

Notes from the Picarage

Since last time I wrote St Andrew's has hosted the evening of prayer for the new Bishop. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Brenda and Morey in particular for all they had done in advance of the event and on the day itself. Jeremy, Barbara, David and Roger gave valuable technical back up, the music group helped the Bishop to lead the short acts of worship, and the Social Committee and Maggie also helped to provide hospitality and a warm welcome. The evening ran very smoothly and created an inspirational environment for all who came from around the Diocese.

When I arrived back from my holiday in the early hours of the next morning, I was delighted to find a note from Bishop Frank thanking us and congratulating me on the wonderful work of our team.

It is really encouraging to know that we have so many reliable, willing and giving people here at St Andrew's which means that we are able to put on events well, even at short notice.

On a similar theme I was very pleased that we were able to send a big group to the Diocesan Children's work Conference, Starburst. I heard that it was a good day, with a chance to learn new skills (have you seen the impressive magic tricks?), meet others also working with children and share ideas. Again, I would like to re-iterate my appreciation for those who give up time to help with Sunday Club, Holiday Clubs etc – we couldn't do any of it without you!

Looking forward, we are gathering a good team for a new venture in August. Judy is co-ordinating a 3 day event called Holiday at Home. We know that there are many in our church family who are housebound or unable to get away in the summer for a holiday or days out far afield, and so we will be sending out invitations to what I hope will be a good 3 days of socialising. We will be providing various activities and entertainment and a short, local trip out on one of the days. We hope that this will be a welcome break and a chance to meet with others and continue to feel valued members of our church family. We look forward to this new venture being a big success and a happy time for those who come. Again, this event will be made possible by the good team of volunteers that Judy is bringing together, thanks in advance for their efforts and commitment.



As I write the stewardship campaign is still ongoing. Over the last four years, since our last campaign, members of our church have faithfully continued to give to God's work through our church, through stewardship envelopes, direct debits and cash collections to our general funds, and also by generously supporting Advent and Lent Appeals (most notably those in support of the Diocese of Bungoma) and also through fantastic support of our "everybody welcome" appeal, which led to the installation of improved access to our church building.

If you are already a member of our stewardship scheme, then we want to thank you for the part you have played in contributing to the work of this church. We would still like you to return a pledge card, even if you are already a member of the stewardship scheme. And thank you too to all those who have responded through the pledge cards in the last few weeks, whether continuing or new members of the stewardship scheme.

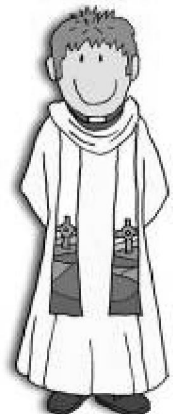
I really hope that we will have a response based on gratefulness for God's love and a desire to see His mission and ministry flourish in this place, and I hope that that has come across during the campaign.

After the Parade service on 12th July, I hope that we will be able to relax, eat and play together as the whole family of the church, as we gather for our annual church picnic. It's always great to see all the generations gathered together, hopefully in the sunshine!

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful summer, with safe travel and not too much rain!

your Priest-in Charge,

Nick



July Services 2009

Wednesday 1st 10:00am Holy Communion
Thursday 2nd 10:30am Tiny Tots in Church

Saturday 4th 6:00pm Saint and Drew's
 – *the adventure continues*

Sunday 5th Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Corinthians 12:2-10 8:00am Holy Communion
Mark 6:1-13 9:30am Sung Communion
 6:00pm Evensong

Monday 6th 10:00am Time To Pray
Wednesday 8th 10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 9th 10:30am Tiny Tots in Church

Saturday 11th 6:00pm Saint and Drew's
*Last of the season - The new adventure
will start in September*

Sunday 12th Fifth Sunday after Trinity - Parade

Amos 7:7-15 8:00am Holy Communion
Mark 6:14-29 9:30am Parade Service
 11.15am Holy Communion
 6:00pm Evensong

Monday 13th 10:00am Time to Pray
Wednesday 15th 10:00am Holy Communion
Thursday 16th 10:30am Tiny Tots in Church

Saturday 18th 6:00pm No Saint and Drew's
*Restarts in September
after the Summer Break*

July Services 2009

Sunday 19th Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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| <i>Ephesians 2:11-end</i> | 8:00am | Holy Communion |
| <i>Mark 6:30-34,53-56</i> | 9:30am | Sung Communion |
| | 6:00pm | Together in Praise |

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| Monday 20th | 10:00am | Time To Pray |
| Wednesday 22nd | 10:00am | Holy Communion |
| Thursday 23rd | 11:30am | Tiny Tots in Church |

Sunday 26th Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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| <i>Ephesians 3:14-end</i> | 8:00am | Holy Communion |
| <i>John 6:1-21</i> | 9:30am | Sung Communion |
| | 6:00pm | Evensong |

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| Monday 27th | 10:00am | Time To Pray |
| | 7.30pm | Healing Service |
| Wednesday 29th | 10:00am | Holy Communion |
| Thursday 30th | 11:30am | Tiny Tots in Church |

August Services 2009

Sunday 2nd Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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| <i>Ephesians 4:1-16</i> | 8:00am | Holy Communion |
| <i>John 6:24-35</i> | 9:30am | Sung Communion |
| | 6:00pm | Evensong |

Choir Notes



Five of our choristers participated in a Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) organised event entitled “Cantate Domino” in Geddington Church on Friday 5th June led by Andrew, Director of Music at Peterborough Cathedral. He explained the history behind the writing of the psalms, and the various ways in which they have been interpreted musically from Latin Plainsong via hymns through to modern Responsorial versions. This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and gave those who attended a fascinating insight into the subject.

There has only been one ‘RSCM Voices’ event since the last report. This was a Choral Evensong in Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 13th June, where I was singing tenor. The music included the Responses by Smith, Evening Canticles by Murrill (in E major), and the Anthem “The heavens are telling” from the oratorio ‘Creation’ by Haydn. The next date on which some of our choristers will be singing with this choir is on Monday 31st August at Choral Evensong in Salisbury Cathedral at 5.30pm. The support of any members of our congregation who may be visiting the area at the time would be much appreciated.

News from further afield – one of our former choristers, Rachel sang Choral Evensong in Ely Cathedral, also on Saturday 13th June, with her current choir, Melbourne Parish Church (South Derbyshire). For me, this involved a quick dash in the car from Peterborough to Ely, as the latter’s service began one hour after the former one’s finished, where I arrived in the middle of the singing of the psalms.

Finally, more on modern musical terms – I understand that an alternative to “beltissimo” could be “con belto” (i.e. with belting out) !

Brian

St Andrews Ladies

Glennis came to our May meeting to talk about "Crazy hats". The local fund raising charity for Breast cancer in Northamptonshire. It all started when Glennis was diagnosed with breast cancer. After having treatment and loosing her hair Glennis had an idea while out shopping with a friend and trying on hats. Being a headteacher of a Junior school in Kettering she wondered if the Junior Schools in the county would let the children wear crazy hats for a mufti-day and raise some money for breast cancer at the same time. The idea went down a bomb, £20,000 was raised that day and that was how it all started !!

To date £750,000 has been raised to help Northampton and Kettering General Hospitals Breast Care Units and the plastic surgery department at Leicester Road Infirmary. One of the main fund raisers is the Annual Crazy hat walk around Wicksteed Park. This year was the 7th annual walk. About 2,200 people of all ages walked the five miles all wearing crazy hats. It was a spectacular sight on a beautiful sunny day. The atmosphere was terrific , even dogs were walking round dressed up in pink ribbons. I was very proud to be one of the walkers.

WELL DONE Glennis, long may the Crazy Hats Breast Cancer Appeal continue.

The committee would like to thank everyone who made cakes for the stall on Sunday 31st May, £21.60 was added to our charity fund.

Our next meeting will be on July 16th. This will be a Blue Badge Guide walk. Details to be confirmed at our June meeting.

Diary Date

2nd August Cakes for stall in Church , please.



During the past few years, St Andrew's members and friends have supported the work of the Daylight Centre in Wellingborough in a variety of ways; not least by buying the delicious home-made marmalade produced by Noreen. On Thursday, 4th June we had an opportunity to visit the Centre and hear all about the



shelter and support offered to homeless and vulnerable people. It was a real eye opener for most of us to hear of the needs of people living locally and we came home counting our blessings. We learnt of the Centre's need for various items such as towels, blankets, clothing, household goods and toiletries . . . and we managed to find a new home for a tumble dryer! If anyone has any items of use to the Daylight Centre, please bring them to our next meeting and we'll do our best to arrange for them to be transported over to Wellingborough.



The sun shone brightly for our visit to Peterborough on Saturday 23rd May and many of our members arrived early enough to enjoy a picnic lunch and tour of the Deanery Gardens. This was followed by tea and cake in the Cathedral before the service. It was wonderful to renew acquaintances and to see so many MU

members gathered together, parading the colourful MU banners from various branches in the Diocese. Ours was proudly carried by Margaret.

Fourteen of our members together with family and friends went to see a performance of 'Whistle Down the Wind' at the Caste Theatre on Saturday 6th June. The local cast of over 160 members was amazing. There was not a dry eye in the house!

We are looking forward to hearing more about the work of the Mothers' Union on Thursday evening at 7:30pm on 2nd July when June Davy will be telling us about the work of the Contact Centre in Wellingborough. Visitors are most welcome to join us.

Our coach is filling up nicely for our mystery tour to a faraway church on Thursday, 6th August. We have invited Deanery members to join us and will have a short service to celebrate Mary Sumner day and then have a tea in a village hall. The coach will leave St Andrew's church in Rockingham Rd at 2pm and should be back in Kettering by about 6pm. Please let Margaret, Jean or one of the committee members know if you would like to join us. Cost will be about £10 each including coach and tea.

Our Corporate Communion will be celebrated at 10am on Wednesday, 15th July and 19th August followed by refreshments in the Jacques room.

Jean Wilson



WE WERE GIVEN A CHALLENGE.....

A challenge was issued to each MU branch in the Diocese – find a different way of celebrating the Wave of Prayer. (That's the few days in June when MU members all round the world are praying for us and for the dioceses that we are twinned with – Bungoma, Guinea, Manicaland in Zimbabwe, and the three dioceses of Korea.)

So we marked it in a completely different way. Not only did we have our Corporate Communion, attended by 29 members and friends, in which we prayed specifically for each of our links, but we watched a DVD of life in Bungoma, reaffirmed our membership promises, and admitted a new member, Maggie Jones.

That was the nicest bit of all – welcome Maggie!

Margaret



St Andrew's Men's Society

This years Mystery Trip took us to the real North Northamptonshire ---not to be confused with the Police and Evening Telegraph's "North Northamptonshire", which preposterously includes Wellingborough and Rushden! Some compass!!

From Kettering we went via Geddington to Grafton Underwood, pausing at the airfield memorial to the USAAF and the 384th Bombardment Group who lost 159 planes from this base. From this base the first and last raids on Germany were made by the United States.

On through Brigstock and Fermyn Woods Hall to the Benefields where we took the road to Glapthorne (note posh spelling of Glapthorne ---- with an 'e' !! We then turned towards Southwick and in Woodnewton took the road to Nassington.

At the Nassington cross-roads, we took the road to Old Sulehay passing the disused quarries on both sides of the road until we reached the road to King's Cliffe, which is the border with Cambridgeshire.



We stopped at the King's Cliffe Airfield Memorial which is very unusual, depicting the wings of the fighter aircraft which flew from this base. A point of interest is that Glen Miller played his last airfield concert in the main hanger of this airfield before being lost in the Channel.

We then carried on past Blatherwycke Lakes, and Bulwick, taking to the main road before turning in to Deensthorpe on our way back to the Benefields. We thus passed the third USAAF base of the night which housed the 401st Bombardment Group which claimed to be "The Best Damned Outfit in the USAAF", as stated on the Airfield Memorial.

From here we returned through Brigstock to the Vane Arms at Sudborough for a wonderful buffet supper and a game of skittles. A fluke and element of modesty means the winner's name remains a mystery !!!



Our next meeting is on Monday 13th July, when we shall meet in the Old Cattle Market Car Park in London Road at 7:00pm for an historical tour of Kettering. Please see church notices for further details. Price will be £2 per person.

J. D. Pell



The 384th established its home at Grafton Underwood Airfield Station 106, Northamptonshire, England. Combat training continued through June, and the group flew its first operational mission on 22nd June 1943. Between 22nd June 1943, and 25th April 1945, the 384th flew 316 missions, 9,348 sorties, and dropped 22,415 tons of bombs on targets in Germany, France, Poland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and Holland, becoming one of the most heavily decorated Air Force Groups during WWII. Enemy aircraft accounted for by the 384th included 165 aircraft destroyed, another 34 probable, and 116 damaged.

The 384th dropped the last bombs of the 8th Air Force in WWII.

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

If you go down to the park today, you're sure of a big surprise. (Well, you do if it is the day of the Tiny Tots Teddy Bears' Picnic.) And this year the biggest surprise was the weather which was *FINE AND SUNNY BUT NOT TOO HOT*. A marked contrast to every other year I can remember! We usually freeze, bake or cancel because of the rain.



The tots played happily on the swings and roundabouts, the teddy bears went down the curly slide, the mums, dads, grans, and childminders nattered happily, and one or two more normal passers-by strolled over to join in – including one ex-Tiny Tot mum who was there with her sons of 9 plus – the boys were quite affronted to think that once upon a time they had been part of such a scene!



On more normal Thursday mornings we meet at the Church rooms any time from 9.30 onwards, though we will take a break on July 23 and 30, the first two weeks of the school holidays, before starting again for the whole of August onwards. Anyone involved in caring for pre-school children is welcome.

Teddies are not a pre-requisite of admittance.

Margaret _____

Some Teddy Bear things.....

The name Teddy Bear comes from former US President Theodore Roosevelt, whose nickname was "Teddy". Morris Michtom created a little stuffed bear cub and put it in his shop window with a sign that read "Teddy's bear," after sending the bear to Roosevelt and receiving permission to sell the bears. The toys were an immediate success and Michtom founded the Ideal Novelty and Toy Co., still trading today.

At the same time, in Germany the Steiff firm, unaware of Michtom's bear, produced a stuffed bear from Richard Steiff's designs. They exhibited the toy at the Leipzig Toy Fair in March 1903 and exported 3000 to the United States.

17th Kettering St. Andrew's Scout Group

Beavers



During the past few weeks our Beavers have been busy with activities At the A.G.M. after a couple, of weeks rehearsing they performed the Butterfly Song complete with the actions in front of Church and District Officials and parents. 7 Bronze Awards were also presented at the AGM. They have completed their Safety Badge with assistance from Steve and Sharan who came in their police uniforms to assist in the road safety section taking Beavers out. They also went to John Lowther Centre where they hired out the Go Karts and spent an enjoyable evening whizzing around the course. Kirsty (who is also a police woman) arranged for the Beavers to visit the Police Station where all Beavers and leaders were fingerprinted!!! Lastly they visited Pets at Home as part of the Animal Friend Badge. During June ,14 Beavers will be attending the County Beaverie on Saturday 20th at Overstone.

Planned events to the end of term are: Fathers Day gifts, Visits to local park (if good weather), Sand play and a Family Sports Day at JLC on last night of term

Cubs



At the A.G.M. after successful rehearsals they performed their version of 'We'll do anything' from Oliver. The Cubs weekly meetings have Included; an Italian night, when they made pizza's, tied knots with spaghetti and made paper gondola's, a Water Wise evening, where they had fun games with water but with a serious message., a Fitness Challenge when the Tae Kwon Do instructor who teaches at the church rooms on Saturdays came to give the cubs some basic instructions. The following week as part of the same challenge they spent an evening at the Rugby club where Steve and David Bannister went through some exercises. Lastly the wet weather meant that instead of the visit to the park they held a games evening inside.

Cubs took part in a District Paper Plane Challenge, Calum won this on our behalf, Andrew also won the parents challenge. During June, 15 Cubs will be attending the County Cub Camp being held at Overstone where we are expecting some 2000 people to be on site on Saturday when Beavers will be visiting for the day.



In July Cubs will have another weekend camp at Thorpe Malsor Planned events to the end of term are; Fathers Day gifts, visits to local park (if good weather), proposed Naturalists Badge at a Country Park and a family Sports Day at JLC on last night of term

Scouts



For the AGM our Scouts spent 3 weeks Modelling, Painting and Completing Clay Models, whilst the leaders filmed for a video diary to show at the AGM.

Scouts also spent a Tuesday evening hiking from Harowden to Pytchley, they had to answer questions en route, luckily the weather was okay.

Another Tuesday was spent at Twywell Hills and Dales where a wide game had been planned.

Lastly the Games Evening at Weekley Glebe Playing Fields had to be postponed due to rain.

Planned events to the end of term are; Indoor Athletics, Canoe building and a Games evening

In July Scouts will be going to Walesby in Nottinghamshire for a 4 day camp. The Scout Leaders will be providing refreshments and games for the Church Picnic.

We have a break from scouting in August but will report in September's magazine how the various camps have gone.

Christine

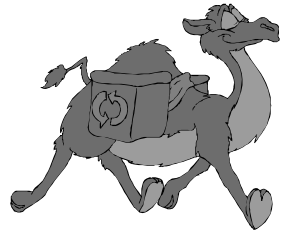


St Andrews Alternative Cookery page

In last month's magazine I noticed that you had introduced a "Cookery Page", which led me to wonder if you would be interested in the following recipe, which I picked up on my travels. It may be that the Social Committee might find it useful for a Parish Party, as it serves a lot.

Stuffed Camel

1 medium camel
5 sheep/lambs
20 chickens
150 eggs
80 lbs of tomatoes
Salt and seasoning to taste



Method

First catch your camel . Second catch your sheep then your hens.
Stuff eggs in to tomatoes. Stuff tomatoes in to chickens.
Stuff chickens in to sheep. Stuff sheep into camel.
Roast until tender If you have a large enough oven--OK!
If not roast on a spit on an open fire , until golden brown. The Scouts might be able to help at this point.
Thinly carve and serve with new potatoes and peas.

This should serve upwards of 150 people.

Use plenty of salt, mint and curry powder for maximum flavour.

JD Pell

Other Camel Facts....

- a The average life expectancy of a camel is 40 to 50 yrs.
- a A fully grown adult camel stands 1.85 m (6 ft 1 in) at the shoulder and 2.15 m (7 ft 1 in) at the hump.
- a Camels can run up to 65 km/h (40 mph) in short bursts and sustain speeds of up to 40 km/h (25 mph).

Well dressed clergyman is a winner

The parochial church council at Exton in Rutland is celebrating after winning the group section in a model making competition at Exton Village Day in May.



Their entry (left) entitled *The Revd Septimus Crow with choirboy and dove* was made by Judy Swinfen with robes borrowed for the occasion from the Revd Brian Nicholls (at the back in the photo).



With the charity having been in existence for over six years we are constantly being asked how individuals and groups/companies can get involved. Here's how:

- Become a member: £10.00 per year. You will receive a bi-annual Newsletter and we will keep you informed of activities and events as they happen. (Please ask for a copy of our new leaflet which has all the joining details on or **download** the application form).
- Become a volunteer and help us at many our events throughout the year or in the office when demand for extra pairs of hands are required. (See leaflet for details)
- Spread the word of what we do ask for posters to be displayed in outlets where you are known, leave leaflets out in places where you think interested people will pick them up
- Organise an event for us Encourage your friends and family and your colleagues at work. You will be surprised at just how much fun and satisfaction can be had and we are always here to offer guidance and support and, if we are able, to come along and support you. (Fundraising packs now available).

www.crazyhatsbreastcancerappeal.co.uk