

**CHURCH
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King's Sutton**

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The Cross of San Damiano



October 4th is the feast of S Francis of Assisi. This cross dates from the 12th century, but it was in 1205 that Francis was praying before it in the Church of San Damiano and heard the words, “Francis, rebuild my church”. At first Francis took that literally, for this church was in a poor state, but later understood that he was called to build up the spiritual church. Thus was founded the Franciscans.

The Cross is inspired by S John’s Gospel. Christ is the central figure, a figure of light. “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (S John 8:12). He wears a crown of glory, not of thorns. He is shown alive, for he is Life, no longer dead. He is light and so radiant, overcoming the darkness. A king surrounded by scarlet. On his right are his mother and S John. On the left Mary Magdalen, another Mary, the centurion and the son whom Jesus had healed. In the outer corners are small figures of soldiers, near Jesus’ hands are angels, beneath his feet pilgrims, representing us. The heavenly host is seen at the top of the cross and God the Father’s hand reaches down to greet his son and he ascends triumphant over death.

This cross now hangs in S Clare’s Church in Assisi.

Finally, a prayer of S Francis:

‘Most high, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge, so that I may carry out your holy and true command.’

Fr. Roger

From the Registers

Baptisms:

August	27 th	Corey and Josie Buckle
September	2 nd	Taylor Welford
September	10 th	Emiliano, Meredith and Arlo Short

Funerals:

September	13 th	Linda Mary Blunn
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The Revd Richard Coles

It was a cool but dry evening as people gathered in the garden at Lovells for drinks and canapés, admiring the new fountain and the lovely garden, and looking forward to the talk by Richard Coles. The church was almost full as he was introduced by Fr Roger. “This is someone who needs no introduction”, he said and quickly handed over to our guest.

Richard spoke with his expected eloquence, humour and interest, talking a bit about “Strictly” but much more about his own life. His background was in the shoe industry of mid Northamptonshire, but he took himself off to London and got involved with pop music: a world of tours, hard work, fame, money. For him Christianity seemed an irrational fantasy, but then attending a service at S Alban’s Holborn, he had an extraordinary experience; “I went in as a spectator but left as a participant”. He studied theology at King’s College, London, but then worked for the BBC for a number of years. Ordination came later and he is now Vicar of Finedon. But he has these two worlds: the rural ministry in Northamptonshire, but also the wider world through broadcasting and writing.

He was warmly applauded and people left very appreciative.

Day Conference on Healing: St Peter’s Church, Brackley.

28th October 2017, 9.30am - 2.30pm.

Speaker: The Rt Revd Dominic Walker OGS

There can be no doubt that healing was a vital component of Christ’s earthly ministry and so must continue to be part of our own contribution to the mission of the whole church. In our time there is much quite proper focus on the wonderful cures that modern medicine can achieve, but attempts at physical cure all too often leave out the full components of healing in body, mind and spirit. We all have a role to play in the healing ministry whether it is in regular prayer for the sick, visiting the sick, chaplaincy or in the sacramental rites of laying on of hands, anointing and the Eucharist.

Bishop Dominic was a much loved Bishop of Reading in the Oxford Diocese before becoming Bishop of Monmouth until his retirement. He has extensive experience in the healing ministry and this day conference will provide a wonderful opportunity to refresh our understanding and roles.

For more information and to book your place please contact Jill Knight by email on jillianknight16@gmail.com

Bible Study - Mark's Gospel

This month we will start a series of six discussion sessions led by Roger Burne. We will be looking at some passages from St. Mark's Gospel. Starting at Advent (the beginning of the new church year), the Gospel readings on Sundays will come mainly from Mark. This is the shortest of the Gospels, as well as the first one to be written. The language is direct and urgent: it is easy to read right through in one go, and this is well worth doing before thinking about the individual passages.

These six sessions will be held on Tuesday mornings in the Church Room at 10.15am after Mass, and repeated on Wednesday evenings in Church at 7.30pm also after Mass. All are welcome to come in time for the Eucharist or just for the Bible Study sessions. Please bring a Bible in the translation of your own choice.

- 3 and 4 October **“The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”** *Mark 1:1 – 13*
- 10 & 11 October **A miracle and a controversy** *Mark 2:1 – 12*
- 17 & 18 October **Who is this, then?** *Mark 4:35 – 41*
- 15 & 16 November **The Baptist is beheaded and the disciples are sent out.**
Mark 6: 7 – 32
- 21 & 22 November **Whose blindness?** *Mark 8:22 – 9:1, 10:46 – 52*
- 28 & 29 November **Controversy in Jerusalem.** *Mark 11:12 – 25(26)*

Celebration of Light

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

August	12 th	Laura Evans' Grandma
August	25 th	Graham Evans
September	4 th	Ron Reeve-Johnson
September	24 th	Derek Townsend

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.

Appearing in the Parish Church



With a supporting cast of Cakes, Coffee and Books!

Saturday October 21st

10.30am until 12.30.

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

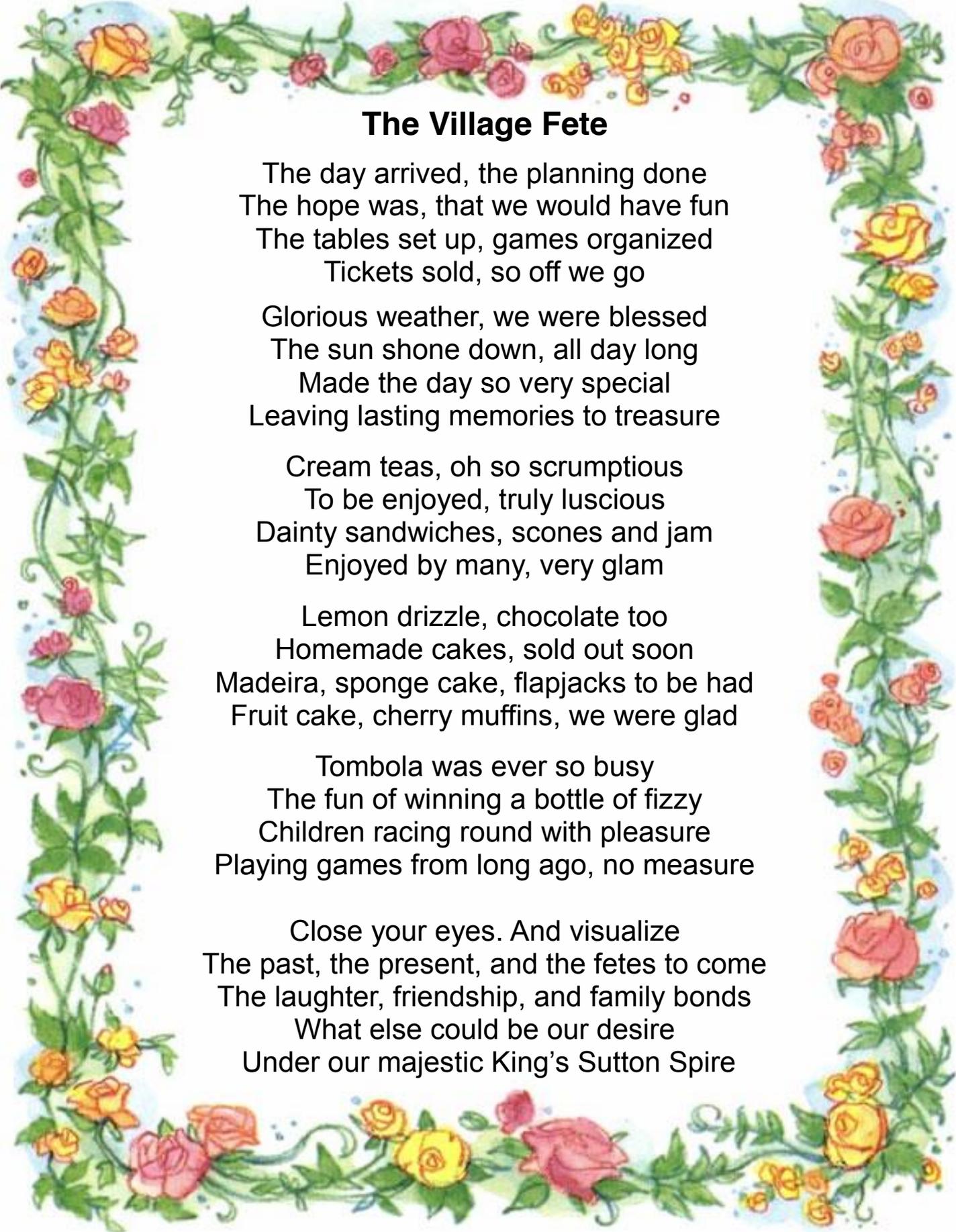
ADVANCE NOTICE:

A Dickensian Evening will take place on:

Friday 1st December 7 - 9pm in church



Alongside the traditional stalls, there will be new stands selling stylish goods -
ideal for that special gift for all ages.
More details in the November newsletter.



The Village Fete

The day arrived, the planning done
The hope was, that we would have fun
The tables set up, games organized
Tickets sold, so off we go

Glorious weather, we were blessed
The sun shone down, all day long
Made the day so very special
Leaving lasting memories to treasure

Cream teas, oh so scrumptious
To be enjoyed, truly luscious
Dainty sandwiches, scones and jam
Enjoyed by many, very glam

Lemon drizzle, chocolate too
Homemade cakes, sold out soon
Madeira, sponge cake, flapjacks to be had
Fruit cake, cherry muffins, we were glad

Tombola was ever so busy
The fun of winning a bottle of fizzy
Children racing round with pleasure
Playing games from long ago, no measure

Close your eyes. And visualize
The past, the present, and the fetes to come
The laughter, friendship, and family bonds
What else could be our desire
Under our majestic King's Sutton Spire

To think about.....

“He who works with his hands is a labourer.
He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman.
He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist.”

Francis of Assisi

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 this will be on Sunday 22nd October.



Services at Newbottle at 9.30am:

October	1 st	Harvest Thanksgiving	Sung Eucharist 9.30am Evensong 6pm, preceded by tea 5pm
October	8 th	Trinity 17	Morning Prayer
October	15 th	Trinity 18	Sung Eucharist
October	29 th	Last after Trinity	Morning Prayer

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 October 2017

Sun	1	Trinity 16: Sung Mass 11am
Mon	2	
Tues	3	<i>George Bell:</i> Mass 9.30am
Weds	4	<i>S Francis:</i> Mass 7pm
Thurs	5	
Fri	6	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	7	Mass 10am; Baptism 2pm
Sun	8	Trinity 17: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Baptism 1pm; Evensong 6pm
Mon	9	
Tues	10	<i>S Paulinus:</i> Mass 9.30am
Weds	11	<i>S Ethelburga:</i> Mass 7pm
Thurs	12	
Fri	13	<i>S Edward the Confessor:</i> Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	14	Mass 10am
Sun	15	Trinity 18: Sung Mass 11am; Baptism 1pm; Evensong 6pm
Mon	16	
Tues	17	<i>S Ignatius:</i> Mass 9.30am
Weds	18	<i>S Luke:</i> Mass 7pm
Thurs	19	
Fri	20	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	21	Mass 10am
Sun	22	Trinity 19: Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Baptism 2pm; Evensong with prayer for healing 6pm
Mon	23	
Tues	24	Mass 9.30am
Weds	25	<i>SS Crispin and Crispinian:</i> Mass 7pm
Thurs	26	
Fri	27	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am; Mass 12 noon
Sat	28	<i>SS Simon and Jude:</i> Mass 10am SOLW
Sun	29	Last after Trinity: Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	30	
Tues	31	Mass 9.30am