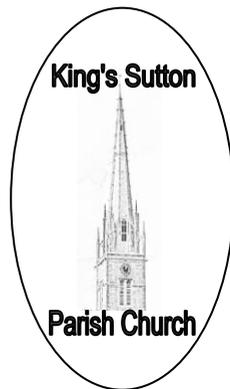


# CHURCH NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2014



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King's Sutton**

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One hundred years ago the nations of Europe went to war on a scale that was unprecedented. The shooting of an archduke in, what must have seemed to most British people, a far off place, Sarajevo, led to four years of terrible carnage.

Almost every community in these islands and across the whole of Europe and into much of the rest of the world has memorials for those who died. It was a time when humanity discovered how depraved and wicked it could be. The increasing uncertainties generated by the amazing scientific discoveries of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, together with social and political changes and the thought of people like Marx and Freud, gathered pace and led to the nihilistic systems of the 20<sup>th</sup> century – communism, fascism – and the horrors of modern warfare.

Now the latest “ism” unleashing brutality and violence comes from a militant form of Islam: driven by divisions within Islam and a fundamentalist reading of the Islamic traditions, which sees itself fundamentally at odds with the “West” . Partly this antagonism is fed by the consumerist, materialist culture, but also by a rejection of Christian values. These values underpin Western society – and not just in the geographic west but in South America, in parts of Africa and Asia: values such as forgiveness, humility, gentleness, goodness, truth, and above all love. Love is at the heart of the Jewish ethic and Jesus moves that love of God and neighbour to a new, unprecedented level when he tells us to love our enemies.

It seems to me as we mark the centenary of the beginning of the First World War the urgent task for humanity is the building of peace. We have a vision of humanity living in prosperity and peace, a vision which Jesus and the Gospels call the kingdom of God. In this kingdom there is a community of brothers and sisters, caring with deep compassion, searching for justice for all. At its best Islam has much in common with this Christian vision.

I know people feel that they can do little in these great causes. But we can say to our politicians - let's build a society rooted in this compassionate love for actions of the West in the past. Being ourselves, as far as is possible in our circumstances, at peace with all. And the greatest weapon we have - is prayer. We need to stand urgently before God and his world to pray for the coming of the kingdom.

At the Parish church we are offering a time of words and music on the themes of war and peace. It isn't a service – there won't be prayers or hymns – but it will be an opportunity to reflect, and in the silence of our hearts to use our spiritual energies towards the making of peace. This is at 4pm on Sunday 3rd August. There will, of course, be our usual events in November - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.55am and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

*Fr. Roger*

### **From the Registers:**

#### **Baptisms**

21 <sup>st</sup>	June	Theo Charlie Emery
22 <sup>nd</sup>	June	Florence Olivia Wright
13 <sup>th</sup>	July	Poppy Allen

#### **Celebration of Light** The floodlighting has been sponsored to remember:

5 <sup>th</sup>	July	The birthdays of Henry & Anthony Streeten
13 <sup>th</sup>	July	Stephen Bashford
9 <sup>th</sup>	August	James Barber

## Liturgy of Healing August 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 3.00pm

The Church's Ministry of Healing is:

- Visionary: because it beckons us towards the future and a glimpse of the Kingdom and the hope of the whole of creation renewed,
- Prophetic: because it calls us to reconsider our relationships with God, each other and the world and to seek forgiveness and a new start in our lives
- Dynamic: because Jesus Christ is with us to the end of time. When we pray for his help he comforts, strengthens and heals us responding to our deepest needs.

The Healing Ministry is for everyone; we all need healing in some way. Through the Healing Ministry Jesus Christ meets us at our point of need. Every form of suffering can be helped in some way through this ministry. It is an ecumenical act and can take place during services, in homes, hospitals, prisons and hospices; in fact anywhere.

The most common forms of Healing Ministry are:



- Public and private prayers of intercession
- The laying-on of hands and anointing
- Reconciliation and absolution
- Friendship, forgiveness, listening and acceptance

**The Liturgy on 9<sup>th</sup> August** contains all of the above and gives everyone an opportunity to spend some quiet time in calm reflection and prayer, in a world that is busy and stressful. Do come and see what a difference it makes!

*Advance notice: Evensong with prayer for healing October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.*



## Children and families



### **KING'S KIDS**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 3.00 – 5.00pm

At our last meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> July we were once again lucky with the weather and were able to have a picnic outside in the sunshine. After a story we sang a song with Fr Roger. One of our congregation kindly gave us a donation with which we purchased a parachute. This was a great success with the children who had a great time and really did not want to stop.

We welcomed back Karen who as usual provided them with a great craft activity. After icing and decorating some cakes they left us feeling that we had all had a happy time and looking forward to meeting again.

### **PARENTS AND TODDLERS WORSHIP**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30

We will not be meeting in August due to the school holidays. We hope that wherever you are you have a great time. We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

### **FAMILY WORSHIP**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am

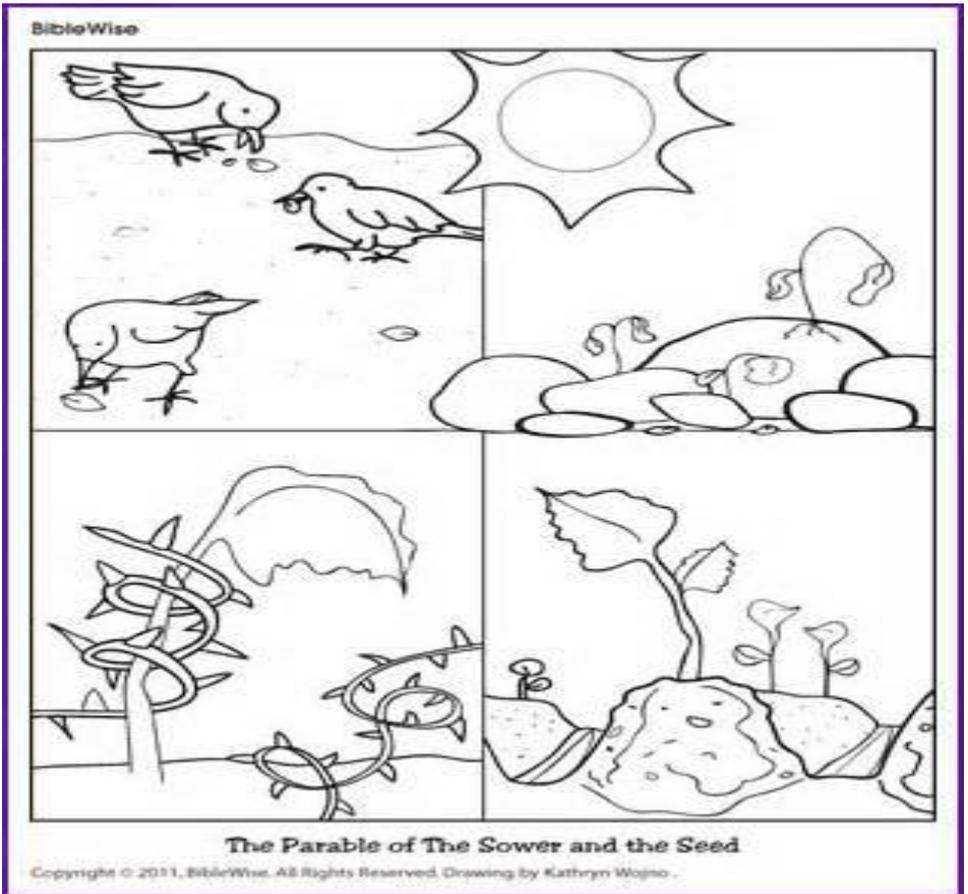




## The Parable of the Sower

At King's Kids on the 10<sup>th</sup> July the children listened to the story about the Sower. (Mt 13.18-23).

Below is a picture for you to colour. Have fun!





**Whilst you have a relaxing cup of coffee, why not have a go at this puzzle:**

There are 30 books of the Bible hidden in the article below.  
Can you find them?

“This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his John boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really very easy to spot. That’s a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fundraising event which featured this puzzle the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a sales record. The local paper, the Chronicle surveyed over two hundred patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, ‘the books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight.’ Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without numbers. Also keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember there is no need to make a mad exodus. There really are thirty books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.”

*(All correct entries received by August 15<sup>th</sup> will be put in a hat, and a winner drawn out. Return your entries to: 26 Glebe Rise, King’s Sutton)*



The Spring/Summer 2014 season has now just been concluded with a rousing performance given by the Brackley & District and Brackley Junior Brass Bands; a fitting finale to the first season of the year.

With this newsletter comes a separate leaflet detailing a complete list of musical events lined up for the Autumn/Winter season 2014. This programme represents music for all ages and being performed by entertainers of all ages.



It has been a real coup to sign up **The Carnival Band** for a concert in November. This is well worth attending, promising to be great fun and brilliant musicianship on a number of 'strange' instruments. If there is just one spare date in your calendar during this period then make it this one; you will be enjoyably entertained. This group are noted for giving value for money and anyone that has seen

them in the past will support that view.

The group that arranges all the music events are now looking ahead to 2015. As with this year there will be two 'seasons' and so far six definite bookings have been made. At least two others are being considered but there is still time for anyone to suggest a group, soloist, instrumentalist or band that might get into next year's programme. If anyone has any ideas, whether it be popular music, classical, folk, jazz or anything else then please let Peter Allen know on 01295 810967 as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone that has attended this first Season of 2014, and hope that you will all return for the second Season starting on 14<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you too to anyone that has played any part in putting on these events and for any donations made.

## Calendar of Services for August 2014

Fri	1	Mass 12 noon
Sat	2	Mass 10 am; Marriage blessing and Baptism 2pm
Sun	3	<b>Trinity 7: Mass 8 am; Sung Mass 11 am; World War 1 Music and Readings 4 pm</b>
Mon	4	
Tues	5	Mass 9.30 am
Weds	6	<i>The Transfiguration: Mass 7pm</i>
Thurs	7	
Fri	8	<i>S Dominic: Mass 12 noon</i>
Sat	9	<i>Mary Sumner: Mass 10am</i>
Sun	10	<b>Trinity 8: Mass 8 am; Sung Mass 11 am; Evensong 6 pm</b>
Mon	11	
Tues	12	Mass 9.30 am
Weds	13	<i>Jeremy Taylor: Mass 7 pm</i>
Thurs	14	
Fri	15	<i>The Assumption: Mass 12 noon</i>
Sat	16	Mass 10 am
Sun	17	<b>Trinity 9: Mass 8 am; Sung Mass 11 am; Evensong 6 pm</b>
Mon	18	
Tues	19	Mass 9.30 am
Weds	20	<i>S Bernard: Mass 7 pm</i>
Thurs	21	
Fri	22	Mass 12 noon
Sat	23	Mass 10 am SOLW
Sun	24	<b>S Bartholomew: Mass 8 am; Family Worship 10 am; Sung Mass 11 am; Evensong 6 pm</b>
Mon	25	
Tues	26	Mass 9.30 am
Weds	27	<i>S Monica: Mass 7 pm</i>
Thurs	28	
Fri	29	<i>Beheading of S John Baptist: Wedding 12.30 pm</i>
Sat	30	Quiet Day on the Book of Tobit
Sun	31	<b>Trinity 11: Mass 8 am; Sung Mass 11 am; Evensong 6 pm</b>

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