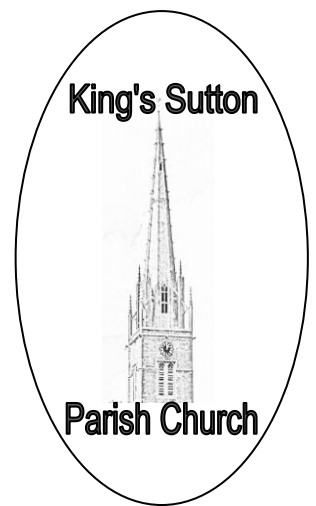


**CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER  
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**Church of St. Peter & St. Paul  
King's Sutton**

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## Speaking about God

As I write this I am about to begin the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle of treatment. I have to say that the cumulative effects mean that my levels of energy, especially in the first two weeks of the three-week cycle, become lower. However, on the whole I am doing OK.

When it was decided that I wouldn't retire this September but would continue till 2018 I didn't know that cancer would strike again! However, I was thinking about what I might do in these two additional years. And my thoughts have been confirmed by the way in which the parish, and especially the Wardens and the PCC, have managed things during the past few months. I am immensely grateful to all those who have taken on additional tasks.

But let me tell you another story about Archbishop Michael Ramsey! The first was last month!!

He was visiting a city parish for a mission – this was when he was the Bishop of Durham – and after the inaugural service, it was decided that photos should be taken (this was long before the ubiquitous phone/camera). However, the Bishop seemed to have disappeared. He wasn't in the church; he wasn't in the loo. But then the vicar had an idea. He went round the back of the church

where there was some rough ground where local youths congregated, and there, chatting to a bunch of lads was the Bishop! He was whisked away for the photos, but asked what he had been talking about with the youths. “About God, of course”, said the Bishop. And that is fundamentally what I want to do much more of during these two years. Details will follow in October but I am thinking of arranging opportunities for both individuals and groups to come together simply to talk together about God.

It is right and good that the Church is involved not only in worship but also in social activity – the loving of God and neighbour and especially those in particular need – the sick, the poor, those whose lives are blighted by the conditions in which they live. But we must never forget our task to speak to others about God. So I hope that those of you who read this but do not regularly attend church might think this is for you! Look out for details next month.

*Fr. Roger*

### **From the Registers:**

#### **Wedding:**

August 6<sup>th</sup> Charles David Harper and Nicola Anne Varney

#### **Funeral:**

August 10<sup>th</sup> Hilda Stimpson

### **Celebration of Light**

Since the last newsletter, the floodlighting has been sponsored to remember:

August	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Thompson
August	14 <sup>th</sup>	David Pope
August	19 <sup>th</sup>	William Golsby
September	25 <sup>th</sup>	Cyril & June Smith's Anniversary
September	30 <sup>th</sup>	David Cross

*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.*

# Harvest



We are celebrating Harvest on Sunday September 25th with an All Age Service - that means what it says! The service, like those on Christmas Day and Easter Day is designed for people from 0 - 100! So this is an opportunity for us all to come together, children, parents, the usual 8.00am and 11.00am congregations, those that come to Family Worship and those that come to the Parents and Toddlers worship services. And anyone else that wants to come along and enjoy a Harvest Eucharist but in a slightly different way!

At Harvest we collect tinned and dry, packaged goods for homeless young people through the BYHP charity based in Banbury. This year we shall be handing out shoe boxes to anyone that wants one, including the younger members of the congregation, with a request that they are filled with the necessary goodies for BYHP. These filled shoe boxes will be presented at the 11.00am service, blessed and then taken to the BYHP offices in Banbury.

*Note: shoe boxes can be obtained from Dee Thobourne 01295 811961.*

If you prefer, or even in addition, you can make donations for Christian Aid, helping poorer people across the world; Christian Aid envelopes will be handed out at the service.

Please come and make it a real Christian Family occasion. And there will be refreshments at the end of the service, with donations going to two of our other charities that we support: Maggie's Centre, Oxford and the Primary Bereavement Service. So at one service four separate charities will benefit from 'our' Harvest.

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**Date for your diaries:**

Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup>

**Harvest soup lunch 12 – 2pm**

in the Parish Church Room – donations invited

Proceeds to church running costs

**PTW:** We are constantly faced by groups of capital letters that may or may not make a word. These three letters stand for **PARENTS AND TODDLERS' WORSHIP**. It happens on Friday mornings in term time at 9.30am roughly! Those who come are **Parents**, mainly Mums, I have to say, but Dads and Grandparents and other carers are all welcome, and then there are the **Toddlers** - children as young as a few weeks up to school-going age. And what do we do? The answer is partly in the title. We gather in church, we light some candles, and we sing songs, hear a Bible story and pray. The blowing out of the candles is a skill the children learn quickly! And then, we move to the Church Room for refreshments. There are toys for the children and the parents chat. If you are a parent and want your child to learn something of the Christian faith, to discover that church can be fun and that the building is a place where they are welcome, then this is something for you. If you want to know more please contact me or talk to Carole Hill who is our children's worker, and who is leading these services at the moment.

**FW:** This is another of our abbreviations and it is for Families. Now what is a family? Well any group of people. These **FAMILY WORSHIP** services, which happen at 10am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month, are opportunities to worship in an informal way, with songs, percussion instruments, stories and some activities. The service itself lasts up to 30 minutes and then again there are refreshments either in the Vicarage or the Church Room. Everyone is welcome at these services whether you are 5, 15, 25, 85 and whether you come with others or on your own. For the moment these **FW** services are being led by Stephen Connelly and Dee Thobourne.

Please come along and enjoy a **PTW** or a **FW** experience. The Church has the message of God's love and we want to share that with everyone.

You will see that on September 25<sup>th</sup> the Family Worship is combining with the 11am Mass for Harvest. But 'normal' service will resume on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am.

Fr Roger





## SPIRE UPDATE

Whilst doing this work the contractors have found rather more work that is unsafe and therefore needs to be remedied than was at first thought. The south east pinnacle was very dangerous and we are fortunate that this did not break off and cause further damage. Because of this there will be a delay in completion but it seems only right and proper that all this work gets sorted now rather than having to go through something similar in a couple of years time. Of course there is an additional cost implication as the work that is now being discovered was not in the original specification. The overall cost is likely to be in the region of £130k which is approximately £30k up on the original quotation.

Completion date i.e. when everything is off site, scaffolding down and gone and the Church is ours again is 23rd September. This is some eight weeks later than the first indication but takes in the additional work as already mentioned.

## CELEBRATION

There will be a short act of worship in **Celebration** of completion of the work done on **Sunday 9th October at 3pm** when everyone will be invited to attend, architects, contractors, benefactors, village community, anyone that has donated both large and small and in fact anyone that has contributed in any way for making sure this project came to a successful conclusion. Please note this date in your diary and make every effort to attend with as many family members and friends as you can muster. Please do come and join in....tea and cakes will be available.

Photographic examples of the old stonework as well as the new bits that have replaced them will be on view; and there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions of the Architects and Contractors.

## WHAT THE DICKENS????

Q: What is a Dickensian Evening, and what would you expect to find there?

A: Lots of different ideas and items for Christmas presents! Don't miss out! Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Church.



## FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Come and enjoy an afternoon tea in a splendid garden....



**Garden Tea Party**  
at Bell House,  
The Square, King's Sutton

**Saturday, September 10th**  
**3.00 - 5.30pm**  
Entry £5 including tea  
(Children under 12 free)

ALL PROCEEDS TO PARISH CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

**There will be Church Open Days** on 8<sup>th</sup> October and 12<sup>th</sup> November from 11.00am until 3.00pm. At various stages of the day there will be history talks about the Church, the building and its contents. Some of the decorative vestments and silverware will be on display; also some 'old' photographs of the church and village as well as pictorial displays of the Spire and Tower parapet restoration. Demonstrations on how the bells are rung will take place, and you can visit the bell-ringing chamber (up the spiral staircase!). Find out how the piano and organ contribute to our worship. There may be an opportunity to sing in the choir, wearing the black and white garments of course. What a photograph that would make! There will be things to find for the younger visitors and everyone will qualify for some tea and cake. Can you afford to miss it?

## To think about.....

He that knows not and knows not that he knows not: shun him, for he is a fool.  
He that knows not and knows that he knows not: teach him, for he will learn.  
He that knows and knows not that he knows: wake him, for he is asleep.  
He that knows and knows that he knows: follow him, for he is wise.

(Anon.)



### “Royal Quiz”

**E<sup>II</sup>R** The answers to the quiz are now available on the grey notice boards at the back of church.

Three people scored 87 marks: Liz Cooper, Jane Hamilton and Sue Allen. The names were put into a hat, and the winner drawn was: Jane Hamilton. Many thanks to all who took part in this quiz, and our thanks also to Diane Kennerley for setting it.

### RIDE + STRIDE

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust (NHCT) Ride and Stride event takes place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September between 10am and 6pm. Plan your own route from church to church – and over 350 churches and chapels in the county will be open to visit. Sponsorship forms and a list of open buildings are available in the church. All the money raised is divided between NHCT and the church or chapel chosen by the participant.

The Catholic Congregation meets for Mass at 9am each Sunday  
in the Parish Church.

Fr James Evans is the parish priest: 01295 660592

[www.sacredheart.btck.co.uk](http://www.sacredheart.btck.co.uk)

### Services at Newbottle in September at 9.30am:

September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 15	Sung Eucharist
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 16	Matins
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 17	Sung Eucharist
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 18	Matins

**PROPOSED calendar of Services for September 2016**  
**PLEASE CHECK FOR UPDATES. If in any doubt please ring 01295 810967.**

		<b>KING'S SUTTON</b>
Thurs	1	
Fri	2	
Sat	3	
Sun	4	<b>Trinity 15:</b> Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	5	
Tues	6	Mass 9.30am
Weds	7	
Thurs	8	
Fri	9	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	10	
Sun	11	<b>Trinity 16:</b> Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong with healing 6pm
Mon	12	
Tues	13	<i>S John Chrysostom:</i> Mass 9.30am
Weds	14	<i>Holy Cross Day:</i> Mass 7pm
Thurs	15	
Fri	16	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	17	
Sun	18	<b>Trinity 17:</b> Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	19	
Tues	20	<i>John Patteson:</i> Mass 9.30am
Weds	21	
Thurs	22	
Fri	23	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	24	
Sun	25	<b>Harvest Festival:</b> All Age Worship/Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	26	
Tues	27	<i>S Vincent de Paul:</i> Mass 9.30am
Weds	28	
Thurs	29	
Fri	30	<i>S Jerome:</i> Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am