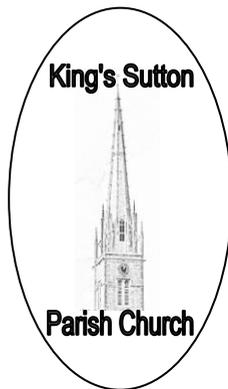


# CHURCH NEWSLETTER JULY 2016



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

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First, a personal note. The results of a scan showed that the tumours had considerably reduced, so I continue with the chemotherapy for a total of eight cycles. I started the fifth cycle on 28<sup>th</sup> June. So all that is good news and I look forward to being back at work in the autumn.

## HEALING

In the Gospels there are many accounts of Jesus having compassion on people and bringing them healing: blind people given their sight, lepers cleansed, a paralysed man walking again, the woman who was healed of a long-term haemorrhage whilst Jesus was on his way to heal a little girl. And the most stunning, the raising of Lazarus from his tomb. In S John's Gospel these actions are referred to as signs. John says, Jesus revealed his glory and his disciples believed in him. In the other Gospels a similar point is made when Jesus heals, as he so often did on the Sabbath. This was one of the Jewish leaders complaints against him, that he broke the Sabbath law which said you mustn't work on Saturday. That Jesus did "work" by bringing people new life was a sign of the coming kingdom. And in coming to Jesus people were not only believing in him, but accepting that in him the kingdom was breaking into history.

Healing, of course, continues down the centuries and in our own day the advances in medical treatments have been extraordinary, and our doctors, surgeons, nurses and a host of other medical workers bring healing to their

patients. But not everyone is cured and that is part of the mystery of evil in our world. But all can be healed and find wholeness, even when that leads to death. Death is not something to be afraid of and it is wonderful when people have the chance to prepare properly for their death, which is the final healing. For it takes us into the nearer presence of God.

The Church also has a ministry of healing and from time to time on Sundays at Evensong in King's Sutton there are prayers for healing and the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands. The next of those is September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Meanwhile, there is a service of healing and wholeness at 4pm on Saturday 30 July, again in King's Sutton Church. All are welcome wherever you live. So if you are troubled by conscience, or need prayer for healing, please come along.

*Fr. Roger*

### **Celebration of Light**

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

June	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sara Allday
July	23 <sup>rd</sup>	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.*

### **From the Registers:**

#### **Funeral:**

May	19 <sup>th</sup>	Leslie Radbourne
June	7 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Loobey

## SPIRE UPDATE

The cockerel has returned!

Looking very smart in its new coat of gold paint the cockerel was put back in its position on top of the spire a couple of weeks ago. The new gilding certainly catches the sunlight. If you have not yet noticed it then do have a look, but don't give yourself a crick in the neck.



Work on the spire and tower parapet is progressing, although the workmen are not there every day. A fair chunk of the work is being done in the Contractor's own workshops in Somerset as they shape the new stone that is required and necessary for the pinnacles.

There are regular site meetings however and so far nothing horrendous or terribly expensive has been discovered. The contractors are on target to complete the spire and tower parapet restoration work round about 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

### **FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

**Date for your diaries:**

Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup>

Harvest soup lunch 12 – 2pm

in the Parish Church Room – donations invited

Proceeds to church running costs

# Something a bit different

## J. S. Bach Six Suites for Solo Cello

*An informal performance by Kath Sharman*

**Sunday 3rd July**

**3:30pm:** Suites 1, 2 & 3

*Interval: 5-6pm*

**6:00pm:** Suites 4, 5 & 6

*This double concert is to raise funds  
for the Parish Church Restoration Appeal*

*Free entry; donations invited*

Come in and stay for as long as you wish,  
or 'dip in and out' .....



# Do you have a **B****cket List?**

It is fairly common these days for us to have a wish list, or a bucket list; a list of things

we would like to do this year, next year or sometime in our lifetime. How about climbing Everest, Jumping from a plane, Swimming with dolphins, Going on a Safari? Anything is possible, providing you have the time, the money, good planning and that it is something that you will feel the benefit of after you have done it.

The Church of England encourages all parishes to do something similar, although the activities are not quite so extravagant and flamboyant! Members of the Church Council recently held a workshop to think about which areas we wanted to improve for the better, and to try and determine what our efforts would have on the people that matter...YOU.

The workshop was all about Growth, how we could do it, who would take part, what areas of the community we would like to target and that old chestnut, "how much would it cost" to implement. Needless to say that not everything could be covered in a 2 hour workshop, but at least there was some basic agreement of which areas needed our attention. And the tasks and activities that were being mentioned did not include mountains, airplanes, dolphins or African safaris.....

One of our agreed key areas was the Church building; work as you can see has already started on the Spire, and once that is complete there are other areas to focus on, so that perhaps by 2019 we shall have a church that does not leak, has less draughts and has more comfortable seating with a better PA system. We also recognised the need to communicate better, not just with those of you living in the parish but also with those that visit our Church from outside. It will be a big ask but there is a great deal of enthusiasm to get it working better. Our Growth Action Plan (GAP) will aim to encompass every part of parish life and we would welcome any comments anyone may have about their Parish Church, the building and its activities. Drop a few words through the Vicarage door, or at 26 Glebe Rise and be assured, your comments will be considered.

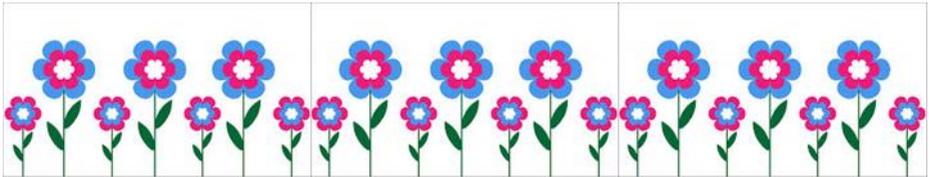


## Celebration of Flowers



Thank you to everyone who provided and/or created the beautiful and imaginative floral tributes for The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration of Flowers. This well attended event received much praise from villagers and visitors from further afield.

Many thanks to all involved in any way - flower arrangers, foliage and 'prop' providers, bakers and stewards. Special thanks to: Paula Owen; Veronica Knight, Anne Hayter, Margot Bell, Pam Stayton and Dee Thobourne and the team for providing refreshments throughout the weekend. DK



### **Bishop Norman (Bishop of Richborough)**

is to visit the parish on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. He has been trying to fit a date in his diary for several months, and has now realised that all his Sundays are booked solid until February 2017 and Saturdays are just as problematical.

It is some eighteen months since his last visit and it has been agreed that we would accommodate him one evening in the week. He will arrive sometime late afternoon to catch up with Father Roger and will then celebrate the 7.00pm Mass, after which there will be some light refreshments. He is keen to talk to as many parishioners as possible. Everyone is welcome, and it should not be too late an evening; after all he does have to drive back to St Albans!



## To think about.....

My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there. (*Indira Gandhi*)

## 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 July, this service will be led by Anna Troupe and Carole Hill, and the last service of the term is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Please note there will be no PTW in August.

**FAMILY SERVICE:** this is normally held in the chancel of the church in the choir stalls. This will be on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am this month, and led by Stephen Connolly.



The Catholic Congregation meets for Mass at 9am each Sunday  
in the Parish Church.

Fr James Evans is the parish priest: 01295 660592

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## Services at Newbottle in July at 9.30am:

July	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity 6	Sung Eucharist
July	10 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 7	Matins
July	17 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 8	Sung Eucharist
July	24 <sup>th</sup>	Patronal Festival in honour of S James	Sung Eucharist
July	31 <sup>st</sup>	Trinity 10	Matins

**PROPOSED calendar of Services for July 2016 PLEASE CHECK FOR UPDATES!  
If in any doubt please ring 01295 810967.**

		KING'S SUTTON
Fri	1	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am;
Sat	2	
Sun	3	<b>S Thomas:</b> Sung Mass 11am
Mon	4	
Tues	5	Mass 9.30am;
Weds	6	<i>SS Thomas More and John Fisher.</i> Mass 7.00 Celebrant <b>Bishop Norman, Bishop of Richborough.</b>
Thurs	7	
Fri	8	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am;
Sat	9	
Sun	10	<b>Trinity 7:</b> Mass 8 am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	11	<i>S Benedict</i>
Tues	12	Mass 9.30am;
Weds	13	Mass 7.00pm
Thurs	14	<i>John Keble</i>
Fri	15	<i>SS Swithun &amp; Bonaventure:</i> Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am;
Sat	16	<i>S Osmund</i>
Sun	17	<b>Trinity 8:</b> Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	18	
Tues	19	<i>SS Gregory &amp; Macrina:</i> Mass 9.30am;
Weds	20	<i>SS Margaret and Bartolome</i>
Thurs	21	
Fri	22	<i>S Mary Magdalen:</i> Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon.
Sat	23	<i>S Bridget</i>
Sun	24	<b>Trinity 9:</b> Mass 8 am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	25	<i>S James</i>
Tues	26	<i>SS Anne &amp; Joachim:</i> Mass 9.30am;
Weds	27	
Thurs	28	
Fri	29	<i>SS Mary, Martha and Lazarus</i>
Sat	30	<i>William Wilberforce:</i> Mass 10am SOLW
Sun	31	<b>Trinity 10:</b> Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm