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Monthly Update

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

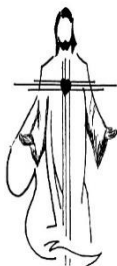


**JANUARY 2023**

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# CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

<b>Sun 1st</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist – Christmas 2</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<del>7.30-8pm</del>	<del>Holy Eucharist</del> Bank Holiday
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist – Baptism of Christ</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
	8pm	PCC
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist – Epiphany 2</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist with Healing & Wholeness
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	Fun Quiz Evening £2.50 per person
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist – Epiphany 3</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30-12.30	Listening to God
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist – Candlemas</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	8.30-11.30	Preloved and New Table-Top Sale



## Listening to God

Christian meditation group meeting

28<sup>th</sup> January

10.30 – 12.30

Ring Jennie Loasby on 07990 588135



## **"Expect great things from God, Attempt great things for God"**

As you read this, the diocese will be in the process of saying "Goodbye", literally "God Bless You" to Bishop Donald after almost 13 years as Bishop of Peterborough. I hope many of you will be able to share in the special service of thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Sunday 8th when there will be opportunity to express our gratitude for his ministry among us.

I'm thrilled and deeply honoured to have been invited to serve you as Acting Bishop of Peterborough until Bishop Donald's successor arrives. We have a superb team of senior clergy, excellent diocesan officers, brilliant office staff and three wise retired bishops to guide us through this year. Our clergy, lay ministers and lay leaders are wonderful servants of Christ and I have every confidence that God will guide us and be good to us. Within that great team, my job is to help you to do your jobs in serving Jesus and your communities, or as one of our amazing Gen2 Youth team prayed for me recently; "to help everyone in the diocese realise their dreams".

Please pray for everyone involved in discerning our next Bishop. The national Appointments Secretaries will be consulting widely through January and February while the Vacancy in See committee works on a Diocesan Profile. The Crown Nominations Commission will shortlist on June 13th and interview on July 19th and 20th. We hope there might be an announcement in the autumn and the new Bishop will start early in 2024. I believe God has already chosen someone

– our task is to find them!

One of Bishop Donald's special gifts is as a teacher and I'm delighted to announce that for the Bishop's Bible Day this year we have attracted one of the leading Bible teachers in the country. The Revd Dr Isabelle Hamley, a former Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the author of last year's powerful Lent Book "Embracing Justice" will give the two keynote addresses on Psalm 23 "The Lord is my Shepherd" and Psalm 137 "By the rivers of Babylon". There will also be the usual range of workshops and an opportunity to "grill the bishop". Saturday 18th March, Northampton High School. Details available soon.

At a recent service in Westminster Abbey, I was delighted to discover that the lectern in front of the high altar was a gift in memory of the great Northamptonshire Christian William Carey (1761-1834). He persuaded British Christians to share the good news of Jesus with the wider world, translated the Bible into six languages and served as a pioneer missionary in India. Carey's great motto "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God" is inscribed on the lectern and has been an encouragement to many for 200 years. Perhaps their reassurance and challenge might be an inspiration to us this year.

With my love, prayers and best wishes,



+John  
Bishop of Brixworth

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# Igniting the passion within

**Y**ou always get asked when you start a new job where do you see yourself in the future. 15 years in Banking and 17 years as a Childminder I'd built up quite a set of life skills, mapping processes to mapping children's development. But little did I know on God's future plans for me.

We journey through life with families and careers, and big milestones, that sometimes we reach with trepidation. For me it was my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, surprisingly a gift that led me straight back to God. With a new baby I found a weigh-in clinic, and was invited to a breakfast group. Unbeknown to me this was a church plant locally in Grange Park. I started to attend along with my daughter and minded children...well who couldn't resist a coffee and croissant. Stories and songs captivated me and ignited this ember that had been buried deep inside me, I could not get enough.

With a new incumbent at my church, St Edmunds, Hardingstone, and the opportunity to attend another toddler praise group, it kept the ember burning and allowed me to involve myself in my local parish. I was encouraged by my incumbent to join the ministry team, using some of my skills in a different environment. Was this where God was leading me?

Still the ember burned and it felt like God was calling me to do more, and after a tearful and frank conversation with my incumbent I was introduced to the Director of Ordinands Steve Benoy. I joined Cohort 11 on the Lay Ministry course as a 'ministry explorer': an opportunity to study, learn, and grow, meet some lovely individuals and discover more about myself as a Christian. As my thirst for knowledge and

confidence grew, I was still questioning where God was taking me, until one morning at a bible study group...

We sat around a table with a Bible, candle, loaf of bread and meditated for a time, after which we all spoke of our instant feelings. My hands were heavy, they were burning and all I wanted to do was take the bread, break it and share it. To my amazement nobody else felt the same, and I realized the path God was planning for me. Having completed the discernment process around Easter 2021, here I am having just started my training as an Ordinand on part time pathway with St Mellitus College in Leicester.



**Angie Milne**

**“where do  
you see  
yourself in  
the future?”**

**Angie Milne is due to join our Ministry Team as a curate in June at St Peter & Paul with St Michaels and All Saints.**

# The Christian Chronicle

## Revival and Mission

**Another new century! We've lurched into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and have reached 1910. Already there's a sense that this century will see lots of change in all aspects of life. That's partly due to the way things are already changing increasingly rapidly in more recent times, but, also, it's down to what's already happened in the last 10 years. The two key themes, so far, are revival and mission but, as always, there are other areas, particularly in society at large, that we can't ignore.**

Starting in Britain with the inevitable yet significant - the passing of Queen Victoria occurred in 1901. After over 63 years on the throne (Britain's longest reigning monarch) she was succeeded by her eldest son, Edward VII, already 59 by then. Having been a somewhat 'playboy' Prince of Wales, he didn't reign long as King and died in May of this year. His eldest son had died just 28, so it's his second son who's become George V. Victoria had been in effective mourning for 40 years after the loss of her beloved Prince Consort, Albert; but now with new monarchs, society's mood has lifted.

Britain's never been far from conflict recently and the tensions in southern Africa, present at the end of the last century, did indeed flare up further. You'll recall the very bottom of Africa (around the Cape of Good Hope) had been established as 'Cape Colony' - part of the British Empire. Relationships with neighbours have previously caused problems – first Zulu's in 1879, and then with Dutch farming settlers, known as Boers, the following year. Both conflicts had been short lived yet, whilst the Boers had established defined territories for themselves, the discovery of gold and other minerals there brought further, mainly English, settlers and yet more tension. This escalated into war in late 1899 for 2½ years before a treaty was signed.

This 'Boer War' (actually, Second Boer War to be accurate) saw a change in approach to such conflict. For centuries armies had openly lined up against each other with the battle generally decided by the size of each

army and level of weaponry, with, only occasionally, tactics playing a part. Britain had sent a large contingent to the Cape - regular soldiers, well trained – and, after initial early successes, the Boers found themselves outnumbered. As a mere militia force, they had to employ a different approach, and found repeated success with “guerrilla” tactics of hit and hide. Unable to otherwise defend or overcome these tactics, the British commanders applied a “scorched earth policy” destroying Boer infrastructure and imprisoning families in concentration camps. Warfare has changed.

The Treaty of Vereeniging finally brought peace: the Boer territories became British colonies and now all these (Cape, Natal, Transvaal and Orange River) have come together as the Union of South Africa. Whilst all of this has been happening in society at large, it’s perhaps acted as a focus of values, that then flows through in the developments of Christianity.

At various times there have been surges in faith and belief; in some cases, the term ‘revival’ has been applied to these. A number of these surges have originated from the Methodist movement. Unlike the Church of England or the Catholic Church, with their episcopal structures, the Methodist movement has more local independence. In Wales, Christianity has become markedly less Calvinistic over the last 50 years or so and there have been a number of local revivals in that time. In 1904, however, the surge of one such revival has been more like a tsunami. Methodist preacher, Joseph Jenkins, arranged a series of conferences in New Quay, at one of these, 19-year-old, Florrie Evans is reported to have stated “I love Jesus Christ with all my heart”. This expression of love for Christ, far outside sentiments normally expressed openly, created a massive impression on the meeting and rippled outwards from it in such a way that this revival is being seen as the catalyst for many more around the world. Florrie is now a missionary in India.

Revival in Los Angeles, California, has spawned a whole new Pentecostal movement; a Pentecostal body known as the ‘Church of God in Christ’ has been founded in Memphis, Tennessee and in Texas, ‘The Church of the Nazarene’ (based on Wesleyan Methodism) has also been established.



There've been other revivals across Europe, too, but in France, the government (known as the Third French Republic) has declared the country a secular state; completely separating the legal entities of Church and State.

The mission of the church has continued the spread of Christianity with developments in New Guinea, Brazil and Japan, amongst others, as well as continued work elsewhere. There's even been a World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh this year looking at developing an ecumenical approach to mission.

We've previously encountered the term 'Rosicrucian'; in 1909 Max Heindel founded a new Rosicrucian Fellowship. It takes an esoteric approach to Christianity noting secret traditions as a pre-requisite to initiation and access to learning and knowledge. The re-emergence of this approach, related to Gnosticism, is not being welcomed by the established churches. On the other hand, theological debate has been opened up by Albert Schweitzer from the Alsace region (the French/German borderlands) by the publication of his work "The Quest of the Historical Jesus". Originally published in German in 1906, the English translation has just been produced. Already, it's being hotly debated: Christ is not just a figure for Palestine of 1900 years ago, but one that meets each one of us in our own time, each in the same way, and with the same command to follow Him.

Returning to the social scene in Britain with a somewhat moralistic theme, there are three further developments of note. Firstly, after there only being two political parties in Britain for over 200 years, a third party has started to emerge; the Labour Party was formed in 1900 arising out of the trade union movement and other recent socialist influences. As yet, it hasn't challenged for government, but it's already exerting influence as it seeks to represent working class people. Perhaps in response, the Liberal Party, currently in government, has embarked on some social reforms. There's a new Chancellor of the Exchequer, David Lloyd George, and he seems to be leading the way – he may speak Welsh, have Welsh parents, and seem as Welsh as one can be, but I've learnt he was actually born near Manchester! Anyway, he's introduced an Old-Age Pension, fully paid for

by the government (via general taxes), with no special contributions. There are criteria, but so far, about 600,000 over 70-year-olds are getting it.

The Labour Party has also probably come about because more people can now vote after the electoral reforms of the last 75 years. However, as yet, women still don't have the right to vote (a right sometimes called 'suffrage'.) In 1903, Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women's Social and Political Union. In 1906, a reporter coined the phrase "Suffragettes" to describe the members of this all-female organisation. The name's stuck and is either borne with honour by those supporting, or used in derision by those denouncing, acts of vandalism and disruption that are being carried out. You'd think there must be movement on women voting soon. As you can see it's already happening, this is going to be a century of change!

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## **TRADITIONS AT CHRISTMAS TIME**

### **A very British tradition.**

Pantomime is often seen as something quaint, something utterly British, but its origins lie in warmer climes. It developed from the Italian street theatre of the Commedia dell'arte in the 16th Century, with comedic moments, stock characters and great physicality.

Small companies toured in Italy and France, setting up in marketplaces and fairgrounds to tell stories of the old man Pantalone, the clown Pierrot, and Columbine - the girl in love with the naughty servant Arlecchino.

From the late 1600s these characters appeared in English comic plays, introduced by the theatre impresario John Rich. Taking centre stage was the acrobatic Harlequin - the English name for the Commedia dell'arte's Arlecchino - who evolved into a impish magician. Known as Harlequinades, Rich's plays were an early form of pantomime. The stories involved lovers, magic, chases and acrobatics, with Harlequin using his 'slapstick' to hit



scenery, instigating set changes. In the late 1700s actor Joseph Grimaldi took the character to new heights and the sets became more elaborate.

By the Victorian era pantomime had become typical Christmas fare. Scripts now told stories of Robinson Crusoe or Fairy tales, with a witty rhyming style that included topical content. The Principal Boy - played by a woman - also offered the Victorian gentleman the rare opportunity to look at a well-turned ankle.

This period saw the rise of the music hall and the demise of the traditional Harlequinade. Stars crossed over from variety, bringing with them topical comedy and popular songs. The father of modern pantomime, Augustus Harris, encouraged lavish productions and competition between theatres across the country. The last London Harlequinade was staged at the Lyceum Theatre in 1939.

Pantomime has always had the capacity to adapt and move with the times, welcoming radio stars in the 1930s and 40s, to television and sports personalities today. Above all it has the capacity to offer a child its first magical encounter with live theatre.

(taken from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-25419506>)

## **WHEN WINTER SKIES ARE BLUE**

Bless the morning skyline  
Bless the rising sun  
Bless the bird that sings a song  
to gladden a heart that's glum

Bless the ears that listen  
Bless the eyes that see  
Bless the bird that sings a song  
in the morning sky for me

May the blessing of the light  
That greets the dawn anew  
Bring a hopeful day that's bright  
When winter skies are blue

Bless the star that twinkles  
Bless the rose in bloom  
Bless the bird that sings a song  
with a sweet melodious tune

Bless the moon above me  
Bless the morning dew  
Bless the bird that sings a song  
to gladden a heart that's blue

Bless the gentle snowdrop  
Bless the bells that ring  
Bless the bird that sings a song  
to greet the joy of spring

Bless the road ahead  
Bless the day to come  
Bless the bird that sings a song  
to greet the morning sun

May the blessing of the light  
That greets the dawn anew  
Bring a hopeful day that's bright  
When winter skies are blue

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## **DON'T FORGET**

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## **UPDATE FROM OUR TREASURER**

I hope you have all had a good Christmas, I have been very blessed this year with a lovely family Christmas, and thankfully we have all stayed well.

Many thanks for all who have donated to the collection for the St Peter & St Paul soup kitchen, so far we have raised £154.00 along with a basket of food to donate. I am sure they will be very grateful for our donation.

Our Christingle services have raised £141.51 which we shall donate to "The Children's Society."

The stars and hearts on our Memorial Tree raised £103 in memory of loved ones and past Christmases.

2022 has been a challenging year for us all, and sadly now with the energy bill crisis things are not going to get better any time soon. Our church energy bills are rising at an astonishing rate, so please do wear that extra layer to church so we can keep warm!

I am hoping that 2023 brings good things to you all, thank you for your ongoing support to me as your treasurer, it is a privilege to serve you in this way. And may God bless you all, Happy New Year.

Marie Morrison - Treasurer



**What's Tarzan's favourite Christmas song?**  
Jungle bells.

**But what about his chimp?**  
King Kong merrily on high, of course!

## **ALANS' CHRISTMAS QUIZ – ANSWERS & RESULTS**

**Thank you to everybody who bought a Christmas Quiz sheet this year; most importantly we raised £35 for the P&P Soup Kitchen and food bank.**

As you are wondering (and only 2 people got 20/20), here are the answers:

### **“Christmas Cakes”:**

1. Perforations, so that’s the slogan for Tetley Tea
2. Science, so the slogan for Zanussi
3. Toyota
4. Rimmel
5. Dirt, so the slogan for Cillit Bang

### **Dingbats:**

6. Turn Key = Turkey
7. Silent Night
8. Kisses under the Mistletoe
9. White Christmas

### **Carols:**

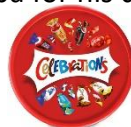
10. The First Nowell, the Angel did say
11. Good King Wenceslas looked out
12. Of the Father’s Love Begotten
13. In the Bleak Mid-Winter

### **Films:**

14. National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation
15. 8-Bit Christmas
16. The Star
17. Christmas with the Coopers

### **True or False:**

18. False, Bethlehem is in Palestine (the West Bank)
19. False, Herod the Great for the birth, Herod Agrippa for his death.
20. True, the Shepherd were the first, the Wise Men came later.



**Congratulations to Sophie Panther who wins the tub of Celebrations.**

## CHRISTINGLE 2022

On Christmas Eve All Saints Church held two Christingle services at 3pm and 5pm.



The 3pm service was very well attended by children and adults and myself included.

The congregation was very appreciative of all the proceedings. The children read the passages from the bible, each reading followed by a carol. Angela & Richard showed us how to make a Christingle with our hands that could last forever and never go mouldy, everybody joined in, thanks to Jane Burns' idea from last year.

Then Mr Chris Tingle made his appearance helped by two very smiley little boys. The highlight of the afternoon followed when the children collected their Christingles including very young babies in proud daddies arms, all sitting in front of the crib to sing "Away in a Manger". To me that is the true meaning of Christmas, children singing and the look of wonder on little faces.

2022 has been a very eventful year for us all, with the Platinum Jubilee and then the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. A majority of the population have never known our county without the Queen – I'm lucky to remember King George VI, the Queens father – I was very young at the time of course!

So we look forward to 2023 and hope the New Year will bring us all health, happiness and peace in the world.

Nina

**COPY** - Please send in your snippets, news, prayers etc to Angela. The deadline for the February edition of Saints Alive! is 25<sup>th</sup> January. It will be available from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January. We are looking for sponsors throughout the year. Speak to Angela please.



NewsLetter

**DEADline**

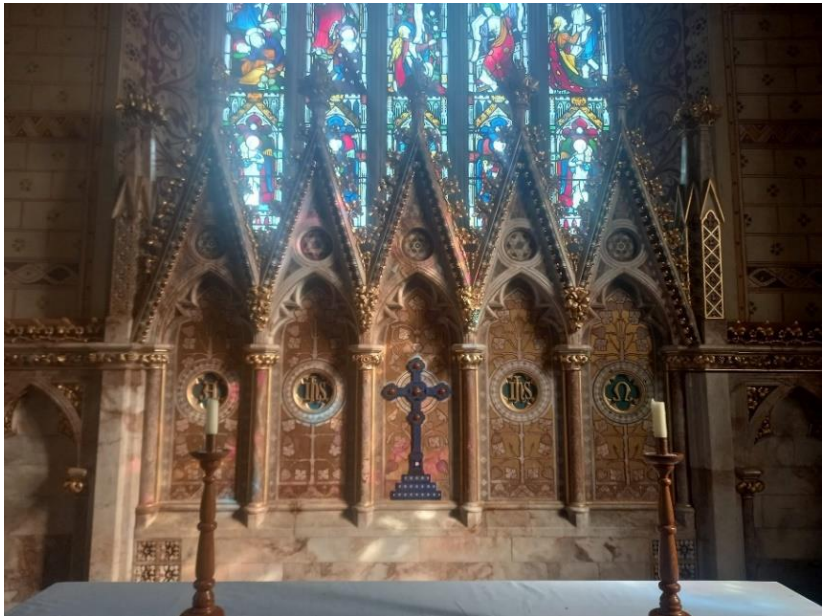
## CHURCHES AROUND OUR AREA THIS MONTH

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

**St Mary The Virgin, Ashley** This church is really worth a look!



The font was cut from a solid piece of Rose Marble at a cost of £2,000 and was made circa 1850s and costed to the Benefactor Rev Pultenay.



It's early 13th century beginnings and the lavish Chancel created by Clayton and Bell circa 1850s, with memorial stained-glass window to Rev Pultenay, decorated Reredos with gilt edging behind the Altar, Saintly figures adorning the walls done by Albert Bell. In 1973 Peter Larkworthy, (great grandson) of Albert Bell restored the wall paintings. It also has jet floor tiles.



Inlaid tablet with cobalt blue Crucifix



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

<b>Priest-in-charge</b>	<b>Rev. David Walsh</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>John Stapleton</b>	<b>520342</b>
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	<b>Angela Brett</b>	<b>522158</b>
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<b>Hall Manager:</b>	<b>Lyn Ridley</b>	<b>529426</b>
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## **Community Highlights for February 2023**

4 <sup>th</sup> Preloved and new table-top sale. Contact Richard on 07887617978 you must book a <b>£7</b> stall in advance! 8.30-11.30am open to public.	11 <sup>th</sup> – Valentines Tea Dance starts 2-30pm-4.30pm. Raffle available. Entry <b>£3.50</b> includes tea/coffee and cake.
17 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – Fun Quiz evening <b>£2.50</b> each includes tea/coffee. Max 4 in a team. Bring your own drink and nibbles. Raffle.	24 <sup>th</sup> “The Ham-It-Ups” present “Playing Dead” at 7.30pm <b>£7</b> per person and bring your own drink and nibbles.