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Kettering All Saints
Monthly Update

Alive!

SERVICES AND EVENTS

MARCH 2016

*Lent, Holy Week
and Easter*

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

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| 1 Mar | 10.00am | Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room |
| | 3.30pm | Confirmation Class at Bishop Stopford Sch. |
| | 8.00pm | Messy Planning - Hartley Room |
| 2 Mar | 7.30pm | The Lenten House Group - 58 Britannia Road |
| 3 Mar | 11.00am | Holy Eucharist at Abbeyfield |
| 4 Mar | 7.30pm | Ecumenical Bible Sharing in Jubilee Room 'The Good Shepherd with Major Paul Doust. |
| 5 Mar | 8.30am | Car Boot & Table Top Sale |
| | 7.30pm | The Weekley Singers in concert |
| 6 Mar | 10.30am | All-age communion for Mothering Sunday with Rev and Vera. Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section in attendance. |
| | 6-7.30pm | TASTIE |
| 7 Mar | 7.30pm | Holy Eucharist |
| | 8.00pm | PCC Meeting |
| 8 Mar | 10.00am | Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room |
| | 3.30pm | Confirmation Class at Bishop Stopford Sch. |
| 9 Mar | 7.30pm | The Lenten House Group - 58 Britannia Road |
| 10 Mar | 11.00am | Holy Communion at Ashley Court |
| | 7.30pm | Ecumenical Bible Sharing in Jubilee Room 'The Resurrection and the Life' with the Revd. Laura Staves |
| 11 Mar | 7.30pm | 'I'm a Vegetarian - No I Don't Eat Fish' with Barbara Lewis |
| 12 Mar | 9.30-4pm | Bishop's Bible Day at Corby Business Academy |
| 13 Mar | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist - Lent 5 |
| 14 Mar | 7.30pm | Holy Eucharist |
| 15 Mar | 10.00am | Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room |
| 16 Mar | 7.30pm | The Lenten House Group - 58 Britannia Road |

CALENDAR FOR MARCH (CONTINUED)

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| 17 Mar | 11.00am | Holy Eucharist at Abbeyfield |
| | 7.30pm | Ecumenical Bible Sharing in Jubilee Room, The Way, the Truth and the Life' including Communion with Fr Andrew and Peter Strong |
| 18 Mar | 7.30pm | 'A Murder Mystery' with Roy Smith |
| 20 Mar | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist for Palm Sunday beginning with a procession in the Park. |
| | 3-4.30pm | Messy Church - Getting Ready for Easter |
| | 6.15pm | Taizé style Service - united with RRBC |
| 21 Mar | 7.30pm | Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness |
| 22 Mar | 10.00am | Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room |
| | 3.30pm | Confirmation Class at Bishop Stopford Sch. |
| 23 Mar | 7.30pm | Holy Eucharist |
| 24 Mar | 11.00am | Holy Communion at Thorndale |
| | 7.30pm | The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday |
| 25 Mar | 9.00am | The way of the Cross (Stations) |
| | 10.00am | United Procession of Witness, departing from Rockingham Road Baptist Church. |
| | 11.20am | United Service of Witness outside Toller Church in Kettering town centre |
| | 2.00pm | The Liturgy of Good Friday |
| | 6.30pm | Tenebrae Family Service |
| 26 Mar | 9.00am | Church Cleaning for Easter |
| | 8.00pm | The Easter Liturgy |
| 27 Mar | 10.30am | All-age Communion and Holy Baptism for Easter Sunday |
| 28 Mar | | No service on Bank Holiday |
| 29 Mar | 10.00am | Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room |
| 30 Mar | 7.30pm | Centenary Eucharist with The Bishop of Peterborough |

MARCH

To mark St. David's Day, (1st March) patron saint of Wales, there is this lovely Celtic benediction.

Deep peace of the running water to you
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you
 Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you

And for St. Patrick's Day on 17th March, some lines by the saint himself.

May the strength of God pilot us
 May the power of God preserve us
 May the wisdom of God instruct us
 May the hand of God protect us
 May the way of God direct us

How can you tell when Spring has arrived? The first swallow?
 An early primrose? The call of the cuckoo? An 18th century
 country saying seems to sum it up "When you can tread on nine
 daisies at once, Spring has come." Try it!

**“WHERE JESUS KNELT TO SHARE WITH
THEE THE SILENCE OF ETERNITY”**

My cell was deep underground. A light bulb shone from the ceiling on bare walls, an iron bedstead with three planks and a straw pallet. Air entered through a pipe high in the wall. The silence here was practically complete - deliberately so. Our guards wore felt-soled shoes and you could hear their hands on the door before key found lock.

Now and again there was the far-off sound of a prisoner hammering steadily on his door or screaming. The cell allowed only three paces in each direction, so I lay down and stared at the bulb. It burned all night. Since I could not sleep, I prayed. The outside world ceased to exist. All the noises I was used to, the wind and rain in the yard, steel boot studs on stone floors, the buzz of a fly, a human voice, were gone. My heart seemed to shrink, as if it too would stop in this lifeless silence.

I was kept in solitary confinement in this cell for the next two years. I had nothing to read and no writing materials I had only my thoughts for company, and I was not a meditative man, but a soul that had rarely known quiet. I had God. But had I really lived to serve God - or was it simply my profession? Now the test had come. I was alone. There was no salary to earn, no golden opinions to consider. God offered me only suffering - would I continue to love Him?....

I wondered how you could praise God by a life of silence. At first I prayed gently to be released. I asked, 'You have said in Scripture that it is not good that a man should be alone; why do You keep me alone?' But as days passed into weeks my only visitor was still the guard, who brought wedges of black bread and watery soup and never spoke a word....

Slowly I learned that on the tree of silence hangs the fruit of peace. I began to realise my real personality, and made sure that it belonged to Christ. I found that even here my thoughts and feelings turned to God and that I could pass night after night in prayer, spiritual exercise and praise.

I knew now that I was not play-acting, believing that I believed.

*Richard Wurmbbrand
from God's Underworld*

SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS

- 6th March **All-age communion for Mothering Sunday** with Rev and Vera at 10.30am and **TASTIE** at 131 Barton Road, 6-7.30pm for young people from year 6 to 6th form.
- 20th March **Taizé Service** Prayer around the cross for Holy Week 6.15pm at All Saints
- 20th March **Messy Church - Getting Ready for Easter** from 3pm to 4.30pm

HOLY WEEK 2016

Palm Sunday March 20th

10.30am Procession and Parish Eucharist
(Meet in Rockingham Road Pleasure Park)

Monday March 21st

7.30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday March 22nd

10.00am Holy Eucharist in the Hartley Room

Wednesday March 23rd

7.30pm Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday March 24th

7.30pm **Liturgy of Maundy Thursday**
(including stripping of the altars and watch until 10pm)

Good Friday March 25th

9am The way of the Cross (Stations)
10.00am United Procession of Witness,
(departing Rockingham Road Baptist Church)
11.20am United Service of Witness outside Toller Church
2.00pm **Liturgy of Good Friday**
6.30pm Tenebrae Family Service
(worship for All Ages)

HOLY WEEK (Continued)

Saturday March 26th Easter Eve

8.00pm **Easter Liturgy**
(including the Lighting of the new fire and Easter Vigil)

Sunday March 27th Easter Day

10.30am Family Eucharist and Holy Baptism

WORD OF THE MONTH: TRIDUUM

The word Triduum comes from the Latin and means three days. It begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday with a Liturgy which commemorates our Lord's institution of Holy Communion, continues with the stripping of the altar and concludes with a watch until 10pm, remembering Jesus' words to his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane, 'Could you not watch with me one hour.'

The Liturgy of Good Friday tells the story of the crucifixion as we read the Passion according to St John. We venerate the cross on which Jesus died for our salvation and then receive communion from the reserved sacrament.

The Vigil on Holy Saturday begins with the lighting of the new fire in the church porch, remembering that Jesus is the Light of the World which could not be extinguished by death. We tell the story of God's salvation through the Old Testament scriptures as we wait in darkness, 'Longing for Light' until the moment when we proclaim that 'Christ has Risen' and celebrate the first Mass of Easter.

If you have never taken the liturgical journey through the great three days then please do so during our centenary year as a parish. You will be sharing in worship that has its origins in the earliest days of the church and is a powerful reminder of all that we owe to God for our salvation and redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are very much hoping that our friend, the Venerable David Painter, formerly Archdeacon of Oakham, will be our guide on the journey as he presides and preaches at these three services in Holy Week. He hopes to be with us but this depends on whether or not he is called into hospital for a knee operation before Easter. Please do pray for David.

SUMMER FAIR

Is anybody willing to run a stall for the Summer Fair?

We didn't have a Summer Fair at all last year because so few volunteers came forward in 2014 but it would be really good to have a high profile event in this Centenary Year.

One of the highlights of previous Summer Fairs has been the opportunity to humiliate the Priest-in-charge by throwing wet sponges at him or covering him with gunge. How could you possibly miss out this year? It is your last opportunity!

If every family or group of friends came up with a good idea for a stall then it would be good fun, easy to organise and a financial benefit to All Saints.

Please speak to, or e-mail, Angela or Richard before the end of March and we'll get a date in the diary.

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.

- 5th March
Car Boot & Table Top Sale 8.30am
- 5th March
An Evening with the Weekley Singers 7.30pm £4
- 11th March
I'm a Vegetarian - No I don't Eat Fish'
with Barbara Lewis 7.30pm £3
- 18th March
A Murder Mystery
with Roy Smith 7.30pm £4

DEADLINE

The deadline for the next edition of Saints Alive! is **Sunday 27th March**. The April edition of Saints Alive! will be available on **Sunday 3rd April**.

BISHOP'S BIBLE DAY

The 2016 Bishop's Bible Day is on Saturday 12 March from 9.30am to 4pm. This year we are exploring Luke's Gospel and will be at a new venue: Corby Business Academy. Bishop Donald will be teaching on Jesus' use of story and parable in Luke's Gospel. There will be a range of workshops exploring Luke's Gospel in a variety of ways, plus the usual mix of worship, stalls and fellowship. The day is free, though if you are able to make a donation towards costs that is most welcome, either before or on the day. You can download a flier at:

<http://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/downloads/bible-day-flyer-2016.pdf>

This will tell you all about the workshops and how to book. Father Andrew will be going and will be very happy to give you a lift.

CAFÉ CHURCH

At our Café Church at Rockingham Road in February we talked about what makes an attractive life. It was great fun but there were also some profound comments about how we could make Christianity more attractive to others through the way we live our lives. Please do support our monthly evening services at All Saints and Rockingham Road. They are a real opportunity to deepen our faith.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

JANUARY and FEBRUARY

We try to keep our events reasonably priced. Fees on the door are usually £3 but may go up to £6 depending on the outlay for the group/speaker. We also run a loyalty card where you get a stamp each time you come and with six stamps you can exchange it for £2 off your ticket the next time.

Bernard Smith's slideshow of Curiosities in Northamptonshire gave a good crowd a whirlwind tour around the county. Bernard has cycled many thousands of miles to capture unusual photos for the enjoyment of others. Some objects are long forgotten or no records can be found of why they were built.

Our table-top sales are bringing new visitors to the church each month - a really nice atmosphere where new friendships are made and old friendships recaptured over a bacon butty!

The Quiz evenings still prove popular with one of our midst appearing on The Chase where he did very well. You don't have to have a team to join us, come along on the night and join in! We're not very good at keeping to "teams of four" sometimes there only two people in a team. You could always win the booby prize if your table comes last. I haven't managed to win any yet but try hard. Peter Dunn entertained us again with the beautiful Northumbrian Pipes and the traditions and stories around the tunes and songs.

Many of the congregation enjoyed an appetising supper, along with Ian Addis and his talk on the history of Rockingham Rd Pleasure Park and North Park. His research went back a long way and I could just imagine the Scottish Horse Regiment on the North Park with all the stables on it during the war. He has promised to come back to talk on Wicksteed Park - that should be good as well.

The tea dancers are still active at All Saints and are an excellent way to keep fit and then indulge in tea and cakes during the interval!

Father Andrew's talk "An e-mail from God" was very thought provoking and people enjoyed their free gift for Lent.

Who would have thought that a previous Mayor of Kettering had had such an interesting life? Duncan Bain's story telling is amazing and he can paint a dramatic picture in your mind. His life at Goose Green was a bit different from life in Northamptonshire.

I jumped out of my skin when a skull appeared out of the blackness when Kevin Varty presented a Victorian picture show in the hall from his magic lantern. I had never given a thought to the glass painting industry in the Victorian era to entertain families. As an audience we were enthralled and I particularly liked the snoring man in bed who kept swallowing the same rat!

My special friend - Joshua Daniel and many of his friends delivered an amazing evening of music and song to help raise funds for All Saints Playgroup and ourselves after the recent break-in. It was as good as being at any theatre in London.

Angela

LIFE AFTER FR ANDREW (3)

It is just a little over 6 months until Father Andrew hands back his keys and leaves All Saints church after nearly 7 years as our Priest-in-Charge. We hope that you have the date of his last service, 29th September, in your diary.

The draft Parish Profile is continuously being updated and when finally approved by the PCC it will be sent to the Archdeacon for circulation to prospective candidates for the post of our new Priest.

One major decision still has to be taken. Do we want a full time or part time priest?

Should we choose the first option then we are going to have to commit to an increase in the Parish Share of £5000 on a year on year basis for at least the next 6 years (based on current levels.) This will then bring the figure to the level that parishes are expected to pay for a full time priest. It is a lot of money but it is something that the people of All Saints can aspire to and can achieve.

In simple terms it equates to an increase in giving of £1.00 per week per Electoral roll member. That is much less than a cup of coffee in COSTA or Starbucks.

We can meet this commitment.

If you have any thoughts or comments on this please speak with the Churchwardens, Angela and Richard, or any member of the PCC.

Richard

JUST ANOTHER EASTER EGG?

Another year rolls by, winter starts to wane
Days are getting longer, spring is born again
Trees in bud, bleating lambs, bluer skies and more
Familiar reminders what new life has in store

Easter time looms nearer, tradition takes a bow
Some miss *Good Fridays'* messages, just live for here and now
Families get together to celebrate and share
Greetings cards and chocolate treats to show we really care

In caring, sharing times it's easy to forget
What happened all those years ago, which left us deep in debt
A man was scourged and killed, a common thief set free
To satisfy a screaming mob - just folk like you and me

Yet this mans' crucifixion was more than just a show
It changed the course of history, shaped a path to go
The Son of God was sacrificed and, with crucifixion done
Gods' free gifted grace, mankind's forgiveness won

We have a mission duty to make it loud and clear
To shout the Easter message that drives away all fear
Christ died for all, accept *Gods'* gift your sins forgiveness beg
For Easter brings salvation - not just another Easter egg.

Chris Bates

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER

Volunteers please for our Easter Church Cleaning Session on Saturday 26th March starting at 9am. If you can help in any way please speak to Nina.

SAINT OF THE MONTH

Joseph of Nazareth

19th March

It is easy to overlook the part that Joseph, the humble carpenter from Nazareth, played when he took Mary as his wife, adopted Jesus and treated him as his own son.

In *Matthew's Gospel* we are told that he had planned to dismiss Mary quietly when she became pregnant rather than subject her to disgrace. In those days, this would have been an act of great kindness and generosity but Joseph went much further.

He had a dream in which an angel visited him. 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

Joseph responded to the angel's message and was obedient to God's command. From that time on, Joseph fully supported Mary and his adoption of Jesus established our Lord in the descent of David. This fulfilled the prophecy that the Saviour would be of the House and lineage of David.

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.

- When a Devonshire rector had faithfully served his parish for 60 years he received a letter of congratulation from his bishop with the tactful suggestion that he might now like to think of retirement. The rector replied that when he was instituted in 1888 he was given to understand that it was not a temporary appointment.
- Our minister says happiness is like jam: you can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself.
- A young curate had been far too popular with the women of the parish and was causing much embarrassment to all concerned. Eventually the Rector had to ask him to leave and find another place to practise his ministry. "I don't know why you are so worried, Rector," he said. "After all, there's safety in numbers." "That's where you're wrong replied the Rector. "You're only safety is in Exodus".
- The newsletter at All Saints Church, Margaret Street, London reminds the congregation that "Hot Smacks" are available after the Mass.

PARISH PRIEST'S POSTSCRIPT

LOYALTY CARDS

A PROPOSAL FOR A NATIONAL REWARD SCHEME

SPECIAL STAMPS
ARE AWARDED
FOR ATTENDANCE,
ANSWERING QUESTIONS
IN CHILDRENS'
TALKS ETC



POINTS CAN
BE TRADED-IN
FOR PRIZES
AT CHURCHES
EVERYWHERE

A SERMON PREACHED IN THE
PRIVACY OF YOUR OWN HOME



A TOUR OF LAMBETH
PALACE (WITH TEA)

A HYMN-CHANGE
OF YOUR CHOICE



SOME SPECIAL
STICKERS



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Supermarkets use loyalty cards to promote their own store and compete with others so would it be right to extend this to the local church? Loyalty cards are a great idea for our community events but it would be wrong to extend this. The season of Lent is a time when we should be growing in our loyalty to Christ and encouraging others to follow Him. This can best be achieved when we work together with Christians in other churches rather than compete with them. I hope to see you at the united act of witness in the town centre on Good Friday.

Every blessing,

Father Andrew

WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS

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| Priest in Charge: | The Reverend Andrew Dutton | 392401 |
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Highlights for April

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| 2 nd April 8.30am Car Boot & Table Top Sale Variety of stalls Refreshments | 8 th April 7.30pm Fun Quiz Night £5 per team Raffle |
| 10 th April 6-7.30pm TASTIE youth group with special guest. Joel Bird (Ordinand) | 16 th April 7.30pm 'Vintage Comedy' With John Wood £3 |
| 17 th April (Good Shepherd) 10.30am All-age service with Rev and Vera 6.15pm. Café Church at Rockingham Road | 23 rd April Tea Dance 2.30 - 4.30pm £3 |
| 24 th April 3-4.30pm Messy Church@All Saints St George and the dragon £1 per child (with adult) | 29 th April 7.30pm 'It Shouldn't Happen to a Pantomime Dame' with John Lillyman £3 |

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