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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 AUGUST

<b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Feast of the Transfiguration</b>
<b>Aug</b>	2-4pm	"Friday Night Conspiracy" Band in the Park with strawberries & ice-cream in church
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	3pm - late	<i>Invite to Lyn &amp; Alan's BBQ (see inside)</i>
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist – Trinity 10</b>
	2-4pm	"Gretton Silver Band" in the Pleasure Park with strawberries & ice-cream in church
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	Fun Quiz
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30-4.30	Tea Dance
<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist – Trinity 11</b>
	2-4pm	"Epigone Jazz" in the Pleasure Park with strawberries and ice-cream in church
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7.30-8pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist with Healing &amp; Wholeness</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30-12.30	Listening to God
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist – Trinity 12</b>
	2-4pm	"Corby Silver Band" in the Pleasure Park with strawberries and ice-cream in church
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<del>7.30-8pm</del>	<del>Holy Eucharist</del> (No service as Bank Holiday)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	8.30-11.30	Pre-loved and new – tabletop sale



## Listening to God

Christian meditation group meeting

26<sup>th</sup> Aug 10.30 – 12.30

Ring Jennie Loasby on 07990 588135



## A MESSAGE FROM CARYS

### Benedict

In July, the church commemorated, as it does every year, the life of St Benedict, who is considered to be the founder of western monasticism. As his is not a major commemoration in the life of the Church, his day (July 11) often slips by without notice, but this year we spent a little time thinking about him in the Sunday service preceding his day, to call to mind his legacy which has an impact on us centuries after his death.

What we know of Benedict's life is fairly scant, and is usually gleaned from a slightly fantastical, semi-historical *Dialogues* thought to have been written by Pope Gregory 1 late in the 6th century, about 50 years after Benedict died. It is said to be drawn from four people who knew Benedict, and was written with the intention of teaching spiritual wisdom, using a blend of history and stories of saintliness and miracles.

It's this strange document, then, that tells us much of what we now know of Benedict: that he was from a prosperous family and left behind his studies in Rome to find a different, quieter life, then living as hermit for three years, before he became the founder of first one and then several, and then many, religious houses. These are the bare bones of a life, though the *Dialogues* fills it out with the odd remarkable and strange moment too (including a reference to a dragon) and gives a sense, overall, that Benedict was a person of insight and holiness.

He certainly left an entire culture of religious houses throughout Europe, which lasted in this country through various reformations and transformations, until the Reformation of the sixteenth century: around a thousand years of hospitality, of worship and prayer announced throughout the country by the chiming of bells floating on much quieter air than now, and of repositories of learning. And of course we still see today all around us the immense legacy of these ancient religious houses, either as ruins, or with their abbey churches now standing as cathedrals, which continue to shape us today in the Church of England.

But perhaps the most subtle of Benedict's legacies is his brief, practical, profound *Rule of Life*, written in the 540's, and exploring what it means to live in community. This is both an ancient and modern guide, which described a life steeped in prayer. And for all that it is clearly a 6th century text in outlook, it is also rooted in humility, and values hospitality and generosity. And it is shaped by a humanity which understands that as different people we need different things, and in this sense, feels ahead of its time.

This is the more subtle but none the less powerful legacy of Benedict for us today: this short text which shaped the lives of the men and women who lived in Benedictine communities, and the communities which emerged out of them. This text which encourages us to 'listen with the ears of [our] heart' and to know what it means to place prayer at the heart of life, is also an encouragement to be changed by a life with God, and to engage our hearts, so we can somehow get out of our own way and find ourselves in God's way. All of this, of course, remains relevant for us today, as wisdom which is both ancient and modern, and speaks to us of living lives rooted in the love of God. Or as Benedict put it 'as we make progress in our way of life and in faith, as our heart expands with the inexpressible sweetness of love'.

*The Rule of St Benedict is easily available online, in versions ranging from: Penguin Classics, to study guides, to free pdfs.*

# The Christian Chronicle

## Re-expressing the Same and Difference

For a decade or so, Christians seem to be trying to find a new balance. It's now just at the end of 1982 and, once again, it's time to take stock of recent challenges. For once, whilst there have been changes in the world at large, these haven't particularly driven issues in the church; it's been more the case of the church catching up with what's happened before.

Social landscape is always worth understanding to appreciate context. So far, the 20<sup>th</sup> century's been one of considerable change and challenge, with innovation and new ways of thinking; some good, others questionable. Previously, attitudes have been slow to change but no longer. Rather than being identified according to reigning monarchs, each generation is gaining a new title. After WWII there'd been a significant increase in birth rate in many countries; as a result, those born between 1945 and 1964 are being referred to as 'baby-boomers'. Then, up until recently, (1965 to 1981) we had 'Generation X'; we're now in 'Generation Y'. Social analysts are applying stereotypical traits to each generation - a trend likely to continue.

Post-WWII continental Europe is divided. This division is epitomised by a wall in Berlin. The city itself sits in the eastern part of Germany but a corridor exists linking it to the west. West Germany, and its neighbouring 'western' countries of Europe now operate as democracies, whereas those in the east, under the control or influence of the USSR, have communist regimes. As noted previously, tension is high between the east and west, with considerable mistrust in both directions. Check-Point Charlie, a main crossing point through the Berlin wall, is frequently referenced in espionage novels. Until recently, very little has been known about life in the communist bloc, but a trade union called Solidarnosc (meaning solidarity) has developed in Poland, fighting for shipyard worker rights. The first such movement in this part of the world in 25 years, it's difficult to know yet if this is the start of more political change.

Across the rest of Europe, countries have come together to form a European Union. The UK formally became part of that union in 1973. Whilst a further referendum in 1975 confirmed Britain remaining in the union, there's continued scepticism as to whether Britain should be part of this group. Having changed old pounds, shillings and pence to a decimal system, there's clear resistance to the idea of joining a single European currency.

It's been a difficult period for the UK since the mid-70's. Autumn/ Winter of 1975 was particularly dry compared to averages, so by late Spring 1976, water reserves, country-wide, were already depleted. The following summer was extremely dry and most unusual for Britain, consistently very

hot for a long period of time. Reservoirs dried and drought orders were put in place. Crops were significantly affected, fuelling, already high, levels of inflation, with increased hardship for many. Harold Wilson stepped down as Prime Minister to be replaced by James Callaghan. The British economic situation was difficult: poor productivity, rising inflation and government debts. Subsequently, Britain became the first major western country forced to borrow money from the International Monetary Fund.

The government tried to cap public sector pay as a means of trying to control inflation. Strikes followed by both private and public sector workers, but when one such dispute, at Ford Motor Co, was settled in late '78 with a 17% pay increase, public sector workers, whose increases were held at 5%, were outraged. What followed was a 'winter of discontent'. On top of a particularly cold winter, graves were left undug, rubbish left on streets, uncollected, and ancillary hospital staff blockaded entrances leading to services for emergency patients only. By Spring 1979, the government lost a motion of 'no confidence' in Parliament and, at the subsequent general election, Margaret Thatcher became the first woman Prime Minister. Already having the dubious title of "Thatcher the milk snatcher" following her decision, when Education Secretary, to stop providing school milk, she developed a reputation as the "Iron Lady" as she immediately sought to restrict industrial action by workers. This is generating a lot of difficulty with the trade unions and is sure to be an ongoing battle. Thatcher's popularity was struggling by early 1982 but then Argentina invaded the British Territory of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic in an attempt to gain sovereignty. A British forces task force was assembled and dispatched - by mid-June British control of the islands was regained. The victory has caused a significant surge in government popularity.

"The Troubles" in Northern Ireland have continued with many difficult times. In 1972 a march by Catholic Republican sympathisers in Derry was broken up when British troops opened fire, shooting 26 unarmed civilians, killing 14. An initial report by Lord Chief Justice Widgery concluded the fault for this "Bloody Sunday" lay with the marchers; this has only inflamed tensions further - there's sure to be further consideration of this incident. IRA activity has extended beyond the Province - two pubs were bombed in

central Birmingham in 1974; and the Queen's cousin, Lord Mountbatten, along with three others, were killed when his boat was bombed in 1979.

In many respects, the whole church is trying to play catch up with changes in society. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, Jerome created a Latin bible translation known as the Vulgate. In the late 16<sup>th</sup> century this was revised under Popes Sixtus V and Clement VIII. Now this official bible of the Catholic church has been revised again. Reflecting Greek and Hebrew bible texts this 'Nova Vulgate' was completed and published in 1979, aiming to be in a style closer to Classical Latin. Whilst the King James Authorised Version of the bible remains popular, many see it's 17<sup>th</sup> century language as a barrier to understanding; also, recent discoveries have questioned accuracy of translation in some places. Another recent bible translation to be released is the New International Version, initially as a New Testament, then, in 1978, as a complete bible. This NIV uses both Greek and Hebrew text as its source. It's proving to be popular, especially in the United States. Attempts are also being made to produce new, updated King James Version. This whole area of interest in biblical accuracy has led to two statements by evangelical leaders relating to the importance of the bible content and, in particular, a position of "inerrancy" in original biblical manuscripts. Whilst original manuscripts may no longer exist, extrapolation back to those texts is possible in many cases, but, thereafter, there's the matter of interpretation. This whole area of interpretation, in both theory and methodology, is referred to as the field of hermeneutics and is the subject of the 2<sup>nd</sup> statement from this group of evangelical leaders.

Charismatic evangelism continues, supporting a thirst for Christian music that's more modern, extending beyond more traditional hymns. Following the Charismatic Movement, there's now the 'Jesus Movement'. Starting in the US, it's now spread to Europe and Central America alike. Developments are not just purely Christian; other groups, such as 'Up with People' spread a message of one world, one human race, irrespective of colour.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council, seeking to move the Catholic church forward, was concluded under Pope Paul VI but 1978 saw two papal changes in quick succession. John Paul I, elected in August to succeed Paul VI, was Pope for just 33 days (the shortest in history) until his death. He was followed by

Pope John Paul II from mid-October. This previous Archbishop of Krakow (Poland) is the first non-Italian Pope in over 450 years. Whilst seen as a conservative in relation to many of the long-held positions of the church, such as abortion, contraception, and the ordination of women, he's also supportive of the Vatican reforms and keen to extend an ecumenical perspective towards faith, building relationships with both Protestants and Orthodox Christians as well as other faiths such as Judaism and Islam. He was just 58 at the point of election so should serve as Pope for some time.

Whilst the world is starting to embrace homosexuality, it remains a very difficult subject for most of the church, often still only talked about in hushed whispers. The Catholic church, for example, is not going to embrace homosexuality in its congregations anytime soon, let alone the priesthood. The United Church of Christ, in America, however, has already ordained openly gay men. This area of debate now seems to be one that will roll on for many years. In the Anglican church there's been debate for some time as to the continued appropriateness of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. This has remained the only formally authorised Order of Service for the Church of England, yet the 17<sup>th</sup> century language is seen as a potential barrier to worship and attracting young people into church. Attempts were made in the 1920's to introduce a new prayer book through Parliament, though never succeeded. However, a 1928 version has been used in some parishes, whilst others would use the 'English Missal' which is effectively a hybrid of the BCP together with the Catholic Latin Mass. As a result of a Church Liturgical Commission, formal alternatives, known as Series 1, 2 and 3 were introduced as a pilot during the 1960's. These had mixed receptions, but the desire for change and modernisation remained. The Church of England General Synod passed a 'Worship and Doctrine Measure' in 1974 allowing the production of a complete book of services containing everything from Morning Prayer to ordination. The Alternative Service Book (ASB) was introduced in 1980. Already it's become so popular, printers have had to do multiple print runs to keep up with demand. Of course, it's not without criticism, but it's radically changed services in many churches.

The whole church can be very resistant to any form of change or challenge, whether actual or just perceived; and any form of satire or fun taking is



often seen as irreverent. In Britain, a group of actors mainly from Oxford and Cambridge Universities came together to produce a series of satirical comical sketches, these evolved into the TV programme Monty Python's Flying Circus, which aired from the 1960's. Following on from the success of these programmes, the team went on to produce a series of films. In 1979 Monty Python's Life of Brian was released, telling the tale of a young boy born in Bethlehem and growing up in Roman controlled Palestine in parallel with Jesus. Despite the film being explicit (as in the words of Brian's mother) that Brian "is not the Messiah, he's just a very naughty boy", the film was heavily criticised, even called blasphemous, in many church quarters. The film was banned in many places or given an X (age 18) viewing certificate.

Finally, science has produced a new situation for the church, and wider society, to consider. It's become possible to take female human eggs and fertilise them with male sperm in the laboratory. In-vitro fertilization (IVF) has become a possibility and, in 1978, Louise Brown became the first, so-called "test tube baby" when she was born in Oldham, Lancashire. Ultimately, on a number of fronts, the church, in its many different guises, needs to contemplate whether re-expression of the same old, same old is the way forward, or should it embrace change and difference.

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## **GARDEN OF PEACE**

In a garden of peace  
where a sunflower grows,  
love is the answer  
to all of life's woes.  
When summer is here  
on a bright hemisphere  
with the birds and the bees  
and a sweet English rose.

The sweet scent of roses  
floats by on the breeze,  
    under the boughs  
of the red cherry trees.  
When summer is here  
on a bright hemisphere  
in fields and meadows  
with wildflower seeds.

Down by the streams  
and the trickling brooks,  
with grasshoppers green  
and trees full of rooks.  
When summer is here  
on a bright hemisphere  
    we sit in the cool  
of a tree's shady nooks.

On cold winter days  
in the ice and the snow,  
we yearned to see flowers  
    and blue skies aglow.  
Now summer is here  
on a bright hemisphere  
    we long for the breath  
of a cool breeze to blow.

Seasons soon change  
as the days roll on by,  
    gone in the wink  
    of a twinkling eye.  
When summer is here  
on a bright hemisphere  
with swallows and swifts  
    in a warm sunny sky.

The wind in the willows  
it whispers a tune,  
down by the pond  
where the white lilies bloom.

When summer is here  
on a bright hemisphere  
under the stars  
and the midsummer moon.

In a garden of peace  
where a sunflower grows,  
love is the answer  
to all of life's woes.

When summer is here  
on a bright hemisphere  
with the birds and the bees  
and a sweet English rose.

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## **CARPARKING IN WILLIAM ST**

Some of the residents in William St have asked: "Please can we try and fill up the church carpark before we park in William St and Park View?" The residents are finding it increasingly difficult to park their cars. I have assured them that we try our best. Everywhere just seems to be clogged up with so many cars these days!

Angela

## **Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust**

We are pleased to report that NHCT gave us a cheque on 26.7.23 for £1,500 towards the cost of the painting of the exterior woodwork on the west aspect of the church building and the new eco lighting in the hall and sanctuary.

Richard and Angela (churchwardens)

## AN UPDATE FROM MARIE



A little update from me, on July 19th Dan and I were delighted to attend Nick's graduation ceremony at the University of Derby, where he received a 2nd Class Honors, BA in Sport Management. He has worked so hard the last three years, through some challenging times, so we are feeling very proud of his achievement. As for Keely, she has just finished her first year of teaching music & drama at a secondary school near Northampton, it has been a challenging year, but she is loving being a teacher to teenagers, she must be crazy! It has been so lovely to have her back home with us after four years away in Surrey, something we never thought would happen. She is now in the process of buying a house in Yelvertoft with her boyfriend. I shall miss her immensely once she moves out, but at least this time she is only half hour drive away!

Marie

## THE GARDEN STORY GROWS!



Following on from David Walsh suggesting one hymn could be: "All creatures of our God and King" 😊.

Richard suggested "Thine bee 🐝 the glory" or anything by the Beetles might be appropriate?

Thanks to everyone that have submitted a story, jokes and songs to sing!

Here are the articles submitted:

### In The Garden

Charlie the Carrot was bored, he was comfortable in his bed at the Community Garden, but he wanted an adventure. There were other beds in the garden. Charlie thought it would be a good idea to see who else lived there, he decided to wake his friends to have a look. It was nighttime so all the humans would be asleep.

Charlie Carrot woke Bertie Beetroot and Basil Broccoli to see if they wanted an adventure too. Arthur Aubergine was too sleepy so he said no. The three friends hopped off their bed and set off around the garden. They were surprised to see how much was there.

At a bee house, a bee popped his head out to say "Hello". Birdfeeders on the trees, Harry Hedgehog was having a walk and a Bug Church which was really busy with little creatures going in and out.

There was a party going on in one of the other vegetable beds, after they

introduced themselves the three friends joined in and made friends with Percy Pumpkin, Mike Marrow, Roger Runner Bean and Pete Potato. They all had a lovely time getting to know each other and decided to do it again to make more friends.

The friends all said how lucky they were to be in the Community Garden to be so well looked after, and to have visitors coming to see how they were getting on.

Charlie Carrot thought the adventure was a great success.

Nina

Knock, Knock.	Who's There?	
Dan.	Dan who?	Dandelion.

Knock, Knock.	Who's There?	
Amos.	Amos who?	A mosquito.

Knock, Knock.	Who's There?	
Millie.	Millie who?	Millipede.

Knock, Knock.	Who's There?	
Leaf.	Leaf who?	Leaf me alone.

Knock, Knock.	Who's There?	
Teresa.	Teresa Who?	Teresa Green.

From Richards' Granddaughter **Millie**

From **Nigel Smith** (sent in whilst on holiday!!):

Anything by the Beetles!?

O when the ants go marching in!

All creatures of our God and King!

"What's the Buzz" from the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical Jesus Christ Superstar?

Or take the last line of the last verse of the popular hymn The Day though gavest, Lord has ended..."Till all thy creatures own their sway"?

This well-known song: "**An English Country Garden**" by Jimmie Rodgers, with its very appropriate wording.

How many gentle flowers grow in an English country garden?  
I'll tell you now, of some that I know, and those I miss I hope you'll  
pardon.

Daffodils, hearts-ease and flocks, meadow sweet and lilies, stocks,  
Gentle lupins and tall hollyhocks,  
Roses, fox-gloves, snowdrops, forget-me-knots in an English country  
garden.

How many insects find their home in an English country garden?  
I'll tell you now of some that I know, and those I miss, I hope you'll  
pardon.

Dragonflies, moths and bees, spiders falling from the trees,  
Butterflies sway in the mild gentle breeze.  
There are hedgehogs that roam and little garden gnomes in an English  
country garden.

How many song-birds make their nest in an English country garden?  
I'll tell you now of some that I know, and those I miss, I hope you'll  
pardon.

Babbling, coo-cooing doves, robins and the warbling thrush,  
Blue birds, lark, finch and nightingale.  
We all smile in the spring when the birds all start to sing in an English  
country garden.

## **AN HISTORICAL ANECDOTE**

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July in Church when we sang "Shine Jesus Shine" it occurred to me that maybe not everyone knows why we usually sing the last chorus twice. Bishop Bill Westwood visited us and as the altar party processed out he instructed us to sing the last chorus again because he was enjoying it, obviously we did as we were told! This continued as a memory of a lovely man who during one of our interregnum periods told Myra Sherwood, Dave and myself to "holdfast" - we did and we got Father Ron.

Jane Bouchier

## OLLIE'S SILVER AWARD



I got my Silver Award from Cubs at the age of 10, because I can move up to Scouts. I also had to do some challenges like cleaning my room, and learning skills like knots etc. Then I got it on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the AGM at John Lowther Centre. Overall, the saying is right, hard work does really and honestly does pay off.

This was a really good perseverance for the mindset and I can't wait for the next opportunity.

Submitted by Ollie





## **JULY 2023 PCC MEETING - Items of note discussed:**

**Parish Priest's Items** – David will be taking some time off in August following a particularly busy period.

**Donations in Memory of Father Brian and Jenny Butler** – No formal decisions on appropriate memorials have been taken as yet. There will be further contact with the families in this respect.

**Memorial for Michael Truman** – Helen and family are pleased to fund the purchase of a new thurible (the present one is damaged) this is significant as members of the family had used the thurible and the boat in years gone by and Michael loved incense.

**Scramblers** – Claire Povey was unable to attend this meeting but Julie Loake and her had discussed the future of Scramblers. As an interim measure Angela will continue to prepare the colouring sheets and Julie some simple generic craft activities. It may be in the future we have a family service on the second Sunday of the month.

**Link with Church in South Korea** – The visit of Father Aeduk and Father Gregory over a Ploughman's lunch was considered useful and interesting with learning for us and our visitors. Subject to the necessary approvals the Link Group may extend to include St Andrew's and involve Osan and Gangnam. Jenny Loasby is our Link Group representative if you want to know more.

It had not been the intention for the lunch to be a fundraiser but £50 was accrued. The PCC agreed to donate this profit to the St Peter & St Paul soup kitchen. It was also agreed that in future if a surplus is made at an event that isn't deemed a fundraiser it should be donated to an agreed charity/need.

**Parish Away Day** – Saturday 8th July 2023 Cranford Village Hall 10 am to 4 pm. The PCC considered this had been a successful day only commenting that to have had sight of an agenda beforehand would have encouraged people to change previously made arrangements. See David's report.

**Community Garden Project** – An area near the recycling bins has been prepared to take three compost containers. It was brought to the PCC's attention that spreading foliage over the path near the North door was becoming a risk. Angela will speak to Mandy the scheme lead.

**Finance and Stewardship** – Accounts for **6 months** to the end of June

were received together with Fundraising report to date. Currently the Income and Outcome are similar.

**Fabric** – New LED lights are in place in sanctuary and the hall.

**Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 8pm.

Jane B.

## **PARISH AWAY DAY**

We were fortunate to be joined by Charlie Nobbs, Director of Mission for the Diocese of Peterborough.

We started by reflecting on the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. We each asked ourselves which words from the story spoke most strongly to us. I was interested and surprised to see how many of us picked up on the phrase 'a deserted place' to describe the setting for this story. Several people felt that in some ways our ministry at All Saints is to a place which in some ways feels 'deserted'.

I picked up on the words of the disciples, when Jesus said to them 'you give them something to eat'. The disciples replied 'We have nothing here but ... five loaves and two fish.' As we know this 'nothing but ...' fed five thousand people. I suggested we each reflect on what the 'nothing but ...' is we have in our own lives to offer Jesus. And what the 'nothing but ...' is that All Saints has as we seek to minister to our local community.

So much has happened since the last Away Day that we then spent some time 'catching up with ourselves'. We tried to remember the key events in the life of All Saints over the past five years: things to give thanks for and things that were difficult and made us sad. Before moving on to the rest of the day, we brought all this to God in prayer.

Charlie Nobbs then encouraged us to look forward. He talked about the importance of desire in bringing about change and asked us what our desires were in relation to All Saints and its future. Where did we want to be in a few years' time? And then he talked about the practical steps always needed to make progress, one step at a time. About how people first join a church community, then begin to get more involved and possibly end up in positions of leadership, all through taking one step at a time. Creating a church in which such steps are made easier is

important. Charlie talked to our new curate Angie about the many steps that had taken her into church membership and beyond to the situation she's now in.

In the afternoon we looked at just three of the areas in which we as a church will need to go on a journey if All Saints is to flourish and so continue to serve its community. The three areas are: our ministry with young people; the development of lay leadership; and our finances. We split up into three groups, asked where we wanted to end up (the 'desire' question); what were the steps needed to get there; and in particular, what the first step needed was in each area.

You'll be hearing more about these 'first steps' in more detail over the coming weeks and months as we set out together on the next stage of our pilgrimage. The day ended with sharing the eucharist together.

Do please continue to pray for All Saints as we begin to make these new steps forward in faith. And do ask yourself what your role might be in this when we start talking about the details of the first steps needed.

Rev David Walsh



### **BBQ Time !!!**

Alan and Lyn invite you to join them  
at home for a Summer BBQ

*Saturday 12th August 2023*

*3pm til late*

*58 Britannia Road, Kettering*

*Partners / Family Welcome  
Raffle in support of All Saints  
Church*

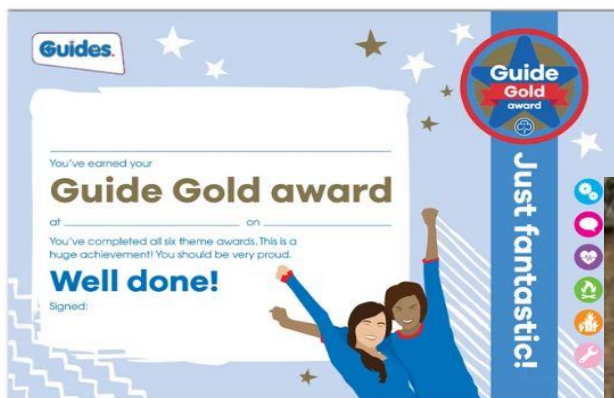
*RSVP by 4<sup>th</sup> August*

*(For catering purposes)*

## Community Highlights for September for Your Diaries!

<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Preloved and new table-top sale. Contact Richard on 07887617978 you must book a £6 stall in advance! 8.30-11.30am open to public.</p>	<p>8<sup>th</sup> – “The Ham-It-Ups” present “A Murder to Die For” Murder Mystery at 7.30pm £6 per person and bring your own drinks and nibbles.</p>
<p>9<sup>th</sup> - Tea Dance starts 2-30pm-4.30pm. Raffle available. Entry £3.50 includes tea/coffee and cake.</p>	<p>15<sup>th</sup> – Fun Quiz evening £2.50 each includes tea/coffee. Max 4 in a team. Bring your own drink and nibbles. Raffle. 7.30pm start.</p>
<p>16<sup>th</sup> Last Night of the Proms with Kettering Town Silver Band. Starts at &amp;.30pm and raffle available. Tickets £6.50 can be purchased via <a href="mailto:kettallsaintschurch@gmail.com">kettallsaintschurch@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm Ralph Hartley Exhibition. Entry £2. 12 -4pm both days</p>

## MILLIE'S GOLD AWARD



Well done Millie, I know how hard you have had to work for this.  
Angela.



## CHURCHES AROUND OUR AREA THIS MONTH

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

### **All Saints Church, Mears Ashby 12<sup>th</sup> century**

Grade II listed building. At the west is a low tower with a bell stage of around 1250-1300. Construction is of irregular stone (aisles and tower.)



Looking towards the belfry.



The Norman Nave Archway and circa 14th century Doom painting on the wall entering the chancel, depicting the last day of Judgement. (Heaven and Hell.) Unearthed in restorations in 1854. Restored and preserved for future generations.



Memorial window in memory of Maria Wife of Revd Newby died 1874.



NewsLetter

**DEADline**

**COPY** - Please send in your snippets, news, prayers etc to Angela. The deadline for the September edition of Saints Alive! is 29<sup>th</sup> August. It will be available from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

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## **WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH**

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<b>Reader</b>	<b>Alan Ridley</b>	<b>529426</b>
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**This edition of Saints Alive! is in memory  
of Barry Vasey.**



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



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