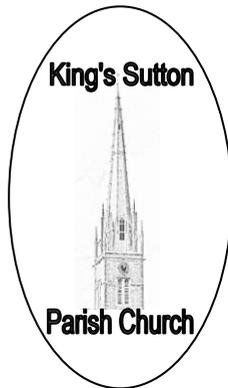


CHURCH NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2013



Church of St. Peter & St. Paul King's Sutton

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As you read this I am in Spain, but I am writing this in Norfolk. The early part of my sabbatical has been spent winding down, relaxing, and researching: days spent in libraries, meeting up with friends, visits to Brighton, Somerset, and South Yorkshire. But I am here in retreat – a period of prayer and reflection, asking what God wants me to be doing, and what I need to change in my life. Walsingham is the perfect place for this. It is a small village but extraordinary for the Shrine – with its wonderful church and the pilgrim community which flows through here like a river, itself being

created by the place and being transformed by it. And then I will be in Rome looking at some of its ancient churches and then in the mountains of northern Spain also looking at ancient churches, and exploring more of the worship for which the churches were created. And by ancient I don't mean mediaeval, as we tend to in England, but 4th – 8th Centuries. At this stage I think there might be a series of essays from all this, but we will see.

My prayers, wherever I am, still include these villages, and I send my blessing to you all.

Fr Roger



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



*Our next concert is listed opposite – we will be welcoming **Brackley Junior Brass Band.***

Over the years the Junior Band have competed in many music festivals and Brass Band Competitions. Among past members are Banbury Young musicians of the year both senior and junior, Oxfordshire Brass band Association champions, Buckingham music festival champions and Northampton music festival champions. Their biggest claim to fame is that one of their previous members went on to Music College and is now making a career as a professional trumpet player.

Sue Bennett, who directs the Band, works as a peripatetic brass teacher for Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Service and is the head of Brackley Centre for Music & Performing Arts which meets at Southfield County Primary School Banbury Road Brackley on Saturday mornings during term time.

Other dates for your diaries:

Saturday, 9 th November	4.00pm	Peterborough Cathedral Choir Entrance £8/ £5
Saturday, 14 th December	7.00pm	Music by Candlelight by Adderbury Ensemble Entrance £8 / £5

King's Sutton Parish Church



Brackley Junior Brass Band

in concert

**Saturday 19th October
7pm**

Entry: £8 /£5 (under 12 free)



Children's Church News



Hi!

The summer holidays are now over. We hope you had a fun time in the glorious sunshine. Since then we have been busy.

King's Kids

Thursday 12th September 3.30 – 5.00pm

Unlike our last meeting the weather was not suitable for eating outside. Instead we stayed inside with warming beans on toast. Carole then talked to the children about the story that Jesus told about the mustard seed.

After this we set about making our entry to the Scarecrow Festival being held by the Playgroup. This entailed a great deal of straw being stuffed into various bits of clothing, which finished up being a very fine King Scarecrow. We thought this was very appropriate for our group. Needless to say a great deal of the straw found its way all over the place, but everyone had a fun time and liked the end result. The children also made a picture of a farm complete with scarecrow in the field. Our next meeting is on the 10th October.

Parents & Toddlers' Service

Friday 13th September 9.30am

Mayleng led the service as Fr. Roger is now away. We started with our usual lighting of the candles and our usual song. We then sang an action song thanking God for all that he gives us. The children seemed to enjoy the adults doing the actions while they watched in amusement! After prayers we then sang 'All things bright and beautiful', followed by the children blowing out the candles as we sang 'Goodbye to the church'. As usual we all then went over to the Church Room for refreshments and play. Why not come and join us!





Family Service **25th August 10.00am**

About three times a year we have a simple Communion service at the Family Service, and August was one of these. Fr. Roger was assisted by Mayleng. The reading was Luke 13: 10 – 17 about the woman who could not stand up straight and was bent double. Fr. Roger had us touching our toes to feel what it would be like. Lots of singing and banging of instruments, and as usual biscuits and squash followed afterwards.

DATES IN OCTOBER

King's Kids (After School)	10 th October	3.30pm
Parents & Toddlers	11 th October	9.30am
Parents & Toddlers	25 th October	9.30am
Family Service	27 th October	10.00am



From the Registers:

Baptisms:

25th August Dorothy Charlotte Jones

Weddings:

24th August Alexander Douglas Langlands and Megan Lucy Huckin

Funerals:

27th August William Golsby

Celebration of Light

The floodlighting will be sponsored to remember Gary Grant on October 28th

Reflections for Daily Prayer

It isn't always easy to get together for Bible study, and, having been used to attending a weekly group I have missed hearing other people's views and their perspective on a Bible reading for example.

This year I have been using 'Reflections for Daily Prayer' and have found it helpful so I thought you might like to hear about it.

It is based on the Common Worship Lectionary readings for Morning Prayer, and each day, Monday to Saturday gives the psalm, reading and collect for the day plus a short commentary on one of the readings. This commentary is given by different contributors throughout the year and this year these have included the Bishop of Oxford, Jane Williams and Stephen Cottrell but there have been 14 in all. It also has a simple form for Morning Prayer inside the front cover and some prayers and the Benedictus at the back so you only need to have a Bible and a quiet place and you have all you need to share some daily time with God.

'Reflections for Daily Prayer' (ISBN 9780715143629) is published by Church House Publishing @ £16.99 but I have just ordered Advent 2013-2014 on Amazon for less.

Let me know if you give it a try.



Sue Ashdown

Christian Values

As the Year of Faith and Mission is soon to come to a close let us all reflect what we have learnt about ourselves in this year and also remind ourselves of the Christian Values through which we should live our lives.

Reverence

Humility

Compassion

Forgiveness

Hope

Wisdom

Endurance

Trust

Friendship

Creation

Thankfulness

Service

Peace

Justice

Koinonia*

(**Koinonia* is a Greek word meaning fellowship, joint participation; a gift jointly contributed.)

What is Prayer?

Prayer is a two-way conversation with God. When we pray we often want to chatter and tell God everything about the concerns we have for ourselves and other people. It's important to God that he hears these things and that we tell him how we're feeling.

But prayer is not just unloading our shopping list of requests.

Like any relationship we have to stop and listen to what the other person is saying from time to time. In a loving relationship there will be times when we need to share things with each other, times when we want to express our true feelings for each other, times when we are happy just to rest in each other's company without speaking, or times when we just want to 'whisper sweet nothings' to each other. Even then, we might not fully understand everything about each other!

For many people prayer is like that...a way of entering into the nearer presence of God and expressing something about our love for him, and knowing that he loves us, just as we try to understand why certain things happen, or what is his will for us.

A reporter once asked Archbishop Michael Ramsay how he prayed. "I talked to God" he replied. "For how long did you talk to God?" was the next question. "I talked to God for one minute...but it took me twenty nine minutes to get there"

Calendar of Services for October 2013

		KING'S SUTTON	NEWBOTTLE
Tues	1	Mass 9.30am	
Weds	2	Mass 7pm	
Thurs	3		
Fri	4	<i>Francis of Assisi</i>	
Sat	5		
Sun	6	Dedication Festival: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Baptism 3pm; Evensong 6pm	Matins 9.30am
Mon	7		
Tues	8	Mass 9.30am	
Weds	9		
Thurs	10		
Fri	11	<i>Elizabeth Fry: Parents & Toddlers' Worship</i> 9.30am	
Sat	12		
Sun	13	Trinity 20: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm	Sung Eucharist 9.30am
Mon	14		
Tues	15	<i>Teresa of Avila: Mass 9.30am</i>	
Weds	16		
Thurs	17	<i>Ignatius</i>	
Fri	18	<i>S. Luke: Mass 12 noon</i>	
Sat	19		
Sun	20	Trinity 21: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm	Sung Eucharist 9.30am
Mon	21		
Tues	22	Mass 9.30am	
Weds	23		
Thurs	24		
Fri	25	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am	
Sat	26	Mass 10am SOLW	
Sun	27	Last after Trinity: Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Eucharist 11am; Evensong 6pm	Matins 9.30am
Mon	28	<i>SS Simon and Jude</i>	
Tues	29	Mass 9.30am	
Weds	30		
Thurs	31	<i>Martin Luther</i>	

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