

ST ANDREW'S NEWS

Kettering

MAY 2014



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Magazine Deadlines

Please give material for the **June** Magazine to the editor by:

Sunday 18th May for written material
(please leave on the clip in the choir vestry)

Sunday 25th May by email (mag@standrewkettering.org.uk)

The editors reserve the right to edit articles to aid clarity or to fit the space available

Magazine this month compiled by Hugh Marks

Notes From the Vicarage

I must begin with a huge thank you to my Ministry team; the strength and depth of our team and their flexibility and understanding meant that my family and I were able to get away during the school holidays. We had a lovely break and Jamie did some good, distraction-free preparation for his GCSE's! I am indebted to Morey and Peter for hosting the Passover meal and leading the Maundy Thursday Communion, to Brenda and Jenny for putting together an exciting and thought-provoking Labyrinth and to Kane for taking the strain in many other ways. I know that many of you were very blessed through the Holy Week celebrations.

It was a delight to be back with the Church family on Easter Sunday and celebrate Jesus' risen life together.

As we look towards the next month at St Andrew's, our thoughts are of course with

Kane and the group who are heading out to Bungoma at the end of May. Fund-raising is continuing so that the team can successfully produce and ship out as many Solar Ovens as possible to demonstrate and introduce the technology to the Community out there. Please pray for their final preparations and for the trip itself. We look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

We have three diverse and interesting events at the Arts Centre in May.

Our very own intern, Jen will be starring in a production of Ibsen's play "The Doll's House" on 10th May. There are two performances at 2.30 and 7.30pm priced £9 (£8 concessions) - please come and support her and this new local theatre company, C&D Productions.

Then on 17th May we welcome Richard Tyrone Jones and his award

winning, highly acclaimed spoken word show about his own heart failure. The show was funded by the Wellcome Trust and has been performed in hospitals and to many heart patients and doctors and is by turns, moving, funny and ultimately uplifting. Don't miss out on an evening of enthralling entertainment which has also been adapted as a BBC Radio 4 show and at just £7 (£5 concessions) it won't break the bank.

Finally we are delighted and privileged to be hosting the world famous legends The Blues Band on 24th May at 8pm. Led by (practising Christian) Paul Jones (from Manfred Man) with the band of equally superb bluesmen, with frighteningly top notch musical pedigrees, this night should be amazing. Tickets are £20 (£22 on the door).

Note: There will only be two Saint and Drew's in May as there will be no service on 4th May as its the Bank Holiday weekend and we know many young families like to go away for a break. The 25th is half term.

with my best wishes
your Vicar

Nick



Wedding invitation



Kaileigh Mason and Martin Heels
will be married in St. Andrew's
Church on Saturday 24 May.



Members of our church family are very welcome to attend our marriage service at 1.30 to share our special day.

May anniversaries

- 1 May 1840 Penny Black, the world's first official adhesive stamp, issued.
- 1 May 1850 The Great Exhibition, the first ever world fair, opened in Hyde Park.
- 4 May 1982 HMS Sheffield sunk during the Falklands War.
- 14 May 1796 Edward Jenner began testing coxopox as a vaccine against smallpox.
- 15 May 1948 The Australian cricket team set a first-class world record which still stands by scoring 721 runs in one day against Essex.
- 16 May 1966 Chinese leader Mao Zedong launched the Cultural Revolution.
- 20 May 325 The first Council of Nicaea, the first ecumenical council of the Christian Church, was formally opened in present-day Iznik, Turkey.
- 23 May 1533 Archbishop Thomas Cranmer annulled Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon.
- 24 May 1738 At a Moravian meeting in Aldersgate, London, John Wesley experienced a spiritual rebirth leading him to launch the Methodist movement.
- 24 May 1956 The first Eurovision Song Contest was held in Lugano, Switzerland.
- 27 May 1199 King John crowned.
- 29 May 1953 Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay reached the summit of Mount Everest.
- 30 May 1431 Joan of Arc burned at the stake in Rouen during the 100 Years' War.
- 31 May 1669 Citing poor eyesight, Samuel Pepys recorded his last entry in his diary.

Services for May 2014

Sunday 4th May - Third Sunday of Easter SHARING FAITH (EVANGELISM)

<i>1 Peter 3: 15-16, 4: 10-11</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion
<i>Matthew 28: 16-20</i>	9.30am	Sung Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Monday 5th May	10.00am	Time to Pray
Wednesday 7th May	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday 8th May	10.30am	Tiny Tots in Church

Sunday 11th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter PARADE

<i>1 Samuel 3: 1-20</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion
<i>Matthew 4: 18-20</i>	9.30am	Parade Service
	11.15am	Housebound Communion
	4.15pm	Saint and Drew's
	6.00pm	Evensong
Monday 12th May	10.00am	Time to Pray
Wednesday 14th May	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday 15th May	10.30am	Tiny Tots in Church

Sunday 18th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

<i>Romans 8: 28-39</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion
<i>Luke 7: 11-17</i>	9.30am	Sung Communion
	4.15pm	Saint and Drew's
	6.00pm	STAND
Monday 19th May	10.00am	Time to Pray
Wednesday 21st May	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>inc Mother's Union Corporate Communion</i>
Thursday 22nd May	10.30am	Tiny Tots in Church

Sunday 25th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

<i>1 Corinthians 12: 12-27</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion
<i>Luke 7: 36—8: 3</i>	9.30am	Sung Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wednesday 28th May	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday 29th May	10.30am	Tiny Tots in Church

Thursday 29th May - Ascension Day

<i>Daniel 7: 9-14</i>	7.30pm	Holy Communion
<i>Acts 1: 1-11</i>		

Sunday 1st June - Seventh Sunday of Easter

<i>Galatians 5: 1, 13-14,</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion
<i>16-18 & 22-16</i>	9.30am	Sung Communion
<i>Luke 8: 26-39</i>	6.00pm	Evensong
Monday 2nd June	10.00am	Time to Pray
Wednesday 4th June	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday 5th June	10.30am	Tiny Tots in Church

Sunday 8th June - Whitsun



Whitsun Flower Windows

1 Anne Browne	2 Pam Burnham	3 Debbie Coe
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The Church of Christ the King, Kettering**

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May Day

The earliest May Day celebrations appeared in pre-Christian times, with the festival of Flora, the Roman goddess of flowers, and the Walpurgis Night celebrations of Germanic countries. It is also associated with the Gaelic Beltane. Many pagan celebrations were abandoned or Christianized during the process of conversion in Europe. In its present form, May Day may be best known for its tradition of dancing the Maypole dance and crowning of the Queen of May.



The Rt Revd John Holbrook, Bishop of Brixworth writes ...

Walk the way of the cross and share the joy of resurrection

In the beautiful old Cathedral of Florence, San Lorenzo, left unfinished when they started work on the new church, there are not one but two pulpits!

They are decorated with bronze mouldings by Donatello. One has images of Jesus' passion, his trial, suffering and death. The other has pictures of Jesus' glory, his resurrection and ascension. As Christians we need both of those pulpits and both their messages, and we need to hold them together. We need to walk the way of the cross and to share in the joy of the resurrection. We need both Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

It's very easy to become Unbalanced, to make this "either/or" instead of "both/and" There is a very deep

spirituality centred on the cross, with a strong emphasis on our desperate situation



without God, upon the passionate love of Christ expressed through his death and upon the grace of forgiveness. Its fruit is a deep thankfulness.

There is an equally deep spirituality centred upon the resurrection, with a focus upon new life, on God-given opportunities, upon the transforming joyful power of God. Its fruit too is a deep thankfulness.

We need both. Spiritual life with only the cross can become rather heavy, be surprised by joy. Spiritual life with only the resurrection can

become rather fizzy, needing to be routed and grounded in love.

Healthy Churches have always had to live with the contrast between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

A few years ago on a visit to the Sudan, I preached at a confirmation service in a refugee camp. 300 worshippers squeezed into a temporary mud Church to rejoice with the 45 candidates. Humanly speaking, this was a community with little to celebrate, but celebrate they did. It was 40 degrees in the shade and warmer still in the Church, as we sang and danced and danced, even during the collection! This was a community that knows much about suffering, much about living through Good Friday, but without doubt they are Easter people. Their favourite word was “Alleluia!”.

Some of you will have been walking through periods of personal tragedy, time spent in the valley of the shadow of death, where every day feels like Good Friday. I pray that this Easter season may bring you joy, as you hear the voice of Jesus speak your name, as he did to Mary, grieving in the garden.

May

The month of May is named after the Greek goddess Maia, who was identified with the Roman goddess of fertility, Bona Dea, whose festival was held in May. Conversely, Ovid, the Roman poet, says that May is named after *maiores*, Latin for “elders” with June named after *iuniores* or “young people.”



The May birth flower is the Lily of the Valley



17th Kettering St. Andrew's) Scout Group

The Race Night held for Dominic and Elliott's 2015 Japan Jamboree Fund was well attended and raised a great amount of money thank you to those who supported them.

Leaders met during the Easter holidays to plan the programme's for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for the summer term, they all hope to get out and about with the light nights and good weather!

Due to the Easter holidays sections have only met twice, therefore the reports are shorter than usual:-

Beavers



Beavers always like cooking, they made biscuits. So for Mothering Sunday they made biscuits and decorated little bags to put them in.

On the Tuesday prior to the Easter holidays, Beavers had an Easter egg hunt in church and back in the rooms coloured Easter wheels showing the Easter story.



Cubs

Cubs coloured wheels as gifts for Mothering Sunday and on the last Tuesday prior to the Easter break, Cub leaders organised a backwards meeting when they did everything backwards starting with prayers and flag down!

Cubs are going on a midnight hike at the beginning of May. More about that event in the June edition. Cubs took the collection at April's Church Parade.

Scouts



Scouts split into 2 groups, older and younger. Jill Crawshaw took the older group doing Advanced First Aid which they need for their Chief Scout Gold Award. The younger group did pioneering prior to the Easter break. Scouts went to Twywell Hills & Dales for an Easter themed wide game (with Easter eggs!)

Christine Smith - Group Scout Leader

Lent Lunches - Thank You

The Social Committee would like to thank everyone who came to the Lent Lunches.

We hoped you enjoyed your lunch and chatting to different members of St. Andrews congregations.

A wonderful amount of £1,000 was raised and a cheque will be sent to Kane to go towards the trip in May to Bungoma.



Good luck to all those going.

Around the Diocese

Synod News

Women bishops' legislation approved

"I believe we have arrived at a better place", said Revd Stephen Trott introducing the main debate of the day at the March synod. He suggested that the previous proposals, which were defeated in 2012, "were too divisive" and that by contrast the fresh proposals were fair to all. The Synod clearly agreed with him and after a 45 minute debate voted in favour with a large majority. The result will be fed back to General Synod where a further debate and vote will take place in July.

Bishop asks: "walk together with Jesus"

Bishop Donald used his Presidential Address to speak about several controversial issues, including bishops in the House of Lords, women bishops, and sexuality. "While we discuss please may we respect and love one another and walk together with Jesus." He called for prayer that all can be held together within the Church. "That doesn't mean compromise or being afraid to say what we believe," he stressed, "but to disagree well." He outlined some the things he has done so far in the House of Lords, hoped that the debate on women bishops "will be the last thing we need to say" on the subject, and explained the facilitated process of discussion about same sex marriage which may begin later this year.

Other matters

The annual reports of Boards and Committees, a fairly lengthy document, was received by the Synod without debate. Diocesan Secretary Andrew Roberts earned both laughter and applause as he read aloud, as required by law, the convoluted legal language of "The Act of Synod Proclamation of Vacancy in See Regulations".

Letting go of Ian

Jo Cundy's memorable account of her faith journey with Bishop Ian will be launched at Peterborough Cathedral later this month. Her account of experiences through his death from cancer and onward through bereavement to first-hand experience of the New Zealand earthquake in Christchurch is launched on 7th May, at 6.30pm following Evensong.



To assist with catering please confirm you wish to attend by emailed events@peterborough-cathedral.org.uk.

Copies of Jo's book, published by Monarch, will be on sale on the evening priced £7.99.

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the "Crazy Hat" walk, five miles wound Wicksteed Park on 23 March 2014. It was a lovely sunny morning this year and Faryl Smith sang "You'll never walk alone". It was very emotional but rewarding with over 2,000 people of all ages walking in pink tee shirts an crazy hats around Wicksteed Park. With your help I am able to send £432 towards the grand total.



Veronica MacAngus

1944 — The Most Memorable Year of My Life, by Jeff Pell

(continued from the April's Magazine)

D Day

I can recall on the radio news on 6th June the announcement “...allied troops have today landed ...” etc etc. The increased aircraft activity and the gradual disappearance of the U.S. army personnel from their various billets in and around Kettering, and at the same time the army convoys passing through the town becoming fewer in number told their own story. It was only later that I realised they had become part of the build-up in Normandy. One of my interests at this time was train spotting and I still have a clear picture in my mind of sitting on my bicycle leaning on Glendon bridge and seeing an ambulance train passing through Glendon cutting very clearly marked with oversize red crosses on white backgrounds. This became a regular scene but I didn't realise or consider the condition of the wounded passengers on these trains until much later in life.

Letters started to arrive from Dad on a regular basis and I can recall the anxiety in our house should a longer period than usual elapse between letters – was he still OK? The letters were always censored but we knew he was somewhere over in Normandy. Eventually we discovered it was Arromanches (Arrow-man-cheese in English!) and that he had landed on D Day at 8am. I can't recall if this was conveyed to us by letter or not as the censor usually erased this sort of information from letters sent home by the troops. It may have been that he told us, because in late August/early September he just strolled through the gate unexpectedly – what a fantastic surprise! He only stayed 2 days; apparently his Colonel had to attend a meeting at the Admiralty and dad nipped up to Kettering (this happened several times during the autumn of 1944 and the spring of 1945). He always brought something with him usually

toiletries and perfume for mother and souvenirs for me – German badges, allied currency, an Eiffel Tower ink stand from Paris etc. But the most impressive to me was a German helmet picked up from the Caen battlefield. I visited La Cambe German cemetery in June 1999 and found the owners grave. At the time of writing I am trying to find out more about Josef Platzter.

New School and Arnhem

In September I started at the Central School – a new school, new friends, new subjects and big girls in tight gym slips! The new subjects included Science and French and I also had my first pair of football boots – what kid today would have to wait until they were eleven before they had their first pair of football boots! Soon after this there was a lot of aircraft activity with Dakotas and gliders (I now guess from Spanhoe airfield). Then we learned that a great battle was raging at a place called Arnhem. Things didn't go well and we eventually learned the sad outcome. I do recall a few weeks later, at a full school assembly, being told that one of our old boys, Sgt Peter Toseland of the Glider Pilots Regiment, had been killed there. I visited Arnhem in September 1998 and found Sgt Toseland's grave in the Oosterbeck military cemetery.

Although the airborne assault on the Rhine had not been successful, both Paris and Brussels had been liberated and Father seemed to spend a lot of time visiting these cities and was in fact stationed in Brussels and billeted with a local family for about 6 months. The niece of this family became a pen friend but her English was much better than my French (I'd only had 3 months tuition). It didn't last long! I stopped writing to her when she sent me a bottle of Eau de Cologne for Christmas. What did she think I was! English men didn't wear perfume in those days – and I was only eleven! The bottle stood on the chest of drawers in my bedroom for years – I didn't know what to do with it. I often wonder whatever happened to Bertha Bethume. I wonder what she'd think if she knew that I, like most other Englishmen, had now succumbed to this continental perversion! Whatever was wrong with soap and water!

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In November talk started about the school Christmas dance. The Central School was an enlightened educational establishment because one of the “new” subjects we were taught was country dancing. This was with Miss Latcham and included old tyme dancing where we were actually allowed to hold the “gels” so the Christmas dance was something to fear! First and second years one night, third and fourth years 2 nights later. So in 1944 I went to my first dance, or should I say discotheque? Was the school once again ahead of it’s time because music was by amplifier and records. I can’t remember if I even danced although I guess we were all pushed in for the “Paul Jones”.

Christmas 1944

Christmas 1944 eventually arrived and for the first time in the war Dad was able to get home. Once again the Tommy gun was parked in the front room and once again I couldn’t wait for him to open his kit bag. This time care had to be taken for apparently the contents were breakable and for the first time in my life I learned about “duty free”! It meant a bottle of Champagne, Brandy, Cointreau and endless miniature bottles of Benedictine from Fecamp. Things we had never had or seen before. Christmas drinks for the working classes in those days meant beer from a barrel for the men, stout for the ladies and perhaps a port or sherry. Spirits were rare and nearly unobtainable during the war.

The Christmas party at home that year was great with all dad’s relatives in attendance. I recall that they were nearly all disappointed with their first taste of Champagne but the Cointreau went down well and all the ladies were delighted with their miniature bottles of Benedictine. Dad, Harold or “H” as he was known was a very popular guy.

To be continued



**C&D productions present: Henrik Ibsen's
The Doll's House
Saturday 10 May 2.30pm & 7.30pm £9/£8**



This is the inaugural performance of C&D Productions, a Kettering based theatrical group. They have chosen "A Doll's House", Henrik Ibsen's heartfelt tale of disillusionment of love and marriage. In 2006, the centennial of Ibsen's death, the play held the distinction of being the world's most performed play.

**Richard Tyrone Jones Has a Big Heart
Saturday 17 May 8pm £7/£5**



A funny, animated, theatrical spoken show about ... heart failure? The show has been performed in hospitals and was funded by the Wellcome Trust. The show has also been made into a Radio 4 spoken word sitcom. Suitable for ages 15+ and for anyone who has a heart. Or failure ...

**The Blues Band
Saturday 24 May 8pm £20 (Advance), £22 (On the door)**



You will be treated to a scintillating combination of superb musical showmanship and solid tradition from the finest bluesmen in Europe.

(Highly recommended - Ed.)

Around the Diocese

Easter Hope for students

“Please help me to know what to do with my life,” one Bishop Stopford student posted on a stand at the school’s recent “Easter Hope” display. “I want to bring help...but I feel it is impossible,” confessed another. They were interacting with a week-long Stations of the Cross display in the school’s main hall. The eleven stations, in often subtle lighting, gave an outline of the Bible’s Easter story and invited students to interact in a practical or prayerful way to it.



“It’s a way of praying in a way they can engage with even if they don’t have faith,” says Hannah Jeffery, the school’s Chaplain.

Among the stations were “Loneliness and Sadness” with playfoam to shape into figures as an expression of prayer, and “Journeys” which invited students to put a message in a bottle. All students were given an opportunity to spend a period at the display instead of an RE or other lesson in class.



YouTube videos follow up deanery Roadshows

Following Bishop Donald’ spring deanery Roadshows, he has recorded three short videos for YouTube.

Designed as discussion starters for church groups and PCCs, the videos cover the main points of the major presentations from the Saturday morning cafe-style events, in which Bishop Donald outlined the Diocesan Vision for Growth.

Look out for the videos soon on the Peterborough Diocese channel of YouTube at

www.youtube.com/user/peterboroughdiocese.



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May events round the Diocese

Monday 5 Bank Holiday Organ Recital, Shanna Hart - Organ Scholar Elect, Selwyn Collage, Cambridge. 11.15am All Saints, Oakham. www.oakhamconcerts.info.

Saturday 10 Starburst, a day conference for all who work with children. Keynote speaker Sharon Prior, exciting workshops. 10am-4pm. All Saints School, Broughton Green Rd, Kingsthorpe, Northampton. £10. Booking essential 01604 887045.

Saturday 10 Travelling Together, a day of spiritual direction open to all offering this ministry. Morning session facilitated by the Revd Judith Crane. 10am - 3pm, Bouverie Court, Northampton. Booking Sally Crossley 01604 887049.

Saturday 17 Take Eat Drink, Eucharistic Assistants' training day. 10am - 4pm, St Andrew's, Whissendine. Booking Sally Crossley 01604 887049.

Saturday 17 This Happy Spirit, a concert to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of poet John Clare. 7pm St John's Peterborough. Tickets from £10 available at the City's Information Centre.

Monday 26 Bank Holiday Organ Recital, Peter Davis - Director of Music, Oakham School. 11.15am All Saints, Oakham. www.oakhamconcerts.info.

Saturday 31 Music in Lyddington, Tamsin Waley-Cohen (Violin) and Bartholomew Lafollette (Cello) perform a programme of Bach, Ravel and Britten. 7.30pm. St Andrew's Lyddington. www.musicinlyddington.co.uk.

Saturday 7 June Celebration of Ministry, 11am Peterborough Cathedral. For catering purposes, please contact Alex Low, with numbers 01733 562492 or alex.low@peterborough-diocese.org.uk.



Christian Aid Week, 11-17 May Give People a Future without Fear

War tears lives apart. You can help put them back together.

Please do consider ways in which you could support the vital work of Christian Aid in providing help in emergencies as well as for development around the world. See www.christianaid.org.uk for more information.

Get together a team of 6 people (or let us know and you can join with others) to take part in the **Quiz and Pud night** on Friday 9th May. Starts at 7pm at Fuller Baptist Church. Individuals/teams of 6, £4 per head (including dessert and hot/cold drinks). Please let us know numbers by the Sunday before.

Join us by collecting door to door during Christian Aid week – you don't have to do a whole street and it could be one near where you live, if not already covered. Please ask if you would like more details. This is still the most effective way of raising money.

Join us in taking part in the Waendel Walk. This year we are having a St Andrew's Team, consisting so far of Rosemary and Emily Harradine, plus Malcolm and me! We will be walking 15 k (10 miles). If you don't want to walk then please consider sponsoring our team.

Donate at St Andrew's Church via the Christian Aid envelopes during Christian Aid week.

Last year St Andrew's Church raised £1261.66 our best total ever during Christian Aid Week, thanks to your fantastic support.

We look forward to your support once again for this vital work.

Many thanks. **Rosalind and Malcolm Robinson (01536 519741)**



Towards the end of March we celebrated Lady Day at Rothwell Holy Trinity Church. The service was lead by the Rev'd Margaret Mossman and followed by tea, cakes and a chat.

Rooted in Jesus

Our monthly meeting for Lent was given by Hilary Buckingham and entitled "Rooted in Jesus". Hilary started the talk with Matthew 10 vv 26 – 31 with the emphasis that "*You are worth much more than many sparrows*".

Hilary first went to Africa with her husband Paul to help set up a Mission in 2003. This included helping to build churches, a clinic and accommodation for the 'Serving Africa Mission'. After visiting Ghana for nearly ten years the time came to offer to work with another organisation in Africa.

Rooted in Jesus is a group course in Christian discipleship written for use in Africa. It is the only material of its kind written especially for the use of ordinary African Christians, rather than translated from material developed for the West - where people face different problems and challenges in their Christian lives.

Now in use in many African countries, *Rooted in Jesus* was originally created as part of the link relationship between Holy Trinity in Leicester Diocese and the Diocese of Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, at the request of Stanley Hotay, then Diocesan Missioner and now the bishop. Written by a team of clergy and teachers from Leicester with experience of working in Africa, *Rooted in Jesus* is edited and directed by Alison Morgan, and published and supported by ReSource. It is normally introduced to a whole diocese or area, at the invitation of the bishop or denominational leader, by a team of Ministers from the UK and Africa. Because *Rooted in Jesus* is

as much a method as a course, this has proved the best way of establishing it effectively. Originally piloted in 2002 in Tanzania, it is currently in use in 57 dioceses or denominations in 15 African countries, where it has been translated into 35 languages. It is estimated there are over 75,000 people meeting in *Rooted in Jesus* groups in these countries, and the number is growing all the time.

Hilary's talk was about a visit to Tanzania but her first visit was to South Sudan. There she met an African lady who was thrilled to tell her that she could read and write thanks to the Mothers' Union Literacy programme. (It is wonderful to hear that our giving works.).

In Hilary's animated talk she gave a few keynote examples of what to expect. Thin chicken soup, chapattis and boiled eggs and that's only breakfast. Conference being prepared for 50 people and over 150 turned up. She stressed the importance of always carrying some toilet paper with you and how she found a *SheWee* extremely useful for use in the small hours of the morning – (ladies going on Kane's visit it could be worthwhile investing in one of these devices)!

She gave examples of how the *Rooted in Jesus* courses not only change people but also their lives. The training stresses that the leaders are part of the group, everyone sits down and it is not necessary for the group members to be able to read. A simple memory verse is used at each session.

Hilary was looking forward to visiting Zambia at Easter. She asked that our prayers go with her and all involved with the *Rooted in Jesus* courses. To find out more go to www.rootedinjesus.net.

After the April Corporate Communion, we examined a Solar Oven and heard plans when the group of 15 go out to Bungoma from St Andrew's later in May. About 100 ovens will be taken, flat packed for travel, and assembled on arrival. Each is made from foil covered cardboard, sealed and varnished for strength



and waterproofing. Two pieces slot into each other to form the shape, a pot sits in the centre (painted black on the outside) and the sun heats the water (to sterilize) or cooks food. This will be a much cleaner and healthy way of cooking and in addition the project will provide employment for older teenagers in the Orphans and Vulnerable Children's Group, in making the ovens and selling them on to a wider population in due course. This project will start at Chebukube, our Link Parish, but the hope is that more and more families will see the advantages of 'clean cooking', so that their own environment will also improve with less need for firewood, fewer chest complaints and accidents and more time for the women to spend on growing vegetables rather than looking for trees to use for fuel. Please pray for the group that they will travel safely and have enthusiasm to help to improve the lives of families in a remote rural area of Kenya.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 1st May at 2.00 pm when we should find out if our summer is to be hot, warm, wet or cold as Joyce Dunkley will be 'Forecasting the Weather by Nature'.

Pam Walden

St Andrew's Ladies

At our March meeting, Charlotte Widgery from Wicksteed Park gave us a slide show and talk on the history of Wicksteed Park which is in the heart of our town in Kettering. It was the brainchild of Charles Wicksteed who wanted to create an open space and safe parkland for local families. It was opened as an amusement park in 1921 and is believed to be one of the oldest amusement parks in England. Open all year round, the Children's playground is the largest free playground in Europe. The water chute was built in 1926 and is the oldest working ride in the UK. Wicksteed Park railway is one of the most iconic features of the park today. The trains run round the lake, part of the park and back to the station and people of all ages, big and small, love to ride on them. I'm sure everyone can remember a ride on the train at Wicksteed Park. The attractions are endless. In November a bonfire and fireworks display is always held and attracts hundreds of people each year. It was very interesting to hear about the history of the park. We are so lucky in Kettering to have such a wonderful place to enjoy.



We will be selling cakes on 18 May after the 9.30 service. Donations of cakes will be gratefully received on the morning or to any committee member.

Our next meeting on 15 May will be a talk by Keith Wilson about the RNLI.

Coffee: Maggy & Diane.

Veronica MacAngus

More Around the Diocese

Echo & Xpect Internships

Recruiting is now underway for interns to serve in local parishes for a year. If you know anyone, of any age, who may be interested in exploring full-time youth ministry or vocation to other ministries in the Church, get them to call Pete White, the Diocesan Youth Officer, on 01604 887044 or peter.white@peterborough-diocese.org.uk.

Taizé Youth Pilgrimage

Bishop John will lead a Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Taizé leaving on 26 July. The week, at the unique Christian community in France, is open to all aged 16-29 and costs £215 including travel. Bookings are needed by 31 May.



Contact Sam Randall venebede@btinternet.com.

Boat needed for Greenbelt

The diocesan team preparing for the Greenbelt Festival, to be held at Boughton House near Kettering in August, have an unusual request. Can someone lend them a boat?

This is not because of some clever long-range weather forecast for the weekend, but as the centrepiece of the Diocesan display at the August Bank Holiday faith, arts and justice event.

“Ideally we’d like a small sailing dinghy,” says Liz Holdsworth. “Something like a Mirror or it’s modern equivalent would be good.”

If you can help out our landlubbers, please contact Liz on 01604 887070 or liz.holdsworth@peterboroughg-diocese.org.uk.

Rotas

Flowers

Main Altar

Side Altar

04-May

11-May

18-May

25-May

01-Jun

08-Jun

Rev Morey Gompertz

Angie Zarins

Linda Panther/Sharon Hicks

Lottie Greaves

Ros Goodfellow

Pauline Lyles

Deacon Family

Jill Dove

Ros Goodfellow

Rev Morey Gompertz



Silver Cleaning

May John & Pauline Welch

June Hilary Whitwell

Church Cleaning

04-May

11-May

18-May

25-May

01-Jun

Marion and Alan Powell

Heather Abrams, Malcolm Abrams

Sheila Oglethorpe, Jean Blackwell, Pat Lee

Ros Goodfellow, Jane Lawrence, Christine Smith

Penny Payne, Ann Stockham, Janet Tyres



Altar Linen

May Christine Smith

June Val Cleaver

Coffee

04-May

11-May

18-May

25-May

01-Jun

Roger & Penny Payne, Ann Stockham, Angie Curchin

Irene Clifford, Claire Smith, Kirsty Bathe

St Andrews Ladies

Rosalind Robinson, Fiona and Paul Sweeney

Jenny Coombs, Hugh Marks, Anne Richardson,

Val Cleaver



Epistle Readers

04-May

11-May

18-May

25-May

29-Mar

01-Jun

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