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Kettering All Saints
Monthly Update

Alive!

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



June 2022

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CALENDAR FOR JUNE

June 5 th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Pentecost
	12.30	Bring & share lunch for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
6 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
10 th	7.30pm	Happy Together Ukulele Band £6
11 th	2.30-4.30pm	Tea Dance £3. Raffle available
12 th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Trinity Sunday
13 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
	8pm	PCC
16 th	7.30pm	Corpus Christi
17 th	7.30pm	Talk on London Rd Cemetery £5
18 th	3pm	<i>Wedding of David & Lyndsay</i>
19 th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Trinity 1
20 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
24 th	7.30-9.30pm	Fun Quiz – bring your own drink & nibbles £2 each – max 4 in a team. Raffle available
25 th	10-12.30pm	Meditation – Listening to God
26 th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Trinity 2
27 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
2 nd July	8.30-11.30	Table Top Sale
3 rd	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Trinity 3
	Time TBC	A band in the park – strawberries + ice-cream
4 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist

A MESSAGE FROM DAVID

Every week we are reminded in our prayers that we belong to a worldwide church. Women and men on every continent share our faith. A visible expression of this is the Lambeth Conference, a gathering of bishops from across the Anglican Communion for prayer and reflection, fellowship and dialogue on church and world affairs. This usually happens once a decade and is taking place in July and August this year.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has asked us to set aside 12 June, Trinity Sunday, as a day to pray for the bishops and for the Conference. Despite all that unites us, the worldwide Anglican Communion is divided on many issues and so we pray that the Conference will lead to increased understanding between those who disagree and a strengthened desire for genuine unity.

Among those at the Conference will be Anglican bishops from South Korea. All Saints is now part of a link between churches in Kettering and the church of St Columba in Osan, a Korean city about 22 miles south of the capital Seoul. Some of you may have seen Father Aeduk from St Columba's take part in an online service back in 2020. Jennie Loasby is part of the Kettering end of that link. The Kettering team and the Korean team have now met together online four times.

On 12 June, when churches around the country are praying for the Anglican Communion, P & P have once again invited our Korean friends to help lead their service. We want to find out if there is some way for All Saints to benefit from that occasion and to enable direct links in future between All Saints and our Korean friends.

In September I am flying out to South Korea to spend two months there as part of my sabbatical. I want to get to know the country better and to strengthen links with the Korean church. I hope when I return that I can find an opportunity to share some of what I've learned with you. And I hope the growing ties between us and the Korean church will enable us to get a broader vision of God's church and of the very different ways in which God's purposes for the church and for the world are worked out in different places.

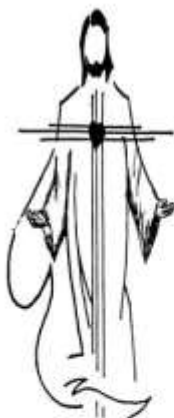
THANKS FROM TRACY PEGRAM

To All Saints,

I wanted to write and thank you again for your support and prayers as I journey towards ordination, and for the additional prayers for my broken ankle! I am healing well and hope to be back on both feet in time for the ordination service on 26th June.

I have so much to be thankful for during my three years as an ordinand in the parish of St Peter & St Paul, with St Michael and All Angels, not least the addition of the parish of All Saints which brought the opportunity to serve in a new context. I have really appreciated your support and encouragement as I have developed my preaching skills and I will always look back with fondness on the time spent with you.

Thank you for the lovely card that you sent to me, and I shall continue to remember you in prayer.



Listening to God

A quiet meditation day

Leader: Rev. David Walsh

At All Saints Church
William Street
Kettering
NN16 9RR

Saturday, 25th June 2022

10.00-12.30



How do we hear God speaking to us in a noisy world where we have so many other things competing for our attention?

If you want to find out come to our quiet meditation day and learn some of the tools that the great mystics have used when Listening to God.

Book via Angela Brett if you wish to attend

The Christian Chronicle

Enlightened Independence

Over our journeys to date, it's often been difficult to separate religion from state politics. Sometimes the religion has driven the supposedly secular, other times it's been the other way round, but it's usually been possible to see connection between the two. I aimed to jump forward a quarter of a century but have ended going a bit further because I kept seeing political issues and was wondering how these would impact on religion. I have to start by saying that I'm still wondering. It feels like there's going to be an impact but the when and how are still not clear. We've arrived at 1780, so let's just take stock.

We've previously seen how the new "Age of Enlightenment" has made people stop and look to justify things in terms of science and philosophy. The church hasn't entirely escaped this examination, but, to some extent, the Reformation, and the continuing ripples from that, has already shaken things up. Books, journals pamphlets and discussions in the new coffee houses have been the main means of transmission of these new ideas but the growth of Freemasonry has also made a contribution.

Establishment structures seem to be most vulnerable to enlightenment, so it's the authority of the Monarchy that's been under threat politically, and the Catholic Church has been the target within the Christian faith. The response of the Catholic Church, as we heard last time, is to excommunicate anyone becoming a Freemason. More liberal Reformed churches have certainly been more open, Freemasons, after all, are required to declare a belief in a Supreme Being and it's becoming clearer that some senior churchmen are also Masons. The Catholic Church is also condoning suppression of the Society of Jesus (or Jesuits) that was established by Ignatius of Loyola under Pope Paul III in 1540, effectively removing them from much of Western Europe.

There continues to be a growth of colonies from Europe in the New World. This land is seemingly fertile for Puritan and non-conformist views of all kinds. Orthodox Greeks have settled in Florida, Franciscan Catholics have reached California, and the latest other group to be established is the 'United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing'. The sect, founded in Britain before moving to America, became noted for dramatic and ecstatic behaviour during worship, earning the nickname "Shaking Quakers"; it wasn't long before this got compounded into just "Shakers".

The political scene in Britain has seemed very settled. The longevity of the Hanoverian Georges has probably helped. George III succeeded his father in 1760. George II had been on the throne 32 years, and now his son has already done 20 years but is still only 42. In Parliament, the more liberal Whig party has constantly dominated, with one notable exception. John Stuart, Earl of Bute, had favour with the new young King and became the first Tory (and first Scotsman) to become Prime Minister in 1762. Britain had been fighting with France again – this time the Seven Years War. Bute was instrumental in negotiating the Treaty of Paris which ended the conflict, but wars and military might cost money and, in a move to balance the books, Bute sought to pass the cost of the extra military required to defend new American colonies onto the colonials themselves in the form of taxes. The effects of these taxes was, of course, to leave the colonies very disgruntled and resentful.

Enlightenment has also led to publications of many books explaining things – encyclopaedia have appeared in Britain and across Europe, and Dr Samuel Johnson has produced a dictionary of English language. It would, however, be wrong to suggest religion has been unscathed by enlightenment: papers written by Sir Isaac Newton, identifying inconsistencies in biblical accounts, have now been published; in Germany, a philosopher called Hermann Reimarus has proposed a doctrine suggesting human reason can arrive at a knowledge of God – it's being called Deism. His work was only published recently, some 15 years after his death, but already his approach is being identified as a new "Liberal Theology".

Enlightenment does seem to bring questions to everything, but in order to be able to ask those things eloquently, people need to be educated. In Britain, outside the 'well-to-do' classes, education is in short supply. William King started a 'Sunday School' in the Gloucestershire town of Dursley in 1751 and now (1780) a further school has been established by Robert Raikes in Gloucester itself. Attached to the church, they are bringing education to the poor, and the idea seems to be catching on.

Across the ocean, in America, however, the colonials have had enough of being dictated to by the old country – they want their own new country. War has broken out against the British, and, whilst fighting is on going, there's been a Declaration of Independence. Already people are talking about 4th July 1776 as being the biggest date in American history so far. Britain seems too settled to be over-rattled by this development, but elsewhere in Europe things are bubbling. It's all politics, but sooner or later, I'm sure the church will get caught up in it too.

CHANGES in Covid Restrictions from David Walsh

'The PCC - our elected church council - met last week and I have accepted their recommendation that we relax our response to the threat of COVID.

We are very grateful for the huge patience and understanding you have shown over the last couple of years. Our main concern has been to keep people safe and so far that has paid off and our services have been safe spaces. But it is very good to be able to move on.

From now on, you will be offered both wafers and wine during the administration of communion. It is entirely up to you whether you choose to receive from the common cup. If you do not wish to receive, simply step away. For reasons of hygiene, we do not encourage the dipping of wafers into the chalice. Sanitiser will continue to be available if you wish to use it after receiving communion. This may be especially appropriate if you have needed to remove and then replace a mask as you receive.

It will also be entirely up to you whether you want to wear a mask during the service or to keep social distance. Presiding priests will still be taking precautions during the consecration and administration of communion.

Let us hope and pray that the events of the past two years are now something from the past and we can together look towards a very different future.' David.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bishop Stopford School

faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion

- Ms Silverthorne, the Senior Leadership team
- The Governing body
- The Chaplaincy
- Praying parents
- Exams
- Students who are leaving, guidance
- Assemblies
- Individual students
- God's saving grace, His mercy that leads to repentance
- New beginnings

Raffle Prizes

Our box of raffle prizes is getting very low. If you have anything to donate, please pass to Angela or Nina. We usually have a raffle at each event and they quickly use up the prizes!

MICHAEL TRUMAN
1942-2022



Michael was born in 1942 in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire where he lived with his parents and brother Alan. He went to Sunday School and when old enough became an altar server at the local church.

He attended Brunts School and left aged 16. He started work at the Electricity Board as a clerk in the accounts department and started at College in Nottingham studying Accountancy. During this time, he met Susan at a swimming gala. Susan was just 16, so they began a long courtship and married in 1967. David was born in 1968 and the Helen in 1970. During this time Michael qualified as an Accountant.

In 1975 the family moved to Kettering and not long after, the family attended All Saints. Susan's health began to deteriorate and was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Michael continued to work until 1992 when he took early retirement to care for Susan until she died in 2000. They became proud grandparents to Amy, Matthew, Will and Josh.

He began serving again and often read or wrote the prayers and began to work on various committees for the Deanery and the Diocese. Michael

became the Treasurer at All Saints for many years. He took this very seriously and gave up hours of his time. His voluntary work was very important to him and in 2016 was nominated to receive the Maundy Money from the Queen at Windsor Castle. Helen was able to go with him and they were treated to a very special day.

Michael continued to attend All Saints until he wasn't well enough. About 3 years ago he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and moved in with Helen and Scott in Barton Seagrave. Michael fell in love with the family dogs and they all spent hours napping together. They gave him great comfort, and he gave them treats when he thought no one was looking.

Michael's health deteriorated quickly and had to move into a Nursing home and in February this year he suffered a stroke. Michael died peacefully on 19th April. Even though Alzheimer's took so much from him, his character would often shine through – a cheeky smile, a roll of his eyes and sometime a wink if you were lucky!

Helen Truman

Fr Brian said "I have known Michael for about ten years, he was a man of a firm faith who was totally dedicated to All Saints church. I can't recall a time when he was not a regular attender at Sunday worship. He was always keen to ensure that All Saints kept to its Anglo Catholic tradition and I'm sure he'll be pleased with our progress."

Gordon Steele added "I have been asked to say something about Michael's involvement in the wider life of the church – in the Deanery of Kettering and in the Diocese of Peterborough, and as the former Archdeacon, having worked closely with Michael, I'm delighted to be able to do so.

At a stage in life when he might simply have spent time with his much-

adored family, and otherwise to have put his feet up, Michael instead gave of his very best in the service of Our Lord and his church.

On top of his loyalties and commitment here at All Saints, Michael served on the Diocesan Board of Finance for 20 years from 1999 to 2019. The finances of a diocese in the Church of England are based on something of a miracle – expenditure is firmly committed for years ahead, chiefly to train, pay and house the clergy, yet income is largely voluntary, coming mostly from giving in the parishes, and so is highly dependent upon trust and good will. Exercising responsibility for the oversight of such a delicate balance is not undertaken lightly, and meetings are rarely easy, yet Michael served for 4 years as Vice Chair of the Board of Finance, and for another 3 years as Chair, fulfilling his duty diligently, and with great grace, despite all the challenges, and we have much for which to be grateful to him.

Within that time, Michael also served on the interview panel which appointed the present diocesan secretary, Andrew Roberts, the senior lay official of the Board and of the Diocese, to whom Michael became a good friend and advisor.

Michael's other key role was as Lay Chair of the Kettering Deanery Synod for 11 years from 2006 to 2017, and for 10 of those 11 years the Rural Dean was Canon Brian Withington. There was a true partnership in leadership and service, as they sought to accommodate a great diversity of traditions amongst the many clergy and parishes, and encourage them forward together in mission. Michael willingly engaged in the regular meetings of the clergy chapter, bringing a helpful perspective to their discussions. Perhaps rather to his own surprise, Michael's sympathies widened as his own journey of discipleship continued, and he enjoyed close and respectful relationships with others who came from very different starting points to his own.

Both these diocesan and deanery roles led to membership of a number of other committees, and particularly of the Bishop's Council and of the Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee. Michael's thoughtful, reflective approach was not without passion, and he brought considerable wisdom and gravitas to our discussions and decisions. Michael was also excellent company, and as a widower used to having to look after himself, he was one of those who showed the greatest appreciation of my wife's cooking, whenever the Lay Chairs came to dine in our house!

So, we thank God for Michael, and for all that he contributed to the life of the wider church, and we thank you his family for sharing him with us. May he indeed rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen."

(The original goodbye, dating from the 1570s, was godbwye, which was a contraction of the farewell phrase "God be with ye!")

MAY PCC meeting

Items of note discussed:

Parish Priests Items: Tracy Pegram who is leaving shortly has broken her foot.

Alice's last Sunday at All Saints is 10th July, we will have cake with tea and coffee after the service. Peter & Paul are having refreshments following a July service and St Michael's are hosting a Barn Dance to say farewell. David thought all would be welcome at both events.

Nina is not standing for the PCC again and David thanked her for her 22 years (on and off) of faithful service. All PCC members were also thanked for their service.

Altar Party Revival: Chris Bond has volunteered to train as crucifer. The Risk Assessment for the altar party will be sent to the PCC with the minutes of this meeting for approval.

Prayer Requests: The provision of a letter box for prayer requests is still work in progress.

Services and Covid Restrictions: New Covid updates to be advised.

Garden Project: Angela has been in contact with another Church Community Project and they have passed on some useful info.

Annual Meetings - Sunday 15th May 12 noon: This is now history. The Trustees Annual Report was approved electronically on 25th April 2022. The meetings passed without any hitches. Richard and Angela remain as Church Wardens and Julie Loake, Clare Povey and Marie as new members of the PCC.

Correspondence: - Letter from the Council received in respect of Food Hygiene classification renewal. Lyn Ridley will oversee this.

Finance: Accounts received. Marie requested that whenever possible payments should be made by Bank transfer with joint approval of the Church Wardens being received in the first instance. Agreed.

To Do List: The priorities remain - roof repairs, tower renovation

Community Events: Attendances vary but generally are improving. Help with refreshments particularly on Friday evenings is still required, please volunteer to Angela. It equates to twice a month or thereabouts.

Safeguarding: Bev Huff had left her post as Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser any issues and Julie Loake will raise with the Assistant Safeguarding Officer Angie Barber.

Fabric: Report on roof still not received. Richard explained that the Diocese nominates the architect/surveyor.

Next Meeting: Monday 13th June 2022, 8pm in the Jubilee Room.

Notes by Jane Boutchier

NATURE SMILE ON ME

Nature smile on me
where birds and bees are free
in May and June when flowers bloom
in peace and harmony

Nature smile my way
bless each bright new day
in May and June when flowers bloom
down mother nature's way

Nature smile your smile
gladden my heart a while
in May and June when flowers bloom
for many a country mile

Nature sing my name
when springtime's here again
in May and June when flowers bloom
in bright sunshine and rain

Nature soothe my soul
nature make me whole
in May and June when flowers bloom
where the green hills roll

Nature make me high
make my soul and spirit fly
in May and June when flowers bloom
'neath springtime's big blue sky

Nature smile on me
where birds and bees are free
in May and June when flowers bloom
in peace and harmony

THE PENCIL'S TALE

An old pencil maker took his newest pencil aside, just before he was about to pack him into a box. Imagining the little fellow as a person he recalled a few things about the pencil.

“There are five things you need to know,” he said to his pencil, “before I send you out into the world. Always remember these five things - never forget them - and you will become the best pencil you can be!

“The first thing is to remember that you will be able to do many great things, but only if you put yourself in someone else’s hands.

“From time to time you will experience a painful sharpening, but remember that this will make you a better pencil.

“Also, keep in mind that you will be able to correct any mistakes you might make along the way.

“And the most important part of you is what’s on the inside.

“And remember this, as well, upon every surface that you are used, you must leave your mark. No matter what else happens, you must continue to write.”

It seemed the pencil listened to him and promised he would remember these five things so that he could live his life with heart and purpose.

“Allow this parable of the pencil to encourage you to know that you are a special person and only you can fulfil the purpose to which you were born to accomplish.”

(Author unknown)

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

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022



If you would like to join in with us at our “bring and share” lunch, after the service on Sunday 5th June, please let Lyn/Angela/Nina know. There are lots of other things going on around the area to celebrate this amazing achievement, but some people have asked for one at church as nothing is happening in their area.

A reminder for the Saturday 4th June that William St is closed from 10-10pm. On Sunday 5th Park View will be closed (the row from the top of Pollard St to top of Charles St) on Sunday 5th June from about 11am till evening.

CHURCHES AROUND OUR AREA

New this month! Photographs by Caroline Bantock-Brown of churches, porches, spires, grotesques, stained-glass windows etc.



Cranford St John.



THE AVENUES STREET SALE

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE '22 10 AM - 2 PM

TO INCLUDE KINGSLEY AVENUE, NEALE AVENUE, BLANDFORD AVENUE, SHAKESPEARE ROAD, MITCHELL STREET, HALLWOOD ROAD & MORE. NN16 9.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE A STALL
THE COST IS £3 PER HOUSE (PAY ON DAY)
WHICH WILL BE DONATED TO
KETTERING FOOD BANK



SELL ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO...
CLOTHES, TOYS, HOMEWARES, CAKES,
NEW OR OLD STUFF.

COME ALONG AND GRAB YOURSELF A
BARGAIN!
A MAP WILL BE SUPPLIED OF ALL THE
HOUSES TAKING PART NEARER THE TIME.

EMAIL-ketteringavenuesale@gmail.com
OR
find the event on Facebook 'The Avenues Kettering Street Sale'

BE PART of THE COMMUNITY + MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS!!

DEADLINE FOR COPY - Please send in your snippets, news, prayers etc to Angela. The deadline for the July edition of Saints Alive! is 28th June. It will be available from Sunday 3rd July.



NewsLetter
DEADline

WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

Priest-in-charge	Rev. David Walsh	
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Ketteringallsaintsevents>

Quick Glance - Community Highlights for August 2022	
6 th – recycled and new table-top sale	24 th Fun Quiz evening £2 each includes tea/coffee. Max 4 in a team. Bring your own drink & nibbles. Raffle. 7.30pm start.

This edition of Saints Alive is sponsored by:

Pat and Derrick Smith

**“In memory of all those we have
loved and lost.”**



(Flowers by Pinks Florists – Kirtsy Lawson)

Flowers are the poetry of earth, as stars are the poetry of heaven.

(Author unknown)