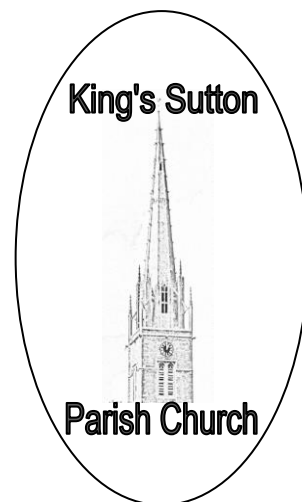


CHURCH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017



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CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS



It may be true that the Church converted a mid-winter festival in honour of Sol, the sun god, into the feast of Christmas. The Gospels give no idea of the season of the birth of Jesus Christ, and thanks to a medieval monk's error, it may well have been 7BC when he was born. Christmas became established as the feast of the Incarnation by the 4th century, and for Christians it continues to be the celebration of his birth.

More people go to church at Christmas than at other times of the year and all are welcome, but the festivities are much wider in scope. Office parties, giving of presents, sending of cards – probably more by email than through the post! – and the culmination in a large meal on December 25th. I have no argument with any of that although over-excess is not to be encouraged, but it is meant to be a feast – something out of the ordinary.

But surely people can't be unaware of the original significance of the day and what remains central for some. I used the word 'incarnation'. It is a theological term – 'enfleshment' is a more English version. The central question of 'Who is Jesus?' is answered by the phrase 'God with us'. [#Godwithus](#) is a resource published by the Church of England. You can find out more at

churchofengland.org/Christmas and follow the links. You can have material sent to your phone.

A neat summary is in this prayer. It is anonymous and was published by Christian Aid in 1985:

Blessed are you, O Christmas Christ, that your cradle was so low that shepherds, poorest and simplest of folk, could yet kneel beside it, and look level-eyed into the face of God.

Fr. Roger

From the Registers

Baptisms:

October 22nd Elsie Marion Dawn Bishop
November 12th Freyja Diana Iris Angus

Wedding:

November 4th Laura-Veniese Geraghty and Benjamin Pollard

Celebration of Light

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

November 27th Sophie Hamilton
December 16th Roger Stillman
December 23rd In memoriam Rodolph d'Erlanger

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.



DON'T FORGET!
THE DICKENSIAN EVENING
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 7 – 9PM
in the church

To think about.....

“At Christmas, I am always struck by how the spirit of togetherness lies also at the heart of the Christmas story. A young mother and a dutiful father with their baby were joined by poor shepherds and visitors from afar. They came with their gifts to worship the Christ child.”

(Queen Elizabeth II)

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 SERVICES: Please see the calendar overleaf for the Christmas services.



Services at Newbottle:

December	3 rd	Advent Sunday	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
December	10 th	Advent 2	Matins	9.30 am
December	17 th	Advent 3	Sung Eucharist	9.30 am
December	22 nd		Carol Service	6pm
December	24 th	Advent 4	First Eucharist of Christmas	9pm
December	25 th	Christmas Day	Eucharist	9.30 am
December	31 st	Christmas 1	Matins	9.30 am

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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ADVENT DONATIONS: As you open your Advent Calendar each day, why not make a small donation to BYHP. They prefer the following: Tinned goods, packet goods, peanuts, crisps, Pot Noodles. Containers in church.

Proposed Calendar of Services for December 2017

Please check with notice board in church or contact the Warden

Fri	1	<i>Charles de Foucauld: Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am;</i>
Sat	2	
Sun	3	Advent Sunday: Sung Mass 11am; Advent Festival 4pm
Mon	4	<i>S John of Damascus</i>
Tues	5	<i>Nicholas Ferrar: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	6	<i>S Nicholas</i>
Thurs	7	<i>S Ambrose</i>
Fri	8	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am;
Sat	9	
Sun	10	Advent 2: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	11	
Tues	12	<i>Samuel Johnson: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	13	<i>S Lucy</i>
Thurs	14	<i>S John of the Cross</i>
Fri	15	Parents & Toddlers' Worship 9.30am;
Sat	16	
Sun	17	Advent 3: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	18	
Tues	19	Mass 9.30am
Weds	20	
Thurs	21	
Fri	22	Carol Service 7.30pm
Sat	23	Mass 10 am SOLW; Nativity with Carols 3pm
Sun	24	Advent 4 / Christmas Eve: Mass 8 am; Said Mass 11am; First Mass of Christmas 11.30pm
Mon	25	Christmas Day: Sung Mass for all ages 11am
Tues	26	<i>S Stephen</i>
Weds	27	<i>S John the Evangelist</i>
Thurs	28	<i>Holy Innocents</i>
Fri	29	<i>S Thomas Beckett</i>
Sat	30	
Sun	31	Christmas 1 S Sylvester: Sung Mass 11am