

# Highlights for December

2nd December  
The Mayflower Singers  
7.30pm. Entry £5  
Refreshments & Raffle

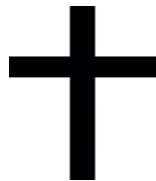
14<sup>th</sup> December  
Beer & Carols at The Beeswing 8pm

24<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Eve 5pm  
*Christingle Service with Carols*  
All welcome

24<sup>th</sup> December  
11.30pm  
*Midnight Mass*

25<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  
*Family Service*

Saints Alive! For November is sponsored in Loving Memory of  
Sgt/Wireless Operator EDWARD O.V. BROOKS  
7 Sqn (Stirlings) RAF(VR)  
Killed in action with all his crew over Rotterdam  
8<sup>th</sup> November 1941



*'Where some corner of a foreign field shall be forever England'*

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Kettering All Saints  
Monthly Update

*Alive!*

## SERVICES AND EVENTS

### November 2016

## REMEMBRANCE & COMMEMORATION

**CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER**

1 Nov	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
3 Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
5 Nov	8.30am	Car Boot & Table Top Sale
6 Nov	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist – 3<sup>RD</sup> before Advent</b>
	6.00pm	<b>TASTIE</b> - Jubilee Room 6-7.30pm
7 Nov	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
8 Nov	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
10 Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion at Ashley Court
11 Nov	7.30pm	Fun Quiz Night
13 Nov	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist – Remembrance Sunday</b>
14 Nov	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
14 Nov	8.00pm	Meeting of the P.C.C.
15 Nov	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room
16 Nov	7.30pm	Home Group
17 Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
18 Nov	7.30pm	Festive Shopping Evening
19 Nov	7.30pm	Saints & Sinners talk by Janice Morris
20 Nov	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist – Christ the King</b>
20 Nov	3.00pm	<b>Messy Church – Jacob &amp; Dreams 3-4.30</b>
20 Nov	6.15pm	Taize Service Prayers around the Cross Joint service with RRBC at All Saints
21 Nov	7.30pm	Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness
22 Nov	10.00am	Holy Eucharist- Hartley Room
24 Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion at Thorndale
25 Nov	7.30pm	The Hamitup Players with 'A Deadly A'Fayre'
26 Nov	11.00am	<b>Christmas Fair</b> 11-2pm
27 Nov	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist – Advent Sunday</b>
28 Nov	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
29 Nov	10.00am	Holy Eucharist - Hartley Room

**WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS***Currently in Interregnum*

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

**Parish Church of All Saints Kettering**

**Website Address:** <http://www.kaspc.btck.co.uk>

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**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.*

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT!**

The Revd. Martin of Guildford seemed to be fated when it came to bird names. Listen to this :

Some time ago he baptised three babies. Their surnames were Starling, Gosling and Martin (The last his own daughter). Standing by the font were Miss Raven and Miss Crowe. A week later he married a policeman named Mr. Eagle to a charming young lady by the name of Miss Swann. At that time Mrs. Bunting was a church member and the Revd. Dove a local Methodist minister. There was a Lark amongst the confirmation candidates. Mrs. Wrenn was a member of the Mother's Union and Olive Jay belonged to the Scripture Union. The printer of the church magazine was a man named Mr. Goose.

When the Revd. Martin moved he went to Hatcham. His new verger's name was Crane and two of the City Missionaries were Messrs. Thrush and Robin.

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**NOVEMBER**

**REMEMBER THEM**

In known and unknown graves they rest, the young, the bravest and the best. They too loved well what life could give, and yet they died that we might live. Twice in half a hundred years, the price was paid in blood and tears. Twice we faced the German threat, and twice the challenge has been met. Let not memory's lamp burn low as generations come and go. Sing out their glorious requiem. Remember them. Remember them.

It is not until it is stripped of all its leaves that you can see the characteristics of each tree. The massive and generous bough structure of the beech, the majesty of the oak, the straightness of the birch and the grace of the larch. So it is with our friends It is not until we have shared some great experience that we see each other as we really are. When the winters come and the big winds blow, superficialities and pretences are stripped away, revealing the bare bones of affection in all their strength and beauty.

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

When life isn't a bed of roses - remember who wore the thorns.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR SEPT/OCTOBER**

**Hymns & Pimms** - an evening to say goodbye to Fr. Andrew and Sue. See page 7 for a write up of evening.

**Radio Comedy** - John Wood had the audience laughing in the aisles with extracts of radio comedians from yesteryear!

**David Price** (author of the Cancan) gave an amazing talk on the history of this dance. Did you know the first Cancan dancers were men? Or that the original dance was a ballroom dance in pairs with scandalously close body contact! The French word cancan means scandal or gossip. David illustrated his talk with film clips, and contemporary photos, cartoons and paintings. He also donated some money to All Saints from the sale of his beautiful books.

**Art Exhibition** - we had 108 paintings from 28 artists. Young and older people came to visit and remarked on the lovely atmosphere, the superb cakes and the amazing abilities of the artists. Over 100 people visited. If you follow Treasure Quest on the radio All Saints should have been the last venue. Unfortunately they never got to us (I was the Treasure) so they interviewed me in the carpark about the exhibition. Good publicity anyway!

**Sure Thing Jazz** - another excellent evening with Liam Halloran, Su Sturman and friends. Liam's talent with his vibraphone and his new pick-up system is second to none. The pick-up system gives Liam much more scope with the range of music that he can play! Not to be missed another time. He's promised to come back again next year - maybe with his own group.

### 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.*

- 5<sup>th</sup> November  
**Car Boot & Table Top Sale**
- 11<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm - 9.45pm  
**Fun Quiz Evening. £5 teams x 4.**  
**Bring your own drink. Refreshments & Raffle.**
- 18<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm - 9pm  
**Festive Shopping Evening - entry £1**  
**Refreshments, Raffle & lots of stalls**
- 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm  
**Janice Morris talks about wall paintings in some local churches. £3. Refreshments & Raffle**
- 25<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm  
**Murder Mystery 'A Deadly A'Fayre'.**  
**Bring your own drink. Refreshments. Raffle. £4**
- 26<sup>th</sup> November  
**Christmas Fair**  
**Father Christmas, variety of stalls, refreshments**

### CHRISTMAS SCOUT POST

Cost this year 25 per card. Collection point at All Saints from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

- A problem looked at another way may be a solution. Mould growing unpromisingly in a pan of water became penicillin when someone looked at it creatively. It's easier to put up with life's irritations if you hold on to this idea. Rain may seep into your shoes and make you groan, but without it the crops would not grow and we would all die of starvation.

*When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.*

Wayne Dyer.

- An unforgiving attitude brings ceaseless damage. An unforgiving person is like a city whose traffic is completely congested. The roads are blocked, cars cannot move, they stand waiting, their engines running, spewing out exhaust fumes, poisoning the air. People are frustrated and immobilised, all communication stops, no-one enjoys life.

*Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom*

Anon

### DEADLINE

The deadline for the next edition of Saints Alive! is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. The December edition will be available in church from Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### THE ALL SAINTS HOUSE GROUP

- Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.kaspc.btck.co.uk)

- Check out our programme for 2017 (following Matthew's Gospel)

January The announcement of 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  
58 Britannia Road  
01536 529426

### **HOUSE GROUP**

One of Fr. Andrew's achievements was the introduction of a House Group. For the last twelve months or so the group has been meeting on a regular basis and has been well attended by about a dozen people. We are very fortunate to have Lyn & Alan Ridley who not only organise the meetings, but also have been the hosts. They have now begun a 'House Group Leaders' course which is run by the Diocese. The purpose of this group is to promote a better understanding of the Bible, of faith and of worship and prayer, and an opportunity to share in Christian Fellowship. As you can see from the programme, there will be a series of meetings in the new year, including a weekly meeting during Lent. To ease the burden on Lyn & Alan, we have started to hold meetings at other venues and these will be advertised each month. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7 Edith Road (NN16 OPZ) and our December meeting will be a pre-Christmas social event. (Date & venue to be decided). We will be pleased to welcome new members to our group, and if numbers become too big for one house to accommodate, we can start another group. As Bishop Donald has said, *"a healthy House Group means a healthy church."*

*Fr. Brian*

### **PIMMS & HYMNS**

A brilliant and inspiring occasion with a church full of people who came to ensure that Father Andrew would know just how much he is loved and appreciated for his seven years ministry at All Saints. It was very clear from the diverse institutions represented that his ministry went far beyond the walls of this church. His parish reached out to five schools, three residential homes, messy church, Rockingham Road Baptist Church, Friends of Rockingham Road Pleasure Park, and others. They came to join in with the congregation of All Saints to express their appreciation with words and gifts. Particularly poignant was a lovely canvas presented by messy church. The canvas was decorated by a box containing a host of coloured balloons, each balloon bearing a finger print lovingly placed on the strings. A reminder of many lovely children, each one unique and real. They will remember the fun they had with the Bible stories Fr. Andrew acted with them. Our residential homes were represented. Father Andrew's ministry was a reminder that they were still important in the kingdom of God. The tables and chairs were arranged in café style, reflecting worship and socialising, the two-fold ministry of Jesus. First, Communion was celebrated followed by the hymn "Come Down O Love Divine". A reminder of Jesus our brother, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering. The hymns between the refreshments (Pimms, bread and cheese) and presentations, were sung with real meaning and purpose. "In Christ Alone", "Beauty for Brokenness", "Angels Singing" and "Longing for light". An amusing surprise appearance of Rev and Vera, our resident puppets added to the relaxed and happy atmosphere. Those present felt they had been refreshed in Soul and Spirit, challenged by the words of Father Andrew - "Forwards into the Future". Many thanks to all who worked and contributed to make the event such a memorable occasion.

### **MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANDREW**

Please pass on our grateful thanks to the PCC and congregation at All Saints. Sue and I have thoroughly enjoyed our almost seven years with you and your parting gifts were very generous. The flowers, beautifully arranged by Jenny, have adorned the lounge for the last week or so and we are going to use the money you collected to build a water feature in our garden so that we will have a beautiful space in our garden, as well as our hearts, to remember you all.

We are also very grateful for all the cards and gifts which we received from individual members of the congregation. All the kind wishes were almost overwhelming and we both needed a period of peace and quiet reflection. This is why we went down to Dorset for a few days. We spent some time walking the Dorset coast path. We only managed a few miles but the ups and downs were equivalent to tackling a small mountain which left us both physically exhausted: an appropriate way to reflect on the last seven years, perhaps? Not really - there were far more ups than downs in our time at All Saints which left us on quite a high after we had said good bye to you all.

We shall continue to live in Barton Seagrave for the time being and hope to see many of you around and about.

With all good wishes,

*Sue and Andrew*

### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

If you wish to include your Christmas greetings in the next issue of Saints Alive! please speak to Madeleine on or before 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Takes place on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. Prizes required please for the Tombola, Raffle and bottles for the Bottle Stall. Speak to Angela or Nina if you can help.



about this.

Sponsor our 'Saints Alive!' magazine or make a donation towards flowers in church in memory of a loved one. Speak to Angela for more details.

Smartie Tubes! Again, see Angela about this. She will provide you with a tube of Smarties, all we ask is that you return the tube back to us filled with your loose change.

Lastly, if you do not already do this, do consider being a part of our Stewardship giving. If you would like our bank details for a monthly regular standing order, do talk to me.

If you prefer weekly stewardship envelopes, again do ask me. Even a small amount every week in an envelope can add up, maybe even if you already give via monthly standing order, consider also having envelopes to donate your extra loose change every week.

Many thanks

**Marie Morrison - Treasurer**

### **SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES**

- 13<sup>th</sup> November  
**Parish Eucharist - Remembrance Sunday**
- 20<sup>th</sup> November  
**Messy Church - Jacobs and his Dreams**
- 20<sup>th</sup> November  
**Taize Service - Prayers around the Cross with RRBC**

### **THE GUARDIAN FAMILY NETWORK**



Do you live within an hour of Maidwell High School, near Kettering and have time to support an international student? Would you like to build a long-lasting friendship with an overseas family? We are looking for a guardian family for a student for occasional weekends and half term holidays.

Expenses are generously paid. If interested, please phone 01865 522005, or 07961 490673 or visit

[www.guardianfamily.co.uk](http://www.guardianfamily.co.uk)

### **OTHER WAYS TO GIVE FINANCIALLY TO ALL SAINTS**

My grandma always used to say "save the pennies and the pounds will save themselves". This can also be true for finances here at All Saints. We certainly are not 'rolling in money', we do not have secret 'reserves' of money to use if needed, and in fact we just about break even most of the time. I am also aware that we are a generous church which is obvious at times such as Harvest and the Toy Service and I know we all give what we can through our stewardship, but more about that another time. I wanted to make you aware of little things you can do which, when all added up, can make a big difference to our finances.

Firstly when using your PC or laptop at home make [www.easysearch.org.uk](http://www.easysearch.org.uk) your home page, and then list All Saints Church Kettering as your cause. Easysearch is a free charity search engine that enables you to raise funds for the good cause of your choice whenever you search the Web. It tracks down and displays only the most relevant and accurate results while helping raise funds. For every search we receive a small amount of commission. Doing this will not cost you, or All Saints, anything!

Following on from this, and with Christmas online shopping in mind, before you visit your shop's website firstly go to

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[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). Again, list All Saints as your cause, once registered search for your on-line shop and follow the link from [easfundraising.org.uk](http://easfundraising.org.uk) who will credit a percentage of your bill to All Saints at no extra cost to you. Pass this on to your friends and family. It doesn't take long to sign up and support us. The few of us who do this already have raised over £200 for All Saints. Small amounts of commission do add up.

Do you buy small items for the church? Do you claim the money back for such items as stationery, cleaning equipment, resources for scramblers? I am sure most of us do buy small things now and then for the church. If you are a tax payer and I have a Gift Aid form completed for you (ask me if you are not sure, I can provide one) we can claim the gift aid on anything you buy, which is 25% of your total spend. All you need to do is fill in a Gift Aid in Kind form for me, and this turns your receipts into a 'donation' to the church. We claim our gift aid for All Saints quarterly, and it is amazing how all those small receipts can add up over 3 months. Please start keeping your small receipts and ask me for a form.

A great way to help financially is to support All Saints fundraising events. Whether it be coming along, or providing items such a raffle prizes, or even helping with refreshments, setting up and clearing away. We are always desperate for helpers for all our events so do speak to Angela or Richard

