

CHURCH NEWSLETTER MAY 2016

King's Sutton



Parish Church

Church of St. Peter & St. Paul
King's Sutton

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As always, May brings Christian Aid Week and this year it runs from May 15th. The theme for this year is Bangladesh. Last year more than 20,000 churches worked to raise money and over £11m went to development work for the poor of the world. Please be generous in your support. There is an envelope with this Newsletter and they may be returned:

- at any service in either of the churches
- through the Vicarage letterbox
- at 22 Sandringham Road
- or at 26 Glebe Rise.



This is Morsheda. She lives in Bangladesh but she is still our neighbour. Do you remember the story Jesus told when someone asked him who his neighbour was? This is the story that we know as the Good Samaritan, and in it Jesus makes the point that anyone in need is our neighbour.

Morsheda is a young mother of four. Her husband has left. She has little land, few assets and no savings and the only work she can get is doing backbreaking physical labour for as little as 74p a day. Things have been so hard for so long, Morsheda can hardly imagine

a life without fear and suffering. She can't even count on having a safe place to call home: the single room, corrugated-shack she shares with her family has been flooded several times. Living on a low-lying island in the Brahmaputra River, these floods are a terrifying part of Morsheda's life. She says, "I don't dare the dream that things could be better."

Christian Aid wants to lift Morsheda and her family to safety – literally by creating an earth plinth and planting fruit trees. To give her a grant to buy a goat, seeds and a wormery, she will have a chance to create a safe, secure future for her family.

Giving generously to Christian Aid will directly help many people like Morsheda.

Fr. Roger

Fr. Roger writes:

I am currently off work receiving treatment for cancer, so there will be fewer services and you will need to keep an eye on the weekly Sword and Keys pew sheet – there are copies on the grey notice boards in church, and we will keep the notice in the right hand corner of the South porch notice board up to date. There will always be an 11 am Sung Mass on Sundays but the 8am Mass will be on second and fourth Sundays. On the first and third Sundays there will be a Mass at Newbottle at 9 30am. There will be Evensong each Sunday at King's Sutton and Family Worship will also continue.

Celebration of Light

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.

From the Registers:

Funerals:

March	24 th	Norma Tate
March	29 th	Anne Evans (<i>Requiem Mass</i>)

Lent Lunches

Thank you to all who contributed to this years Lent lunches; whether attending, serving, providing soups, breads or cakes, your generosity meant that the impressive sum of £750 was raised. The money was sent to the following charities: Educaid; The Neuroblastoma Society; Helen and Douglas House; Primary Bereavement Service; The Children's Society; Pets As Therapy.

THE SPIRE



You will all have noticed the construction of the scaffolding around the Spire.

What a tremendous achievement and what a sight! The weather was not always good to them but the scaffolders persevered and eventually completed what they set out to do.

If you have been inside the Church you will have noticed scaffolding in there also. This was not anticipated but when the workmen inspected the side aisle roofs they concluded that they were not strong enough to support the amount of scaffolding that was going to be put up. Still, services are being held as normal and the inside scaffolding makes a wonderful place to put up bunting.

At the time of going to press steeplejacks were still due to climb the spire and remove the weathercock for regilding.

The next phase of the project started on 7th April with the initial preparations for the 'main' work.

For Information:

Architect for this Project: Michael Clews, Acanthus Clews, BANBURY, Oxon

Scaffolding Company: APEX Scaffolding NORTHAMPTON, Northants.

Main Contractors: Sally Strachey Historic Conservation Ltd, WELLS, Somerset.

THE ALLELUIA FESTIVAL

The programme of events and activities planned under the leadership of Father Roger started, in his absence, with a 'creative' day on 2nd April. Banners, posters and bunting were created with words and phrases connected with Easter – and the word 'Alleluia' features largely! These are now on display in the Church. They are well worth a look if you happen to be passing.

Everyone that has taken time to create something and has agreed to take part in displaying their imaginative and creative ideas deserve a huge 'thank you' for their efforts.

The three week Bible study course on the theme of "**I am the Resurrection**" started on 5th April.

Stations of the Resurrection; the journey of Christ from his condemnation to his burial in hymns, prayer and meditation took place on 10th April.

After Ascension Day (May 5th), there will be a Novena of Prayer. This will be in the form of nine daily acts of worship using leaflets that will be available in church for you to use at home or at work.

This will bring us to Pentecost, the celebration of the Holy Spirit, and we shall end with the Christian Aid Week joint Service at 6pm on 15th May.



FLOWER FESTIVAL
Parish Church May 28th to 30th

CELEBRATING THE QUEENS 90TH
BIRTHDAY

A WONDERFUL EVENT
BRINGING OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

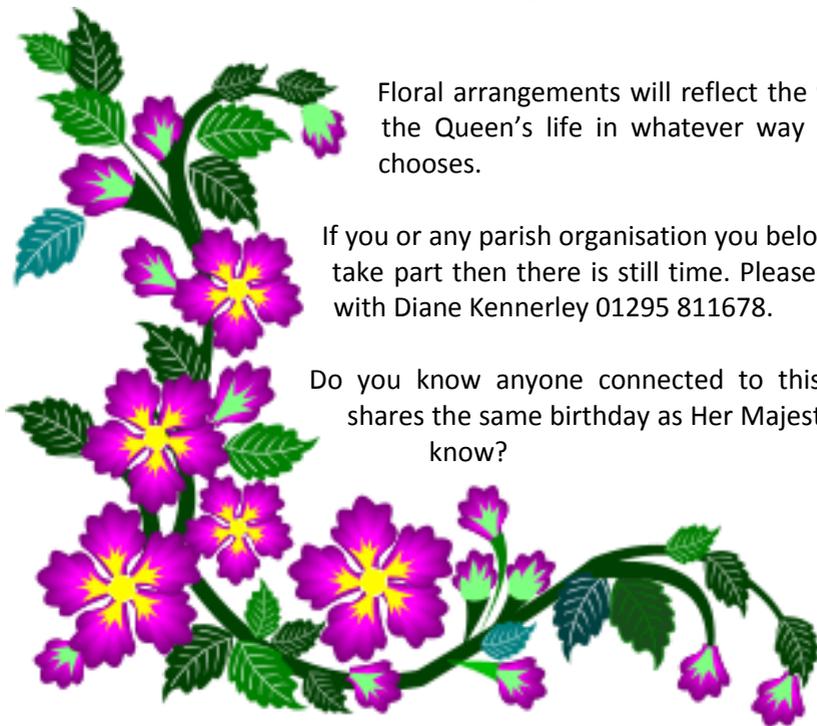
This event will start on Saturday 28th May and will continue into the Bank Holiday Monday 30th May. The Church will be open during normal daylight hours working around any Church services that may be taking place. The only services planned for that period are on Sunday: 11.00 am and 6.00 pm. The Evening service on 29th will be a Service of Words and Music to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday and giving thanks for her reign.

The Church will be decorated by local organisations and individuals.

Floral arrangements will reflect the 9 decades of the Queen's life in whatever way the arranger chooses.

If you or any parish organisation you belong to wish to take part then there is still time. Please get in touch with Diane Kennerley 01295 811678.

Do you know anyone connected to this parish that shares the same birthday as Her Majesty; if so let us know?



To think about.....

“I know God will not give me anything I can't handle.
I just wish He didn't trust me so much.”

(Mother Teresa)

To all members of the Parish of King's Sutton and elsewhere from the Parochial Church Council.

You will have noticed elsewhere in this newsletter that Father Roger has recently been diagnosed with cancer. He has started a course of chemotherapy which is expected to last well into the summer.

The Church of England, (Diocese of Peterborough) has given him time off to help him during this period, and they have advised that during this time of his treatment and recovery, the parish will be treated as if we were in an Interregnum i.e. between priests.

This does not mean that the Church will come to a stop. Services **will** continue, although there will be fewer of them but the main services will still take place, covered by visiting priests and with the help of lay people the non-Eucharist services will still go ahead. Fundraising events and social activities will still play a part in community life as you will see from elsewhere in this newsletter.

Father Roger however will be considerably less visible than he has been and he will not automatically be answering his telephone. He will not be leading the parish for the next few months; that will fall to the Wardens and members of the PCC. So if there is a parish matter that you need to discuss, or to make arrangements for baptisms, funerals etc then please use the contact numbers on the front page of this newsletter; any e-mails of a parish matter that Fr. Roger receives will be forwarded to the Wardens to deal with.

Please pray for him during this time; he remains strong in his Faith and we should too. Thank you for your understanding.

Children and families

PARENT AND TODDLER WORSHIP is at 9.30am every Friday during term time. We are in church for a short simple service and then play and chat in the Church Room. During May, this service will be led by Anna Troupe and Carole Hill.

FAMILY SERVICE: this is normally held in the chancel of the church in the choir stalls. This will be on May 22nd at 10am this month, and led by Stephen Connolly. The theme will be the Holy Trinity.



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 in May at 9.30am:

May	1 st	Easter 6:	Sung Eucharist
May	8 th	Easter 7:	Matins
May	15 th	Pentecost:	Sung Eucharist
May	22 nd	Trinity Sunday:	Matins

PROPOSED calendar of Services for May 2016 PLEASE CHECK FOR UPDATES!

		KING'S SUTTON
Sun	1	Easter 6: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	2	
Tues	3	<i>SS Philip & James:</i> Mass 9.30am
Weds	4	
Thurs	5	Ascension Day: Sung Mass 7.30pm
Fri	6	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	7	
Sun	8	Easter 7: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	9	
Tues	10	Mass 9.30am
Weds	11	
Thurs	12	
Fri	13	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	14	
Sun	15	Pentecost: Sung Mass 11am; Service for Christian Aid Week 6pm
Mon	16	
Tues	17	Mass 9.30am
Weds	18	
Thurs	19	
Fri	20	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	21	
Sun	22	Trinity Sunday: Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	23	
Tues	24	Mass 9.30am
Weds	25	
Thurs	26	
Fri	27	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	28	
Sun	29	Trinity 1: Sung Mass 11am; Service of celebration for Her Majesty, the Queen 6pm
Mon	30	
Tues	31	<i>The Visitation:</i> Mass 9.30am