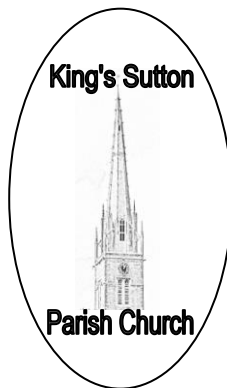


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ROSEMARY FOR REMEMBRANCE



On a summer's day off I went to Lydiard House, just to the west of Swindon. It is set in a large park and is a Palladian house with a huge walled garden. In one of the rooms there was a poem which had been written by someone who had visited when it was still a lived-in home. It ended with these words:

'God gave us memories so that we might have roses in December.'

Those were words I knew, because my mother used to quote them when she was complaining about seasonal fruits and vegetables not being seasonable anymore: it is all available all year either because it is frozen, or because it is brought across the world. So you can have roses in December, grown in Kenya! But with or without them we still have memories, and November seems to be a month when remembrance comes to the fore. The nation remembers (albeit at a tangent, as it were) the attempt at violent revolution in 1605, and the tragic losses and heroism of two World Wars. So there are bonfires and fireworks, and poppies.

The Church keeps two feasts of remembrance at the beginning of the month: November 1st is All Saints' Day (hence Hallowe'en – which is All Hallows' Eve) and the following Day is All Souls' Day. On the first we give thanks for the

unnumbered men and women who are saints - sharing in the life of God in heaven, and on the second, we pray for those who have died. This year, we shall mark both on the 2nd, as that is a Sunday.

My title refers to Shakespeare. The near-mad Ophelia, in her grief after Hamlet has killed her father, distributes various plants: fennel, pansies, columbine, daisy, violets and she says: 'There's rosemary, that's for remembrance.' This plant, proper name *Rosmarinus officinalis* which means sea dew, was traditionally linked to matters of love. The goddess of love, Venus, was sprung from the foam of the sea. It was used to quieten nerves and a flavour in wine and ale. According to Brewer it was once very common to be worn at a wedding. Indeed in Romeo and Juliet the Nurse asks, 'Doth not rosemary and Romeo begin both with a letter?' Which seems to link to that.

And when we remember, that also has something of love about it. We remember the dead with our love and the remembrance of the good and beautiful things (like roses), reminds us of the love of God for us. Remembrance usually looks forward too: in terms of war, to the building of peace and justice in our world, and in terms of saints and souls to our own death and our entering into life eternal.

Fr. Roger

From the Registers:

Baptisms

October 12th Archie George Gordon Troup

Funerals

September 25th Jacqueline Ward

Celebration of Light The floodlighting has been sponsored to remember:

November 4th Jack Brown
November 7th Neil and Jill Hunter
November 14th George Allen
November 20th Gwyneth Cartwright
November 23rd Ron Reeve-Johnson

FROM FATHER ROGER

Some land behind Glebe Rise is owned by the Diocese of Peterborough. It is called Glebe Land. A developer approached the Diocese, together with the owner of the adjacent land, running to Mill Lane, with proposals for a project. The Diocese decided that they would sell if planning permission could be obtained, although only 2 ½ acres of the 7 acre plot is involved. However, the Diocese was required to seek the consent to this sale from the Parochial Church Council. We do not own the land, but it is one of those quirks of history. The income from Glebe land and profits from its sale goes towards paying the clergy, but there is no direct link between this land and my pay.

The PCC declined to give its consent on the grounds that further development in the village is unsustainable and that the general view in the village is against further development.

The Diocese had a right then to seek permission from the Church Commissioners. This is the body that, among other things, manages the Church's historic resources. There was a hearing in Westminster in early September. Three members of the PCC attended to present our case; the Diocesan Secretary together with representatives of their agents (Carter Jonas) presented the Diocese's view. Their argument is that the sale of the land would increase the clergy pay pool at a time when the Bishop is trying to recruit more clergy for the Diocese. The Diocese is legally a charity and is therefore required by law to maximise its assets. The Church Commissioners have, therefore, given their consent to the sale of the land.

What happens now? The developers and their clients (one of whom is the Diocese), will pursue their plans and eventually seek planning consent. No doubt the Parish Council and others will oppose this and we shall see what happens in the longer term.

King's Sutton Parish Church will receive no direct financial advantage from the sale if it goes ahead, although the village would receive the usual section 106 funds as with any other development. However, if this development, which is, I understand, for 100 homes, were successful then the village community must work for improvements in the infra-structure – roads, school and so on and the Church will do what it can to help.



Children and families



NOVEMBER DATES FOR FAMILIES:

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be held on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November. The children will join with the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial beginning at 10.55am, and then continue with their activities in the Church Room.

PARENT AND TODDLER WORSHIP

Fridays 7th and 21st of November at 9.30am in church for a short simple service and then play and chat in the Church Room.

KING'S KIDS

This after school activity will be held on Thursday 6th November at 3.30pm: food, story, crafts and singing.

FAMILY WORSHIP:

Sunday 23rd November at 10am, when we will be celebrating Christ the King.

Paper Plate Poppy

Here's a simple paper plate poppy craft that toddlers and younger children can enjoy.

You will need:

A large paper plate; Red paint; Black paint

Instructions:

Paint a black circle in the centre of the plate. Paint the outside red.

Wait for the paper plate to dry!

When the plate is dry, cut a small point from each side of the plate so the red area becomes two petals.





Remembrance Sunday was originally declared a special day in 1919 by King George V to remember the soldiers killed in the First World War, but now we remember soldiers from all wars who have given their lives in the service of their country.

Leading up to Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday we buy small paper "poppies" to show that we are remembering the sacrifices of those who died, and also to raise money to support serving and ex-Service personnel and their families. The origin of the use of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance is as follows.

A Canadian doctor, John McCrae, wrote a poem in 1915 about the devastation he saw in the Flanders area of Belgium and in northern France during the First World War. The land lay destroyed by terrible battles, and many men were buried there. But despite the devastation of battle, the wild poppies survived. Dr McCrae's poem was published in Punch magazine, and the poppy became the symbol of remembrance.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.*

As I sit writing this article it has just been mentioned on the radio that Christmas is just 11 weeks away; and by the time this newsletter drops through your letter box it will be even nearer So now is the time to start thinking about those little things that can be used as stocking fillers or some things for family members but you don't fancy the hassle going to the shops. So here is the solution. Please come to the:

**Autumn Bazaar on November 15th
2pm until 5pm in the Memorial Hall**

Amongst the things that will be on show – and for sale – will be:

- Christmas goodies, cards and wrapping paper
- Cakes to take home
- Tea and cakes to have with your friends in the Hall
- Decent second hand books that will make good presents at £1 or less
- Good as new stall
- Hand crafted knitted items and silk scarves
- Raffle and Tombola stalls for adults and children
- Children's games and activities
- Table Top stalls and merchandise: if you want to book a table for just £7.00 please contact Sue on 01295 738444



There will be an **All Souls Liturgy on 2nd November 2014 at 3pm and** is for anyone that has suffered the loss of someone dear to them; an opportunity to remember them and give thanks to God for their lives, to offer comfort with moments of reflection, an opportunity for the lighting of candles and practical acts of remembrance.

This service is for everyone and will be followed by refreshments in the Church.



THE CARNIVAL BAND



SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 7PM

Entry £15 / £10

Children free

Champions of carnival music from around the world, let the Carnival Band take you on an unforgettable audio odyssey, proven in concerts around the country as **entertainment *par excellence***:

- **a cornucopia of beautiful, uplifting and intriguing music** from Germany to Hawaii, Texas to China, Argentina to Mesopotamia...
- **the Carnival Band's inimitable tapestry** of harmony singing, diverse instruments and musical styles, woven together with artistry, verve and infectious humour.
- **fun and banter** as the audience members are conscripted to place post-it arrows on the shower curtain map to show the countries we travel through and keep score as the tunes clock up. **Controversy** inevitably arises – what can you legitimately count as a “tune” to add to the tally?

Do come and discover this wonderful band – it will be a great evening!

Calendar of Services for November 2014

Sat	1	<i>All Saints'</i> : Mass 10am; Baptisms
Sun	2	Kingdom 1 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; All Souls' Service 3pm
Mon	3	
Tues	4	Mass 9.30am
Weds	5	Mass 7pm
Thurs	6	
Fri	7	<i>S Willibrord</i> : Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	8	<i>Saints & Martyrs of England</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	9	Kingdom 2 : Mass 8am; Act of Remembrance and Service 10.55am; Requiem Mass 6pm
Mon	10	
Tues	11	<i>S Martin</i> : Mass 9.30 am; Act of Remembrance at War Memorial 11am
Weds	12	Mass 7pm
Thurs	13	
Fri	14	Mass 12 noon
Sat	15	Mass 10am
Sun	16	Kingdom 3 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	17	
Tues	18	<i>S Elizabeth</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	19	<i>S Hilda</i> : Mass 7pm
Thurs	20	
Fri	21	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	22	<i>S Cecilia</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	23	Kingdom 4/Christ the King : Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	24	
Tues	25	<i>S Catherine</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	26	Mass 7pm
Thurs	27	
Fri	28	Mass 12 noon
Sat	29	<i>Day of Prayer for Missions</i> : Mass SOLW 10am
Sun	30	Advent Sunday : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Advent Procession 6pm

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