

# PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

April 2018

King's Sutton

Parish Church

# Come and join us



## 1<sup>st</sup> April. Easter Day Taizé Prayer 6 pm:

Taizé is a monastic community located in Eastern France. It was founded in the 1940s by the late Roger Louis Schütz-Marsauche, known as 'Brother Roger'. The "brothers" of Taizé are committed to a lifetime of simplicity, service, and community. There is an ecumenical emphasis at Taizé, as expressed in their official website, which says the community "wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples." The commune contains two churches; the small Parish church and the much larger "Church of Reconciliation". The latter church can hold over 6,000 people. A Taizé worship service involves easy-to-learn chants, prayers, meditation, periods of silence, and readings. There is no preaching. The style of prayer practiced at Taizé has attracted many worshippers from around the globe and from many different denominations. Just turn up and try it.

## 28<sup>th</sup> April. Dee's Dee-lights 10.30pm:

Come and meet socially and chat (not gossip!) over coffee and cake. This has been held successfully over the last year and there are several 'regulars' that just come for the companionship and camaraderie. Every event is slightly different; we never know what delights Dee has in store for us! See inside for more details



## From the Registers

### Funerals:

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Florence Mary Diggins  
February 26<sup>th</sup> Betty Thurston  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> Victor Simon Beasley  
March 9<sup>th</sup> Kenneth John Stevens

### Celebration of Light

Since the last newsletter, the floodlighting has been sponsored to remember:

March 12<sup>th</sup> The Baptism of Florence and India Hodgekiss  
April 7<sup>th</sup> Joan Leycester  
April 30<sup>th</sup> Les Nutt

*If you would like to sponsor the floodlights of the church to remember an anniversary or other significant event in your family, please either contact Stephen Allday (811473) or take a form from the ledge just inside the church.*

## QUIET DAY

**7<sup>th</sup> April at St. Etheldreda's Church Horley 10.15 – 3pm**

Escape pressures and worries by simply having some 'me' time. The programme for the day involves listening to some meditative thoughts chosen by the leader, quiet moments to consider what has been said, a short act of Eucharistic worship, refreshments and lunch spent round a communal table. During the afternoon there will be a further meditation and time when you can think, walk or just sit and be quiet. We finish with a short act of worship and tea! Well worth a try.



# Icons

An Icon is an image from the Orthodox tradition. They are kind of windows into the divine and eternal, and as we pray before them we may encounter the divine. In recent decades they have become popular in the West and I have commissioned an icon for the S Thomas Chapel.

S Thomas Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December in 1170. Whether Henry II sent the four knights is open to question, but the murder brought to a head the conflict between King and Archbishop which had caused Thomas to spend several years in exile. Henry had assumed that with his man at Canterbury he would have power over the church. Certainly as Chancellor Thomas had been very much the king's man, but now as archbishop, he became very much God's man. The shockwaves of Thomas' death spread ominously across Europe and Pope Alexander canonised him in 1173. Henry came to the makeshift shrine in the crypt of Canterbury cathedral, doing penance for the murder of the archbishop.



*The altar frontal in S Thomas*

Images of Thomas, chapels and churches dedicated in his memory (Portsmouth Cathedral for example), and pilgrimages to the shrine became very common. The north aisle chapel here was dedicated in his honour, and indeed he may have prayed here before his meeting with the king at Northampton. This dedication was revived in the 1940s. His coat of arms, three Cornish choughs, were painted on one of the bosses the on the roof and the more recent frontal designed by John Childs, also includes that badge and the pallium – the Y shaped garment



*North aisle roof*

sent by the Pope to all archbishops. Incidentally Thomas is a secondary dedicatee for the Catholic Diocese of Northampton.

The iconographer is Marcella Spreadbury who lives in Stratford upon Avon. She came to meet me in early March and I am writing a leaflet about icons and their significance. These will be in church but also available around the village.

*Fr. Roger*



## Church Fabric: Update

**The Clock** has been repaired and is now working normally again. Many thanks to Smiths of Derby for undertaking the repairs in a relatively short period of time, and grateful thanks also to members of the parish that have contributed towards the cost of the repairs. A number of complimentary comments have been received for the return to a working clock; it is good to hear that so many members of the parish look towards the clock and further on to the spire.

**Repairs and Conservation of the stained and plain glass windows and masonry surrounds** by Holywell Glass will re-commence on 26<sup>th</sup> March with the erection of scaffolding inside the church. Good progress has been made so far on cleaning the plain leaded windows (pictures in February newsletter), and the specialist conservation craftsmen will be on site again from 3<sup>rd</sup> April until the project is completed on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018. They will be able to do most of the work on site, but it will be necessary to remove two windows to their workshops for completion of the work there. For those two windows it will be necessary to board up the window 'spaces'.

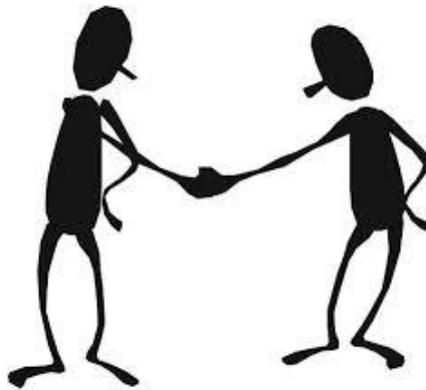
**The Nave roof** is in need of some investigation to identify why it leaks in wet weather. Once the cause has been established, then repairs will be undertaken. Fortunately the cost for this will come out of the grant received from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund, which included the work on the Chancel roof and which has been recently completed by C. J. Charles & Sons Ltd. of Middleton Cheney. They will be the main contractors for the Nave roof repairs. This new piece of work has just started, on 20<sup>th</sup> March, with an agreed completion date of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018. It is expected that all of this work will be on the outside of the building so there will be no inconvenience inside the church.....unless additional work is needed when the necessary nave rafters are exposed.



**A VERY WARM**



AWAITS ALL NEWCOMERS to the village



COME and MEET

IN THE PARISH CHURCH

ON SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 3.00 PM

An opportunity to meet other villagers  
and to learn more about what goes on in the Church

It takes place in Church but it is not a “Church event”



Tea and cakes will be available.

KING'S SUTTON PARISH CHURCH



**A warm welcome awaits you,  
so come along and join in**

WITH

**CAKES, COFFEE, BOOKS**

and a small raffle

in

**THE PARISH CHURCH**

**SATURDAY APRIL 28th**

**10.30 am — 12 noon**

*All proceeds to Parish Church running costs*

## To think about.....

“Do you not know that the largest trees, which have required years to grow, are cut down in one hour? It is foolish to look for their fruits and yet to be unprepared for their fall. Let it be your consolation, then, that God's enemies, however honourable and exalted they may have been, shall nevertheless fade away like the smoke.”

*(Thomas Becket)*

## Children and families

**PARENT AND TODDLER WORSHIP** is at 9.30am every Friday during term time. We are in church for a short simple service and then play and chat in the Church Room.

**FAMILY SERVICES:** Please see the calendar overleaf.



Services at Newbottle: Contact David Morgan (811404 for confirmation)

April	1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Day	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
April	8 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 2	Matins	9.30 am
April	14 <sup>th</sup>		Wedding	1pm
April	15 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 3	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
April	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter 4	Matins	9.30 am
April	29 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 5	Matins	9.30 am

The Catholic Congregation meets for Mass at 9am each Sunday  
in the Parish Church.

Fr James Evans is the parish priest: 01295 660592

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## Proposed Calendar of Services for April 2018

Please check with notice board in church or contact the Warden

Sun	1	<b>Easter Day:</b> 11am Sung Mass for all ages; 6pm Taizé Prayer
Mon	2	
Tues	3	9.30am Mass
Weds	4	
Thurs	5	
Fri	6	
Sat	7	
Sun	8	<b>Easter 2:</b> 8am Mass; 11am Sung Mass; 6pm First Evensong of the Annunciaton
Mon	9	
Tues	10	9.30am Mass for the Annunciation
Weds	11	
Thurs	12	
Fri	13	
Sat	14	
Sun	15	<b>Easter 3:</b> 11am Sung Mass; 6pm Evensong
Mon	16	
Tues	17	9.30am Mass
Weds	18	
Thurs	19	
Fri	20	9.30am Parents & Toddlers' Worship
Sat	21	Wedding 12.30pm
Sun	22	<b>Easter 4:</b> 8am Mass; 10am Family Worship; 11am Sung Mass; 6pm Evensong for S George
Mon	23	<i>S George</i>
Tues	24	9.30am Mass
Weds	25	<i>S Mark:</i> 7pm Mass
Thurs	26	
Fri	27	9.30am Parents & Toddlers' Worship
Sat	28	10am Mass SOLW
Sun	29	<b>Easter 5:</b> 11am Sung Mass; 1pm Baptism; 6pm Evensong
Mon	30	

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