

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

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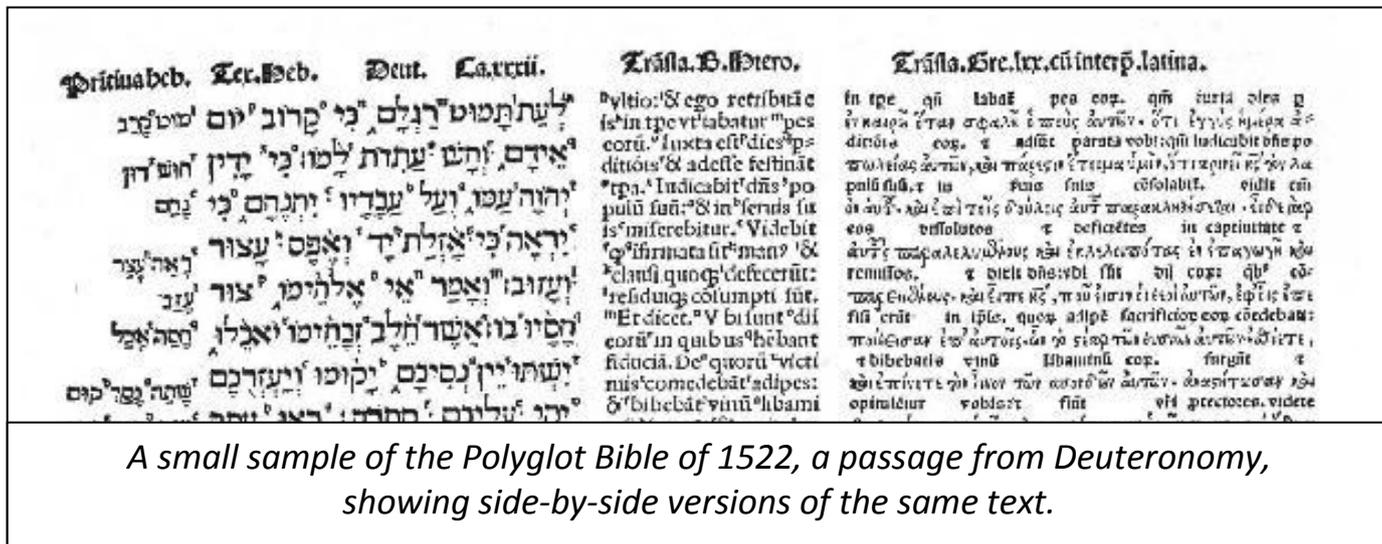
## REFORMERS

In 1517 Martin Luther nailed some of his writings, which became known as the 'Ninety-five Theses' to the door of the church in Wittenberg, a university town some 50 miles south-west of Berlin. This event 500 years ago is often regarded as the beginning of the Reformation, and we shall look at Luther more later in the year, but 1517 was also the year in which Cardinal Ximenes died, and he also was a reformer. We think of the Reformation as the movement that divided the Church through the creation of Protestant churches, but reformation had been a regular, if not constant, feature of the church, and within the parts of the Church that would remain loyal to Rome were many reformers.



Francesco Ximenes de Cisneros was born in Spain in 1436. As a young man he joined the Franciscan Friars, which had divided into two movements: those who kept to the original observance and those who lived in a more relaxed way. Ximenes joined the former. He had a spirit of austerity and humility. He was living in a newly founded community in Toledo, the old capital of Spain but his reputation spread and in 1492 he became Confessor to Queen Isabella, and

later spent time in Granada and acted as Regent. Not only did he live a severely ascetic life but he was concerned with education and liturgy. He founded the university of Alcala, and reintroduced the ancient Mozarabic Liturgy. This dated from the time when the Moors had conquered Spain and is the basis of the liturgy of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Spain, which is in communion with Canterbury.



*A small sample of the Polyglot Bible of 1522, a passage from Deuteronomy, showing side-by-side versions of the same text.*

His most important work, however, was the ‘Complutensian Polyglot’. For the Old Testament this was a parallel treatment of the Hebrew, Latin Vulgate and the Greek translation, together, for the first five books of the OT, a Chaldean paraphrase, and with a Latin translation. This was for creating a firmer text for modern usage. Ximenes was also responsible for producing the first printed edition of the New Testament in Greek. Others are credited with this too, but it was Ximenes who was the first. This was important because it would lead to the translation of The Scriptures into the vernacular - English, French, German etc, so that people could read the Bible for themselves – a key demand of the Reformers. He became Cardinal Archbishop of Toledo and died aged 81. Next month, Savanarola and Erasmus, two more “catholic reformers”.

Fr. Roger

*Health:*

*Following a CT scan I saw the consultant on December 1<sup>st</sup>. There is good news in that the tumours have continued to shrink. So no more treatment for the present and I shall have another scan in 3 months to see how things are going. I shall continue to gradually return to work. I am grateful for all your prayers and good wishes.*

## From the Registers:

### Funerals:

December 1<sup>st</sup> Michael George Wyatt ('Snowy')

### Celebration of Light

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

November 27<sup>th</sup> Sophie Hamilton

December 3<sup>rd</sup> John McCarthy

December 6<sup>th</sup> Moira Holcombe

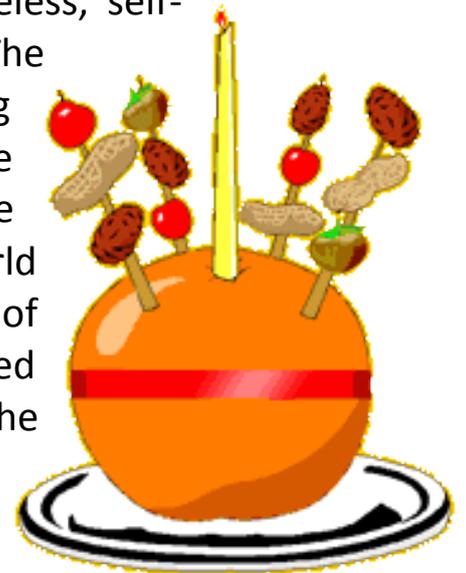
December 15<sup>th</sup> Ian Lloyd

December 25<sup>th</sup> Nick Nice

*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.*

## **CHRISTINGLE**

Children (defined by the Children Act as people under 18) are often in trouble. The modern world can be a dangerous place for them: drugs, sex, family problems, and we hear of young people being homeless, self-harming and even, and increasingly, of suicides. The Children's Society provides a safe place for such young people and you can help by coming to our Christingle on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and giving generously for the Society. The Christingle orange represents the world and the four sets of fruits, the fruits and good things of the world which are to be shared. It is banded by a red ribbon, Christ's blood shed for us, and topped by the candle: Christ the Light of the World. Please come and help to bring light into the darkness of some desperate children's lives.



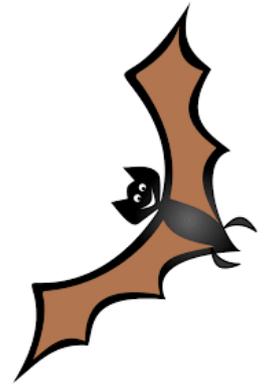
Fr Roger

## Fabric update



The second line of the well-known hymn, 'All things bright and beautiful' is ....  
'All creatures great and small' .....

And just recently the Vicar and Wardens have been notified that we satisfy most of the criteria for the second line in the form of death watch beetles, bats and woodworm!!!



As part of the planning of the next phase of the Restoration process, to the Chancel roof, surveys have had to be done on the roof timbers, and also to have a bat survey. The report on the roof timbers shows that there is evidence of death watch beetle but it was not possible to say how recent that had been as at the time of the survey it was outside the so called 'active period' when the beetle is at its most active. So when the roof repair starts one of the first things to be done is to get the timber treated. The bat survey also highlighted that there was evidence of bats in the building, but again at the time of the survey it was the dormant period so no bats were found. The report was able to say – by inspection of a few droppings found in the church – that it is almost certain to be the most common bat, the *Pipistrelle*. (How are they able to say that?!) It does mean however that a further survey will need to be done to determine whether there are families of bats roosting within the timbers and slates of the chancel roof. Bats of course are a protected species so they cannot just be destroyed. Specific specialised action will need to be taken to try and re-house them. So if anyone has a spare loft or outhouse that would suit some bats then please let the Vicar or one of the Wardens know!

What seemed at the outset to be a project replacing the tiles on part of the chancel roof has turned into something far more involved and will be a little later starting the work than was at first envisaged.

As if that was not enough to be concerned about we have identified that there is woodworm in parts of the church furniture. Over the next few months a systematic approach to 'painting' the pews will take place so that we remove the woodworm. Visitors should therefore note that if they experience a rather pungent smell it is just the liquid killing off the woodworm. Please bear with us; it will all get done before Easter and will not affect any weddings booked for the summer.



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>



The theme this year chosen by Christians in Germany is CROSSING BARRIERS. The biblical passage is from 2 Corinthians 5:14 – 20 (see below) in which S Paul speaks about the new creation in Christ and that he has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation. The image shows a barrier, but also a cross. In our ecumenical journey, on our way to the unity which is Christ's will, there are barriers to overcome and reconciliation is to be worked for.

Fr. James and I talked about this and we have decided to hold a Catholic Mass at the beginning of the week and an Anglican one at the end. Both at 7pm and all Christians of whatever tradition are invited to share in these acts of worship.

The not sharing of Holy Communion is one of the barriers that still exist, and so at the Catholic Mass, only those who are members of the Roman Catholic Church may communicate. Others may receive a blessing. The Anglican rule is that if you are a communicant member of your own church then you may receive Holy Communion, however, we also acknowledge that the disciplines of other churches do not allow people to take up our offer – notably Orthodox and Catholic Christians, but again a blessing may be offered and received.

Fr. James and I know that this “barrier” is hurtful for many people but it is the reality of where our Churches are, and it is important that we understand that and yet work together in all the ways that are open to us.

Fr Roger

*‘For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.’*

KING'S SUTTON PARISH CHURCH  
Presents:

"DEE'S DELIGHTS"

**Starring Dee Thobourne**

With a supporting cast of Cakes, Coffee and Books!

Appearing in the Parish Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning in the months of  
January (21<sup>st</sup>), February (18<sup>th</sup>), March (18<sup>th</sup>)

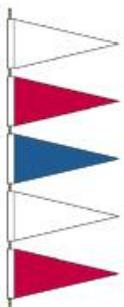
Free entry. 10.30 until 12.30.

Come along and see what Dee has on offer.

**MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

The fundraising group have planned the following programme for 2017.

Lent Lunches for various charities on: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and  
April 7<sup>th</sup>. These are all Fridays starting at 12.30 in the church room.



Also:

- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fruit Fayre
- 26<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest soup lunch
- October – Evening with a speaker (tbc)
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Fayre



## To think about.....

“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.”

*Martin Luther*

## 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. This resumes on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**FAMILY SERVICE:** this is normally held in the chancel of the church in the choir stalls. This will be held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am this month.



## Services at Newbottle in January at 9.30am:

January	1 <sup>st</sup>	Naming of Jesus	Sung Eucharist
January	8 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany 1	Matins
January	15 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany 2	Sung Eucharist
January	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Epiphany 3	Matins
January	29 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany 4	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 January 2017**

**PLEASE CHECK FOR UPDATES. If in any doubt please ring 01295 810967.**

		<b>KING'S SUTTON</b>
Sun	1	<b>Naming of Jesus:</b> Sung Mass 11am
Mon	2	
Tues	3	Mass 9.30am
Weds	4	Mass 7pm
Thurs	5	
Fri	6	<i>The Epiphany:</i> Mass 7.30pm
Sat	7	Mass 10am
Sun	8	<b>Epiphany 1:</b> Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	9	
Tues	10	Mass 9.30am
Weds	11	Mass 7pm
Thurs	12	
Fri	13	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	14	Mass 10am
Sun	15	<b>Epiphany 2:</b> Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	16	
Tues	17	Mass 9.30am
Weds	18	Catholic Mass 7pm
Thurs	19	
Fri	20	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	21	Mass 10am
Sun	22	<b>Epiphany 3:</b> Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	23	
Tues	24	Mass 9.30am
Weds	25	Mass 7pm
Thurs	26	
Fri	27	Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	28	Mass 10am
Sun	29	<b>Epiphany 4:</b> Sung Mass 11am; Christingle 4pm
Mon	30	
Tues	31	Mass 9.30am