

PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

December 2018

King's Sutton

Parish Church



Come and join us

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: Sunday, December 2nd 6pm. Music and words to mark the start of the Church's New Year, and to think about the forthcoming Nativity.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays 4th, 11th, 18th at 10.15 am in the Church Room following the morning Mass. If you miss one, these are repeated in Charlton – see details inside.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Friday, December 7th from 6 – 8.30pm in church. There's a poster inside, and there will be lots of stalls with unusual gifts for all, as well as a raffle and other attractions. Not to be missed!

QUIET DAY: Saturday, December 8th. Forward in Faith Peterborough will be holding a retreat / Quiet Day at Pusey House, Oxford which will be led by the Principal Fr. George Westhaver 10.30am to 4.00pm. For details, to register and for help with transport, contact John Chilver on 01296 711974.

'BIG CLEAN': Saturday, December 15th from 10.30 – 12 noon – making the church ready for Christmas. Dusters, polish and coffee provided!

CAROL SERVICE: Friday 21st December 7.30pm. Sing some of your favourite carols and come and hear the Christmas story. A traditional service of lessons and carols, followed by seasonal refreshments.

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CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE and Nativity with carols: Saturday 22nd December 3pm. All welcome with a children's party afterwards.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Come and celebrate – there's the First Mass of Christmas at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, and a Sung Mass for all at 11am on Christmas Day.

Celebration of Light

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

- December 2nd Ray Smith
- December 16th Roger Stillman
- December 22nd Frank Stevens and Emma Stevens
- December 23rd In memoriam R. F. d'Erlanger
- December 25th Nick Nice

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.

Advent Bible study - 2018

As part of our preparation for Christmas there will be a series of Bible Studies led by Rev. Roger Burne, looking at the Gospel readings for each of the Sundays of Advent. Everyone is welcome. The Tuesday sessions will be held in the Church Room at 10.15am, and the Thursday sessions at 9.30am at 7 Cartwright Road, Charlton.

Signs of the times	Luke 21: 25 – 36	
	Tuesday 27 th November	Thursday 29 th November
The Prophets	Luke 3: 1 – 6	
	Tuesday 4 th December	Thursday 6 th December
John the Baptist	Luke 3: 7 – 18	
	Tuesday 11 th December	Thursday 13 th December
The Incarnation	Luke 1: 39 – 55	
	Tuesday 18 th December	Thursday 20 th December

Christmas Fayre

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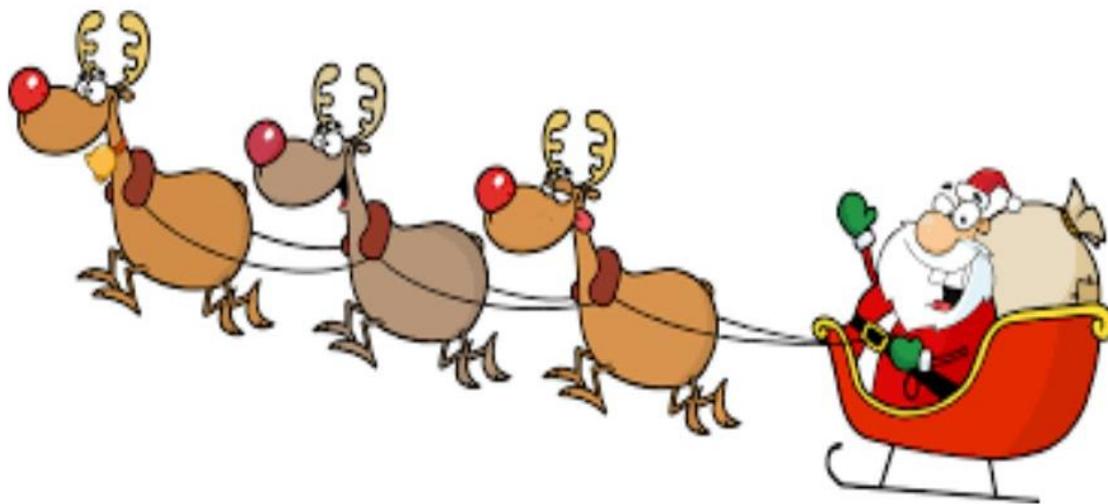
The Parish Church

Friday, December 7th

6pm—8.30pm

Stalls include:

Bottles, cakes, raffle, tombola,
Christmas wreaths, jams, preserves
and much, much more!!



Why the Parochial Church Council (PCC) voted to remain under the Episcopal Oversight of the Bishop of Richborough

The decision that was arrived at after great deliberation on September 13th at a full meeting of the PCC was the result of a procedure which followed the rules laid down by the Church of England in respect of an existing resolution which was being reviewed. After the meeting, there was an appeal to the Archdeacon against the decision taken, and so this had to go for consideration by the Diocesan Registrar to decide whether the process was legal. The Diocesan Registrar decided that the procedures were observed correctly and were legal and legitimate; the appeal therefore failed.

The church here in King's Sutton has a long Anglo-Catholic tradition going back to the 19th century and has been under the Episcopal oversight of the Bishop of Richborough for around 25 years. Many of the congregation worship here because they value its traditional practices, and some come to the church from outside the village for that reason. The PCC decision had to recognise this fact. At the same time the church here has remained a loyal member of the mainstream diocesan mission and cooperates fully with the Bishop of Peterborough.

In arriving at the decision the PCC had to consider the Five Guiding Principles laid down by the House of Bishops. Two of those guiding principles are particularly appropriate:

- referring to those who cannot, on grounds of theological conviction, accept the ministry of women priests or bishops, 'the Church of England remains committed to enabling them to flourish within its life and structures, and
- pastoral and sacramental provision for the minority within the Church of England will be made without specifying a limit of time and in a way that maintains the highest possible degree of communion and contributes to mutual flourishing across the whole Church of England.'

The notion of 'mutual flourishing' means that we must accommodate within one worshipping community people who have differing theological viewpoints. The Anglo-Catholic tradition at King's Sutton church is neither narrow nor constricting as has been the practice in the parishes of King's Sutton and Newbottle over the last 25 years. Our participation in the Church of England's life will contribute to the flourishing of our church and all its members.

Bearing in mind the need to reconcile differing viewpoints and to work with everybody in our congregation in harmony and mutual respect, in the belief that the PCC arrived at the right decision, we appeal to everybody to show love and understanding as we seek a new priest for our church.

Filling our vacancy – Progress report

- The PCC has appointed 4 of its members to work on putting together a Parish Profile: they are making good progress and will soon be presenting their document to the PCC.
- King's Sutton PCC and Newbottle-with-Charlton will meet to discuss both parish profiles and will come up with a Benefice profile. It is expected that this will be completed by the end of December.
- The benefice parish profile, together with the advertisement for the post, will need the approval of the Archdeacon of Northampton and the Bishop of Peterborough.
- At his recent meeting with the PCC, the Archdeacon of Northampton indicated that the advertisement for the post would be issued in January and that interviews would take place in the spring.
- Two members of King's Sutton PCC have been appointed as parish representatives on the interviewing panel for the new vicar.
- Our Patrons, The Society for the Maintenance of the Faith and Mr. John Townsend will also be involved in the interviewing process.
- During the vacancy the Warden, Dee Thobourne, supported by the PCC will have responsibility for the smooth running of the parish.
- Eucharistic services during the vacancy will be covered by several retired clergy and other services, as far as possible, by lay members of the parish.

In this time of change please pray for all those involved in the process of choosing a new vicar.

So you think you know your carols.....

Which carols or Christmas songs do the following lines come from? (Warning – you may find yourself singing!). Answers will appear on the grey boards in church at the carol service.



1. Let nothing you dismay
2. Did the guiding star behold.
3. Bring me pine logs hither
4. Joyful all ye nations rise
5. Laughing all the way
6. On Christmas Day in the morning
7. The steeple bells are swungen
8. Snow had fallen snow on snow
9. By by, lully, lullay
10. As clerkes finden written in their book.
11. Light of light
12. To hear the news the angels bring
13. Here we come a-wandering
14. Mary was that mother mild
15. Hail thou ever blessed morn
16. 'Tis the season to be jolly.
17. Four calling birds
18. Holy infant so tender and mild
19. And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly
20. Good morrow, masters all
21. O that we were there
22. Most highly favoured lady
23. The silent stars go by
24. They looked up and saw a star
25. When they are both full grown
26. And glory shone around
27. O and A, and A and O
28. We will lend a coat of fur
29. Field and fountain, moor and mountain
30. Now bring us some figgy pudding

If you don't get all the answers, come to sing some of these at our Carol service on Friday 21st December at 7.30pm.

To think about.....

“God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it.”

Pope Francis

Children and families

PARENT AND TODDLER WORSHIP: Every Friday in term time at 9.30am.

FAMILY WORSHIP: Do join us for the Crib Service on 22nd, and on Christmas Day for the Sung Mass for all at 11am.



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

December	2 nd	Advent Sunday	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
December	9 th	Advent 2	Matins	9.30 am
December	16 th	Advent 3	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
December	23 rd	Advent 4	Matins	9.30 am
			Carol Service	6pm
December	24 th	Christmas Eve (Revd. N. Leggett)	Sung Eucharist	9.30pm
December	25 th	Christmas Day (Revd. R. Burne)	Sung Eucharist	9.30am
December	30 th	Christmas 1	Matins	9.30am

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 December 2018

Please check with notice board in church or contact the Warden

Sat	1	
Sun	2	Advent Sunday: Sung Mass 11am; Advent Carol service 6pm
Mon	3	
Tues	4	<i>John of Damascus:</i> Mass 9.30am
Weds	5	
Thurs	6	
Fri	7	<i>S Ambrose:</i> Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	8	
Sun	9	Advent 2: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	10	
Tues	11	Mass 9.30am; Carrdus School Carol service practice
Weds	12	
Thurs	13	
Fri	14	<i>S John of the Cross:</i> Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Carrdus School Carol Service
Sat	15	
Sun	16	Advent 3: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	17	
Tues	18	Mass 9.30am
Weds	19	
Thurs	20	
Fri	21	<i>S Thomas:</i> Carol Service 7.30pm
Sat	22	Children's crib service and Nativity with carols 3pm
Sun	23	Advent 4: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am
Mon	24	Christmas Eve: First Mass of Christmas 11.30pm
Tues	25	Christmas Day: Sung Mass for all ages 11am
Weds	26	
Thurs	27	
Fri	28	
Sat	29	
Sun	30	Christmas 1: Sung Mass 11am
Mon	31	

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