebuild homes.

In Uganda there is a ground-breaking project to help communities shattered by the violence from the fanatical rebel group known as the 'Lord's Resistance Army'. Between 1987 and 2006 the LRA killed tens of thousands and maimed hundreds more – hacking off noses, lips, ears, and hands with

machetes; they abducted at least 20,000 children who became child soldiers. The National Memory and Peace Documentation Centre in northern Uganda is run by our long-standing partner, the Refugee Law Project. It maps out what happened and encourages dialogue and peaceful co-existence between survivors. People need to talk about what happened and move forward to a new future.

Finally, an example from Syria where the brutal civil war is now in its third year: support is being given with partners Association Najdeh for nearly a million refugees in the Lebanon. The influx has increased the Lebanon's population by a quarter! Food, shelter, medicines and psychological support are being given.

I could have written about problems in Colombia, in the Philippines, in Haiti, Brazil, Rwanda, cheap bananas and much more. Our world is a desperate place for so many people, and we need to respond with generosity. Please give what you can and gift aid it if you are a UK taxpayer.

Envelopes can be returned: at either church at any service
to the Manse or the Vicarage
to 22 Sandringham Road or 26 Glebe Rise
or ring 811364 and someone will collect.

Fr Roger

From the Registers:

Funerals

28th March Kathleen Nichols

10th April Elisabeth Philips-Smith (service at Newbottle)



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

Celebration of Light

The floodlighting was sponsored to remember:

24th March Jill Hunter

20th April Charlie Ward

24th April William Stayton

QUIET DAY

The Vicar and Wardens of the church of St. Etheldreda in Horley have given permission for us to hold a Quiet Day there on **Saturday 3rd May** from 10.15am – 3.45pm. We shall be in the company of S John of the Cross - a 16th Century Spanish friar, who wrote the most amazing poetry. Fr. Roger might quote him in Spanish but will provide a translation!

It's day of prayer and talks and silence and eating together, taking place in and around the church in Horley. Bring a picnic lunch: drinks will be provided, and there will be a small charge of £5.00 to go towards Horley Church funds.



PRAYER WALK On the afternoon of Saturday June 7th there will be a Prayer Walk around the village organised by the three Christian congregations: Baptists, Catholics and Parish Church. There will be various "stopping points" at which we will pray and sing. You might like to come on the whole walk, or perhaps join us for a "stopping point". Details will be available nearer the time.

King's Sutton Church on Facebook; Letter from Jono Guinness.

"I started the Banbury Didgeridoo Club in 2004 and since that day it has attracted interest from local villagers to musicians from the UK and Overseas. One of the most talked about aspects of the club is the beautiful location among the mighty yew trees and the tranquil setting of the churchyard. The affinity that didgeridoo players and makers have with the trees and the instruments from whence they came is very special; this is especially tangible when one sits and plays under the big yews. We have a very well known Facebook page and have had some wonderful feedback from around the world regarding our setting. The fact we are one of the largest and oldest didgeridoo clubs in the UK is generating a lot of global interest and I feel privileged that the heart of this club resides amongst the trees and stones within King's Sutton churchyard"



Children's Church News

KING'S KIDS: Thursday 8th May 3.30 – 5.00pm

We have now completed our work on Creation which you can see at the back of the Church. Living where we do we are surrounded with all of the wonderful nature that God has provided for us.

We are hoping that over the next few months we can look at some of the things the children can do to help. We already have bird boxes on the trees at the back of the Church Room but we are planning to plant some wild flowers there to attract the bees and other insects. There are also plans afoot to build a bug and insect house and install a home for a hedgehog!

Come and join the fun!

PARENTS AND TODDLERS WORSHIP

Friday 9th and 23rd May at 9.30am

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

FAMILY WORSHIP May 25th: 10.00am

A prayer for you to read to your children, or read for themselves, and think about.

May the world turn round about
May all things turn to right
May the sunset thank the dawn
The noontime bless the night

May the rivers thank the rain
May the storm clouds bless the sea
May the good soil thank the leaves
The sunshine bless the tree



May the rich thank those in need
The children bless the old
May the strong thank those who fail
The timid bless the bold

May the angels sing on earth
May heaven hear our prayer
May forgiveness, joy and peace
And love fill everywhere.



The tomb was empty because Jesus had risen from the dead. He appeared to his disciples when they were in a locked room. Can you find ten keys hidden in this picture?

Read this story in John 20: 19 – 20.

Christianity is about.....BELIEVING

GOD AS CREATOR/FATHER

God is the creator and sustainer of everything that exists. God's character is best described as 'love', and God's passions are for peace, justice and joy for everyone. God is always 'more' – in scale, love, energy, presence – than we ever imagine. Language breaks down; our descriptions have to become metaphors. It's like Hamlet trying to describe Shakespeare. But in order to explain what God is like, God took a huge risk.....

GOD AS SON/JESUS

It's been said, 'God is Christlike, and in him is no unChristlikeness at all.' If we want to understand what God is like, what God would say and do, we have only to look at this extraordinary life, the pivot on which history has turned.

- The breath-taking **teaching** of Jesus has never been faulted and has been the foundation of civilisations.
- The **death** of Jesus on Good Friday released humankind from the dark tyrannies of moral failure and the fears that cripple our lives.
- The **resurrection** of Jesus on Easter Day showed us that no situation is beyond hope, and that death does not have the final word.

GOD AS GO-BETWEEN/SPIRIT

If we can know God as **Father** in creation and as **Son** in history, how can we know God as the One who is present in our lives today? The answer is we can know him in the **Spirit of God**. The Spirit was released at Pentecost so that the love and grace of Jesus Christ could flow through his people into the world. Human transformation and social transformation are equally part of the new creation, the Kingdom of God, which Jesus came to announce and to demonstrate.

God is the Father we always needed, the Friend we always wanted, and the Energiser we always hoped for.

(article by John Pritchard – Bishop of Oxford)

Many thanks to all those who wielded dusters, vacuumed, brushed and tidied the grounds. The church and its environs looked splendid for Easter, and your efforts were much appreciated!



THANKS Many thanks to all the performers who came and played and sang for the 'Sounds Good' Come and Play concert in the church last month. The audience was treated to performances with voice, guitar, saxophone, organ, didgeridoo and axsynth. This made it a wonderfully varied and enjoyable concert. Thanks also for the audience support which meant that £197 was raised for church funds.

The next two concerts are detailed below:

Sunday 11th May at 3pm

MUSIC FROM THE MED

Fr. Roger will talk about his Sabbatical journey through Italy and Spain, with musical illustrations by:

**PALESTRINA, VICTORIA, FRESCOBALDI,
ANTONIO de CABEZÓN and HOROVITZ**

Entry free. Donations invited



Sunday 15th June 3pm: 'Catching Schubert's Trout'

We are extremely fortunate to have soloists from the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment coming to play for us. Matthew Truscott (violin), Mark Braithwaite (viola), Luise Buchberger ('cello), Chi-chi Nwanoku (double bass) and Sam Haywood (piano) will be playing Schubert and Hummel in the concert. Entry will be £15/£10 with children free.

Calendar of Services for May 2014

Thurs	1	<i>SS Philip & James</i>
Fri	2	<i>Athanasias: Mass 12 noon</i>
Sat	3	Quiet Day with S Juan de la Cruz
Sun	4	Easter 3: Mass 8am; Sung Mass & Baptism 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	5	
Tues	6	Mass 9.30am
Weds	7	Mass 7pm
Thurs	8	<i>Julian of Norwich</i>
Fri	9	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	10	Mass 10am
Sun	11	Easter 4: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Christian Aid Service 6pm
Mon	12	
Tues	13	Mass 9.30am
Weds	14	<i>S. Matthias: Mass 7pm</i>
Thurs	15	
Fri	16	
Sat	17	
Sun	18	Easter 5: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	19	
Tues	20	<i>S Alcuin: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	21	
Thurs	22	
Fri	23	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am;
Sat	24	<i>John & Charles Wesley</i>
Sun	25	Easter 6: Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Baptism 1.30pm; Evensong 6pm
Mon	26	<i>S Augustine</i>
Tues	27	Mass 9.30am
Weds	28	<i>S Lanfranc: Mass 7pm</i>
Thurs	29	Ascension Day: Sung Mass 7.30pm
Fri	30	<i>Josephine Butler: Mass 12 noon</i>
Sat	31	<i>The Visitation: Mass 10am SOLW</i>

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