

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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King's Sutton



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What or whom do you trust?

No doubt there are many individuals – members of your family, your doctor, people you work with – and there are others whom you trust but may not know – like the other driver stopping at the red light, or the chef in the restaurant, that he won't poison you.

One of the psalms (62) begins with this verse:

'In God alone is my soul at rest; my help comes from him.
He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm'.

(The Grail translation 1963)

Against that trust in God the psalmist contrasts three other things in which we might put our trust – and indeed, many do! There is a trust that searches for security and stability in violence, plunder and riches. The psalm verse speaks of oppression, vain hopes on plunder and setting the heart on riches. These things are contrary to human dignity and to social co-existence.

Speaking of violence we notice that there is a vast procession of wars, oppression, prevarication, torture inflicted without remorse. And there is, of course, the violence of domestic situations and the abuse of the young and the frail.

Plunder is manifested in extortion, social injustice, usury (vast rates of interest, for example), political and economic corruption. People cultivate the illusion of satisfying their greed in this way. And, thirdly, riches. People set their hearts on this with the false hope of being rescued from death and assuring themselves of prestige and power. The desire for riches is an insatiable appetite.

Avoiding these three idols is a difficult road, but if we put our trust in God we will have the courage to make the right decisions, to live peaceably, simply and with a generous and grateful heart.

God alone is the source of our rest, our security: in him we can place our trust, for his love for us is unswerving and far beyond our comprehension.

Fr. Roger

From the Registers:

Baptisms

August 31st Oscar Jack Tustain

Weddings

August 16th Hayley Hughes and Matthew Bishop

August 29th Joanne Nicola Hirons and Nicholas Holloway

Funerals

August 22nd Pamela Arthurs

Celebration of Light The floodlighting has been sponsored to remember:

October 2nd Joyce Fleming

October 3rd Jane Elizabeth Robbins

October 6th The parents of Rosemary Lloyd

FOUR TALKS

During the autumn, Fr. Roger is to give a series of talks in the Parish Church Room, each starting at 7.30pm. Each talk covers a different topic, and these are briefly outlined below. Everyone is welcome!

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| Thursday October 9th | The Spiritual Canticle of St John of the Cross <i>This extraordinary poem by the 16th century friar seeks to explore the relationship between a person and Christ in terms of courtship, drawing on the Song of Songs in the Old Testament. This occasion will be a mixture of a talk and discussion. Copies of a translation of the poem by will be available in advance.</i> |
| Thursday October 23rd | The Labyrinth <i>From the one made by Daedalus to house the Minotaur to modern examples, this will be an exploration of both the history of mazes and labyrinths and their modern spiritual use.</i> |
| Thursday November 13th | The Zurburans at Auckland Castle <i>The historic home of the Bishops of Durham houses a set of 13 paintings by Zurburan of Jacob and his twelve sons. This session is about the story behind the paintings and why they are at Auckland Castle.</i> |
| Tuesday December 2nd | La Nativité du Seigneur (The Birth of the Lord) – Olivier Messiaen <i>The French composer Messiaen wrote a series of nine meditations on the theme of Christmas. The talk will explore the theology and music and a recording of some of these will be played.</i> |

REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

The Meaningful Chocolate Company is producing an Advent Calendar with a free 32-page Advent story-activity booklet which can be used each day throughout Advent. Behind the windows there is a Fairtrade chocolate and a line of the Christmas story. This will be available at £3.99. For every sale, a donation will be made to help the Funzi Baby Clinic in Kenya. Please order from Fr. Roger by October 26th.



Children and families



OCTOBER DATES FOR FAMILIES:

KING'S KIDS after school at 3.30pm on Thursday 9th October.

PARENTS AND TODDLERS WORSHIP for Pre-School children

Fridays 10th and 24th October at 9.30 am.

Lighting candles, singing songs, hearing a story, saying some prayers, then drinks, play and conversation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 11am on Sunday 12th October, watching a baptism!!

FAMILY WORSHIP Sunday 26th October at 10 am.

"Bible Sunday" and refreshments afterwards in the Vicarage.

SOME IDEAS FOR PARENTS....

Do you read bed-time stories with your children?

Why not include some Bible stories. If you don't have any then borrow some from church. There are lots in the Children's Corner, on the far side of church from where you come in. Treat it like a library, but please bring them back again!!

Do you say Grace at meal-times? Perhaps make it part of a weekly meal or on special occasions. It doesn't have to be grand: just giving thanks to God for food and those who prepare it for us.

Across the page is a prayer with some actions.

AND FOR YOU....

Perhaps you have had your children Christened. You wanted this because you believe in God and want them to believe too. But perhaps you don't know much about the Faith and would like to know more.

Ask Fr Roger to talk to you. He is always willing to have conversations with people and can help you deepen your faith. Ring him, e-mail him, or just stop him when you see him.

ACTION PRAYER

Who cares if I can't see you?

(Shrug shoulders with hands open)

I certainly know that you're here

(Nod)

Who cares if I can't touch you?

(Shrug shoulders with hands open)

I certainly know that you're here

(Nod)

You love me

(Hands on heart)

You listen to me

(Touch ears)

You see me

(Point to eyes)

And you talk to me.

(Fingers to mouth then out from it)

So who cares if I can't see you?

(Shrug shoulders with hands open)

I certainly know you're here!

(Nod)





Do you feel in need of some **TLC**? If so then we have just the place for you to get all you need. Just turn up on **Saturday October 18th** in the Church Room between 2pm and 4.30pm whatever the weather.

There you will have the opportunity to partake in (and purchase):

T: tea or coffee or soft drinks

L: library i.e. paperback books that cater for all tastes

C: cakes that everyone will enjoy.

There will also be other things to buy and a raffle....but those didn't fit into the 'slogan'!!

See you there. Donations of cakes or something for the raffle will be very much appreciated. Please contact 01295 810967.

RESULTS The answers to the 'Spot the difference' item in last month's newsletter are displayed on the grey noticeboards at the back of the church. Also on the grey boards are the answers to the village quiz that was set during the summer fete. Congratulations to Sue and Peter Allen who won this, narrowly beating Christopher and Bernadette Tombs, with Sue Hall in third place.

There were five people who got the correct answers to the Books in the Bible puzzle in the August newsletter. All the names were put into a hat, and the name drawn out at 'Just Hair' (totally independent!) was that of Sue Hall. The answers to the puzzle are on the grey notice boards in church.



Stowe School Musicians in concert



Sunday, 19th October 7pm

Handel—Organ Concerto

Vivaldi—Gloria

and more.....with the Stowe School
String Orchestra and Chamber Choir

Entry £12 / £10

Children free

Calendar of Services for October 2014

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| Weds | 1 | Mass 7 pm |
| Thurs | 2 | |
| Fri | 3 | Mass 12 noon |
| Sat | 4 | <i>Francis of Assisi</i> : Mass 10 am |
| Sun | 5 | Dedication Festival : Mass 8 am; Sung Mass 11 am; Evensong 6 pm |
| Mon | 6 | <i>William Tyndale</i> |
| Tues | 7 | Mass 9.30 am |
| Weds | 8 | Mass 7 pm |
| Thurs | 9 | |
| Fri | 10 | <i>S Paulinus</i> : Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30 am; Mass 12 noon |
| Sat | 11 | Mass 10 am |
| Sun | 12 | Trinity 17 : Mass 8 am; Sung Mass with Baptism and Sunday School 11 am; Evensong with prayer for healing 6 pm |
| Mon | 13 | |
| Tues | 14 | Mass 9.30 am |
| Weds | 15 | <i>S Teresa of Avila</i> : Mass 7 pm |
| Thurs | 16 | |
| Fri | 17 | <i>S Ignatius</i> : Mass 12 noon |
| Sat | 18 | <i>S Luke</i> : Mass 10 am |
| Sun | 19 | Trinity 18 : Mass 8 am; Sung Mass 11 am; |
| Mon | 20 | |
| Tues | 21 | Mass 9.30 am |
| Weds | 22 | <i>S John Paul II</i> : Mass 7 pm |
| Thurs | 23 | |
| Fri | 24 | Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30 am; Mass 12 noon |
| Sat | 25 | Mass 10 am |
| Sun | 26 | Last after Trinity : Mass 8 am; Family Worship 10 am; Sung Mass 11 am; Evensong 6 pm |
| Mon | 27 | |
| Tues | 28 | <i>SS Simon & Jude</i> : Mass 9.30 am |
| Weds | 29 | <i>James Hannington</i> : Mass 7 pm |
| Thurs | 30 | |
| Fri | 31 | <i>Martin Luther</i> : Mass 12 noon |

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