

Notes from the Picarage

Well, unbelievably we seem to be approaching that time of year again...

Yes, it's the end of the old church year, culminating with St Andrew's Day on 30th November and the beginning of the new church year; advent!

As always we will be having an advent appeal – this year we will be supporting our link parish of Chebukube in Bungoma. The parish has gradually tried to improve the church and school buildings to better serve their community, but the high cost of transporting materials and the harassment from gangs of armed rebels have contributed to the difficulties they have faced. We must carry on in our partnership with Chebukube, which is just about the most geographically isolated parish in the Diocese, and one of the most remote in the whole of Kenya. Please give generously, or even better come up with some creative ways of helping to raise money for the cause!

Of course we will soon be looking towards Christmas and our special activities begin with the Community Christmas Fair on Thursday 3rd and Saturday 5th December. Please come and

support the event and if you can, please come along at 7.30 on Wednesday 2nd to help set up (and stay behind on Saturday at 2pm to help return it to normal). We have a new committee this year and I would like to thank them for their hard work and inspired ideas – I anticipate an exciting and vibrant event for the town to enjoy in support of many worthy causes. I'm very pleased that this year we are able to extend activities and refreshments into the church rooms, with the child-friendly additions of games, Santa and Roy Smith's family photography.

As always the 13th December Parade service will be the toy service, so please bring new toys and wrapping paper (separately please) for the children at Kettering Centre for the Unemployed. We know that all our gifts are greatly appreciated.

A new venture this advent is a Prayer journey, on Wednesday 16th December, which will be similar to the Labyrinth which was such a success on Good Friday. Morey and Brenda have again been working hard to put together a creative and thought-provoking setting and my hope is that it will be a sanctuary and a

space away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations, where we can really engage with the advent theme of journeys. Please drop in between 2.30 and 4.30pm or between 6 and 9pm.

Another event in the run up to Christmas to get us in the festive spirit is a cheese, wine and carols evening hosted by Morey and her home group at Woodford rectory on Wednesday 9th December. I'm sure it will be a wonderful evening of warm fellowship.

And so we approach Christmas itself, and I would ask once again for your support in delivering as many of the service cards as possible to our parish to advertise our variety of Christmas services. I hope that we really do have something for everyone, from the quiet

Christmas morning 8am communion to the busy excitement of the crib service. I know that we have some committed members of our church who initially came to St Andrew's because they received a welcoming card through their door at Christmas, so we must make the most of this wonderful opportunity.

As we move towards not only a new church year but a new calendar year it only remains for me to wish you all a joyful Christmas and a hopeful new year,

with my best wishes,
your Priest-in-Charge,

Nick



ADVENT PRAYER LABYRINTH

Many people appreciated the opportunity for prayer and meditation provided by the Easter Prayer Labyrinth.

The Advent Prayer Labyrinth will be on Wednesday 16th December from 2.30 to 4.00 pm and from 6.00 to 9.00 pm which we hope will offer a similar opportunity.

We extend a warm invitation to everyone.

Morey Gompertz & Brenda Weaver

Services

Sunday 29th November

Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

Monday 30th

Wednesday 2nd Dec

Thursday 3rd Dec

Saturday 5th Dec

Sunday 6th December

Isaiah 9: 2-7
Luke 3: 1-6

Wednesday 9th

Thursday 10th

Saturday 12th

Sunday 13th December

Philippians 2: 3-7
Luke 3: 7-18

Wednesday 16th

Thursday 17th

Sunday 20th December

Micah 5: 2-5a
Luke 1: 26-38

Wednesday 23rd

First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Communion
9:30am Sung Communion
6:00pm Evensong

10:00pm Time to Pray

10:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Tiny Tots in Church

6:00pm Saint and Drew's

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Communion
9:30am Sung Communion
6:00pm Evensong

10:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Tiny Tots in Church

6:00pm Saint and Drew's

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Communion
9:30am Church Parade
& Toy Service

11:15am Holy Communion

6:00pm Together in Praise

10:00am Holy Communion

incorporating MU corporate communion

10:30am Tiny Tots in Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Communion
9:30am Sung Communion
6:00pm Lessons and Carols

10:00am Holy Communion



Services (continued)

Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve

Hebrews 1: 1-4

John 1: 1-14

3:00pm Crib Service

11:30pm Midnight Mass

Friday 24th December

Hebrews 1: 1-4

John 1: 1-14

Christmas Day

8:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Sung Communion

Sunday 27th December

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2: 8-20

First Sunday of Christmas

8:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Sung Communion

No Evensong

Wednesday 30th

10:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd January

Romans 8: 18-25

Matthew 1: 1-5

Second Sunday of Christmas

8:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Sung Communion

6:00pm Evensong

Monday 4th

10:00am Time to Pray

Wednesday 6th

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 7th

10:30am Tiny Tots in Church

Saturday 9th

6:00pm

Saint and Drew's

The adventure returns

Sunday 10th January

First Sunday after Epiphany

8:00am Holy Communion

9:30am Parade Service

11.15am Holy Communion

6:00pm Evensong

Monday 11th

10:00am Time to Pray

Wednesday 13th

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 14th

10:30am Tiny Tots in Church

Saturday 16th

6:00pm

Saint and Drew's

Services (continued)

Sunday 17th January

Monday 18th
Wednesday 20th

Thursday 21st
Saturday 23rd

Sunday 24th January

Monday 25th
Wednesday 27th
Thursday 28th
Saturday 30th

Sunday 31st January

Monday 1st Feb
Wednesday 3rd Feb
Thursday 4th Feb
Saturday 6th Feb

Sunday 7th February

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00am Holy Communion
9:30am Sung Communion
6:00pm Evensong

New Bishop Announced

The next Bishop of Peterborough is to be the Ven. Donald Allister, currently Archdeacon of Chester. He succeeds the Rt Revd Ian Cundy, who died in May. He expects to take up his new post in the early spring of 2010 and comes with the express hope that he can help to build people's confidence in their faith, and to unite all Christians around their love for Jesus Christ.

Donald Allister (57) has wide experience of the Church of England. He was a choirboy and server in central and anglo-catholic parishes before ordination, and has served in evangelical parishes in both the north-west and the south-east, where he saw considerable numerical and structural growth.

He is the Bishop of Chester's adviser on healthcare chaplaincy, chair of Chester's Houses and Glebe Committee, vice/acting chair of the Board of Education and DAC, and a member of General Synod and of the Council for Christian Unity.

Archdeacon Donald says he was neither seeking nor expecting such an appointment. His first task, he says, will be to get around the diocese and to reflect with clergy and church members

on how we may move forward together.

"I look forward to hearing from clergy and lay leaders what's going on in their areas and the needs and opportunities of the Church," he says. "I am strongly committed to the pastoral care of the clergy, and to sharing that with my colleagues on the senior staff and with rural deans. I have had a particular role in looking after rural clergy and dealing with rural issues, as well as having had personal experience of working in urban areas."

Supporting the ordination of women (having once opposed the practice), he remains deeply concerned for the proper provision of those who object to women priests and bishops, believing strongly in maintaining the unity of the Church of England.

"I want to be a bishop for the whole diocese and for everyone in it," he says. "I do sometimes disagree with fellow Christians but all my instincts are to disagree in love and to remain or become united."

The Dean of Peterborough Cathedral, the Very Revd Charles Taylor, said "I very much look forward to welcoming,



installing and working closely with Donald Allister. He has a great loyalty and love for the Church in all its diversity, a breadth of pastoral and administrative experience, a heart for mission and a care for the community.

“His track record reveals a man who, while firm and confident in his faith, has not clung to fixed positions but shown himself willing to travel with others. He will, I am sure, be a bishop for the whole diocese, for people of faith and people of none.”

The Bishop of Brixworth, the Rt Revd Frank White, who has been acting diocesan bishop since the illness and death of Bishop Ian, also welcomed the news. “I am honoured to welcome Archdeacon Donald as he becomes our bishop,” he said. “As the leader of the

diocese he will bring fresh ideas and new energy helping us all live more hopefully in a world which needs God's healing love.

“He will draw on his wide experience as an archdeacon, an excellent foundation for the more public role of the Bishop. As his colleagues in the diocese we look forward to welcoming him and his family to the area.”

Donald Allister is married to Janice, a GP, and they have three grown up children. A full biography of him detailing his experience and his views is now available on the diocesan web site at: www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/people/donaldalister.htm

The dates of his consecration as a bishop (which will take place in London) and his installation in Peterborough are yet to be decided

Christmas Trivia - Food

Fruментy was a spiced porridge, enjoyed by both rich and poor. It is thought to be the forerunner of modern Christmas puddings. It has its origins in a Celtic legend of harvest god, Dagda, who stirred a porridge made up of all the good things of the earth.

At lavish Christmas feasts in the Middle Ages, swans and peacocks were sometimes served painted with saffron dissolved in melted butter - In addition to their painted flesh, these birds were served wrapped in their own skin and feathers, which had been removed and set aside prior to roasting.

One notable medieval English Christmas celebration featured a giant, 165-pound pie - The giant pie was nine feet in diameter. Its ingredients included 2 bushels of flour, 20 pounds of butter, 4 geese, 2 rabbits, 4 wild ducks, 2 woodcocks, 6 snipes, 4 partridges, 2 newts' tongues, 2 curlews, 6 pigeons and 7 blackbirds.

Christmas Sudoku

In the Christmas Sudoku you use the letters SINGCAROL instead of numbers. The same rules apply - each letter must only appear once in every row column or 3x3 region.

(answers in the next edition)

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An Old Friend

Whilst visiting my sister in Eastbourne in October, we attended St Mary's Church and met up with a lady who had some very happy memories of Kettering and of St Andrew's Church during the war. Malcolm asked if she would write something for our church magazine and we received this lovely letter which we thought you might like to share.

Dear Malcolm and Rosalind

It was so nice meeting you both last Sunday at St Mary's in Eastbourne. I could hardly believe it when you said that you were parishioners at St Andrew's in Kettering, because your church means so much to me.

On September 1st 1939 I was evacuated to Kettering with Dame Alice Owens School, and we shared the local High School which I believe was in Bowling Green Road. DAOS went to school from about 8.30am - 10.15am and 3.30pm to 6.15pm to enable the local school to have the convenience of midday as so many girls came in from surrounding villages. During midday, we could study, some sixth -form lessons were taken at teachers' houses, or we could go to Wicksteed Park. There we had 2 permanently booked tennis courts at our disposal, so we spent many a happy hour playing tennis and enjoying the other amenities in that wonderful park. The school playing field was just near the park where we could often be found.

Our headmistress, Mrs Bayman, suggested to us that as we were away from home, it might be a good idea to attach ourselves to a church. It was then that my friend and I found St Andrew's. We were two 16 year-old pigtailed schoolgirls and we grew to love sung Matins. The family Communion was at 9.30am and Matins at 11 o'clock. We used to sit near 4 elderly gentlemen who enjoyed singing, and we trilled along happily with them. The Revd Cattell was the vicar, and it was he who gave me confirmation instruction which I remember to this day. The confirmation service was in the Parish Church on Palm Sunday 16th April 1941.

I lived with the Palmer family (who owned the local music shop in Dalkeith Place) in Gypsy Lane and had 2 very happy years with that loving family. Mr. and Mrs Palmer had 2 sons, David and Richard, and I became the daughter they hoped for but didn't have. How lucky I was. I'm still very much in touch with David. He is like a brother to me.

Each year when Mrs Palmer celebrated her birthday I used to visit Kettering for a nostalgic weekend, but since she died 30 years ago I have only been back once, and I miss those visits.

Another friend of ours lived in the large house at the top of Northampton Road with Mr and Mrs Timson. They too were very kind and the large play-room at the top of that lovely house was put at our disposal. I could go on.

Evacuation for some was a very happy experience, and I for one was grateful. I send greetings to everyone at St Andrew's.

Sincerely



Dorothy' 100th birthday celebrations in the Church Rooms.

Ted

Christmas Quiz

Fill in the blanks to find the well known Christmas Carols and Songs (answers in the next edition)

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- 11 F _ _ _ _ T _ _ S _ _ _ _
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- 14 T _ _ F _ _ _ N _ _ _ _
- 15 W _ _ _ _ I _ T _ _ A _ _
- 16 D _ _ D _ _ M _ _ _ _ O _ H _ _ _
- 17 D _ T _ _ K _ _ I _ _ C _ _ _ _ _ T _ _ A _ _ _
- 18 M _ _ _ _ A _ _ W _ _ _
- 19 G _ _ K _ _ W _ _ _ _ _
- 20 H _ _ T _ _ H _ _ _ A _ _ _ S _ _ _

Christmas Trivia

The historical Good King Wenceslas was actually only Duke of Bohemia, not a king. He lived in the 10th century.



St. Nicholas was bishop of the Turkish town of Myra in the early 4th century. It was the Dutch who first made him into a Christmas gift-giver, and Dutch settlers brought him to America where his name eventually became the familiar Santa Claus.

St Andrew's Ladies

The visit to Kettering Library in October was a very interesting evening. Our hosts Rosalind and Andrea met us at 7:30 to give us a tour of the library. We split into two groups for our host to take each group in turn on a different route. It is unbelievable the different things you can find at the library. For instance you can find out where a person is buried in a village church in the north of the county.

Many different sessions are held for children, which is very good to get youngsters reading. A room is also available for hire if you needed to hold a function. One of the things that really amazed us all was a poster on the wall with the front page of a newspaper on. In one column was a report of a wedding which just happened to be one of our members, Audrey Wright, which took place over fifty years ago. Audrey couldn't believe it and neither could we! Thanks to Rosalind and Andrea for giving up your evening, we all enjoyed it very much.

The committee would like to thank everyone who made cakes for the stall after church on Sunday October 4th - we made £27 towards our charity fund. Also can I remind members there will be another stall on Sunday December 6th. We welcome your contribution of cakes etc.

At our next meeting on December 17th we will be delivering a small gift to the senior members of our congregation. Will members please meet at the Church Rooms at 7pm prompt if you are delivering in the early evening and then meet back at 9pm for a fish and chip supper. If you are delivering in the day time please let Doreen know in advance.

We are holding a stall at the Community Christmas Fair on December 3rd & 5th where we will be selling Christmas Parcels for 50p each, books and also "Guess the Doll's Birthday". Please support the fair.

Our first meeting of 2010 will be on January 21st which will be our AGM. Subs are due at this meeting. We will also be holding a "Bring and Buy" stall. Coffee Angela & Penny.

We meet at 7:45pm on the third Thursday of each month where we have a varied programme of speakers, bring and buy, bingo, beetle drives, outings, lots of fun and friendship. New members are very welcome to join us.

A Very Merry Christmas and all Good Wishes for 2010.

Veronica

Choir Notes

Congratulations to Edward Crawshaw who has completed the first stage of the Royal School of Church Music's (RSCM) 'Voice for Life' training scheme and was presented with his surplice and light blue ribbon and formally inducted into the choir as a full chorister on Sunday 18th October.

Four of our choristers participated in the annual Choral Evensong for St. Cecilia-tide held this year in Empingham Parish Church by Rutland Water on Saturday 21st November, organised by the Peterborough District of the RSCM (St. Cecilia being the patron saint of musicians and church music). The music used included Responses by Morley, Evening Canticles by Stanford (in B flat), a version of the Chorister's Prayer composed by a former RSCM Director, John Harper,

and the Anthem "Rejoice, the Lord Is King' by Malcolm Archer. There have been no 'RSCM Voices' (formerly the 'Southern Cathedral Singers') choir events since the last report. Some of our choristers should be participating in the following services with this choir during 2010 :-

Sat 30th Jan, Choral Evensong in Peterborough Cathedral

Sat 20th March Mass in Westminster RC Cathedral

Tue 6th Apr, Choral Evensong in St. Paul's Cathedral

Sat 24th Apr Choral Evensong in Coventry Cathedral

Other dates/venues may be added to this list, and I will keep you posted on that as and when the information becomes available. The support of members of our congregation is always welcome at these services.

Brian

Christmas Trivia

The carol 'Silent Night' was first sung as part of a church service in Oberndorf, Austria. The unusual choice of guitar for the accompaniment rather than the traditional church organ has given rise to a number of picturesque stories (the organ bellows had been damaged by mice; the organ had been sabotaged; etc.), but in fact it was simply a matter of preference on the part of the author, Joseph Mohr.



Mothers' UNION

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Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organisation working through grassroots membership to support families and communities around the world

We were all saddened to hear the news that one of our members, Mary Marriott, died on 24th October, aged 98. Mary had been a very active member and supporter of the Mothers' Union and attended meetings as often as she could. It was a real privilege and delight to be present at a branch meeting in September when Rev Audrey Clarke presented Mary with her certificate for 55 years membership of MU. We assure her family of our love and prayers.

Several of our branch members have been unwell recently and we remember them also in our prayers. Members have been offered a prayer candle, which we're invited to light at 7pm each evening during Advent, and to use this time to pray for our members and the worldwide work of the Mothers' Union. Our branch prayer diary has been updated recently. Please ask Margaret or Jean if you need a new copy.



We've also been working very hard preparing beautiful gifts for our colour-themed stall at St Andrew's Christmas Fair, which will be held on the evening of Thursday, 3rd December and morning and early afternoon of Saturday 5th December. Please support our MU stall as the proceeds will be given to further the worldwide work of the Mothers' Union.



Our Christmas celebration will be held **in church** a week later than usual on **Thursday, 10th December, starting at 2pm.** We're hoping that the choir from St Andrew's school will join us and we can enjoy singing some popular carols together. Tea, coffee and mince pies will follow. Please invite and bring friends

and family members to join us. We shall also be having our Santa's sack – all are invited to bring a wrapped gift to the value of £2, with a label saying 'from a MU member' and then chose a different one to take home and open on Christmas morning.



Our New Year Party will be held in the Jacques room on **Thursday, 7th January, starting at 2pm**, which will include entertainment and a tea, prepared by the committee. If it's anything like previous years,

it'll be great fun and you won't need to have much lunch beforehand! Come and join in the fun; invite a friend to come with you and also bring a gift for the tombola, so that everyone can take a prize home.

Corporate Communion will be held at 10am on Wednesday, Dec 16th and January 20th. Visitors are more than welcome to join us and stay and have refreshments with us afterwards in the Jacques room.

Advance notice for your diary - We shall be holding our AGM at 2pm on Thursday, 4th February.

Meanwhile, have a wonderful Happy Christmas and a very happy and peaceful new year.

Jean

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Study Day to prepare for the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at London Road URC on Thursday January 28th at 10am for 10.30. Please bring something for a shared lunch.

Audrey

17th St Andrew's Scout Group



Time certainly goes by quickly we missed November's deadline!! very busy scouting!! In September we took part in the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Sponsored Stride just over 30 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and parents walked from Woodford church to Twywell church then onto Cranford. A total of £351.50 was raised, half of which will be returned to our own church funds.

The **Scout post** bucket will be in church on Sundays 6th and 13th December, and also at the Christmas Fair on 3rd and 5th December. Price as last year 15p. Please put cards and money in a bag prior to putting in the bucket. If anyone has cards after that date either phone me on 483270 or locate a bucket near to where you live.

Beavers

Beavers had a busy October, they went to John Lowther Centre where they did archery, the challenge course and the adventure trail which completed the Adventure Badge. They decorated and filled Harvest Boxes which were then presented at Church Parade. They held a Lego night and a communion talk by Morey after which they made Lord's Prayer stained glass windows. In October Beavers also had a "space themed" sleepover, 12 Beavers attended making place mats, Rockets, & Orbiting Plants, they iced alien biscuits and ate them, played a water game outside. After Saint & Drew's they had a torch game, where they had to find space pictures in the dark, they sang a few camp fire songs and finished with a story at bedtime. After breakfast on

The Scouts Christmas card delivery service

Starts: Tuesday December 1st
Last posting date: Wednesday December 18th

Cost is only 15p per card

Delivering to:

Luton Beagles	Uesborough	Lockington	Bothwell
Lraybrooke	Geddington	Mawsley	Rushdon
Lroughton	Grafton Underwood	Newton	Walsgrave
Luton Lettner	Isham	Old	Warkton
Cranford	Kilnring	Orton	Wootton
Cranley	Little Cranley	Pydbilly	

Look out for our collection boxes

Address cards correctly with:-

Recipient's name
 Number of house / Name of street
 TOWN
 Postcode

SCOUTPOST - CUTTING THE COST OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday they made muffins before church parade then sold them at coffee after the service.

Cubs

During October Cubs had a code evening, made kites, held a backwards evening and a map evening, the first meeting in October saw them making fireworks and doing apple bobbin. 12 cubs went on a Pack Holiday to The Oaks in Charnwood near Loughborough where they slept indoors had a good time doing activities based on a nature theme, they coloured a badge, painted wind chimes and made a leaf finder. They also had free time to explore in the woods on site also had the chance to use grass sledges and tackle the Black Hole. On Saturday they went to Bradgate Park in the mini bus, did a scavenger hunt and had the chance to see deer in the park. It is always a very hectic weekend where prior planning by leaders is absolutely essential.

Scouts

Terry Loake went to Scouts in October to talk about his part in reforming our scout troop after the war when he was demobbed and came back to Kettering. He told scouts about the uniforms and equipment they used, bell tents, trek carts. Terry was the

first winner of The Butlin Shield Camping Competition. Activities at scouts included knots, lashings etc. Discipline was different everyone was proud of their uniform. Terry showed photographs of when he was in the troop and brought along his camp fire blanket which had a magnificent array of badges on it. The Scouts were very attentive, Terry probably enjoyed the evening as much as the scouts and leaders did.

Scouts also took on the Chef's Badge choosing menu's one week, shopping for ingredients and cooking three courses the next, Stuart Moore tried all the food and advised they were all edible and all passed their badge. The Christmas fair is the next project and scouts have started making boxes and decorating them with potato stamps, the boxes will be filled later. Camps are already being planned for next year, scouts will be holding a winter camp in January.

December sees our annual Carol Concert so all sections will be busy rehearsing during the next few weeks, leaders will again be performing a pantomime!!

Christine

Group Scout Leader

St Andrew's Men's Society

We welcomed Mr. John Budworth to our group meeting in October. He gave us an illustrated talk of his travels over the years throughout Norfolk. Many of our members were familiar with the location of the slides shown and we thank John for his time and efforts on our behalf.

Our November meeting is always centred particularly around those from St. Andrew's who had made the ultimate sacrifice in the conflicts over the last century. At our Remembrance Service in church, Richard Quinney and Nigel Griffin led 25 of our members and friends in the bible readings and intercessions and Jeff Pell read out the names from the memorials. Many thanks to Brian Reid for playing the piano for our hymn singing.

Following our service we moved to the church rooms where Trevor 'Tanky' Turner was our guest speaker. In his own inimitable style he gave us an historical view of the Northamptonshire Yeomanry and also an update on the work of SSAFA a charity very close to our group's heart. Many thanks to 'Tanky' for his humour and wit in making his talk so absorbing for us all.

MEMORIALS

I am pleased to report that we have now received the DAC's Certification recommending that the additional names we hold be added to the

appropriate memorials as detailed in the Men's Society application made earlier in the year. We are now in the process of completing the Faculty Application Form and notices will be posted in the church and on the notice board for a period of 28 days detailing the work to be undertaken and asking for any objections to the proposals.

DIARY DATES:

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 3rd & 5th December '09 - Our group will be running a Grand Christmas Quiz. A charge of £1 will be made to secure a copy of the questions and there will be cash prizes for the winners. Please give us your full support, to enable us to support our own particular charities.

MEN'S DEANERY CAROL SERVICE - MONDAY 21st December '09 This year the service will be held in Thorpe Malsor Church. Anyone who wishes to attend would be most welcome and should anyone require transport then please contact Peter Ison on Kettering 512516 to arrange this. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the service.

MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2010 - Robin Cullup our speaker will be telling us about the 'Long lost railway in Leicestershire'. This is an open meeting and will follow a short service in church at 7.30pm.

Peter