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Kettering All Saints  
 Monthly Update

*Alive!*

## SERVICES AND EVENTS

MAY 2016

*Ascension, Pentecost  
and Trinity*

### CALENDAR FOR MAY

1 May	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - SS Philip & James
2 May		No service - Bank Holiday
3 May	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
	3.30pm	Confirmation Class at BSS
5 May	11.00am	Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension
8 May	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - Easter 7
	6.00pm-	<b>TASTIE</b> in Hartley Room setting up the
	7.30pm	Prayer Base
<b>9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May Prayer Base open in the Hartley Room.</b>		
9 May	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
	8.00pm	Meeting of the PCC
10 May	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
	3.30pm	Confirmation Class at BSS
12 May	11.00am	Holy Communion at Ashley Court
13 May	7.30pm	Confirmation Rehearsal
14 May	8.30am	Car Boot & Table Top Sale
15 May	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist - Baptism and Confirmation at Pentecost with Bishop John Flack</b>
	6.15pm	Prayers around the cross Taizé style joint service with RRBC at All Saints
16 May	7.30pm	Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness
17 May	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
18 May	7.30pm	Home Group at 58 Britannia Road
19 May	11.00am	Holy Eucharist at Abbeyfield

**CALENDAR CONTINUED**

20 May	7.30pm	Barn Dance with Kev Prigmore
22 May	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> - Trinity Sunday
	3.00pm-	<b>Messy Church</b>
	4.30pm	The Good Samaritan
23 May	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
24 May	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
26 May	11.00am	Holy Communion at Thorndale
	12.00pm	All Saints Social Club - Hartley Room
	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist for Corpus Christi
29 May	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> - Trinity 1
30 May	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
31 May	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
		Visitation of BVM

**DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next Saints Alive! is **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**. The next edition will be available on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June**.

**TABLE TOP SALE**

Please Help. We require good condition DVDs and CDs (strictly NO videos please) to sell on our church stall. **Angela**

**MAY**

In the woods the choirs have massed, and through the arches  
of the trees  
golden throated music breaks in golden waves of joy upon the  
breeze.

Thrush and blackbird, lark and linnet, finch and wren sing the  
day out to its close.

But when the last has sung Amen - darkness falls, and from the  
thickets where the white moon sails -

comes the sweetest song of all - the song of nightingales.  
Lovely are the lanes of England when the hedges are in flower.  
Fragrant is the scent of may that drifts from every cottage  
bower.

Charming are the little gardens where the wayside orchids  
grow,

where the lupins line the borders, and the lilac tassels blow  
Everything is fresh and sparkling, warmed by sun and washed by  
rain.

May has waved her magic wand, and all the world is young again.

*'Thoughts for Every Day by Patience Strong'*

**MEDITATIONS ON MINDFULNESS**

It is certainly essential for you to grow into a loving person, but it is equally important for you to accept yourself as you really are.

**God is Love and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.**

**1 John 4:16**

When you have vision you do not see beyond the present, but you recognise the depth of what is, and it replenishes your energy and the inner fire that urges you to really feel every moment that you are alive.

**The charity of Christ urges us on**

**2 Corinthians 5:14**

(Motto of the Religious Sisters of Charity)

You have only one moment to live, and that moment is now.

**For in Him we live and move and have our being**

**Acts 17:28**

**SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENTS THIS MONTH**

- **5th May**  
Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension
  
- **15th May Pentecost**
  - All-age Family Communion & Confirmation with Bishop John Flack
  - Prayers around the cross Taizé style joint service with RRBC
  
- **22<sup>nd</sup> May Messy Church - The Good Samaritan**
  
- **26<sup>th</sup> May Corpus Christi Eucharist**

**CHURCH CLEANING**

I hope everyone who attended the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services were impressed to see All Saints at its resplendent best. Everything clean and sparkling, beautiful flowers, and the big six (situated on the East Wall) shining and alight in all their splendour to the Glory of God.

Many, many thanks to all those who worked so hard to achieve this result. I am sure your efforts were appreciated by all, they certainly were by me.

Thanks everyone.

*Nina*

## **INTO THE UNKNOWN**

At some time in our lives, each of us has to walk into the unknown. If we were psychic and foresaw the pitfalls, we would stop and stagnate from indecision. But the world's momentum demands that we move with it. This may entail finding or losing a job, a home, marriage, children, or perhaps suffering illness and ultimately death.

To walk through a dark tunnel requires faith. The light behind you recedes, the way ahead is uncertain. It must be a terrifying experience for young miners going underground for the first time, but they know others have been there before them. If, however, you are potholing or in search of an exciting cavern, you either trust a guide or you must venture on in blind faith.

What really counts is whether at the end of our own personal tunnel we reach enlightenment. This may not necessarily mean worldly success, wealth or popularity. On the contrary, it may involve shedding these very things because they are causing us to stumble. It may mean clearing the path from the rubble of our past. Some of us need to slow down, to gain strength for the journey, lest we arrive too breathless to enjoy the view at the end of the road. Others who dally over trivia perhaps ought to recall the words of Brahms' Requiem: 'Lord, teach me that I must come to an end, and my life has a goal.'

At Iona Abbey, on the fifteenth-century stone wall of the Founder's Room, is a poster which reads: 'Visionary people are visionary because of what they don't see.'

The Rev. Dr. George MacLeod had the vision in 1938 to rebuild the Abbey as a community of peace and Christian brotherhood open to all denominations. His unswerving faith brought him triumphantly through the tunnel of the unknown and made him a worthy success to Scotland's greatest evangelist, St. Columba.

*For we walk by faith, not by sight.                      2 Corinthians 5:7*  
From 'Just a Thought' by Joy Hedges

## **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.*

- 14<sup>th</sup> May - Car Boot & Table Top Sale
- 20<sup>th</sup> May - Barn Dance with Kev Prigmore  
Tickets £3 & £5. Admission by Ticket only

## **GOOD NEWS**

Richard and Angela met with the Archdeacon on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The Parish Profile was discussed and final amendments made. The Archdeacon discussed the process and a job advert will go in the Church Times once the advert and profile has been agreed with the Patron. It is hoped that a suitable candidate could be in place before the end of the year if not earlier.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS DURING APRIL

April's quiz night proved even more popular than usual with 15 teams competing for the booby prize of Smarties!

John Wood presented a very interesting and funny evening on comedy on BBC Radio in the 1930's, 40's and 50's. Long forgotten times and much laughter was heard around the hall. Look out for part 2 in October.

The Tea Dances proving popular especially the lovely cakes donated by Lyndsey Garrett from [www.justcallmelynz.com](http://www.justcallmelynz.com) a locally published food writer.

I'll tell you about the Pantomime Dame in the next edition!

*Angela*

## WORD OF THE MONTH – TRINITY

The word Trinity is a conflation of the prefix tri- (three) and unity (one.) Tri-unity becomes trinity. When used of God Trinity refers to *one God in three persons*.

Think of persona rather than person. A human being can express themselves through different personae or roles. A woman can be a daughter, wife and mother. This may help us a little in contemplating the mystery of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Three in one and one in three.

## KETTERING STREET PASTORS

Kettering Street Pastors have been operating in Kettering town centre every Saturday night since 2011, and provide a practical outreach from the church into the community of Kettering. We are now looking for more volunteers to join our teams.

- Are you Over 18 years of age
- A committed Christian
- Have been a member of a church for at least 1 year
- Can give a minimum of 1 Saturday night per month.
- Are willing to attend 12 comprehensive training sessions

Working alongside our other partners in the night time economy (police, emergency services, pub watch & CCTV) Street pastors play an important part providing a caring listening ear, along with lollipops & flip flops if needed, we have become a recognisable part of Saturday nights & early Sunday mornings around the town centre. Our falling numbers are now causing us to struggle to put a team out every Saturday night.

If you are interested in supporting this great initiative, why not come out as an observer for half of a night from 10 till 12-45am. Once you have tried it you will never be the same again. Are you up for it?

Alternatively you could become a prayer pastor. We have teams of committed people praying for us back at base all the time we are out.

For more details contact Don Spooner (07956054760) or e-mail [kettering@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:kettering@streetpastors.org.uk) or follow this link [www.streetpastors.org](http://www.streetpastors.org)

**SAINT OF THE MONTH    ST MATTHIAS    14 MAY**

After Judas had betrayed Jesus and then taken his own life the eleven remaining apostles met to decide who was to replace him. The number of the apostles was not arbitrary. There had to be twelve of them so that they could "sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Matthew 19.28) A person specification was drawn up. The candidates must have accompanied the apostles throughout Jesus earthly ministry. (see Acts 1. 21,22) Matthias was one of two who were qualified, the other being Justus. Lots were cast rather than holding an election to ensure that it was God's choice and not that of the eleven.

Very little is known of Matthias after the lot fell on him. Some of the early Christian writers refer to a 'Gospel of Matthias' but this early Gospel has completely disappeared apart from a quotation by St Clement which would indicate that Matthias was a champion of austerity. "We must combat our flesh, set no value upon it, and concede to it nothing that can flatter it, but rather increase the growth of our soul by faith and knowledge."

**THY KINGDOM COME  
THE ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO PRAYER**

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York wrote to every parish priest in the Church of England during Lent to call the whole Church to a week of prayer for the evangelisation of our nation. In the week leading up to Pentecost (May 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> 2016) they long to see a great wave of prayer across the land.

The hope is for all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, for all of us to have confidence to share the Gospel and for all to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to follow Him as disciples, to live out the Gospel and to seek God's kingdom from day to day.

At the heart of our prayers will be the words that Jesus Christ himself taught us - "**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.**" It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord's prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.

During that week, the Hartley room will be available as a prayer base for twos or threes to use for prayer, remembering that Jesus said "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18.20) The base will be available for an hour before the midweek Eucharist on Monday and Tuesday, on Saturday morning and at any other time people wish to use it. Just sign the timetable at the back of church and arrange to borrow a key.

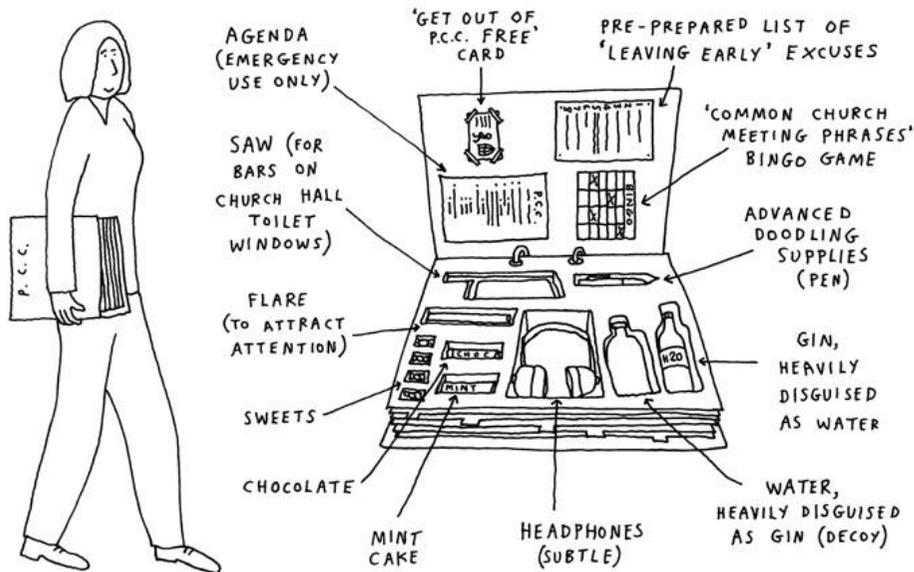
Evangelism is the work of God and it begins when we seek him in prayer.

**Fr Andrew**

## PARISH PRIEST'S POSTSCRIPT

# THE P.C.C SURVIVAL KIT

(FILE CONTAINING SECRET COMPARTMENTS FOR PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ESSENTIALS)



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Congratulations to Kay Lewis and Jane Boutchier who have escaped from the PCC and many thanks for their contribution over the last three years. A new and refreshed PCC will meet for the first time on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Do pray for them because they will have additional responsibilities during the interregnum, even if it is quite short. Pray for Angela and Richard as they work with the senior diocesan team and the patrons to find a new parish priest. Sue and I are taking a short break in Aldeburgh before I come back to run the last lap of the All Saints marathon. 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.*

- At a meeting of the Women's Bright House an elderly member told everyone to boycott the new launderette after she had seen a notice above the machines : **WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT, PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES.**
- An elder sister was explaining to her younger brother how wrong it was to work on Sundays. "But policemen work on Sundays, don't they go to heaven?" he wanted to know. "No", said his sister, "they're not needed up there".
- On his way to a funeral the minister leaned forward and tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. When the driver visibly jumped, the minister apologised for startling him. "That's all right sir," the driver replied. "It's just that I usually drive the hearse."
- Headline in a local paper - **PENSIONERS WED - 50 years friendship ends at altar.**
- The new rector remarked to his churchwarden, "Have you noticed that after the service several of the men go over to the local inn? "Oh yes, replied the warden, "I think it's their thirst after righteousness".

**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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Secretary:	John Sockett	501851
Treasurer:	Marie Morrison	725219
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**Highlights for June**

<p>10<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Fashion Show £5 on the door. Refreshments Clothing at rock bottom prices</p>	<p>11<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 3pm PCC Awayway Open to all. St Edmund's Church Warkton</p>
<p>12<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am All-age Communion service with the Ministry of Puppets featuring Rev and Vera</p>	<p>17<sup>th</sup> June Quiz Night 7.30pm - 9.45pm Teams x 4 £5 Bring your own drink Refreshments &amp; raffle</p>
<p>19<sup>th</sup> June 6.15pm United service with Rockingham Road Baptist Church at Rockingham Road Café Church Caring for the planet</p>	<p>24<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Illustrated Talk by Ian Addis on 'Charles Wicksteed - the man and his Park' £3 on the door Refreshments &amp; raffle</p>

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or to promote your business.