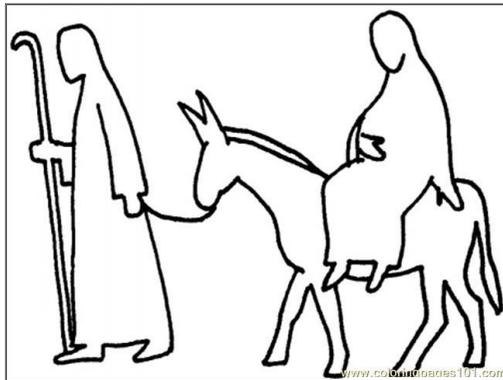


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Kettering All Saints
Monthly Update

Alive!



SERVICES AND EVENTS

December 2016

ADVENT

& CHRISTMAS

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

1 Dec	11.00am	Holy Eucharist at Abbeyfield
2 Dec	7.30pm	The Mayflower Singers £5
4 Dec	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - St. Nicholas Toy Service
4 Dec	6.15pm	TASTIE
5 Dec	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
6 Dec	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
8 Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion at Ashley Court
9 Dec	7.00pm	Snowman Drive with Pizza £2.50
11 Dec	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - Advent 3
11 Dec	2.30-4pm	Messy Church - Daniel & The Lions
12 Dec	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
12 Dec	8.00pm	Meeting of the PCC
13 Dec	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
14 Dec	8.00pm	Beer & Carols, Beeswing, Rockingham Rd
15 Dec	11.00am	Holy Eucharist at Abbeyfield
17 Dec	8.30am	Church Cleaning for Christmas
18 Dec	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - Advent 4
18 Dec	4.15pm	Dedication Service of Memorial Tree
18 Dec	6.15pm	Joint Service with RRBC - Café Church at RRBC
19 Dec	7.30pm	Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness
20 Dec	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
21 Dec	7.30pm	Home Group
22 Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion at Thorndale
24 Dec	5.00pm	Christingle Service with Carols
24 Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25 Dec	9.30am	Christmas Day - Family Service
26 Dec		No Service - Bank Holiday
27 Dec		No Service - Bank Holiday



APPOINTMENT OF VICAR

We are delighted to announce that, following interview and with the agreement of Bishop Donald and the parish representatives, the Reverend Timothy Dawson, has been offered and has accepted the invitation of the Society for the Maintenance of the Faith (the Patron) to become Vicar of the Parish of All Saints Kettering. Subject to the normal Church of England legal and administrative procedures, Fr Tim will be instituted and inducted at All Saints on Saturday 29 April at 3:30pm.

Fr Tim writes:

I am delighted to have been appointed as your new vicar, and am really looking forward to meeting all of you.

I thought it might help to know a little bit about me. I was born in Kenya but moved to England as a baby and grew up in a little village at the foot of the Chiltern Hills on the Beds/Herts border. I grew up as a Catholic, and my faith came alive in my early twenties through the Catholic Renewal. For many years I was part of a young people's prayer group which grew into a community in St. Albans.

My main career has been in mental health. I started as a mental health social worker and later became Team Manager of a Community Mental Health Team in the NHS, where we helped to look after people with severe and enduring mental health issues.

I have always felt a call to the priesthood, which has taken a while to put into practice! In 2010 I began my training at theological college, and I have been serving as a Deanery Curate in Newport Deanery in the Oxford Diocese. This has given me a broad experience of the church as I have worked in over 20 churches.

I have three grown up children who are mostly still at home, identical twin boys, (although they look quite different now), and a daughter who is currently working in Africa but is due back home again next year. I also have a yellow Labrador who moults a lot, and thinks he is a lap dog, and a lovely old cat who unfortunately is blind now.

I have found everybody at All Saints to be so welcoming, and I love the building and the flexibility it gives to do different things. I can't wait to get started, so please pray for me and I will pray for you as we begin our new journey together, making the Kingdom of God known in Kettering.

Bishop Donald and Archdeacon Gordon are very grateful to all who helped with the preparation of the parish profile, all the arrangements for the interview day and for the continuing and encouraging ministry of the parish in the service of Christ during the vacancy. We ask for your prayers for Fr Tim and his family as they prepare for their move to Kettering.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gordon Steele". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**The Venerable Gordon Steele
Archdeacon of Oakham**

FATHER BRIAN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Advent Sunday, 29th November marks the start of the churches year and the beginning of the "count down" to Christmas. 'Advent' means "coming" or more precisely "the coming of Christ" and is a time of preparation for the great festival of the Incarnation. We've just had "stir up" Sunday which is a timely reminder to start mixing the ingredients for Christmas cakes and puddings etc., if you still bake your own!!, but more importantly Advent is a time for all of us to make sure that we are worthy to receive the birth of our Lord Jesus into our hearts.

During Advent there two or three events of which to make a note:-

Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 8.00pm - Beer and Carols at The Beeswing, Rockingham Road.

Sunday December 18th at 4.15pm - Service of Dedicating our Christmas Tree in memory of your loved ones (with carols).

Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 7.30pm - House Group at Alan & Lyn Ridley's.

Slowly but surely our attention is focussed on the main event. For many of us there can be no greater celebration than Midnight Mass, a wonderful occasion which brings the great mystery of the Incarnation into our lives - "O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel"

May your Advent preparations lead to a joyful Christmas.

Fr. Brian

WHAT WILL YOUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME BE?

Will you spend your Christmas Day in the old accustomed way? The children and an aunt or two, grandma and grandpa. Lucky you! Lucky you at Christmastime to have your own folks by your side. Many will face an empty chair, not belonging anywhere, and many a lonely soul will feel a stranger in strange company. And there'll be those in hospital, trying to be cheerful but holding back the tears, remembering the Christmases of other years. Remember them, and grateful be for home and hearth and family.

The real message of Christmas is that we do not have to worry over much about the mystery of life and the cosmos. For all thinking men life forms itself into a gigantic question mark. Philosophers, scholars, theologians, believers and non-believers try to puzzle out the enigma of existence, but the great question has been answered for all time, and for all men, by what happened in a stable two thousand years ago. Here is something definite to cling to in all the shifting sands of speculation. Here is something that can be pinned down in history. All other facts about life are charged with the significance of the supreme fact of The Incarnation. The whole truth about man and God has been reduced to something simple enough and small enough to be put into a cattle trough.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Our love is not to be just words of mere talk, but something real and active. (*1 John 3 : 18*)

COMMUNITY EVENTS FROM NOVEMBER

The **Festive Shopping Evening** - was a great success again this year. 20 stalls with various gifts to purchase, and a large raffle.

We listened to an excellent talk and slideshow by researcher Janice Morris on "**Saints and Sinners, the Paintings on the Walls**" - these were from many churches around Northamptonshire. We saw a picture of St Christopher from around the 15th century at St Botolph's Church in Slapton in the south of the county. We saw Saints and Martyrs of Victorian vintage from Ashley St Mary the Virgin in the Market Harborough district. Finally - Sinners in the Hand Cart are on the wall at All Saints of Mears Ashby from the 14th century. This 'doom', was found under the plaster probably painted in the reign of Henry VIII. It must have been scary to go to church and view these paintings about heaven and hell and what would happen to you if you "sinned".

The Deadly-A-Fayre, a murder mystery acted out by the Hamitup Players left us all guessing "Who Done it" and had some very dubious characters in it!! It made a very enjoyable evening's entertainment with the musical interlude by "Neuralgia".

Angela

DEADLINE (and change of staff!)

The deadline for the next edition of Saints Alive! is **Sunday 18th December** when Angela will be producing it. The January edition will be available in church from **Sunday 1st January**. Please keep sending in your news etc. Many thanks to Madeleine for the many hours she has spent on it over the years. **Madeleine will still produce the bulletin each week.**

CHRISTMAS SCOUT POST

Cost this year 25 per card. Collection point at All Saints up to 13th December.

Delivering to:

Barton Seagrave	Loddington
Braybrooke	Mawsley
Broughton	Newton
Burton Latimer	Old
Cranford	Orton
Cransley	Pytchley
Desborough	Rothwell
Geddington	Rushton
Grafton Underwood	Walgrave
Isham	Warkton
Kettering	Weekley
Little Cransley	

Please address cards with:-

Recipients Name

Number of house/Name of street

Town

Postcode (if known)



MEDITATIONS ON MINDFULNESS

Insecure people are not content to be what they are and who they are, they are busy trying to prove they are better than others, and that becomes their purpose in life. Do not waste time trying to be what you are not. Rather, permit yourself to be who you are.

Then God looked over all He had made

And He saw that it was very good

Genesis 1:31

Deep within you is an amazing inner sanctuary - the soul. It is a Holy place, a Divine place, to which you may return again and again. A small voice, the voice of eternity is heard in your heart, urging you onward, inviting you to your amazing destiny, calling you home unto itself.

Behold I am with you always

Even until the end of time

Matthew 28:20

KETTERING CHARITIES WINTER FUEL

Are you a single person, widow or widower? Do you live alone? Are you in receipt of a State Pension? Do you live in Kettering town (includes Barton Seagrave)? If you can answer yes to all questions you may be entitled to a fuel grant from the Kettering Charities this winter. Forms available from Customer Services, Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road. Tel 01536 410333.
Closing date for applications 12th December 2016.

CHRISTIAN AID'S BIG SING 2016

Churches Together in Kettering, Christian Aid Committee have planned to hold another Carol Singing event this year to raise funds for Christian Aid. On Saturday 3rd December from 11am - 12 noon a small group from Kettering Camerata Singers will be outside Toller Church in Gold Street to lead the singing but they do need extra voices - especially sopranos! Collectors are also needed (handheld collecting boxes supplied). A few appreciative listeners would also encourage passers-by to pause for a while and make a donation. The singers would be encouraged too!

This is a real opportunity to remind shoppers of the true meaning of Christmas whilst raising funds for the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal.

Do please join in and encourage others to come along too. Coffee and mince pies available afterwards.

Speak to Jennie Loasby if you want any more information.



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

- 4th December
St. Nicholas Toy Service
All-Age Communion
- 11th December
Messy Church - Daniel & The Lions' Den
- 14th December
Beer & Carols at The Beeswing at 8pm
- 18th December
Service to dedicate the Memorial Tree Time 4.15pm
- 18th December
6.15pm Café Church with RRBC at RRBC
- 24th December
Christingle Service at 5pm with Carols
- 24th December
11.30pm Midnight Mass
- 25th December
9.30am Parish Eucharist for Christmas Day, All-Age Communion

ALL SAINTS TALENT SHOW 2017

Don't forget All Saints Talent Show in the New Year. It will take place on 7th January at 6pm - 7.15pm. Practice your party piece and join in the fun. Please let Angela know what you are going to do!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Phil & Mary Mason send Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to everyone at All Saints

May your Christmas be joyful and your New Year filled with Peace. Love & Best wishes

Ronnie & Dave

Christmas Greetings to all at All Saints

Jinny Wade

Dear friends at All Saints

Wishing you a Very Happy Christmas

And 2017

Sheila

Wishing everyone at All Saints all the blessings of Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2017 with very many thanks for all the help and support given to us during 2016.

Richard and Angela

THE ALL SAINTS HOUSE GROUP

- Meets every 3rd Wednesday of the Month (except in August and in Lent)
- In Lent, every Wednesday except Ash Wednesday and Holy Week
- Location: We move about so please check the parish bulletin or website: www.kaspc.btck.co.uk
- Check out our programme for 2017 (We will be following Matthew's Gospel)

January	The Announcement of the Birth of Christ
February	John the Baptist & The Temptation
March	The Sermon on the Mount
April	The Resurrection
May	Appearances and Ascension
June	Parables of the Kingdom
July	The Miracles of Christ

September onwards - check our website for further details.

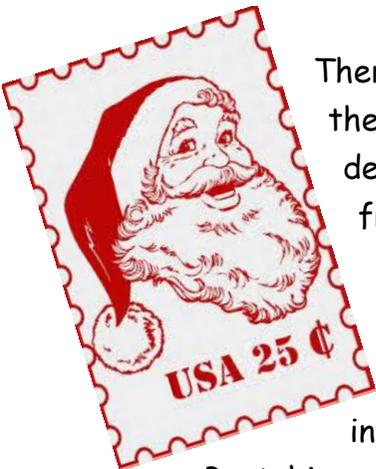
Further details: Alan & Lyn Ridley
01536 529426

FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

*A big thank you to the team for arranging these events.
Please try to support as many as you can or join in on the
evening serving teas/coffees etc.*

- 2nd December
The Mayflower Singers in concert
7.30pm. Tickets £4. Refreshments & Raffle.
- 9th December
Snowman Drive with Pizzas
7.00pm Tickets £2.50

USED STAMPS



There is a box located in the Lady Chapel on the shelf outside the vestry door for depositing any used stamps you may have from your Christmas post.

Please tear stamps off the envelope leaving a margin of about half an inch all the way round. For any further information please speak to Jane

Boutchier.

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 other.

A little boy said to his mother after saying his bedtime prayers, "Do we pray to God at night to get the cheap rate?"

When (in 1958) Bishop Roger Wilson asked for his personal mail to be forwarded, he said that his new address would be The Palace, Chichester. The girl asked him, "Would that be a dance hall, or a cinema?"

A former Bishop of Guildford, while in civilian dress, was invited by a woman to hear her daughter in a concert at Guildford Cathedral. She asked the bishop if he knew where the cathedral was. "Yes," said the bishop, "I have a part-time Sunday job there."

The minister was very depressed when he arrived back home from the doctors. "What's the matter, dear?" asked his wife. "Well", said the minister. "the doctor told me that I've got to take these pills for the rest of my life." "That's not so bad, is it?" said his wife cheerfully. "It is," replied the minister. "He's only given me seven pills."

One of our preachers was very small of stature and when he sat down in the pulpit during the hymn before the sermon he was completely out of sight. One Sunday we finished the hymn and sat patiently waiting for him to appear. Several minutes passed and we wondered if he had dozed off when he suddenly reappeared and announced his text: It is I - Be Not Afraid.

AN INFLUENTIAL MAN

Saul of Tarsus, later known as Paul, was a very strict Jew and a tentmaker by occupation. The chief persecutor of the early followers of Jesus, he became the first and greatest missionary. Because of him, a small sect grew into a worldwide faith.

In AD36, three years after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, Saul was on the way to Damascus to arrest Jewish converts to Christianity. He was struck down and blinded for three days by a brilliant light. A voice said 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting..... Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do' (Acts 9:5-6).

Saul was baptised in Damascus, and subsequently told the Jews to accept Gentiles (non-Jews) as believers without inflicting Jewish laws on them. Paul went to Philippi in AD50 and baptised Lydia, the first convert in Europe. He had to escape from Ephesus for condemning the worship of the goddess Artemis, which brought in huge incomes.

In AD58 Paul brought Gentile money to Jerusalem for the church. Rioters tried to kill him, and he was sent to the Roman governor in Caesarea. He was imprisoned for two years and appealed to Caesar because he held Roman citizenship. Consequently, he travelled to Rome, where he was kept under house arrest for two years, although free to evangelise.

Between AD64-68, Paul was executed by Emperor Nero. No other apostle suffered more imprisonments, floggings, shipwrecks or difficult journeys than St. Paul. A large number of his inspiring thirteen letters in the Bible were written in captivity.

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7*

COFFEE EVENING IN AID OF KETTERING FOOD BANK



The 32nd All Saints Guides invite you to a coffee evening at All Saints Church in aid of Kettering Food Bank on December 13th at 7.30-9pm. The cost of entrance is a donation to the Food Bank - anything from a tin to a hamper!

Helen Gorman (Guide Leader)

CHURCH CLEANING

Do you have one or two hours to spare on Saturday 17th December?

Please come along from 9.30am. Tea and coffee will be freely available.

There will be jobs for those of us that are less able and for those that wish to scale the heights! Jobs include: cleaning brass/silver/glass, dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, etc etc - in fact just normal household chores! The Sacristy, Hartley room, Vestry, vestibule, and the entrance all need some attention. For more information speak to Nina.



THE JOY OF GIVING ~ John Greenleaf Whittier

Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you;
And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to make you glad.

WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS

Currently in Interregnum

Readers:	John Stapleton	520342
	Jinny Wade (emeritus)	512638
Churchwardens:	Richard Lewis	791414
	Angela Brett	522158
Hall Manager:	Lyn Ridley	529426
Secretary:	John Sockett	501851
Treasurer:	Marie Morrison	725219
Administration:	Madeleine Moore	484279

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Highlights for January

All Saints Epiphany Talent Show
Saturday 7th January 2017
6pm - 7.15pm

Fun Quiz Night
Friday 13th January
Teams x 4
£5 per team
Bring your own drink

Talk on Archaeology in
North Kettering (Bath
Road & Mitchell Street
areas). 20th Jan at
7.30pm Tickets £3

Messy Church
Moses in the Bulrushes
Sunday 29th January 3pm. £1 per child

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