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Kettering All Saints
Monthly Update

Alive!

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



In memory of all who have fallen.

NOVEMBER 2023

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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Thurs 2nd	7.30pm	All Souls Service
Nov		
4th	8.30-11.30	Preloved and new Table-Top Sale
Sun 5th	10.30am	Patronal Service with meal afterwards
6th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
9th	11am	Home Communion at Avery Court
10th	7.30-9.15pm	Talk by local author Mark West
Sun 12th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Remembrance Sunday
13th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
	8-9.30pm	PCC meeting
16th	11am	Home Communion at Ashley Court
17th	7.30pm	Fun Quiz – with donation to Children in Need
18th	10.30-12.30	Listening to God at St Michaels Hall, Garfield Street.
Sun 19th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – 2nd before Advent
20th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist with Healing & Wholeness
25th	9-1pm	Festive Fair
Sun 26th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist – Christ the King
27th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist
1st Dec	7.30pm	Happy Together Ukulele Band £6
2nd	10am	Wreath Making Session (Booking required)
3rd Dec	10.30am	Advent 1 – Toy service
4th	7.30-8pm	Holy Eucharist

Listening to God



Christian meditation group meeting
Meeting at **St Michaels Hall, Garfield St**

18th Nov 10.30 – 12.30



Ring Jennie Loasby on 07990 588135

A MESSAGE FROM JANE BURNS

Dear Friends,

November marks the end of the Church year – we are in the season between All Saints and Advent. It is traditionally a time that we remember and reflect. We remember those who have given their lives in the pursuit of peace, we remember those who we love but see no longer on All Souls Day and we remember all the saints who challenge and encourage us to live as Jesus demands.

It is a month that reminds us that we do not live, or die, in isolation. Our actions as human beings, our decisions, have consequences for those around us, family, community and in some cases nationally and internationally. We are not unaffected by the decisions of others; we cannot afford to ignore them either. In our world of news saturation, it is easy to look in on tragedy and loss and then move on without fully engaging or reflecting on the enormity of what we are seeing.

Most recently we have watched events unfold in the Holy Land beginning with thousands of civilians being killed and many thousands more facing a lack of the necessities of life. That has spilled over into communities in this country with a spike in hate crimes against both Jewish and Muslim communities. Meanwhile the war in the Ukraine continues and there are many places around the world where people live in fear. It's easy to figuratively pass by on the other side however, all of us are connected, all of us are affected by the actions of others. Thank God that often this is in a positive way through the kindness of strangers but let us never ignore the cost of complacency.

This month especially we are called to remember that we are all in this together and as followers of Jesus Christ we all have a responsibility to seek a world where peace, justice and compassion are lived out wherever we find ourselves.

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.

With love and prayers, Jane.

Announcing our new Bishop of Peterborough

I was delighted to be at William Law Primary School alongside the Dean to announce that our new Bishop of Peterborough will be The Right Reverend Debbie Sellin. The year leading to this wonderful news has been full of prayer. We have asked that everyone in the Diocese join in praying; for our new Bishop, for the Vacancy in See Committee as they drew up our Statement of Needs, for the Crown Nominations Committee as they considered the candidates and now for Bishop Debbie as she begins her transition.



I am hugely grateful to all those who played a part, and I know that Bishop Debbie encompasses so much of what we asked for. Someone who can share the love of Christ, who is kind, with a deep love of scripture and who can promote unity in our diverse diocese. A bishop who has a vision for mission and evangelism, a heart for families and young people and who encourages, sustains and supports all those involved in ministry.

Bishop Debbie has shown through her work with Love Southampton her passion for seeing social transformation through community outreach, bringing Christian love and service to those in need, wherever that might be. Having started her ministry as a Children and Families Worker she understands the value of young voices and supports our Growing Faith vision to engage with all generations in our churches. She believes, as I do, that the parish church is the beating heart of our mission and is committed to seeing parishes thrive; guiding them through vacancies, celebrating those who are flourishing and coming alongside those who would welcome additional support.

The announcement is a first step in a journey that will cover many months until she is installed in early 2024. During this period, I ask you all to continue to pray for Bishop Debbie and her family. I look forward to accompanying her as she settles into the diocese and gets to know you all. With my prayers and best wishes,

+ John

Acting Bishop of Peterborough and Bishop of Brixworth

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to John, the Acting Bishop of Peterborough and Bishop of Brixworth.

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The Christian Chronicle

Love Thy Neighbour

As we move deeper into the 21st century, technology and, particularly communication, has developed so much it's not so much expanding, as exploding. You'd think better communication would bring greater knowledge and understanding and, with it, tolerance and compassion – no! There are multiple biblical references stating or confirming that all are equal yet George Orwell's perspective from his 1945 book “Animal Farm”, that “all are equal but some are more equal than others”, is sadly, still relevant.

The first “mobile” phone call was made in 1973. It was another 10 years before mobile phones were commercially available and even then they cost a fortune, were about the size and weight of a regular house brick, and lasted about 20 minutes if you could, indeed, even get a signal. We're now at the end of 2014 and mobile phones are everywhere and much more compact that they actually fit in a pocket. This, together with the internet, has radically changed global communication and access to knowledge. In the 1960's many homes in Britain possessed either an adult or children's version of the 'Encyclopaedia Britannica'. In reality, these 20 or so books sat on a shelf, looked impressive but were rarely used. Now they're effectively obsolete. The internet, and sites such as Wikipedia, (established in 2001) mean that the range of subjects and depth of information is so significantly greater, and available for, almost, free.

TV coverage means there's a constant perception of conflict somewhere in the world, whether that be in the Middle East, (Iraq, Afghanistan), in South-eastern Europe (former Yugoslavia), or anywhere else around the globe. Religion is often cited as a factor in these but, more correctly they're as a result of ethnic conflict and ideological differences. Power and greed, both individual and collective, also play a part. In some parts of the world (and in this context, often referred to as the Western World) perspectives and social norms have changed considerably in the last 100 years; other areas

vehemently resist such change. In the west, attitudes towards women have changed considerably with women now abundant in politics with many becoming president, prime minister or similar of their country. The position regarding people with different skin colour is changing and attitudes towards complex sexuality are the current highlight of scrutiny. The term 'woke culture' is being used to summarise this. However, Islamic fundamentalism appears resistant to many of these cultural and social changes - it's this difference (underpinned by a willingness to maintain the fundamental position at whatever cost and by whatever means) that is often the ignition of conflict.

These tensions also affect Christians. There've been various attacks on Coptic Christians in and around Egypt; this isn't new, but they do appear to be happening more regularly. There have been developments too, although both negative and positive related to the Orthodox Church. In 2007, the Russian Orthodox Church was reunified after 80 years of schism. There are similar discussions ongoing to identify a unified Ukrainian Orthodox Church, but there's political unrest in the region too. In Ukraine there'd been progress towards political association and a free trade agreement with the European Union, seen as a prelude to Ukraine becoming an EU member. However, at the last moment, the Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich changed tact, refusing to sign. Revolution followed and Yanukovich was ousted from power. He'd sought closer ties with Russia and his departure was considered a 'coup d'état' by Russia who responded by invading and annexing the Crimean peninsula. This hasn't received international approval and this situation looks unsettled.

There've been developments in the Catholic church too. Long-serving Pope John Paul II died in 2005 and was succeeded by his close friend Joseph Ratzinger, who assumed the papal name of Benedict XVI. There were concerns about Benedict's past: raised in Bavaria, Germany he was conscripted into the Hitler Youth movement in 1941 at age 14 and later into the German infantry. However, it became clear that these were enforced associations and he'd returned to his seminary training almost immediately after the war. Seen as a traditionalist, within 2 years he'd relaxed the Roman Missal instructions allowing the Traditional Latin Mass (which had largely been replaced) to be celebrated more easily. By

maintaining a strict stance on the non-use of condoms, he came under criticism from the Public Health field amid concerns about the spread of HIV and other sexual diseases in many areas, especially Africa.

There've been increased rumours of sexual abuse and inappropriate behaviour within the Catholic Church over decades, yet Benedict seemed not to want to address this difficult topic, again receiving criticism. As a result of more liberal changes within the Church of England, the Catholic Church has established 3 "Anglican Ordinates" around the world. These Ordinates, which have equivalent status to a diocese, provide a route to Catholicism for members of other denominations (not just C of E). In the UK, this is titled as "The Personal Ordinate of Our Lady of Walsingham". In 2013, in failing health, Benedict decided to abdicate his papal role - the first Pope to take such action in nearly 600 years. He's now known as 'Pope Emeritus'. So now we've the first Pope to come from the America's, and, in fact, the first non-European in modern times. Jorge Bergoglio is Argentinian, so the first Pope to hail from the southern hemisphere. He's also the first Jesuit to be Pope and, in a further first, he's taken the name of Francis, in honour of St Francis of Assisi.

Elsewhere, and particularly in Britain, things are changing, although at different rates depending on the topic and your perspective. In 2005, the Church of England appointed its first black Archbishop, John Sentamu. Born in Uganda before later moving to the UK, he's become Archbishop of York. In 2006, the Church of England General Synod made a public apology for the institutional role it played as a historic owner of slave plantations in the West Indies. Recognition of one's wrongdoing is the first step in moving forward and together with Sentamu's appointment shows the Church of England is willing to get away from racial barriers.

Last time, we reported on the ordination of the first female priests in the Church of England. This area of equality has moved on rapidly. By 2010 there were more women being ordained each year than men. In 2005, Synod voted to allow female bishops. It's taken until just recently for the necessary change in Canon Law, but it's just been announced that Libby Lane will shortly become the first female bishop - Bishop of Stockport.

Like the Catholic Church, the Church of England is facing rumours of historical sexual issues, so this topic looks set to be a major challenge in the near future. Many of these rumours involve male priests with young boys, therefore, not only being an issue of abuse, it's also an aspect of homosexuality and same sex relationships. As a country, Britain introduced a form of civil union known as a 'Civil Partnership' in 2004; more recently, in 2013, same sex marriage has been legalised. This is an area that remains beyond any consideration by the Catholic Church. The Church of England, however, is seeking to address this matter, albeit tentatively. There's a wide spread of opinions within the Church of England, but the church has allowed gay and lesbian priests in civil partnerships since 2005 and from 2013 this has also applied to bishops. At the moment, there's no consensus within the church, so it may be sometime before the Church of England has a clear definitive position.

Despite the well-known parable of the 'Good Samaritan' from the Gospel according to St Luke, the worldwide church is clearly at different points in the journey to answer the question of "who is my neighbour?" There may, therefore, be some way to go before the action of 'loving thy neighbour', irrespective of any "baggage" can be achieved.

ON A GOLDEN AUTUMN DAY

See the sunlight's golden gift
when the mist begins to lift
see that falling leaf adrift
on a golden autumn day

Dewy cobwebs in the eaves
leaning gravestones and yew trees
sunlight streaming through the leaves
on a golden autumn day

On a golden autumn day
we walk nature's rustic way
where the light and shadow play
on a golden autumn day

See the weasel in the hedgerow
see the elderberry and sloe
heaven's in a sunbeam's glow
on a golden autumn day

Summer days are in decline
as autumn ripens like fine wine
heaven's in this heart of mine
on a golden autumn day

On a golden autumn day
we walk nature's rustic way
where the light and shadow play
on a golden autumn day

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OCTOBER 2023 PCC MEETING - Items of note discussed:

Donations in memoriam - From the balance of legacy monies it was agreed to purchase additional red banners for Saints days etc.

Community Garden Project – A sketch for a Reflection Garden was presented to the PCC and they were happy for this to go ahead as long as the paths are able to accommodate wheelchair access.

The Hartley Exhibition - made a significant amount of money and was worth all the hard work. Hoping to do another one next year as so many people have requested it.

Safeguarding Policy: contact details updated, put on website and noticeboards changed ASAP.

Pastoral Home Visiting – We regularly offer prayers for those of our congregation that can't get to church and in the past we have visited

some of these in their homes. We are now looking to re-introduce 'Pastoral Home Visiting' at All Saints'.

Finance and Stewardship – Accounts to the end of September were received together with Fundraising report to date.

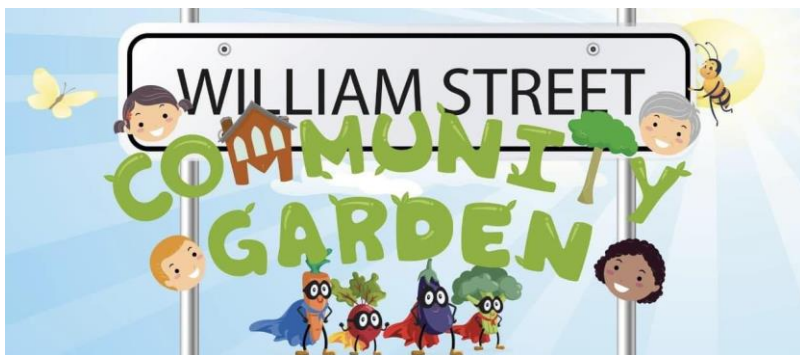
Fabric – two replacement fire blankets to be purchased.

Cleaning Jubilee Carpet – to take place 26th October.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 13th November 2023 at 8pm in the Jubilee Room.

Angela B.

THE GARDEN STORY GROWING!



Pumpkin joke - What did the pumpkin say to the carver? "Cut it out." 😊

Nina's been at work again with a little help from me! This time we have a song for you to sing when you get bored!

On the first day of autumn my gardener gave to me, a robin in a plum tree.

On the second day of autumn my gardener gave to me, two cauliflowers and a robin in a plum tree.

On the third day of autumn my gardener gave to me, three red tomatoes.

On the fourth day of autumn my gardener gave to me, four pretty flowers.

On the fifth day of autumn my gardener gave to me, five butterflies ...

On the sixth day of autumn my gardener gave to me, six bees a buzzing ...

On the seventh day of autumn my gardener gave to me, seven spiny hedgehogs ...

On the eighth day of autumn my gardener gave to me, eight creepy crawlies ...

On the ninth day of autumn my gardener gave to me, nine birds a nesting.

On the tenth day of autumn my gardener gave to me, ten crunchy carrots.

On the eleventh day of autumn my gardener gave to me, eleven runner beans ...

On the twelfth day of autumn my gardener gave to me, twelve Brussel sprouts ...



The latest award
for our Community
Garden.

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Braybrooke	Geddington	Little Stanion	Rockingham
Broughton	Grafton Underwood	Loddington	Rothwell
Brigstock	Great Oakley	Mawsley	Rushton
Burton Latimer	Gretton	Newton	Stanion
Corby	Isham	Orlbury	Thrapston
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			Weldon

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House number / road name
Town
Postcode (if known)

Our bucket will be in the Jubilee Room soon.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bishop Stopford School

faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion

- Student Chaplaincy Team: a planned Christmas outreach, starting with a questionnaire.
- Student Chaplaincy Team going into all Year 7 forms teaching on a bible verse.
- Last year's Year 11s who have left and are finding their feet in new settings, and those new to the school.

Our Silver Eco Church Award



What we need to do to achieve a Gold award:

1. Change to using recycled toilet paper and recycled copying paper once the current items have been used up.
2. Change to environmentally free cleaning products.
3. Place a couple of bike racks in the churchyard.
4. Pray for overseas environmental projects.
5. Have a speaker on local environmental issues as part of the service.

6. Take part in “Earth Hour” next March.
7. Promote cycling, walking to church or car sharing.
8. Encourage Fairtrade products at home and use locally grown produce.
9. Recycle your clothing (eg bring them along for our table-top sales.)
10. A compostable/water free toilet in the garden.

Are there any other ideas that you can think of to make us more environmentally friendly either inside or outside?

BOTTLE STALL

Nina is looking for full bottles for the church bottle stall luck-dip at the Festive Fair! If you have any to donate, please can you bring them to church before 19th November if you can, so that Nina can put the raffle tickets on them before the fair?



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

If you would like to send Christmas greetings via the December edition of Saints Alive instead of purchasing Christmas cards – please give the written messages to Angela along with a donation before 19th November. Thank you.

HELP REQUIRED

We are looking for volunteers with the Festive Fair please on Saturday 25th November (speak to Angela) and church cleaning on 23rd December (please speak to Nina)

All Saints Church
William St, Kettering



Our Toy Service is on
Sunday 3rd December at 10.30am
A time to give new, unwrapped
presents for all ages of children
for the Home-Start Charity



Presents can be dropped off in church on the morning of
Saturday 2nd December between 10-12.

TOY SERVICE

Our Toy Service will be on Advent Sunday – if you can, please add a toy to your shopping list to give something new to a child through Home-Start in Kettering. It must be unwrapped but can be in a Christmas bag but not sealed.

Community Highlights for December for Your Diaries!

1st - Happy Together Ukulele Band. Entry £6 inc light refreshments. Raffle available. 7.30-9.30pm.	2nd - Wreath Making £30. Booking is a must, through church email below. 10-12.
8 th – Snowman Pizza Drive starts 7-30pm-9pm. Entry £3.50. Make your own pizza. Please book.	15 th – Fun Quiz evening £2.50 each includes tea/coffee. Max 4 in a team. Bring your own drink and nibbles. Raffle. 7.30pm.
16 th Christmas Tea Dance - starts 2-30pm-4.30pm. Raffle available. Entry £3.50pm includes tea/coffee and cake.	23rd December - Christmas Cleaning from 9.15am – 1pm

We have 516 people checking our events page on:

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

Email: kettallsaintschurch@gmail.com

**Website Address: <https://kettallsaintschurch.chessck.co.uk/>
<https://www.facebook.com/allsaithsparishchurchkettering/>**

COPY - Please send in your snippets, news, prayers etc to Angela. The deadline for the December edition of Saints Alive! is **28th November**. It will be available from Sunday 3rd December.

Christmas Services

From December 3rd our Memorial tree will be up. We think of all our Christmases past. You may write a message on a tag and place it on the memorial tree and place a donation in the box.

Sunday 10th December Memorial Tree service 4pm. Tea/coffee afterwards.	Sunday 25th December Christmas Day Mass at 9.30am.
Sunday 24th December Morning Eucharist service at 10.30am Sunday 24th December Christingle service at 4pm - collection in aid of The Childrens Society Sunday 24th December Midnight Mass 11.30pm with incense.	

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, Lamport – also referred to as All Hallows.



12th century build with addition of the North Chapel in the 18th century to house the Isham Family memorials and Vaults. In the medieval half of the nave stands this beautifully carved font and ornamental cover by Bodley circa 1879.



A pulley system lifts the font lid.



Over the chancel arch is the royal coat of arms to George II, in plaster.

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
Safeguarding:	Julie Loake	07743400812
Hall Manager:	Lyn Ridley	529426
Secretary:	John Sockett	501851
Treasurer:	Marie Morrison	725219
Saints Alive!	Angela Brett	522158



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, KETTERING

2ND DECEMBER 2023

7:00PM

£5 INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR

OR STEPHLINDLEY7@GMAIL.COM



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This month's magazine:

Sponsored by Nigel Smith in celebration of his 70th birthday and in recognition of those early "Swinging Sixties" times when he received Spiritual Guidance from Canon Hugh Roberts (Rector of Kettering) where Nigel was a chorister boy for many years at Kettering Parish Church.

