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Kettering All Saints
Monthly Update

Alive!



SERVICES AND EVENTS

February 2017

Candlemas towards Lent

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2017

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| 2 Feb | 11.00am | Holy Communion at Abbeyfield |
| 3 Feb | 7.30pm | Slide Show of Old Kettering - Bernard Smith |
| 4 Feb | 2.30pm | Tea Dance |
| 5 Feb | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist - 4 before Lent |
| 6 Feb | 7.30pm | Holy Eucharist |
| 7 Feb | 10.00am | Holy Eucharist |
| 9 Feb | 11.00am | Holy Communion at Ashley Court |
| 12 Feb | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist - 3 before Lent with Canon Tim Short presiding |
| 13 Feb | 7.30pm | Holy Eucharist |
| 13 Feb | 8.00pm | Meeting of the PCC |
| 14 Feb | 10.00am | Holy Eucharist |
| 15 Feb | 7.30-9pm | House Group - John the Baptist & The Temptation - contact Lyn/Alan |
| 16 Feb | 11.00am | Holy Communion at Abbeyfield |
| 17 Feb | 7.30pm | Talk - Dead & Buried - Kevin Varty. £4 |
| 19 Feb | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist - 2 before Lent |
| 19 Feb | 6.15pm | Café Church with RRBC at RRBC |
| 20 Feb | 7.30pm | Holy Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness |
| 21 Feb | 10.00am | Holy Eucharist |
| 23 Feb | 11.00am | Holy Communion at Thorndale |
| 24 Feb | 7.30pm | Musical Memories from 78's. £3 |
| 26 Feb | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist - 1 before Lent |
| 27 Feb | 7.30pm | Holy Eucharist |
| 28 Feb | 10.00am | Holy Eucharist |
| 1 Mar | 7.30pm | Ash Wednesday |
| 2 Mar | 11.00am | Holy Communion at Abbeyfield |
| 4 Mar | 8.30-noon | Table-top Sale |
| 5 Mar | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist - Lent 1 |

FATHER BRIAN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

How quickly the time goes. It hardly seems a few days since Christmas and yet next week sees the beginning of the countdown to Lent, and Spring gets closer as each day goes by.

Here at All Saints we have great expectations as we look forward to the coming of our new incumbent, Fr. Tim in April and the start of a new ministry in the parish. When Fr. Tim comes, he will inherit a strong team of officers and a very supportive congregation. This will enable him to build on the excellent work of Fr. Ron and Fr. Andrew. I'm sure that he will want to continue the Anglo Tradition of All Saints and to develop the church's mission in the parish.

In the meantime, I am very happy to continue my association with All Saints and to celebrate the Eucharist, which is a great joy. I thank you all for your support and encouragement.

Fr. Brian

COMMUNITY EVENTS FROM JANUARY

The Epiphany Show - an evening of poetry and prose, a duet by the Two John's, pass the parcel (telling the Christmas story), Izzy on a harp, Brenda and her Christmas doll, Richard and his "Box", William, Sophie and Jessica all shared their talents to an appreciative audience. A lovely hour, costing nothing with tea/coffee and biscuits thrown in! What more could we ask? Maybe a few more people in the audience? You don't know what you're missing! Saturday 6th January 2018 - put it in your diaries please. Izzy has already said she's coming again...

Our regular Fun Quiz evenings started off the year with the largest number of teams that we have ever had, and raised quite a lot of money for church funds.

Steve Sharpe gave an interesting and popular talk about Roman finds and their history beneath our feet mainly in the north end of Kettering. Mainly in Kipling Rd, Mitchell St, Blandford Ave etc. *Angela*

I Long to See the Springtime Season

Bless the Earth with Love

I long to see the winding river running slow and lazy
I long to see the honeybees a-buzzing round like crazy
I long to hear the songbirds in the trees so high above
I long to see the springtime season bless the Earth with love



I long to see the springtime flowers blooming all around
I long to see the waking moles a-pushing up the ground
I long to see the buttercups and smell the sweet foxgloves
I long to see the springtime season bless the Earth with love

I long to see the to see the dark grey clouds of winter days
unfold

I long to see the morning sun a-glittering like gold

I long to see a rainbow in the April skies above

I long to see the springtime season bless the Earth with love

The coldest days of winter are upon us now it seems

Though winter still, our springtime hearts are full of hopes and
dreams

But skies are grey and soon the rain will pour down from above

I long to see the springtime season bless the Earth with love

I long to see the new-born lambs upon the green hilltops

I long to see the woodland meadows strewn with new
snowdrops

I long to hear the meadow lark and cooing morning dove

I long to see the springtime season bless the Earth with love

I long to see the sweet red roses in the morning light

I long to hear the cuckoo calling in the evening twilight

I long to see the swallows swooping in the skies above

I long to see the springtime season bless the Earth with love

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APPEAL FOR MODELS



I'm appealing for some female models for our fashion show if anybody would like to give it a go please? I need about 8 models. The date is Friday March 24th at 7.30pm. Any age or size between 6 - 30. You choose from the rails what you'd like to wear. Please chat to Angela or Lyn Ridley about it.

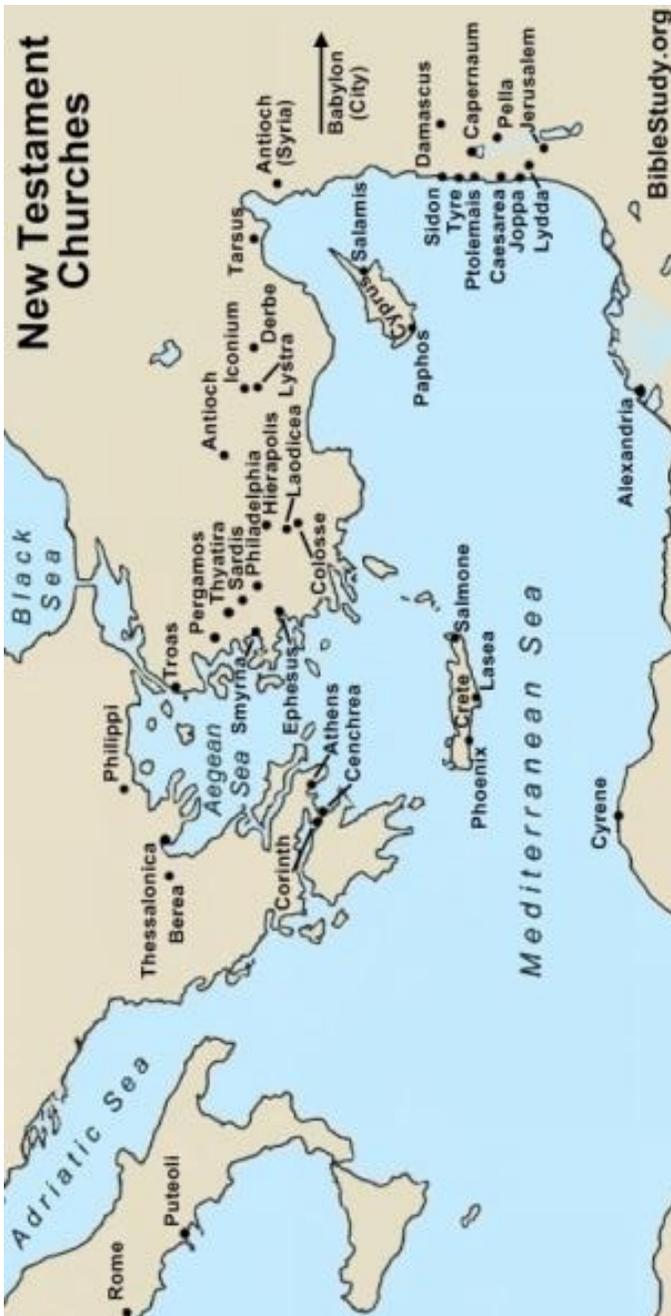
ALL SAINTS HOUSE GROUP

- Meets every 3rd Wednesday of the Month (except in August and in Lent) 7.30-9pm
- In Lent, every Wednesday except Ash Wednesday and Holy Week
- Check out our programme for 2017 (We will be following Matthew's Gospel)

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| 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 |

Further details and location: Alan & Lyn Ridley 01536 529426

Understand the Bible – Know the Area of the Early Christians



In our recent House Group meeting we found it very useful to look at a map and understand the geography related to the passage we were looking at.

With that in mind, here are two maps to help understand the regions and cities mentioned in relation to the early Christians. How many do you recognise? and are you now thinking "Oh, so that's where that is!"

Next Month:

The Land of the Gospels



The Tarsus Times

Local Boy Back from the Dead!

Welcome back to the Tarsus Times; reporting again from Antioch in Syria it has been 2 years since our last edition and there's lots to report - journeys by land and sea, fallings out, plots, changes of audience and miracles galore. That famous novelist Danius Brunus couldn't write this!

You will recall local lad Saul (now preferring his Greek-Roman name Paul) had a dramatic change of heart and started preaching about Jesus of Nazareth instead of persecuting his "Christian" followers. In our last edition we were just about to set out on a great journey; well 2 years on and we have just returned to Antioch, our starting point, and cor! what a journey!

Paul had teamed up with Barnabas, a like-minded guy from Cyprus and John Mark, Barnabas's cousin. This reporter has been able to tag along, so can now give you the low-down on what has happened.

From Antioch we left the nearby port of Seleucia and sailed for Cyprus, the home, of course, of Barnabas and John Mark. It had been a while since they'd been home and we were warmly welcomed. The message that Paul and Barnabas give is a difficult one for Jews and there are always mixed reactions. Nevertheless, we were summoned by pro-consul and governor, Sergius Paulus, to his place in Paphos as he wanted to hear from Paul directly. That involved quite a trek across Cyprus as we had landed at Salamis - about as far away from Paphos as you can get on the island; we crossed Cyprus on foot stopping to preach in many synagogues on the way.

In Paphos there was a man known as Elymas (or Bar-Jesus); he called himself a prophet but others say he was a sorcerer - he spoke out against Paul and Jesus so Paul cursed him and he fell blind - that's some convincing power, I tell you!

Leaving Paphos we sailed to Pamphylia (that area to the west of our native Tarsus in Cilicia). Landing in Perga we journeyed inland into Pisidia, to a city also called Antioch (yes, it's confusing, I know).

Now I don't know what happened: maybe a falling out; possibly homesick; or just plain bored; but John Mark suddenly left us at Perga and went back to Jerusalem. Rumour has it he is starting to write down all about Jesus' life.

So far Paul and Barnabas had only really preached to Jews and arriving in Antioch they were invited to preach in the synagogue. Paul gave a long address about how God had made promises to the Israelites through the ages but now Jesus (a descendant of King David) was the true saviour of the world; had risen from the dead; and whose message was not just for Jews, but also for all Gentiles who worshipped God.

Some Jews embraced Jesus as Christ for all the world but others saw a threat to their status as "God's chosen people". There was a falling out and Paul told the Jewish leaders that if they wouldn't recognise that they were worthy of eternal life then he'd go and speak to the Gentiles. With that Paul and Barnabas left Antioch knocking the dust off their feet in disgust.

Paul and Barnabas moved on to Iconium and Lystra with similar results and from that point mainly addressed Gentiles. In Lystra Paul cured a man who'd been lame from birth; locals were astonished and thought Paul and Barnabas were gods - even trying to offer sacrifices to them but they were put straight and taught the Good News of Jesus.

However, men from Antioch and Iconium had followed Paul and Barnabas and stirred up the people of Lystra against them. Paul was stoned to death and his limp body dragged outside the town. Normally that would be the end of the story but not here; a number of Christians were stood around Paul's body when suddenly he got up and went back into the town - that caused quite a stir!

Having first gone a little further to Derbe, Paul and Barnabas retraced their steps through Lystra, Iconium, Antioch and Perga. People had heard of the events at Lystra and seeing Paul strengthened their faith - Elders were appointed in each place and new Churches established.

As you can see it was quite a trip and a relief to catch breath as we sailed back to Syria. We've been back in Antioch a little while now but I'm sure it won't be long before there are more adventures and this intrepid reporter will be there to bring you the news (almost) as it happens - I wouldn't miss this for the world!

**Keep following our intrepid reporter throughout the year
only in Saints Alive!**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Shortly after Fr. Andrew became Priest in Charge of All Saints, he started holding monthly Communion Services in the three major Residential Homes in the Parish.

We regularly visit a friend at Thorndale and try to make a point of being there for the monthly service. We have become friends of several of the residents and know how important this short service is to them.

One friend who I have known for over seventy years, eagerly looked forward to these services held in the ground-floor lounge, and whenever we saw her she would ask: "When's the next church?" She had been a member of the choir at Cranford church for sixty years and knew the well-known hymns by heart. One week she didn't appear. We investigated, and found her involved in a game of Scrabble, which took place at the same time as the service. When she was reminded that the service was about to start, she insisted on being taken to it.

Gwen's sister said: "The thing she most looked forward to at the home was the half hour church service held once a month on a Thursday morning. Thank you for the lovely services".

Phil Mason

A COLLECTION OF NOTES LEFT IN MILK BOTTLES!

- "Dear Milkman, I've just had a baby, please leave another one"

- "Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it"
- "Milkman, please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops of the milk"
- "When you leave my milk please knock on my bedroom window and wake me because I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress"

STRENGTH FOR EACH DAY

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain, rocky and steep,
Never a river, turbid and deep.

Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932)

FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

- 3rd February **Slides of Old Kettering** by Bernard Smith 7.30pm. £3. Light refreshments & raffle
- 4th February - **Tea Dance with Irish Dancing in the break.** 2.30pm - 4.30pm £3 Tea/coffee/cakes & raffle



Irish dancing classes:

Tuesday - St Matthews Parish Hall, Kingsley, Northampton - 17:45-19:15

Wednesday - Kingsthorpe Community Centre, Northampton - 17:30-19:00

Saturday - The Crescent Community Centre, Kettering - 10:00-11:30

Ages 4+

£5:00 Pay as you go

Classes taught by qualified Irish dancing teachers and professional dancers (CRB Checked)

Please call: 07730539522 for further details.

Facebook: Clifford-Lightley Academy of Irish dance.

- 17th February - **Dead and Buried** by Kevin Varty
7.30pm £4. Light refreshments & raffle
- 24th February - **Musical Memories** (gramophone 78's)
7.30pm. £3. Light refreshments & raffle

EASTER BONNET PARADE

Let's have a bright and lively addition to the Easter morning service this year on April 16th.

Never mind your "best bib and tucker", it's the "tit fa tat" were looking for! The Easter Bonnet Parade is open to all, irrespective of age or gender and there'll be prizes for the best Adult and Child (under 16) entries.

The rules are simple: the head attire must be decorated by your own fair hand (some parental assistance allowed for the little ones), no fully-decorated shop-bought entries allowed; the most enterprising designs will be the winners. Follow a theme or just loads of colour - the choice is yours so get making!

DEADLINE

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

The deadline for the next edition of Saints Alive! is **Sunday 19th February**.

The March edition will be available in church from **Sunday 26th February**.

Madeleine is still producing the bulletin each week.



NewsLetter

DEADLINE

WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

Currently in Interregnum until April 2017

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| 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 |
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Community Highlights for March

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| March 4th Table Top Sale Free entry | March 10th The story Behind Les Misérables Entry £4 |
| March 17th Fun Quiz Evening £5 teams of 4 | Messy Church March 19th theme Noah's Ark 3-4.30pm, £1 per child (accompanied by parents) |
| March 24th Fashion Show £5 | March 31st Dr Wharin talking about Cancer Treatment for Children in Africa £3 |

Please let Angela know if you would like to sponsor an edition of Saints Alive! either as a memorial or to promote your business.