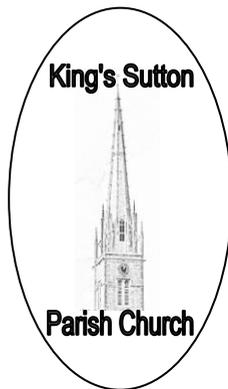


CHURCH NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015



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RESURRECTION

The Gospel writers struggled to write about the resurrection of Jesus, because there was no word for it in Greek, and it was a unique event which words could hardly

convey. They used a word, *'anastasis'*, which was usually used to mean the idea of rising up from a settled position: 'ana' and 'stasis', but what they were trying to say was that not only was Jesus alive, but it was a new kind of aliveness.

The Gospels record Jesus raising people from death: notably his friend Lazarus (see S John chapter 11) but Lazarus would eventually die again. Jesus was raised into a new life, into what S Paul would call a spiritual body. There was continuity with the body that had died on the cross and been buried – hence the importance of the empty tomb – but this was a body which is glorious, not bound by space and time, not physical but of heaven. Generations of painters and sculptures have also struggled to show this: and, of course, they are trying to depict something beyond ordinary human experience.

Christians believe that we too will share this resurrection body. S Paul wrote that Christ "will change our humble bodies that they may be like his glorious

body”, and beyond death our poor worn out natures will be transformed into something wonderful and full of glory. And we begin to see something of this in this life. People’s lives and faces transformed by the grace of God so that they begin to be Christlike: peaceful, serene, joyous, trusting in the loving presence of God even in the midst of suffering.

At Easter we proclaim: Christ is risen. Sin and death have been vanquished and there is now hope for us.

Next month a few words about the General Election.

Fr Roger

From the Registers:

Baptisms

February	22 nd	Charles Alfred James Angus
March	1 st	James Thomas Sulley
March	8 th	Evie Amelia Hopkins

Funerals and services at the Crematorium

February	26 th	Roy Fisher
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Celebration of Light Since the last newsletter, the floodlighting has been sponsored to remember:

March	5 th	Joyce Townsend
March	7 th	Barbara Hone
March	8 th	Lilian & Dennis Tustain
April	6 th	Arthur Halestrap
April	7 th	Joan Lester
April	30 th	Les Nutt

If you would like to sponsor the floodlights of the church to remember an anniversary or other significant event in your family, please either contact Stephen Allday (811473) or take a form from the ledge just inside the church.

EASTER SERVICES:

<i>Thursday 2nd April</i>	Maundy Thursday	<i>Sung Mass and Vigil 8pm</i>
<i>Friday 3rd April</i>	Good Friday	<i>Family Worship 10am The Liturgy 3.15pm</i>
<i>Saturday 4th April</i>	Easter Eve	<i>Vigil and Mass 9pm</i>
<i>Sunday 5th April</i>	Easter Day	<i>Sung Mass 11am Celebration of the Resurrection 6pm</i>

Quiet Day

The first Quiet Day of 2015 will take place on Saturday 11th April between 10.30am and 3.45pm at Sulgrave Parish Church and Hall. It will be led by Revd. Roger Burne, and will be looking at the life and writings of Etty Hillesum. On 8th March 1941, this 27 year old Dutch Jewish student living in enemy-occupied Amsterdam made the first entry in a diary that was to become one of the most remarkable documents to emerge from the Nazi holocaust. Over the next 2 years she shared the suffering of the transit camp at Westerbork and eventually perished at Auschwitz.

If you would like to come to this day and learn more, please contact Fr. Roger (Bellamy) or Peter Allen. The day normally starts at around 10.30 am with some initial refreshments and will include three sessions of spiritual discussion and direction; the second of these takes place during the midday Eucharist service. The day ends with Evening Prayer at 3pm and then afternoon refreshments of tea and cake. All for just £10.00.

The day is all about individual quietness, reflection and meditation following the events of Easter; Jesus' death and his Resurrection.

The Church Annual Meetings take place on 12th April following the 11am morning Eucharist service:

- The first (of two) meetings is the Annual Parish meeting and will elect Churchwardens (2) and a Deanery Synod representative.
- The second meeting is the Annual Parochial Church meeting and is for those who are registered on the Electoral Roll; although others may attend but are not able to vote at the meeting. This meeting will elect 3 Parochial Church Council representatives, discuss the finances of the Church and confirm the activities of the Church that have taken place over the last twelve months.



Children and families



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 19th April.

PARENT AND TODDLER WORSHIP is at 9.30am every Friday during term time, so *no service* on April 10th this month. 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 on Sunday 26th April. There will also be a service at 10am on Good Friday (3rd April).

KINGS KIDS is usually held in the Church Room one Thursday a month after school, and is on 9th April.

Fr. Roger

Short Easter prayer for children

God made you and God made me,
He made the world for us to see.
God loves you and long ago,
He sent his Son to tell us so.
Jesus showed us many things,
To love and share and dance and sing.
To learn and pray, to help and care,
He promised he'd always be there.

He died but then came back to life,
Let's celebrate for he's alive! Amen.



Spiritual Spring Cleaning

or

How to Spring Clean Your Spirit



While you're cleaning out closets and sweeping under the furniture, think about this: Spring cleaning, while worth the effort, will only last for a season, but spiritual cleansing could have an eternal influence. So don't just dust behind those book shelves, dust off that favourite Bible and get ready for a spiritual spring cleaning.

1) Cleanse Your Heart - Get Spiritually Healthy:

The Bible encourages us to draw close to God and allow our hearts and bodies to be cleansed. This is the first step in our spring cleaning project. We can't clean ourselves. Instead we must draw near to God and ask Him to do the cleansing.



2) Clean Out Your Mouth - Deep Clean Inside and Out:



Spiritual cleansing requires deep cleaning -- it is housekeeping that goes beyond what others see and hear. It's a cleansing from within -- inside and out. As your heart gets clean, your language should follow. This is not just talking about bad language, but also negative talk and pessimistic thoughts that contradict the Word of God and faith. This includes the challenge to stop complaining.

3) Renew Your Mind - Take Out the Garbage:

This is one of the biggest areas of struggle for most of us -- removing the garbage from our minds. Garbage in equals garbage out. We must feed our minds and spirits the Word of God instead of the garbage of this world.



4) Repent from Hidden Sin - Clean Out Your Spiritual Closets:

Hidden sin will destroy your life, your peace, and even your health. The Bible says to confess your sin - tell someone, and reach out for help.

When your spiritual closets are clean, the heaviness from hidden sin will lift.

5) Release Unforgiveness and Bitterness - Get Rid of Old Baggage:

Any sin will weigh you down, but long kept unforgiveness and bitterness is like old baggage in the attic you just can't seem to part with. You are so familiar with it, you don't even realize how it is hindering your life.



6) Involve Jesus in Your Daily Life - Let the Son Shine In:

What God wants most from you is relationship - friendship. He wants to be involved in the big and small moments of your life. Open your life, let the light of God's presence shine into every part, and you'll have no need for a yearly spiritual cleaning. Instead experience daily, moment to moment refreshing of your spirit.



7) Learn to Laugh at Yourself and at Life:

Some of us take life too seriously, or we take ourselves too seriously. Jesus wants you to enjoy yourself, and learn to have some fun. God made you for His pleasure!





MUSIC EVENTS

Cool 'n' Blue

Classic jazz songs to chill to ...

Saturday, 11th April at 7pm

Entry free, donations invited



SAM HAYWOOD (piano)

in concert

Sunday, 12th April at 3pm

Haydn—Variations in F minor
Beethoven—Sonata in F minor
Chopin—Barcarolle
Chopin—Scherzo in B Flat

Entry £15 / £10, Children free

Do come and join us as the Spring / Summer musical season really get under way with these two concerts. 'Cool 'n' Blue' need little introduction locally, as they have been rapidly gaining a reputation for smooth, relaxing jazz – it will be an evening for 'chilling'!

International pianist Sam Haywood makes a welcome return for a Sunday afternoon tea time concert, playing Haydn, Beethoven and Chopin on the church's own Broadwood piano.

Future dates for your diary:

Saturday, May 9 th	7pm	Immanuel's Ground Entry £10 / Children free
Sunday, May 10 th	3pm	Launton Handbell Ringers and Lucy Kinch (folk singer) Entry £10 / Children free Proceeds to be shared with LARK

Calendar of Services for April 2015

Weds	1	Mass 7pm
Thurs	2	Maundy Thursday: Sung Mass 8pm & Vigil
Fri	3	Good Friday: Family Worship 10am; The Liturgy 3.15pm
Sat	4	Easter Eve: Vigil & first Mass of Easter 9pm
Sun	5	Easter Day: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	6	
Tues	7	Mass 9.30am
Weds	8	Mass 7pm
Thurs	9	
Fri	10	Mass 12 noon
Sat	11	Quiet Day at Sulgrave
Sun	12	Easter 2: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	13	
Tues	14	Mass 9.30am
Weds	15	Mass 7pm
Thurs	16	
Fri	17	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	18	Mass 10 am
Sun	19	Easter 3: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Baptism; Evensong 6pm
Mon	20	
Tues	21	<i>S Anselm: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	22	<i>Eve of S George: Mass 7pm</i>
Thurs	23	
Fri	24	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	25	<i>S Mark: Mass 10 am SOLW</i>
Sun	26	Easter 4: Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	27	
Tues	28	Mass 9.30am
Weds	29	<i>S Catherine of Siena: Mass 7pm</i>
Thurs	30	

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