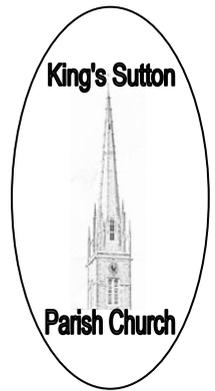


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CHOCOLATE !!

I noticed that the shops had chocolate eggs on the shelves shortly after Christmas. This is the season for eating them, it seems – from January to Easter!! And there is nothing wrong with eating chocolate eggs – well, it depends a bit on how many!! But let us not kid ourselves that in eating eggs we are celebrating Easter! The connection is that with real eggs you have to break the shell to let out the new life, whether it be the new chick, or the yolk and white to eat. And this is something like Christ bursting out of the sealed tomb, risen to new and eternal life.

The heart of Easter is that Jesus, the man from Nazareth, who went about doing good, was arrested, tortured and crucified on a Friday in Jerusalem, about the year 30. That his dead body was placed in a tomb and the Jewish leaders asked for it to be sealed and guarded so that the body could not be stolen. But guards and seals do not stop God, and Christ was raised from death. Not returned to the life he had lived before, but to a new life. The Easter stories in the Gospels have several characteristics which try to emphasise this: he enters rooms where the doors are locked, he is unrecognized when people first see him, he vanishes from them, and finally, he leaves the earth to return to heaven.

This is what Christians believe and we don't believe it just because of the story handed down to us, but because this is the reality of our lives. Christ is risen. He is alive and we know and love him, and seek to follow his way of doing good.

Jesus showed his love for us at the Last Supper – a Passover celebration in which he gave us the meal which is his Body and Blood – his life given for us: so we celebrate Maundy Thursday - Maundy comes from the word *mandatum* – command, for Christ commands us to love one another.

We celebrate the Cross on Good Friday: a day which is good for us because through his death we are set free from sin and death; and we celebrate on Easter Day that the new life is there and for us to share. Come and share in these celebrations!

Fr Roger



AN HOUR....

Fr Roger is again offering an hour to anyone who would like to talk with him. Just phone 01295 811364 or email rogerbellamy@hotmail.co.uk to arrange a time.

LENT LUNCHES

Light lunches consisting of homemade soups and breads continue to be served on Fridays during Lent, except for Good Friday. The lunches will be held in the Church Room on: March 1st (12 noon after the Women's World Day of Prayer Service), 8th, 15th and 22nd (12.30pm). The lunches are free, but any donations will be sent to the Neuroblastoma Society – fighting childhood cancer.

A SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION OF WORK WEEKEND

Many thanks go to all the people in local business who provided such a large range of interesting displays and information about their work. Despite adverse weather, over a hundred people visited the church over the two days.

PARISH CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Parish Church Electoral Roll is under revision until 17th March. If you were on the roll for 2012, you should have received a letter, together with a new form to complete. If you were not on the old roll and would like to join, then please contact either the Wardens or Sue Allen (810967) for a form. Forms will also be available at the back of church. The eligibility criteria will be displayed on the church porch notice board. Forms can be returned in these ways:

- By returning them to a church service and handing to the wardens or Sue Allen.
- By dropping in to: 26 Glebe Rise, King's Sutton.

You may still join the Roll after 17th March, but you will not be able to take part in voting for PCC members at the Annual Church Meeting which will be held this year on Sunday 14th April after the 11am Sung Mass.

What is a Sabbatical?

Father Roger has announced that this year he is to take a sabbatical, so what is it?

The Archbishop's Council recommends that all Church of England ministers should get a three month sabbatical at least once every 10 years. Father Roger plans to start his sabbatical on 26th August and will resume work again on 17th November.

The word 'sabbatical' is derived from the same root as 'Sabbath'. This indicates that a fundamental purpose of a sabbatical is to have time for rest, renewal and re-creation so as to return refreshed in their ministry. It is generally envisaged that sabbaticals will include three elements:

- A holiday
- A course of study, learning or development and
- A Retreat.

Father Roger's plans for his almost three month break are not yet completely finalised but will almost certainly include a holiday. He says "I am planning some time for reflection and prayer - preparing for my last few years here. I shall be studying the "ressourcement" movement which goes back to the sources and tries to see both what was the original inspiration and then what that says to us today. Specifically I am looking at liturgy and architecture in the very early centuries and doing this in Spain and Italy".



Children's Church News



Hi!

With Lent well underway and Easter fast approaching there is lots of activity at SS Peter & Paul for children and families. Have a look at what we've been up to as well as a sneak preview of what's to come.

Family Worship 24 February 10am Simple Mass

Family Worship in February was a simple Mass. This short service enables parents to share in a simple Eucharist with their children and help children to be part of this in a smaller less formal environment. It is a very welcoming service.



If you missed this service another simple Mass service will form part of our Family Worship, on Sunday 26th May.

Christingle 3rd February 4pm

This joyous service carried on despite the arctic weather! Once each Christingle had been lit there was a fabulous glow in the church. Father Roger blessed the Christingles, and then the lights were turned down. The congregation were invited to the front of the church to collect a Christingle while we all joined in with a chant. The congregation played an active part in the service and the children enjoyed the 'goodies' (dried fruits and sweets) that they were able to take away with them.

King's Kids Thursday 7 February 3.30pm – 5pm

The team ran another happy after school session in February. Fr. Roger joined us and told the story to the children of Jesus calling his disciples to follow him and become fishers of men. Keep a look out for a net of fish in the Church! After the craft session Fr. Roger led us all in prayer.

Thursday 7 March 3.30pm – 5pm

The next meeting of this fabulous after school club is 7 March. There will be lots of fun, games, singing and craft – we do hope you can make it.



Mothering Sunday Sunday 10 March 11am

Initially derived from a sixteenth century tradition celebrating the 'mother church' and a gathering of families, we will be holding a family friendly service to mark this day. Much loved posies of flowers will be given out and there will be refreshments afterwards at the back of church

Easter Craft Session Thursday 21 March 3.30pm

This will take place in the Church Room on the 21 March 3.30 – 5.00pm. There will be a small charge of £1 per child.

Family Worship 24 March 10am

As this family service falls on Palm Sunday we will begin by meeting under the tree in the Square, (unless it is raining heavily or there is snow). From here we will process into church to complete the service.

Good Friday Family Worship 10am

Come and join us on Good Friday for a family service where adults and children alike will gather around the Cross, and the Easter Garden will be built.

Easter Day 31 March 11am

Sung Mass for everyone centred around the Easter Garden this service will be a celebration for us all!

Dates for your Diary

Service/Event	Date	Time
King's Kids (After School)	7 March	3.30pm
Parents and Toddlers	8 March	9.30am
Mothering Sunday	10 March	11.00am
Kids Easter Craft Session	21 March	3.30pm
Parents and Toddlers	22 March	9.30am
Family Worship	24 March	10.00am
Family Worship-Good Friday	29 March	10.00am
Easter Day -Sung Mass for all	31 March	11.00am
Parents and Toddlers	19 April	9.30am
Family Worship	28 April	10.00am



The Come and Play January tea-time concert attracted a good number of performers as well as others that just wanted to be entertained. There were performances of pieces by Puccini, Brahms, Mussorsky right up to modern times with the Rolling Stones, on piano, organ and guitar with some choral works and some poetry as well. A really good afternoon by local talented musicians which ended with the now customary tea and cakes.

The next concert in the 'Sounds Good' series takes place on **Saturday, March 23rd** at 7.00pm and is an organ recital given by Marcus Huxley, Director of Music at Birmingham Cathedral since 1986. Marcus has a long association with King's Sutton and we look forward to welcoming him back and to enjoy his skills on the organ. Tickets on the door priced at £8.00 / £5.00.

Further concerts that are known are listed below. The programme of events that has been produced gives music lovers of King's Sutton and surrounding area the opportunity to hear first class international standard artistes without having to leave the village. So do come along; there is something here for everyone.

April 21 st	Tori Handsley: Harp
May 26 th	Alissa Firsova: Piano
June 8 th	Jonathan Kingston: organ
August 3 rd	Come and Sing 'Vivaldi's Gloria'
September 21st	Hallmark of Harmony (Sheffield): Barbershop
October 19 th	Brackley Junior Brass Band
November	tba
December 14 th	Adderbury Ensemble

Celebration of Light

18th February

To celebrate Huw Armstrong's 21st birthday

Stations of the Cross.



If you have visited the church, you may have noticed that at regular intervals around the walls there are plaster relief pictures, each with a cross above and numbers below. These are known as the 'Stations of the Cross'. Other names for these include 'Way of the Cross', the 'Via Dolorosa' and in Latin: 'Via Crucis'. The pictures depict the final hours in the life of Jesus, from his trial to his burial. The earliest use of the word "stations" seems to have occurred around 1520, when a returning pilgrim to the Holy Land described pilgrims following the footsteps of Christ to the

Cross. During the 15th and 16th centuries the Franciscans began to build a series of outdoor shrines to duplicate their counterparts in Jerusalem.

There are fourteen stations:

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus takes up his cross
3. Jesus falls for the first time
4. Jesus meets his mother
5. Simon of Cyrene helps to carry the cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls for the second time
8. Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus falls for the third time
10. Jesus is stripped of his garments
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross
14. Jesus is placed in the tomb

The object of the Stations is to help people to make a spiritual pilgrimage of heart and mind in prayer; it is particularly suited to the Lenten period, but can be done at any time. To pray the way of the Cross requires only that you meditate before each 'station'.

On Sunday 24th March, Palm Sunday, there will be a service of Stations of the Cross at 6pm. There will be movement between the stations, hymns, meditations and prayers.

Calendar of Services for March 2013

Fri	1	Women's World Day of Prayer service 10.30am
Sat	2	<i>Chad</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	3	Lent 3 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	4	
Tue	5	Mass 9.30am
Weds	6	Mass 7pm
Thurs	7	
Fri	8	<i>Edward King</i> : Parent and Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	9	<i>Bible Day</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	10	Lent 4/Mothering Sunday : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	11	
Tue	12	Mass 9 30am
Weds	13	Mass 7pm
Thurs	14	
Fri	15	Mass 12 noon
Sat	16	Mass 10am
Sun	17	Lent 5 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	18	
Tue	19	<i>S Joseph</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	20	<i>S Cuthbert</i> : Mass 7pm
Thurs	21	
Fri	22	Parent and Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	23	Mass for OLW 10am; Wedding 1pm
Sun	24	Palm Sunday Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Stations of the Cross 6pm
Mon	25	
Tue	26	Mass 9.30am
Weds	27	(Fr. Roger at Chrism Mass in Walsingham)
Thurs	28	Maundy Thursday: Sung Mass 8pm, Vigil until midnight
Fri	29	Good Friday: Family Worship 10am; The Liturgy 3.15pm
Sat	30	Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter: 9pm
Sun	31	Easter Day: Sung Mass for all 11am; Songs of Praise 6pm