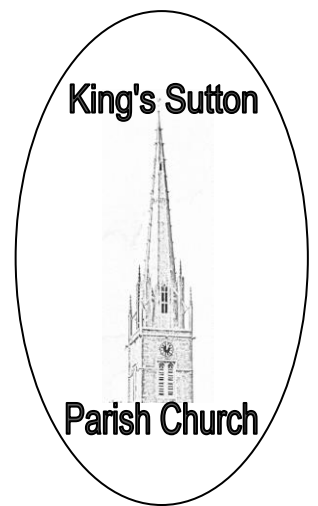


CHURCH NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017



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Reformers (3)



Now for more on Martin Luther, one of those who not only wanted to clean up the church from its late mediaeval corruptions, but wanted to change the Church's teaching too, and thus, being excommunicated by the Pope, found himself having to establish what was all but a new church. This came to be named after him.

Martin Luther, born in 1483, was a clever boy and well educated at Erfurt University. One day he was riding his horse during a thunderstorm and was struck by lightning. Obviously he survived, but this incident deepened his Christian faith, and he decided to join the Augustinians as a friar. He continued his theological studies and received a Doctorate at Wittenberg in 1512. So, here we have him, a friar, priest, theologian, and musician; but then in 1517 he published his 95 theses. The story goes that these were nailed to a church door in Wittenberg, and they will show you the door, but this is actually an apocryphal story. They were actually printed and published that year. But these theses are seen as the first dramatic act of the Reformation. He set off a furious debate and in 1521 was excommunicated by Pope Leo X as a heretic and condemned and declared an outlaw at the Diet of Worms – an imperial assembly (Diet) of the Holy Roman Empire held in Worms, then an

Imperial Free City of the Empire. However, the local big-wig, Frederick III, gave him shelter in the castle at Wartburg, and there was much support for him in Wittenberg where he returned in 1522, remaining there till his death in 1546.

There were two fundamental issues for him. One was that the Bible was the only source of divine knowledge – over against the traditional view that reason and tradition also had a role to play. And secondly, that salvation was by faith alone. The Catholic teaching was that you showed your faith by your acts. Luther translated the Bible into German and in German culture that is the most important factor in the development of the modern language. He also denied the need for priests, although many Lutheran churches did continue with bishops and priests. Clerical marriage was also allowed and indeed Martin married a girl called Katharine. She was 26, he was 41!

Other important things Luther did included writing a reformed Liturgy in German, a Catechism and encouraging congregational singing by writing some of the first chorale-type hymns. At the time there was some influence upon the Church here, and there are a handful of Lutheran Churches in the UK - mainly ex-pat German communities. However, Lutheranism spread into Scandinavia and the Church of England is in communion with those churches.

Fr. Roger

(Note: Two of Luther's hymn tunes appear in the New English Hymnal: nos.170 [Nun Freut Euch] and 444 [Ein' Feste Burg])

Celebration of Light

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

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| January | 7 th | Joan Leycester |
| January | 27 th | Jan Leycester |
| January | 30 th | Les Nutt |
| February | 1 st | Bob Reid |
| February | 5 th | Ida May Furminger |
| February | 8 th | Alec Lovell |
| February | 9 th | Betty Simms |
| March | 24 th | Jill Hunter |

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

February 5th Verity Ida Price
February 12th Bear William Anderson
February 12th Kelly Anderson
February 12th James Alan William Merrigan
February 12th Danielle Singleton
February 12th Shakira Louise Terry

Funerals:

January 18th Donald Bradshaw
January 27th Frank Ernest Daniel
January 31st Kathleen Mary Stewart

LENT COURSE:

LIVING AN

AUTHENTIC LIFE

During Lent, a course entitled 'Living an Authentic Life' – which has been created by USPG, will run in the Parish on Tuesdays at 10am in the Church Room, (after the 9.30am service), and will be repeated on Wednesdays at 7.45pm at 5 Green Lane, Charlton. The course starts on 7th/ 8th March, and will consist of five sessions. Its aim is to explore what it means to be a disciple of Christ today, looking at Bible passages and reading about experiences of Christians around the world. The five parts of the study are:

1. Introducing discipleship;
2. How shall we live?
3. Living with difference;
4. A world of injustice;
5. Counting the cost.

LENT LUNCHES

As is usual during the period of Lent, simple soup lunches will be held on Fridays in the Church Room starting at 12.30 pm. Donations from these lunches will be given to various charitable organisations.



The first lunch will be held on 10th March.



**Women's World Day of Prayer,
Friday March 3rd.
Service at 10am in the Baptist Church
Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action**

Women's World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer held on the first Friday in March each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Through Women's World Day of Prayer women are encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of the wider community.

The Day of Prayer begins as dawn breaks over the islands of Tonga in the Pacific and continues across each continent until the last Services of this special day are held back in the Pacific on the islands of Samoa, circling the world in prayer for about 36 hours.

Why not make a note in YOUR diary as we would like YOU to join with us on the 3rd March, with Christians from over 170 countries and islands, uniting together in praise, worship and in prayer. Women's World Day of Prayer includes Christian women from Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches

“Ash Wednesday” by Jim Burklo

On my forehead,
A sign of the cross,
Smudged in ash from the fire
That burned down the McMansion of my hubris,
And, with it,
The money I should have given away,
The television I used to numb my senses,
The carpet I should have been called on,
The doors I should have opened to others,
The envelopes I should have used
To send letters of love,
The wise books I shelved prominently
So that others would think I had read them,
The blank places in my photo albums
Where my darker moments should have been remembered,
The calendars where visits with the people who needed me most
Should have been scheduled,
The couch of my complacency,
The lounge-chair of my laziness,
The shirts I stuffed with my pride,
The moccasins I should have traded with others
So we could have walked miles in them.

On my forehead,
A sign of the crossroad
Where I can turn from the way of ruin
To the way of life.

*(Jim Burklo is the Associate Dean of Religious Life
at the University of Southern California)*

KING'S SUTTON PARISH CHURCH
Presents:



Starring Dee Thobourne

With a supporting cast of Cakes, Coffee and Books!

Appearing in the Parish Church

Saturday March 18th

10.30am until 12.30.

A warm welcome awaits you, so
come along and join in.

Please put the date in your diaries now!

To think about.....

“Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.”

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.

FAMILY SERVICE: this is normally held in the chancel of the church in the choir stalls. However there will be NO separate Family Worship this month as everyone will be joining in the 11am Mass on March 26th which is Mothering Sunday.



Services at Newbottle in February at 9.30am:

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| March | 1 st | Ash Wednesday (10am) | Holy Communion |
| March | 5 th | Lent 1 | Sung Eucharist |
| March | 12 th | Lent 2 | Matins |
| March | 19 th | Lent 3 | Sung Eucharist |
| March | 26 th | Lent 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 March 2017

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

| | | KING'S SUTTON |
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| Weds | 1 | <i>Ash Wednesday:</i> Sung Mass 7.30pm including imposition of ashes |
| Thurs | 2 | |
| Fri | 3 | Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12.noon |
| Sat | 4 | Mass 10am |
| Sun | 5 | Lent 1: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm |
| Mon | 6 | |
| Tues | 7 | <i>SS Perpetua & Felicity:</i> Mass 9.30am |
| Weds | 8 | <i>Edward King:</i> Mass 7pm |
| Thurs | 9 | |
| Fri | 10 | Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon |
| Sat | 11 | Mass 10am |
| Sun | 12 | Lent 2: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm |
| Mon | 13 | |
| Tues | 14 | Mass 9.30am |
| Weds | 15 | Mass 7pm |
| Thurs | 16 | |
| Fri | 17 | <i>S Patrick:</i> Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon |
| Sat | 18 | <i>S Cyril:</i> Mass 10am |
| Sun | 19 | Lent 3: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm |
| Mon | 20 | |
| Tues | 21 | <i>S Joseph:</i> Mass 9.30am |
| Weds | 22 | Mass 7pm |
| Thurs | 23 | |
| Fri | 24 | <i>Walter Hilton:</i> Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon |
| Sat | 25 | <i>The Annunciation:</i> Mass 10am SOLW |
| Sun | 26 | Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday): Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm |
| Mon | 27 | |
| Tues | 28 | Mass 9.30am |
| Weds | 29 | Mass 7pm |
| Thurs | 30 | |
| Fri | 31 | <i>John Donne:</i> Parent & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon |