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Kettering All Saints  
Monthly Update

*Alive!*

## SERVICES AND EVENTS

JANUARY 2016

*Epiphany*

### CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

2 Jan	6.00pm	All Saints Talent Show
3 Jan	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist &amp; Holy Baptism</b> Epiphany
4 Jan	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
5 Jan	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
7 Jan	11.00am	Holy Eucharist at Abbeyfield
	8.00pm	Messy Planning
10 Jan	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> - The Baptism of Christ
	6.00pm	<b>TASTIE</b> The Lodge, 131 Barton Road
11 Jan	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
	8.00pm	Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
12 Jan	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
	7.30pm	Deanery Prayer Group
14 Jan	11.00am	Holy Communion at Ashley Court
15 Jan	7.30pm	Fun Quiz Night
16 Jan	7.30pm	'Curiosities of Northants' with Bernard Smith
17 Jan	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> - Epiphany 2
	6.15pm	Prayer round the cross in the style of Taizé
18 Jan - 25 Jan		<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b>
18 Jan	7.30pm	Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness
	8.00pm	Worship Team Meeting - Jubilee Room
19 Jan	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
20 Jan	7.30pm	Home Group - 58 Britannia Road
21 Jan	11.00am	Holy Eucharist at Abbeyfield
22 Jan	7.30pm	Peter Dunn with The Northumbrian Pipes
23 Jan	3.00pm	<b>Christian Unity Service</b> - St Edward's Church
24 Jan	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> - Epiphany 3
	3-4.30pm	<b>Messy Church</b> - Celebrate the Three Kings
25 Jan	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
26 Jan	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
28 Jan	11.00am	Holy Communion at Thorndale
	11.00am	All Saints Social Club - Hartley Room
30 Jan	6.30pm	<b>Centenary Supper</b>
	7.30pm	Ian Addis 'Parks of Kettering'
31 Jan	10.30am	<b>All-age Communion for Candlemas</b>

**WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS**

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**JANUARY****HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Look backward with **Gratitude**

Look onward with **Hope**

Look upward with **Confidence**

Saying goodbye to an old year and welcoming in a new one isn't always easy. What lies ahead of us might seem rather overwhelming, and what's behind us might still linger on, leaving feelings of confusion, uncertainty, even resentment. We have this need to see the whole picture, to understand everything. Well, we can't, but that's not up to us. Step forward positively, trusting that everything is seen and understood.

Greet the new Year with the words of Dag Hammarskjold :

**"For all that has been, thanks. For all that will be, yes."**

Winter with its short days and chilly weather, is not the most popular of seasons. But just think about it for a moment. Winter weather is a fine excuse for catching up on friends, or clearing a neighbour's snowy path when you are doing your own. Harsher times often seem to bring out the best in us. The Winter of life is often full of deeper understanding, love that is more profound, and friendships that have stood the test of time. Spring and Summer have their own attractions, but as the Scottish writer Samuel Rutherford said, "Grace grows best in the Winter".

### **IT'S A FUNNY OLD WORLD**

Funny how we set our clocks to arise at 6am so we can be at work by 8am but on Sundays we can't make church for 10.30am to praise the one who gave us the jobs.

Funny how we call God our Father and Jesus our brother, but find it hard to introduce them to the rest of our family.

Funny how much difficulty some have learning the Gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is to understand and explain the latest gossip about someone else.

Funny how small our sins seem, but how big 'their' sins are.

Funny how we demand justice for others, but expect mercy from God for ourselves.

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray but don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Funny how we are so quick to take directions from a total stranger when we are lost, but are hesitant to take God's direction for our lives.

Funny how so many church goers sing 'Standing on the Promises' but all they do is sit on the promises.

Funny how people want God to answer their prayers, but refuse to listen to his counsel.

Funny how we sing about heaven, but live only for today.

Funny how people think they are going to heaven, but don't think there is a hell.

Funny how it is OK to blame God for evil and suffering in the world, but it is not necessary to thank him for what is good and pleasant.

Funny how when something goes wrong, we cry "Lord, why me? But when something goes right, we think "Hey, it must be me!"

But wait.....maybe all this isn't so 'funny' after all. Sue W.

### **CATHEDRAL OUTINGS**

Evensong at Peterborough Cathedral starts at 5.30 pm on Saturday evenings except on the third Saturday of the month when there is a Taizé service instead. We now leave Kettering at 2.40 pm on the X4 and return home on the 7.30pm bus, arriving back at 8.45 pm. If anyone is interested in coming with us just let me know in advance as we sometimes go twice a month.

### **THE GATEWAYS OF THE YEAR**

What shall we take through the Gateways of the Year?  
The staff of good hope, and the lantern of good cheer.....  
A song in the heart and on the lips a prayer -  
For dark is the road and great the load we bear.  
What shall we need for the journey that we must take?  
Endurance and faith and a courage none can break.....  
Keeping in view the vision bright and clear  
Gladly we pass through the Gateways of the Year.

*P.Strong*

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

The first meeting is at 8pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January in the Jubilee Room. There are many opportunities at All Saints for lay people to lead worship. This already happens in our Parish Eucharist when people lead us in prayer and in the care homes at times when I am unavailable. A team of lay people leads a short service including prayers, a reflection and communion from the reserved sacrament.

Such opportunities will increase in the autumn during the interregnum and I look forward to welcoming you to this meeting to discuss how more people can get involved in this ministry.

**Fr Andrew**

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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

- **2<sup>nd</sup> January** All Saints Talent Show
- **16<sup>th</sup> January** Bernard Smith with 'Curiosities of Northamptonshire' 7.30pm. £3
- **22<sup>nd</sup> January** Peter Dunn & His Northumbrian Pipes 7.30pm. £3
- **30<sup>th</sup> January** Centenary Supper at 6.30pm followed by Ian Addis 'Parks of Kettering' at 7.30pm £5 or just £3 for the talk.

### **SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS**

- **17<sup>th</sup> January 6.15pm** Prayer around the Cross. Worship in the style of Taizé. United service with Rockingham Road Baptist Church.
- **24<sup>th</sup> January 3pm - 4.30pm** Messy Church @ All Saints. Celebrate the Three Kings
- **31<sup>st</sup> January 10.30am** All-age Candlemas Communion with Ministry of Puppets.



### **ALL SAINTS' CENTENARY PROGRAMME 2016**

- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January. The Centenary Year and Centenary fund are launched with a supper at 6.30pm followed by Ian Addis' talk at 7.30pm about the Pleasure Park and other parks in Kettering.
- Holy Week 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> March. Triduum with the Ven. David Painter, former Archdeacon of Oakham.
- Easter Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am. Easter Sunday Eucharist and Holy Baptism when we shall invite people baptised at All Saints to return to renew their promises with our present community.
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March Centenary Eucharist 7.30pm with the Right Revd Donald Allister, Bishop of Peterborough. 100 years to the day on which All Saints became a parish in its own right
- Pentecost Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May Confirmation Eucharist with the Right Revd John Flack, Assistant Bishop of Peterborough
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 3.00pm A Celebration of Marriage. A chance to renew wedding vows, particularly for those married at All Saints.
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September (Michaelmas) 'Pimms and Hymns' 7.30pm Fr Andrew's farewell
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am All Saints Sunday Thanksgiving Eucharist with Ven. Gordon Steele, Archdeacon of Oakham,

### **THE PASSING OF THE YEAR**

*"Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind".  
St. Paul (Authorised Version)*

What did you do for me? said I as I watched the dying year.  
I would settle accounts with you before you go from here.  
You failed to bring me all the things you promised at the start:  
The fulfilment of my hopes, the wishes of my heart.

The Old Year opened his fading eyes and said reproachfully,  
I gave you all I had to give, but what did you do for me?  
I gave you opportunities and chances that you spurned  
Many mercies undeserved and happiness unearned.

Had you only known, he said, I was a friend to you.  
And as the Old Year breathed his last

I knew his words were true  
I had been ungrateful, but it's too late now I said.  
Forgive me, Lord, and make me wiser in the year ahead.

### **DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next edition is **Sunday 24 January**. The February copy will be available on **Sunday 31 January**.

### PHRASE OF THE MONTH: A MIXED ECONOMY

The United Kingdom is often described as a 'mixed economy.' The free market - competition, supply and demand - decides the prices at the supermarket and rates of pay but the government acts to ensure minimum wages and social welfare. We have a mixture of NHS and private hospitals; state and private schools; social and private housing. That way everybody's needs are met - in theory!

Mixed economy is also being used in the Church of England to describe churches which run different types of services to meet different needs. You may have noticed that All Saints is steadily going down this road whilst retaining its focus on sacramental worship: not only Holy Eucharist but messy church, all-age communion, Taizé style worship and Café Church: the last two in partnership with Rockingham Road Baptist Church.

The mid-week Eucharists also vary: more informality and open prayer in the Hartley Room on Tuesdays, quiet and reflective Monday Eucharists in the chancel, including a monthly Healing service. The outreach services at Abbeyfield, Ashley Court and Thorndale extend this diversity. The fortnightly Eucharist at Abbeyfield is attended by parishioners as well as residents and takes place in a comfortable lounge setting.

Our mixed-economy meets the needs of a larger cross-section of worshippers. Why not try something completely different at All Saints in 2016.  
*Fr Andrew*

### SAINT OF THE MONTH

#### SAINT WULFSTAN 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY



Born early in the eleventh century, Wulfstan became Bishop of Worcester in 1062. This was very much against his will. He had spent twenty-five years after his ordination in the monastery at Worcester. He preferred a quiet life dedicated to prayer and contemplation. However, Wulfstan turned out to be an excellent Bishop both in his pastoral care and in the careful way in which he administered the diocese.

His gifts were recognised by King William I after the Norman conquest. The Anglo-Saxon Bishops were replaced by Normans after 1066 and by 1075 Wulfstan was the only English born bishop remaining in office. He served as Bishop until his death in 1095, devoting himself to the service of his people, struggling under the Norman regime. He was declared a saint in 1203 by Pope Innocent III.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2016 (SUNDAYS)**

<b>Tastie</b>	<b>Youth Group 6-7.30pm</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Programme to be announced.
7 <sup>th</sup> February	
6 <sup>th</sup> March	
10 <sup>th</sup> April	
8 <sup>th</sup> May	
5 <sup>th</sup> June	
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Family Barbecue
<b>All-age services</b>	<b>Shorter Communion services at 10.30am</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Candlemas
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter - The Good Shepherd
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost - Confirmation
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Forgiveness
10 <sup>th</sup> July	The Good Samaritan
<b>Taizé services</b>	<b>Prayer round the cross at 6.15pm</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Vigil for Christian Unity week
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Week
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Spirit
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Themes to be announced.
18 <sup>th</sup> September	
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Christ the King

Future dates will be announced in due course.

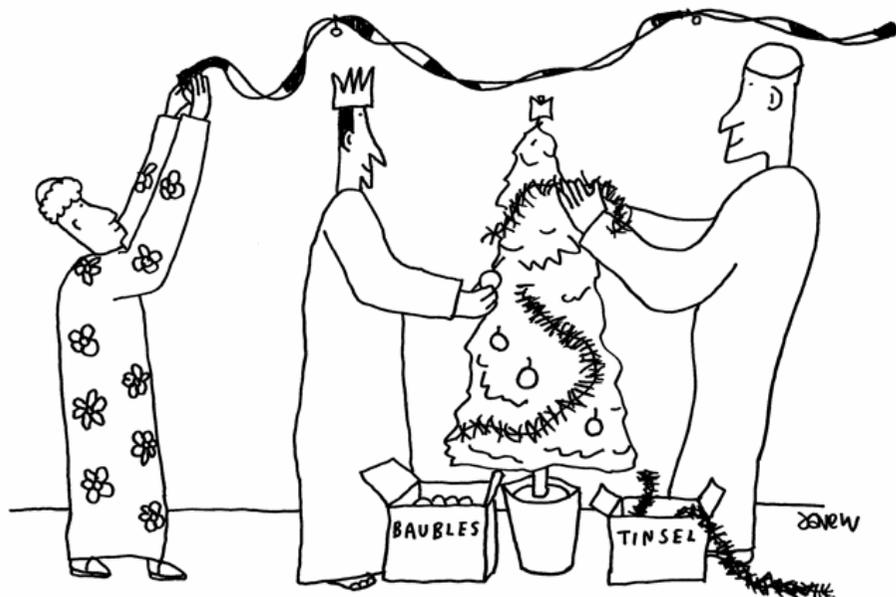
**MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2016 (SUNDAYS)**

<b>Café Church</b>	<b>Rockingham Road Baptist Church 6.15pm</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Themes to be announced.
17 <sup>th</sup> April	
19 <sup>th</sup> June	
21 <sup>st</sup> August	
16 <sup>th</sup> October	
18 <sup>th</sup> December	
<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>Games, Craft and Celebration 3-4.30pm</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Celebrate the Three Kings
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Battle in the Desert (Lent)
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Getting ready for Easter (Holy Week)
24 <sup>th</sup> April	St George and the dragon
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	The Good Samaritan

Future dates for Messy Church will follow when we know the dates of Bands in the Park.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

The week of prayer is always during Epiphany from 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January. This year the Christian Unity Service is called 'Salt and Light.' It is being organised by Churches Together in Kettering and District. It begins at 3pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January in St Edward's Roman Catholic Church, London Road, Kettering.



EPIPHANY: THE WISE MEN /  
TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

### PARISH PRIEST'S POSTSCRIPT

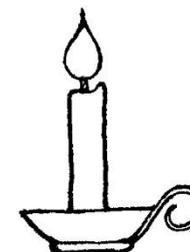
A belief has arisen in modern times, in some English-speaking countries, that it is unlucky to leave Christmas decorations hanging after Twelfth Night. The problem is that it is hard to work out exactly when this is. If you count Christmas Day as the first Day of Christmas then Twelfth Night is on 5<sup>th</sup> January, the eve of the Epiphany (when the maji visited the infant Jesus.) If you count December 26<sup>th</sup> as the first Day then Twelfth Night is on 6<sup>th</sup> January, the Feast of the Epiphany. Both dates are cited as the true Twelfth Night.

However, you do not need to worry about any of this! The tradition about the timely removal of Christmas decorations originally attached to the festival of Candlemas (2 February) which celebrates the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. This is a much more logical end to the Christmas celebrations, forty days after Christmas, than the Feast of Epiphany which celebrates events which took place about two years after the birth of Jesus.

It seems strange that, having resisted the premature start of the Christmas celebrations in order to preserve Advent, we are rather too willing to pack Christmas away in its box until next year before this arbitrary 'twelfth night' catches us out.

We shall celebrate Candlemas on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January with an All-age Communion. It is a pivotal festival in which the six-week old Jesus is acclaimed as the 'Light to lighten the Nations' and our Lady is warned that 'a sword will pierce through your own soul.' Candlemas looks back to Christmas and forward to Holy Week and Easter. The blessing of candles in honour of Jesus the Light of the World is an ancient ceremony with possible origins in the fourth century.

**Father Andrew**



**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.*

- On the way home from church a little boy asked his mother "Is it true Mummy that we are made from dust?" "Yes darling". "And do we go back to dust again when we die?" "Well the outside of us does anyway". "Then in that case", the little boy said earnestly, "I think there's someone under my bed, but I'm not sure whether they're coming or going".
- A rector was doing some parish visiting and called on one of his parishioners. During the course of the conversation he remarked that he hadn't seen her in church recently. "No", came the reply, "my daughter is learning to play the harp and I'm having second thoughts about going to heaven."
- The rector announced, "I am sure that you will not wish to overwork our visiting priest while I am on holiday, and will keep funerals to a minimum".
- A clergyman was driving his sports car at a fast pace. He had to scream to a standstill to avoid an accident. When the angry driver of the other car stormed over to exchange words, the rector handed him his card - *The Revd Paul Brown is sorry to have missed you. He hopes to make contact with you next time.*

**Highlights for February**

<p>6<sup>th</sup> February Car Boot Sale 8.30am 2.30pm - 4.30pm Tea Dance £3 includes refreshments</p>	<p>7<sup>th</sup> February Tastie Youth Group 6 - 7.30pm Year 6 up to 6<sup>th</sup> form 131 Barton Road</p>
<p>12<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Father Andrew "An E-Mail from God?" £3 includes refreshments</p>	<p>13<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm £3 Duncan Bain (ex-Mayor of Kettering) "One Way Ticket to Stanley"</p>
<p>19<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Kevin Varty "The Magic Lantern" £4 includes refreshments</p>	<p>21<sup>st</sup> February 6.15pm Café Church Rockingham Road Baptist Church</p>
<p>26<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Geoff Brown Bungoma (W.Kenya) talk £3 includes refreshments</p>	<p>28<sup>th</sup> February Messy Church 3.00pm - 4.30pm Battle in the Desert (Lent) £1 per child (with parent)</p>

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all those who have worshipped at  
All Saints during the last century.*