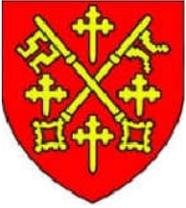


St Andrew's News



Kettering
Spring 2020



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for the foreseeable future

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Any urgent news email to Debbie Cox debbiejcox@live.co.uk who can also put it on the website if needed

*The editors reserve the right to edit articles to aid clarity or to fit the available space
Magazine this month compiled by Roger Payne*

NOTES FROM THE WARDARY

It was so good to see a full church on March 15th to say goodbye to Nick and Becky (although the Chief Medical Officer might not have been so happy). However, isn't it fortunate that their last Sunday wasn't March 22nd?

A service full of joy and thanksgiving was followed by a few short speeches and the presentation of gifts to them both. They said afterwards that the gifts were 'spot-on', and were overcome by your generosity. Thank you very much for that. The social committee served a buffet lunch in difficult conditions due to the epidemic. Thanks as usual to the members for all their work. Nick and Becky finally moved out on March 18th, but the vicarage had one final sting in the tail- the valve supplying water to the washing machine refused to close. Eventually a compromise which did not involve flooding the property was found.

One more source of joy on that day was that Amy was able to tell us that she has been recommended for training by the Bishop's Advisory Panel. She is now looking for a place at a theological college for September.

On March 17th we heard the news that the Archbishops had instructed that all C of E churches be closed for worship and other events 'for the foreseeable future'. Whilst this is a blow, it is one that we have been expecting; it was a matter of when, not if.

This will present a challenge in that the church community must continue to pray, celebrate and help one another without a community building as a central meeting point. Rest assured we are working on plans to ensure that these things happen. Everyone in our church can play a part in this, whether it's doing or receiving. We have been told that the Archbishop of Canterbury will lead a televised service of worship on Sunday mornings, and the Diocese of Peterborough has plans to live-stream services from the Cathedral in due course. These may be happening by the time you read this. WE have established some 'virtual' worship by continuing 'A Time to Pray' on Mondays in people's homes via e-mail, and similarly Morning Prayer. Let me know if you wish to join the e-mail group.

We propose to open the church from 9-10am each Sunday for social-distancing prayer. If anyone who has a key wants to offer to open/close up please contact Debbie. We have also closed the church rooms. **(Editor's note - With the latest announcements this could well change - check on the website)**

Isn't it ironic that at a time of the enforced closure of the church we don't have enough money to carry out the first phase of the redevelopment? With the closure of the church, Kettering Arts Centre has also had to close. As the main thrust of our grant applications for the redevelopment is that we are a community space in a church, this could be a blow.

Nevertheless, the recruitment process to find a successor for Nick will go on. We have almost finished the first draft of the 'Parish Profile', which is the document which prospective candidates will read before deciding whether to apply or not. It has to be approved by the PCC, and then the Archdeacon, Rural Dean and Lay Chair of the Deanery, so please continue to pray for the process of producing a document that will catch the eye and the imagination of a prospective vicar. He or she needs to be able to say 'I want to go there!'

Finally, as you all know from Noreen's articles in the magazine, it is the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the church this year. On June 14th (assuming, of course that the church is open again by then, which isn't certain) we have the Bishop's Chaplain, the Rev. Canon Tim Alban Jones leading both our morning services. A small committee is working on plans for that weekend, and if we can't celebrate the anniversary then, we will celebrate when we finally get back into the church.

Please continue to pray for us both as we go into the unknown.

*Debbie & John,
Your Churchwardens*



The Arts Centre will be postponing all events for the foreseeable future.

CHOIR NOTES

We were sad to say farewell to Nick on 15th March. At his request, during the Communion on that day, the choir sang the anthem “The Lord bless you and keep you” composed by John Rutter. The words, as shown below, are taken from Numbers chapter 6 vv.24-26 :-

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.

The most recent service led by the RSCM Voices (South) Choir, with whom I sing tenor, was a Choral Evensong held in Guildford Cathedral on Saturday 29th February. The music used there included Responses by William Smith (1603-1645), Evening Canticles by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) - his “Short Service” setting, and the Anthem “See, see, the word is incarnate”, also by Gibbons, in which I was honoured to be asked to sing a solo for a couple of pages (having been auditioned for it previously !) The words for this lengthy work (22 pages) were as follow (note – it is apparently not liturgically permitted to sing the word “Alleluia” during Lent, so we had to replace this with “Praise to the Lord” whenever it occurred) :-

See, see, the word is incarnate;
God is made man in the womb of a Virgin.
Shepherds rejoice, wise men adore, and angels sing:
Glory be to God on high:
Peace on earth, goodwill towards men.

The Law is cancelled,
Jews and Gentiles all converted by the preaching of glad
tidings of salvation.
The blind have sight and cripples have their motion;
Diseases cured, the dead raised, and miracles are wrought.
Let us welcome such a guest with Hosanna.

The Paschal Lamb is offered,
Christ Jesus made a sacrifice for sin.

The earth quakes, the sun is darkened,
The powers of hell are shaken;
And lo, He is risen up in victory.
Sing "Praise to the Lord"

See, O see the fresh wounds, the goring blood,
The pricks of thorns, the print of nails,
And in the sight of multitudes,
A glorious ascension.

Where now He sits on God's right hand,
Where all the choir of heaven all jointly sing:
Glory be to the Lamb that sitteth on the throne.
Let us continue our wonted note with Hosanna:

Blessed be He that cometh in the Name of the Lord;
With "Praise to the Lord"; we triumph in victory:
The serpent's head bruised, Christ's Kingdom exalted,
And heaven laid open to all sinners,
Amen.

The next service involving that choir was due to have been a Choral Evensong in Croydon Minster on Saturday 25th April; however, that has been cancelled by the Royal School of Church Music due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

Similarly, the services due to have been sung at St. George's Chapel, Windsor on the weekend of 25th/26th July have been postponed indefinitely as the authorities at the Castle have decided to cancel the use of 'Visiting Choirs' until 2021.

Brian Reid

St ANDREW'S CHURCH MEN

There will be no further bi-monthly luncheon meetings of the group until further notice. We shall hopefully resume these as and when the coronavirus has been contained, and will contact members at that time. We send you our sincere best wishes and prayers that you will keep yourself safe and healthy, with our Lord's help, at this critical time.

Peter I

The cross stands

Holy Week and Easter mark the climax of the Christian year – and this indeed is the pivotal point of all human history. The extraordinary drama of this season, the gathering darkness as Jesus' enemies seek for the opportunity to destroy him, the poignancy of the Last Supper, the desolation of Good Friday as Jesus hangs upon the cross, the unprecedented, bewildering, unsettling events of Easter morning as Jesus' friends encounter not a corpse but an empty tomb, and the eruption of joy as they encounter the Risen Christ himself – all this will be recalled and enacted in churches across the diocese, up and down the land, throughout the world.

At the Cathedral, we do all this in the presence of sculptor Frank Roper's compelling image of Christ on the cross that hangs at the head of the Nave. The piece is red and gold, symbolising sacrifice and glory, with a Latin inscription that reads 'Stat Crux Dum Volvitur Orbis' which translates as 'The cross stands (or is steady) while the world turns' (or more accurately 'is being turned').

This phrase, which is the motto of the Carthusian Order, has immediate relevance to the drama of this season, but also has a much broader significance for Christians about where to find meaning in the midst of a world in turmoil.

As far as the narrative of Holy Week is concerned, the cross is the point of destiny and departure. Jesus has "turned his face towards to Jerusalem" – increasingly he sees

the cross as the inevitable outcome of the challenge he has brought to "principalities and powers" (secular and religious) of this present age. Yet it is not the end. This is, in every sense, a crossroads, and the cross points forward to the "glorious freedom of the children of God" – freedom from the fear of death because the cross is the worst that the world can do, and it is not enough. The unstoppable power of the love of God revealed in Jesus cannot be defeated.



As for us, we need to know that living radically in the way of the Gospel will see us being challenged too, and so we need to refocus our attention on the cross. While the Church debates, while the world is in uproar, the cross stands as a sign of love, hope and meaning.

The Cathedral itself has down the years had some tumultuous times, not least in the past few years, and we still face big challenges to become not least financially secure for the long term. But we face all this with a deep confidence because we stand day by day at the foot of the cross, and place our trust in Christ's power to redeem and renew.

We adore you O Christ and we bless you because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Dalliston'.

The Very Revd Chris Dalliston
Dean of Peterborough

A true Pioneer

Claire Reetz, one of our Diocesan Missioners for the Gen2 Project, is currently studying for a diploma in Theology, Ministry and Mission at Church Mission Society in Oxford, as part of their Pioneer Mission Leadership Training course. Claire recently did an interview for CMS's Pioneer blog, and we liked it so much we thought we'd print it here.

Claire, what drew you into pioneering mission?

As a children and families worker, I have a real passion for journeying with young people and families as they learn more about Jesus. I work in a diverse group of rural churches with a heart for children's ministry, who recognise that we need to be outward facing and serving communities. This simply cannot happen from within the church walls only! Mission for me is discerning and serving God. It is about joining in, listening and pushing yourself out of your

comfort zone. Pioneering mission offers me this and so much more.

You are studying for a diploma in Theology, Ministry and Mission at Church Mission Society in Oxford, as part of their Pioneer Mission Leadership Training course. Can you tell us more about this?

The Gen2 Project encourages parishes to pass the baton of faith on to our children and young people. Part of this scheme is an opportunity to undertake further study. When I was considering how this would look for me, I knew I really wanted a place that could help me explore ways of doing things differently, ways to engage with people and a way of reaching beyond the church walls. When I came to a CMS open day, I knew that I had found it. When I saw the phrase "fitting in is over-rated" I felt like they were talking my language! CMS know that Jesus is for everyone, not just for people in church on a Sunday morning, and this is what I base my ministry on.

Your role is the Children and Families Worker across the Tove Benefice. Can you say a bit about the churches in the benefice and the families you work with? What does an average day in your role look like or is there no such thing?

I am sure any Children and Families Worker will tell you that there are no two days that are the same! My benefice is made up of churches in a large market town, a large village and three small



villages. I get to work and worship alongside a huge variety of people, and I learn from them all in different ways. I love being around people, learning their stories and listening to what faith means in their lives. Pioneering mission is perfect for this!

Working with children has always brought me so much joy, and I am blessed to serve in two primary schools each week. I lead collective worship, do lunch time groups, teach RE and work with smaller groups of children on projects. I run two pre-school groups where we worship and learn in our own version of church, and I am involved in leading our all-age services which happens across the benefice each week.

How did you get involved in Messy Church and how it is going?

Messy Church is both a challenging and rewarding part of my work. I joined a fantastic team of volunteers who had been running it for a while and were doing it really well. Since then, I have spent time reflecting on its purpose. As a Pioneer, I am always looking for new ways of doing things and new opportunities! Messy Church involves food, games and craft activities, which are all time-consuming things to create! One



Claire leading communion at the Little Sprouts Toddler Group

of my favourite sayings is “the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing” – and the main thing is Jesus. The crafts and food are lovely but it is the welcome and the message of each session which are really important. I would far rather a child went home knowing more about Jesus than with a complicated craft that took hours to design! We welcome new families into church for the first time at these events so we are focused on making them special and memorable, but for the right reasons.

You are heading into your third term with CMS. How has the Pioneer course been for you so far?

The course so far has made me step back from the everyday and really reflect on my context in a new way. It has made me look at what is working well and feel proud of it, as well as giving me opportunities to think about how I can move forward in new and

exciting ways. A huge part of this is meeting people who are both very similar and very different to me. Learning with others and sharing what other people are doing is really refreshing. It is amazing what ideas I come home with after a Monday in Oxford! The course leaders are really interested to find out what I am doing and how I connect with others to develop my practice.

The learning style here is very different to what I am used to. The course has challenged us to reflect on what we think, where we stand and how we can use our learning in our own contexts. It develops different learning styles and offers opportunities to take our learning in a way that is relevant to us. It is fantastic to be learning about things that I can take straight home with me and use in my own ministry.

How can people pray for you?

Please pray for the families in my benefice – that they may be open to a relationship with Jesus and that they feel his love for them. Please pray that children's and family ministry continues to be a priority in our parishes, and that they welcome new changes and opportunities. Finally, please pray for all children, youth and families workers – that they may be strengthened while working in a vital part of God's mission.

With thanks to Church Mission Society for granting permission to print this interview.

A link to Archbishops' letter and further guidance on the coronavirus can be found at:- <https://crosskeysmag.org.uk/?p=3282>

If you have internet access many church services are being streamed online. You can try:- <https://www.churchservices.tv>

The BBC has announced it is launching a virtual church service on Sundays amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The virtual church service will take place on Sunday mornings across local radio in England, initially led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

The BBC will also aim to broadcast a weekly Sunday morning church service on BBC One, but this will be subject to outside broadcast capacity.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families



Chartered Physiotherapist Ann Gardner was our speaker at the meeting on 5th March. Introducing us to her 'friend' Sid, she pointed out the main weight-bearing joints of the body which may trouble some of us – especially the over forties! The lower back, hips and knees were the most likely to cause problems and she explained the process and how osteoarthritis affects the joints.

Osteoporosis was also discussed, which is the result of loss of calcium from bones which makes them more fragile and likely to fracture. Both of these diseases can be mitigated by prescription medicines appropriate to the individual. The resulting pain or discomfort felt, could also be eased by pain relief medication when necessary. Artificial supports have sometimes been used and whilst it may appear to help, the joint is likely to become stiff and the surrounding muscles lose their strength. Members cited specific examples and many questions were answered during the session.

Ann herself was a national athlete some years ago and even her level of fitness does not prevent painful joints at times. Genes play a part – if a parent had arthritic fingers, a child may have the same in due course, but Ann said that the best remedy for us all was simply to gently keep using our various joints as we go about our daily lives; to remain active, if only doing housework, gardening or walking to maintain use and prevent the joints becoming stiff.

Noreen

PLEASE NOTE – There will be NO Lady Day Holy Communion Service on Wednesday 25th March.

The Mothers' Union meeting are also cancelled for the foreseeable future.

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ST ANDREW'S LADIES

At our meeting in February we had a talk and slide show by Delia Thomas about William Knibb. Although he was born in Market Street in Kettering in 1803, not many of us know much about him! He became an English Baptist minister and missionary to Jamaica. He is well known today for his work to free slaves. On the 150th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the British Empire, William Knibb was posthumously awarded the Jamaican Order of Merit. He died in Jamaica in 1845. There is a blue plaque in Market Street in remembrance of this truly remarkable man. Our next meeting has been cancelled due to the virus.

Best wishes to Nick, Becky and the boys as they move to Edinburgh to continue their ministry.

LANG MAY YOUR LUMB REEK!!?

Veronica MacAngus

ST ANDREW'S WALKING GROUP

Motto: When you walk, your steps will not be impeded; And if you run, you will not stumble. Proverbs 4:12

Seven walkers kick started the 2020 season with a walk around Summer Leys Nature reserve on a sunny but windy Wednesday in March. Summer Leys is a lovely nature reserve with lots of bird hides and feeding stations and attracts quite a few "twitchers" with telephoto lenses.

A pit stop for coffee and other more alcoholic drinks was made at The Stag at Great Doddington. No cake was scoffed as the main consumers of such items were absent and away on holiday.

We hope the next walk will be on Thursday April 16th at Rutland Water. Meet 10.30am at Barnsdale car park (All day parking £3). It is a return walk of approx. 6.5 mls to the other side of Rutland Water.

For full details contact Malcolm & Rosalind Robinson on 01536 519741. Mobile 07563089514.

Rosalind & Malcolm Robinson

Please check first as this may well not take place.

Saint Andrew's 150

Looking back at events preparing for the building of our church.

Kettering Parish Magazine of May 1870:

CHURCH OF S. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

It is thought advisable to postpone until our next number, which will appear just before the appointed day of opening, further detail as to the state of Finances. We shall hope to be in a position to announce at the same time the arrangements for the Consecration and other Services.

GENERAL FUND. *The additions received during the month of April amounted to £13.*

SMALLER CONTRIBUTIONS. *We have the pleasure of acknowledging 10s. "Proceeds of Fancy Work," from one who, in one way or another has been a frequent contributor to the Church.*

COLLECTION CARDS. *We should be glad to include in our next month's statement as many as possible of the still outstanding Cards.*

SPECIAL OFFERINGS. *According to request, we simply acknowledge in this place the receipt on April 23rd, of a £5 Bank of England note (No. 15113). We should much wish to communicate with our anonymous friend: will he, or she, indicate how?*

Some kind neighbours, already amongst the largest and most frequent subscribers to the Church, have now in addition to previous benefactions, sent £30 "towards Altar Plate and Altar Linen."

Amongst other gifts offered and accepted since our last number, we have especially to mention the promise of a worked Hanging for the Pulpit, and an Office Book.

A paragraph then comments on the Lent and Easter services [at the Parish Church] A bright and spring-like Easter Day, in full accord with the character of the season, witnessed large congregations at every service, some 200 communicating, of whom 65 were present at the early Celebration. At the North-end there was a full Choral Service in the Evening with a crowded congregation.

More next month.

Noreen Cullup

Rotas

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With the closedown rules in place we have had to published this magazine on the website only. It will be the last magazine for the present, we will resume when it is safe to do so.