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Kettering All Saints
Monthly Update

Alive!

**“The Church in the Park – Growing
in Faith, Hope and Love”**



August 2022

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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

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| Sun 31st | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist – Trinity 7 |
| Jul | 2-4pm | Bands in the park – strawberries + ice-cream |
| Aug 1st | 7.30-8pm | Holy Eucharist |
| 6th | 8.30-11.30 | Preloved and New Table Top Sale |
| Sun 7th | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist – Trinity 8 |
| | 2-4pm | Bands in the park – strawberries + ice-cream |
| 8th | 7.30-8pm | Holy Eucharist |
| 13th | | Tea Dance Cancelled - <i>unavailability of DJ</i> |
| Sun 14th | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist – Trinity 9 |
| 15th | 7.30-8pm | Holy Eucharist |
| 19th | 7.30-9.30pm | Fun Quiz – bring your own drink & nibbles £2 each – max 4 in a team. Raffle available |
| Sun 21st | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist – Trinity 10 with baptism |
| | 2-4pm | Bands in the park – strawberries + ice-cream |
| 22nd | 7.30-8pm | Holy Eucharist with Healing |
| 27th | 3pm | Church BBQ (please sign up if you wish to attend) |
| Sun 28th | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist – Trinity 11 |
| 29th | 7.30-8pm | Holy Eucharist <i>No service as Bank Holiday</i> |
| 3rd Sept | 8.30-11.30 | Preloved and New Table Top Sale |
| Sun 4th | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist – Trinity 12 |



A MESSAGE FROM FR BRIAN

A few weeks ago, the church celebrated the feast of “Corpus Christi” [the body of Christ]. This is a time when we focus on the elements of Holy Communion as we share the bread and wine which symbolically represent the body and blood of Christ. Earlier in the year, on Maundy Thursday, we were reminded of the occasion at the last supper when Jesus instituted the Eucharist with the words, “this is my body, this is my blood given for you, do this in remembrance of me.” From the very earliest, His disciples carried out this simple instruction. In Acts we are told that “they broke bread in their homes with glad and sincere hearts.”

Over the centuries, the rite of Holy Communion has faced many challenges, not least at the Reformation when “Papist” practices were not encouraged. After much turmoil an English prayer book was produced by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in 1549 and after several revisions became “The Book of Common Prayer 1662” which, until 1928 remained unchanged. Further revisions eventually produced the “Alternative Service Book” in 1980 which was then superseded by “Common Worship” in 2020.

As Anglicans, the celebration of Holy Communion is central to our main act of worship, in obedience to our Lord’s command. It is a privilege and a joy to be a part of this celebration of “The Lord’s Supper” which has stood firm over the centuries. It is especially joyful since we were denied access to this spiritual grace by the pandemic which closed our churches for many months. Only recently have we been able to return to anything like normality, and we thank God that this is now possible.

These are some words from one of my favourite Eucharistic hymns -

“I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me shall not hunger;

he who believes in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

And I will raise him up at the last day”

Words which echo St. John 6:35-40 and which show us the way to eternal life.

God has given us the means by which we can share in the risen life of His son our saviour Jesus Christ and we know that He will be among us as we meet to celebrate this Holy sacrament.

Fr. Brian

The Christian Chronicle

Back to Basics?

As we enter the 19th Century, the Napoleonic Wars are still unsettling Europe, but these come on the back of a desire, in France particularly, for things to change. The universal question is: were things right to start with and then went wrong? – in which case, should things go back to how they were in the hope of getting it right; or is more change needed to what we have? There are different ideas on this, especially depending on which side of the Atlantic you look.

We'll start with those Napoleonic wars because they had become so important to European stability. Napoleon was determined to conquer Europe. In 1798 he forced the Knights of St John to leave the Island of Malta, and, as we know, Malta is very strategic in the Mediterranean. Napoleon was keen to command Europe by both land and sea. As we are now in 1820, I'm able to report on 3 key events in these wars. First, was the sea battle between the Napoleonic Fleet (aided by the Spanish) at Trafalgar, off the south coast of west Spain. The British, commanded by Admiral Lord Nelson, were victorious even though Nelson was killed.

Napoleon sought to extend east and capture Russia. Whilst he succeeded in reaching Moscow in September 1812, the Russians had strategically evacuated and set the city alight. This out-manoeuvred Napoleon and, forced to retreat, his Grande Armée suffered significant losses in the severe winter weather. I'm sure some Russian composer will no doubt write a major orchestral piece to commemorate this someday.

Then finally, Napoleon faced the British Army and its allies under the command of Arthur Wellesley (that's Wellesley, not Weasley as someone has tried to suggest to me recently), a prolific soldier and commander who had been made Duke of Wellington following previous victories in 1814.

The two sides collided over a series of battles in June 1815 culminating in Napoleon's final defeat at Waterloo, a small village in the Netherlands. This was actually Napoleon's second major defeat having been forced to surrender in 1814. That defeat had resulted in Napoleon's abdication and exile to the island of Elba. After just 9 months he escaped, returned to Paris and raised the new army that then faced Wellington. The wars were finally ended by the Treaty of Paris, and Napoleon has been condemned to exile on the island of St Helena where, it looks, he'll end his days.

Great Britain has been emerging and coagulating: first the various English kingdoms came together; then Wales was bound with England in the 16th century. The Stuart line brought Scotland closer during the 17th century before formal union in 1707 and, for a long time, there'd been English settlers in Ireland, often of noble class. In 1801 Ireland formally joined to Britain forming the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Whilst this seems a political matter, it's also a significant religious issue. In the 250 years or so since Henry VIII broke from Rome, there have been significant tensions between Catholics and Protestants. Protestant rule across England, Wales and Scotland has left little room for Catholics, with those who did remain often facing persecution and intimidation. In Ireland, however, the opposite is true; Catholicism has remained strong across the majority of the island. The Protestant English settlers, however, often with land, money and titles, have gained a strong foot-hold, both socially and politically in the northwest corner with focus on Belfast.

The Treaty bringing the countries together politically was only possible as a result of agreements to start to relieve the segregation and oppression of Catholics on both sides of the Irish Sea. There's still tension and much work to be done as the situation cannot even be described as tolerance between the factions yet, but change has started.

Increasingly in Britain, there's been a sense of need to educate more and more; the Church of England has played a significant part in this. Starting with Sunday Schools, the church has also been supporting full weekday education. In 1811, the Church of England helped to form the 'National Society for the Promoting of Religious Education' with the aim of providing elementary education to every Parish in England and Wales – so called "National Schools" have begun to spring up all over the country.

George III came to the throne in 1760 and, like his father before him, had taken a keen interest in the government of the country. But, in recent years, his health has failed to the point his son, also George, formally became Regent in 1811, yet it's only just this year that he's finally succeeded as George IV. This George does not seem to take the same level of interest in the politics of the country as his father and grandfather before him, therefore there is much greater emphasis developing on Parliament. In Britain, therefore, the seeds of change do not ignore the old but still seek to press forward with the new.

On the other side of the Atlantic, however, there's a hankering to return to principles of the early church. The pre-supposition is that the 1st Century church was pure and untarnished by human desire and focused very clearly on the teachings of Jesus, either directly or, at most, as discerned by his Apostles. In two separate locations a "Restoration Movement" has started. So similar, they'll almost certainly join together.

At the time of our last report, Thomas Jefferson was the Vice President. He has since served as President for 8 years but then turned his attention to religion. He's just produced a text entitled "The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth". It's been compiled by, literally, shaving text from various translations of the New Testament and gluing them together in a format that excludes all miracles by Jesus, and almost all reference to Jesus' divinity or anything supernatural. The resurrection is not referenced at all. Oddly, this is being termed the "Jefferson Bible".

The 1730's and 40's had seen what is being referred to as 'the Great Awakening', this evangelical revival within the church had effects on both sides of the Atlantic and spawned numerous denominations, not least Methodism. Now, these recent developments in America are being termed as part of a 'Second Great Awakening'. There's a particular intensity in and around New York. Reports are now coming in that a man named Joseph Smith has had a vision and that this may relate to two persons of the God-head Trinity. This is causing a degree of clamour and so, like many of the attempts to return to fundamental principles noted above, it will be interesting to see where this takes us.

FROM ALICE

Alice wrote on Twitter on 10.7.22. First, last service done. Only a few tears. Endless gratitude for this place where I have felt completely at home behind the altar. I didn't serve here as a deacon so I learnt to be a priest here. They smiled when I messed up, and always told me how happy I looked.



CONFIRMATION

This year, St Peter & St Paul we will be holding a Confirmation service on 4th December during their Sunday morning service at 10:30am with Bishop Donald. Preparation classes for those wanting to be confirmed will take place on two Saturday mornings, from 9.30am to 12.30pm on: 5th November at St Michael's and 19th November at P&P. These classes will be an opportunity to reflect together on the heart of our faith, and to go through some practical preparations for the service of confirmation. Anyone aged 16+ from All Saints who is thinking of being confirmed this year, is welcome to get in touch to find out more. For further information, and with any questions, please email: Carys or Jane carys@peterandpaul.org.uk; jane@peterandpaul.org.uk

BISHOP DONALD

In a letter to the Diocese on 3 July, Bishop Donald has announced his intention to retire in January 2023.

In his 12 years of episcopal ministry Bishop Donald has brought many to faith, finding particular joy in the teaching and nurturing of those seeking to know, love and serve Christ more fully, whatever their background or life's vocation.



He has claimed, in all six of his church posts since he was first ordained in 1976, to have the best job in the world. He loves ordained ministry, and encouraging others into it. He has taken his role as chief pastor and teacher very seriously, having taken personal responsibility for regular pastoral visits to the clergy not just pre-pandemic, but most notably also during covid and the enforced lockdowns, when he has maintained one-to-one supportive relationships via Zoom, and recorded video sermons and meditations every week, and which he continues to do.

He is also deeply committed to encouraging greater involvement of lay people in ministry and will be admitting and licensing new Readers in the autumn, and licensing new Lay Ministers and Lay Workers on 15 October, the latter including children and families workers, and youth mission enablers: Bishop Donald has always seen children and young people as an integral part of the church.

As Bishop of Peterborough he has been active in the House of Lords since he was admitted at the start of 2014, speaking on a number of important issues such as farming and rural affairs, prisons and criminal justice, mental health, and North and South Korea, and has taken time to listen to and support other members from all sides of the House. He has set up and led our Diocesan involvement with South Korea, has led a number of pilgrimages to the Holy Land, has been an active Vice President of the Leprosy Mission, and has chaired the Council for Christian Unity.

In his letter, Bishop Donald stated his continued commitment to ministry saying ‘Those who know me well will know that I have no intention of stopping ministry, but in the next stage it will almost certainly be part-time, and by a wise but painful convention it will be well away from Peterborough Diocese’.

Bishop Donald will conclude his time in office with an afternoon farewell service in the Cathedral on Sunday 8 January. Following this, an Acting Bishop, likely to be announced in the autumn, will oversee the Diocese whilst the process continues for the appointment of a new Diocesan Bishop.

Concluding his letter Bishop Donald stated: ‘I simply repeat what I have often said since I came here in 2010, that being your bishop continues to be a great privilege and (mainly) a great joy. I look forward to six more months of that.’

(Taken from Peterborough Diocese website)

A PERFECT FIT

(Christ) in whom the whole building, being fitted together,
grows into a holy temple in the Lord - Ephesians 2:21

Too long. Too short. Too big. Too small. Too tight. Too loose. These words describe most of the clothes I try on. Finding the perfect fit seems impossible.

Finding a church that is a “perfect fit” poses similar problems. Every church has something that’s not quite right. Our gifts aren’t recognised. Our talents aren’t appreciated. Our sense of humour is misunderstood. Certain attitudes, beliefs, people, or programmes make us uncomfortable. We feel as if we don’t fit. We struggle to find our place. We know, however, that God wants us to fit together with one another. The apostle Paul said we are being “built together to become a dwelling in which God lives” (Eph.2:22 NIV)

The believers in the church today, like the tabernacle in the days of Moses (Exodus 26) and the temple in the days of Solomon (1 Kings 6:1-14), are the dwelling place of God on earth. God wants us to fit together – for there to be no divisions in His church. This means that we, the

building blocks, are to be “perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

No church will be a perfect fit, but we can all work at fitting together more perfectly. – JAL

Submitted by Anne & Eddie Walker – taken from “Our Daily Bread”

JULY PCC meeting

Items of note discussed:

Altar Party Revival - Training for altar party candidates has started and it is planned to reintroduce the presentation of the bread and wine procession when it is fully functional.

Parish Priest's Items

- Final PCC meeting with David prior to his visit to South Korea. We wish him well.
- Arrangements to cover his absence are in hand. The new Archdeacon, the Venerable Alison Booker will be invited to visit All Saints.
- It was noted that 3 Bishops from South Korea were in England for the Lambeth conference and they would also be visiting Kettering. Jennie Loasby will represent All Saints in any proceedings. No particular plan, at this stage, to visit All Saints.

Services and Covid Restrictions

Healing services on the third Monday of the month recommenced from 18th July.

Celebrants continue to wear masks during preparation and distribution of communion to limit breathing on the host etc.

Garden Project - Angela and Marie have made progress with this project. Following a meeting with the William Street team a constitution is being written which will provide protection for both sides and include a Code of Conduct. It will be brought to the PCC for approval. This is considered a long term project that is not being taken lightly. Careful consideration is being given to many aspects at each stage of its development and risk assessments will be prepared as necessary.

Finance - Marie had presented accounts prior to the meeting. These were accepted.

The card reader has been purchased and set up.

To Do List - Remains the same.

Community Events - These events continue to raise essential funds for our Church but they cannot continue if more help is not forthcoming. Please volunteer to help, particularly at the moment, for the Strawberries and Ice cream events over the Summer. Thank you so much to all those who have already volunteered. Speak to Angela. It is not necessary to cover the whole event if we have enough volunteers the hours can be split. Angela has joined our team of Level 2 Food Hygiene certificate holders.

Hall Matters - Zumba class going generally well despite cancellation due to heat wave(s). A fortnightly Tuesday afternoon session letting to a group of Musicians is under negotiation. It seems lettings are improving due to changes in charges.

Fabric - Richard reported that Contractors are finally on track to commence very shortly with the required work to the roof and tower.

Next Meeting - Monday 12th September at 8pm in the Jubilee Room.

Notes by Jane Boutchier

JUMPING THE QUEUE

A true tale of heroism that takes place not in a war zone, nor a hospital, but in Victoria station in London in 2007, during a tube strike. Our hero a transport journalist and self-described "big, stocky bloke with a shaven head" named Gareth Edwards, who first wrote about this experience on the community blog metafilter.com – he is standing with other commuters in a long, snaking line for a bus, when a smartly dressed businessman blatantly cuts in line behind him. (**Behind him:** this detail matters.)

The interloper proves immune to polite remonstrations, whereupon Edwards is seized by a magnificent idea. He turns to the elderly woman standing behind the queue-jumper and asks her if she'd like to go ahead of him. She accepts, so he asks the person behind her, and the next person, and the next – until 60 or 70 people have moved ahead, Edwards and the seething queue-jumper shuffling further backwards all the time. The bus finally pulls up, and Edwards hears a shout from the front of the line. It's the elderly woman, addressing him: "Young man! Do you want to go in front of me?"

Author: Oliver Burkeman in "The Guardian Weekend", 28 August 2010

ALL THE JOY OF SUMMER

I contemplate the beauty of the skyway
While walking on the diamond studded highway
The Summer Solstice moon
Is shining like a spoon
And all the joy of summer's coming my way

Yes, all the joy of summer's coming my way
All along the highway and the byway
The flowers start to smile
While I walk a country mile
Yes, all the joy of summer's coming my way

I contemplate the beauty of the morning
On the longest summer day that's dawning
The birds begin to sing
A fond farewell to spring
Where flowers bloom and busy bees are swarming

I contemplate the passing of the springtime
In the bright glow of the summer sunshine
The sweetest summer fruits
Spring forth from earthly roots
Where scented roses flower on the vine

I contemplate the summertime in bloom
As morning slowly turns to afternoon
Upon the gentle breeze
That whispers in the trees
I hear a songbird sing the sweetest tune

Yes, all the joy of summer's coming my way
All along the highway and the byway
The flowers start to smile
While I walk a country mile
Yes, all the joy of summer's coming my way

WELL DONE!



I was very proud to attend, a Girlguiding presentation evening in July where the Povey family were presented with Hero certificates for saving a youngster's life. Millie was also presented with the "Guiding Spirit Award" for being exceptionally brave and resourceful in the most difficult of times. Claire had recently attended her First Response course at the time and put her training to good use. I know that All Saints Rainbows are in good hands with both Claire and Millie at our meetings.

Angela Brett



THE BLACK DOT

One day, a professor entered his classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They all waited anxiously at their desks for the exam to begin.

The professor handed out the exams with the text facing down, as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked the students to turn over the papers.

To everyone's surprise, there were no questions—just a black dot in the centre of the paper. The professor, seeing the expression on everyone's faces, told them the following: "I want you to write about what you see there." The students, confused, got started on the inexplicable task.



At the end of the class, the professor took in all the exams, and started reading each one of them out loud in front of all the students.

All of them, with no exception, defined the black dot, trying to explain its position in the centre of the sheet. After all had been read, the classroom silent, the professor started to explain:

"I'm not going to grade you on this, I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot – and the same thing happens in our lives. Our life is a gift, and we always have reasons to celebrate – nature renewing itself daily, friends around us, the job that provides our livelihood, etc. However, we insist on focusing only on the black dot – the health issues that bother us, the lack of money, the complicated relationship with a family member, the disappointment with a friend. The dark spots are very small when compared to everything we have in our lives, but they are the ones that pollute our minds. Take your eyes away from the black dots in your lives. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you. Be happy and live a life filled with love!"

Author unknown

IT'S BBQ TIME



Church Fundraiser

BBQ Time!!!

Alan and Lyn invite you to join them at **church** for a Summer BBQ on Saturday 27th August.
From 3pm

Partners / Family welcome.
Raffle in support of All Saints Church

RSVP by 20th August
(for catering purposes.)
Please bring your own drink.
Cost:
£5 per adult and £3 per child (up to age 12), £15 for a family (two adults and two children)

DEADLINE FOR COPY - Please send in your snippets, news, prayers etc to Angela. The deadline for the Sept edition of Saints Alive! is 30th Aug. It will be available from Sunday 4th Sept.



NewsLetter

DEADline

"The November magazine is still available to sponsor for this year."

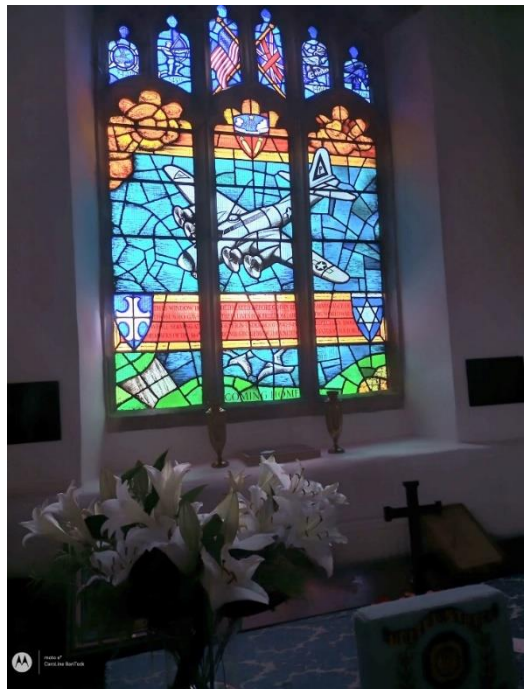
CHURCHES AROUND OUR AREA

(Photographs by permission of Caroline Bantock-Brown of churches, porches, spires, grotesques, stained-glass windows etc.)

St James the Apostle Church at Grafton Underwood



This archetypal medieval church is a Grade I Listed Building. It has a strong American link, hence this stained glass window dedicated to the airmen who were stationed at the base at Grafton Underwood during the war.



WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

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| Priest-in-charge | Rev. David Walsh | |
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Flowers by Pink Florists

Community Highlights for September 2022



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| <p>3rd Preloved and new table-top sale. Contact Richard on 07887617978 you must book a £6 stall in advance!</p> <p>8.30-11.30am open to public.</p> | <p>4th & 11th Bands in the Park with tea, coffee and strawberries and ice-cream in church 2-4pm</p> |
| <p>9th "The Ham-It-Ups" present "A Murder to Die For" at 7.30pm £6 per person and bring your own drinks and nibbles.</p> | <p>10th Tea Dance starts at 2-30pm-4.30pm. Raffle available. Entry £3 includes tea, coffee and cake.</p> |
| <p>10th Sausage & Mash fundraising evening with talk for Rev'd Jane Burns for the Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People at 6.30pm.</p> | <p>16th Fun Quiz evening £2 each includes tea/coffee. Max 4 in a team. Bring your own drink & nibbles. Raffle. 7.30pm start.</p> |
| <p>23rd Illustrated Talk and Fun Q's on the History of Gardening by Michael Brown MA. Entry £6 includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Raffle available. 7.30-9.15pm.</p> | <p>29th Illustrated Railway Talk by Robin Cullup - "To Cambridge by Midland." 7.30-9.15pm. Entry £6 includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Raffle available. 7.30-9.15pm.</p> |
| <p>1st October Preloved and new table-top sale. Contact Richard on 07887617978 you must book a £6 stall in advance!</p> <p>8.30-11.30am open to public.</p> | |



**Sue and John Owen sponsor Saints Alive!
in loving memory of Sue's Mum,**

Joan Allen

15th August 2005.

Also remembering, John Allen

on 1st August

**on what would have been his 100th
birthday.**



**This edition of Saints Alive! is in memory
of Barry Vasey.**



**Loved and remembered always by
Nina and all his family.**

