

CHURCH NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016



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Poverty or riches?

Pope Francis speaks frequently about not only being a Church for the poor, but a poor Church. Indeed in many parts of the world where poverty is common and people live marginalised lives, those people often turn to the Church as a source of hope. There is a passage in Habakkuk (one of the lesser prophets) which says that 'even though the fig does not blossom, nor fruit grow on the vine, even though the olive crop fail and fields produce no harvest, yet I will rejoice in the Lord and exult in God my saviour' (*Chapter 3: 17 – 18*). And for many, that is true, but the Church has a duty, alongside the governments of the world, alongside industry and commerce, to seek for justice for all. Often the Church is the one body that can speak up for those who suffer injustice. I think, for instance, of peoples in Brazil whose land is being taken from them by international corporations. Across and around the world, churches are working for the poor, but if we are to do that well, we need resources.

In the middle ages the Church was often accused of being rich – and not least the Benedictines; but their resources were not only used to build magnificent churches and to fill them with paintings and stained glass. Not only did they preserve learning through their libraries, and so were able to educate people,

but they expended resources in their infirmaries, in their care for the traveller: the lepers, the homeless, the sick, those in trouble of whatever kind could find in the Church a support.

The Vatican has set up facilities for homeless people in Rome just outside the colonnade of Bernini's Piazza, and recently poor families have been taken on outings to the seaside, provided at the orders of the Pope.

The Anglican Church in Athens is helping refugees: this work is supported by the US missionary society. In Lesotho, Hands on Health, again supported by US centres on S John's Hospital in Mantosonyane. Similarly the Church in Bangladesh supports a hospital at Bollabhur.

Locally, the Baptist Church is supporting LARK in Kenya and also, with others, the work of MAF in the same country. The Parish Church in King's Sutton gives aid to the Maggie Centre in Oxford (care for cancer patients), supports a missionary in Burma, and raises funds for BYHP. The Church at Newbottle also with King's Sutton supports Christian Aid and the Children's Society. Others locally support Polly and her work with homeless people in Banbury, and the Food Bank in Brackley.

All this money comes from people's generosity but I wish the Church was richer so that we could be of more help to the poor and disadvantaged.

Pope Francis isn't the first pope to be offering support for the poor of Rome, but he and his predecessors can only do these things because they have the resources.

So, yes, the church needs to be a church for the poor – a church in which people who are on the edges, and who have desperate needs, can feel welcome and at home. But it needs to be rich(er) so that it can better respond to the needs of the poor, and to fight against injustice and all that causes people to live lives that are not free and not flourishing.

Fr. Roger

From the Registers:

Baptism

September 24th Annie Kay Chappell

Celebration of Light

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

September 23rd Fred Hone
October 3rd Ronnie White
November 7th Neil & Jill Hunter
November 17th Gwynneth Wood
November 23rd Ron Reeve-Johnson

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.

Dickensian Evening Friday 2nd December 7 - 9pm

Come along to a fun-filled festive evening!

Alongside the traditional stalls of cakes, books, tombola, raffle and games, there will be new stands selling stylish goods - ideal for that special gift plus many handmade stocking-fillers for all ages.

Enjoy mulled wine and hot mince pies and listen to live seasonal music in the beautiful Parish Church whilst making your Christmas purchases.



Advance notice:

The Christmas Carol Service will be on Thursday 22nd December at 7.30pm. This will be a traditional service of readings and carols, followed by light refreshments in church.

Unlocking the mysteries!

12th November

This will be an **OPEN DAY** to show how the Church operates, how things happen, and why. If you missed the last one, and if you have questions about what goes on and seek answers, then this day is for you.



There is a programme for the day which we shall try and keep to....although it may be flexible! You are welcome to come for the whole day but you also may just want to come to the part of the day that appeals to you. Timetable is as follows:

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| From 10.45 | Refreshments |
| 11.30 | We re-create the Friday morning Parents and Toddlers Worship services. |
| 12.00 | History Tour: from the really ancient to the more modern bits. Come and hear Father Roger in his element! |
| 12.30 | Explore the spiral staircase to the bell chamber and watch the bell ringers in action. |
| 13.00 | Explanation of the Vestments worn by Father Roger and also see some of the various bits of “silverware” that are used during services. |
| 13.30 | Do you enjoy singing or listening to music? If so this session is for you. Come and listen and maybe join in. |
| 14.00 | If you were asked what was “swell”, “great” and blows a lot the answer is not the Churchwardens on a Sunday morning! This is an opportunity to listen to one of the finest pipe organs in the area and maybe ‘have a go’. |
| 14.30 | Refreshments and questions for any of the church representatives available. |

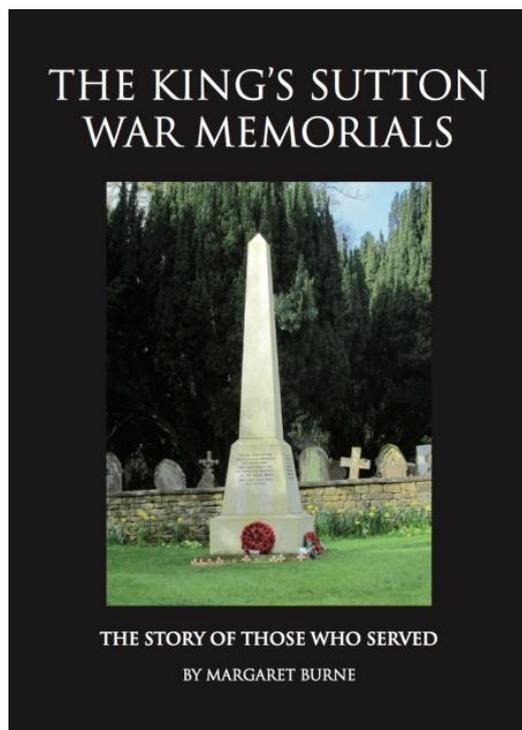


"Ready when you are, George..."



The King's Sutton War Memorials

- the story of those who served



Written as part of the commemoration of the centenary of the First World War, this book gives a fascinating view of the lives of King's Sutton men one hundred years ago, and will be of interest to anyone with King's Sutton connections as well as to descendants of all those who served during the Great War.

As well as the casualties of the Second World War, one casualty from Hong Kong in 1953 is included, as is Arthur Halestrap who lived here for many years.

Available now, from the author, Margaret Burne and from the Post Office.

Price £7.50. email: burnemargaret@gmail.com

Telephone: 01295 811936.

All profits will go to the King's Sutton Parish Church Restoration Appeal.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday falls on 13th November. A Service of Remembrance will start at the War Memorial at 10.55am, and then continue in the Parish Church afterwards. All are most welcome to this. Collections at this service will go towards the Royal British Legion.



On Friday, 11th November, there will be a short act of Remembrance at the War Memorial starting at 10.55am. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Parish Church room.

King's Sutton Parish Church Website

<http://kingsuttonchurch.weebly.com>



In recent months the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been thinking about the priorities for our work in the months and years to come. In due course this will all come together in a formal document called a “Growth Action Plan” (GAP). But of course while thinking about the future we get on with our work in the here and now.

One of our priorities is to communicate better with the wider community and to this end the PCC wanted to set up a website for the Parish Church, which Roger Burne volunteered to help with.

The project will be one which evolves and can only be as good as the contributions which are offered. For the moment the site gives an up to date guide to forthcoming services and events. Also accessible are information sheets about the history of our church, a description of various services, further information about occasional events, some photographs, and the monthly Newsletters. Plus of course when the GAP is finalised that will be there too.

So please take a look at this new means of communication at: <http://kingsuttonchurch.weebly.com> and comments or suggestions will be gratefully received in person or by email at: rogerburne@gmail.com

ADVENT PROCESSION

On Advent Sunday evening at 6pm (27th November), in place of our usual sung Evensong, we will be holding an Advent Procession. The movement of the service is symbolic: travelling from West to East as a sign of our spiritual journey towards the light of Christ. We will be moving from darkness to light. The readings and music reflect the prophecies of the Old Testament with readings from Isaiah, and move us to the hope of the coming King. The procession culminates in a movement from penitence to praise, again reflected in the readings from the New Testament and in the hymns.

To think about.....

“In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it.”

(Pope Francis)

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.

FAMILY SERVICE: this is normally held in the chancel of the church in the choir stalls. This will be on November 27th (Advent Sunday) at 10am this month.



Services at Newbottle in November at 9.30 am:

November	6 th	Kingdom II	Sung Eucharist
November	13 th	Kingdom III and Remembrance	Matins
November	20 th	Kingdom IV / Christ the King	Sung Eucharist
November	27 th	Advent Sunday	Matins

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

		KING'S SUTTON
Tues	1	<i>All Saints: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	2	<i>All Souls: Requiem Mass 7pm</i>
Thurs	3	
Fri	4	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	5	
Sun	6	Kingdom 2: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	7	
Tues	8	<i>Saints & Martyrs of England: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	9	
Thurs	10	
Fri	11	<i>S Martin: Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Act of remembrance at the War Memorial 10.55am</i>
Sat	12	
Sun	13	Kingdom 3 / Remembrance Sunday: Mass 8am; Service of Remembrance 10.55am; Requiem Mass 6pm
Mon	14	
Tues	15	Mass 9.30am
Weds	16	
Thurs	17	
Fri	18	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am
Sat	19	
Sun	20	Christ the King: Sung Mass 11am; Songs of Praise 6pm
Mon	21	
Tues	22	<i>S Cecilia: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	23	
Thurs	24	
Fri	25	<i>S Catherine: Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon</i>
Sat	26	Mass 10am SOLW
Sun	27	Advent Sunday: Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Advent Procession 6pm
Mon	28	
Tues	29	<i>Day of prayer for missions: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	30	<i>S Andrew: Mass 7pm</i>