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Kettering All Saints
Monthly Update

Alive!

Pentecost and Trinity

June 2017



CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2017

1 June	11.00am	Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
3 June	8.30am	Table Top Sale
4 June	10.30am	All-Age Parish Eucharist - Pentecost
5 June	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
6 June	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
7 June	7.30pm	Churchwarden Admission to Service at SS Peter & Paul
8 June	11.00am	Holy Communion at Ashley Court
9 June	7.30pm	Mayflower Singers - Music Halls to Musicals
11 June	10.30am	Trinity Sunday
	3-4.30pm	Sonny & the Honey Dippers in the park. Ice-cream & strawberries in church
12 June	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
	8.00pm	PCC meeting
13 June	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
15 June	11.00am	Holy Communion at Abbeyfield
16 June	7.30pm	Talk - Sweet Memories by Kevin Varty £4
18 June	10.30	Trinity 1
	3-4.30pm	KBA Steel Band in the park. Ice-cream & strawberries in church
	6.15pm	Prayers round the cross United Service Taizé Style worship with RRBC
19 June	7.30pm	Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness
20 June	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
21 June	7.30-9pm	House Group at Glenn & Barbara's
22 June	11.00am	Holy Communion at Thorndale
23 June	7.30pm	Quiz night teams of 4 - £6
24 June	10.00-pm	PCC and friends "awayday" Warkton church (bring & share lunch)
25 June	10.30am	Trinity 2
	3-4.30pm	Rushden Mission Band in the park. Ice-cream & strawberries in church
26 June	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist

27 June	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
1 July	8.30am	Table Top sale
2 July	10.30am	All-Age Parish Eucharist - Trinity 3
	3-4.30pm	Messy Church - Joseph - £1 per child

FATHER TIM'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

It is 21 days since my wonderful Institution and Induction service to All Saints, as I write this, 3 weeks which have flown by. I have been really struck by how friendly and helpful everybody has been. I am also struck by how I am coming into a community that is flourishing in so many ways.

My initial goal is to absorb what is already going on, and get to know as many of you as possible. So, if you would like a visit, or would like to pop round the vicarage for a cuppa do say and I would be delighted to fix a time. I have also been making contact with some of the other church leaders and organisations in the town.

The readings on Sunday have been talking about us being on a journey, whether that is following Jesus the good shepherd or Jesus showing us the way to the Father's house where he has prepared a room for us. On Thursday 25th May, we will have celebrated the Ascension - Jesus rising in glory to be with his heavenly Father. Jesus promised to send us his Holy Spirit and this is the great feast of Pentecost we will celebrate on Sunday 4th June. Pentecost is 50 days from Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead. At baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit, but particularly if we were baptised as babies the Holy Spirit can remain in a way dormant. We need to wake up to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and say 'Yes' to whatever it is that the Holy Spirit wants to do in our lives.

Traditionally this has been the sacrament of confirmation when this power of the Holy Spirit is released afresh. But God is not bound to

only work at certain times, and many have experienced this release or baptism of the Holy Spirit afresh through prayer ministry, or even just praying on their own in their rooms.

The disciples' lives were changed forever by Pentecost. So too the Holy Spirit wants to transform our lives. Christianity is not a passive private affair. The Spirit is not given to us to keep to ourselves. On the contrary we are called to go out 'into the whole world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.' We cannot be good news to others unless we have experienced the Good News ourselves. So, let us be open this Pentecost to receive the Holy Spirit afresh and be open to whatever He wants to do in our lives.

I mentioned one Sunday that I would like to try and remember as many people's names as possible and pray for you individually. To that end, it would be helpful for me to maybe have a picture of as many people in the church as possible with your name on the back (or a picture by email). This will help me to picture who I am praying for and hopefully in time remember your name! Either, hand one to me, or drop it through the vicarage letterbox, or email it to me at kettallsaintschurch@gmail.com

Finally, on Saturday June 24th we are having an "away day" to pray, fellowship, and think about the future. If you feel that there is something the church should be doing that it isn't, or something you would like to see more of (or less of), if you have a talent or something you could do to help build up the church, or anything else at all, then do let me know, and we can bring that in prayer before the Lord and it may help inform our day away. It has been a blessed first few weeks, but let us remember to pray for one another as we journey on together.

With every blessing,
Fr Tim

MESSAGE FROM FR BRIAN

Fr Brian wishes to express his thanks for everyone's help and support during the Interregnum. He would also like to make it clear that he "doesn't tell jokes" but tells amusing stories with a religious theme!

THANKS FROM PAM CHANDLER

Many thanks for the beautiful orchid and cards I received on the occasion of my 80th birthday. I would also like to thank the family of All Saints for all the support and fellowship given to me over many, many years. It is very much appreciated. Bless you all. Love Pam

COMMUNITY EVENTS FROM MAY

Colin Medlycott (local butcher from Windmill Ave/Pipers Hill Rd) talked about his 50 years as a master butcher. He spoke of many of his funny anecdotes. He also educated us about different cuts of meat and which part of the animal they come from.

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE – OLD TESTAMENT, MOSES & THE EXODUS

Continuing with the Old Testament, we move forward around 400 years from the time of Jacob and Joseph. According to Exodus (ch 6), another of Jacob's sons, Levi, lived to be 137 and was the father of Kohath; Kohath lived to 133 and was the father of Amram who then lived to 137 and was father to Moses and Aaron.

Other interpretations of this section of the history suggest that there are 12 generations between Jacob and Moses which could be $12 \times 40 (= 480)$ years or $12 \times 25 (= 300)$ years. What is clear is that the Israelites had become numerous in the land of Egypt and as such

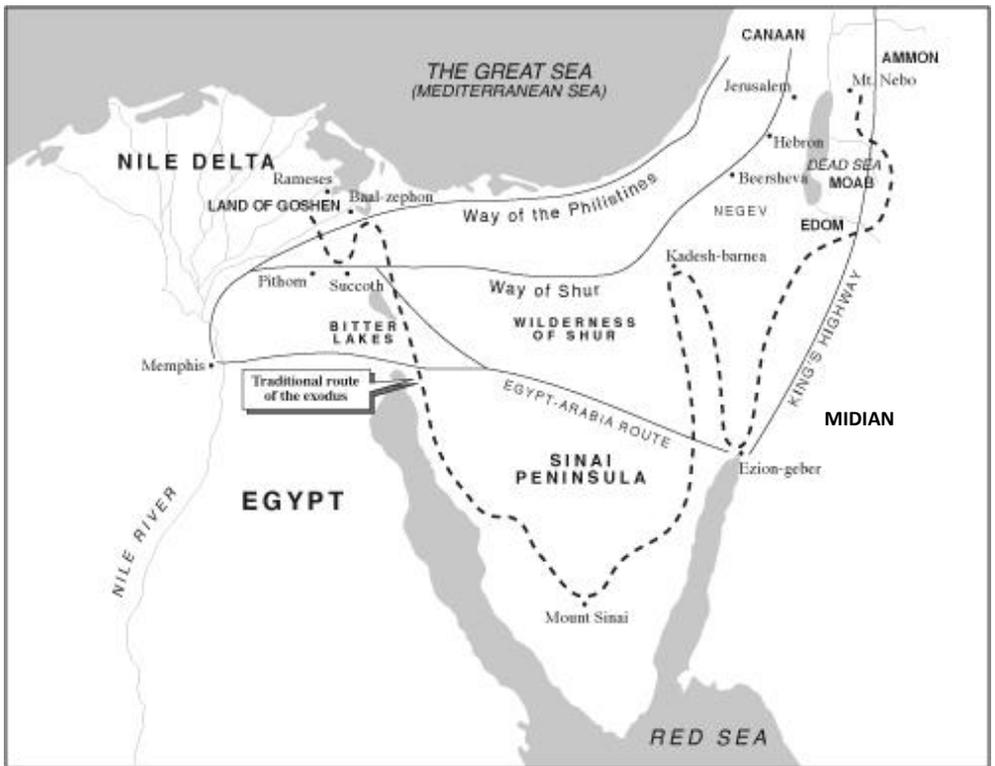
posed a threat to the native Egyptians, who had forgotten how much of a debt they owed to Joseph.

The Israelites were therefore made to be slaves, as brick-makers, for a major building phase in Egypt. As a means of population control and imposition of power over the Israelites, Pharaoh ordered the killing of all Hebrew boy-babies. From this, to avoid his death, we get his mother placing Moses in a basket in the bulrushes of the Nile and Moses being accepted into the royal household.

There is still debate about whether the Exodus happened in about 1280 BC or perhaps 1446 BC. Moses was 80 then, so his birth in 1526 BC would tie into recent Egyptian genealogy findings. Moses had been in exile in Midian (see map) after killing an Egyptian when he was called by God (the burning bush).

Along with Aaron, Moses returned to Egypt to try and negotiate the release of the Israelites from their slavery. The 10 plagues follow culminating in the last plague of the death of the first-born. To spare the Israelites from this purge, God instructs them to mark their doors with the blood of a lamb or young goat so that He will pass over these houses. This was the first Passover and following this the Pharaoh ordered Moses and the Israelites to leave Egypt. From chapter 12 we understand there were about 600,000 men plus women and children!

The exact route of the Exodus (especially the first section) is unclear, but the map here shows a commonly held view of the route. Rather than the Red Sea as we know it today, it seems more likely that the crossing was of the Reed Sea, near Baal Zephon as shown in the top left of this map. There are those, however, that claim that the crossing was of the right-hand branch of the Red Sea (known as the Gulf of Aqaba) about level with Mt Sinai as shown on the map and that, indeed Mt Sinai was, in fact, on the other side in Midian.



Both schools of thought have their "evidence" and have suggested the set of circumstances that could part the water and make it passable - there are, of course, many examples of crossing points at low tide: Morecambe Bay and St Michael's Mount are just 2 in the UK but remember we are talking about over a million people with carts, goods and animals! Try putting "Reed Sea" into Google (or any other search engine) and make your own mind up on this point.

The Israelites wandered in "the wilderness" for 40 years, avoiding main camel-train routes as shown on the map. They kept complaining bitterly about their lot and God kept providing for them - manna, quails, and water from rocks. At Mt Sinai God gave Moses the 10 Commandments and from Kadesh spies were sent into Canaan to assess the country but on return they still lied about their findings.

Next Month: The Law and the Promised Land.

The Tarsus Times

Paul gets to the Cor of Things!

Hello again from Ephesus on the edge of the Aegean Sea. Just to recap: we're travelling with our own local Tarsus fella, Saul, now called Paul. Paul literally had a blinding experience meeting Jesus of Nazareth on the Damascus Road even though Jesus had been crucified 12 years before! Paul's spent the last 15 years since then on a mission to make Jesus known throughout the region. I've been privileged to be with him as we've journeyed through Asia and Greece but it's been a bit hairy at times.

One of the stopping points was that centre for sin, Corinth, a Greek port on the Adriatic side of the Achaean peninsular. There's a growing Christian church there but we've also heard there's confusion over various areas of belief - Paul's been exchanging a number of letters with the people there in recent months; some people think there have been 2 letters but somehow the pages must have got dropped and mixed up because if you look closely there are at least 4, and probably more. Whatever! Letters and messages have been going back and forth, ok so let me tell you what Paul's been saying - trust me, this is gold!

This whole Christian thing is very new and there are many other influences in Greece, not least the pagan Romans! You know, it's a bit like the Jews of old as they kept going away from God. Paul's concerned that this shouldn't happen, but news suggests the new church in Corinth is struggling to find its way, or at least the right way, and divisions are starting to appear.

Paul's quick to note these issues and the legacy of previous belief. Traditionally Corinth is very into "Wisdom" and Paul fears they're trying to use human wisdom to understand God. First bit of teaching then: understanding is not by human wisdom, but by faith; the wisdom to understand is God's wisdom (and, after all, the church of Corinth is still a child in God's world).

Remember Apollos, (used to teach more from John the Baptist until Paul enlightened him) now there's confusion over whose teaching is more valid. Paul tackles that - they're both servants of God and builders for God; after all the Christians at Corinth (and, I suppose, everywhere) are God's temple and so should be apostles for Christ.

Paul has some very forthright guidance to give: immorality is the yeast of sin and, in reference to the Passover of Christ and Festival of Unleavened bread, this yeast needs to be removed! He tells them they shouldn't be resorting to lawsuits against one another - that demonstrates failure to love one another; differences should be resolved quickly and simply. He also makes his feelings on marriage and faithfulness very clear and whilst both men and women each have roles, these are quite distinct and discreet!

Regarding pagan influences, Paul suggests it's best to avoid anything related to the worship of idols, including any food left over, but otherwise apostles must still engage with the people they seek to win.

There's a big chunk of his letters that sets out the basics of Jesus's message and what his death and resurrection meant. He sets out how the special meal shared by Christians is a clear instruction, direct from Christ, and not just any other group meal - it brings everyone together to both share the same and revere God.

Christ died for our sins, was raised to life, and his resurrection is our resurrection which, as a corner stone of Christian belief, is to a beautiful, spiritual body, not a physical one. Paul adds 3 huge pillars to belief: faith, hope and love but, he says, the greatest of these is love.

After Christ died and rose again, strange things happened to Peter and the other disciples on, what is being called, the day of Pentecost.

Paul talks about the various gifts of the spirit, cautioning that no gift is greater than any other: one body has many parts and all parts are needed to complete the body! So, in worship, there's no point in speaking strange tongues unless there's also interpretation.

Paul planned to visit Corinth again, and I think still does, but things have been delayed. I think some of his early messages came over a bit harsh, so in the latest stuff Paul's been very conciliatory. There's still some great lines though: "whilst the Law is written on stone tablets, the Spirit of the Living God is written on human hearts"; "we should live in the full light of truth because, if the Gospel we preach is hidden, it is hidden from those being lost"; "our physical being is gradually decaying but our spiritual being is renewed day after day".

Wow! Really heavy stuff there, I'm sure you'll agree. There's more in there, too, about how important it is to give and about being proud of our weaknesses because God's grace is strongest when we are weak.

Paul's also been writing to other groups too; next time I'll tell you more but for now I'll finish as Paul did in his letters: May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

RIDE & STRIDE

If you've not visited many of the churches in Kettering why not enjoy the Ride and Stride event on September 9th? Maybe you would just like to drive around to visit them all, deciding on your own route? Richard Lewis has the sponsorship forms and has a list of all the churches open on the day. Gather sponsorship for this enjoyable event and 50% goes towards All Saints Church and the other half to the Historic Churches Trust. All Saints is open from 9.00am until 1pm and most churches provide refreshments and toilet facilities.

WARMS MY SOUL AND MAKES MY HEART FEEL WHOLE

To dream of England's pleasant shores
Free from tyrants and their laws
Warms my soul and makes my heart feel whole

This land of rolling hills and spires
Green oak trees and country squires
Warms my soul and makes my heart feel whole

In every bush and every tree
A songbird sings a song for me
Warms my soul and make my heart feel whole

Daisies dancing in the haze
Of the sunlight's golden rays
Warms my soul and make my heart feel whole

So glad to see the summer here
In the month of June
So glad to see the daisies
And roses all in bloom

Bees a-busy making honey
In the garden green
Big old weeping willow tree
Weeping in a stream

Many times I used to pray
For this day to come
On a bitter winter's day
Without one ray of sun



Happy birds so free and blessed
Flying from their mother's nest
Warms my soul and makes my heart feel whole

Along the lanes and on the wolds
Buttercups and marigolds
Warms my soul and make my heart feel whole

The horses and the farmyard cows
Grazing under oak tree boughs
Warms my soul and make my heart feel whole

England is the place for me
This wondrous land so green and free
Warms my soul and makes my heart feel whole

To dream of England's pleasant shores
Free from tyrants and their laws
Warms my soul and makes my heart feel whole
Yes, warms my soul and makes my heart feel whole

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MORE STORIES FROM MAUREEN

One of my sons, Evan, has always loved cats. We had them at home throughout his childhood and he has had them in his own home too. At one time he had a wonderful black furry cat which came from the Cat's Protection League, a charity that Evan and his wife used to do a lot for.

Added to this he also has a wonderful sense of humour and loved the cartoon of Garfield which I believe is now on TV.

I voluntarily used to produce a monthly newsletter for a residential home for the elderly when I worked there. I had great fun there as the people (usually called clients these days), I felt were like my friends; not very professional but that is how I felt.

For this newsletter, Evan, who had the knack of doing really funny cartoons, drew some to go into it. The residents loved them and I have added them and hope Angela can find room for them to add a bit of fun for you. Enjoy!



WHAT IS YOUR VISION OF SUCCESS?

A banker was standing on the pier of a small Italian fishing village, when a small fishing boat docked. 'How long did it take you to catch those?' the banker asked the fisherman, referring

to several large beautiful fish in the boat. 'Just a short while' the fisherman replied. The banker was surprised he hadn't stayed out longer to catch more fish, but the fisherman explained that this amount was enough to support his family. 'What do you do with the rest of your time?' asked the baffled banker.

'I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, and take siestas with my wife and stroll into the village every evening where I play guitar with my friends.'

The banker scoffed. 'I have an MBA and could help you. If you fish more, you could buy a bigger boat, then several boats and eventually a fleet. Then you could buy a factory, control processing and distribution and even expand globally.' 'How long will this take?' asked the fisherman. 'Maybe 15 or 20 years' replied the banker. 'Then what?' 'You could sell your company and make millions' 'Then what?'

'Then,' smiled the banker, 'you could retire and move to a small Italian fishing village where you could sleep late, fish a little, play with your children, take siestas with your wife and stroll into the village every evening to play guitar with your friends.'

It's so easy to see winning in monetary terms or to set our goals by the markers of success that our culture defines for us - houses, jobs with status, glamorous holidays and nice clothes. But the winners are those who see what the endgame is, rather than playing by the rules of others. We can be blinded to the real goal by what seem to be 'wins' along the way. To have any chance of success we must first be able to discern what really counts as winning.

FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

- 1st July - Table-Top Sale. Free entry from 8.30-12.00noon
- 2nd July Messy Church £1 per child (accompanied by an adult). Theme: Joseph 3-4.30pm
- 14th July - Joined at the Hippo (the life and music of "Flanders and Swann". A night of nostalgia and gnus) with Kevin Varty 7.30pm £4
- 21st July - Fun Quiz evening 7.30pm - £6 per team of 4. Bring your own drink!
- 22nd July - Tea Dance £3 - 2.30-4.30pm

"THY KINGDOM COME" PRAYER & WORSHIP GATHERINGS

Thurs 1 st June	Broughton Parish Church (with Mawsley & Cransley)	Church St, Broughton, Kettering, NN14 1LU	10-12noon
	Christ the King	Deeble Rd, Kettering, NN15 7AA	8-9pm
Fri 2 nd June	AFM-IM (Apostolic Faith Mission- International Ministries: Oasis of Life Assembly)	Venue to be confirmed	8-9pm
Sat 3 rd June	Open air Event	Market Place, Kettering, NN16 0AL	2.30-4.30pm Short service at 4.30pm

HOUSE GROUPS

June 21st The Parables of the Kingdom (Matthew 13)
July 19th The Miracle Stories (and social evening)

SPECIAL POEM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

A row of bottles on my shelf
Caused me to analyse myself
One yellow pill I have to pop
Goes to my heart so it won't stop.
A little white one that I take
Goes to my hands so they won't shake.
The blue ones that I use a lot
Tell me I'm happy when I'm not.
The purple pill goes to my brain
And tells me that I have no pain.
The capsules tell me not to wheeze
Or cough or choke or even sneeze.
The red ones, smallest of them all
Go to my blood so I won't fall.
The orange ones, very big and bright
Prevent my leg cramps in the night.
Such an array of brilliant pills
Helping to cure all kinds of ills.
But what I'd really like to know ...
Is what tells each one where to go!



BE THANKFUL

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take the time to look for it. For example, I'm sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt...
sent in by Madeleine

BBQ Time !!!

*Alan and Lyn invite you to join
them at home for a Summer BBQ
(vegetarian option)*

Saturday 5th August 2017

3pm til late

Partners / Family Welcome

RSVP by 29th July

(For catering purposes)

*Raffle in aid of
All Saints Church.*

UPDATE ON ST JUDE'S FOODBANK

The GOODNEWS is that another team came forward to administer foodbank when the St Jude's team finished on 19th May. There will probably be a small break in service during the transition period so please be patient.

Finally, Dave, Caroline, Tony & Barbara thank you for your generous support during the time that St Jude's has run the foodbank, it couldn't have happened without you.

Kettering Foodbank will continue to operate from the premises of Praise Community Church Alexandra St, Kettering in the short term.

Opening times are, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.30 - 12.00. Thursday evening 7.30 - 9.00pm.

If you would like to sponsor the Saints Alive magazine either in September, November, December or the new year then please speak to Angela - thank you.

There are some Sundays left on the flower rota to place flowers in church. Please see Madeleine.

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 25th June**. The July edition will be available in church from **Sunday 2nd July**.



NewsLetter

DEADline

WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

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Quick Glance - Community Highlights for July

<p>July 1st Car Boot & Table Top Sale 8.30am - 12noon</p>	<p>July 14th Joined at the Hippo - Talk by Kevin Varty (the life and music of "Flanders and Swann") at 7.30pm £4</p>
<p>July 21st Fun Quiz evening! £6 teams of 4 7.30pm</p>	<p>July 22nd Tea Dance £3 2.30pm - 4.30pm</p>

16th, 23rd & 30th July - Bands in the Park with Strawberries and Ice-cream in Church!
3-4.30pm

This edition of Saints Alive is sponsored in memory of Alex Gordon
(faithful member of All Saints congregation)

