

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

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November is a month of remembrance. The Armistice bringing the First World War to an end was signed on the 11th of November in 1918. It was S Martin's Day. He had lived in the 4th Century and was the first saint by popular acclaim who had not been martyred for his faith. He had been a Roman soldier, and there is the famous story of him sharing his cloak with a beggar and then in a dream realising that the beggar was Christ. In Oxford at Carfax, there used to be a church of S Martin and nearby you can still see an image of this, and it is on the lamp posts in the parish of S Martin-in-the-Fields in central London. So almost a century on from 1918 we still remember not just the victims and futility of that war, but the innumerable conflicts down the decades.

The first two days of November are also occasions for remembering our Christian forebears: on the 1st All Saints – the countless men and women of faith

who have received the gift of eternal life and see God face to face in the glory of heaven. On the 2nd – All Souls’ – we pray for the departed, that God’s will may be fulfilled in them and that they may rest in peace.

Remembrance somehow brings the past into the present, but for me the question is: what do we do with it? Our life is now, this present moment. There was a 17th century French monk called Laurence who wrote about living in the present moment and said he was as much aware of God’s presence when he was in the monastic kitchen as he was in church, and this thought is partially reflected in the modern movement of mindfulness.

I think our memories of the past must have some impact on the present and turn us towards the future. Yes, we feel pain and sorrow and even anger for the things of the past of which remembrance reminds us, but surely those feelings should also make us stronger in our present activity of trying to alleviate suffering, to assuage suffering and to turn our anger into the joy of creating a better world.

The saints are great examples to us and they can inspire us to greater endeavour, and when we pray for the departed that prayer is an expression of love for our brothers and sisters, and we long for them what we hope for ourselves: peace and light.

Fr. Roger

From the Registers

Baptisms:

October	1 st	Oliver Joe Tustian
October	7 th	Cecily Margaret Rose Troup
October	8 th	Lucas Elias Holloway
October	15 th	Joseph William and Harry Arthur Franklin

Funeral:

October	11 th	Raymond Percy Sole
October	17 th	Brian Souch

Bible Study - Mark's Gospel

This month we continue a series of discussion sessions led by Roger Burne. These sessions will be held on Tuesday mornings in the Church Room at 10.15am after Mass, and repeated on Wednesday evenings in Church at 7.30pm also after Mass. All are welcome to come in time for the Eucharist or just for the Bible Study sessions. Please bring a Bible in the translation of your own choice.

- 14 & 15 November **The Baptist is beheaded and the disciples are sent out.**
Mark 6: 7 – 32
- 21 & 22 November **Whose blindness?** *Mark 8:22 – 9:1, 10:46 – 52*
- 28 & 29 November **Controversy in Jerusalem.** *Mark 11:12 – 25(26)*

Celebration of Light

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

September	23 rd	Fred Hone
October	3 rd	Ronnie White
October	9 th	Margaret Smith
October	11 th	Yvonne Anne Wise
October	13 th	Ben Humphrey, celebrating his 21 st birthday
October	25 th	Roger Stillman
November	7 th	Neil & Jill Hunter
November	16 th	Clive Ward
November	20 th	Gwyneth Cartwright
November	23 rd	Ron Reeve-Johnson

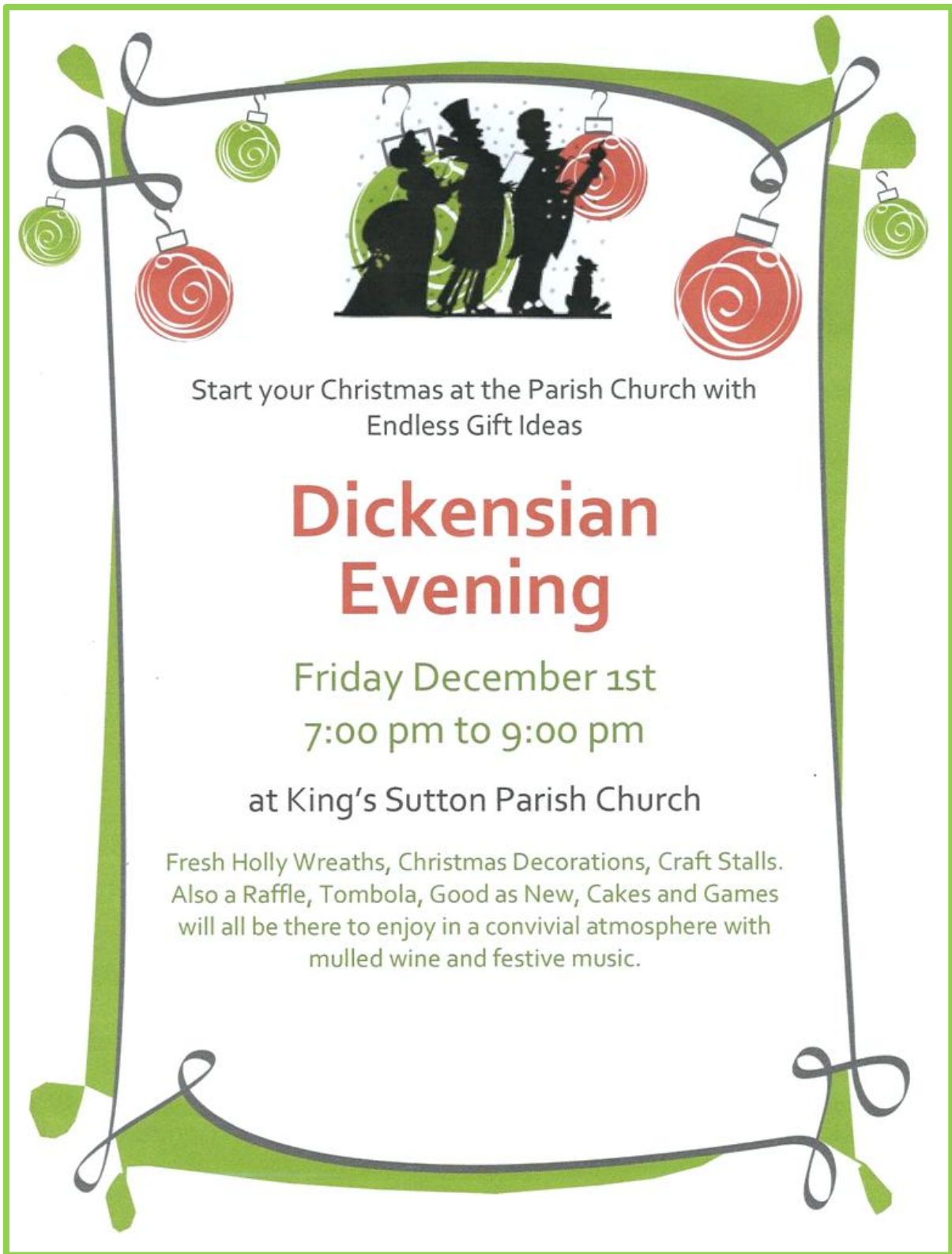
If you would like to sponsor the floodlights of the church to remember an anniversary or other significant event in your family, please either contact Stephen Allday (811473) or take a form from the ledge just inside the church.

EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR:

Saturday 11th November 7.30pm:

Concert in church by Chris Windass & Viv Maclean

17th – 19th November : Coffee, tea and home-made cakes available in church as part of the Arts Weekend.



LOGS - THIS IS THE DEAL!

You come with a chain saw and cut up the rather large logs from a couple of apple trees which are stored in my garage. You take half the resulting manageable logs away and leave the rest for me.

First come, first served! *Fr Roger*





R U Frozen or R U a Pirate of the Caribbean?

It is not often that Pirates of the Caribbean and Frozen are used in the same sentence, but that was the case on Friday 6th October when the musical students from Stowe School gave a concert in the Parish Church. This was the third occasion that the talented young musicians had visited King's Sutton, and there is every indication that they will be back again next year to make it an annual event. A packed Church was entertained by four of the musical groups at Stowe with a range of music to suit the different groups.



The Stowe School Orchestra opened the proceedings with *Orchestral Suite no. 3* by J. S. Bach and they were followed by The Stowe School String Orchestra with some more classical pieces by Elgar, Mascagni and Mozart. The Mozart piece, his *Flute Quartet* was particularly excellent with a very talented flautist. Two 16th century pieces (composers not known), 'All in a Garden Green' and 'A Toy' made for a contrasting sound from the Stowe School Recorder Consort. The concert finale came from the Stowe School Windband who played highlights from 'Frozen' and then 'Pirates from the Caribbean'.



FABRIC UPDATE

You may have noticed that recently part of the Church (nearest the road) has been shrouded in scaffolding and tin sheeting. Something like this!



This is because part of the Chancel roof – the south facing part - has been undergoing some repair, and should be completed on 27th October 2017, the date set at the beginning of the project. The contractors, C J Charles & Sons Ltd of Middleton Cheney, together with their scaffolding and roofing sub-contractors have kept to the timescale despite some really wet weather during the period of the work, which started on 24th July. When finished it will have cost round about £57,000, which was possible due to a grant of £38,700 from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund. This was the second part of the overall Restoration work, after the Spire and Tower. Acanthus Clews of Banbury were the Architects acting on behalf of the Parish Church.

The next part of the restoration relates to masonry repairs and stained glass window repairs. This project is expected to start middle of November and will continue into the New Year. This project was delayed due to surveys required to be done to establish whether we are giving 'board and lodging' to families of bats, which are a protected species. Thankfully – for the restoration work – the surveys established negative activity and so the church was given the go-ahead to proceed. Please bear with us as this project is undertaken during the winter and therefore potentially wintry weather. The finished look will be well worth it.

To think about.....

“The Saints’...heroic lives give us hope and courage. They are a pattern to inspire us. When we read and contemplate their stories we find a new energy to continue our own living.....by remembering them.....we are allowing their witness to continue.”

(Roger Bellamy – from ‘Spirit in Stone’)

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 this will be on Sunday 26th November.



Services at Newbottle at 9.30am:

November	5 th	Kingdom 1	Sung Eucharist
November	12 th	Kingdom 2 / Remembrance	Matins
November	19 th	Kingdom 3	Sung Eucharist
November	26 th	Kingdom 4 / Christ the King	Matins

On Saturday 11th November, there will be a short service at the War Memorial in the Cemetery on Green Lane.

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

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Proposed Calendar of Services for November 2017

Please check with notice board in church or contact the Warden

Weds	1	<i>All Saints</i>
Thurs	2	<i>All Souls</i>
Fri	3	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am;
Sat	4	<i>S Rumbold</i> : Wedding 2pm
Sun	5	Kingdom 1 : Sung Mass 11am; All Souls' Service 3pm
Mon	6	
Tues	7	<i>S Willibrord</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	8	<i>Saints & Martyrs of England</i>
Thurs	9	
Fri	10	<i>S Leo</i> : Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am;
Sat	11	<i>S Martin</i> : Service at the War Memorial 11am
Sun	12	Remembrance Sunday / Kingdom 2 : Mass 8am; Service of Remembrance 10.55am; Requiem Mass 6pm
Mon	13	
Tues	14	Mass 9.30am
Weds	15	Mass 7pm
Thurs	16	
Fri	17	<i>S Hugh</i> : Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am;
Sat	18	<i>S Elizabeth of Hungary</i>
Sun	19	Kingdom 3 : Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	20	
Tues	21	Mass 9.30am
Weds	22	<i>S Cecilia</i> : Mass 7pm
Thurs	23	
Fri	24	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am;
Sat	25	<i>S Catherine</i>
Sun	26	Christ the King / Kingdom 4 : Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Songs of Praise 6pm
Mon	27	
Tues	28	Mass 9.30am
Weds	29	Mass 7pm
Thurs	30	