

All Saints Community Newsletter

November 2015

Wednesday 18th November, 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm, Praying Together for Peace and Compassion. Organised by Peterborough Inter-faith Council, in Peterborough Cathedral.



Thursday 19th November, Morning Pilgrim Group at 11 am. and 7 pm group both meet this week.

Saturday 21st November 2015 'Are you being Called?' All Saints School, Boughton Green, Kingsthorpe NN2 7AJ

Saturday 21st November, 10 am to 2 pm Winter Night Shelter training at the Salvation Army (Please bring packed lunch)

Monday 23rd November, 7 pm to 9.30 pm, Winter Night shelter training at Park Road Baptist Church



Images from All Saints Day 1st November 2015

Tuesday 24th November, 11.15 am Holy Communion at Park House

Tuesday 24th November, a short training event for lay people, 'Leading Collective Worship in Primary Schools', at Bouverie Court, 4.30 to 6.30 pm

Tuesday 24th November, Guides Celebration Event

5.45 pm -7.45 pm Join Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and their leaders as we come to celebrate together. We shall start with a short celebration in All Saints Church followed by fun activities and refreshments in the Church hall. Tracy Foster

Wednesday 25th November, 7 pm to 9.30 pm, Winter Night shelter training at Park Road Baptist Church

Thursday 26th November, No morning Pilgrim Group today.

Saturday 28th November, 10 am Church Together in Central Peterborough Advent Reflection Day at Peterborough Cathedral

Advent Sunday, 29th November

10 am and Advent Procession by candlelight 5.30 pm



Monday 30th November, 7 pm to 9.30 pm, Winter Night Shelter training at Park Road Baptist Church

Thursday 3rd December, 11 am Pilgrim Group

Wednesday 9th December, 1.30 pm

Queen's Drive School

Christingle Service



Christmas Tree Festival

11 am Friday 4th to 4 pm Sunday 6th December

Sunday 6th December, 10 am Sung Eucharist and Baptism of Leanna-Rose Worthington

Thursday 10th December, 7 pm Bishop John Flack leads an Advent Reflection.

Tuesday 15th December, All Saints Fellowship Carol Service

Sunday 20th December, 5.30 pm Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight

Tuesday 22nd December, 11.15 am Carol Service at Park House

Thursday 24th December, 4 pm Crib Service

Thursday 24th December, 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Friday 25th December, 10 am Christmas Day Eucharist

Curate's Diary

Some of you may have wondered what I do as a curate or what the difference is between the Vicar and the Curate. Curate is a position to prepare to be an incumbent as an ordained minister. The Training Incumbent(Vicar) and the Curate are like the Captain and the Co-pilot in the cockpit of the plane. Just like piloting a plane, ministry takes a great deal of experiences and training. So all newly ordained ministers are required to do a curacy before they start doing their own ministry as an incumbent. The Training Incumbent takes responsibility for nurturing the Curate and provides support, guidance and teaching. Just like the Co-pilot has to put hundreds of hours into practice with the Captain, the Curate and the Vicar have to put almost the same amount of time into Curate Training. There are more than a dozen Training Days and Residential Training Days, a Portfolio of evidence, Theological Reflections, Supervisions, reading, Spiritual Direction in a year apart from the basic ministerial activities.

You might question how I have become a curate at this stage? As you know I was ordained as a deacon in Seoul Diocese in 2013 after graduating Master's course in Divinity in Seoul. I served as a member of Diocesan Staff in the Department of Training as well as a minister in a Parish in Seoul. Back then I had no idea that I will end up being in England after 2 years. But our lives are full of surprises. A while after my ordination I met my wife Simona who was having a holiday in Seoul. After six months I proposed to her and she said yes. Around the time when I proposed, Bishop Donald was visiting South Korea as Seoul Diocese is the Sister Diocese of Peterborough Diocese. I was assigned to be the Bishop's guide and interpreter during his visit to South Korea. Given the fact that English would be the common language in our marriage, we thought England may be a place to start our family. As a minister, I felt my call is to go into a place which has cultural and ethnic diversity and to invite different people into the church, to become friends to one another in Jesus despite their differences. But I didn't know where exactly that place will be. I have been seeking for the answer from God where I am called to be. And here I am in Peterborough.

Since I came to Peterborough I have been working in a Pizza Takeaway house for about a year. As a manager I serve people and attend to my staff. It's been a great opportunity of training for me to be a good priest as I have met so many people from different backgrounds and religions, their stories and thirst outside the church. Every time when I change my

uniform from the clerical one to takeaway one, it reminds me of my calling which is to go into the world to let the people know that God loves them; that he wants to invite them into his family. It really makes me to keep my feet on the ground.

However, there were times of testing in this new environment. I had to see my vulnerability and brokenness in the face of challenges. But it was your care, your friendship and love that have kept me going on this journey of training and discernment. You have invited me and Simona who are strangers into the fellowship and embraced us as your brother and sister in Christ. We have left our father and mother, brother, sister and friends since we were on this journey. When we moved into a small room in All Saints', our very first home, every day we prayed for our families and friends back home. But now, we pray not just for the people back home, but for our brothers and sisters in Christ, for our friends that we met in Peterborough, our new home.

When I stand before the Altar, I am humbled by the generosity and love that I have received from you. When I stand at the pulpit, I am mindful that me standing in this pulpit is a fruit of the Gospel that the missionaries from England planted in the strange soil of Korea a hundred twenty five years ago. It was them who planted but it was you who watered it. If it wasn't for you the seed they planted would not have grown. If your love, your prayer haven't sustained me I could not come this far on this journey. Thank you. You have shown me this that we are deeply connected to each other than we can see as we are already in an intimate relationship with God; that we are friends.

With all good wishes in Christ

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John Asplin writes:

In a few months' time we must start thinking about renewing our pledge to All Saints Church.

We are told that tithing being 10% of your net income as a regular offering to the church by 5% to stewardship and 5% to one of the Christian charities in the church. Tithing is an acknowledgement in a

tangible way the Lord Jesus' ownership of us all we have. It is the recognition he deserves.

Anyone who receives Jesus Christ must receive him as he is :*Lord*. By definition a Christian is one who has received the Lord Jesus through Baptism. Since he *is* Lord, then when we receive him he becomes Lord of our Life, Jesus has complete say about what we do with our money, not just 10% of it.

Each of us must come to the realisation that all that we are and all that we have comes from our loving God. As good stewards of Gifts, we set aside a percentage of our income to enable the church to minister to the needs of all.

Keep this in your mind when the time comes to renew your pledge. Should you wish to become a member of our stewardship please see a member of the stewardship committee or take a brown envelope marked Stewardship from the rack in the Hall Foyer.

Our Giving at the moment stands at £22,055 with a current yearly forecast of £39,250, where possible people who have signed up for Gift Aid (if you are a Tax Payer) gives the Parish another £8000 a year. This does not give the treasurer enough money to pay all the bills with the money we pay to the Diocese standing at over £59,000 (this pays for the priests, the training of new priests, insurance and housing, etc.).

So if you have not already signed up for Stewardship please think about this or mention it to the churchwardens or Father Greg if you wish to see me and I will contact you.

John Asplin, Chairman

Park Streets Ahead Residents Association invites neighbourly people of all ages who live locally - and their friends - to

Tea & Cake & Music

at All Saints Church Hall, Park Road

2-4pm on 2nd Sundays monthly, 13 Dec

Drama workshop for age 8+...Activity table for toddlers...Welcome for everyone!

Helpers, musicians and cake donations are very much appreciated . *If you need help getting to the church hall, please ring Sue on 349907 or Beki on 764130 To book your child into Drama workshop, email parkstreetsaheadra@gmail.com and bring £5*

The Bishop of Peterborough writes

Ember Days

Are you into Ember Days? They always fall in threes: the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of the same week. There is one Ember week in March, one in June, one in September, and one this month.

The derivation of the word “Ember” varies according to who you ask, but its meaning (either from Anglo-Saxon or from Latin) is “quarterly”, four times a year. Hundreds of years ago these weeks were set aside by the Church, for gentle fasting and prayer. Gentle fasting means nothing between meals, and meat no more than once a day, so it isn’t too arduous! But the idea was to have one week in each of the year’s four seasons for slightly more focused prayer.



The Roman Catholic Church introduced the rule, which we have never had, that ordinations could only take place on an Ember day – though the Ember Day prayer focus in RC Churches these days is often something more general like world peace.

In the Church of England, although we don’t restrict ordinations to Ember Days, the Ember Days became prayer for those in ordained ministry, and particularly for more people to hear God’s call to consider ordination. Now that is something very specific which I like the sound of.

We have seen more people answering that call in recent years, including more young adults which is wonderful. But those people are almost all men, and they are almost all looking for full-time paid ministry. I’ve no objection to that, but wouldn’t it be good to see more women offering, and more for voluntary (“self-supporting”) ministry as well? (The answer to that question is a definite Yes!)

So perhaps you will commit with me to pray on this month’s Ember Days, 9,11 and 12 December, for God to call more young women and more self-supporting ministers into ordained ministry in this Diocese. Please do!

Each time I write a letter for December magazines someone says “Why didn’t you focus on Christmas?” The answer is that Christmas only occupies the last week of December: there’s plenty else going on as well which shouldn’t be forgotten. But just to complete the picture, and for after you have prayer your Ember prayers, do have a very joyful and peaceful celebration of our Lord’s birth.

With very best wishes

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