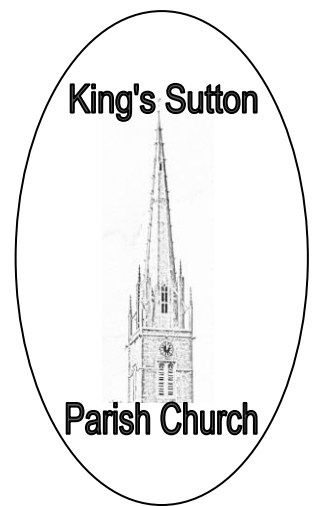


**CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER  
JULY 2017**



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

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REFORMATION SAINTS

1517 was the year when the Reformation erupted in Europe. Martin Luther published his 95 theses that year, and so I have been writing about that period in Christian history. It brought reform, yes, but it also brought division and it is only in the last fifty years or so that those divisions have begun to heal. In the village, Christians of different traditions, work together: Anglicans, Catholics and Baptists, and there are others of other traditions, Quakers, Orthodox, Methodists who worship further afield.

In those very difficult times in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries Christians persecuted one another with a ferocity it is now hard to imagine, but the people we now commemorate come from many traditions and certainly from both sides of the divide between Rome and other ecclesial communities.

In the revision of the Prayer Book in 1928 they added a day for the celebration of the saints, martyrs and doctors of the Church of England. This was on November 8<sup>th</sup>, the week after All Saints' Day, but no names were suggested. However, when the Alternative Service Book was published in 1980 three names were given their own day: Thomas Cranmer, Thomas More\* and William Tyndale - two described as martyrs and the last as translator of the Bible. Things moved on and with Common Worship (CW 2000): to those have been added John Calvin, Philip Neri\*, John Fisher\*, Ignatius of Loyola\*, Nicholas Ridley, Hugh

Latimer, Francis Xavier\* and John of the Cross\*. Those marked with an \* are canonised saints of the Catholic Church. CW also has 4<sup>th</sup> May for Reformation era saints and 8<sup>th</sup> November for the Saints and Martyrs of England.

In October 1970 Pope Paul VI canonised the Forty English Martyrs - men and women executed for their Catholic faith from the time of Elizabeth I through to 1679. The last was S David Lewis, who was hung, drawn and quartered at Usk that year. The forty include three women, one of whom was Margaret Clitherow, a butcher's wife in York who was crushed to death. There were three Carthusian priors, the Earl of Arundel, Philip Howard, some laymen, among them Richard Gwyn, and numerous priests, among whom were Edmund Campion and John Southworth, whose shrine is in Westminster Cathedral.

The local George Napier, after whom the Catholic School in Banbury is named, was another martyr at this time. The Catholic Church keeps May 4<sup>th</sup> as their feast day and so we are both remembering these people on the same day.

The other "Collection" of martyrs are those about whom John Foxe wrote. His 'Book of Martyrs' was a best-seller for many years. A large tome said to weigh the same as a small infant! In this he records the persecution of Protestants under Henry VIII and Mary. He tells the stories of 284 men and women burnt under Mary, among whom was John Kurde, a shoemaker from Syresham. Many of them were ordinary working people, but they are names, it has to be said, now long forgotten.

We look back on this period of our history with horror that people could be so cruel, but martyrdom is not a thing of the past and it is often said that there are more martyrs in the modern world – say since 1900, than in all the previous centuries put together!

*Fr Roger*

**From the Registers:**

**Confirmation:**

June 4<sup>th</sup> Joanne Allen and Faye Wright

## Celebration of Light

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

June	7 <sup>th</sup>	R. F. d'Erlanger – In Memoriam
June	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sara Allday
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	Daisy Davies
July	23 <sup>rd</sup>	James William Barber

*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.*

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This was the first time that King's Seven and other artists from our own parish had entered the Oxfordshire Art Weeks....and it was a great **SUCCESS**. Visitors to this event were treated to an amazing exhibition of local artists' work in the Parish Church and in two other village venues. It attracted over 600 visitors during the period 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May.



So a great big thank-you to the following artists:

- Jill Collier, (*wildlife sculptor & painter*)
- Jackie Bradley, (*abstract painter*)
- Kim Kemp, (*textile artist*)
- Sheena McCormack, (*painter, jewellery maker, textile pictures*)
- Judith Warren, (*painter*)
- Teresa Wilson, (*painter*)
- Helen Street Woolner (*ceramics*)
- Margot Bell (*woodcut printer*)
- Paul Murphy (*lithographic printmaker*)
- Sharon Woods (*painter*)

And because it was so successful there will be a weekend of Christmas displays by these artists on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November in the church when you will have the opportunity to buy early Christmas presents. If there is anyone else in the parish that would like to join this group please ring Helen on 07775512141.

## **WORK ON THE FABRIC.....*Fr. Roger writes:***

It seems not long since the scaffolding came down from the tower and spire, and soon there will be more scaffolding! The next phase of repair work is the south side of the chancel roof. We did the north several years ago. The stone slates are eroding and so need replacement and conservation. We are also doing work on the windows, some of which have collapsing lead, and there are masonry repairs too. Meanwhile, the handrail on the steps into Church Avenue will have been replaced and we have upgraded our PA system.

There are two projects inside the church as well. The north aisle chapel is dedicated in honour of S Thomas Becket – you will remember he was the archbishop murdered in the cathedral in Canterbury in 1170. His coat of arms, three Cornish choughs, is on a boss on the ceiling, and forms part of the design of the altar frontal, and on a set of vestments, celebrating our saints, but I have been minded for some time to have an icon of S Thomas and this has now been commissioned.

Our Font is an amazing object: solid, irregular, ancient and strong and it stands, as fonts often do, near the entrance to the church. But it has no cover and I have been puzzling about this all the time I have been here. Various ideas have come up, but now I am seeking to create a structure which would hang above the Font. Not so much a lid as a marker of the importance of the font and the baptisms that take place there. The idea is of three sails, coloured for the three theological virtues: they are faith hope and love and the colours, green, white and red - and with some reference to S Rumbold. I have also commissioned Helen Woolner Street to make some pottery containers to fit into the Holy Water stoups in the South Porch and under the tower.

And to lessen the discomfort of the pews, new cushions for the seats are planned.

### **Making your stay more comfortable.**



After a number of years, the Church is at last in a position to replace the pew cushions; many comments have been heard about the seats not being very comfortable, so we have listened and are doing something about it. The colour scheme has yet to be decided but in the meantime we are looking to get volunteers to

make up a small working group to get the new cushions done.

Could you be one of those volunteers? If you can sew, have a machine, have a free hour or so every so often, then we would like to hear from you.

If none of the above describes you, but you would like to spend some time away from the house enjoying the company of others, then some other job can be found for you. After all, the foam will not get into its cover all on its own!

This is an opportunity for the whole parish to gel together to make the seats in the church more comfortable to use; whether for weekly worship, attending a baptism or funeral or enjoying the music at one of our music events.

The working group is unlikely to start until September so in the meantime please get in touch. For more information on joining the group contact Peter 810967 or Carole 811134.

### **SAVE THE CHILDREN CONCERT**

Pupils from the Yehudi Menuhin School at Stoke d'Abernon came to provide an evening of wonderful music on June 9<sup>th</sup>. They were 19 year olds from the UK, Singapore, Bulgaria and Mexico, and played music ranging from John Dowland who died in 1626 to Manuel de Falla, who died in 1946. Music for violin, baroque lute (I don't think I had actually seen one of those before), guitar and cello. The music was played with great attention to detail and with such enthusiasm. I particularly liked the song 'Come, heavy sleep' by Dowland. The quiet tones of the renaissance lute and the soprano voice made this an intimate piece. One of the artistes, sitting in the children's corner of church, made a picture and said that this was a beautiful church and thanks for letting them play here. It was a superb evening, so thanks to them. *Fr. Roger*



**KING'S SUTTON PARISH CHURCH**



# **CHURCH FETE**

**Saturday 8th July 2017**

**2pm—5pm**

**IN & AROUND THE CHURCH  
GROUNDS**

**AFTERNOON TEAS SERVED AT  
BELL HOUSE  
FREE ENTRY**

**RAFFLE**

**TOMBOLA**

**VARIOUS GAMES**

**PRESERVES**

**PLANTS**

**BOOKS**

**CAKES**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**BOTTLE STALL**

**FACE PAINTING**

Contact: Dee Thobourne 01295 811961

## To think about.....

“There was just such a man when I was young—an Austrian who invented a new way of life and convinced himself that he was the chap to make it work. He tried to impose his reformation by the sword, and plunged the civilized world into misery and chaos. But the thing which this fellow had overlooked, my friend, was that he had a predecessor in the reformation business, called Jesus Christ. Perhaps we may assume that Jesus knew as much as the Austrian did about saving people. But the odd thing is that Jesus did not turn the disciples into storm troopers, burn down the Temple at Jerusalem, and fix the blame on Pontius Pilate. On the contrary, he made it clear that the business of the philosopher was to make ideas *available*, and *not* to impose them on people.”

(T.H. White, 'The Once and Future King')

## 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 the service will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00 am.



## Services at Newbottle in June at 9.30am:

July	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trinity 3	Sung Eucharist
July	9 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 4	Matins
July	16 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 5	Sung Eucharist
July	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity 6	Matins
July	30 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 7	Matins

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

Fr James Evans is the parish priest: 01295 660592

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## Calendar of Services for July 2017

If in any doubt please ring 01295 810967.

Sat	1	Mass 10 am
Sun	2	<b>Trinity 3:</b> Sung Mass 11am; Evensong for S Thomas 6pm
Mon	3	
Tues	4	Mass 9.30 am
Weds	5	Mass for SS Thomas More & John Fisher 7pm followed by Bible study*
Thurs	6	
Fri	7	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	8	Mass 10 am
Sun	9	<b>Trinity 4:</b> Mass 8 am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	10	
Tues	11	<i>S Benedict:</i> Mass 9.30 am
Weds	12	Mass 7pm followed by Bible study*
Thurs	13	
Fri	14	<i>John Keble:</i> Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	15	<i>S Swithun:</i> Mass 10 am
Sun	16	<b>Trinity 5:</b> Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	17	
Tues	18	Mass 9.30 am
Weds	19	<i>SS Gregory &amp; Macrina:</i> Mass 7pm followed by Bible study*
Thurs	20	
Fri	21	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	22	<i>S Mary Magdalen:</i> Mass 10 am; A Service of Wholeness & Healing 4pm
Sun	23	<b>Trinity 6:</b> Mass 8 am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	24	
Tues	25	<i>S James:</i> Mass 9.30 am
Weds	26	<i>SS Anne and Joachim:</i> Mass 7pm followed by Bible study*
Thurs	27	
Fri	28	Mass 12 noon
Sat	29	<i>SS Mary, Martha &amp; Lazarus:</i> Mass 10 am SOLW
Sun	30	<b>Trinity 7:</b> Sung Mass 11am; Evensong with Benediction 6pm
Mon	31	

\* *The Bible study is on the letter to the Hebrews – details on the grey church notice boards*