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Kettering All Saints  
Monthly Update

*Alive!*

**SERVICES AND EVENTS**  
**JUNE 2016**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY**

**CALENDAR FOR JUNE**

2 June	11.00am	Holy Eucharist at Abbeyfield
	7.30pm	EU Hustings at the Eden Centre
4 June	8.30am	Car Boot & Table Top Sale
5 June	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> –Trinity 2
	1.30pm	Marriage of Kyren Wilson and Sophie Garside with baptism of their son Finley.
	6.15pm	<b>TASTIE</b> at 131 Barton Road
6 June	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
7 June	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
9 June	10.30am	Holy Communion at Ashley Court
	11.30am	Funeral of Helen Nicholls (Crematorium)
	8.00pm	Planning meeting for Messy Picnic
10 June	7.30pm	Fashion Show
11 June	10am - 3pm	PCC Awayday at St. Edmunds Church, Warkton. Open to all.
12 June	10.30am	<b>All-Age Parish Eucharist:</b> Ministry of Puppets. Serving and Forgiving
13 June	7.30pm	Requiem Eucharist for Maureen Bickers-Cook (Bicky)
	8.15pm	Meeting of the PCC
14 June	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
	1.30pm	Funeral for Maureen Bickers-Cook at the Edgar Newman Chapel (Crematorium)
15 June	7.30pm	Home Group - 58 Britannia Road
	7.30pm	Admission of Churchwardens at St John the Baptist, Corby
16 June	11.00am	Holy Eucharist - Abbeyfield

**CALENDAR CONTINUED**

17 June	7.30pm	Fun Quiz Night
19 June	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> –Trinity 4 Steve (Chad) Chadwick preaching
	6.15pm	United service with Rockingham Road Baptist Church. Café Church. Caring for the planet. (at Rockingham Road)
20 June	7.30pm	Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness
	8.15pm	Planning meeting for 'Love is in the air' Celebration of Christian Marriage
21 June	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
23 June	11.00am	Holy Communion at Thorndale
24 June	7.30pm	Illustrated Talk by Ian Addis 'Charles Wicksteed - the man & his Park'
26 June	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> –Trinity 5
27 June	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
28 June	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
30 June	12 noon	All Saints Coffee Club - Hartley Room

**DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next edition of Saints Alive! is Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. The July edition will be available in church from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**JUNE**

21st June is the longest day of the year. The arc of the sun has reached its highest point and, from now on, imperceptible at first, the long lovely twilights of summer will begin to shorten.

The hay will be soon be stacked in the meadows and the limes murmur with bees. The gardens are bright with irises, Sweet Williams, stocks and poppies, but the first glory of the roses is spent.

Young birds are on the wing, but the mistle-thrush has ceased to sing, the cuckoo falters, the robin has lost his voice, and soon now a silence will fall on the drowsy woods of summer.

*Thoughts for every Day*

"I had often occasion to notice the use that was made of fragments and small opportunities in Cranford; the rose petals that were gathered 'ere they fell to make into a pot pourri for someone who had no garden; the little bundles of lavender flowers sent to strew the drawers of some town dweller, or to burn in the chamber of some invalid. Things that many would despise, and actions it would seem scarcely worthwhile to perform, were all attended to in Cranford."

*Mrs. Gaskell*

The Bishop of Peterborough writes

## **THE GOSPEL OF UNITY**

23<sup>rd</sup> June was my father's birthday. He died in 1983, but I always remember and honour him on his birthday. This year on 23<sup>rd</sup> June Janice and I will be on our summer holiday, walking the West Highland Way in Scotland. I'm looking forward to that. But before setting off on that week-long walk I will have used a postal vote to take part in the EU referendum.

I have already put on record three thoughts about the referendum, and I briefly repeat them here.

First, I regret that we are having one. We elect a Government and it is their job to govern. I am so glad that we do not practise direct democracy with plebiscites on everything. We have representative democracy where people are chosen and set apart to make decisions and lead.

Second, since the Government has handed the decision to us, we have a clear duty to do the research, then to think, pray, and vote. I am encouraging the Diocese to observe a day of prayer on 16 June, one week before the Referendum. It is important to bring this matter and our own voting intentions to God.

Third, there is a real danger of a disunited country and parliament after the vote, and a real duty for all of us, but especially politicians, to work at staying united as a nation.

Please note that there isn't a fourth point. I'm not suggesting which way you should vote, nor telling you which way I am voting. That is not the job of church leaders, though doubtless some will try. Don't listen to them. Make up your own mind.

The Christian Gospel does have something very important to say on this though. It does not, of course, deal with whether the UK should be in some sort of economic or political union with the EU. It says something which more important. It tells us of God's great plan to unite all people, indeed all creation, in Christ.

Whatever the outcome of the referendum (and I do have a very strong view about it), much more important is that through the debate and in the aftermath we as Christians can be talking about the great unity plan, God's plan, to bring together all people, tribes, races, and languages, to know and love and worship and bow before Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

With best wishes

Bishop Donald

*It was good that quite a few from All Saints attended the EU hustings organised by Churches Together in Kettering. We have a Eucharist at Abbeyfield on 16<sup>th</sup> June when we shall pray about the EU referendum. Do join us if you can. We can always put out a few more seats and there is coffee available afterwards.*

Fr Andrew

**COMMUNITY EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS  
DURING MAY**

"It Shouldn't Happen to a Pantomime Dame" was very popular, starring John Lillyman. It also brought back happy memories for Phil & Mary and their own pantomime shows! Our very own Pam Chandler starred as Cinderella in a panto on the night and played a great part too - we expect at least one item from Pam for the Talent show in January after that performance. Oh yes we will!!!

The Barn Dance was enjoyed by everyone who attended, all eight of us! This sadly means that we made a loss of £50. I can tell you, though, it was better than watching any TV programme. Kev Prigmore on the electric guitar and his brother Graham on the accordion entertained us all evening with their music and joined in the dances.

Even Nina had a twirl, not to be out-done Dave and Jane Boutchier do-si-do'd in unison whilst John and Anne Sockett's promenade was a joy to behold. Not to forget, Richard and Kay stripping the willow.

If there is ever a series of Strictly Come Barn Dancing, All Saints will be putting a team in!!

*Angela*

**CENTENARY SERVICE**

Did you attend the bring & share meal on the evening of Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>? We had a service with Bishop Donald to start the centenary of All Saints Parish. Unfortunately, one of the plastic containers is missing that holds cupcakes. It is a part of a much larger set. Maybe you took some cakes home on the night but have forgotten to bring it back? Please return to Angela if possible. Thank you.

**SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS THIS MONTH**

- **12<sup>th</sup> June**  
All-Age Communion Service with Ministry of Puppets.  
The theme is forgiveness and service.
- **19<sup>th</sup> June 6.15pm**  
United Service with Rockingham Road Baptist Church at Rockingham Road. Café Church. Caring for the planet.

**ST. JUDE'S FOOD BANK**

A collection point for St. Jude's is currently available at the Co-operative Store on Hallwood Road, Kettering.

**MEDITATIONS ON MINDFULNESS**

To accept yourself is to accept your strengths and your weaknesses, your darkness and your light, your richness and your poverty, your beauty and your ugliness. That can be terrifying and often, as Nelson Mandela reminds us, it is not your inadequacy that terrifies you, but your potential.

*Do not refrain from speaking when it will do good. And do not hide your wisdom.* **Ecclesiasties 4:23**

If you try not to look ahead to tomorrow, but instead live today as well as you can, tomorrow will be happier anyway. A new day can bring new beginnings.

*See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Do not worry saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' Do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.* **Matthew 6:25-34**

Always wanting to be right can lead to closure of the mind and heart. If you are always right you don't need other people. You can even think you know what God wants. But if you are to live a human life to your full potential, you cannot be right all the time. Keep an open mind and an open heart. You may not always be right, but you won't be wrong.

*I delight to do your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.* **Psalms 40:8**

**WORD OF THE MONTH TRANSLATION**

The original meaning of the word translate was to transport or remove. It has more recently been used in translating from one language into another. If a Bishop is moved from one diocese to another then we refer to his or her translation. Early Saints were venerated after their death and their bodies would quite often be removed from the original grave and moved to an ornate shrine in an abbey or cathedral. The anniversary of this translation was often commemorated rather than the date of the Saint's death which may not have been known for certain.

**SAINT OF THE MONTH ST ALBAN 22 JUNE**

Alban is believed to have been a Romano-British citizen of the third century in the Roman city of Verulamium. He gave shelter to a Christian priest fleeing from persecution. Moved by the priest's faith and courage Alban asked to be taught more about Christianity. Alban, inspired by his new-found faith, exchanged clothes with the priest, allowing him to escape. Alban was arrested, refused to sacrifice to the emperor and the Roman gods, and declared 'I am called Alban and I worship and adore the true and living God, who created all things'. He was beheaded, and became the first Christian martyr in Britain. His grave soon became a place of pilgrimage. Some of his relics were translated to a shrine in the cathedral of which he is patron. Alban's hospitality to a stranger fleeing from persecution is particularly relevant today.

### PRODIGAL TURNED PILGRIM

Between March and November 1990, Bill Irwin became the first blind person to walk the length of the 2167 mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine in the USA. With him was his guide dog, Orient, a faithful Alsatian, who carried his own pack. They climbed hazardous mountains, waded through freezing rivers and suffered extremes of temperature. Bill had struggled with many years of alcoholism, but at fifty two years old was celebrating the third anniversary of his sobriety. He had also been a heavy smoker, gone through four divorces and been estranged from his children until he became a Christian. Every day on the trail Bill realised his promise to God, to himself and the multitude who read his story in their newspapers or watched him interviewed on TV. Several times he escaped death, as well as coping with a bear and an army of field mice. He also suffered from broken ribs and very many falls.

His Sunday school class in Burlington prayed for him and Orient every week during his hike. He believed that God listens to His children's prayers and responds to them. Bill did not understand why he had been stuck in a fire warden's cabin surrounded by deep snow for three days but he knew God wanted to keep him humble and thankful.

"I guess the Lord put me on the Trail with my blindness to let other people see what He could do. My job was to show up for work every day and walk as far as He gave me strength to walk. God needed a weak man for that job, somebody who had to depend on Him for every step."

Joy Hedges

### KETTERING BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### BANDS IN THE PARK CONCERTS 2016

12 June	New Priorities
19 June	Sonny & The Honey Dippers
26 June	Rushden Mission Band
10 July	Dave Johnson Band
17 July	Rushden Windmill Band
24 July	Corby Silver Band
14 August	Kettering Silver Band
4 September	Gretton Silver Band

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

#### FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**10<sup>th</sup> June** - Fashion Show. £5 on the door. Refreshments. Clothing at rock bottom prices.

**17<sup>th</sup> June** - Quiz Night. 7.30pm - 9.45pm. Teams x 4 £5. Bring your own drink. Refreshments & raffle.

**24<sup>th</sup> June** - Illustrated Talk by Ian Addis on 'Charles Wicksteed - the man and his Park' £3 on the door. Refreshments & raffle.

## BAKING FOR BILLY



Dear All Saints Church Congregation

As you know, I held a 'Baking for Billy' cake and cookie sale at church on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016, in memory of Billy Pike, and hoped to raise some money for his family's chosen cancer charity - The Royal Free Charity Quiet Cancer Appeal, which is for Neuroendocrine research.

My personal goal was £120.00, but I am really happy to say I smashed my target and raised £222.00! Billy's wife is really pleased, she said "Oh my goodness, what a little trooper!!"

Thank you to everyone for baking cakes, buying cakes and for your cash donations, too. Without your help, I would not have been able to raise so much money. Billy was always the first to help anyone and I know he would be happy that this money will help someone else.

I have delivered the donation to Stamps Funeral Directors in Market Harborough, as they will pass it on to the charity. Thank you again for helping, you are all troopers too!

Love from Elliot

## FLOWER ROTA



A rota for flowers is on the noticeboard at the back of the hall. If you would like to place some flowers in a vase or create your own display on a Saturday ready for a Sunday service then please speak to either Jill or Angela and book your slot. There are quite a few slots left during the year. This might be a simple way of remembering a loved one and it will be possible to acknowledge your intention on the Parish Bulletin if that is your wish.

### CENTENARY DISPLAY

We will put up the Centenary display of photographs and pictures on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> when the town is celebrating Kettfest. We have our celebration of Christian Marriage, 'Love is in the Air' on the Sunday afternoon from 3pm and there is a car boot sale on the Saturday morning so there should be plenty of people around to see the display.

More photographs and mementos of the past hundred years are, of course, very welcome.

An alternative attraction on the Saturday is the Christian Heritage Trail being organised by Churches Together in Kettering in conjunction with the town Historical Society. A leaflet is being organised to guide families and individuals round Christian heritage sites in the centre of town. It starts at 10am and more information will be available on the CtK website and Facebook page.

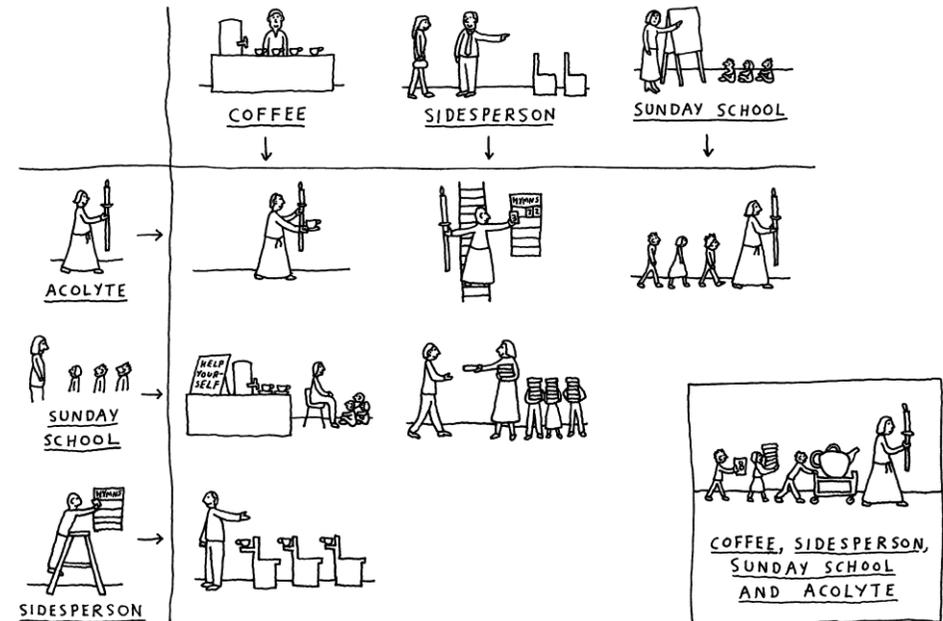
### AWAY DAY

Do you care about the future of All Saints Church? If you do, why not come along to our AWAYDAY from 10am to 3pm at St Edmund's Church in Warkton. What is God saying to us about the future? **You will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way. Follow it, whether it turns to the right or to the left."**  
Isaiah 30:20

### HELICOPTER CHURCH

## ROTAS

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"Church is rather like a helicopter. If you aren't careful then you get caught up in the rotas (rotors.)"

If everybody helps out it would all be less of a burden. Just see Angela, Richard or myself if you would like to help out on the flower rota, coffee rota, serving rota, reader's rota, prayer rota, bands in the park rota or on any other rota you can think of. You too can become a hero of the church rotas.

Father Andrew

### PARISH PRIEST'S POSTSCRIPT

I came across something on social media the other day which made me think. A contributor to a Christian Facebook page had pointed out that there is no word for volunteer in the Bible, only servant or slave. The Greek word *doulos* is translated alternately as servant or slave depending on the context. It was a society in which the upper classes kept slaves to do all the menial tasks. However, some slaves had higher status and were used in what we would regard today as middle-class roles such as personal assistant and accountant.

So when we respond to Jesus' call: 'Follow me!' and become his disciples is this a voluntary response in which we are exercising free will or do we have no choice in the matter? Do we become, as Paul put it, 'slaves of Christ?'

When Peter was asked if he were going to desert Jesus he replied, 'Where else could I go, you have the words of eternal life?' For Peter, following Jesus was a compulsion.

100 years ago the government realised that they could no longer rely on volunteers to fight in the army and so they began to use conscription. Men of fighting age received their 'call-up papers.' I have come to think that the Christian vocation (which is for all of us, not just for priests) means being 'called-up' by Jesus. We are all servant/slaves, including the servant-leaders of the church, as we follow our servant-king. It's the perfect antidote to our modern status-conscious society.

Every blessing,

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.*

- A young curate was visiting an elderly man on his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday to interview him about his long life. The interview over, the curate said: "I hope to see you again on your 100<sup>th</sup> birthday." The old gentleman carefully looked him over and said: "I can't see any reason why you shouldn't young man, you look healthy enough to me."
- Our choir sometimes visits hospitals etc. to give concerts. At one old people's home the organist announced that she would play "Handel's Largo". An old woman sitting close by in a wheelchair said in a loud voice, "Oh, I love a drop of lager."
- At the end of his sermon the minister told his congregation that Jesus had called him to another church. The congregation then sang "What a friend we have in Jesus".
- The Accrington Observer reported the retirement of Joe Burns superintendent at the local crematorium. "Joe, 60, was presented with a barbeque set." (Daily Telegraph)
- Some years ago the bishop was visiting an outlying parish and the rector decided it would be a good idea to take him on his rounds in his pony and trap. Unfortunately, while struggling to pull his weighty burden up a steep hill, the pony noisily passed wind. The rector, somewhat embarrassed, apologized. The bishop replied, "Oh that's all right, I didn't realise it was you, I thought it was your pony."

**WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS**

Priest in Charge:	The Reverend Andrew Dutton	392401
Readers:	John Stapleton	520342
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	Angela Brett	522158
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**Highlights for July**

2 <sup>nd</sup> July Car Boot & Table Top Sale 8.30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> July KettFest Christian Heritage Quiz from 10am starting from Toller URC
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 3pm Love is in the Air Celebration of Christian Marriage	9 <sup>th</sup> July Painting Pictures Demonstration with Mike Peachey 7.30pm £3
10 <sup>th</sup> July 10.30am All-age Family Service 1pm Messy Church Picnic 6pm TASTIE family barbecue	10 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> July Bands in the Park Refreshments at All Saints 3pm start
15 <sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm Flower Arranging: Keith Gubbins £3 flower arrangement raffle	17 <sup>th</sup> July 6.15pm Prayers round the Cross Taizé Style worship with Rockingham Road Baptist Church
22 <sup>nd</sup> July Churchyards, Cemeteries & Victorians with Kevin Varty 7.30pm £4	23 <sup>rd</sup> July Tea Dance £3 includes refreshments 2.30pm

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24<sup>th</sup> February 1913 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013

