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Kettering All Saints
Monthly Update

Alive!



SERVICES AND EVENTS

January 2017

Epiphany to Candlemas

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2017

1 Jan	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - Naming & Circumcision of Jesus
2 Jan		No service - Bank Holiday
3 Jan	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
5 Jan	11.00am	Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
7 Jan		Epiphany Show
8 Jan	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - Epiphany with Canon Tim Short presiding
9 Jan	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
9 Jan	8.00pm	Meeting of the PCC
10 Jan	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
12 Jan	11.00am	Holy Communion at Ashley Court
13 Jan	7.30pm	Quiz evening
15 Jan	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - Epiphany 2
15 Jan	6.15pm	Joint Service with RRBC - Taizé Style at All Saints
16 Jan	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness
17 Jan	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
18 Jan	7.30-9pm	House Group - The Announcement of the Birth of Christ - contact Lyn/Alan
19 Jan	11.00am	Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
19 Jan	8.00pm	Messy Church Planning - Hartley room
22 Jan	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - Epiphany 3
23 Jan	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
24 Jan	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
26 Jan	11.00am	Holy Communion at Thorndale
29 Jan	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - Candlemas
29 Jan	3-4.30pm	Messy Church - Moses in the Bulrushes
30 Jan	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
31 Jan	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
2 Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
5 Feb	10.30am	Parish Eucharist - 4 before Lent

FATHER BRIAN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Our churchwardens gave us the good news that an appointment has been made to the vacancy at All Saints. Father Tim Dawson will come to us in April. It's appropriate that this announcement should be made in Advent and it's great to share good news at this time of the year.

The good news which we all share is that God sent his son into the world, that all who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Christmas is the time that the church celebrates the Incarnation, the uniquely Christian belief that God took on human form in the person of His Son Jesus to live among His people.

This is the truth which Christians have celebrated for over 2000 years.

As the new year unfolds, we look forward to Epiphany, 6th January, when the church celebrates the visit of the Magi as recorded in St. Matthew. Epiphany is a word that means "manifestation" or "Revelation" and over the following weeks we read the accounts in the Bible which reveal Christ through signs and wonders and we discover again God's purpose in redemption.

A Happy and Blessed New Year to you all.

Fr. Brian

The Winter Solstice heralds the beginning of winter with the beginning of the journey to Spring, as each day gets a little bit lighter.

COMMUNITY EVENTS FROM DECEMBER

The Mayflower Singers - sang with gusto in Latin, English, French and German. Along with a guest ukulele player from Loughborough and some songs accompanied with British Sign Language!

Carols in the Bandstand with Park Infant Singers and Friends of Rockingham Rd Pleasure Park - a very large raffle and soup and bread donated by Co-Op store Hallwood Rd.

Toy service - a fantastic response with all our Christmas presents going to Home-Start. They had to make two journeys to take them all away! Our congregation, Brownies and Rainbows are so generous. Thank you from all the youngsters that you have made sure will get something for Christmas. (Please also see page 13)

The Memorial Tree service was very special as we thought of our family past and present.

Over 260 people attended our **Christingle service** this year

Angela

SOME FUNNY COMMENTS FROM CHILDREN IN CHURCHES

3-year-old Reese: 'Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen.'

A little boy was overheard praying: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

One particular four-year-old prayed: 'And forgive us our trash baskets, as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service,

'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'

One bright little girl replied,

'Because people are sleeping.'

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)

January The Announcement of the 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

Further details and location: Alan & Lyn Ridley 01536 529426

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Two thousand years ago a babe was lowly born
His life was brief and tragic, defined a brand new dawn
Enabled our salvation and taught the Christian way
Brought meaning to our Christmases and vision for today

Another year rolls by - becoming history
What's gone is now for ever gone. No future mystery
We've left our mark for good or bad, we've learned a thing or two
It's time to seek the way ahead, new things to plan and do

A new year beckons now - fresh opportunity
Time to write a clean new page, so what is it to be?
Can we make that difference the world so badly needs?
Can we grasp each chance for good, sow beneficial seeds?

Maybe life's challenges get harder day by day
We often look to others to lead and light the way
Yet needy folk around us may be seeking too
For help and timely guidance from folk like me and you

A daily act of kindness, a good deed or a smile
A rolling up of sleeves to go the extra mile
A chance to silver line the clouds which all too often loom
Create a decent atmosphere where happiness can bloom

For two thousand years ago a babe was lowly born
His life was short and tragic, defined a brand new dawn
Enabled our salvation revealed the Christian way
So we could make that difference on every single day.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Ecumenical Christmas Letter

Greetings in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh who by the action of God and the obedience of His blessed Mother, the God bearer, came to dwell among us, Emmanuel.

In November, I visited Pakistan to express solidarity with Christian communities across the country, which have suffered much over recent years. We remember the slaughter of innocent worshippers on Easter Sunday 2016 in Lahore, and before that the attack on worshippers in Peshawar at Christmas 2013 and many other incidents. Such attacks are not only designed to inflict appalling suffering but also to sow fear in the heart of Christian, and other minority communities. During the visit I spoke with some of the survivors of these attacks, and I was deeply moved and humbled by their extraordinary courage in continuing to be faithful witnesses of Jesus. They spoke of knowing now more than ever that Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

In many parts of our troubled, uncertain world, Christian minority communities along with other minorities are being similarly targeted. In some places, this is motivated by a desire to eradicate the indigenous Christian presence completely. These are acts not only of terror but of genocide; criminal acts for which the international community must bring those guilty to account. Yet although so vulnerable and often forgotten and marginalised, our brothers and sisters are being courageous in the Lord. Indeed, 'God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong' (1 Corinthians 1.27). In other places conflict and corruption have become so normal that the world forgets the suffering of the poor.

I ask your prayers for those of us who live in safety that we may not be bystanders afar off, beating our breasts as we retire to the security of our homes, but that we may draw nearer to the cross of Jesus, stand there alongside our suffering brothers and sisters and be ready to take our part in practical action for change. I pray that Christ will strengthen all his people in our inner being with power through the Holy Spirit to be faithful, to have courage and to live in hope.

More than ever we need Christ like communities proclaiming the good news of the gospel in word and action. In many countries there is no persecution but there is apathy and complacency which leads us, in the striking words of Pope Francis, to be practical atheists.

The measure of a Christ-like community is the extent to which it holds the vulnerable and marginalised of the world at the centre of its life. Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche, helped the Primates of the Anglican Communion to see this at our meeting in January this year. He has said elsewhere: 'To live with Jesus is to live with the poor, to live with the poor is to live with Jesus' (Community and Growth 1989).

More than ever, we have a strong sense of the unity of Christians. God hears the prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ that we 'may be one, so that the world may believe that you have sent me' (John 17. 21) and even now is fulfilling his prayer. While we are deeply conscious today of the ecumenism of blood, we also live in the ecumenism of hope and we are called to an ecumenism of action. To live with the vulnerable and marginalised, with Jesus Christ at the centre of our communities and at the heart of our ecumenical relations, to act together out of love and in love, love that is the fruit of the Holy Spirit, is also to live as those who sow hope. Jesus said, 'I am the

light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life' (John 8.12). John the Evangelist, in words that will be heard in many of our churches during the forthcoming Christmas season, also strengthens us with this message: 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it' (John 1.5).

In our common celebration of the light of Jesus coming into the world, may we then encourage and build up one other, and so may the Church in every place, united in suffering and in hope, shine with his light and act with his strength, today.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Welby'.

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby

INTERMENT OF ASHES

We understand that a Mass will be held at St Marys Church, Walsingham for the interment of ashes of Fr Ron and Maureen (Bicky) Cook on Wednesday February 8th 2017. The service will be at 12:00 noon (subject to confirmation of the time).

As many of you know, this was Fr Ron's dearest wish to be at Walsingham - a place he loved and talked about so much. It was very shocking and sad to hear of his passing whilst visiting Walsingham in 2007.

Please let Richard know if you are attending or would like to go.

The Tarsus Times

Local Lad on New Mission

Welcome to this edition of the Tarsus Times. Reporting from Antioch, some 150 miles to the east in Syria, this reporter has been following one of our local boys; his dramatic change of heart; and how he is now about to embark on an exciting, challenging and probably extremely dangerous new mission.

We at the Tarsus Times know that it sometimes takes a while for this news to get around so, just so you know, we are in the 4th year of the reign of Emperor Claudius Caesar but our story starts about 40 years ago and already it extends well beyond our region of Cilicia.

Saul (as he is known by his Hebrew name) was born into a long line of Pharisees from the tribe of Benjamin. Whilst a well-respected Jewish family, his parents were also Roman citizens; with relatives (probably from his mother's side) living in Rome. But he also had relatives in Jerusalem and he went there at an early age to study at the Hillel school under Gamaliel, the well-respected Pharisee Rabbi whilst also learning his trade as a tent-maker.

Of course, all of Judea is a-buzz about Jesus of Nazareth. He came to prominence about 15 years ago and there are many tales of all sorts of miraculous things. Since he was crucified by Pontius Pilot nearly 13 years ago, a number of his followers have claimed he has risen from the dead and has now given his followers new powers.

Little is known of Saul as a young man but he must have been well known to the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem because he was given the job of looking after all the cloaks when the council stoned Stephen, the follower of Jesus, about 10 years ago. These followers of "The Way" clearly troubled Saul because he would often seek out these people and throw them in jail. Then about 2 years after Stephen's death, he prepared to go to Damascus to extend his work there. He went furnished with letters of introduction ready to go into the synagogues to preach against The Way and commissioned to seek out and imprison the followers.

But something dramatic happened on his way to Damascus. Eyewitnesses say there was a blinding flash of light and a voice. While a number of people heard the voice, they could see none; by Saul's own account he met the risen Jesus of Nazareth.

Whatever happened, it certainly changed him. First of all he was blinded for 3 days and then after a short while started preaching in Damascus, not against The Way, as expected, but of how Jesus was the Christ, the long-promised Messiah. This angered many Jews in Damascus and Saul had to flee. Reports say that he was lowered over the city wall in a basket! That was about 5 or 6 years ago because Aretas was still King of Syria.

Saul went to Jerusalem and initially the followers were wary; Jesus' apostles would not meet with him. But Barnabas, a Cypriot and long standing follower of Jesus, vouched for him and Saul started to preach in Jerusalem. Once again Jews tried to kill Saul so followers took him to Caesarea and from there he went home to Tarsus.

Since then Saul has teamed up with Barnabas; he brought Saul from Tarsus to here in Antioch where they preached and met with followers now calling themselves "Christians". After about

a year or so they went to Jerusalem, accompanied by John Mark, Barnabas's cousin, and they finally met Peter, Jesus' right hand man, and the other apostles.

Now back in Antioch, they are preparing to set out on a mission to preach about Jesus throughout the world. I understand Saul prefers to be known by his Greek-Roman name of Paul. I've got an inside track on this trip so look out for further news - I'm sure there is much to come from this lad from Tarsus.

Follow our intrepid reporter during the year only in Saints Alive!

FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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

WELL DONE POPPY

Congratulations to Poppy Holmes. She won the Gordon Winfield Award at the Gang Show in November. It is presented by the Band of the Show to a member of the Senior Gang for their enthusiasm, talent and behaviour, both during rehearsals and whilst performing on stage.

Nina Wishes everyone at All Saints a happy, peaceful and blessed 2017

When you are lonely, may God give you love

When you are down, may God give you joy

When you are troubled, may God give you peace

When things are complicated, may God give you simple beauty

When things are chaotic, may God give you inner silence

When things look empty, may God give you hope.



In Appreciation

Thanks to everyone that helped with the Christmas church cleaning! Many hands make light work and the church sparkled.

Grateful thanks also go to Jenny and Madeleine for the beautiful flower displays.

A **BIG** THANK YOU

Just before Christmas, as a volunteer with Home-Start Kettering, I took a huge hamper of food and a large bag of toys and books to the family I am currently supporting. The family, a single Mum and five children who all have additional needs had been ill with sickness. The food hamper was really needed as Mum had not been able to get out and do her shopping.

As you can imagine life is not easy for this family but through the generosity of others like you at All Saints, they were able to have a good Christmas. I wish you could have seen the grateful look on Mum's face and she wanted you to know how much your goodwill is appreciated.

At Home-Start some of the food and toys that are donated are kept in store throughout the year so that any family found without can be given an emergency hamper and toys too if necessary. Thank you again, and Happy New Year. Pat Smith

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 22nd January**.

The February edition will be available in church from **Sunday 29th January**. Many thanks to Madeleine for the many hours she has spent on it over the years. **Madeleine is still producing the bulletin each week.**



NewsLetter

DEADline

WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS

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Community Highlights for February

<p>Feb 3rd Slide-show on "Old Kettering" by Bernard Smith £3</p>	<p>Feb 4th Tea Dance 2.30pm - 4.30pm £3</p>
<p>Feb 17th Dead & Buried Presentation by Kevin Varty £4</p>	<p>Feb 24th Musical Memories from gramophone records 78's. Sing-along £3</p>
<p>Look out for the date of Messy Church during February, £1 per child</p>	
<p>Please let Angela know if you would like to sponsor an edition of Saints Alive! either as a memorial or to promote your business.</p>	
	