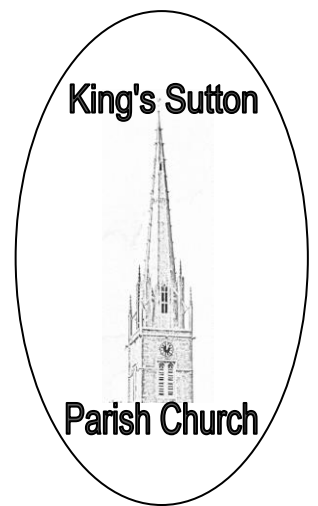


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Reformers (4): Jean Calvin

Jean Calvin is this month's "reformer". He was a Frenchman and trained as a lawyer but became a leading theologian of the Reformed tradition. He was born in Picardy in 1509 and educated at the universities of Paris, Orleans and Bourges.

As the reform movement in eastern France came under pressure from Catholics he fled to Basle and later to Geneva, and there from the 1540s he was a pastor but, more importantly, a great writer – his style was both polemical and apologetic. His great work is called 'Institutes of the Christian Religion'. His ideas were spread across northern Europe by various reforms: congregational, Presbyterian and reformed, and in these islands especially in Wales and Scotland. There is a portrait of him attributed to Hans Holbein the Younger which shows a gentle faced man, dressed in black with a mortar-board shaped hat, he has a Van Dyck beard and a large ruff collar. One finger is held up making some theological point.

His theology is rooted in two connected ideas. The first is the absolute sovereignty of God, and the second growing out of that is predestination. This is a belief that all events are willed by God and that human destiny to salvation or

condemnation is predetermined. Both doctrines have to try to resolve the issues of free will, and indeed evil, and justice and mercy.

Calvin died in 1564 and was buried in an unmarked grave to prevent it becoming a place of pilgrimage - for he had become an important theological hero to many, and the authorities were anxious that he shouldn't be treated as some latter day saint.

Fr. Roger

Health: *Fr Roger's scan at the end of February showed that the lesions on the liver had begun to grow again, and so beginning mid-March he is again having chemotherapy. This is scheduled to last for six months. Please keep him in your prayers.*

Celebration of Light

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

March	4 th	Miriam Thorne
March	5 th	Jane Elizabeth Robbins
March	6 th	Joyce Fleming
March	8 th	Lilian May Tustain
March	28 th	Dennis William Tustain
April	7 th	Joan Leycester
April	15 th	Sara Charles-Jones

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

February 14th Laleh Grace Alizadeh

Weddings:

February 14th Farid & Natasha Alizadeh (Marriage blessing)

HOLY WEEK



Sunday, April 9th

8am : Mass

11am : Procession and Sung Mass
with blessing of palms

6pm : Words and music for Holy Week

Tuesday April 11th : 9.30 am Mass

Wednesday April 12th : 7pm Mass

Thursday April 13th : Maundy Thursday: 8pm Sung Mass

*This will be followed by the watch of the Passion,
which will end at midnight. Please feel free to come
and pray silently for any part of this time.*



Friday April 14th : Good Friday

10.00 am : Family Worship

3.15 pm : Good Friday Liturgy



Saturday April 15th : 9pm:

Vigil

and

First Mass of Easter

Sunday April 16th : Easter Day

11.00 am : Sung Mass

6.00 pm : Songs of Praise



The Great Fifty Days

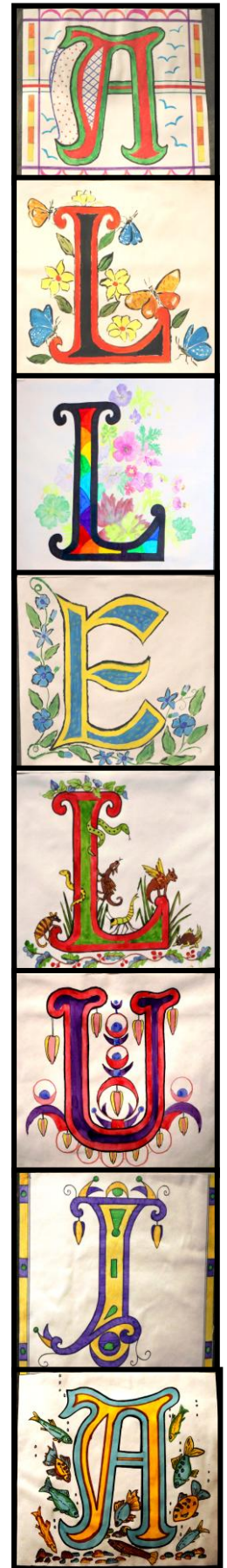
You may recall that last year we held an Alleluia Festival, but it was only partly fulfilled because of my receiving chemotherapy. So this year we are celebrating something akin to that as the Great Fifty Days, but again it looks as if I shall not be able to play my full part! However, I propose to write a booklet of what I want to say, but may not be able to preach.

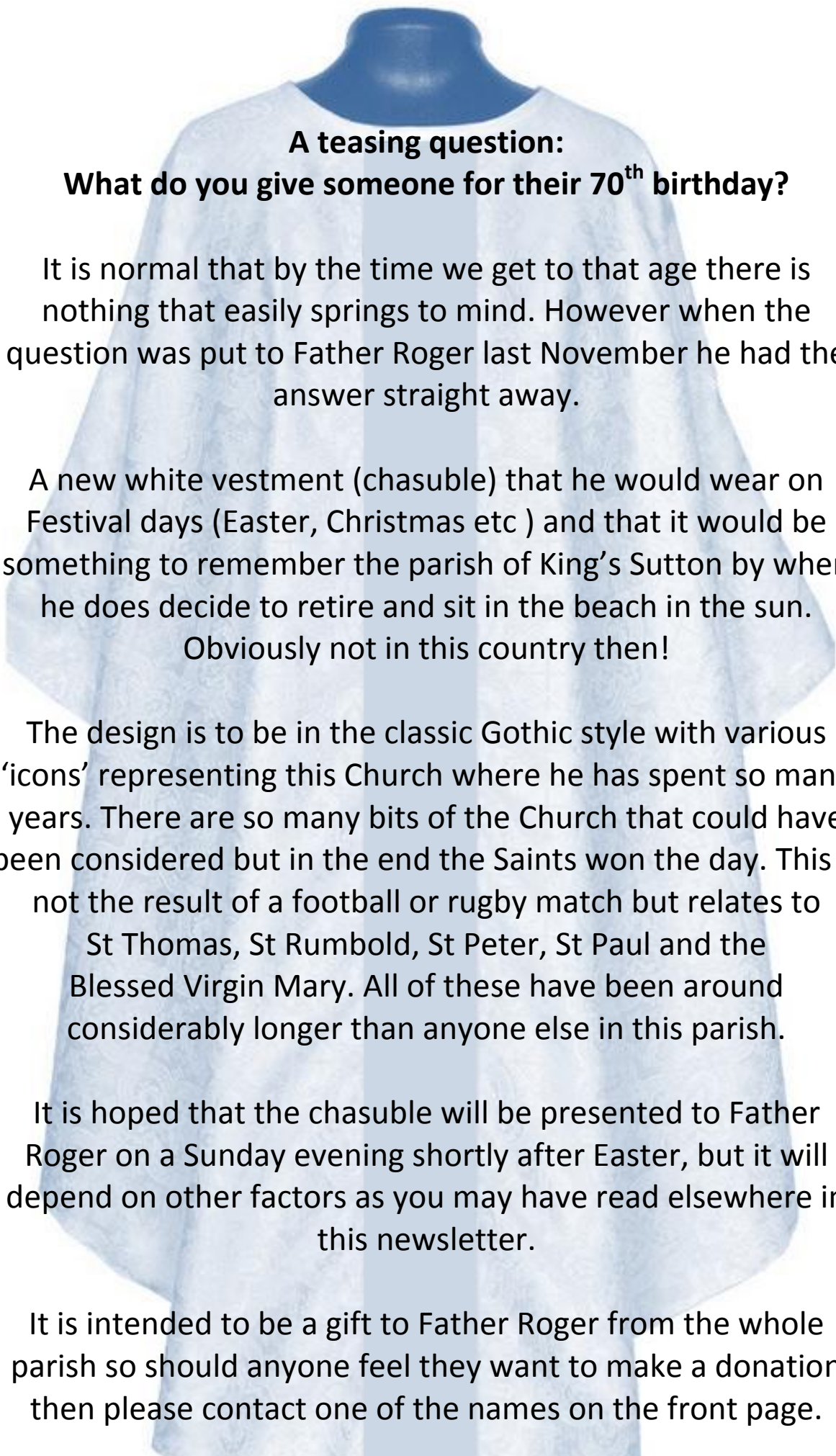
Why fifty days? That is the period from Easter Day to Pentecost, reflecting the period from the Passover to Pentecost in Jewish tradition. So it is the period in which we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, his appearances to the disciples, then the Ascension and the further nine days of prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, promised to the apostles as the Risen Christ left the earth.

Again the church will be decorated with the Alleluia craft works.

The Resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of Christian faith, and although every Sunday is a day of celebration – which is why Christians meet on Sunday, the first day of the week – we should especially celebrate during Eastertide. Come and join us!

Fr. Roger





**A teasing question:
What do you give someone for their 70th birthday?**

It is normal that by the time we get to that age there is nothing that easily springs to mind. However when the question was put to Father Roger last November he had the answer straight away.

A new white vestment (chasuble) that he would wear on Festival days (Easter, Christmas etc) and that it would be something to remember the parish of King's Sutton by when he does decide to retire and sit in the beach in the sun. Obviously not in this country then!

The design is to be in the classic Gothic style with various 'icons' representing this Church where he has spent so many years. There are so many bits of the Church that could have been considered but in the end the Saints won the day. This is not the result of a football or rugby match but relates to St Thomas, St Rumbold, St Peter, St Paul and the Blessed Virgin Mary. All of these have been around considerably longer than anyone else in this parish.

It is hoped that the chasuble will be presented to Father Roger on a Sunday evening shortly after Easter, but it will depend on other factors as you may have read elsewhere in this newsletter.

It is intended to be a gift to Father Roger from the whole parish so should anyone feel they want to make a donation then please contact one of the names on the front page.

SOCIAL and FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES coming up in 2017

On the third Saturday morning in the month the Church has been filled with laughter, chatter and generally good behaviour! If you think that may seem somewhat strange, or even unusual, then it may be that coffee, cakes, cards, books and soft knitted garments have helped to produce the right atmosphere. If you have missed out on these social events then there may be an opportunity to get involved later in the year.



Dee's Dee-lights

For a trial period this initiative took place on January 21st, February 18th and March 18th, and has proved successful, and will certainly be in the mix for future such events later in the year. You will note from the pictures above that everybody just loves eating, drinking (coffee!) and talking, not to mention taking part in looking at books, cards, guessing birthdays and having a go in a well organised raffle. Thank you to everyone that either came along or helped to produce the various goodies for each event.

"Dee's Dee-lights" takes a break in April as the third Saturday, April 15th just happens to be the day before Easter Day and the Church will be a hive of activity getting ready for Easter. And in May the third Saturday, May 20th the Church hosts Oxfordshire Arts Weeks. Watch out for details of that in due course. And then the third Saturday in June, 17th it will be the Church Fete.

We might all therefore have to wait until late summer / early autumn before we discover what further **Dee-lights Dee** has in store for us, but you can be sure that it will be something that you really cannot afford to miss.

To think about.....

“No man is excluded from calling upon God, the gate of salvation is set open unto all men: neither is there any other thing which keepeth us back from entering in, save only our own unbelief.”

John Calvin

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 month there are various services that you could come to:

- Good Friday at 10am *A service in which we hear the story, we pray and we light candles as a sign of our hope.*
- Easter Day at 11am *A sung Mass for all ages*
- Sunday 23rd April 10am – the normal format of service held in the chancel.



Services at Newbottle in April:

April	2 nd	Lent 5	Holy Communion 9.30am
April	9 th	Palm Sunday	Procession from the Village Hall in Charlton to the Church at 11am
April	13 th	Maundy Thursday	Holy Communion 10am
April	14 th	Good Friday	Meditation with hymns 2pm
April	16 th	Easter Sunday	Sung Eucharist 9.30am
April	23 rd	Easter 2	Matins 9.30am

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

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REVISED calendar of Services for April 2017

If in any doubt please ring 01295 810967.

		KING'S SUTTON
Sat	1	
Sun	2	Lent 5: Sung Mass 11am; Baptism 2pm; Evensong 6pm
Mon	3	
Tues	4	<i>S Ambrose:</i> Mass 9.30am
Weds	5	
Thurs	6	
Fri	7	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	8	Mass 10am
Sun	9	Palm Sunday: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Music and words for Holy Week 6pm
Mon	10	
Tues	11	Mass 9.30am
Weds	12	
Thurs	13	Maundy Thursday: 8pm Sung Mass and Vigil begins
Fri	14	Good Friday: 10am Family Worship; 3.15pm Good Friday Liturgy
Sat	15	Holy Saturday: 9pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Sun	16	Easter Day: Sung Mass 11am; Songs of Praise 6pm
Mon	17	
Tues	18	
Weds	19	
Thurs	20	
Fri	21	
Sat	22	
Sun	23	Easter 2: Mass 8am; Family Worship 10 am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong for S George 6pm
Mon	24	
Tues	25	<i>S Mark:</i> Mass 9.30am
Weds	26	
Thurs	27	
Fri	28	<i>S Peter Chanel:</i> Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am;
Sat	29	<i>Catherine of Siena:</i> Mass 10am SOLW
Sun	30	Easter 3: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong for SS Philip & James 6pm