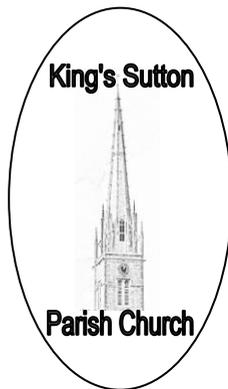


CHURCH NEWSLETTER JULY 2014



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King's Sutton**

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Week by week in our prayers in church we pray for the world of work. In July we shall remember those who are volunteers overseas, people unable to work because of ill-health or incapacity, online retailers, and those starting new work or setting up a business.

Work is important to a great many people. We spend a lot of time doing it, it provides us with income, and it provides either goods or some kind of service to other people.

In the Genesis story of creation, Adam is set to work in the garden. 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it' (Genesis 2.15). Later, when the forbidden fruit has been eaten, Adam is told that 'in toil you shall eat, and by the sweat of your face you shall eat bread' (3.17-19). Of course this is not history, but a story to try to explain the dual nature of work. In the garden of delight – that's what Eden means - there was a need to till the earth and keep it. In other words, even a perfect man would have work to do. It is part of our being human. But when sin has entered the world, when people are disobedient to the divine plan, then work becomes arduous and difficult. To me these two things are reflected in our work today. For in part it is good, we enjoy it, it is satisfying and

produces fruits of one kind or another, but there is often within it that darker side, where it is something we would rather not do, where an effort is required to get down to it, and situations may be awkward to deal with, people may be less than helpful and, sometimes, we don't see the point.

As with all other aspects of life the Gospel has things to say. Knowing that what we are doing is part of the building of God's kingdom, whether it is selling books, nursing the sick, making precision tools, offering legal services, teaching, work in shops or offices - all these things are building up a world of justice. I think we need to ask ourselves whether the work we do is like that, or whether it is simply about "me", about making money. How is my work an expression of love of neighbour? I am sure that for some people it is hard to see their work in these terms but the way to get through to this is to ask: 'Is what I do in the end worthwhile? Does it help create a better world?'

I get the impression sometimes that people think God isn't interested in their work, but He is. Work is a task given us by God and it should be not only for the common good, but for our own fulfilment too. And we all need to work in society to make work more like the tilling of the Garden of Eden than the arduous sweat of the brow, and that is especially work for unions and professional associations, and for politicians.

Fr. Roger

From the Registers:

Baptisms

25 th	May	Archie George Ayers
31 st	May	Todd William Brooks

Celebration of Light The floodlighting has been sponsored to remember:

21 st	June	Alec Lovell
23 rd	July	James Barber

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thanks to the whole village for the money donated during Christian Aid Week. The envelopes produced a total of £359.05, which has been sent to the charity.



The Church Summer Fete will be on Saturday 5th July **1.00 - 3.30pm**, in and around the Church and on the Square. There will be lots of stalls - Plants, Produce, Preserves, Cakes, Bric -a -brac, Books, Teas, Raffle,

Tombola, Games, Quiz and Children's races. Fun for all the family.

PRAYER WALK 7th June

There were some 43 walkers from all Christian faiths in King's Sutton, and the walk took place in tremendous sunshine from start to finish. However, many a prayer was probably said on the morning of the walk, as torrents of rain had 'refreshed' everything in sight and created yet even more puddles along the route. The afternoon was so sunny that there was at least one walker suffering from 'the sun' so that meant a car ride back to the beginning and an early arrival for a cup of tea!

The three leaders of the King's Sutton Churches took it in turns to pray for our community and what goes on within it. David Morgan with his accordion led the singing and this was accompanied by a 'street band' playing various instruments. The song at the first stop (Post Office) was aptly called 'One More Step along the Road' and this was followed shortly afterwards at Richard Harper's farm with 'Keep Me Travelling Along'.

Arriving at the third stop (Co-Op) it was discovered that the proposed song was 'Give me Oil in my Lamp, keep me burning' and it became obvious that the choice of songs were designed to encourage all to complete the circuit and then enjoy the tea, cakes and biscuits. After tea, everyone was invited to complete a "prayer hand" which was then attached to a 'tree' and this is currently on display in the Parish Church. Do take the opportunity to see it and so witness the prayerfulness that came out of the day.





Children and Families



PARENTS AND TODDLERS WORSHIP

4th and 18th July 9. 30 am in church.

HELPING AT THE FETE - come and see what we are doing!! July 5th: 1 pm

KING'S KIDS after school Thursday July 10th - food, story, prayer, activities.

FAMILY WORSHIP Sunday July 27th 10am

**If you haven't been to any of these activities
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU!!**

BEING BLESSED...

Fr Roger usually includes a blessing in our services. He makes the sign of the cross over us and says words - something like "May the almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." And we say Amen. But when the Family Service is a simple Mass everyone comes to the Communion Rail in front of the Altar, and if people do not receive Holy Communion, they are blessed. Fr Roger puts his hand on our heads and says "May God bless you and keep you". We like that because it makes us feel good and we know that God loves us.



King's Kids' adding to the prayer tree created after the Prayer Walk

If you want us to pray for you.... then come into church, turn right and there by a window near the altar there are two boards on which to pin your prayer requests: either in thanksgiving, or to ask for something for yourself or someone else. The prayers will be used in our services.

YOUR CHURCH has had its M.O.T

QUESTION: *Can you recall the details of the last M.O.T that you were involved in?*



We all, at some stage in our lives, have to experience the hassle of an M.O.T. whether it is with our motor vehicles, a regular update on our homes, or in later life with our own bodies. So it is with the Church. Every five years the fabric, fixtures and fittings have to have a rigorous inspection in order that our Heritage continues to be in good shape and fit for the foreseeable future. This Quinquennial inspection is done by a suitably qualified Architect appointed by, in our case, The Diocese of Peterborough on behalf of the Church of England.

The latest inspection was completed just over 12 months ago, on 19th February 2013. That inspection highlighted several areas where work was urgently required and which were essential for the general maintenance and upkeep of the Church Fabric i.e. the building. A building as old as your Church, parts of which date back to the 12th Century, will obviously need general upkeep. Indeed over the last 10 years considerable funds have been invested in the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of this magnificent building. This is your Parish Church, belonging to everyone living here in the parish of King's Sutton.

With a car M.O.T any work required has to be done immediately in order to get it back on the road; with our planned maintenance for our homes work is completed over a number of years; and with ourselves we need to address any problems fairly quickly before we really do start to experience too much discomfort!

With the Quinquennial Report there are four Priority areas:

- Priority 1: Work urgently required
- Priority 2: Work essential to be done now
- Priority 3: Work essential and must be completed within 2 years
- Priority 4: Work required to be done within the next 5 years

The main areas of concern at the present time are the West Tower, the Spire, Pinnacles, Lightning Conductor, Chancel Roof and some of the windows. It doesn't sound much when written like that but the Architect has estimated that the total cost to undertake all this work will be in the region of £189,000. This does of course include Management costs and VAT but does not include additional work that may need to be done if further problems arise.

With repairs and maintenance needed of that magnitude it goes without saying that there is not that sort of money within your Church's funds here in King's Sutton. An application has been made therefore to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to help with the funding of this project. Of course, there is no guarantee that the application will be successful, and even if it is there will be an expectation that we raise a considerable chunk of that money ourselves (it's called match-funding!). So this is where the whole community will get involved; there is a general appreciation that the Church building is something that needs to be kept intact so that the whole community can have best use of it in the years to come.

Whether the HLF application is successful or not there will still be the need to get these repairs done year by year and so we plan to put on several events, workshops or open days relating to our Heritage so that you will all be able to use the Church better and appreciate our community heritage more.

Do watch out for further information regarding your Church Building, your Heritage and your Community, and how they are all linked together.

Sabbatical Talks

Fr. Roger's talks continue as follows:

Wednesday	July 16 th 7.30pm in the church	Saints: <i>Rome is a city of saints. A talk about shrines, relics and traditions that are very much alive today.</i>
Thursday	July 24 th 7.30pm in the church room	A new Church <i>Fr. Roger dreams of building a new church, and explains what he would build and why. Come and share your dreams!</i>

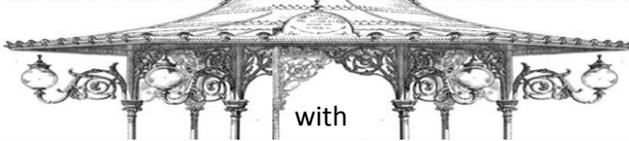


Come and join the Brackley & District and Brackley Junior Brass Bands on Saturday July 12th for an evening of fine musical entertainment. With music spanning the genres of classical, brass band and big band, there will be something for everyone.

Brackley & District Band was formed in the mid 1970s so that local young musicians could still enjoy playing in a brass band after they finished school. For over 30 years it has been based in the Band Club in the centre of Brackley. The Band has contested at all levels over the years, competing against some of the top bands in the country.

The Junior Band was formed nearly 36 years ago. There are 35 members with ages ranging from 10 - 16 from all local primary and secondary schools.

Bandstand Bonanza!



Brackley & District Brass Band

Conducted by Alexander Webb

Brackley Junior Brass Band

Conducted by Sue Bennett

Saturday, 12th July 7pm

King's Sutton Parish Church



**Entry £12 / £8
Children free**



Calendar of Services for July 2014

Tues	1	Mass 9.30 am
Weds	2	<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass 7pm</i>
Thurs	3	<i>S Thomas</i>
Fri	4	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30 am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	5	Mass 10 am
Sun	6	Trinity 3: Mass 8 am; Sung Mass 11 am; Songs of Praise 6pm
Mon	7	Mass 7.30 pm
Tues	8	Mass 9.30 am
Weds	9	Mass 7pm
Thurs	10	
Fri	11	<i>S Benedict: Mass 12 noon</i>
Sat	12	Mass 10 am
Sun	13	Trinity 4: Mass 8 am; Sung Mass 11 am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	14	
Tues	15	<i>S Swithun: Mass 9.30 am</i>
Weds	16	Mass 7pm
Thurs	17	
Fri	18	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30 am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	19	<i>SS Gregory and Macrina: Mass 10 am</i>
Sun	20	Trinity 5: Mass 8 am; Sung Mass 11 am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	21	
Tues	22	<i>S Mary Magdalene: Mass 9.30 am</i>
Weds	23	Mass 7pm
Thurs	24	
Fri	25	<i>S James: Mass 12 noon at Newbottle Church</i>
Sat	26	<i>SS Anna and Joachim: Mass SOLW 10 am</i>
Sun	27	Trinity 6: Mass 8 am; Sung Mass 11 am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	28	
Tues	29	<i>SS Mary, Martha and Lazarus: Mass 9.30 am</i>
Weds	30	<i>William Wilberforce: Mass 7pm</i>
Thurs	31	

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