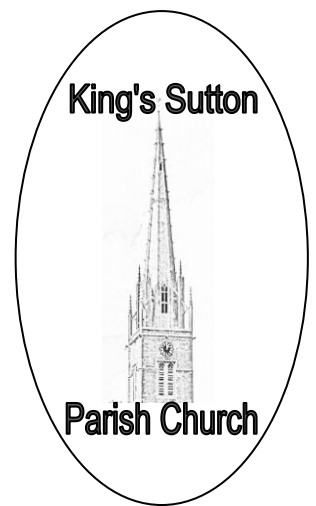


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The name of this shortest month comes from the Latin for purification – ‘februum’ – after an ancient Roman festival which was a purification in preparation for Spring. In Poland it is called the ‘hardfrost’ month, but Anglo-Saxon names included ‘mud-month’ and ‘kale-month’. John Clare, the 18th century poet, from near

Peterborough, subtitles the month in his Shepherd’s Calendar as “A Thaw”. He begins:

The snow is gone from cottage tops
The thatch moss glows in brighter green
And eves in quick succession drops
Where grinning icles once hath been
Pit patting wi a pleasant noise
In tubs set by the cottage door.

It is a month with three celebrations: Candlemas on the 2nd, S Valentine on the 14th and Shrove Tuesday on the 28th.



Candlemas – shown in an icon

Candlemas celebrates the 40 day old Jesus being taken to the Temple, where the old man, Simeon, calls him a “light to lighten the gentiles”. So it is a festival of light.

S Valentine usually loses the saint bit in our commercial world, and it can be an overblown, sentimental event, but at heart it is about celebrating love. And as an aside we should remember those who for whatever reason don't have “a lover”. Single and widowed people can feel left out, but that is no reason for not celebrating the loves we all share. For the command of Jesus is that we should love one another.

But, of course, we fail in this command and so the Church has the season of Lent which begins this year on March 1st with Ash Wednesday, the ash representing both our fragility and our penitence. And, just before, a day for eating up the things which are to be eschewed in Lent – a day of carnival (carne – meat), but which in the UK is the tradition of pancakes. The word ‘shrove’ is part of the verb ‘to shrive’ – which is what the priest does in hearing a confession and imposing a penance - some small act which the person does as a symbol of their sorrow and determination to do better.

So in February, as the days begin to grow longer and winter, hopefully, begins to fade, a celebration of light and love, and a reminder of our sin and our need to forgive and be forgiven.

Fr. Roger

From the Registers:

Weddings:

December 29th Lars Sebastian Hendrik Dutson-Steinfeld & Julie Louise Groves

Celebration of Light

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

January 7th Betty Reid

January 15th Sara Charles-Jones

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.

REFORMERS (2) Savonarola and Erasmus

Girolamo Savonarola was born in central Italy in 1452 and was hanged, aged 46, in Florence. He was a preacher, reformer and prophet, and it was this last that got him into trouble. He brought the Gospel to bear on current issues in 15th century Italy and these were controversial, but a book published after his death, 'The Triumph of the Cross' shows a very orthodox catholic faith.



To the north in the Low Countries we find Desiderius Erasmus (1479? – 1536) He was born in Rotterdam, educated in Gouda and became an Augustinian canon. However from the mid 1590s he left the monastery and travelled extensively for the purpose of study, and later, teaching: Paris, Oxford, Low Countries, Italy, London, Cambridge, Basle. He wrote extensively and was particularly concerned with getting good texts of the Patristic authors into print. These are the Fathers of the Church whose writings were foundational for Christian theology from the 2nd to 9th centuries. He was also vocal in his criticisms of the Church. A book 'Morias Enykomion' (translated as 'In praise of folly') was notable for his attacks on the corruption within the Church, but he remained orthodox in belief and a loyal member of the Church.

Interestingly, Erasmus Scholarships are awarded to students today so that they can travel and study across the European Union. The scheme currently involves nine out of every ten European higher education establishments and supports co-operation between the universities of 33 countries.

Fr. Roger

KING'S SUTTON PARISH CHURCH
Presents:



"DEE'S DELIGHTS"

Starring Dee Thobourne

With a supporting cast of Cakes, Coffee and Books!

Appearing in the Parish Church

Saturday February 18th

10.30am until 12.30.

A warm welcome awaits you, so
come along and join in.

Please put the date in your diaries now!



SOLW – what does it stand for?

If you have studied the calendar on Newsletters throughout the year, you may have noticed the initials SOLW against a Mass that is held, usually on the last Saturday of the month, at 10am. The initials stand for the Shrine of **O**ur **L**ady at **W**alsingham. The shrine is a famous place of pilgrimage, to which members of the Parish Church have travelled. Within the Holy House, one of the oldest parts of the Shrine, lamps burn for parishes around the world, includes a lamp for St. Peter & St. Paul King's Sutton. By sponsoring this lamp, we are supporting the work of the shrine, and in return, the parish is prayed for on a regular basis. The day-to-day running of the Shrine is the responsibility of the Priest Administrator, supported by a Shrine Priest and other clergy.



Some of the latest news from the Shrine is below:

A New Priest Administrator installed and licensed – In November Fr Kevin Smith was welcomed as the new Priest Administrator. Before his appointment, he was working in Co. Durham.

New Shrine Priest announced – Fr. Andreas Wenzel from Wakefield is to take up the post of Shrine Priest in March 2017. Fr. Andreas, who is married to Zoe, trained for the priesthood at St Stephen's House, Oxford before being ordained in 2014 into the Diocese of Leeds. The couple have two young children, Miriam and Robert.



Dates for the SOLW Mass for the next few months are below. The service is followed by coffee in the Parish Church room. All are welcome.

February	25 th	
March	25 th	The Annunciation
April	29 th	(S Catherine of Siena)
May	27 th	

Crib and Tree Service



'T'was the week before Christmas when the Crib and Tree service was held in the Parish Church at 3pm on Sunday 18th December.....

Everyone gathered in the Chancel to sing 'Once in Royal' and then Father Roger told the Christmas story. He talked about how the angel spoke to Mary, telling her that she would have a baby and that the baby would be called Jesus. Some of the children had the responsibility of looking after the 'cast' from the crib – i.e. Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, the sheep and the donkey which they placed into the stable at the front of the church. Everyone sang 'Away in a Manger'.

The children, their parents and other family members then processed to the Christmas tree which the children helped to decorate and the lights were then turned on. The service ended with the singing of 'Ring-a-ding-ding', after which everyone went across to the church room to enjoy the Christmas tea party.

An enjoyable time was had by all.



RED & GREEN QUIZ Many thanks to everyone who entered the Parish Church Christmas Red and Green quiz. The winner with full marks of 77 correct answers was Maurice Stayton; in second place was Margaret Burne and third was Sue Hall. Well done! The answers to the quiz can be found on the grey notice boards at the back of church.

To think about.....

“God is the best helper, but He loves to be helped. Be earnest in prayer, but do not neglect human means. You must help yourself in all manner of ways, and then the Lord will be with you.”

Girolamo Savonarola

“Reflection is a flower of the mind, giving out wholesome fragrance; but revelry is the same flower, when rank and running to seed.”

Desiderius Erasmus

Children and families

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 SERVICE: this is normally held in the chancel of the church in the choir stalls. This will be held on February 26th at 10am this month.



Services at Newbottle in February at 9.30am:

February	5 th	4 th before Lent	Sung Eucharist
February	12 th	3 rd before Lent	Matins
February	19 th	2 nd before Lent	Sung Eucharist
February	26 th	Next before Lent	Matins

On Wednesday, March 1st, there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10am for Ash Wednesday

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

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PROPOSED calendar of Services for February 2017

PLEASE CHECK FOR UPDATES. If in any doubt please ring 01295 810967.

		KING'S SUTTON
Weds	1	<i>Candlemas</i> : Mass 7pm including prayer and meditation.
Thurs	2	
Fri	3	<i>Anskar</i> : Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	4	Mass 10am
Sun	5	4th before Lent : Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	6	
Tues	7	Mass 9.30am
Weds	8	Mass 7pm including prayer and meditation.
Thurs	9	
Fri	10	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	11	Mass 10am
Sun	12	3rd before Lent (Septuagesima) : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	13	
Tues	14	<i>Cyril & Methodius; Valentine</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	15	Mass 7pm including prayer and meditation.
Thurs	16	
Fri	17	<i>Janani Luwum</i> : Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	18	Mass 10am
Sun	19	2nd before Lent (Sexagesima) : Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	20	
Tues	21	Mass 9.30am
Weds	22	Mass 7pm including prayer and meditation.
Thurs	23	
Fri	24	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	25	Mass 10am SOLW
Sun	26	Next before Lent (Quinquagesima) : Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	27	
Tues	28	Mass 9.30am
Weds	1	Ash Wednesday : Sung Mass 7pm