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Kettering All Saints
Monthly Update

Alive!

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



Ceramic by Louise Crookenden-Johnson

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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

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| 3 rd Sept | 8.30-11.30 | Preloved and New Table-Top Sale |
| Sun 4th | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist – Trinity 12 |
| | 2-4pm | Bands in the park – strawberries +ice-cream |
| 5 th | 7.30-8pm | Holy Eucharist |
| 9 th | 7.30pm | “A Murder to Die For” - £6 bring your own drink and nibbles. |
| 10 th | 10-1pm (open at All Saints) | Ride & Stride |
| | 2.30-4.30pm | Tea Dance - £3 |
| | 6.30pm | Sausage & Mash Fundraiser for Rainbows Hospice with illustrated talk by Rev Jane Burns – please book seats. |
| Sun 11th | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist – Trinity 13 |
| | 2-4pm | Bands in the park – strawberries + ice-cream |
| 12 th | 7.30-8pm | Holy Eucharist |
| 16 th | 7.30-9.30pm | Fun Quiz – bring your own drink & nibbles £2 each – max 4 in a team. Raffle available |
| Sun 18th | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist – Trinity 14 |
| 19 th | 7.30-8pm | Holy Eucharist with Healing |
| 23 rd | 7.30-9.15pm | Illustrated Talk with fun object quiz (Michael Brown – History of Gardening) £6 |
| Sun 25th | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist – Harvest Festival – donations of tinned and dried packaged goods for HomeStart. |
| | 7.30-8pm | Holy Eucharist |
| THURS 29th | 7.30-9.30pm | Illustrated Rail Talk by Robin Cullup – To Cambridge by Midland. Entry £5. Raffle available |
| 1 st Oct | 8.30-11.30 | Preloved and New Table-Top Sale |
| Sun 2nd | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist – Trinity 16 |
| 3 rd | 7.30-8pm | Holy Eucharist |

A MESSAGE FROM JANE BURNS

‘I came that they may have life and have it abundantly’ John 10:10.

I think that this is one of my favourite bible verses. Short and succinct but gets right to the heart of the Gospel. A gospel message for us all, whatever circumstances we find ourselves in. When I mention that I work for a Children’s Hospice people assume that it must be a sad place to work. When I ask people if they would like to come and visit I am often met with a flustered no thank you. The assumption being that it would be a sad or distressing thing to do. Nothing could be further from the truth. I started work there in December 2019 and I can recall my own surprise at how much I found myself smiling. It seems like a contradiction doesn’t it?

At Rainbows Hospice we care for babies, children, young people and their families who have life limiting or life-threatening conditions. And although not a Christian charity our staff and volunteers do all that they can to enable them to ‘have life and have it abundantly’. That might sound strange, particularly if a baby, child or young person is receiving end of life care. That though is often the time when it is so very important. Our aim is that, in whatever time they have left, our children and their families have fun and spend time together in an environment where they are all cared for. This work also extends to our children with life limiting conditions. We work hard to ensure that they too have fun and experience things that, without our support, they wouldn’t be able to. Or simply to give Mum and Dad a break from what can be 24-hour care.

I am struck by just how much care and attention goes into making the most of every moment at Rainbows Hospice. I am also struck by the fact that the things that matter most are the simple things, the ordinary things. Money can’t buy a cure for a terminal illness but the gift of time at Rainbows Hospice can provide precious memories.

As we look to the Autumn now and our schools, colleges and universities reopen life can start to pick up pace. We head into a time when it can be easy to forget the things that really do matter. Jesus promise of abundant life is about what is to come but it’s also a reminder of what can be. Perhaps our challenge this Autumn is to seek that abundant life for

ourselves in the everyday. In the simple joys and challenges of our own lives. Let's make some space for abundant living! Jane

Please support our Rainbows Hospice fundraiser (see poster later in here.)

The Christian Chronicle

Anglican Oxford

We're only taking short steps forward now between each report. This time it's 21 years, making it 1841. There are more developments in America to report as well as a few bits elsewhere, but Britain is the place of upheaval right now both socially, in general, and within the church.

We'll start in America, picking up and following on from last time. The "Second Great Awakening" certainly appears to be underway: Charles Grandison Finney has become a prominent figure - whilst a Presbyterian Minister, he's rejected much of traditional reformed theology, teaching that people have complete free will to choose salvation. His approach to increasing spiritual interest and renewal is being called "Revivalism" and he's advocated that Christians should seek to achieve spiritual maturity (perfectionism) by achieving a union of pure love with God and others.

Elsewhere in America, some restoration movements have joined together but the last decade's also seen new groups established. Last time, I mentioned a vision had by Joseph Smith Jnr - he's now established the Church of Christ in 1830, only for it to be immediately renamed several times into 'The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints'. Smith, himself, has also written the 'Book of Mormon'. Meanwhile, William Miller, a Baptist Preacher, has made predictions (based on the Books of Daniel and Revelation) that Christ's Second Coming is very imminent - more on this next time if I'm still able. There's also a new non-conformist group, the Plymouth Brethren. With a perspective in contrast to Calvinist theology of God's covenant, the Brethren consider biblical history divided by God into dispensations (periods or ages where humanity is held as steward of that time) and God's interaction with humanity has discontinuities.

In Europe, Lutherans are being further persecuted, especially in Prussia where their worship is now declared illegal. In Saxony (part of Germany) groups of Lutherans have objected to a theological rationalisation and have emigrated as a group to Missouri, America. Change and development has not been confined, however, to the reformed churches. In 1830 a French nun from the “Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul” has had visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the group’s Paris base. The visions, received by Catherine Labouré, instructed the creation of a devotional pendant titled the ‘Miraculous Medal of our Lady of Graces’. Catherine’s visions were in 1830, production was approved by the Parisian Archbishop in 1836, and already many medals have been produced and sold.

So, now to Britain. After multiple monarchs of longevity, there’s been much change recently. Last time, George IV had just finally succeeded his father. He died in 1830 having been Regent, then Monarch, for very nearly 19 years. But his only child survived just to age 21, so his younger brother, William IV, already nearly 65, succeeded. His reign was a week shy of 7 years. Although William had many children, most were to mistresses! Of the 5 born to Queen Adelaide, 3 were still born, 1 died within hours and the other within 4 months. The throne, therefore, passed, in 1837, to Victoria, granddaughter of George III via George’s 4th son, Edward.

Increasingly Parliament has overtaken the role of the Monarch. There’s been concern, though, that Parliament was not representative. Firstly, there was no uniform level of franchise; Members of Parliament (generally Tories or Whigs) would represent a ‘Borough’ but the numbers eligible to vote varied considerably. The Borough of Westminster had over 12,000 electors whilst Old Sarum, infamously, had 13 so-called ‘burgage plots’ from which electors could be ‘manufactured’. Whilst the most infamous, Old Sarum was just one of many “Rotten Boroughs” where corruption and manipulation were rife. Added to that, these boroughs were based on a predominantly rural Britain; the Industrial Revolution meant growth of significant new cities, predominantly in the North of England.

Whilst there was some appetite for change, it only happened because some Tories, disenchanted over a fall-out from the formation of the United Kingdom, voted against their own party. The Union of 1801,

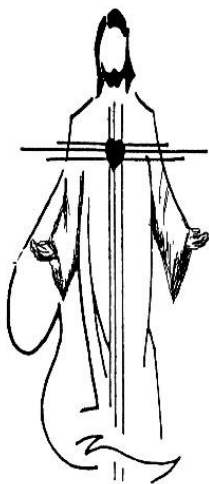
incorporating Ireland, had raised numerous questions regarding the status of Roman Catholics (in the majority in Ireland) in political and social life. The Catholic Relief Act, 1829, finally restored status to Catholics in Britain. It was this that angered the rebel Tories to support the Great Reform Act of 1832. Rotten Boroughs were disestablished, new cities recognised, and a more consistent franchise established. The right to vote almost doubled, giving about 5% of the population a vote for their Member of Parliament.

The fall-out from this change has led to an increasing call for wider education. Along with education, the welfare of children has also been under consideration. The Factory Act 1833 has meant that, now, no child under the age of 9 can work in a factory and those up to 13 can't work more than 9 hours a day. The Tories, in disarray, refocused their political position as "those that would seek to conserve all that is good in Britain" – the Conservative Party was born. The Whigs, on the other hand were seen to be more open-minded and *laissez-faire*. The issue of slavery has received significant attention in recent years: the Slavery Abolition Act, 1833, banned slavery throughout the British Empire but it took a further 5 years before this actually came into force.

Britain does seem to more ordered suddenly. The first Prime Minister to be considered a Conservative is Robert Peel; having served as Chancellor of the Exchequer and Home Secretary, he's just become Prime Minister for the second time. In 1829, whilst Home Secretary, he's credited with bringing together independent law enforcement groups in London to form the Metropolitan Police Service. In dubious honour to him members of the Police Service have been dubbed 'Bobbies' or 'Peelers'. Yes, everything is getting organised, even the sending of letters. We now have to put stamps on the envelopes to show payment for the postage: the cheapest is black and shows a picture of Queen Victoria – it costs 1d!

So often, recently, there have been drivers between secular social matters and religious ones. But it's not clear that the most recent developments in the church in Britain have any linkage at all to the social changes that are about. Over the last 8 years there's been a growing dissention within the Church of England. Has reform gone too far? The reformed church is said to have developed following Martin Luther's nailing of 95 theses to a

church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Responding to this challenge, the Catholic Church held a Council of Trent, a few decades later. Now, nearly 300 years further on still, a number of academic theologians, mostly based at Oxford University have written a total of 90 "Tracts". Most prominent in this 'Oxford Movement' are John Henry Newman and Edward Bouverie Pusey. This philosophy, known as Tractarianism, demonstrated a "High Church" position, seeming to threaten the broad '*Via Media*' perspective of the Church of England. In the last of the 90 Tracts, Newman argues that the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church, as defined by the Council of Trent, are compatible with the 39 articles of the Church of England. The questions of whether the church has become too plain, and, ultimately, how the church of England should worship seems set to remain debating points for some time.



Listening to God

Christian meditation group meeting
24th September
10.30 - 12.30
Ring Jennie Loasby
on 07990 588135 for details



Novembers Saints Alive magazine is still available to sponsor.

THE MARRIAGE OF PETER SEDDON & ROSIE FRANKLAND



Congratulations to Peter & Rosie who were married at St Mary's Reepham, Norfolk. All Saints Kettering send them our warmest wishes and pray for a long and happy life together. Claire said "It was an amazing day all round."

Peter chose his favourite two hymns for the service, Lord of the Dance and Shine Jesus Shine. Apart from the many musicians at the wedding there was also a large Bishop Stopford contingent and the vicar was most surprised and delighted that they knew when to put the clapping into

Shine Jesus Shine. It was a lovely end to the service. Their friend Cerys played the harp for the entrance, exit and signing of the register. Stephen read 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 and this poem was read by Rosie's grandfather:

"The Art of Marriage"

Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens.
A good marriage must be created.
In marriage the little things are the big things.
It is never being too old to hold hands.
It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.
It is never going to sleep angry.
It is at no time taking the other for granted; the courtship should not end with the honeymoon, it should continue through the years.
It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.
It is standing together facing the world.
It is forming a circle of love that gathers the whole family.
It is doing things for each other, not in the attitude of duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy.
It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.
It is not looking for perfection in each other.
It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding and a sense of humour.
It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.
It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow old.
It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.
It is establishing a relationship in which the independence is equal, dependence is mutual and the obligation is reciprocal.
It is not only marrying the right partner; it is being the right partner.

Wilferd Arlan Paterson.



Simple Things We Often Miss

Autumn dawning on a misty morning
Brings out the poet in me
I sing me an ode as I walk down the road
With leaves falling down from a tree

Simple things we often miss
Are things we need to see
When life goes wrong they make us strong
And save our sanity

A bird on the wing with a song to sing
Brings out the poet in me
I sing me a tune by the harvest moon
In perfect harmony

Simple things we often miss
Are things we need to hear
When life goes wrong they make us strong
And dry a fallen tear

Leaves on the trees in the autumn breeze
Bring out the poet in me
I sing me a song as I stroll along
In nature's world so free

Simple things we often miss
Are things we need to feel
When life goes wrong they make us strong
And make a sad heart heal

A rose in bloom with a sweet perfume
Brings out the poet in me
A garden green in a bright sunbeam
Is a beautiful sight to see

Simple things we often miss
Are things we need to know
When life goes wrong they make us strong
And ease life's worry woe

A new sunrise across the sky
Brings out the poet in me
As I walk down the lane with a song in my brain
Where birds and bees are free

Simple things we often miss
Are things we need to learn
When life goes wrong they make us strong
And bring us the peace we yearn

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Message from David re Shared intercessions

Every week we print lists of people to pray for over the coming week. Shortly after I arrived I added to the prayers at St Peter & Paul, the church in the wider world. In the weeks following the Lambeth Conference, and the visit last week of the Korean bishops, these prayers for the international church seem more relevant than ever. Some days when I have a moment earlier in the morning, I look up the diocese we are praying for, often on the other side of the world - either on a map or by searching for the diocesan website. As someone who didn't grow up in this county, I sometimes do the same for churches in this diocese. And over the past two years we've felt more keenly our close connection with the other churches in our deanery and so we now pray for each of them once a week.

I know we are not the only parish in the country that faces a challenge of ever-growing prayer lists. It is completely understandable that we appreciate the prayer of others when we continue to face challenges, especially health challenges. And it's understandable that people are reluctant to take the difficult decision to move someone off the list for the time being.

One challenge is that - if we are realistic - after a while if names remain on the list for months or years, those reading or hearing the lists can stop

noticing new names. So as an experiment for the coming weeks and months, we've introduced a third category for those we pray for - 'those in long term need' - to supplement those 'in particular need': either new to the list or in urgent need of prayer; and those 'in continuing need of prayer'. This means we will quite rightly continue to pray for those who need to be on our lists every Sunday, but without taking attention away from changes in the list, week by week. It is fairly inevitable that from time to time we will take the wrong judgement about which list people should be on, and that is particularly likely now, when we start the new list off. I hope you will understand; and of course let us know. Thank you. We've also started making better records of why people are on the list and who our best source of information is about their needs. I hope this means that changes to the list will track more closely the changes in people's needs. Many thanks to those of you who use these lists each week and pray for those on it. Can I encourage a few more to do so? Thank you. David

GIFTS FOR ALICE

At Alice's request, Louise Crookenden-Johnson was commissioned to make pottery likenesses of our churches as part of her leaving gift. These are now on their way to Alice who will undoubtedly be thrilled with them. The work of the very talented Louise can be seen below (P & P and All Saints – Alice already has one of Louise's pieces showing St Michael's) and will be a lovely reminder for Alice of her time with us.



**You can travel using your own feet, by car or
whatever type of transport you desire!**

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Saturday 10th September 2022

between 10am and 6pm

a day in the open air ... plan your own route
350+ stunning churches and chapels to visit -
many of them open and welcoming visitors



All sponsorship money received will be divided equally between
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**Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels are
available from your local organiser:-**

Please let Richard Lewis know if you
would like a sponsor sheet.

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust

Fundraiser

Bangers and Mash evening (with vegetarian option.)
An illustrated talk by Rev'd Jane Burns in aid of the
Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People



Saturday 10th September
6.30pm

Suggested donation of £5 per person.

Bring a dessert to share.

Tea/coffee will be served.

Raffle available.

Please book your place via

kettallsaintschurch@gmail.com for catering
purposes (and whether you require the vegetarian option.)

Payment on the evening.

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If you are buying things on-line please don't forget to go through
EasyFundraising first and select All Saints Church Kettering.

This costs you as the customer, nothing extra, but we at All Saints get a
small amount of commission every time you use it. Most on-line
retailers are listed. You need to go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>
create an account and choose All Saints Church Kettering as your cause,
then simply go through the web site when you start on-line shopping.

MARIE REPORTS ON GREENBELT AUG 2022



On Saturday 27th August Keely and I decided to spend the day at Greenbelt, which is a weekend festival held at Boughton House annually, although it had not happened for two years due to the pandemic. The theme for this year was "Wake Up" taken from their web site:

"We're somewhere where artistry meets activism, where the political meets the practical. We're somewhere to come together once a year, where we're as likely to dream up a better world as we are to dance and debate,

to pray and to party. We were founded a long time ago by a bunch of misfits in a field. We're still in a field. And we're still somewhere that welcomes anyone and everyone."

I used to attend Greenbelt festival when I was young, and the festival now is very different to how it was then. Back then it was very much a "Christian festival" now, although very much grounded in faith, it is much more of an arts festival, open and welcome to all, inclusive, LGBT+ friendly, and open minded. This year the focus was very much on the reflection of the last few years, recovery from pandemic living and climate change.

We started our day early in the venue named "Hothouse" this venue hosted talks through the day, very much focused on climate change. Our 9.30am talk was called "The soul of climate activism" a chat between Caroline Lucas MP (Green party) and Pdraig O Tuama, a poet and



theologian from Ireland. Caroline opened the talk by reading her "letter to the Earth". Then followed a chat between them about the letter. This talk was not political, more focused on the inspiration for her political campaigning. Having never heard Caroline speak before, I found her truly inspiring and passionate about her cause. This was a great way to start our day.

After a short wander about we returned to "Hothouse" for a panel talk "stories from the frontline of faith-inspired climate activism". With a panel of 5 who describe themselves as "Christian Climate Activists". We found this chat challenging. This panel was involved in action taken by Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil. And whilst I agree with their cause, I struggle to accept some of the action they take. However, we stuck it out and stayed to listen to them all. One speaker was Helen Burnett, she is a priest based in London, and she supports the group more in a pastoral way, rather than getting herself arrested, and I found her speech quite moving.

Next in the afternoon we moved onto the venue "Pagoda" a large marquee, with seats inside and out. This was a very popular venue through the day. We first went to listen to John Bell, he is a well known speaker from the Iona community. His talk was very popular and was titled "Pandemical faith & doubt". We managed to find a seat right on the edge to hear. We both really enjoyed his talk, he is such a great speaker. This was a talk reflecting on the pandemic and our recovery from it.

After his talk we moved ourselves inside the venue, ready for Nadia Bolz-Webber, as we knew she was going to be very popular. I first heard her speak the last time I went to Greenbelt (2019), and I have followed her on social media since, she is an ordained Lutheran pastor from America, "She writes and speaks about personal failings, recovery, grace, faith and really whatever the hell she wants to. She always sits in the corner with



the other weirdo's" (taken from Greenbelt website). Her talk was titled "The me I am now". She reflected on the pandemic and our recovery from it, and how to find peace and forgiveness in ourselves from the person we was pre-pandemic to the person we are now. Nadia is such a powerful, honest speaker. Both Keely and I came away from her talk feeling different from when we went in.

Finally we watched a panel talk called "The future of Democracy" with former Archbishop Rowan Williams, writer and political commentator Paul Mason and Caroline Lucas MP (Green party). They discussed the state we're in and what future democracy might look like. It was very interesting to hear the different views from the panel on where we are now and what we should do for the future.

There really was so much else going on over the weekend, music, worship, workshops and talks from all faiths. And of course the beer tent "The Jesus Arms". We also took a walk to see the Gaia touring artwork, which you may have seen at Peterborough Cathedral. I think you have to go to Greenbelt with an open mind, and be ready to listen with an open mind, and accept that not everything there is for you, and that is ok.

Marie Morrison

Community Highlights for October 2022

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| 1 st – Pre-loved and New, Table-Top Sale 8.30-11.30am open to public. Contact Richard on 07887617978 (set up from 8am) you must book a £6 stall in advance!! | 7 th – Talk by Ian Addis "J. L. Carr Remembered: author, artist, head teacher" Entry £5. Starts 7.30pm-9.15pm. Raffle available. |
| 8 th - Tea Dance starts 2-30pm-4.30pm. Raffle available. Entry £3 includes tea/coffee and cake. | 14 th – Dave Clemo – sings Entry £5. Starts 7.30pm-9.15pm. Raffle available. |
| 15 th (Sat) - Kettering Town Silver Band, concert in aid of All Saints Church repairs. 7.30pm. Entry £7 under 10's free - includes tea, coffee, biscuits. Toe-tapping music. | 21 st – Fun Quiz evening £2 each includes tea/coffee. Max 4 in a team. Bring your own drink and nibbles. Raffle. 7.30pm start. |

CHURCHES AROUND OUR AREA

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

All Saints Church, Sudborough



Constructed circa 1250-1300
in local limestone.

It is a Grade II listed building.

Its fine sturdy tower is
topped by unusual pinnacles
with clusters of shafts and
ending in cresting.

The east window is by
Kempe (1892).



WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

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| Priest-in-charge | Rev. David Walsh | |
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DEADLINE FOR COPY - Please send in your snippets, news, prayers etc to Angela. The deadline for the October edition of Saints Alive! is 27th Sept. It will be available from Sunday 2nd Oct.



NewsLetter
DEADline

David Woolley
- always remembered and loved.
Wendy and family xx

"God's there listening for all who pray"
(Psalm 145:18)



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by Janet Page

Treasured memories of
my dearest husband and loving parents.
With me always.

