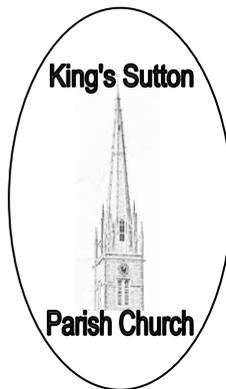


CHURCH NEWSLETTER JULY 2015



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ROOTS, CHANGE AND LISTENING

We all need stability in our lives. We have roots which go deep, roots which nourish us and make us strong. We are often rooted in our families, in our work, in our community, but also in the values and virtues we seek to live by. These are the things which bring order and a sense of purpose to our lives. We are not drifting, but, to use another image, anchored. This is what

S Benedict in his Rule written in the 6th century in central Italy calls 'stabilitas'. He sees our ultimate rootedness in God, who is himself absolute stability. As biblical writers often say he is a rock, a refuge, a place of security and hope.

But if we only have stability we shall find ourselves moribund, our lives will be rigid and tight, so he says we also need what he calls conversion of life. In our language I think we might call that change and growth. Out of the rootedness of our life comes the possibility of change. When we reflect on our values and the virtues we see as important, then we must recognize our need to change. If we are to flourish, change will come. It comes when we move, when our job changes, when we find we need a new direction. It comes with new relationships and, of course, with illness and death. S John Newman is quoted as saying, 'to live is to change, and the sign of life is

change'. Without change, but with stability, we can grow and life can become rich and exciting.

How are we to know which things are providing a healthy rootedness, and which things call on us to change and adapt? S Benedict's answer is "obediencia" - which isn't quite what we mean by obedience. This word has its roots in the idea of listening and responding. He would tell us that we need to have open ears, what he calls the ears of the heart. If we are to have stable roots and the ability to change and grow, we must be open to hear what our circumstances are saying to us, open to the possibilities we are offered, open to develop and, Benedict would say, open to God.

S Benedict died in 540 but his Rule still speaks to our modern world. Perhaps obviously it can speak to those who are called to the monastic life, but his insights are much appreciated by a wider audience. At the heart are these three things: stability, change and to undergird them, listening and responding.

Perhaps you might find a while to ponder for yourself these things:
Are you listening to what life says to you?
Do you have roots?
Are you open to change?

Fr Roger

From the Registers:

Baptisms

June 7th Archie William Jack Essex

Weddings:

May 30th Jemma Colleen Hicks & Oliver Paul Boys

Funerals:

May 29th Alan Johnson

June 3rd Doreen Tustain

June 5th Peter Heafield

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

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| May | 10 th | Edward David Smith (correction) |
| June | 13 th | Sara Allday |
| June | 21 st | Alec Lovell |
| June | 30 th | Josephine Marsden |
| June | 30 th | Margaret Nutt |
| July | 23 rd | Jacqueline Ward |
| July | 23 rd | James Barber |

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.

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 12th July.

PARENT AND TODDLER WORSHIP is at 9.30am every Friday during term time – this month on 3rd, 10th, and 17th July. We are in church for a short simple service and then play and chat in the Church Room.

Fr. Roger





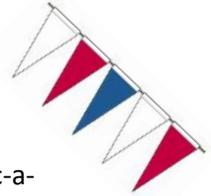
The Church Summer Fete

will be on Saturday **4th July**

2.00 - 4.30pm, in and around the

Church and on the Square. There will be lots of stalls - Plants, Produce, Preserves, Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Books, Raffle, Tombola, and games, and of course, *cream teas!!*

Fun for all the family.



ST. SWITHUN



Swithun was Bishop of Winchester for about ten years during the ninth century, and appears to have been a trusted adviser to King Egbert of Wessex. Not much is known about his lifetime, but at the time of his death in 862, Swithun expressed a wish that ' his body should be buried outside the church, where it would be trodden on by the feet of passers-by and made wet by the rain that falls from heaven'. His wish was at first fulfilled. However, when a new cathedral was being built, well-meaning monks and the new bishop decided to remove his remains into a shrine in the cathedral, despite dire warnings that to move the bones would bring about terrible storms. He was duly moved on 15th July 971, and rain did indeed fall in torrents on the day his bones were moved, and it rained persistently for forty days afterwards. Although many cures were claimed at his shrine, the feast day of Swithun has become synonymous with long summer storms!

July 15th is also the date upon which St. Bonaventure is remembered. He taught Scripture and Theology at the Franciscan school in Paris from 1248 – 1257. He was also a master-general of the Franciscans.

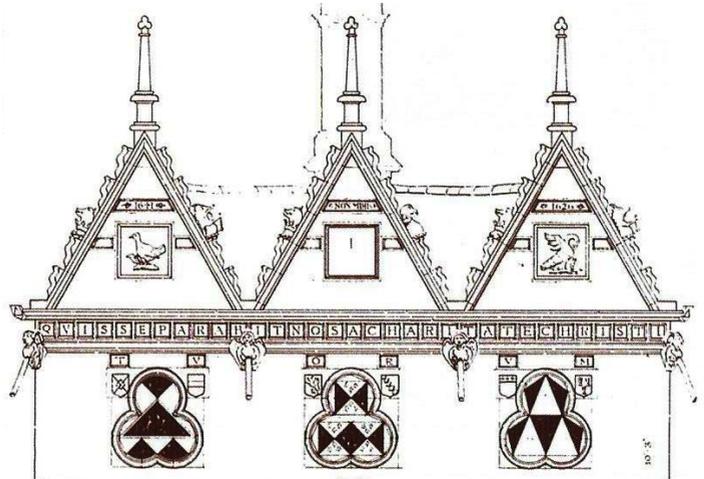
He wrote:

*No one can be made happy unless he rise above himself,
Not by an ascent of the body, but of the heart.
But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up.
And divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts,
Humbly and devoutly.*

Feeling ‘end-of-termish’? Looking forward to a holiday or a break from routine?

There is one small building in Northamptonshire which is unique, curious and mysterious – great for cryptographers and lovers of mysterious codes. This is Rushton Triangular Lodge, situated between Kettering and Corby. It was visited by members of our Parish Church in June. Here is a taster of what it has to offer.

‘Officially’ built as a warrener’s lodge, where the keeper of the family’s rabbit business lived, the building is, a witness to the faith of Sir Thomas Tresham. He lived at a time when Catholics were treated with suspicion during the reign of Elizabeth I and spent many years in prison, but on his return home to Rushton in 1593, he began work on the lodge, which took four years to complete.



The Elizabethans loved ‘devices’ - anything ingenious and out of the ordinary, especially if it had a hidden meaning. The Triangular Lodge is a brilliant example, the whole building being full of symbolism. For example: three walls with three windows and three gables to each; three storeys topped by a three-sided chimney. All are explained by a reference to the family name, Tresham – sometimes spelt Tresam: ‘I am three’, but also symbolic of the Holy Trinity. The upper storey is thirty three feet wide, and each side has a biblical quotation thirty-three letters long. (33 = years Jesus lived on earth). One reads: ‘QUIS SEPARABIT NOS A CHARITATE CHRISTE’ – ‘Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?’ (Romans 8:35).

A further quotation around the upper floor reads: ‘RESPICITE NON MIHI SOLI LABORAVI’ = ‘Consider, I have not worked only for myself’ (Ecclesiasticus 33:18). Tresham’s Lodge has indeed got a message for everyone.

Future date for your diary:

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| <p>Saturday, August 8th</p> <p>Entry £10 / Children free</p>  | <p>7pm</p> | <p>SOLID GOLD SHOW – a brilliant lineup!</p> <p>Gold medal Barbershop chorus ‘Hallmark of Harmony’ under the direction of Andy Allen, return to give us another fantastic show, this time with gold medal quartets ‘The Emerald Guard’ (2013 champions), ‘Tagline’ (2015 champions) and local chorus ‘5Ways’ – NOT TO BE MISSED!! Both Hallmark and the Emerald Guard will be newly returned from representing the UK in international competition in Pittsburgh.</p> <p>TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT IN ADVANCE BY CONTACTING: 01295 810967 (unallocated seats – first come, first served!)</p> |
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The Catholic Congregation meets for Mass at 9am each Sunday in the Parish Church.

Fr James Evans is the parish priest: 01295 660592
www.sacredheart.btck.co.uk

Services at Newbottle Church in July at 9.30am

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| Sunday | 5 th | Trinity 5: Sung Eucharist |
| Sunday | 12 th | Trinity 6: Matins and Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 19 th | Trinity 7: Sung Eucharist |
| Sunday | 26 th | Patronal Festival: Sung Eucharist |

Calendar of Services for July 2015

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| Weds | 1 | Pilgrimage to Walsingham |
| Thurs | 2 | Pilgrimage to Walsingham |
| Fri | 3 | <i>S Thomas</i> : Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon |
| Sat | 4 | Mass 10 am |
| Sun | 5 | Trinity 5 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm |
| Mon | 6 | |
| Tues | 7 | Mass 9.30am |
| Weds | 8 | Mass 7pm |
| Thurs | 9 | |
| Fri | 10 | Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon |
| Sat | 11 | <i>S Benedict</i> : Mass 10am; Wedding 2pm; Service of healing & wholeness 4pm |
| Sun | 12 | Trinity 6 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass with Sunday School 11am; Evensong 6pm |
| Mon | 13 | |
| Tues | 14 | <i>John Keble</i> : Mass 9.30am |
| Weds | 15 | <i>S Swithun</i> : Mass 7pm |
| Thurs | 16 | |
| Fri | 17 | Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon |
| Sat | 18 | Mass 10am |
| Sun | 19 | Trinity 7 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm |
| Mon | 20 | |
| Tues | 21 | Mass 9.30am |
| Weds | 22 | Mass 7pm |
| Thurs | 23 | |
| Fri | 24 | |
| Sat | 25 | |
| Sun | 26 | Trinity 8 : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm |
| Mon | 27 | |
| Tues | 28 | Mass 9.30am |
| Weds | 29 | <i>SS Mary, Martha & Lazarus</i> : Mass 7pm |
| Thurs | 30 | |
| Fri | 31 | <i>S Ignatius</i> : Mass 12 noon |

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