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Kettering All Saints
Monthly Update

Alive!

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



APRIL 2023

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CALENDAR FOR APRIL

April 1 st	8.30-11.30	Preloved and new Table-Top Sale
Sun 2nd	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Palm Sunday (meet at the bandstand in the park ready to leave for church at 10.20am)
3 rd	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist – via north door
6th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday
7th	9.30am	Stations of the Cross
	2pm	Good Friday Liturgy
	6pm	Tenebrae
8th	9am- 12	Church Cleaning
	8pm	Easter Liturgy
Sun 9th	10.30am	Easter Day Eucharist
10 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist (Bank Holiday)
14 th	7.30pm	Fun Quiz
15 th	2.30-4.30	Tea Dance
Sun 16th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Easter 2
17 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist with Healing & Wholeness
22 nd	10.30-12.30	Listening to God
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Easter 3
24 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist – via north door
29 th	8.30-11.30	Preloved and new Table-Top Sale
Sun 30th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Easter 4
1 st	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist (Bank Holiday)
Sun 7th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Easter 5
8 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist – via north door



Listening to God

Christian meditation group meeting
 22nd April 10.30 – 12.30
 Ring Jennie Loasby on 07990 588135



A MESSAGE FROM REV JANE BURNS

On the day that I sat down to write this article for the magazine the unexpected death of Paul O'Grady was in the news and was the headline that first caught my eye on my BBC News app that morning. In that moment I was reminded of when I went to see Paul as Lily Savage at the Derngate. My main memory of that night wasn't the jokes he told but the fact that I laughed so much it hurt. Now whatever you might think about my sense of humour I suspect that we all really appreciate the opportunity to laugh, really laugh. It can feel really cathartic, in much the same way that a good cry can – just not as messy!

In early Christianity a tradition emerged called 'Risus paschalis' which translates as the 'Easter laugh'. The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians that God had played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. Priest or preachers would tell jokes to their congregations. *Did you hear the one about the shortest sermon in history? It was titled: 'Killing Jesus.' The content was simply 'it didn't work. Amen'.* Perhaps a tradition that the PCC might want to consider introducing at All Saints? (then again, maybe not!) However, 'Risus paschalis' can serve as a reminder to us of the fact that Easter is a time of joy. The contrast between the discipline of lent and the journey through Holy Week and Easter is, or should be, quite impactful for us.

There is nothing that captures the impact of Easter for me more than John 20 verse 16.

Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher).

Until that moment Mary believed that this man Jesus, who she loved, had died. She had come to the tomb and his body had gone and so she wept. Then the man, who she mistook for the gardener, said to her 'Mary'. Can you imagine what that must have felt like for Mary, what joy must have filled her heart as she heard that and knew who it was that said it? Mary. In that moment Mary must have felt indescribable joy. In that moment, in that single word the joy of Easter was captured. Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!

However, that joy isn't just about Easter Sunday, its about every day. We are an Easter people whatever the season and we have much to be joyful about. Not just at Easter but every day. That doesn't mean that we have to go around telling bad jokes to everyone we meet nor does it mean that we should feel a pressure to be happy all the time – that's impossible. However, it does mean that even in the darkest of times the joy of Easter is present, shining a light in the darkness. Whispering 'Mary'.

We are an Easter people – and Alleluia is our song!

Some of us may be better than others in fasting during Lent. For some shaping the liturgical mood of our services to mark the contrast with Easter involves a kind of fast – subdued colours, no flowers, restrained hymns – and most especially not using the word “Alleluia” until the first celebration of the resurrection. This might sound a bit fussy and contrived but the eruption of sound at the Cathedral's Easter Vigil, as we move from darkness to light, with the organ thundering, bells ringing and the Choir in full voice singing Alleluia is an astonishingly powerful and thrilling moment.



Of course, the first Easter wasn't a moment of celebration. Numbed by grief, fearful for their own lives, it caught Jesus' friends by surprise. Mary Magdalene and her companions, Peter and John and Thomas; for all that Jesus had taught, the news of his rising left them bewildered, uncertain, even afraid.

It's easy for us to get stuck in a sense of failure, defeat and denial. There is little to lighten our mood in a world torn apart by violence, with people struggling to make ends meet, against a backdrop of climate change and fears for the environment. Meanwhile our beloved Church is not only struggling to connect with the communities it serves, but finds itself

preoccupied with internal (I nearly said eternal) debates over prayers for same-sex couples.

But it is into this world and this Church; the world as it truly is that the good news of Jesus Christ comes. His saving death, his bursting from the tomb; this changes everything, and once we take a moment to reflect on it, brings Alleluia to our lips. For if all the powers of darkness could not silence God's Son, nor extinguish the light of Christ, what have we to fear?

The seventeenth century poet George Herbert, himself no stranger to anxiety and depression writes exultantly about his experience of Easter in words brilliantly set to music by Vaughn Williams in his *Five Mystical Songs*. If you don't know the piece why not look it up – and as you do let Alleluias resound in your heart:

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That as his life calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Every blessing

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Chris Dalliston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Dalliston
Dean of Peterborough



EASTER GREETINGS

Pam Chandler wishes everyone at All Saints a happy and blessed Easter.

From Angela: "The very first Easter taught us this: life never ends and love never dies."

Wishing everybody health happiness and God's blessing at this special season. From Nina.

Happy Easter everyone, best wishes from Donna, Dominic and Lewis.

Father Brian wishes you all a Happy Easter with many blessings for this festive season.

To everyone at All Saints: as spring wakes up and days get longer, let us look forward to the season and the celebration of the risen Lord. May your Easter be filled with joy and new hope. Love from Ruth Inyon x



Happy Easter, may it be filled with lots of love and joy. May you and your family be blessed as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter, from the reflection of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life. Richard and Kay Lewis.

The Christian Chronicle

Storm Clouds Gather, Again

The “Great War”, as it was called, 1914 – 18, was also believed to be the “war to end all wars”. But, it’s just over 20 years on, and we’re at the start of a conflict that looks likely to engulf most of Europe and probably draw in many other world players too. It’s autumn 1939, and there’s just been declaration of war between the United Kingdom and Germany. Over the centuries, many wars and conflicts have had religious differences at the heart of the cause; this conflict is probably more based on social ideology.

On one hand, the church is continuing to look to define itself and its doctrines whilst getting back to basics. On the other, with technology and science developing rapidly, the church is anxious to not get left behind.

Technological development really means bigger, bolder, faster. 200 years ago, horseback was probably the fastest way a person could travel. Just over 100 years ago, trains provided the first mechanical means of travelling any distance, now cars and other automobiles are commonplace and, increasingly, aircraft fill the sky. In 1934, the “Flying Scotsman” became the first steam locomotive to reach 100 mph, then in 1938, the “Mallard” beat that, setting a new world record of 126 mph (just over 200 km/hour).

Within the church the theme of bigger and better is also prevalent. Standing atop Mount Corcovado, overlooking Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, a 30m-high statue has been erected. An additional 8 metre pedestal adds to the grandeur but already this statue, known as “Christ, the Redeemer” has become a focal point not just for South American Christians, but for all the world. Already, however, there are plans for an even bigger symbol, this time a giant cross to be erected near Madrid in Spain. Work is about to start and this cross, which will also sit on top of a hill, will be 150 metres high.

The church continues to utilise the popularity of radio to spread the Word, with even more dedicated stations and programmes all around the world. There seems, however, to be continued desire to get back to basics, to original texts and doctrines. An Assyrian, George Lamsa, has published a

Bible from ancient eastern manuscripts - now being called the Lamsa Bible. It uses ancient documents and the Syrian Peshitta with sections written originally in Aramaic. These are claimed to be older, more authentic, than the Greek ones, particularly regarding the New Testament. Meanwhile, German biblical scholar Alfred Rahlfs is leading a project to reconstruct the original Septuagint in its Koine-Greek. Also, Lutherans in America have produced documents reaffirming doctrines of the early Lutheran church.

In other developments, Methodists in the United States, who'd become divided over the issue of slavery, have now reunited; but the Bible Student Movement, the development of Charles Taze Russell, is becoming divided. Following Russell's death, leadership issues within the movement has led to a large section, led by Joseph Rutherford, formally distinguishing itself from other groups. Known as Jehovah's Witnesses, they retain the Watch Tower and Awake publications from the original movement.

Ethiopia has various social ranks, the highest being titled Ras. In 1930, Tafari Makonnen rose to power as Emperor, taking Haile Selassie, a previous baptism name, as his regnal name. In America, Jamaican political activist, Marcus Garvey, set up the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA). In 1933, in Kingston, Jamaica, UNIA member, Leonard Howell, proclaimed Haile Selassie to be divine, the second coming of the Messiah. Selassie, according to Ethiopian Kebra Nagast texts, is descended from King David, King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba fulfilling a prophecy in the text. Taking his status title and birthname gives a new religious following, Rastafarianism. Monotheistic in belief, God is known as Jah (derived from the Jewish tetragrammaton YHWH.) Afro-centric, the movement focuses attention on the African Diaspora resulting from the slave trade. Oppressive Western society is called Babylon and Africa is Zion or the Promised Land.

Britain has seen two particular areas of social unrest. The fallout from the 1929 Wall Street Crash led to a period of world recession lasting about 3 years. Unemployment soared, with the north of England being badly hit. Shipbuilding, a major employer, struggled and unemployment hit over 60%. In October 1936, a representative group of 200 marched 291 miles from Jarrow on Tyneside to Marble Arch in London in protest.

Ironically, the further development of war has reversed this desperate situation.

There's also been unrest regarding a particular Royal relationship and how this was viewed. Bessie Wallace Warfield was born in 1896 and grew up in Baltimore, USA. She'd married US Naval Officer Win Spencer in 1916. A marriage complicated in part by Spencer's drunkenness and times away, saw Wallace, as she's known, engage in a series of affairs, often with high-ranking diplomats from numerous countries; ultimately the marriage ended in divorce in December 1927. Wallace was already involved with married shipping executive, Ernest Simpson, a former Coldstream Guards Officer. After both divorced, they married in July 1928. Despite losing her personal wealth through the Wall Street Crash, Wallace was able to continue with her socialite lifestyle by virtue of her husband's business wealth. In 1931, Wallace was introduced to Edward, Prince of Wales, and then continued to be seen at various events over the next few years. By 1934 Wallace and Edward were very much "an item". As Prince of Wales, Edward was heir to the English throne, a role that encompasses the Head of the Church of England. Edward, himself, was also a renowned playboy with numerous documented mistresses. In January 1936, King George V died, and the prince became Edward VIII. He continued a very public relationship with Wallace despite her still being married – a matter that divided opinion and created significant unease within both government and church. The Bishop of Bradford alluded to the King's need of Divine Grace but later stated he was referencing poor church attendance rather than his relationship.

The Church of England position is that divorced people should not remarry in church whilst the former spouse is still alive. As Supreme Governor, the King is required, by law, to be in communion with the Church of England. Archbishop of Canterbury, Cosmo Lang, made the church's position clear: as head of the Church of England, the King could not marry a divorcee. Government ministers not only shared the spiritual concerns but also cited Wallace's apparent immoral pedigree, her relationships with numerous foreign dignitaries (with some, it was rumoured, still continuing) and the consequential national security risk that her being Queen could pose. There was no simple answer. Edward, besotted with Wallace wanted to

marry as soon as possible while Church and State saw the union as incompatible with Edward's role as monarch. In December 1936, Edward abdicated in favour of his younger brother, Albert, who became George VI, 1936 therefore became known as the year of 3 kings. Edward and Wallace married in 1937.

Still in Britain, and before considering the war, it's relevant to note two further technological advances. From 1937, the world's first emergency telephone service started to become available initially in the London area - the number 999 can be used free of charge from any telephone to summon a range of emergency services. The second development is based from Cambridge. New Zealand-born physicist Ernest Rutherford, who first induced a nuclear reaction in 1917, continued this work as Director of the Cavendish Laboratory at the Cambridge University until his recent death. He and his students have gone on to further define sub-atomic makeup. In 1932, two such students, John Cockcroft and Ernest Walton, became the first to "split the atom" and in so doing recognised the massive energy release predicted by Albert Einstein in 1905 through his equation $E = mc^2$.

Following the Great War, there were various agreements, not least the Treaty of Versailles, which formally ended the war. A 'League of Nations' was established in 1920 with the aim of maintaining world peace but the political landscape of Europe had changed - political extremes were on the rise. Communism in Russia and Fascism in Italy and Germany. In Italy, Benito Mussolini, leader of the Fascist Party, became Prime Minister from 1922. In Germany, Adolf Hitler became Chancellor of Germany in January 1933. Both had desires to extend spheres of influence and indeed domination. Italy invaded Ethiopia and, after an 8-month conflict, formed Italian East Africa. In 1936 civil war broke out in Spain and the nationalist rebels, led by General Francisco Franco, were actively supported by both Hitler and Mussolini.

In Germany, officially called the German Reich, the Nazi regime commenced a programme of unilateral direction. Concentration camps were initiated (the first at Dachau in 1933) initially for political prisoners; new measures were introduced defining the status of Jews and culminating in the Nuremberg Laws of 1935, which stripped them of their basic rights.

In March 1938 Germany annexed its neighbour Austria. The British approach of 'appeasement' only encouraged the Nazis so when Hitler pressed claims on an area of Czechoslovakia known as the Sudetenland, the Munich Agreement conceded this area to Germany despite the Czechoslovakian government objection. These were all preludes to war.

Germany then invaded the remainder of Czechoslovakia and demanded the return of Klaipėda from Lithuania. As further demands were made, and Italy conquered Albania earlier this year, the United Kingdom and France guaranteed support for the independence of Poland, Romania and Greece. In response Hitler and Mussolini formed a German-Italian 'Pact of Steel'. On 1st September, following some alleged border incidents, Germany invaded Poland. As per its guarantee, the UK demanded a German withdrawal setting a deadline for response. When that deadline expired, without response, Britain declared war on Germany on 3rd September.

That's where we are now - war has started. Germany and Italy are certainly better prepared than Britain and France, while Russia just looks on from the east. The prospect's not good, it's yet to be seen where this will take us.

GROWING OLD DISGRACEFULLY

I once looked like the Pinball Wizard
but now I'm wizened like a turkey's gizzard
coz I'm not growing old gracefully
I'm growing old disgracefully

I can't stop the ravage of time
that's etched into this face of mine
coz I'm not growing old gracefully
I'm growing old disgracefully

Some people work out at the gym
but I just work on the wine and gin
coz I'm not growing old gracefully
I'm growing old disgracefully

My brain's foggy like pea soup
my legs are bowing and I'm starting to stoop
coz I'm not growing old gracefully
I'm growing old disgracefully

I've got bunions on my feet
And round my eyes are deep crow's feet
coz I'm not growing old gracefully
I'm growing old disgracefully

I can't stop this middle aged spread
I'm over fifty and over fed
coz I'm not growing old gracefully
I'm growing old disgracefully

I once had a firm six pack
but now my belly's like a big haystack
coz I'm not growing old gracefully
I'm growing old disgracefully

My hair was blonde and beautiful
but now it's grey like wire wool
coz I'm not growing old gracefully
I'm growing old disgracefully

My eyes are pale like robin's eggs
and I've got wobbly pigeon legs
coz I'm not growing old gracefully
I'm growing old disgracefully

Some people like to dye their locks
but I don't mind being silver fox
coz I'm not growing old gracefully
I'm growing old disgracefully

Some people cover themselves in lotions
and take all kinds of pills and potions
coz I'm not growing old gracefully
I'm growing old disgracefully

I'm not scared of growing old
coz you're never too old to rock 'n' roll
but I'm not growing old gracefully
I'm growing old disgracefully

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RALPH HARTLEY EXHIBITION

On 23rd and 24th September we are going to be holding another Ralph Hartley exhibition in church. It is usually well attended as many Kettering people had one or two of his paintings. Please see Derrick Smith if you have any that you could loan us or know of anyone that has any. Also, can you please put the evening of 22nd Sept in your diaries to help set the exhibition up and take it down again on the 24th? The art boards are quite large to handle. We need several strong people who won't be on holiday at that time!

MARCH PCC meeting

Items of note discussed:

Statue of Our Lady – Movement of this statue is still under review as there seems to be divided opinion on it dictated by both spiritual and physical issues.

Parish Priest's Items – (i) David Walsh returning from 6 (what he described as) very special days in the Holy Land, he recommended anyone given the opportunity to do this visit to take it. (ii) Away Day to be arranged for after the new curate arrives in June. 8th July suggested tentatively. (iii) It was agreed Monday evening services should be conducted in the sanctuary again – entrance to Church by North door please.

Eco Church – Bronze certificate awarded and now working towards Silver.

APCM 2023 – i) Reminder - this meeting is on 14th May immediately following the 10.30 Eucharist. (ii) Angela agreed to review the Electoral Roll.

Link with Church in South Korea – There has not been a meeting but David wants to start up monthly contact. He informed that Bishop Moses is moving from South Korea to New Malden.

Community Garden Project – Negotiations continue. The suggested compost bins will be alongside the present bins. The small banner requested should be as near to the houses as possible and it will include space for event advertisements and a QR code.

Church Development To Do List – This remains the same but the best quote for windows came in at £900 from the contractor who carried out the work previously. This is essential work and is proceeding.

All Saints' Community Events – Latest list of events available elsewhere in Saints' Alive.

Finance and Stewardship – 2023 accounts to end of February received.

Safeguarding – The policy has been updated on our website.

Health and Safety – See Alan's update following this.

Fabric: The cost of replacing lights in the Hall with LED lights is being investigated. This would count towards Silver Eco-Church award.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 24th April 2023 8pm

Submitted by J. Bouchier

Health and Safety Update

The Covid virus is still with us but, thankfully due to the protection the vaccines bring, it is not quite the lethal threat it was previously. Restrictions and regulations have now been lifted in many areas and the PCC considered what that currently means for All Saints at its March meeting.

As a result of those discussions, we have made some changes as we start to redefine the new normal for our church life. Here is a summary of those changes and what will be further considered in due course.

There have been a number of requests to have rows of seats closer together as this helps those who need a support to help to stand. As a result, the rows are now closer together and this also allows for an extra row of chairs.

We are conscious that some may still want additional space, so we have kept the wider-spaced rows at the back. We also have red paper squares available on entry – these can be placed on adjacent chairs to 'block' them and create addition side-ways space. So, if you see a red square, please respect it and the person who has placed it there.

We have re-introduced the procession of the offertory elements but for the moment the collection will remain as a plate available at the back of church. This second area brought forth a variety of views and so will need to be debated further as a matter going beyond just Health and Safety.

We continue to have hand sanitizer available and that is likely to continue for some time. Those distributing communion will continue to wear masks and whilst both elements are offered, there is no obligation to take the wine. The wine will be offered through a common cup and, as a reminder, intinction is **not permitted**. Tea and coffee will be available on most occasions after the service.

The PCC will continue to keep all points under consideration and advise you of changes as they are decided but please be assured that there will be a full health and safety risk assessment and consideration of the impact on all members of the congregation.

Please feel free to discuss any of the above with your churchwardens or myself.

Alan Ridley (Health and Safety Officer.)

Christian aid
Churches Together In Kettering

QUESTION what's the smart way to help people in the world's poorest communities help themselves ?

ANSWER

Quizaid

A Quiz and Pud night

at **FULLER BAPTIST CHURCH**

Friday 21st April 6.45 for 7.00pm

Represent your church with
a Quiz Team of 6

(Incomplete teams, 'extras' and supporters very welcome)

£7 each (Young people £4) incl desserts and hot & cold drinks

Numbers to Rosalind Robinson (519741)
by Sun 16th April, please

Eulogy for Jenny Butler

A service of Thanksgiving
for the life of

Jennifer Butler
'Jenny'



25th May 1948- 9th February 2023

Jennifer Skelly (Jenny to her friends) was born in Woodford on 25th May 1948, the youngest of three children. Sister to Harold and Shirley. She attended Woodford Primary School and Thrapston Senior School. As a child she enjoyed family holidays to the coast and Whitehaven, where she visited her dad's family. Jenny enjoyed village life and played with Jean and Joan, her cousins. She would recall scrumping and playing in the woods with them. As a child Jenny attended Woodford Church with her sister Shirley, this was encouraged by her dad.

On leaving school Jenny got a job at the Kettering telephone exchange as a telephone operator. During this time, she met Dave and made many friends, with whom she remains in contact with now.

In November 1970 Jenny and Dave married in Woodford Church. It was a snowy morning, but the sun shone on the bride in the afternoon. They purchase their first home in Mendip Close Kettering and moved in after

the wedding. They honeymooned in Austria the following summer, as they both preferred the green countryside rather than snowy mountains. Jenny was a homemaker and garden designer; she always enjoyed the outdoors and flowers. Camping holidays followed naturally. Dave recollects their first camping holiday with Shirley and Colin in Cornwall, struggling to put up the tent and needing assistance from fellow helpful campers.

Along then came three lovely daughters: Clare, Lucy, and Helen. As the family grew, they moved to a family home in Mitchell Street, where more house improvements and gardening projects were planned and completed. One of the memorable parts of the garden was the Victoria plum tree. The fruits of this were enjoyed by many, but always came with a warning from Jenny to not have too many.

Jenny enjoyed dressmaking and knitting, she made outfits for her three girls.

Annual family camping holidays in England and wet Wales occurred, not just sea and sand but lovely countryside. The camp site was never booked but the site toilets were always visited before a booking was confirmed. Early morning starts were always on the cards, with often an unhelpful comment from Jenny on route of 'have we packed the tent pegs?'

Whilst the girls were young, Jenny took the perfect job at All Saints playgroup which involved her playing with children and talking to mums. She also enjoyed the school run with the girls, where she met fellow mums and soon started socialising with them. Jenny was always a caring person and once the girls were at school, she developed her career in care work. Initially with the community home help team and then onto her role in the Occupational Therapy team. Throughout this time, she continued to make friends.

Alongside her family came church, All Saints Church. For over 40 years Jenny was an active member of the congregation. She took on numerous roles including being a member of the PCC, and a chalice bearer including taking out communion to care homes for the elderly. She was an active fundraiser always involved in jumble sales and cake and tombola stalls at

the fairs. Her friends came and chatted to her while Dave, the girls and later, the grandchildren got on with the work! 😊

Her love of flower arranging came to the fore when she volunteered to help with the church flowers. They started simply and she developed her skills to make large arrangements including pedestals. Jenny was a great cake maker, her cakes were always greatly appreciated by many, especially Dave. She always made birthday cakes for the family and friends, and this continued throughout her lifetime.

In 1995 Jenny and Dave decided to move to the countryside as it was always a passion of Jenny's. They built their own home in Cranford and moved into it in 1997.



After the girls left home, Jenny and Dave enjoyed many European holidays visiting scenic locations including Madeira, Malta and Holland. Jenny was never one for lying on the beach but enjoyed visiting the countryside and gardens. After her retirement, holidays in the UK in a motorhome were also enjoyed including visiting National Trust houses and gardens. She also enjoyed visiting the coast with Clare and Bertie. Jenny wondered if she would ever become a grandma and was overjoyed when four grandchildren arrived within three years, Zachary, Oliver, Charlotte and Edward. She loved them as babies especially but had great pleasure in watching them grow. She was always proud of their achievements.

Later in Jenny's life, she volunteered at the local food bank and then became a Samaritan. Being able to give back to the community and support others was something that she felt passionate about. Again, these roles brought new friendships into her life, with whom she has shared many happy times.

Her caring commitments continued with Dave's Mum and Dad and then her own Mum. Jenny was always a carer and not the one cared for, but

unfortunately due to her illness she had to accept some care herself, so was looked after by Dave and her family. She then spent her final days being extremely well cared for by the lovely staff in Cransley hospice. Jenny grew up in Woodford and this will also be her final resting place, where her ashes will be buried with her Mum and Dad in Woodford Church graveyard. This completes her circle of life.

(Compiled by her family and read out at the service by Richard Lewis)

Message From Dave Butler

Friends, a BIG, BIG “Thank You” to all who came to Jenny’s funeral, who gave their apologies, who officiated, and sent cards. Again, thank you.

Dave Butler

Family Memories of Muriel Joan Cotten

A Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of



Muriel Joan Cotten

13th July 1931 – 24th February 2023

(Extracts taken from the service kindly provided by the family.)

Muriel loved walking and would walk into town often twice a day. She would ring up to see if she could call in for a cup of tea and would often get there before the kettle boiled!

She loved All Saints church and often helped out and only stopped going when she thought she might show herself up and upset her friends. She missed going, for all the good times she had there and helping with the strawberries and ice-cream for Bands in the Park. She would rush home and ring her family to say they had sold out!

For her 90th birthday party, Muriel thanked everyone profusely, then told us in no uncertain terms never to do it again.

Muriel made beautiful greetings cards and also knitted lots of blankets and angel pockets to raise funds for SANDS (The Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity.) Her grandson Thomas helped out at many fairs at All Saints sitting with Muriel.

Another funny memory of Muriel was buying a skirt in M&S. No matter how many times she tried to put her own skirt back on she kept getting the lining on the outside causing much laughter and a shop assistant coming to check if everything was OK. This only caused another round of giggles.

Muriel loved the Cotswolds and standing on the veranda watching the ducklings and going shopping in all the shops!

They had family holidays abroad and even if it was 40 degrees Muriel would come along to the pool in her shorts, a top, a big hat and wearing her cardigan.

Muriel liked going to the Trading Post for tea and would look at the menu and always said she didn't know what to order but we knew it would be fish and chips!



USPG Lent Appeal

As usual this Lent we will as a parish be supporting USPG, the missionary society with which we have long standing links, especially through Jinny Wade and myself. The focus for the 2023 Appeal is on treatment to prevent the development of AIDS in new-born babies in Tanzania, breaking the cycle of HIV and its continuing effects. You can find more details at www.uspg.org.uk

This is important work but in the current climate of wars and natural disasters, I understand that this Appeal may not be seen as a priority for our giving this year, so I would like to remind you that together with other agencies, USPG also maintains a Rapid Response Fund.

This is the fund that they use when one of our global church partners seeks urgent help to respond to emergency situations such as the Syria and Turkey earthquake. As always that response is directed through our local church partners, who know the area and their priorities best, (in this case the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East), working alongside other relief agencies. I have personal experience of being part of this in the Caribbean following severe hurricanes and can witness to its effectiveness on the ground.

There is more information and examples of recent funding at <https://rapid-response.raisely.com/>

I hope that this will encourage you to continue to support USPG through this Lent. Envelopes will be available on Palm Sunday to be returned with your donation on Easter Day. You can also donate directly to the Rapid Response Fund on the link above. Thankyou. Jennie Loasby



NewsLetter

DEADline

COPY - Please send in your snippets, news, prayers etc to Angela. The deadline for the May edition of Saints Alive! is 25th April. It will be available from Sunday 30th April.

Community Highlights for May for Your Diaries!

7 th - Sale of scones, Cornish cream and jam for the Kings Coronation.	12 th – Happy Together Ukulele Band. Raffle. 7.30pm start. Entry includes tea/coffee. £6 per person.
13 th - Tea Dance starts 2-30pm-4.30pm. Raffle available. Entry £3.50 includes tea/coffee and cake.	19 th – Fun Quiz evening £2.50 each includes tea/coffee. Max 4 in a team. Bring your own drink and nibbles. Raffle. 7.30pm start.

We have 478 people checking our events page on:

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

Email: kettallsaintschurch@gmail.com

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EASTER CHURCH CLEANING

The date for church cleaning will be Saturday 8th April from 9.30am.

Please let Nina know if you can spare a few minutes to help.



CHURCHES AROUND OUR AREA THIS MONTH

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St Andrews Church, Brigstock

With Saxon beginnings found in stonework at the base of the Tower, origins of 10th century, 12th century Porch, 15th century Broach Spire added to tower, with restoration work in 19th century.



Beautiful altar frieze.

WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

Priest-in-charge	Rev. David Walsh	
Reader	John Stapleton	520342
Reader	Alan Ridley	529426
Churchwardens:	Richard Lewis	513703
	Angela Brett	522158
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Hall Manager:	Lyn Ridley	529426
Secretary:	John Sockett	501851
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