

CHURCH NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2015

King's Sutton



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AI AHLI HOSPITAL, GAZA

The conflict between Israel and Palestine continues to cause devastation. The rights and wrongs of this ongoing dispute which frequently erupts in violence are complex and controversial. Although, as you might expect, I have my personal views, this is not the place to express them, but rather to tell you about an Anglican initiative in Gaza.

As I say, whatever the political and military background, Gaza has suffered greatly. According to UN statistics the 50-day conflict in the summer of last year claimed 2,131 lives including 501 children. 71 Israelis were killed. 18,000 homes were destroyed and 108,000 were left homeless. Again, quoting the UN: "Damage to public infrastructure was unprecedented,

leaving hundreds of thousands of people without adequate services, including electricity, clean water and quality healthcare.”

The Diocese of Jerusalem (which covers Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Syria and Lebanon) provides healthcare and refuge for many Palestinians. The Al Ahli Hospital has 80 beds. The Archbishop of Jerusalem, Suehil Dawani, writes: “Al Ahli has distributed First Aid packages to community-based organisations to enable them to treat some of the injured. Long-term care at the hospital is needed for those with severe injuries, while thousands of people are receiving psycho-social support to deal with the impact of the war.” The hospital is also working to contain the spread of disease and other hazards from damaged sanitation and water supplies.

To find out more go to: weareUS.org.uk/Palestine. This is the website of US – an Anglican missionary society which, through people’s generosity here has been able to support Al Ahli Hospital with emergency funds. You can also visit the website of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Hospital’s own website: just put in Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and/or Al Ahli Hospital. Our churches locally support US and if you would like to make a contribution then contact me:

Fr. Roger

From the Registers:

Baptisms

December 7th James George Derek Herbett
December 14th Jonah James Thomas Hood

Celebration of Light Since the last newsletter, the floodlighting has been sponsored to remember:

December 3rd John McCarthy
December 6th Moira Holcombe



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



Children and families



Our activities for children and families continue: if you haven't given them a try, come along and you will be most welcome. The pattern of activities is usually as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets in the Church Room on the second Sunday of the month during the 11am Mass. This month it will be held on Sunday January 12th at 11am.

PARENT AND TODDLER WORSHIP is at 9.30am every Friday during term time. The next date is January 9th. We are in church for a short simple service and then play and chat in the Church Room.

FAMILY WORSHIP takes place on the fourth Sunday of the month at 10am: this month January 25th.



A CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – JANUARY 4th at 4pm.

This takes place just as it is getting dark and is full of symbolism, celebrating the Light of Christ as revealed to the Wise Men. If you have never been to such a service before, come and find out what it is all about! A collection for the Children's Society is made at this service, and children are given a Christingle to take home.

KINGS KIDS is usually held one Thursday a month after school. The dates of this do vary, so watch the newsletter for details! The next date is January 15th at 3.30pm.

Finally! Everyone is welcome at all services.

Fr. Roger



Calendar of Services for January 2015

Thurs	1	
Fri	2	<i>SS Basil & Gregory</i> : Mass 12 noon
Sat	3	Mass 10am
Sun	4	Christmas 2 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Christingle 4pm
Mon	5	
Tues	6	<i>The Epiphany</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	7	Mass 7pm
Thurs	8	
Fri	9	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	10	<i>William Laud</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	11	Epiphany 1/Baptism of Christ : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	12	
Tues	13	<i>S Hilary</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	14	Mass 7pm
Thurs	15	
Fri	16	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	17	<i>S Anthony</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	18	Epiphany 2 : Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Baptism 1pm; Evensong 6pm
Mon	19	
Tues	20	<i>S Richard Rolle</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	21	<i>S Agnes</i> : Mass 7pm
Thurs	22	
Fri	23	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	24	<i>S Francis de Sales</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	25	The Conversion of St. Paul : Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; United Service 6pm
Mon	26	
Tues	27	Mass 9.30am
Weds	28	<i>S Thomas Aquinas</i> : Mass 7pm
Thurs	29	
Fri	30	<i>Charles, King & Martyr</i> : Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	31	Mass 10am SOLW

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