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Kettering All Saints
Monthly Update

Alive!

SERVICES AND EVENTS
AUGUST 2016
ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

1 Aug	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
2 Aug	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
4 Aug	11.00am	Holy Eucharist at Abbeyfield
6 Aug	8.30am	Table Top Sale
7 Aug	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Trinity 11
8 Aug	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
9 Aug	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
11 Aug	11.00am	Holy Communion at Ashley Court
14 Aug	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Trinity 12
	3.00pm	Kettering Silver Band in the Park with refreshments in church
15 Aug	7.30pm	Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness
16 Aug	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
18 Aug	11.00am	Holy Eucharist at Abbeyfield
20 Aug	12 noon-4.00pm	Craft Fair Stalls, raffle, teas/coffees entry 50p
21 Aug	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Trinity 13
	6.15pm	Joint Service at Rockingham Road. Café Church: a meaningful life.
22 Aug	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
23 Aug	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
25 Aug	11.00am	Holy Communion at Thorndale
27 Aug	1pm	Baptism of Isabel Strangward
	7.30pm	Keith and Maureen Edwards An Introduction to Photography £3
28 Aug	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Trinity 14 Photographic Display/sale 2-4.30pm
29 Aug		No service on Bank Holiday
30 Aug	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room

AUGUST

“Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness and the little hills rejoice on every side. The folds shall be full of sheep. The valleys also shall stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing”.
Psalm 65: 11-13

The poetry of the earth is never dead:
When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,
That is the grasshopper's - he takes the lead
In summer luxury, - he has never done
With his delights; for when tired out with fun
He rests at ease beneath some pleasant weed.

In the high summer it is marvellous just to stop and listen to the noise around you. In the countryside you can hear, just like the poet John Keats, the grasshoppers. You will also hear the buzz of a thousand small insects - bees, wasps, flies. Even in a park you can sometimes hear them through the traffic noise. This is the earth's poetry, heard only by those who listen for its harmonies.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Do all the good you can by all the means you can
In all the ways you can in all the places you can
To all the people you can as long as ever you can

John Wesley

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR JULY

What a great two days we've had at All Saints Church Kettering! For months we've been trying to collect a pictorial history of our 100 years as a Parish in Kettering (in its own right). These two days of Kettfest2016 have been fantastic. It's brought in locals and not so local people to take a look at our display and some stayed to our service of Christian Marriage this afternoon. We listened to story-telling of what happened at others' weddings - you couldn't make it up! Beautiful fruit cake made with lots of brandy, sponge, cupcakes, wine and tea/coffee. Dave and Wendy Woolley won the "longest married couple" bouquet and Robin and Anne Browne came second. One delighted couple who lived "the other end of Kettering" (the south side) came along and never knew All Saints Church existed before seeing our exhibition. Another couple came from Desborough to have a look at the display and then stayed for the service too. We celebrated 727 years altogether of marriage in the hall.

If you loaned any paper cuttings, photos etc. for our 100 year exhibition and have not had them back yet - please ask Father Andrew,

Keith Gubbins - presented a flower arranging evening. Keith amazed us all with how quickly he can put flower arrangements together! He made a special arrangement for Sue Waite on her birthday. He also told funny stories about things that have happened to him. At the end of the evening the floral displays were auctioned off.

Kevin Varty came along and gave a fascinating talk and slideshow about the history of graveyards across the globe and how they have evolved over the years, influenced in later years by Queen Victoria. Kevin hits the right balance between informative and entertaining and we're hoping he'll come back in 2017 with a few of his other talks!

Angela

**KETTERING BOROUGH COUNCIL
BANDS IN THE PARK CONCERTS 2016**

14 August	Kettering Silver Band
4 September	Gretton Silver Band
11 September	Kettering Salvation Army Band

All concerts on the Bandstand at 3pm. Bring your own chairs and a picnic. Refreshments are available at All Saints: teas, coffees, strawberries and ice-cream. **Volunteers are needed to help with teas in church please.**

DEADLINE

The deadline for the next edition of Saints Alive! is Sunday **28th August**. The **September** edition will be available in church from Sunday **4th September**.

A SENSE OF BELONGING

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Gram Seed was a ne'er-do-well. He grew up in Middlesbrough and fought with everyone. When aged about twelve, he broke into schools and youth clubs, selling all he could steal. At fifteen, charged with twenty-two offences of burglary, the court sentenced him to nine months in a juvenile institution. After that, he was often in prison. Working in the middle of organised crime, he amassed wealth from dealing in counterfeit goods. Yet for three years until 1996 he lived on a street bench taking drugs and trying to drink himself to death.

Later that year, Gram collapsed in his council flat and was taken to hospital. The doctors found he had pneumonia, hypothermia, severe malnutrition, severe dehydration and liver and kidney failure. Even after several days' treatment they could not rouse him from his coma. But his mother begged them not to give up.

Then along came a group of Christian lads Gram knew on the streets. They laid hands on him and said: 'In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, give this man life.'

Gram came round and recovered. He found a room with a friend but the Christian lads still visited. They persuaded him to join an Alpha course at their church because he asked so many questions about Jesus. He received the Holy Spirit with a surge of love in his heart. 'All my life I'd never belonged to anyone. I was a misfit, and here I was belonging to someone at last.'

Gram is now married with two sons. He visits prisons regularly to help with Alpha courses and to tell prisoners about Jesus Christ.

Since 2008 CWR has published two autobiographical books by Gram: *One Step Beyond* and *'It Must Be Love'*, together with a DVD. He has also established *Sowing Seeds Ministries*, a Christian charity which brings the message of the love of Christ to young prisoners and ex-offenders. Thanks to the wonderful response of CWR's appeal to raise funds to donate copies of Gram's first book to prisoners currently serving sentences, 20,000 were sent into UK prisons via chaplains.

In October 2001 Gram gave permission to relate his experiences and wrote: 'I hope and pray my story can be used to glorify Jesus everywhere. God Bless.'

Excerpt from *Just a Thought* by Joy Hedges

FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Saturday 6 August
Table Top Sale. Starts 8.30am. Variety of stalls, refreshments etc. Free admission
- Sunday 14 August
Kettering Silver Band in the Park 3pm - 4.30pm. Refreshments, strawberries & ice-cream available in church.
Volunteers needed to help with teas please.
- Saturday 20 August
12 noon - 4pm
Craft Fair with a wide variety of stalls
Refreshments available
Entry 50p.
- Saturday 27th August
7.30pm £3 Keith and Maureen Edwards
An Introduction to Photography
- Sunday 28th Photographic Display/sale 2-4.30pm

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

SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS THIS MONTH

- 21st August
**Joint service with RRBC - Café Church at RRBC
A Meaningful Life.**

MEDITATIONS ON MINDFULNESS

- Growing old is not something most people look forward to, and it is true that old age may bring health problems and difficulties around losing your independence. But there are blessings too and with age comes growing wisdom, perspective and serenity. So there is no need to deny that you are getting older, or to lie or joke about your age.

The afternoon knows what the morning never suspects.

Robert Frost

- Faith is a gift. Not one to be hoarded, but one to be shared. It is important to respect other people's personal convictions but that doesn't mean you should be reluctant to share your faith with others, in your words, your example, your interest and your sense of conviction and dedication.

To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.

St. Thomas Aquinas

- Sometimes you have only wordless words. Those times you just have to trust.

He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things.

St. Alphonsus Liguori

- Kindness and compassion are a lasting source of happiness and joy, the foundation of a loving heart.

If you want others to be happy practise compassion.

If you want to be happy practise compassion.

HH The Dalai Lama

SAINT OF THE MONTH 28 AUGUST ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

Augustine (not to be confused the first Archbishop of Canterbury) was born in North Africa in 354. He travelled, first to Rome and then to Milan. He rejected Christianity as a young man but, under the influence of St Monica, his mother, and St Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan, he began to look afresh at the Scriptures and was baptised in 387. Soon after returning to North Africa he was ordained priest and then became Bishop of Hippo. His books, prayers and sermons have been preserved and have had a tremendous influence of Christian thought today. His advice is to 'Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.'

WORD OF THE DAY REST

'Come unto me all ye who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.' Jesus' invitation, used in the Book of Common Prayer Communion Service, invites us to lay down our burden of guilt and sin and to find rest in the Lord. St Augustine spoke of our souls being restless until they find their rest in Christ.

We live in restless times in which people are running after new things and new ideas in the hope of finding harmony and peace. Jesus invites us to come to him and enjoy his perfect rest.

'O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love.'

A LAMENT TO THE LORD

– Mavis Clark, *“This England”*, Spring 1990, Vol.23 No.1

They’ve brought you up to date Lord, down at Saint Cecilia’s.
They’ve pensioned off the organ, and they’re praising with guitars.
They’ve done it for the young ones; we want to draw them in,
But I do wish they could worship without making such a din.
For I’m growing rather deaf Lord, and when there’s all that noise,
It gets so very hard Lord, to hear your loving voice.

They’ve written brand new hymns Lord, with tunes that I don’t know,
So I hardly ever sing now, though I did love singing so.
They’re very go-ahead Lord, they’re doing ‘series three’,
But the words are not so beautiful as the others used to be

They’ve modernised the Bible and the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed
When the old ones were so perfect that they filled my every need.
My mind’s not quite so agile, as it was some years ago
And I miss the age-old beauty of the words I used to know.

It’s very clear to me Lord, I’ve overstayed my time;
I don’t take to change so kindly as I did when in my prime.
But it can’t be very long now before I’m called above,
And I know I’ll find you there Lord, and glory in your love.

So ‘til then I’ll stick it out here, though it’s not the same for me,
But while others call you ‘You’, Lord, do you mind if I say ‘Thee’?

This is the original version of a well-known lament. It refers to 'Series 3' which was authorised for use in church before the publication of the Alternative Service Book in 1980. Series 3 was the first liturgy to use modern language: not thee and thou!

A LAMENT TO THE LORD ABOUT THE HYMNS OF ISAAC WATTS (as written in the 18th Century?)

They’ve brought you up to date, Lord, in the Chapel at Mark Lane,
They’ve done it for the young ones; we want to draw them in
They’ve put aside the Psalms and now they worship God with hymns,
But I do wish they could sing without resorting to “Watts’ whims”.

They say he’s modernised the psalms to point to Jesus Christ
But why change what was perfect? The Psalter has sufficed!
These hymns aren’t as divinely blessed as metric psalms, you see
If psalms were good enough for Christ, they’re good enough for me!

These hymns are new and needless, they’re Quakerish and Popish,
I’m scared that next they’ll start to bring in instrumental music
These hymns are just a money-making scheme for Watts to gain from,
Why use them? All our fathers got to heaven fine without them!

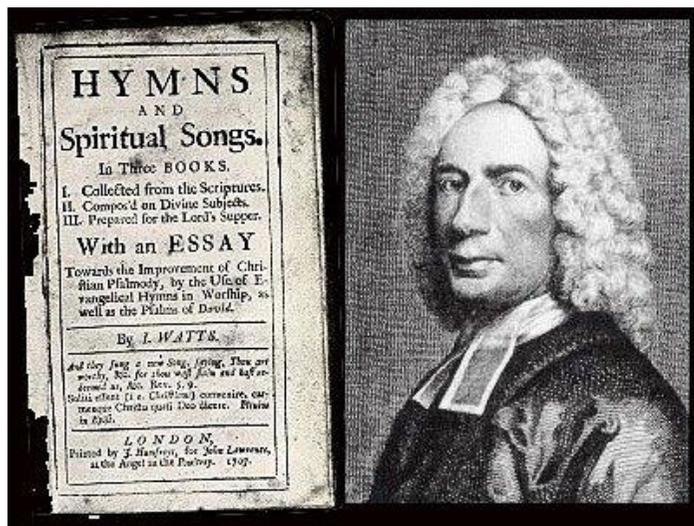
I miss the age-old beauty of the words I used to know
My mind’s not quite so agile as it was some years ago
And with these brand new hymns, Lord, they use tunes I do not know
So I hardly ever sing now, though I did love singing so

It’s very clear to me, Lord – I’ve overstayed my time
I don’t take to change so kindly as I did when in my prime
But it won’t be very long before I’m called above
And once I’m there I’ll sing the Psalms and glory in your love

Till then I’ll stick it out here, though it’s not the same for me
Though others think these hymns are great, I firmly disagree!

This lament was written by William Chong, a Baptist Pastor, who imagined what might have been written by Mavis Clark’s antecedents in the eighteenth century when Isaac Watts was writing his hymns (all 750 of them!)

PARISH PRIEST'S POSTSCRIPT



William Romaine, writing in the eighteenth century, complained that "Christian congregations have shut out divinely inspired psalms and taken in Watts's flights of fancy." He was commenting on the works of Isaac Watts, the Graham Kendrick of his day, who scandalised many Christians with his new-fangled hymns such as 'When I survey the wondrous cross' and 'Joy to the world.' Until then the only 'songs' in church were metrical psalms. It is worth remembering that everything which is now cherished as 'traditional' was once a dangerous new idea. Change is difficult but it is an essential part of the Christian journey, especially now, as All Saints prepares to welcome a new Vicar after a gap of over nine years since Father Ron died. Please pray that God sends a faithful priest. Love and prayers,

In 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.

- At a crowded church meeting the Rector asked : "Can you hear me at the back?" A voice at the back replied, "Yes I can hear you perfectly well but I don't mind changing with somebody who can't."
- The Rector told the congregation that he would shortly be leaving to move to another parish. However he assured them that the bishop had promised to send a good man to take over. After the service he noticed a woman crying and said, "Don't get upset, my dear, the bishop has promised to send a good man to take over." "He told us that the last time," replied the woman in tears.
- The Rector was ill in hospital and was visited by his churchwarden who said, "Rector, we had a meeting of the Parochial Church Council last night and a resolution put forward wishing you a speedy recovery was passed by fourteen votes to twelve.
- The Presbyterian Church in Ireland brought out a new hymn book. In the first print a hymn for funerals was unfortunately included in the marriage section. The hymn was "Go, happy soul, thy days are ended".

WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS

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Highlights for September

3 rd September 8.30am Car Boot & Table Top Sale 7.30pm Alchemy to All Saints With Father Andrew	4 th September & 11 th September Bands in the Park 3-4.30pm Refreshments in Church
9 th September Fun Quiz Night 7.30pm Teams of 4 £5	11 th September 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving All-age Communion service with Rev and Vera (puppets)
17 th September Veterans return to Grafton Matt Smith 7.30pm £4	18 th September 3pm Pet service with Bishop John Flack 6.15pm Taizé Service
25 th September 3-4.30pm Messy Church CREATION	29 th September 7.30pm 'Pimms and Hymns' Farewell to Father Andrew

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BARRY VASEY

4th August 1999

Loved and remembered always by Nina and all his family

