

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

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***An evening with Richard Coles***



You may be a regular listener to Richard on 'Saturday Live', or follow him on social media. His Wikipedia entry describes him as: 'musician, journalist, priest'. He is indeed all those and much more.

His first career was as a pop star in 'The Communards'. They had three top ten hits. Richard plays many musical instruments, including the saxophone and clarinet. Then a call to the ordained ministry came along, and after training at the College of the Resurrection at Mirfield in West Yorkshire, he was ordained to be curate of Boston Stump in Lincolnshire. This was followed by ministry in Knightsbridge and the Royal Academy of Music. Now he is the Vicar of Finedon, where he lives in a celibate relationship with his civil partner. According to the Daily Telegraph, the best description of him is his own: " 'The atheist's favourite vicar', although I don't know what that really says about me,".

He broadcasts regularly and his name crops up in all sorts of places. He holds two honorary doctorates, is a Fellow of King's College London, and Chancellor of the University of Northampton – amongst other things.

He has written four books: two under the title 'Lives of Improbable Saints' and two of biography: 'Bringing in the Sheaves' and 'Fathomless Riches', or 'How I Went from Pop to Pulpit', which was released in August.

"I find myself with a curious double ministry," he says. "I have my parish here, where I am the vicar, but because of the wonders of having been famous, and having this platform, I have another kind of ministry as well."

Come and find out more! We are really pleased to announce that he is coming to talk with us and answer questions on the evening of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September in the Church. The evening will start at 7pm with drinks and canapés at 'Lovells' (on The Square). We shall then move into church to listen to Richard at about 7.45pm. Tickets are on sale at £12.50 from Margaret Burne. For catering purposes, please indicate if you would like to come by September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets need to be booked, but can be paid for and collected on the night. ([burnemargaret@gmail.com](mailto:burnemargaret@gmail.com) 01295 811936)

*Fr. Roger*

*Just as we were 'going to press', it has been announced that Richard is signing up for 'Strictly come dancing'.....*

### **From the Registers**

#### **Baptisms:**

July	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Daniel Slattery
August	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lacey Billsdon
August	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sophie Humphrey

### **Celebration of Light**

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

June	21 <sup>st</sup>	Alec Lovell
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*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.*



## THE FOUR ELEMENTS



There was a time when people believed that everything that existed was made of the four elements: earth, water, air and fire. And symbols of these were used in works of art of all kinds.

Some of you may know the tapestry by John Piper in Chichester Cathedral. The central panels are of the Holy Trinity, but the outer ones feature symbols of the four evangelists - again traditional images based on passages from Ezekiel and Revelation: winged, a man for Matthew, a lion for Mark, an ox for Luke



and an eagle for John. But Piper adds to these symbols of the elements: he depicts Earth using suggestions of flowers, fruit and fertility above S Matthew. Then Air above S Mark - bubble and cloud-like motifs. Luke has Fire, represented by tongues of flame, and S John, Water with fishy and marine references. I am still trying to see the connections between the elements and the Gospels...

In September we celebrate Harvest – a giving thanks to God for all the goodness of his creation, and for the work of farmers and all those others who work to produce the food for our tables. But it is also an opportunity to give thanks for our own work whatever that is and the many services that we so often take for granted.

There is something elemental about harvest, and I end with a poem by J. D. C. Pellow:

## Bread

Earth bore me,  
Water fed me,  
Air bathed me,  
Fire stirred me.

Earth my substance,  
Water my fullness,  
Air my strength,  
Fire my joy.

I was lifted up,  
I was cut down,  
I was broken,  
I was burned

Earth I was,  
Water bound me,  
Air leavened me,  
Fire formed me.

All four elements  
Of the round world  
Meet in me  
For man's feeding.

For I am strength,  
I am cleanness,  
I am freedom,  
I am light.

I am lifted up,  
And draw men unto me,  
The fair white body  
Of God's Son.

# Harvest

We are celebrating Harvest on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> with an All Age Service - that means what it says! The service, like those on Christmas Day and Easter Day is designed for people from 0 - 100! So this is an opportunity for us all to come together, children, parents, the usual 8.00am and 11.00am congregations, those that come to Family Worship and those that come to the Parents and Toddlers worship services, and anyone else that wants to come along and enjoy a Harvest Eucharist but in a slightly different way!



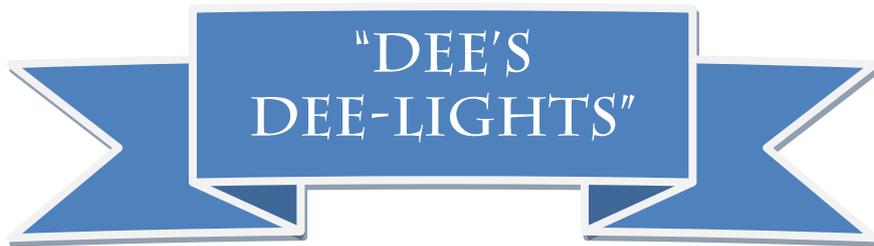
At Harvest we collect tinned and dry, packaged goods for homeless young people through the BYHP charity based in Banbury. We are also doing a monetary collection for Christian Aid, and envelopes for this will be found at the service.

## EVERY LITTLE HELPS!!!

From time to time there are 'BIG CLEAN' mornings at the church with lots of jobs – both inside and out, large and small to be worked on. If you can spare half an hour or so on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**, between 10.30 – 12 noon, we would love to see you! You will be most welcome. We are still removing ivy from some of the gravestones, so bring any tools that you think might help to do the job. Inside the church there is dusting, polishing and vacuuming to be done. Dusters and polish are provided – for those who prefer to work indoors. Coffee and tea are provided for the workers! For more information, please contact Margot on 811166.



Appearing in the Parish Church



With a supporting cast of Cakes, Coffee and Books!

**Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am until 12.30.

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

### **"On the Wild Side"**

As part of the Scarecrow Festival the Church is inviting everyone to join us for "On the Wild Side" activities in the churchyard! We will be building a Bug Hotel and also Insect Apartments which can be taken home to put in your garden. There will also be stick weaving and making a Dream Catcher as well as helping us to complete a large collage to hang in the Church as a part of the Harvest Festival.

There will also be a chance for you to make your own picture using colouring or collage with prizes to be won. These will also be displayed in the Church when finished.

Check the Church Website [kingsuttonchurch.weebly.com](http://kingsuttonchurch.weebly.com) or the Village website.

## To think about.....

To find the universal elements enough; to find the air and the water exhilarating; to be refreshed by a morning walk or an evening saunter... to be thrilled by the stars at night; to be elated over a bird's nest or a wildflower in spring - these are some of the rewards of the simple life.

*(John Burroughs, author 1837 – 1921)*

## 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 month everyone is invited to join in the all-age service at 11am on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>, when we will be giving thanks for the harvest.



## Services at Newbottle at 9.30am:

September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 12	Sung Eucharist
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 13	Morning Prayer
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 14	Sung Eucharist
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 15	Morning Prayer

**Looking ahead:** Harvest Celebration Tea from 5pm with Evensong at 6pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

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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## Calendar of Services for September 2017

Fri	1	<i>S Giles</i> : Mass 12 noon
Sat	2	<i>MM of Papua New Guinea</i> : Mass 10 am; Baptism 2pm
Sun	3	<b>Trinity 12</b> : Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	4	<i>S Birinius</i>
Tues	5	Mass 9.30am
Weds	6	
Thurs	7	
Fri	8	<i>Nativity of the BVM</i> : Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	9	Mass 10am
Sun	10	<b>Trinity 13</b> : Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	11	
Tues	12	Mass 9.30am
Weds	13	<i>S John Chrysostom</i> : Mass 7pm
Thurs	14	<i>Holy Cross Day</i>
Fri	15	<i>S Cyprian</i> : Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	16	<i>S Ninian</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	17	<b>Trinity 14</b> : Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	18	
Tues	19	<i>S Theodore</i> : Mass 9.30am
Weds	20	<i>John Patteson</i> : Mass for the Eve of S Matthew 7pm
Thurs	21	<i>S Matthew</i>
Fri	22	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	23	<i>S Padre Pio</i> : Mass 10am
Sun	24	<b>Trinity 15</b> : Mass 8am; All-age Mass for Harvest 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	25	<i>Lancelot Andrewes</i>
Tues	26	Mass 9.30am
Weds	27	<i>S Vincent de Paul</i> : Mass 7pm
Thurs	28	
Fri	29	<i>S Michael &amp; all Angels</i> : Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	30	<i>S Jerome</i> : Mass 10am SOLW