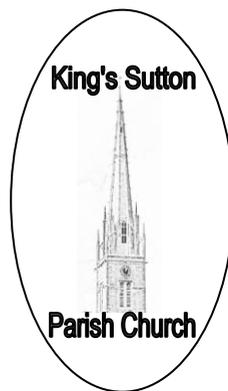


CHURCH NEWSLETTER MAY 2013



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King's Sutton**

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

With your copy of this Newsletter there will be a Christian Aid envelope. (If you are reading this on the website and don't have a hard copy, then there will be spare envelopes in church.) Please return envelopes to any of these addresses:

The Vicarage
26 Glebe Rise
22 Sandringham Road
Or bring to any service at church.

So what is Christian Aid about? Well, first some success stories. In the Indian state of Rajasthan the Mine Labour Protection Campaign has succeeded in securing rights of mining workers. Around 2.5 million mine workers will now receive medical, monetary and social benefits as a result. CA has supported this campaign. Another victory is with CA partners in the Dominican Republic. They are now to double their spending on education. In 2010 CA gave Centro Bono a grant of £10,000 to help establish the campaign. "4% for education" and that has now been achieved. 4% of the GDP is to be spent on education.

Other campaigns are Enough Food for Everyone - a collation of more than 100 charities seeking to end the problems of hunger for so many of the

world's people. A church in County Durham - Stanley Street Church – raised money to help combat malaria in Sierra Leone. CA is working with poor people in Bolivia to help them keep their land which is under pressure from cattle ranchers, mining and logging companies. There is now a Centre for Research and Training of Peasants which works with remote and marginalised forest communities. A thousand families now have secure homes and land on which to work.

All of this needs money, so please be generous in helping the world's poorest peoples.

Fr Roger

A very dedicated group braved the very wintry elements to hear Marcus Huxley, Musical Director and Organist at Birmingham Cathedral, bring new life and sound out of the Church Organ when he gave his recent recital. His programme included music by C. P. E. Bach, J. S. Bach and the 20th Century composer, James MacMillan. The star piece of the show was however the Adagio by Albinoni, which brought out the softer parts of the organ and which provided the most discussion afterwards.



**Alissa Firsova will play Beethoven, Brahms and Rachmaninov on
Sunday 26 May at 3:00pm**

This will be a welcome return to King's Sutton for this outstanding young pianist. She has been coming to play for us since she was a teenager and has grown to become one of the finest pianists of her generation. She has had her compositions played as part of the Proms season.

She will perform Beethoven's last Piano Sonata in C minor Op 111, Brahms's six Pieces Op 118 and some Rachmaninov.

Do join us for some wonderful music-making (and for tea and cakes).

Entrance: £8, concessions £5.

Saturday June 8th 7.00pm

Jonathan Kingston: Wedding music for organ

Celebration of Light

The floodlighting was sponsored:

1-6	April	To celebrate Isabelle Deards' grandchildren
20 th	April	In memory of Charlie Ward on his birthday
10 th	May	In memory of Edward David Smith

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

The Parish Church in King's Sutton, as part of its **YEAR OF FAITH AND MISSION** is organising a weekend to celebrate marriage and family life on June 8th – 9th 2013.

We are planning an exhibition and display of wedding dresses, orders of service, photographs and other mementos. If you have anything like that that you would be happy to loan us for the weekend, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

On the evening of Saturday the 8th Jonathan Kingston, who was Parish Church organist here in 2000-2001 is going to play a selection of wedding music for organ. Will the pieces you chose for your wedding be amongst them? Come along to find out. The concert will begin at 7pm and tickets are £8 /£5 on the door.

On the afternoon of the 9th at 3pm there will be a special service to which anyone who is married, or has been married is invited, and especially people who were married here. It will be a short service with hymns, readings and prayers and tea will be available afterwards. We very much hope that this is something that will interest you. The persons to contact with offers for the display are either me on 811364 (rogerbellamy@hotmail.co.uk), or Peter Allen on 810967 (petersueallen26@aol.com).



If you have a smart-phone, try scanning this QR code....it will give you more information about the church.



Children's Church News



Hi!

Summer is on its way! As we move into May, keep your eyes open for our family services and events. After school club is back on 9th May.

Review of Easter Services Family Worship - Palm Sunday

Due to the weather being snowy and very cold we were unable to gather on the green, so we gathered at the back of church and processed from there crying out 'hosanna' as we went. We sang songs and listened to a story, we had prayers and then Fr. Roger blessed the palms which we all took with us as we left. Then off we all went to the vicarage for drinks and biscuits.

Good Friday Family Service

There was still not much improvement in the weather when we met together for the Good Friday service. There were so many of us that we filled the front of the nave too - which was great!

"Why is today called Good Friday when Jesus had to die?", was how Fr. Roger began, knowing that the congregation had come to church to hear again how Jesus was betrayed in Gethsemane, tried by Pontius Pilate, and died on the cross to save us.

We sang "There is a green hill far away" and Fr. Roger told us about the Easter story. Then we all went up into the sanctuary and gathered round the altar for prayers. Then Fr. Roger took us to the altar at the front of the church and showed us the 5 crosses cut into the stone of the altar, which remind us of the wounds in Jesus' hands, feet and side. Fr. Roger reminded us of what these crosses on the altar symbolised.



Then back into the nave lighting a candle as we went and placing it on the cross on the floor, and we finished by singing "Lord of the Dance".

After the service there were drinks and Easter cakes and the Easter garden was beautifully decorated, with the 3 crosses and the garden tomb.





Easter Day

There was a church full of people on Easter day to celebrate Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Fr. Roger asked the children to come to the front to see and show the Easter garden and to say prayers with him. The children gathered together with Fr. Roger at the Easter garden where there was much discussion about the number of eggs already consumed that morning but also some prayers. The children also helped to hold the baskets of mini-eggs to be blessed before we shared them out as people left after church.

The church looked very pretty with the Easter garden and all the lovely flower arrangements.

Kings Kids Thursday 9 May 3.30pm – 5pm

Do come along and get involved in this great group. We've missed you over the Easter break so come along and join in. There will be snacks, stories, craft activities and singing – we do hope you can make it.

Prayer Walk

The Prayer Walk has been postponed, but please keep an eye out for further details later in the year.

Dates for your Diary

Service/Event	Date	Time
Parents and Toddlers	3 May	9.30am
King's Kids (After School)	9 May	3.30pm
Parents and Toddlers	17 May	9.30am
Family Worship (Eucharist)	26 May	10.00am
Parents and Toddlers	7 June	9.30am
Celebration of Marriage & Family Life	8 – 9 June	
King's Kids (After School)	13 th June	3.30pm
Parents and Toddlers	21 June	9.30am
Family Worship	23 June	10.00am

We do hope you can come and join in!



SEASONS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS

The Church Year begins at **Advent** – a word that means ‘coming’. It is the four Sundays before December 25th. We prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas and for his coming again in glory.

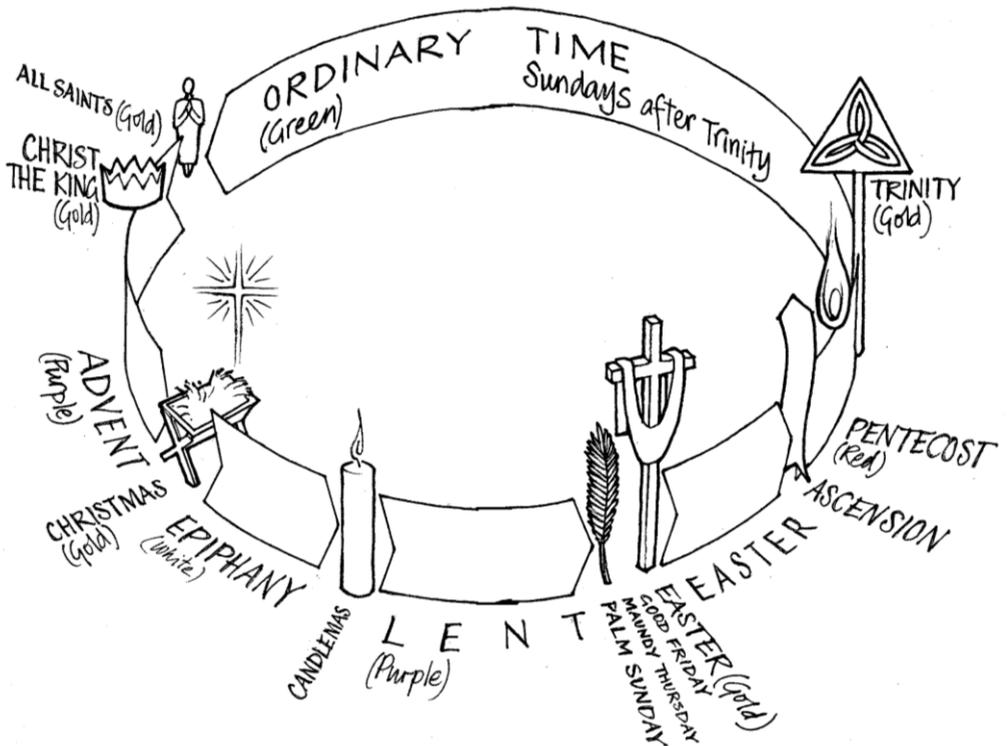
Christmas begins at Christmas Eve and continues to **Candlemas** (February 2nd) and within it comes the **Epiphany** (January 6th), and the Baptism of Christ (the Sunday after January 6th). Candlemas itself celebrates Christ being taken to the Temple and because of Simeon’s words about Christ being a Light to the Gentiles, it is a celebration of light — hence its popular name.

The period between Candlemas and **Lent** varies from year to year, depending on the date of Easter, which is determined by the lunar cycle. Easter day is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox and is patterned on the Jewish celebration of Passover. They do not always coincide, because Easter is always a Sunday and Passover moves through the week, being the 15th day of Nisan in the Jewish Calendar.

The period of Lent is 40+ days before Easter. ‘+’ because the 40 does not include the Sundays. The 40 is also to do with Christ’s period in the wilderness. Its origins are in preparation for Baptism at the Easter Vigil, but it has become a period for fasting and prayer, for almsgiving and study. It begins with **Ash Wednesday** in the liturgy of which we are marked with a cross in ash — ash from burnt palm crosses. The last two weeks of Lent are called Passiontide, and the final week, Holy Week. This is Palm Sunday and then the **Triduum** - the three great days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Eve. **Easter** begins with the Vigil and First Mass on the Saturday night. The world generally calls the whole of this week-end ‘Easter’, but for Christians Easter begins on the Saturday night, so the following Saturday is Easter Saturday.

Easter is also a period of 40 days, concluding with the **Ascension**. The next 9 days (novena) are a preparation for the celebration of the Holy Spirit which is on **Pentecost**, (50 days after Easter) traditionally known as Whitsun - somewhat oddly as the colour is red! The following Sunday is **Trinity Sunday** and then the ordinary time follows with Sundays after Trinity until the end of October. The year ends with the four Sundays of the Kingdom: the first is All Saints’ Sunday and the 2nd or 3rd is Remembrance Sunday and the last Christ the King.

Obviously hymns and anthems and organ music reflect the seasons of the year too, as each season and festival has a different mood and themes for us to reflect on.



Colours have emotional significance as well as a theological one. The colours we use for vestments are: green, white, purple and red.

Green is for ordinary time and represents life. "Green" has become a much-used word of late and so has references towards creation, recreation, and the abundant living that the Gospel brings us.

White / gold is for celebration and festivals: Christmas, Easter, the Transfiguration and Saints' Days.

Purple is used for penitential seasons: Advent and Lent.

Red is for saints who were martyred (blood), for Pentecost (the Holy Spirit) and for the season of the Kingdom.

Calendar of Services for May 2013

Weds	1	<i>SS Philip & James: Mass 7pm</i>
Thurs	2	
Fri	3	Mass 12 noon
Sat	4	Mass 10am
Sun	5	Easter 6/ Rogation: Mass 8am; Mass 11am with blessing of Parish; Evensong 6pm
Mon	6	
Tues	7	Mass 9.30am
Weds	8	<i>Julian of Norwich</i>
Thurs	9	Ascension Day: Sung Mass 7.30pm
Fri	10	Mass 12 noon
Sat	11	Mass 10am
Sun	12	Easter 7: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Christian Aid Week Service 6pm
Mon	13	
Tues	14	<i>S Matthias: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	15	Mass 7pm
Thurs	16	
Fri	17	Parents & Toddlers Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon; Wedding
Sat	18	
Sun	19	Pentecost: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	20	
Tues	21	<i>S Helena: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	22	
Thurs	23	
Fri	24	<i>John & Charles Wesley</i>
Sat	25	Mass SOLW 10am
Sun	26	Trinity Sunday: Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	27	
Tues	28	<i>Lanfranc: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	29	
Thurs	30	Corpus Christi
Fri	31	<i>The Visitation</i>

Please check with the latest Sword & Keys for updates on these services.