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Kettering All Saints
Monthly Update

Alive!

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



MAY 2022

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CALENDAR FOR MAY

MAY 1st	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Easter 3
2nd	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist (Bank Holiday)
7 th	8.30-11.30	Table-Top sale
8th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Easter 4
9 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
	8pm	PCC
13 th	7.30pm	Murder Mystery £6, bring your own drink and nibbles. Raffle available
14 th	2.30-4.30	Tea Dance £3. Raffle available
15th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Easter 5
		APCM (after the service)
16 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
20 th	7.30pm	Fun Quiz – bring your own drink & nibbles £2 each – max 4 in a team. Raffle available
21 st	3pm	<i>Wedding of David & Lyndsay</i>
22nd	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Easter 6
23 rd	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
27 th	7.30pm	Florence Nightingale Talk by Karen Holyoak £4
29th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Easter 7
30 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
June 5th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Pentecost
		Bring & share lunch for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (TBC)
	12.30	

Wedding

The wedding at All Saints is this month.

Please help get the gardens tidy especially the path from carpark to our back gate opposite the park.

A MESSAGE FROM ALICE

I can't believe that we are already in May! After hearing the post-Easter resurrection stories, exploring with the disciples as they spend time with the Risen Jesus, our lectionary moves us to thinking deeply about who Jesus is. One of the Sundays dedicated to this is coming soon, on the 8th, and it is Good Shepherd Sunday. Each year we hear chunks of the tenth chapter of John's Gospel, which speak of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and this year we will hear that 'my sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me.'

Sheep are wonderful, joyful creatures, but they can be a bit silly. They're very prone to distraction, and they seem to easily find themselves in all manner of scrapes. I don't know if any of you saw a little video clip which was circulating on social media a few months back of a shepherd pulling a sheep from a sharp ravine, with some great effort, only for the sheep to skip joyfully off, and straight back into the ravine a few feet further ahead. The patient shepherd no doubt sighs, and gets to rescuing once again.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd, always ready to guide us, always calling us on, towards him, protecting us from danger, and seeking us out if we get lost. We know that, just like the sheep, we too are often foolish, and find ourselves in danger – but unlike the video clip shepherd, Jesus does not need to keep rescuing us over and over again.

We hear in the Good Shepherd passages that the good shepherd lays down his life for the flock, and in 1 Peter that Jesus 'bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness'. Jesus' saving work of Easter has rescued and saved us from the power of sin. Indeed, the letter from Peter goes on – 'for you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls'.

Whatever we have done, or however far we have wandered off track, we know that in Jesus our sins are forgiven and that we are safe in the bosom of our shepherd and guardian.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also Vocations Sunday, when we pray for the many vocations of the people of God – not just ordained or licenced ministry but the individual callings that each and every one of us have. And so I pray that in this month you may all hear God's voice and recognise it, calling you into new life, and perhaps into a new way of serving God in our church and in our town.

I can't really end this without briefly mentioning my own calling, as my curacy comes to an end. I am really pleased to be called into university chaplaincy and to be appointed as Chaplain at Queen's College, Oxford. I have felt called to chaplaincy from even before I knew I was called to priesthood, and so it is wonderful that the time is right to be able to realise that calling. I will really miss parish life, but feel confident that the one who calls is faithful (as Paul writes to the Thessalonians). But that is not until the summer so I'm not moving just yet!

With every blessing, Alice.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Message from David Walsh:



Alice Watson was licensed to All Saints just days before Christmas 2019 and since then has been our curate. It's been a delight to have Alice with us and we've learnt from her, enjoyed her company, benefitted from her ministry and watched her learn and grow in the role.

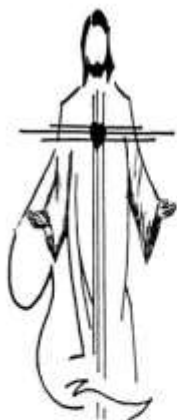
We've always known that curacies only last around three years and that the sad day would come when we need to say goodbye. But despite our loss, we are delighted to announce that Alice's next role will be as Chaplain at Queen's College Oxford. Congratulations to Alice, and to Queen's on making such a good appointment! We think Alice's last Sunday at All Saints is likely to be 10 July. Obviously that will provide a chance to say more.

Alice's time with us has inevitably been overshadowed by COVID. None of us had any idea back in 2019 what lay ahead. Alice's presence with us during this challenging time has been a true



gift and she will leave a legacy behind her.

Alice says: 'Although this isn't yet goodbye, I wanted to say thank you for making my curacy years so wonderful. I have truly enjoyed my time with you, and it will be very difficult to leave in July. I am so pleased to be able to let you know about my new role as Chaplain - it's a wonderful opportunity to be called to.'



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.

To book your place please let Angela know on
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The Christian Chronicle

Methodists Awake! Messiah

The weather's got a little colder, but you wouldn't know it from the heat coming off the intensity of change in the Church. We've moved forward to the middle of the century, exactly 1750, and this time we'll focus on Britain and America – for once things are more settled elsewhere. It's true that there have been various skirmishes, usually over succession, but for once these haven't impacted greatly on the Christian Faith.

After a period of upheaval, Britain seems stable, politically, too. The Hanoverian Georges seems to have things settled and, indeed, George II (who'd just succeeded his father in our last report) is still there! The War of Austrian Succession, within the last decade, has drawn Britain in, with many British troops on the European continent. There's still a faction that would re-establish Stuarts to the English throne - Scots, considerably aided by the French, have attempted to invade England whilst troops are overseas. However, these efforts, titled as 'Jacobean Risings', have only had limited success. The last one started in 1745; it ended abruptly with the Battle of Culloden, April 1746. The battle has become notorious as one of the bloodiest in history - the Jacobites were massacred both on the battlefield and in retreat. Success of these risings may have meant Catholicism returning to Britain, but that seems very unlikely now.

Whilst the monarchy has always been important in Britain, the events of the last 100 years have shifted the balance of power to government and the Houses of Parliament. The Whig party have the upper hand and their leader is, for the first time, being titled 'Prime Minister' – Sir Robert Walpole had the honour of first to hold this title and served as such for over 20 years; his successors have also been Whigs so far.

Whilst Britain means the countries of Scotland, England and Wales, Britain has numerous colonies overseas. The most significant influences being in

India, on the one hand, and in North America on the other. There are 13 such colonies extending down the east coast of America. Starting in the late 1720's and still ongoing there's been significant Evangelical Revival from within the Protestant churches, focusing on individual piety, puritanism, and religious devotion. Whilst titled as Evangelical Revival in Britain, it has spread to the 13 American colonies where the term "Great Awakening" is being used. In Britain, there is a division from within the Church of England being titled Methodism. George Whitefield is recognised as one of the founders, but the preachings of John Wesley are also significant, and he is ably assisted by his brother, Charles, who, whilst also a preacher, is becoming more renowned for his prolific hymn writing. In America, the awakening reinforced Puritan principles, and sermons such as Jonathan Edwards' "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" (1741), have gained a real "Fire and Brimstone" reputation.

For centuries there's been capture and suppression of peoples from one land or area by another. This has often involved enforced labour, transportation to other lands, and trade of such persons as if they were inanimate goods. Slavery has become commonplace but there's a wind of change in this respect. Peter the Great abolished slavery in Russia in 1723 and now Pope Benedict XIV has issued a Papal Bull in 1741 condemning aspects of slavery and effectively reversing the church's position from the mid-15th century. On a slightly different note, his predecessor, Clement XII, issued a Papal Bull prohibiting Catholics from becoming Freemasons!

Finally, returning to Britain, Charles Jennens has produced the text of a oratorio using words directly from the King James Bible (in particular the Book of Isaiah) and the Coverdale Psalter. These have been set to music by composer, George Friderick Handel, and it's been entitled as, simply, 'The Messiah'. It was first performed in Dublin at Easter, 1742. There's been a slightly mixed reaction, but it's clearly a massively significant choral piece with sections that are particularly uplifting. A tradition of standing for the chorus called 'Halleluiah' at the end of the second part has arisen. Rumour has it that King George II was so taken with this during its

premiere that he spontaneously stood up, and, of course, everyone else had to follow!

I mentioned at the start that it's been a bit cooler of late. As science progresses, measurements suggest the world is getting colder. This global cooling has some people worried as there's a fear of returning to the Ice Age. Some are blaming the sun, whilst others have noted that the Black Death, and other diseases, have meant the world's population has shrunk. I think it's time to go on my travels again and try and find a warmer spot!



Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families like Jessica's. The combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict, and drought have robbed her of the power to provide for her children.

At the same time 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe, as well as in the rest of the world. Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger.

But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you.

Your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help Jessica set up water taps on her farm, learn to grow food, and provide seeds that thrive in drought – giving her all she needs to turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.

Join us this Christian Aid Week and help turn hunger into hope.

With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe. (taken from www.christianaid.org.uk)

Christian Aid envelopes will be distributed in church on Sunday 15th May and collected back in on Sunday 22nd May. Donations can also be made directly to Christian Aid via their website or given to Jennie Loasby. We will not be organising a house-to-house collection this year. Please give as generously as you can.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bishop Stopford School

faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion

Keep on trusting our Lord and Saviour for our children and families.

PARISH NURSE



Hello, I'm Pat Edkins, a qualified nurse, one of a specially trained group of nurses working in different parish locations around the country. I work with people of all ages and backgrounds, those with faith or none. Our work is totally confidential and we do not give "hands on" treatment, but offer support and advice to those that request it.

Amongst other things, we can explain medical issues, attend medical appointments as a "listening ear", give support to carers and signpost people to medical services. We look at people as a whole person rather than a medical condition. I attend different groups: e.g., Dementia café, and am normally at St Peter & Paul Church on a Wednesday between 11am -12.30pm.

APRIL PCC meeting

Items of note discussed:

Pat Edkins was welcomed to the meeting in her role as Parish Nurse.

Parish Priests Items: David said he was refreshed following his holiday.

Altar Party Revival: John Stapleton had made initial contact.

Prayer Requests: The provision of a letter box for prayer requests is a work in progress. Angela had put an e-prayer card on Church Facebook page, Church Website and William Street Group Facebook page. This had been well received and will be updated regularly.

Services and Covid Restrictions: No changes.

Annual Meetings - Sunday 15th May 12 noon: All in hand.

Garden Project: Angela and Marie met with Mandy and Martin (William Street garden project leaders). They agreed with addressing all the issues and concerns raised in a proper manner and an expert in writing constitutions for charities had been approached. The next step is to form a group to pull together this project which it was accepted, by both sides, as being a long-term plan.

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

Community Events: New additions - Snowman Drive 2nd December 2022. Wreath making Workshop 3rd December 2022 from 10 am to 2pm.

Finance and Stewardship:

(i) The Treasurer had been unable to top up the Parish Share payments this quarter.

(ii) Along with many other banks, our bank is introducing fees on its charity bank accounts. Marie will monitor.

(ii) A sizeable donation of £130 (plus Gift Aid) was made to the Ukraine fund.

Safeguarding: Some PCC training remains outstanding. The Church's use of Social Media was discussed and the current uses approved by the PCC.

Hall Matters: The choir continues. A Dancing group may return to Lyn after Easter.

Fabric: (i) Report on roof still not received - this time due to Covid infection.

(ii) Lightning conductor tested and approved fit for purpose.

Next Meeting: Monday 9th May 2022, 8pm in the Jubilee Room.

Notes by Jane Boutchier

The Confidence of Children

A girl is sketching when a teacher asks what she's drawing.

"God" she says, nonchalantly.

"But Alice", her teacher replies, "nobody knows what God looks like."

Alice looks at her sharply and replies: "They will in a minute."

SPRING

Spring has sprung with fresh green leaves

And blossom on the tree

Spring has sprung for birds and bees

And spring has sprung for me

Spring has sprung with buttercups

Along the country lane

Spring has sprung with dandelions

And daisies in the rain

Spring has sprung with morning sun
To light the world with love
Spring has sprung for everyone
Beneath the sky above

Spring has sprung around the town
Where birds sing on the square
Spring has sprung on holy ground
In England's shire so fair

Spring has sprung with joy to bless
The fractured heart and soul
Spring has sprung for birds that nest
Where fields and green hills roll

Spring has sprung where lovers stroll
By rivers cool and deep
Spring has sprung where church bells toll
And willows softly weep

Spring has sprung in bluebell woods
Where light and shadow play
Spring has sprung with sticky buds
In nature's month of May

Spring has sprung for you and me
Wherever we may be
Spring has sprung eternally
Where nature's world is free

Spring has sprung with fresh green leaves
And blossom on the tree
Spring has sprung for birds and bees
And spring has sprung for me

INTERNAL (ONLY) PARISH DIRECTORY

Angela has nearly completed our “internal parish directory” as several people have changed address, phone numbers etc, and we also have new people who may like to go into the directory. Angela will be giving out forms to those who wish to stay in or be added to the directory as you will need to sign a GDPR form. This will be ready next month and then when you have your new copy, you will need to destroy the old one and **not** put it into recycling as there are lots of personal details in it.

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 Angela/Nina know. There are lots of other things going on to celebrate this amazing achievement, but some people have asked for one as nothing is happening in their area.

Eulogy - David McKee 1937-2022

David Henderson McKee, was born in Kettering on 12th October 1937. He grew up on Avondale council estate and told us stories of roaming the fields between Weekly and Wicksteed Park or of chatting to the prisoners of war held on the Boughton estate. He loved the outdoors and being around nature, and told tales of cycling miles with a paper vest



for insulation, to go and release his Dad's pigeons. I wonder if Dad's protective and caring nature came from his relationship with his sister Margaret. As the older brother, he took great care of her all through her life.

We heard stories of his mum always providing food for unexpected guests despite any of their own difficulties at the time, a never-ending pot of soup as I recall, and how they would walk to Corby for

Hogmanay to go first footing, then everyone would be expected to do something to share the entertainment and stories of stumbling home afterwards in the wee small hours.

He found his own schooling difficult and was told on leaving at 14, that his teacher broke more rulers over his knuckles than anyone else's. It is curious that despite his own experiences, Dad, along with his good friend Kay, was a Sunday school teacher and always instilled the value of hard work, learning and education into my sister (Trish) and I – to the point I know he was proud of us becoming teachers, regardless of the lack of support school seemed to show him, maybe the cheekier side of dad was just too much for the more rigid traditional schooling of his day, or the occasional strong opinion was too much for those trying to manage him. On leaving school he worked at W.B. Wrights as a butcher, and after national service he decided to pursue his love of cars. Dad spent two years in Cyprus doing his national service. The photos of the time showed a tall skinny, smiling young man, ("bean pole", mum would say.)

His sense of fairness and a possible dislike of pointless bureaucracy were in evidence here, as they were in later life when some of us knew how much he fought against foes in the form of the training and staffing issues in mum's carers, and issues with care homes for his sister, and battles with the DVLA.

Dad was great friends with Mick and Kay Smith, and David Tinkler, and others would spend Sunday evenings playing darts at Dads parents'

house in Rosewood Place.

Dad had met Mary, while they were both at All Saints youth club. He liked tennis and in later years it would morph into his love of playing badminton right into his 80's. Mary also liked tennis and so their friendship grew. While David was posted in Cyprus during his National Service they wrote to each other on a regular basis. On his return their relationship grew further, and they were married on 10th September 1960.

When Trish and then I arrived, I think from an early age we knew we had two caring parents and an outgoing and fun-loving father, who would drive us anywhere, and indeed gave Trish and I a lot, of advice but thankfully not too much before our tests. A legal disclaimer here, but given this is also the man others recall to have or have not driven a Hillman Imp on two wheels and let David Tinkler (blind from birth) take the wheel once or twice!

He would join in on activities like the Scouts annual Woodcroft walk – whereby Dad urged me to complete my 15 miles with a range of distraction techniques, military ingenuity and lots of encouragement. He taught me to score darts from 501 down at the Electricity Board Club, aided by halves of lager which hindered my maths and my darts.

He taught us about the natural world and to show it respect as we walked through Weekly Hall Woods or took our dog across second lodge fields. Later we would walk to the quarry and ignoring the safety signs, would go fossil hunting on the latest part being worked by the incredible walking draglines and then cart the day's finds back home again.

He also gave us both a love of speed from country drives, from which Trish gained a love of motorsport; sitting on his lap as a small child to watch F1 on the TV. In later life he loved coming to watch the racing and cars at Silverstone.

He loved the old comedy shows and at Trish's wedding as well as being an emotional and proud dad he chatted to all the guests often wiggling his glasses Eric Morcombe style saying "Who do I look like in this top hat?" Hence our parting piece of music today – "Bring Me sunshine."

Family holidays were almost without fail to the much-loved Scotland. I was always amazed to be bundled into the back of the company estate at 3am, driven through the night to awake half-way to Scotland with dad sipping 9am coffee from a thermos flask. Dad's driving was a big part of him and how he helped others. He dragged the whole family to Bute across single track roads to get the Colintrave ferry and managed to miss it! We slept in the car and were woken by the cows in the morning and as soon as we got to Rothesay all the kids jumped into the boat and took off to sea leaving Dad laughing and Mum having kittens as none of us could swim. We could row well though! Fantastic days.

So, when Dad was no longer able to make motor factory sales work for him, he took on a range of other jobs that all seemed to have key things in common – working and talking with others, often in a caring and friendly manner, and often some driving. He worked for a government questionnaire group across much of the Midlands. He would regularly take youngsters that had special educational needs to school. He took people to and from hospital appointments and most recently of all as a befriending service through the pandemic.

Dad also rescued Trish and I from Luton back in the late 1980s, at some unearthly hour when Trish's car engine bent a piston rod after a weekend at Reading festival. He escorted us home down his well-known back roads in the middle of the night at 27 miles an hour with the engine making horrific banging noises.

It's lovingly meant but fair to say Mum and dad had a difficult relationship, as they saw the way of things differently, but there was much loyalty there, and Dad moved back in the house on Morley Street to care for mum when she became immobile. Looking after her for 5 years, taking on anything and anyone that he felt he could contact or challenge to make things better for her, despite a lot of mental and emotional strain on himself.

I will end thinking of his sense of humour and fun, his great capacity to care, to help, and to spend quality time with those he loved.

written by Matthew McKee (son)

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 June edition of Saints Alive! is 26th May. It will be available from Sunday 29th May



WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Ketteringallsaintsevents>

Quick Glance - Community Highlights for June 2022

June 10 th Happy Together Ukulele Group. Raffle available. Starts 7.30pm.	11 th Tea Dance starts at 2-30pm-4.30pm. Raffle available. Entry £3 includes tea/coffee and cake.
17 th Illustrated Talk in All Saints Church, on a Tour of London Rd Cemetery by David Brown. £5 entry includes tea/coffee. Raffle available.	24 th Fun Quiz evening £2 each includes tea/coffee. Max 4 in a team. Bring your own drink & nibbles. Raffle. 7.30pm start.

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Always in our hearts.**



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