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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

JULY 2023

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CALENDAR FOR JULY

1 st July	8.30-11.30	Pre-loved and new – tabletop sale
Sun 2nd	10.30am 2-4pm	Parish Eucharist – Trinity 4 Rushden Mission Band in the Pleasure Park with strawberries and ice-cream in church
3rd	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
7 th	7.30pm	Ian Luck - illustrated talk on Kettering's Artistic Heritage
8 th	10-4pm	Away Day – with Bring and Share lunch
Sun 9th	10.30am 2-4pm	Parish Eucharist – Trinity 5 Phoenix Saxophone Orchestra in the Pleasure Park with strawberries & ice-cream in church
10th	7.30-8pm 8pm	Holy Eucharist PCC meeting
14 th	7.30pm	Fun Quiz
15 th	3-5pm	Vicarage Tea party – in church if wet.
Sun 16th	10.30am 2-4pm	Parish Eucharist – Trinity 6 60's Band in the Pleasure Park with strawberries and ice-cream in church
17th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist with Healing & Wholeness
21 st	7.30pm	David Brown – Bog Bodies Uncovered
23rd	10.30am 2-4pm	Parish Eucharist – Trinity 7 No Angels Band in the Pleasure Park with strawberries and ice-cream in church
24 th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
29 th	10.30-12.30	Listening to God
Sun 30th	10.30am 2-4pm	Parish Eucharist – Trinity 8 Dave Johnson Jazz Band in the Pleasure Park with strawberries and ice-cream in church
31st	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
5 th Aug	8.30-11.30	Pre-loved and new – tabletop sale
Sun 6th	10.30am 2-4pm	Feast of the Transfiguration Friday Night Conspiracy Band in the Pleasure Park with strawberries & ice-cream in church

A MESSAGE FROM ANGIE, YOUR NEW ASSISTANT CURATE

As I write this letter to you all I am enjoying the peace and tranquility of Launde Abbey whilst on my Ordination retreat, preparing for ordination on Sunday 25th June. This is my second silent retreat, my first was in Poole in Dorset somewhere I love where I spent time on the beach looking out at God's wonderful creation and writing poems. For those of you that haven't experienced a silent



retreat, my one tip is to take a book with you to breakfast so you can immerse yourself in the story instead of focusing on the crunching of cornflakes and toast and the chinking of cutlery and teacups.

As a family we have now settled into life in Kettering and made our home in the vicarage, having moved from a small village to a town centre I was rather worried we would lose that community feeling but things couldn't be more different. We arrived at the weekend of the King's Coronation to the joy of street parties in William Street and live bands and music in the bandstand in the park on subsequent Sundays. The waft of bacon on Saturday mornings from the tabletop sale and a few pounds spent on items now on display in the vicarage we are feeling truly welcome and blessed.

The challenge now is to get the vicarage garden ready for the tea part in July, thankfully I've only been asked to offer the garden and not bake a cake! But mostly I am looking forward to immersing myself in all things as your new assistant curate growing in faith, hope and love with you all with God's blessing.

Love and Blessings

Angie Milne

The Christian Chronicle

Equal? Neighbours?

For whatever reason, there's so much more change, we need to take ever smaller time steps. The end of 1971, just 11 years on, and changes in social attitudes seem to have polarised stances. Christ lived in a time and culture of much separation and prejudice yet went out of His way to treat people equally. The parable of the Good Samaritan, in answer to the question "who is my neighbour?" seems particularly relevant at present.

Looking at the change in social backdrop, and various developments in the world at large, helps to set the scene. Not all change has happened just in the last decade, but some areas have certainly moved on more quickly. There are people that believe everyone is equal, but at least as many argue that some deserve to be more equal than others! The issues of civil rights and equal treatment have resonated throughout the decade.

In America, Baptist Minister, Martin Luther King Jnr, rose to prominence in the early 60's as a champion of the Civil Rights Movement. A fine orator, he channelled Christian beliefs with non-violent activism ethos gained from studying Mahatma Gandhi. In August 1963 a march on Washington for jobs and freedom culminated in speeches from the Lincoln Memorial. King's powerful speech is already known for a single phrase he repeated 8 times: "I have a dream". He painted a picture of a fully integrated and unified America – with all created equal. It's a statement so simple you'd think it'd be universally accepted, but it wasn't. On 4th April 1968 King was shot dead as he stood on a hotel balcony. He's not the first high-profile person of the decade to be assassinated: in November 1963, shortly after King's famous speech, President John F Kennedy was also shot. The two men didn't agree on everything, but part of Kennedy's legacy was a Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Elsewhere, civil rights remain central to other disagreements. From 1910, when the Union of South Africa was formed, there've been increasing

tensions between the ruling Afrikaners (descendants of Dutch white settlers), and native black tribes. This is reflected politically through the Black African National Congress (ANC) and the Afrikaners National Party. The National Party came to power in 1948 and introduced laws segregating the country by race and colour. The ANC, led by Nelson Mandela, mounted a campaign of civil disobedience; things escalated significantly in 1960 when troops massacred 70 black demonstrators at Sharpeville. South Africa became a Republic, left the British Commonwealth, and faces international criticism for this policy called apartheid. It's been excluded from the Olympic games and this ban has now been extended to many other sports. Nelson Mandela was arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964.

Prior to 1921, the island of Ireland had been fully under British rule. Partition enacted at that time created the southern, Republic of Ireland (known as Eire in Gaelic), separate from British rule, and the Province of Northern Ireland (also known as Ulster) which remained under Britain. Since then, there've been those who have sought a reunified Ireland, totally separate from British rule. Leading this argument is the Irish Republican Army (IRA). Whilst Eire maintains a long-held Catholic tradition, British settlers mean that Ulster has a mixture of both Catholics and Protestants with many towns and cities effectively segregated into different zones.

Civil Rights protests developed from the mid 60's, particularly because of discrimination seen against Catholics. Differences are both cultural and religious with Protestant Preacher Rev'd Ian Paisley a prominent figure both politically and in loyalist organisations that include military style factions. In 1966 the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) declared war on the IRA. Attacks have escalated dramatically on both sides leading to British soldiers being sent from the mainland and being deployed on the streets. Now, it seems, barely a week goes by without bombings or shootings from either side. Officially described as "The Troubles", it sounds and feels like civil war.

There are other areas of conflict around the world: since 1955 there's been war between North Vietnam and South Vietnam. That's also brought in neighbouring countries Laos and Cambodia. Initially, the war was fought

between local forces but with support from the Soviet Union and China for the north and from the United States of America to the south. Following an incident in the Gulf of Tonkin, in 1964, the United States moved beyond supplies and advice to deploying hundreds of thousands of troops in the area. America felt compelled to increase its support in the light of the continuing Cold War (that we'll come to in a moment) but the policy has brought significant criticism back home as the death toll keeps rising.

The Cold War, as it's become known, is an ongoing period of political posturing and military muscle-flexing on the part of the world's two most significant powers. The end of WWII saw the dramatic strengthening and extension of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR, or Soviet Union for short). Likewise, the WWII allied forces came together as NATO in 1949. Both groups developed a range of new nuclear weapons to the point it was feared that any physical battles might result in Mutually Assured Destruction. M.A.D. is therefore one of the most apt acronyms ever formed.

Instead, battles were ones of political and military influence. Communist forces in Cuba (backed by the USSR) were seen as a threat to mainland USA. In 1961, JFK attempted an overthrow of the Cuban government under Fidel Castro. An overt invasion in the Bay of Pigs was followed by a more covert Operation Mongoose, both failed in their objective. In 1961 Soviet ballistic missiles were spotted deployed in Cuba, a so-called 'Cuban Missile Crisis', at the same time American missiles were deployed in Italy and Turkey. For approximately two weeks in October 1962 the world held its breath as it feared that M.A.D. might indeed become a reality. Thankfully a means of dialogue between Washington and Moscow was established to avoid any further escalations.

As an alternative form of challenge, the two powers became engaged in a 'space race'. The Soviet's initially took the lead: Sputnik I – earth's first artificial satellite; and a dog called Laika into orbit on Sputnik II. That was 1957. They also sent spacecraft to the moon in 1959 and in 1961 Yuri Gagarin became the first human to fly in space. Since then the Americans and Soviets have traded punches in this boxing match until, on 20th July 1969 the American Apollo XI mission successfully landed on the moon and

Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface saying, “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”. You’d think that by going into space and seeing the whole world as one, people would realise we all need to inhabit the world together, but there’s no sign of that happening yet.

The world’s getting smaller for commercial passenger airlines, too. If you can afford it, there’s a new plane that regularly flies across the Atlantic at twice the speed of sound. With its swept back wings and long nose, Concorde is a joint French-British project.

Younger generation society is certainly changing. Born out of the anti-Vietnam War protests in America, a “Flower-power” era has developed. ‘Hippies’ with loose fitting clothes, often adorned with flowers, have a mantra of peace and love. Resistance means the gatherings are not always peaceful but, who can remember, as some of the major criticism focuses on the drug taking that seems to accompany events; and ‘love’ often translates into easy, ‘uncomplicated’ sex. Music has changed too with new genres emerging, again with opposites, and new sub-cultures. In Britain, ‘Mods’, with clean cut outfits, long parka coats, riding scooters, supporting music from Motown to Reggae; oppose ‘Rockers’ in black leather jackets, riding motorbikes and supporting rock’n’roll and R&B music. Numerous clashes, especially on the English south coast, occurred in the mid 60’s. Meanwhile, in America, a large open-air festival at Woodstock, near New York, in the summer of 1969 has been heralded as the peak of flower-power so far.

The social change has also brought changes to attitudes towards what is morally acceptable and to punishment. In Britain, the death penalty has been officially abolished, although this isn’t replicated in many other countries. Homosexuality has been made legal between men over 21 when it was previously a criminal offence whilst lesbian relationships of two women are not subject to criminal scrutiny. Then, in 1967, abortions became legal in the UK subject to quite strict criteria. These changes have been welcomed by cross-party politicians and even the Archbishop of Canterbury, though, needless to say, not all of these changes have received universal approval and Roman Catholics remain firmly against abortion.

The Catholic church has now held the planned 2nd Vatican Council. Spanning over 3 years, John XXIII prepared and opened it, but, by the conclusion he'd been succeeded by Pope Paul VI. It produced 4 new constitutions, 9 decrees and 3 declarations; together they seek to rejuvenate the Catholic church, update liturgy and church thinking for the modern world, and generate greater cooperation and ultimate reunion of all Christians. Some have called it 'the most significant event in the whole of Catholicism since the Reformation', whilst others point to the differences that remain between the Catholic church, other denominations, and the modern world.

Whether a follow-on to Billy Graham-style evangelism or a Christian response to the new music culture, two new theatrical musical productions have emerged with great popularity. Whilst British influenced, both have launched in New York theatre. 'Godspell' is an off-Broadway production based on the Gospel according to Matthew briefly covering the Passion at the end; whereas, on Broadway, 'Jesus Christ Superstar' centres on the Passion of Christ, loosely from all the gospels. Both are getting rave reviews with key songs becoming popular in their own right. You never know, with such positive Christian messages, there may be hope for the world yet!

Finally, scepticism in Britain! As if that's new! For centuries 12 pennies made a shilling, and 20 shillings made a pound, but Britain has changed, adopting a "new" decimal system - just 100 new pennies to the pound. Does this mean prices will rise? There's talk of Britain joining the rest of Europe - is Britain going to be consumed by the European countries and this new-fangled approach? It's not just money, new weights and measures are coming too; it's fair to say that the jury's still out on these changes.

We want to be equal, or is it only if we can be more equal than others? It's good to have neighbours, so long as they're over there, don't bother us, and we don't have to worry about them. The world's changing – what's next?

POWER OF THE FLOWER

The power of the flower
that grows in the soil,
is the richest reward
of the poorest man's toil.

The power of the flower
is the life-giving source,
to a man of the earth
with a hard-working horse.

The poor man's vine
makes the rich man's wine,
so the power of the flower
is yours and mine.

The power of the flower
is a joy to behold,
worth more than a king
with his silver and gold.

The power of the flower
is the power of the earth,
in the hands of the poor
and the lowliest serf.

The rich man at the table
is always well fed,
while the poor man waits
for a few crumbs of bread.

But a poor man's vine
makes a rich man's wine,
so the power of the flower
is yours and mine.

The power of the flower
is mightier than,

a sword or a gun
in the hands of a man.

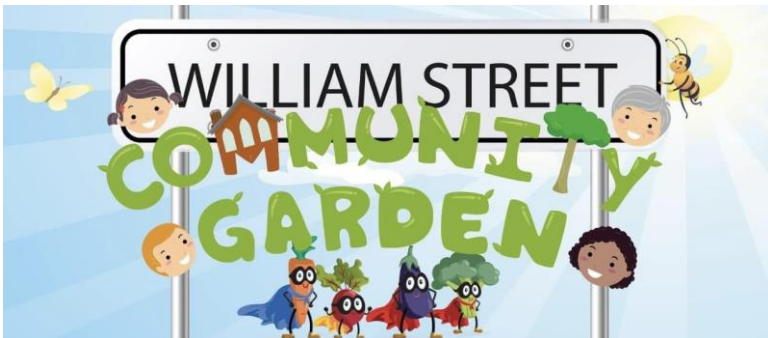
The power of the flower
that grows to the sky,
will outlive the bombs
and cannon balls that fly.

The power of the flower
is the power of love,
blessed by the light
in the sky up above.

The power of the flower
in the wild summer grasses,
is the might and the power
of the downtrodden classes.

The power of the flower
that grows in the soil,
is the richest reward
of the poorest man's toil.

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The William Street Community Garden 'grew' from the spirit of William Street, Kettering, that happened during the 2020 lockdown. At a time when all the world was frightened the street came together in the most extraordinary way.

Neighbours became the greatest of friends and a community was born. To make sure this continues in the coming years the residents led by Mandy and Martin McQueenie, joined with All Saints Church on the street.

They took the idea of four phases to the PCC about building a garden to grow organic vegetables, where people of all ages and abilities could join in with the joy of growing, benefit from the therapeutic powers of gardening and improving their well-being.

Our plans are continually developing and as well as the vegetables and flowers, we now want to establish a biodiversity hub as well. This will support the local wildlife to flourish.

The main gardening project began in Spring 2023. To give the residents and congregation colour before the vegetables were grown, and to let them know the garden was starting to take place, we planted 1,500 daffodils and tulips in November 2022. Children made wooden painted flowers while the bulbs were sprouting, and when they popped through the ground it brightened all our lives. One family said "We check every morning to see if there is anything different in the garden." We are joining in with the Wildlife Trust for Northamptonshire, to encourage a variety of habitats, sustainability and education. Our amazing banner includes the east aspect of All Saints Church in its name, and we can use it to advertise the workdays and times. It has some caped heroes on it looking after the seeds, insects etc; Caring Carrot, Brilliant Beetroot, Awesome Aubergine and Busy Broccoli to educate the users.

We've been so lucky and had lots of donations, gifts, and have applied for grants. The local Green Party and the Mayor are always willing to help out and get their hands dirty. Everyone mucks in together. Raised beds have been built around the churchyard, fencing painted, a small poly greenhouse erected. Neighbours adopted seedlings to nurse until large enough for the planting stage.

The Community Garden registered for the King's "Big Help Out." All jobs go on a list and Mandy gets excited when they get ticked off. "No Mow

May" saw a lovely spread of buttercups (never seen in the church gardens before), bluebells, forget-me-nots, cow parsley and various wildflowers and grasses.



For the "Great Big Green Week" a large Bug Church was installed, designed to look like the west aspect of All Saints Church. The effort people put in to create things is amazing. A hedgehog house, bird feeders, bird bath and a bee house have also been new additions. Our Rainbow Guides have enjoyed walking through the long grasses that tickled their legs and arms. They helped fill up the Bug Church, along with other children with numerous leaves, fir cones, wood, slate, straw, cardboard, and anything else they could find.

You can view the story with photos on <https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/conservation-area-in-churchyard-brings-community-to-faith.php>

FUN QUIZ! HYMNS/SONGS/JOKES

At the last PCC meeting it was said that we may be holding a service in the garden at the bug church for Harvest Festival.

David Walsh suggested 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?

Can you come up with any funny suggestions or garden jokes?
Send them to Angela for next months' Saints Alive!



Listening to God

Christian meditation group meeting

29th July 10.30 – 12.30

Ring Jennie Loasby on 07990 588135



OLLIE GOES GREEN BELT!!



My Taekwondo experience: I am 10 years old and in the martial arts and I have been in it for 7 years. Just recently, I got “Star of the Month” and passed my Grading. These are the awards you get if you show perseverance, being confident, and it helps you in the real world, it is a Korean martial art.

I can go through different belts, I do new patterns, sparing, pad drills and I can graduate. I now have a green belt. The discipline you experience helps boost your confidence, you should ask your instructor what you did wrong. Overall, the martial arts is a great experience.

Submitted by Ollie

JUNE 2023 PCC MEETING - Items of note discussed:

Election of Officers: Vice Chairman – Richard Lewis

Treasurer and Planned Giving Officer - Marie Morrison

Secretary - John Sockett co-opted to the PCC enabling him to vote

Parish Safeguarding Officer/Lead Recruiter - Julie Loake

Electoral Roll Officer – Angela Brett

Hall Manager/Bookings Secretary – Lyn Ridley

Health and Safety Officer – Alan Ridley

Parish Administrator – Angela Brett

Donations in memory of Father Brian and Jenny Butler – The families of our late friends are in consultation with the Churchwardens in respect of memorials to be purchased from the said donations. The notice funded by a donation from the family of the late Chris Brooks is in place and they are delighted with this.

Scramblers – Claire Povey agreed to investigate the possibilities of reinstating a Scramblers team or other ideas for children in Church.

Link with Church in South Korea – Father Aeduk and another member of the clergy from South Korea will be visiting All Saints on 2nd July at around 12.30 and Lyn agreed to cater a Ploughman's Lunch.

Parish Away Day – Saturday 8th July 2023 Cranford Village Hall 10 am to 4 pm. Please note this is a Parish Away Day not purely for the PCC. There will be a Bring and Share lunch.

Community Garden Project – The project is going well and permission was sought and granted for another stage of the garden development to proceed.

Church Development 'To Do List' – Since the last PCC meeting the following were achieved: Repainting of doors and windows as required; Welcome sign in position; Kitchen deep cleaned (thank you Claire Povey), General gardening and some wooden fencing painted by Community Garden Team. Additional items on the list are revarnishing the Crucifix on the East wall and some woodworm treatment to chest in the Vestry.

All Saints' Community Events – More volunteers please for bands in the park strawberries and ice cream events. See list at the back of Church or speak to Angela. These are important fundraisers.

Finance and Stewardship – Accounts to the end of May were received together with Fundraising report to date: (£1985.36 for the general fund and £1,384.45 for the Maintenance Fund).

Churchyard Conservation Award – We inadvertently missed the deadline for this but the panel are visiting shortly to guide us towards our first award as they are in the area.

Hall Matters – Still only one regular letting. The Garden Party in the Vicarage Garden from 3pm to 5pm on 15th July will be in Church if the weather is poor.

Fabric – Date awaited for installation of LED light in hall and chancel.

Replacement Photocopier - It is proving financially sensible to delay replacing this for a further 12 months.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 10th July 2023 at 8pm

Jane B.

GROWING OLDER **(PRAYER By St TERESA of ÁVILA)**

Lord, You know better than I myself
that I am growing older and will someday be old.
Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking
I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to
straighten out everybody's affairs.
Make me thoughtful but not moody;
helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom,
it seems a pity not to use it all;
but You know, Lord,
that I want a few friends at the end.
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details;
give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains;
they are increasing, and love of rehearsing them
is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for improved memory,
but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness
when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet, for a sour old person
is one of the crowning works of the devil.
Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places
and talents in unexpected people;
and give, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

Submitted by Richard Peaden

A NEW PLANET

Excited astronomers have discovered a new planet in our solar system.
It's estimated to be approx. 3.142 times the diameter of our Earth and
has a deep crusty surface. They are going to call it "Pie in the Sky."

A CHILD'S VIEW OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

A mother was teaching her three-year-old The Lord's Prayer.
For several evenings at bedtime, the child repeated it after the mother.
Then one night the child was ready to go solo.
The mother listened with pride to the carefully enunciated words,
right up to the end.
'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some e-mail'. Amen.

(unknown)

Community Highlights for August for Your Diaries!

5 th – Pre-loved and New, Table-Top Sale 8.30-11.30am open to public. Contact Richard on 07887617978 you must book!	18 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.
19 th - Tea Dance starts 2-30pm-4.30pm. Raffle available. Entry £3.50 includes tea/coffee and cake.	

Sundays August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - Bands in the Pleasure Park (in church hall if wet.) Strawberries & ice-cream in church from 2-4pm.

We have 505 people checking our events page on:

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

Email: kettallsaintschurch@gmail.com

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COPY - Please send in your snippets, news, prayers etc to Angela. The deadline for the August edition of Saints Alive! is 25th July. It will be available from Sunday 3rd Sept.

CHURCHES AROUND OUR AREA THIS MONTH

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

St John the Baptist Church, Thorpe Achurch.



This 13th century Grade II church with its fine tower and spire was restored and extended by Lord Lilford and his architect, William Slater, in the 1860s. The remains of the old Lilford church, demolished in 1778 and reassembled as a picturesque folly, found nearby. It is

situated 5 miles south of Oundle next to the River Nene.



MESSAGE FROM WENDY WOOLLEY

Happy birthday and a long retirement, Rob Woolley.

Proud mum and family!



Roberts Gold Valedictory Award 2023

WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

Priest-in-charge	Rev. David Walsh	
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Secretary:	John Sockett	501851
Treasurer:	Marie Morrison	725219
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Wendy Woolley on the retirement of her son.**

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