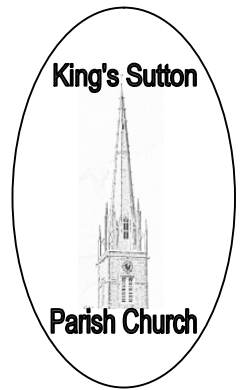


# CHURCH NEWSLETTER MAY 2015



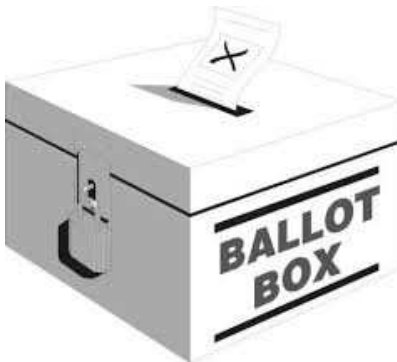
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## ***GENERAL ELECTION***

If you are like me you will be so fed up with the election campaign that the last thing you want to read is more about it from the Vicar!



However, this election will almost certainly produce a hung parliament with smaller parties, and even nationalist ones, holding a great deal of influence. Locally, it is quite hard to see the value of one's vote, because one candidate is almost guaranteed to be elected and if you support them does your one vote matter?

And if you support one of the other parties, then what's the point? But I would strongly urge everyone to vote. It is your civic duty.

And that leads me to say something about politicians and our political institutions. Politicians get a lot of flak these days, as ever, it must be said. There is a tendency to regard them as all on the make and this has led increasingly to lower numbers voting, and especially among the young. People have, for whatever reason, become disconnected with the political process. But politicians are doing an important job and we need strong and effective institutions: and all this is to do with the **common good**. Humanity

is a social animal. We live together in communities and we need to order those communities in justice, charity and peace, and although politics is only one element in the creation our common life, it is an important one. In our society we all have responsibilities towards the common good: paying taxes, obeying the Law, serving as jurors, voting at elections, challenging sometimes the ways all these things are done. But without all this society would dissolve into chaos.

Joyce Grenfell, playing a university vice-chancellor's wife, remarked to a student anarchist: I always wonder in an anarchy who looks after the drains! Well, I for one, want someone to look after the drains, and much else!

*Fr Roger*

### **From the Registers:**

#### **Baptisms**

March	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bradley James Bateman
March	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Danielle Jessica Bateman
March	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Amelia Greta Jessica May Bateman
March	29 <sup>th</sup>	Florence Lucia May Robinson

#### **Weddings:**

March	28 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Louise Osmond and Timothy Simon Robinson
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#### **Funerals and services at the Crematorium**

April	7 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Essex
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**Memorial Service** for John Boys: April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Celebration of Light** Since the last newsletter, the floodlighting has been sponsored to remember:

March	28 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis William Tustian
April	8 <sup>th</sup>	Gwynneth Wood

*If you would like to sponsor the floodlights of the church to remember an anniversary or other significant event in your family, please either contact Stephen Allday (811473) or take a form from the ledge just inside the church.*

## ASCENSION DAY

This day in the calendar of the church is when we remember the day of our Lord's ascension into heaven. There will be a Sung Mass in the Parish Church at 7.30pm on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>.

There are traditions associated with the day – 'Beating the Bounds' being one of them. In Oxford, several colleges and two churches (St Michael at the North Gate and the University Church) are involved in this ancient tradition which involves a group of parishioners from the two churches marking their parish boundaries by hitting boundary marker stones with willow sticks, shouting "Mark, Mark, Mark". Several of these boundary marker stones are located within Oxford colleges, (including Lincoln and Brasenose), where the boundary stone is marked with the year in chalk. There are also crosses to be seen on walls in various streets, e.g. Magpie Lane. The tradition dates back at least to Anglo-Saxon times, and it originates from a time when it was important to make parish boundaries physically evident, in the absence of maps and written deeds. This was especially important given the fact that each parish was responsible for the care of the needy living within it; so those seeking help would know exactly which parish they ought to go for aid. If you visit Marks & Spencer (in Oxford), there is a cross marking old parish boundaries set into the floor.

In Derbyshire there is the tradition of well-dressing in many villages. In Tissington the custom is thought to date either from the plague (the village was plague-free) or from a terrible drought of the year 1615, when no rain



fell from March to May. Through it all the wells of Tissington went on flowing, supplying the needs of the people who flocked to them. In thankful memory of this a service was appointed to be held on Ascension Day. Each of the five wells is now blessed annually, and dressed in flower petals.

*A boundary marker in  
Magpie Lane, Oxford.*



## Children and families



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets in the Church Room on the second Sunday of the month during the 11am Mass. This month it will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**PARENT AND TODDLER WORSHIP** is at 9.30am every Friday during term time. We are in church for a short simple service and then play and chat in the Church Room.

**FAMILY WORSHIP** takes place on the fourth Sunday of the month at 10am: this month on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

*Fr. Roger*



Did you know.....

- May is National Share-a-Story Month; Bedtime stories, fairy stories, and other story you can think of! Everyone loves a story!
- May 1<sup>st</sup> is Dawn Chorus Day.....an annual celebration of the world's oldest wake-up call.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> has been designated National Doughnut Week....
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – National Sandwich Week.....
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Walk to School Week
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – Friendship Funday – a creative event for primary schools, finding out about schools in other countries.



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May

With this newsletter, you have received an envelope for a donation. Please be generous: the developing world needs our help. So what does a gift to Christian Aid do? Well, 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.

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*

Prayers for Christian Aid:

**C**reator and Lord of this good earth  
**H**ave mercy on your people everywhere.  
**R**econcile all who are divided  
**I**n your world.  
**S**trengthen those who are poor and weak;  
**T**each those who are rich and powerful;  
**I**n loneliness and isolation give comfort and hope;  
**A**nd help us all to know that you are  
**N**ever far from us.

**A**ll that I can do to share in your healing work  
**I**nspire and give me courage to  
**D**iscern.

*'Goodness is stronger than evil;  
Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
Life is stronger than death;  
Victory is ours through Him who loved us.'*

*Desmond Tutu*

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# PAPERBACKS



# PLUS

Come and pick up bargain summer reading!

**Saturday 16th May 2.00 - 4.30p.m**

in

The Memorial Hall King's Sutton

Free Entry + cakes + teas  
bits 'n' bobs + cards + raffle



*All proceeds to Parish Church funds*

The first fundraising event this year takes place on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 2pm in the Memorial Hall.

## 'PAPERBACKS PLUS'

Second hand paperback books will be available to purchase for 50p each, and there will be other attractions: teas, cakes, raffle, 'bits 'n' bobs'....and more.

**Do come and have a browse amongst the books and the stalls – you never know what you might find!**

Last month local musicians 'Cool 'n' Blue' made a welcome return to the church and gave us an enjoyable evening of relaxing jazz.



Pianist Sam Haywood astounded an audience with his amazing playing of Beethoven, Chopin and Haydn, and it was no surprise that he came back for a stunning encore! The speed and finesse of his playing was truly breathtaking, and the Broadwood piano sounded superb.

The next concerts are outlined below: **Immanuel's Ground** is a costumed Quire from Warwickshire, singing and playing period instruments. 'In Prosperity and Adversity' takes another look at the life and times of George III, including a 1809 wedding sketch, with plenty of opportunity for audience participation in patriotic songs and other secular music of the period.

The Launton **Handbell Ringers** play and talk about their historical set of handbells. Performing with them is Lucy Kinch, a local folksinger. The proceeds will be shared between the church and L.A.R. K. (Linking Arms with Rescued Kids) which helps street children in Kenya.

**Saturday, May 9th at 7pm**



**Immanuel's  
Ground**



*Costumed Quire from Warwickshire will invite us to join in with patriotic songs and music from the time of George III.*

**The  
Launton  
Handbell Ringers**



**and Lucy Kinch, folksinger**

*A 'Magical, Mystery Tour' of music  
from around the world*

In aid of King's Sutton Parish Church, and L.A.R.K. —  
celebrating their 10th anniversary

Entry £10 / Children free

**Sunday, May 10th at 3pm**

Entry £10

Children free

In aid of King's Sutton  
Parish Church

Future date for your diary:

Sunday, June 28th	3pm	'Back to Bach' Travel back in time to this brilliant composer.... Entry £10 / Children free
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## Calendar of Services for May 2015

Fri	1	<i>SS Philip &amp; James</i> : Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30; Mass 12 noon
Sat	2	<i>S Athanasius</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	3	<b>Easter 5</b> : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	4	
Tues	5	Mass 9.30am
Weds	6	Mass 7pm
Thurs	7	
Fri	8	<i>S Julian of Norwich</i> : Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30; Mass 12 noon
Sat	9	Mass 10am
Sun	10	<b>Easter 6 / Rogation</b> : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	11	
Tues	12	Mass 9.30am
Weds	13	Mass 7pm
Thurs	14	<b>Ascension Day</b> : Sung Mass 7.30pm
Fri	15	<i>S Mathias</i> : Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30; Mass 12 noon
Sat	16	Mass 10am
Sun	17	<b>Easter 7</b> : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	18	
Tues	19	<i>S Dunstan</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	20	<i>S Alcuin</i> : Mass 7pm
Thurs	21	
Fri	22	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30; Mass 12 noon
Sat	23	Mass 10am
Sun	24	<b>Pentecost</b> : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	25	
Tues	26	<i>S Augustine of Canterbury</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	27	Mass 7pm
Thurs	28	
Fri	29	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30; Mass 12 noon
Sat	30	Mass SOLW 10am; Wedding 1.30pm
Sun	31	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm

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