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Kettering All Saints  
Monthly Update

*Alive!*

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



**(Going Greener)**

**MARCH 2024**

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# CALENDAR FOR MARCH

2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30-11.30	Preloved and new Table-Top Sale
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist – Lent 3</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30-8pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Home Communion at Avery Park
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist - Mothering Sunday</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30-8pm</b> <b>8pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>PCC meeting</b>
14 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Home Communion at Ashley Court
15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Fun Quiz evening
16 <sup>th</sup>	2.30-4.30pm	Tea Dance
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist – Lent 5</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30-8pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist with Healing &amp; Wholeness</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Pottery evening. £20 per person. Booking required before the event via Angela.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30-12.30	Listening To God
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist – Palm Sunday</b> – starting from the bandstand at 10.20am.
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30-8pm</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>2pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>Good Friday Liturgy</b> <b>Tenebrae</b>
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.15am</b> <b>8pm</b>	<b>Church cleaning</b> <b>Easter Eve</b>
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Easter Day Eucharist</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Apr</b>	<b>7.30-8pm</b>	<b><del>Holy Eucharist</del> – No Service – Bank Holiday</b>

## Listening to God



Christian meditation group meeting  
at All Saints Church 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 10.30 – 12.30

Ring Jennie Loasby on 07990 588135



## **Message from David Walsh**

I'm writing the day before a personal milestone: one of those mid-decade birthdays which come every ten years and remind us of our life journey.

It's also Lent, and Lent is itself a journey, a pilgrimage towards the cross.

I've been thinking about the famous journeys in the Bible. And realising how surprising they are.

Our focus when we journey is usually on our destination. But in the Bible what happens on the way seems at least as important. And each journey is very different.

Here are three famous but very different Bible journeys. The Road to Emmaus. The Damascus Road. And the Journey to the Promised Land.

The road to Emmaus is about the slow realisation that we have been accompanied, without realising it, by the risen Christ. We only fully recognise this once the journey has ended. It's in our memories that we discover that something very special has happened.

The Damascus Road is very different. Paul's life is turned around apparently in an instant. The Damascus Roads in our lives are the times when we unexpectedly and all of a sudden are faced with the reality of Christ in a dramatic way which compels us to respond. This could not be more different from Road to Emmaus.

And the Journey to the Promised Land finally reached its destination but not until after long wanderings in the wilderness. As we pray in our Lenten eucharists:

you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.

The forty years in the wilderness have become for many an image of the Christian life, when we are often distracted, stay away from the path we

had planned. And yet somehow through it all learn new things about God, new things about ourselves.

Emmaus, Damascus, the Promised Land. Three very different journeys. And yet one thing they share in common is that all three journeys turned out to be completely different from what was expected. Often when we talk about pilgrimage, we imagine walking on a road whose route is already mapped out. But these three stories - possibly the most famous journeys in the Bible - show us that the big spiritual journeys are full of surprises and unexpected turns.

So this Lent we of course have to set off putting one foot in front of the other in what seems like the right direction. But we should not be surprised if the unexpected happens. If we encounter God in the most surprising ways. If the journey ends up rather different from the one we expected.

If this happens, then we truly would have had a Lenten journey.

David

## **FEELS LIKE SPRINGTIME**

It feels like springtime in my mind,  
with blue sky and bright sunshine,  
on these country lanes that wind,  
it feels like springtime in my mind.

It feels like springtime in my heart,  
amid nature's works of art,  
each new bud's a brand new start,  
it feels like springtime in my heart.

It feels like springtime in my head,  
with snowdrops in a flowerbed,  
with every joyful step I tread,  
it feels like springtime in my head.

It feels like springtime in my soul,  
where the gentle green hills roll,  
so much beauty to behold,  
it feels like springtime in my soul.

Struck by wide-eyed awe and wonder,  
in a boundless wild blue yonder,  
nature's spell I've fallen under,  
on these bridleways I wander.

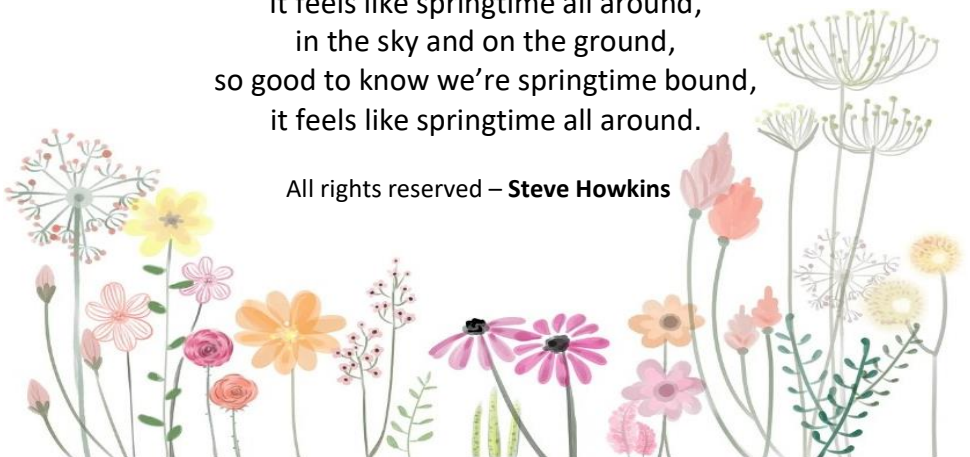
It feels like springtime in the air,  
when birds are singing everywhere,  
so much love and joy to share,  
it feels like springtime in the air.

It feels like springtime has begun,  
in a ray of winter sun,  
I dream of future days to come,  
it feels like springtime has begun.

It feels like springtime here on Earth,  
with joyful songs of springtime mirth,  
the hope and joy of spring's rebirth,  
it feels like springtime here on Earth.

It feels like springtime all around,  
in the sky and on the ground,  
so good to know we're springtime bound,  
it feels like springtime all around.

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# Ask Alan!



No matter what aspect of life you look at or engage with, places, professions and people have different ways of doing or saying things, their own unique culture as it were. The church is no different, it has its own ways, almost its own language in some respects. When you come into something new, it is often difficult to ask questions like 'why do we do that?' or 'what does that mean?' In this slot each month I'm inviting you to ask those questions and I'll try to provide an answer or explanation. They will be anonymous and hopefully we will all learn together. There are no such things as silly questions and the chances are that if you have the question, someone else will have it too.

For this month, I've already been given two questions:

**Why do we have different colours in the church year?**

and

**What happens at a Healing and Wholeness service and why would I go?**

## **1. The Church Year and Liturgical Colours.**

The Church year has various seasons and different colours to go with each season. Some dated events are 'transferred' to a neighbouring Sunday.

The Church year always starts with Advent Sunday. Advent is a period of preparation before Christmas. There are always 4 Sundays in Advent so depending on how Christmas Day falls, Advent can be between 22 days (as in 2023) and 28 days (as in 2022).

Christmastime runs from Christmas Day (which starts with the Midnight Mass) and includes the period known as Epiphany. It ends with the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (otherwise referred to as Candlemas).

There is then a short period of 'Ordinary Time' - more about that below - before Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. Lent is another preparation period, this time for Easter. The 4th Sunday of Lent is Mothering Sunday and the

6th Sunday is Palm Sunday, which is then the start of Holy Week.

Holy Week includes Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Easter starts with an Easter Vigil on the Saturday evening which then leads into the first celebration of Easter.

The period of Easter runs for 7 weeks; 40 days after Easter Sunday is Ascension Day (a Thursday) and 10 days later is Pentecost. The period between Ascension and Pentecost is known as 'Thy Kingdom Come'

The Sunday after Pentecost is known as Trinity Sunday which is another major celebration in the church year but the period after Trinity is known as Ordinary Time which then runs up to the end of the church year.

Ordinary Time is those periods when the church is not preparing for or celebrating one of the major festivals and accounts for about half of the year. There are some special celebrations, however, during this time: Corpus Christi on the first Thursday after Trinity, Harvest Festival, All Saints Day (which as our Patronal Festival is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to 1st November), All Souls Day, Remembrance Sunday and Christ the King on the last Sunday of the Church year. The period between All Saints and Christ the King is also known as the Kingdom Season.

### **Liturgical Colours. (from the Church of England website)**

Appropriate liturgical colours are suggested. The colour for a particular service should reflect the predominant theme. If the Collect, Readings, etc. on a Lesser Festival are those of the saint, then either red (for a martyr) or white is used; otherwise, the colour of the season is retained.

**White** is the colour for the festal periods from Christmas Day to the Presentation and from Easter Day to the Eve of Pentecost, for Trinity Sunday, for Festivals of Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary, for All Saints' Day, and for the Festivals of those saints not venerated as martyrs, at Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and in thanksgiving for Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. It is used for Marriages, and is suitable for Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination, though red may be preferred. It may be used in preference to purple or black for Funerals and should be used at the Funeral of a child. The great Festivals are indicated as 'gold or white' so the White colours may be decorated or edged in **Gold**.

**Red** is used during Holy Week (except at Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday), on the Feast of Pentecost, may be used between All Saints' Day and the First Sunday of Advent and is used for the Feasts of those saints venerated as martyrs. It is appropriate for any services which focus on the gift of the Holy Spirit, and is therefore suitable for Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination. Coloured hangings are traditionally removed for Good Friday and Easter Eve, but red is the colour for the liturgy on Good Friday.

**Purple** is the colour for Advent and from Ash Wednesday until the day before Palm Sunday. It is recommended for Funerals and for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, although either black or white may be preferred. **Rose**-colour is sometimes used as an alternative on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

**Green** is used from the day after the Presentation until Shrove Tuesday, and from the day after Pentecost until the eve of All Saints' Day, except when other provision is made. It may also be used, rather than red, between All Saints' Day and the First Sunday of Advent.

## **2. Healing and Wholeness**

There is a said Eucharist held on most Monday evenings at 7.30pm. It is usually a small, intimate service, without any hymns, that lasts about 30 minutes. On the 3rd Monday of each month there is a focus of prayer towards our health and that of our loved ones. At the point of the service when there would normally be intercessions, we are invited to pause and pray quietly for our health needs and those whom we know and there is an opportunity to receive an anointing with oil; there is no obligation. Many who attend find this time both positive and supportive, an opportunity for healing physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally.

## **More Questions**

I hope you have found the above interesting and informative. If you have something you always wanted to know then drop me an email or pass me a note and I'll try to provide the answer. Or pass it onto me, via Angela.

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## **FEBRUARY 2024 PCC MEETING** - Items of note discussed:

**Parish Priest Items – Leading your Church into Growth** - The development team met and welcomed Jenny Loasby and Angela Brett to the team. Lent Course - An on-line course across the three Churches will have commenced on 20<sup>th</sup> February. The theme is Pilgrimage.

**Annual Report** - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May immediately following the 10.30am Parish Eucharist. An information pack will be prepared and available before that meeting.

**Pastoral Issues** - Care Home Services at Ashley Court and Avery Court are welcomed by residents and staff.

**Link with Church in South Korea** - The Link Group met and it was noted there were to be various exchanges with South Korea including one in Northampton. Mothers Unions are meeting on line. Father Gregory visiting this country in late July early August he visited Loake's Shoes factory on a previous visit and stood outside All Saints but did not enter in. A new Bishop of Seoul is to be elected in May and installed in September please focus your prayers for the Church in South Korea on these events.

**All Saints' Community Events** - A talk on the "Carry On" films has been added to the programme of events.

**Finance and Stewardship** – Accounts to the end of January 2024 were received together with a fundraising report. Marie is passing Church Accounts 2023 for independent scrutiny ready for presentation at the APCM.

**Safeguarding** – All matters of safeguarding are in hand.

**Health and Safety** - The PCC agreed that these policies should be updated.

**Correspondence** - David Walsh reported that two seats for the installation of Bishop Debbie had been offered to All Saints and Angela and Richard, as churchwardens, are going to attend.

**Hall Matters** - Claire Povey has volunteered to deep clean the kitchen to dovetail with the replacement of the floor. Thank you, Claire.

**Fabric** - Electrical work on the North side has been completed. PAT testing will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Help needed to empty the Kitchen

on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please volunteer to Richard Lewis. Floor work will commence on 4<sup>th</sup> March and will continue during that week.

**Any other Business** – (i) The possibility of the Church being used as a Polling Station in May is being considered and investigated. (ii) Angela looking towards us earning the Gold Award in the Eco Church award scheme.

**Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Jubilee Room at 8pm.

Jane Bouchier

## Hilarious Things My Mother Taught Me...

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE . "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL . "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. " Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

From Lyn Ridley – seen on Facebook – I'm sure you heard most of them if not all, as a child!

## **MEET JONAH PAUL FLEMING.**

I introduce you all to a proud Nanny, Rev Jane Burns!



**Congratulations from everyone at All Saints!**

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### **PRAYER REQUEST**

Please pray for Preston Sserukeera, with his wisdom of peace and fairness, as he takes on the responsibility of Head Boy at Bishop Stopford for Year 13.



## STEP BACK TO LAST YEARS' RIDE & STRIDE

**Introduction:** Our first visitor on that day was a gentleman from Leicester, called Paul Griffiths. He and I had a lovely conversation about All Saints and its architecture etc. I tried to search the archives for any information that would lead to who designed the church and I found these two drawings.

Angela Brett

### WHO DESIGNED ALL SAINTS?



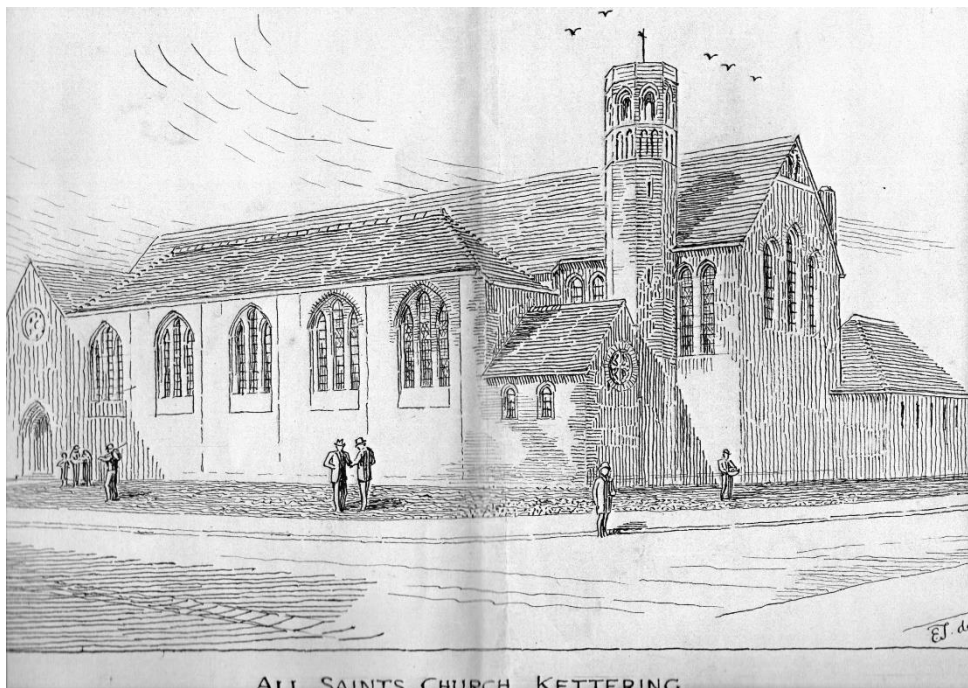


The Leicester Society of Architects credits one of its members, Edward Turner, as being the architect of All Saints' and two early drawings of the Church are signed by 'ET'. Turner's involvement makes the dramatic gothic style of the Church unsurprising. In his younger days, he had been a pupil of Sir George Gilbert Scott, the most prolific of Victorian church architects and a champion of the gothic style, and is said to have worked with Scott when the Midland Grand Hotel at St Pancras station in London was being designed. Turner himself 'developed a deep interest and knowledge of medieval gothic tradition' and his enthusiasm for it is evident at All Saints' even though, by the 1920s, it had become less fashionable. When the foundation stone was laid at All Saints' in 1927, Turner was almost 80 years old.

During more than 40 years in Leicester, Turner carried out a variety of ecclesiastical projects. He designed two small churches which were both in use by 1909 – St Silas', a mission church in Leicester (which was closed in 1929), and St Mary's at Stanton under Bardon. As at All Saints', a lack of funds prevented Turner's ideas from being fully realised; only the eastern portions of both churches were ever completed.

Other Leicestershire commissions included the construction of a parish room and the design of church fittings such as pulpits, chancel screens, choir stalls and a memorial reredos. The greatest concentration of Turner's work is at St Peter's Church in the Highfields area of Leicester. This was his own Church where he was a sidesman for many years and a Lay Reader from 1883. Here he was able to beautify a large Victorian church already in the gothic style, the vision of George Edmund Street (who was also the architect of St Andrew's Church in Kettering). At St Peter's in 1882, Turner designed a reredos for the high altar which is still the centrepiece of the Church's interior. In 1908, he created a chapel in the south transept and, between 1919 and 1924, he worked with another architect from the congregation (WM Cowdell) to extend the chapel as a war memorial and to design new furnishings for the chancel.

Edward Turner died at home in Leicester in 1937, aged 89.



Paul Griffiths    January 2024

### **USPG Lent Appeal 2024**

As usual this Lent we as a parish will be supporting USPG, the missionary society with which we have long standing links, especially through Jinny Wade and myself. The focus for the 2024 Appeal is on AIDS sufferers in Brazil, providing medical treatment and support to those in despair, suffering the social stigma and isolation associated with the condition, whilst raising awareness of HIV & AIDS. You can find more details at [www.uspg.org.uk](http://www.uspg.org.uk)

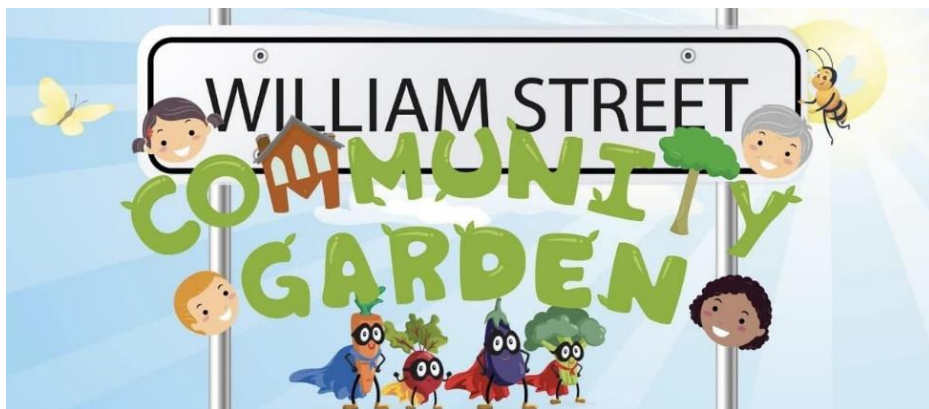
This is important work but in the current climate of wars and natural disasters, I understand that this Appeal may not be seen as a priority for our giving this year, so I would like to remind you that together with other agencies, USPG also maintains a Rapid Response Fund. This is the fund that they use when one of our global church partners seeks urgent help to respond to emergency situations such as that faced by the Al-Ahli Anglican

Hospital in Gaza City which was forced to close in November after heavy shelling. Funds received from USPG have contributed to the purchase of much needed fuel for the hospital generators and the costs of hiring additional staff to meet the crushing flow of wounded and traumatized people. There is more information and examples of recent funding at <https://rapid-response.raisely.com/>

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

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GLOBAL MISSION

### **THE GARDEN STORY GROWS!**



Update: The Community Gardeners are hoping to create a small pond near the Bug Church. A raised garden bed for cut flowers has been put along the vicarage wooden fence panels and a beautiful greenhouse is up.

What kind of bird always gets stuck in the nest? *A velcrow.*  
What do you call a butterfly that flies faster than all the other butterflies? *A betterfly!*

## **MESSAGE FROM JANE BOUTCHIER**

May I just thank everyone at All Saints for their support over the last month or so. I received numerous cards, messages and offers of help from so many of you but, particularly, I know you kept me in your prayers. I have asked Angela to take me off the prayer list as I feel I am on the road to recovery and plan to be in Church regularly, but should I come to mind just give me a quick mention. To repeat what I said in a previous message you are all saints which I believe forms the ethos of our All Saints.

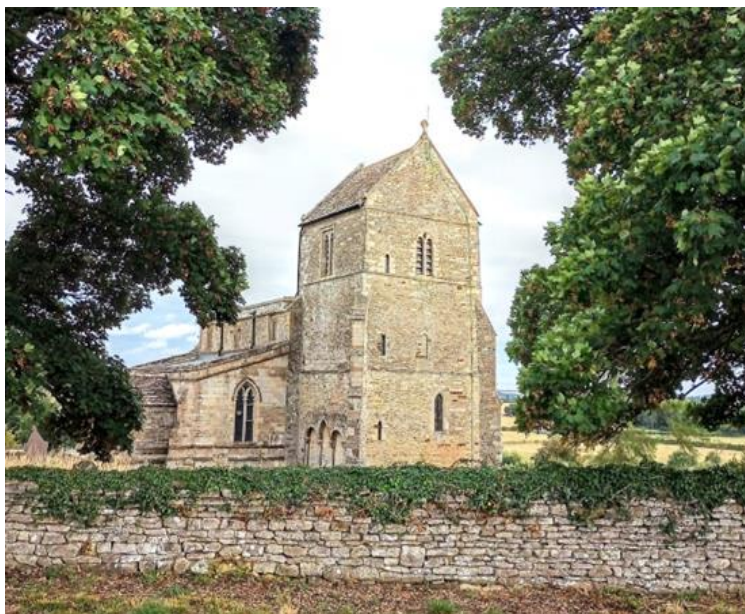
Jane Boutchier

P.S. It sounds like I may well be back on the list again as the other hip has to be replaced - hey ho.

## **CHURCHES AROUND OUR AREA THIS MONTH**

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

### **St Michael and All Angels Church, Wadenhoe**



Grade II listed church. An early 12th century nave with 13th century tower stands on a hill overlooking the river Nene and surrounding countryside.





Enclosed archways on the 13th century tower.



Early dates inscribed in the north entrance (1658).

## Community Highlights for April for Your Diaries!

<p>6<sup>th</sup> - Preloved and new Table-Top Sale. Contact Richard on 07887617978 you must book a £7 stall in advance! Open to the public from 8.30-11.30.</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b> – 11<sup>th</sup> A Train Journey Along the Welland Valley – with Robin Cullup. 7.30pm-9.15pm. Raffle available. Entry £6 includes tea/coffee/biscuits.</p>
<p>19<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.</p>	<p>20<sup>th</sup> - Tea Dance - starts 2-30pm-4.30pm. Raffle available. Entry £3.50pm includes tea/coffee and cake.</p>
<p>26<sup>th</sup> – Luvely Jubbly - Only Fools and Horses by Steve Dimmer. 7.30pm-9.15pm. Raffle available. Entry £6 includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Pay on the door.</p>	<p>4<sup>th</sup> May Table Top Sale</p>

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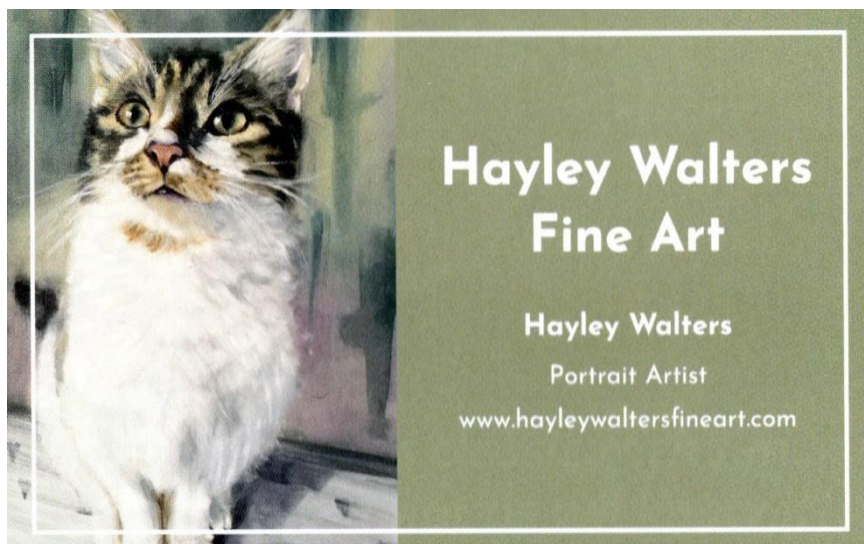
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NewsLetter

**DEADline**

**COPY** - Please send in your snippets, news, prayers etc to Angela. The deadline for the April edition of Saints Alive! is **27<sup>th</sup> March** and will be available on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> April.



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## WHO'S WHO AT ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

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**In loving memory of Dad, David John Taylor  
Waite**

**19 April 1944 - 03 March 2018**

**Also remembering Mum**

**Susan Carole Waite**

**15 July 1947 - 02 January 2024**

**In the hearts of those who love you, you will  
live forever.**



***Emma, Nicola and family* xxxx**