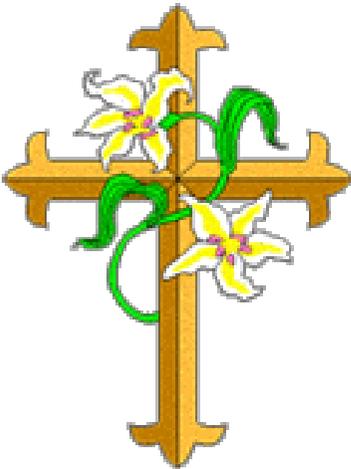


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Kettering All Saints  
Monthly Update

*Alive!*



**LENT, HOLY  
WEEK & EASTER  
SERVICES**  
*April 2017*

# CALENDAR FOR April 2017

1 Apr	8.40-noon	Table-top Sale
2 Apr	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist - Lent 5</b>
3 Apr	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
4 Apr	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
5 Apr	7.30-9pm	House Group - Judgement in Heaven, Matthew 7
6 Apr	11.00am	Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
9 Apr	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist - Palm Sunday with blessing of palms. Meet in park</b>
9 Apr	3-4.30pm	Messy Church - Easter - £1 per child
10 Apr	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
10 Apr	8.00pm	Meeting of the PCC
11 Apr	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
12 Apr	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
13 Apr	11.00am	Holy Communion at Ashley Court
13 Apr	7.30pm	<b>Liturgy of Maundy Thursday - includes stripping of the altar and watch (incense) will end at 10pm</b>
14 Apr	9am	<b>Good Friday: The Way of the Cross</b>
14 Apr	2pm	<b>Liturgy of Good Friday</b>
14 Apr	6.30pm	<b>Tenebrae - Family Service</b>
15 Apr	From 9am	Church cleaning
15 Apr	8pm	<b>Easter Eve - Easter Liturgy - lighting of the new fire and Easter Vigil (incense)</b>
16 Apr	10.30	<b>Parish Eucharist - Easter Sunday with incense and Easter Bonnet parade</b>
17 Apr	7.30pm	<b>No service - Bank holiday</b>
18 Apr	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
19 Apr	7.30-9pm	House Group - Resurrection of Christ - Matthew 28
20 Apr	11.00am	Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
21 Apr	7.30pm	Flushed with success - history of toilets by Kevin Varty £4
22 Apr	2.30pm	Tea Dance £3

23 Apr	10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist - Easter 2 followed by Vestry meeting and APCM</b>
24 Apr	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
25 Apr	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
27 Apr	11.00am	Holy Communion at Thorndale
28 Apr	7.30pm	KBA steel band (£5 and concessions £3)
29 Apr	3.30pm	<b>Fr Tim's Institution &amp; Induction</b>
30 Apr	10.30am	<b>All-age communion inc Rev &amp; Vera</b>
1 May	7.30pm	<b>No service - Bank holiday</b>
2 May	10.00am	Holy Eucharist

### **FATHER TIM'S MESSAGE TO YOU**

"It was last year when I saw the advert for the vicar of All Saints Kettering. It seems a long time ago now. I had been looking for a while but the right vacancy had not come up. When I read the profile for All Saints I was really excited as it seemed to be just right. So, I prayed about it and it felt that this is where God might be calling me, and so I applied. The rest as they say is history...

I am so looking forward to meeting and getting to know everybody. I am sure God has something wonderful in store for us as we journey together. Everyone I have met so far has been so welcoming, especially Angela and Richard who I know have been working hard behind the scenes to get everything ready.

I hope as many people as possible will be able to come to my institution service on the 29th April. In the meantime, please pray for me and I will pray for you as we get ready to journey together on whatever God has in store for us all. "

Fr. Tim

## COMMUNITY EVENTS FROM MARCH

I had a most enjoyable and informative evening at All Saints Church. It was an evening with David Price and the subject was the story behind **Les Misérables**. He talked us through the historical story, the book by Victor Hugo, the stage production and the film version of the musical. It was fascinating and entertaining, thank you to Angela Brett and her team for working tirelessly to put on so many varied talks and events, brilliant xx Rosemary Allcoat

The Fashion Show was another good evening held at All Saints - lots of clothing to try on. Sizes from 8-30. Loved the floating Italian tops. Put the date in your diary for November 11<sup>th</sup> for an autumn/winter show.

Our Lenten charity this year was for the Beryl Thyer Trust and we raised around £110. Dr Paul Wharin delivered a talk on children's cancer treatment in Africa. The work that is done at the Cameroon Baptist Hospitals is nothing short of miraculous, the dedication and hard work by all the staff is amazing.

## TEA-LIGHTS



We get through quite a lot of small unscented tea-lights during the year. If you would like to donate a pack once a year please do so, they never perish and Nina will keep them safely in her drawers.

## CHURCH CLEANING

Hopefully some of you will be able to help out with church cleaning on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, ready for Easter and Fr Tim's Induction and Institution service. The more that come along after 9am the quicker we finish! Jobs for all, small or tall.

## HOLY WEEK

If you haven't attended the Holy Week and Easter services before, then come and take part in Jesus' journey.

9th April - Palm Sunday - we meet at the bandstand at 10.20am before the service and walk across to All Saints processing our palms, remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem

13th April - Maundy Thursday 7.30pm - commemorating the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples before he was crucified. We strip all decoration from the altar and walls. A vigil of prayer is kept in the "Garden" in the Jubilee Room until 10pm

14th April - Good Friday 9am - The Way of the Cross, then at 10.15am a Walk of Witness from Rockingham Rd Baptist Church, finishing at Toller Church, Gold Street, for a Service of Witness at 11.15am outdoors

2pm - probably the most moving service of the year when we gather at the foot of the cross to pray

6.30pm - Family Tenebrae service

15th - Easter Eve - This first service of Easter begins quietly in darkness, but ends in joyful light and noise with the lighting of the new fire.

16th - Easter Day - Jesus' disciples found his tomb was empty, then met and ate with the risen Jesus and celebrated his resurrection.

## GOODBYE

This table I have set for you  
My time is short there's much to do  
Your friendship means so much to me  
But what comes next just has to be

We've trod the road of life as one  
The battles tough and still not won  
My presence now will stay with you  
Where'er you go - what'er you do

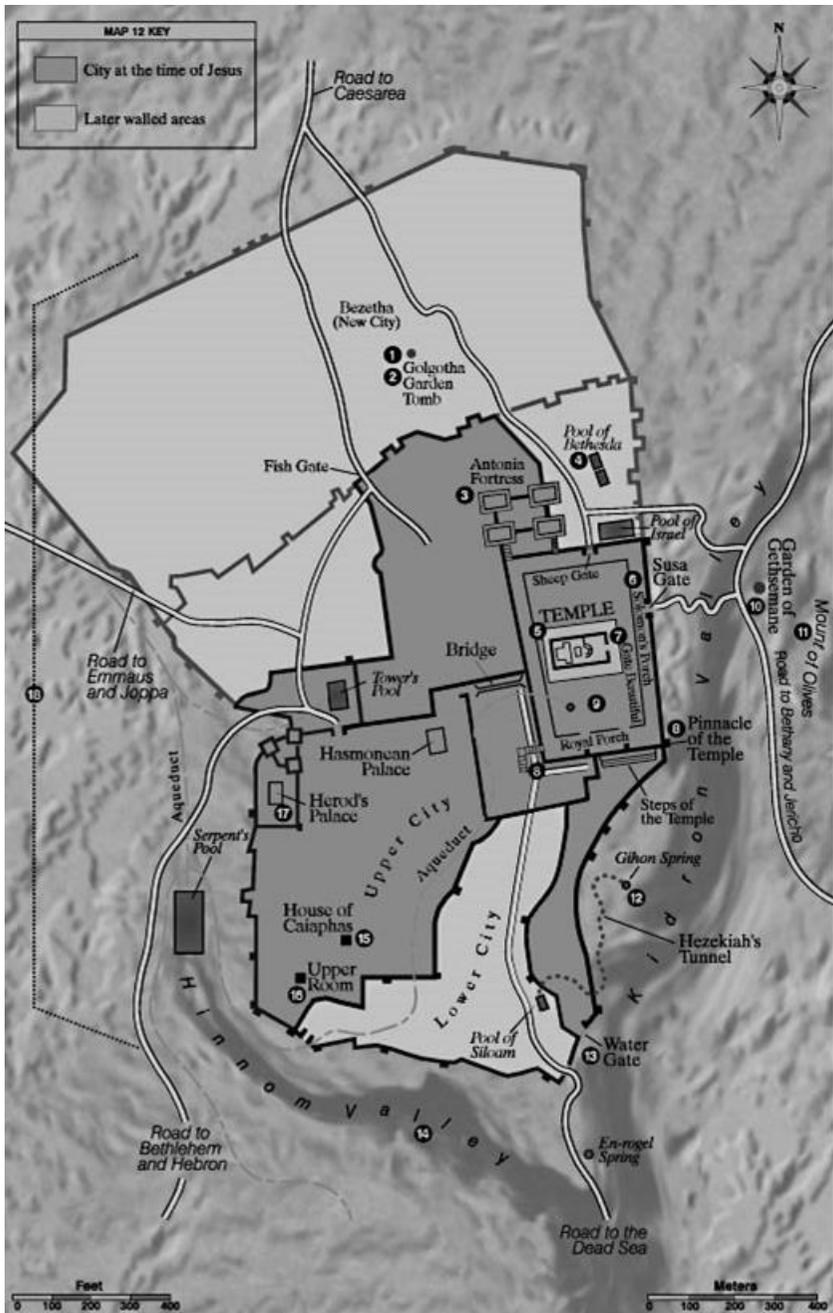
This cup of life I share just now  
This bread I break to show you how  
To gather and remember me  
My life I give to set you free

Dear friends it's time to leave this place  
It's time to pray - my fate to face  
For one last time before we part  
I bless you twelve with all my heart

Yes, all twelve of you are dear  
Yet one embrace is all I fear  
The olive grove is just nearby  
It's time my friends to say goodbye

Chris Bates - "Faith Works"

# Understand the Bible – Jerusalem at the time of Jesus



## Following Jesus through Holy Week:

Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday from Bethany. That road is to the lower right hand side of the map and He would have come down the side of the Mount of Olives across the Kidron Valley and past the Garden of Gethsemane.

Of course, many events of Holy Week occurred in or around the Temple - seen here just to the right of the middle of the diagram.

The Upper Room, the site of the Last Supper is believed to be in the Upper part of the City and is towards the lower left corner of the city on this diagram.

During his night of trial Jesus faced Caiaphas, the High Priest: his house is located near to the Upper Room. It is in the courtyard that Peter denied Jesus.

After a first visit to Pilate, Jesus briefly faced King Herod. This is Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great (the one involved in the nativity). He was ruler of northern Palestine which included Galilee but had a palace in Jerusalem which is on the western side of the upper part of the city.

Pilate may also have been based in Herod's Palace or may have been in the Antonia Fortress which is just above the Temple on this map.

Golgotha (Calvary) can be seen just north of the old city wall. The garden tomb is very adjacent. Together these now form the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

# The Tarsus Times

## Paul takes to the Pen

Greetings! Tarsus Times comes to you again from Corinth, where Paul's been "resting" for over a year. Not surprising, really - in 18 years or so since he met the risen Jesus on that road to Damascus he's hardly stopped travelling and preaching. He was, of course, blinded for 3 days then, but he's also been beaten up, imprisoned and even stoned to death (from which he recovered!) He's now taken to writing letters to those he visited. I'm seen as the official reporter for these things so can leak the content! - Paul has just written a couple of times to the people of Thessalonica...

Just to put you in the picture, Thessalonica is the municipal capital of the Roman province of Macedonia in the northern Aegean. We called there on our way here but were only able to stay a few weeks before being hounded out by angry Jews reluctant to take on Paul's message; so I suppose there is unfinished business - hence the letters!

You'll recall that Paul had set off from Antioch with Silas and that Timothy had joined us at Lystra. Paul always seems to get a mixed reception, especially from Jews: some are prepared to hear the Good News of Jesus of Nazareth; but others reject this message, sometimes violently, hence the reason for Paul's ongoing trials. In Thessalonica we'd stayed with Jason and Paul tried to earn his keep by returning to his trade of tent making. After Jason was persecuted, we moved on to nearby Berea. But it wasn't long before Paul had to move on again and after a winter in Athens, here we are in Corinth. Silas and Timothy stayed in Berea and even returned to Thessalonica to support the

developing church there; however they re-joined us here some time ago.

Paul seemed very happy with the news that Silas and Timothy brought about the developing church in Thessalonica but nevertheless there were still some concerns. Some of the biggest challenges for new Christians, especially in this part of the world, are the continuing predominance of Roman paganism and tradition. Even though there are significant numbers of Jews, they have fallen into some pagan ways.

Given the difficulty that Paul would have returning to Thessalonica at the moment, his letters offer a form of guidance for this new church.

Even though the visit to Thessalonica was cut short, Paul has reflected on the hospitality (even to the point of persecution) that was afforded to us and considers that the stop in Thessalonica wasn't a failure. Indeed he compares this persecution to that of both Jesus himself and to other new Christians. With these commendations, Paul encourages that Christians work together; love and support one another; and endeavour to follow quiet, moral lives, respectful of others. He encourages them to show Christ's way by how they behave and to protect themselves from the temptations of the Devil.

There's one set of questions that keep coming back so much so that Paul addresses them in both letters: Is Christ returning? When is Judgement Day? Has it happened yet? and what happens to those who've already died? Paul's attempted to answer these - just like Jews at the first Passover, everyone must be ready because "the Day of the Lord will come as a thief comes in the night"; so no-one will know how or when it'll come. But Paul's also clear that that Day has not yet happened, when

it does all believers gone before will be raised from the dead so that all who believe in Christ can then join with Him.

Wow, that's heavy stuff for a letter and if I've learnt anything about Paul, he's determined to spread the Word as far and wide as possible - but he much prefers to do this face-to-face. Perhaps his new method of working with the people as he goes along will help to endear him to more and more. I sense Paul's getting itchy feet again so no doubt we'll be off somewhere else soon!

**Keep following our intrepid reporter throughout the year!**

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### **A couple of Christian Crackers from Phil Mason**

The family service was being conducted by a visiting clergyman during the rector's absence. He asked the children what they were giving up for Lent

Quick as a flash, one little toddler answered "The Rector."

A Sunday school teacher asked her class to write a list of eleven great men. As they were busy writing, she walked between the table and noticed one little lad chewing the end of his pencil.

"Have you finished?" she asked Ted.

"Not quite Miss" came the reply.

"I'm still trying to decide on the goalkeeper!"

# BRAIN TEASERS FROM MAUREEN

A Church Celebration?

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Word Ladder (change one letter each time)

Example:

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CARE

(Answers next month)

## MY EARLY MORNING STROLL

I see the flowers begin to bloom  
I hear a songbird sing a tune  
It makes me happy in my soul  
On my early morning stroll

I smell the spring on the morning breeze  
I see buds on leafless trees  
I see the sun with rays of gold  
On my early morning stroll

So much trouble in the world today  
It kind of makes me wonder why  
When all good people hope and pray  
For a better world where no bullets fly

I see snowdrops pure and white  
And feel the blessings of the morning light  
I see clouds of gloom unfold  
On my early morning stroll

If dogs run free, then why can't we?  
And be as happy as can be  
We both need love and a place to stay  
So maybe dogs should lead the way

I see smiles on happy faces  
And feel the warmth of love's embraces  
Love is the warmth that conquers cold  
On my early morning stroll

I see the river and hear its song  
As it slowly rolls along  
Beneath the willows along the wold  
On my early morning stroll

I seek pleasure in the countryside  
Where I wander far and wide  
Where the fields and green hills roll  
On my early morning stroll  
On my early morning stroll

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## **FEELING DOWNHEARTED TODAY?**

Things not going too well? Maybe it's time to take stock like a shopkeeper?

**FRIENDS:** greater in number this year, and all worth keeping

**NEIGHBOURS:** a large selection, and many who smile and stop to chat

**MEMORIES:** too many to count, but stored in special containers

**LOVE:** vast amounts, given and received. Indestructible. Everlasting.

Feeling better now? A little stocktaking often works wonders!!



## **EASYFUNDRAISING COSTS YOU NOTHING!**

Yes, I know you can't believe it but it is true! Do you order anything off the internet? Perhaps presents, cards, or order groceries on-line? Then Easyfundraising will give All Saints a percentage of what you spend. It may be only pennies each time but they soon add up!

To sign up, go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> . In the "Join Now" box type in "All Saints Church Kettering" - and then click "Join Us" and create your account. You are now all set ready to go. Once you have signed up to Easyfundraising, make sure you are logged in and then search for the company you wish to buy from (in the Easyfundraising pages) eg ebay, Amazon, Sainsburys etc and order in your usual way. Once you have paid for it, a donation is sent direct to All Saints church - it couldn't be simpler!

## **EVEN MORE NOTES LEFT IN MILK BOTTLES!**

- Please send me a form for cheap milk, for I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbour told me
- Please knock. My TV's broken down and I missed last night's Coronation Street. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened over a cup of tea?
- My back door is open. Please put milk in fridge, get money out of cup in drawer and leave change on kitchen table in pence, because we want to play bingo tonight
- Sorry about yesterday's note, I didn't mean one egg and a dozen pints, but the other way round

## FLOWERS

If you would like to arrange flowers for something special or perhaps in memory of someone - please let Madeleine know as she holds the flower rota and knows which Sundays are available. Thank you.

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Our church website has changed address - please update your records or miss out!

<http://kettallsaintschurch.btck.co.uk>

## FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please try to support as many as you can or join in with the event by serving teas/coffees etc.

- 6<sup>th</sup> May - Table-Top Sale. Free entry from 8.30-12.00noon
- 12<sup>th</sup> May - Humorous talk by Colin Medlycott as a Master Butcher 7.30pm £3
- 19<sup>th</sup> May - Fun Quiz Evening. £6 teams of 4
- 21<sup>st</sup> Messy Church £1 per child (accompanied by an adult). Theme: The Plagues!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY NINA

Our lovely Nina was 80 years old in the middle of March. I managed to have a chat with her and she gave me some idea of what she has done with herself over the years.



She is a born and bred girl from Redruth in Cornwall from many generations back, so she told me. Her grandfather worked repairing shoes.

Her mother worked in the cinema as an usherette until they moved to London where she worked for Marks and Spencer. Nina's mother stayed there until she moved to the royal opera house making tutu's; which included making costumes for Margot Fonteyn. This is where she gets the sewing bug from! At the age of sixteen Nina herself became a professional dancer.

After moving up to Northampton with her husband Barry and children they worshipped at St John's Kingsthorpe, Nina and Barry were both confirmed at St Giles. When they moved to Higham Ferrers they worshipped at St Mary's and Donna and Daryl were confirmed there.



Sadly in 1999, Barry died and as her daughters had moved into the area, Nina decided to follow them. She started to come to All Saints and enjoyed the services and the people, and felt at home with us. She was made very welcome and has made many friends.

Maureen D-E

### **MESSAGE FROM NINA HERSELF**

Many thanks for all the cards and best wishes that I received on my 80th birthday and also the beautiful basket of flowers. I'm so glad that many of you were able to join me for my surprise party (I'm still shocked that my family managed to arrange that without me guessing what was going on). I felt very blessed to enjoy such a special occasion with so many good friends.

### **DEADLINE**

Please keep sending in your snippets, news, prayers etc to Angela. Without your help, Saints Alive cannot continue!



NewsLetter

**DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next edition of Saints Alive! is **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. The May edition will be available in church from **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

## WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

Currently in Interregnum until April 28<sup>th</sup>

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# Community Highlights for May

<p><b>May 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Car Boot &amp; Table Top Sale</b> <b>8.30am -12noon</b></p>	<p><b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Humorous Talk by</b> <b>Master Butcher</b> <b>by Colin Medlycott</b> <b>7.30pm £3</b></p>
<p><b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Fun Quiz evening!</b> <b>£6 teams of 4</b> <b>7.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>May 21<sup>st</sup> Messy Church</b> <b>Theme - The Plagues</b> <b>3-4.30pm</b> <b>£1 per child</b></p>

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