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Kettering All Saints  
Monthly Update

*Alive!*

## SERVICES AND EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 2016**

*Candlemas,*

*Shrove Tuesday,*

*Ash Wednesday & Lent*

### CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

1 Feb	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
2 Feb	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
4 Feb	11.00am	Holy Eucharist at Abbeyfield
6 Feb	8.30am	Car Boot & Table Top Sale
6 Feb	2.30-4.30	Tea Dance - Ballroom & Sequence
7 Feb	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> Sunday next before Lent
	6.00pm	<b>Tastie</b> The Lodge, 131 Barton Road
8 Feb	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
8 Feb	8.00pm	Meeting of the PCC
9 Feb	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
10 Feb	7.30pm	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
		Holy Eucharist and Imposition of ashes
11 Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion at Ashley Court
	8.00pm	Messy Planning
12 Feb	7.30pm	'An e-mail from God' with Father Andrew
13 Feb	7.30pm	'One way ticket to Stanley' Duncan Bain
14 Feb	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> - Lent 1
15 Feb	7.30pm	Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness
16 Feb	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
17 Feb	7.30pm	Home Group - 58 Britannia Road
18 Feb	11.00am	Holy Eucharist at Abbeyfield
	7.30pm	Ecumenical Bible Sharing in the chancel 'The Bread of Life' Fr Andrew
19 Feb	7.30pm	Kevin Varty 'Pictures in the Parlour'
21 Feb	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> - Lent 2
	6.15pm	<b>Café Church</b> United service at RRBC
22 Feb	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
23 Feb	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
24 Feb	7.30pm	Home Group - 58 Britannia Road

**CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY (CONTINUED)**

25 Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion at Thorndale
	12.00noon	All Saints Social Club - Hartley Room
	7.30pm	Ecumenical Bible sharing in the chancel 'The light of the world' Revd Peter Strong
26 Feb	7.30pm	Geoff Brown 'Poverty in Bungoma Diocese'
28 Feb	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> - Lent 3
	3.00pm	<b>Messy Church</b> - Jesus vs Satan
29 Feb	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist

**SAINT OF THE MONTH****Saint Valentine 14<sup>th</sup> February**

This month we celebrate the feast of St. Valentine a priest of Rome who was imprisoned for succouring persecuted Christians. He became a convert himself, and although he restored the sight of his gaoler's blind daughter he was martyred by being clubbed to death. (14<sup>th</sup> February 269).

According to ancient tradition, St. Valentine's is the wedding day of the birds, the day on which they choose their mates for the year. Chaucer refers to it in "The Parliament of Fowles" and in "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Shakespeare says "Good morrow, friends! St. Valentine is past; begin these wood-birds but to couple now?" Whether accurate or not it is certainly true that with the ending of February's second week we become aware of a new song in the air, new yet sweetly familiar, which reminds us that Spring is on the way.

**FEBRUARY**

We celebrated the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) on January 31<sup>st</sup> but the official date of this festival is February 2<sup>nd</sup>. February can be the darkest month for many and so it is good that it begins with a festival of light to remember the words of Simeon to the young child. 'You are a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people, Israel.'

Snowdrops are known as Candlemas Bells because they bloom early in the year. According to folklore, an angel helped these Candlemas bells to bloom and painted them white as a sign of hope to Eve, who was weeping in repentance. Many Christians see the flower as a symbol of Jesus Christ, being the hope for the world. Candles that are lit during Candlemas are symbols of Jesus, the "light of the world".

Lighting a candle is a sign of our prayer for someone and the offering of our lives; a reminder to us and others of the men and women who have shone as lights in the world; a witness to all who pass by that this is a place of prayer. To find the words to pray may be difficult and we do not know what to say for the best. Our hearts are too full for words. Our anxieties paralyse us. Light a candle. Let the Spirit of God work in you and it will lead to prayer.

## THE LENTEN HOUSE GROUP

During Lent the House Group will be meeting weekly at 58 Britannia Road, Kettering on Wednesday evenings starting at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome and if you just want to come along for these special Lent sessions, whether all 5 or just the odd one, that's ok too. We aim to progress through the changing emotions and situations of Holy week over the 5 weeks so as to prepare us for Easter. So the plan for Lent is as follows:

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday service in Church
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	The Entry into Jerusalem
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	The Cleansing of the Temple
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Jesus' Authority is Challenged
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	The Last Supper
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	The Garden of Gethsemane

We will be looking at references in each of the Gospels and elsewhere in the Bible - a full list of these is available at the back of the Church for reference. The sessions are informal and we aim to finish for 9pm.

**Alan & Lyn Ridley**

## FLOWER ROTA

A rota for flowers has gone up on the noticeboard at the back of the church. If you would like to place some flowers in a vase or create your own display on a Saturday ready for a Sunday service - please speak to either Jill or Angela and book your slot. There are around 41 Sundays to fill in during the year.

## SEEN ON FACEBOOK

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook! I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist!

**SMILE LINES**

**Are you 'Over the Hill'?**

You may be headed that way if....  
You wake up looking like your driving passport photo  
It takes twice as long to look half as good  
At the breakfast table, you hear snap crackle and pop, and  
you're not eating cereal  
You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going  
The twinkle in your eye is merely a reflection from the sun on  
your bifocals  
Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work  
The pharmacist has become your new best friend  
You sink your teeth into a steak - and they stay there  
You give up all your bad habits and still don't look good  
You wonder how you could be over the hill when you don't even  
remember being on top!  
When happy hour is a nap  
When your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio

**The Senility Prayer**

God grant me the senility to forget  
The people I never liked anyway  
The good fortune to run into the ones that I do,  
And the eyesight to tell the difference.

**Sue Waite**

**ON THE OTHER SIDE**

There is a story written by an unknown author of a sick man who asked his doctor what lies on the other side. His doctor said he didn't know.

The man replied, "You are a Christian, yet you do not know what is on the other side"?

The doctor stood by the door of the sitting room; from the hall came the sounds of scratching and whining. When he opened the door a dog leaped into the room, barking joyfully and wagging its tail.

Turning to his patient, he said, "My dog didn't know what to expect in this room, only that his master was here and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.

I know little of what is on the other side, but I do know one thing. I know my Master is there and that is enough".

***"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."  
John 14:2***

**VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers please for church cleaning at Easter - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please speak to Nina if you can help in any way.

### DEADLINE

The deadline for the next edition of Saints Alive! is **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February**. The March edition will be available on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**.

### FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

*A big thank you to Angela and the team for arranging these events. Please try to support as many as you can.*

- 6<sup>th</sup> February **Car Boot & Table Top Sale & 2.30pm - 4.30pm Tea Dance**
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm **'An email from God'** with Father Andrew
- 13<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Duncan Bain (ex-Mayor of Kettering) **'One Way Ticket to Stanley'**
- 19<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Kevin Varty **'The Magic Lantern'**
- 20<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm Concert with Joshua Daniel, Katie Rose Parker, Margaret Walker and Jonathan Reynolds and many others, Entry on the door £6 adults or £4 concessions, under 12's free. Raffle and refreshments.
- 26<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Geoff Brown with a talk on **Bungoma (W.Kenya)**

### SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS

- 7<sup>th</sup> February **TASTIE** at 131 Barton Road, 6-7.30pm for young people from year 6 to 6<sup>th</sup> form with Steve Chadwick.
- 21st February **Café Church** United service at Rockingham Road Baptist Church at 6.15pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> February **Messy Church - Jesus vs Satan (Lent)** from 3pm to 4.30pm

### WORD OF THE MONTH

#### Imposition

From the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. This is known as the 'imposition of ashes.'

**It is wrong to think of this as punishment.**

At school an imposition meant writing lines because you had broken the rules. However, the earliest meaning of 'imposition' means laying one thing on another. The imposition of ashes means 'laying' a cross of ashes on the forehead. Ash is a sign of penitence and sorrow; the cross is a reminder that Jesus bore the punishment for our sins. **'The Lord has laid (imposed) on him the iniquity of us all.'** Isaiah 53.6b KJV

### **EPIPHANY TALENT SHOW 2016**

It is the morning of the All Saints Talent Show. Several months ago in a moment of weakness I had agreed to compère the show, which seemed at the time a mere dot on the horizon. I have arranged to meet Angela in the church so that we can work out the programme for the evening. I find her hiding in the vestry. "How many acts for definite do we have?" I ask expectantly. Angela has that expression on her face that tells me the news she is about to deliver is not going to be good. I break out in a cold sweat. Suddenly, the mere dot on the horizon has become a gigantic boulder hurtling towards me. Time to reach for the Anadin. "We have two acts," she says in a faltering voice. "Two acts?" I repeat, as if seeking confirmation.

I perform a quick calculation and conclude that if we have an interval there will be one act either side of it. I consider the possibility of making the interval last one hour and twenty minutes. Then maybe people might feel that they had full value for the evening. Multiple cups of tea or coffee could be offered; perhaps playing a podcast of Bishop Donald on Desert Island Discs might help.

Then a sudden thought occurs to me: Angela had told us just before Christmas that the urn in the kitchen had stopped working. Now we really are in trouble. I turn to find that Angela had slipped away but was now returning having made several phone calls.

She is almost skipping down the aisle. "Great news!" she exclaims, smiles all over her face. I breathe a sigh of relief and prepare myself for the influx of new acts.

"The urn is working again!"

Now it's the evening and there are just five minutes to go. Some people have arrived early to make sure of a good seat. Nick and Gemma have spent a long time setting up the lights and audio equipment. Nick asks if we will need any songs playing over the speakers. Several spring to mind, like 'Show Me The Way To Go Home', or 'We Gotta Get Out Of This Place'.

"Can't think of any at the moment," I reply. Mentally I check the exits, calculating the best escape route for when I will inevitably be pursued by angry people demanding their evening back. Then, quite out of the blue, someone comes up - from nowhere it seems - to tell me about their act. Then someone else comes, and another, and more. And suddenly, we have a show!

Well, as with the others, you had to have been there. It was a tremendous evening. And what a wealth of talent there was on display! Music, dancing, mime, poetry, humour - all brilliantly performed by people of all ages. It was an honour to introduce the acts, and I cannot speak highly enough of the talent on display. There was even an act performed via a high tech video link.

The audience were so appreciative and there was such an exciting atmosphere. People clapped, cheered and gamely joined in at every opportunity. Everyone was part of it and it was a truly wonderful show.

So thank you to everyone who took part - you were brilliant and without you there would have been no show. Thank you also to all those who came along, and helped to make the evening what it was. And finally, thanks, Angela, for keeping your idea alive and arranging yet another legendary talent show.

*John Sockett*

**Addendum from Angela** - John, you didn't say about your fantastic guitar playing and dancing - so if you didn't come along you missed the star of the show, the one and only MR JOHN SOCKETTTTTT !!

**Please start thinking about your acts for next year!!**



## **CELTIC MASS AND TAIZE SERVICES**

These services alternate on the first Wednesday of every month at St Mary the Virgin, Finedon at 7pm. On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February there is a Celtic Mass and on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March there is a Taizé Service. The services last around 40 minutes.

The Taizé service is an ecumenical service of prayer and music in the style of the Taizé Community and it includes a reflective time of silence.

The Celtic Mass is based on how the mass was celebrated in the times of Celtic Christianity during the early middle ages.

## **CELEBRATE MARRIAGE SERVICE**

St Paul's Church, New England invite you to a Celebrate Marriage Service on Sunday, 14th February 2016 at 3pm. All married couples & friends are welcome. There will be a short service to give thanks to God for marriage, to renew your vows to one another & to have tea & cake.

Contact: Rev Ron Watkinson (01733) 314117

Church web site: [www.stpauls-peterborough.org.uk](http://www.stpauls-peterborough.org.uk)

(A chance to pick up ideas for the All Saints service?)



# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KETTERING

## WHO IS JESUS?

There are five ecumenical 'Bible Sharing' sessions on Thursdays at 7.30 - 9pm in Lent. These will take place in the chancel at All Saints Church after refreshments in the Jubilee Room. We will use five of the 'I AM' sayings from St John's Gospel, allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal who Jesus is for us today.

18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	The Bread of Life	Fr Andrew
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	The Light of the World	Peter Strong
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	The Good Shepherd	
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	The Resurrection and the Life	Laura Staves
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	The Way, the Truth and the Life	

The leaders on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March will be announced shortly.

## COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Messy Church @ All Saints Kettering has led the way by adapting the chorus of a modern Christmas Carol as the signature tune for our Celebration. This is the climax of our monthly meetings when we 'go up' into the Chancel with a song of praise to meet God in our 'Sacred Space.'

*Come and Join our Celebration! It's a very Messy Day,  
Come and join our celebration, Messy Church is here today!  
Hey!\**

It's our own take on the Psalm of ascent which the pilgrims sang when they went up to Jerusalem.

*I was glad when they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'  
And now our feet are standing within your gates,  
O Jerusalem.  
(Psalm 122 v1,2)*

Perhaps we should follow in their messy footsteps as we journey through our centenary year as a Parish towards a new encounter with God.

*Come and Join our Celebration! Come and share our Jubilee!  
Come and Join our Celebration! This is our Centenary! Hey!\**

\*The Joint Liturgical Commission has yet to recognise the expression 'Hey!' as a valid alternative to the traditional 'Amen.'

### SMILE PLEASE - CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

*Thank you, Lord, for giving us the ability to laugh at ourselves. To all who have received pass this gift on to others.*

- Two young tourists went into a Quaker guest house in the Lakeland. As they were strangers the warden approached and asked, "Are you Friends?" Back came the reply "No, we're married."
- The curate took his wife to the maternity hospital and said that he would ring later for news. When he phoned later in the day he called the wrong number and got the county cricket ground. He said "I brought my wife to your place this morning, is there any news?" He was surprised to be told, "Yes, there are nine out and the last two were ducks."
- At one time my husband, *George*, a priest in the Episcopal Church did an interim in Texas assisting a bishop. When it came time to line up for the recessional, the acolyte (a young boy) came up to *George* who was wearing his red chimere rochet and Indian beaded stole, and said in a whisper, "Just love your outfit".
- From Australia. A newspaper report of a local wedding said, "The bride looked stunning in an embroidered gown which fell softly to the floor".

### PARISH PRIEST'S POSTSCRIPT

It is our belated New Year's Resolution here at Saints Alive! that we will no longer carry articles from one edition to the next: we'll leave repeats to the BBC and ITV. It is basically a waste of paper and if you have lost or not been able to obtain a previous copy of Saints Alive! then you can find all of these on our website:

<http://www.kaspc.btck.co.uk/>

The January edition contained a list of dates for Messy Church, Café Church, Taizé services, Tastie and All-age Eucharists (at which Rev and Vera appear to the delight of a few and the despair of many.) I do hope these are now in your diaries or smartphones so that you don't miss out. We also have our facebook pages to keep you up to date with Community Events and the goings on at Messy Church.

It may even be that Saints Alive! has run its course and that we should rely exclusively on social media and the website to get our message out there. We are basically an 'in-house' publication with a modest presence on the world wide web. It would be good to hear from our readers. What do you appreciate about Saints Alive! and what drives you to distraction? Let us know, please, so that we can include your views in Saints Alive! Every blessing,

**Father Andrew**

**WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS**

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*Join Kettering All Saints Church & Community Hall Events on FACEBOOK. We now have 95 members regularly checking our events and services - let's make it 100 people during our Centenary!*

**Highlights for March**

5 <sup>th</sup> March Car Boot & Table Top Sale 8.30am	5 <sup>th</sup> March An Evening with The Weekley Singers 7.30pm £4
6 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday All-age Eucharist with the Ministry of Puppets Worship and activities for all. A warm welcome to Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section and their leaders.	
6 <sup>th</sup> March Tastie Youth Group 6 - 7.30pm Year 6 up to 6 <sup>th</sup> form 131 Barton Road	11 <sup>th</sup> March 'I'm a Vegetarian - No I Don't Eat Fish' With Barbara Lewis 7.30pm £3
18 <sup>th</sup> March A Murder Mystery With Roy Smith 7.30pm £4	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30 - 4.30pm Messy Church Getting Ready for Easter
20 <sup>th</sup> March 6.15pm Taizé Service Prayer around the cross For Holy Week	Holy Week 24 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> March Triduum with the Ven. David Painter former Archdeacon of Oakham