

All Saints Community Newsletter

March 2016

Diary dates

[What's On](#)

Wednesday 9th March 7.30 pm

Stations of the Cross

Thursday 10th March 7.30 pm

Lent Group

Saturday 12th March Bishop's Bible Day 9.30 am to 4.00 pm at Corby Business Academy [Link to Bible Day](#)

Tuesday 15th March 7.15 pm All Saints' Fellowship – Dementia Resource Centre, Lynne Carter

Thursday 17th March 7.30 pm Lent Group

Friday 18th March 1.30 pm All Saints' School Easter Service (KS1)

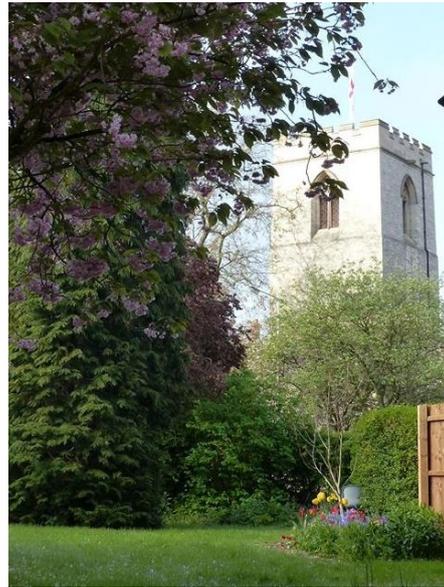
Tuesday 22nd March 11.15 am Holy Communion at Park Vista

Wednesday 23rd March 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 24th March 10 am NO Eucharist this morning

Thursday 24th March 7 pm Maundy Thursday Sung Eucharist

Friday 25th March 10 am Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting at **Stanley Recreation Ground**



**Friday 25th March 12 noon
Good Friday Liturgy**



Saturday 26th March 8 pm Vigil

**Sunday 27th March Easter Day: 8 am Eucharist, 10 am sung
Eucharist, 5.30 pm Evensong**

Monday 28th March No Morning Prayer today

Tuesday 29th March 11.15 am Holy Communion at Park House

Tuesday 5th April 7.15 pm All Saints' Fellowship – Social Evening

**Sunday April 17th 6.30 pm Annual Meeting (APCM) in the Church
Hall**

Tuesday 19th April 7.15 pm All Saints' Fellowship – Old Postcards of
Peterborough, Trevor Pearce

**Saturday 23rd April English Themed Evening/ Sausage and Mash
Supper**

Saturday 21st May, May Fayre including Craft stalls

A photo from the
Mothering Sunday Service

Fr Jun's sermon can be
Accessed from the
Website:

[Jun's sermon](#)



John Asplin would welcome any remaining responses to the letter about our **giving** to be returned.

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

An article about school admissions from Sarah Jackson:

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

Some of the best schools in the country are Christian faith school and we are blessed here in Peterborough by having one of those schools just down the road from All Saints' Church; The King's (The Cathedral) School, on Park Road.

As many of you find out this month (March) where your child is going to school, I thought it may be timely to inform those coming behind you what the entrance requirements are for King's and, of course, other faith schools.

First of all, the main point is to emphasise that it is NOT the involvement of the child in the Church which counts - it is the involvement of the parents.

The minimum requirement is five years of weekly Church attendance by the parents.

Also on the religious form, there is space for the extra involvement a

parent has in the church; member of the PPC, for example, Junior Church leader, fundraiser. The application to the school is made by one parent, not both, so this space is usually filled by the parent who is making the application. Obviously, if there are lots of parents with five year's weekly attendance, then they are sifted down to parents whose commitment to Christianity is also demonstrated by the other duties and work they do for their church.

Father Greg, and other vicars, are unable to sign the religious form if it is only the children who come to church, either for Sunday School or the choir, for example. It is the attendance and commitment of the parents which the vicar is asked to verify.

It is also worth pointing out that the 'catchment area' of King's and other faith schools, is usually the Diocese. Living across the street from King's, for example, carries no weight on the application form. Although there is a 'catchment' category on the application form, places are already filled by applications in the faith category and the catchment category is rarely reached. Pupils at the school hail from Ketton, in Northants, and Hemmingford Grey in Huntingdonshire, for example.

When it comes to King's Juniors, which takes children from the age of seven, there are only 15 places each year, nine of which are given to boys and girls who become choristers. The Cathedral publicises the open days and the auditions for these places well in advance. They are free to attend and it is free to audition. It is a huge undertaking for both parents and children if they are accepted, but the rewards are high.

There are only then six places left for faith applications.

In both Junior and Senior applications, as is the law, looked after children, those who are fostered or adopted, for example, are given priority.

I hope this helps with the very basic information needed. All information for admissions will be on the website of the school of your choice.

Best,

Sarah Jackson.
Parent Governor at King's.

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

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*

Suffering with Christ

A collective exploration of Lent with the Readers of Peterborough Diocese

<https://sufferingwithchrist.org.uk/>

Bishop of Peterborough writes

My dear friends



As a boy I was taught that 21 March was The First Day of Spring, a day to be noted and celebrated. Nobody told me why spring began then, and until I got into amateur astronomy in my teens that remained a mystery. When I learnt about the Spring Equinox, that 21 March was the day when sunrise and sunset were 12 hours apart, the hinge between winter and summer, it began to make sense.

Of course that day wasn't and isn't the first day of spring by any sensible reckoning; these days the Met Office defines spring as the months of March, April and May, which makes good sense. But 21 March has, since the earliest days of humans looking at the sky and thinking about the seasons, been a significant date in the calendar.

Sadly, with industrialisation, the mass movement into towns and cities, and the proliferation of light pollution at night, most of us have stopped looking at the night sky. And, even though

we are seeing more extreme weather, we continue to regulate our lives more by the clock than by the sun and moon and stars.

God has made, and placed us in, a wonderful world. And the seasons, caused by the tilt and movement of the earth relative to the sun, are key to much of the wonder. No seasons would mean no harvest. No autumn and winter would mean no pattern of slowing down and speeding up. No winter and summer would mean no alternation of hibernation or rest with vigorous full-on living.

These patterns and rhythms of life matter. They are part of how we were made, who we are. And they picture for us how God works in the world and in our lives. This spring look for the renewal of life which God gives to the world. Look for his renewal in your life. Ask him for green shoots, new hope, dreams of a brighter future.

May this hinge in the year be a hinge in our lives. May we move from sleep to wakefulness, from darkness into light.

With best wishes

+ Donald

Peterborough Winter Night Shelter



Exactly 18 months ago to the day I received an email that outline a vision for a Winter Night Shelter in Peterborough. It has been an amazing journey since responding that has seen the very successful provision of a Night Shelter. Each host church has found the experience positive and strong friendships have been built up within churches, between churches, in the community and with the City Council – who described the project as ‘brilliant’ and ‘amazing’.

I have been overwhelmed by the support the project has received and by how many people have helped in generous and varied ways. In the service for the Ordination of priests the bishop tasks those to be ordained to 'watch for signs of God's new creation...With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love....they are to support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need'. I believe that the project has been richly blessed and it has been amazing to see how much transformation can take place when we join in with God.

Some numbers:

403 beds were provided over the 3 months. 46 guests were referred to the project, 9 were ladies, 9 stayed more than 10 nights and 4 were working. 10 guests were moved into accommodation as a result of the project.

258 volunteers registered to take part. Volunteers came from 27 different churches or none.

A huge thank you to all who made this project a really great success!

Fr Greg

9/3/2016

Interesting articles

<http://www.london.anglican.org/kb/seven-marks-of-a-healthy-church/>

http://thomrainer.com/2012/05/the_inwardly_obsessed_church_10_warning_signs/