

## Notes from the Picarage

Summer has begun and we seem to have had more sunshine than last year already...

I hope it bodes well for my tomatoes – and the various outdoor activities we have planned!

This month Tiny Tots will be having their annual picnic, and Saint and Drew's will be venturing to the coast. Next month, there will be the church picnic after the July Parade service on the 12th – for all the family. Look out for other groups going out and about...

On 10th May we welcomed Bishop Frank to a very special service to licence Morey as our new Assistant Priest. As I said in my sermon at the service, I am absolutely delighted that Morey has chosen to stay on with us, having completed her curacy – she could have gone anywhere, but has decided to stick with us, even though she knows us well now!

It was a wonderful service and a great bring and share meal afterwards – thank you to everyone who generously brought and shared...

We look forward together to this new phase of Morey's ministry.

Audrey is now back with us, following her operation and I'm delighted that she's recovered so well, and we look forward to her returning to preaching and service leading.

We were all of course very saddened to hear the news of Bishop Ian's death. I was privileged to be able to attend his funeral, which he had compiled himself. It was very moving to hear some of the music which he loved performed so beautifully by the cathedral choir, and to see the many bishops and two archbishops paying their respects.

Please continue to pray for Bishop Ian's wife, Jo, and his children.

Please pray too for the process of choosing a new bishop, which is already under way. Bishop Frank has asked us here at St Andrew's to host a Diocesan prayer service on 3rd June at 7.30pm to pray for the new Bishop. I would like to thank Morey and Brenda for all the hard work they are putting into that service and Jeremy and the music group for agreeing to play.

With my best wishes from

your Priest-in-Charge

Nick



**Saturdays in Term time 6-7 pm**

## Services for June 2009

Monday 1st June	10.00am	A Time to Pray
Wednesday 3rd June	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday 4th June	10.30am	Tiny Tots Teddy Bears Picnic at Rockingham Rd Park
Saturday 6th June	6.00pm	Saint & Drew's

### **Sunday 7th June - Trinity Sunday**

<i>Romans 8: 12-17</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion
<i>John 3: 1-17</i>	9.30am	Sung Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong

Monday 8th June	10.00am	A Time to Pray
Wednesday 10th June	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday 11th June	10.30am	Tiny Tots in Church
Saturday 13th June	6.00pm	Saint & Drew's

### **Sunday 14th June - First Sunday after Trinity**

<i>2 Cor. 5:6-10, 14-17</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion
<i>Mark 4:26-34</i>	9.30am	Parade Service
	11.15am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong

Monday 15th June	10.00am	A Time to Pray
Wednesday 17th June	10.00am	Holy Communion (MU Corporate Communion)
Thursday 18th June	10.30am	Tiny Tots in Church
Saturday 20th June	6.00pm	Saint & Drew's



## The Cookery Page

On your behalf and at great risk and daring the editorial team has managed to obtain the secret recipe for one of the best selling "Biscuits for Bungoma". Please try this at home!



### Smartie Cookies

350g plain flour  
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda  
1 tsp baking powder  
250g butter (or margarine)  
300g caster sugar  
1 egg  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
4 x 40g tubes Smarties

Heat oven to 180 degrees Centigrade (Gas Mark 4). Sift flour, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder and a pinch of salt into a mixing bowl, then set aside. Cream together butter and sugar until pale and fluffy, then beat in egg and vanilla extract. Gradually beat in the dry ingredients to form a stiff dough.

Roll into 30 balls, place 6 on each lined baking sheet. Press 6 Smarties into each ball, flattening it slightly.

Bake for 15 minutes until pale golden-brown.

Leave on tray for 2 minutes to firm up slightly before transferring to wire racks to cool.

*Thanks to Brenda for sharing her recipe.*



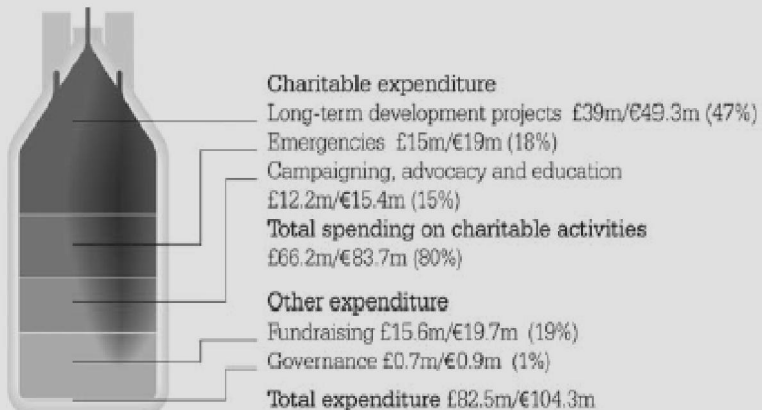
## Bangladesh Talk

In April members of a variety of churches in the town attended a slide show and talk by Carol Milner at Fuller Church concerning her recent visit to Bangladesh (a country more vulnerable to climate change than virtually any other country in the world). Many water wells contain arsenic and it is an ongoing health problem affecting millions. It was very interesting to hear about the projects supported by Christian Aid (such as women's leadership skills) and to see examples of some of their crafts. The average daily wage there is only 60p.

As a sobering contrast we then walked up the road to the new Balti Lounge where we sampled a variety of curries, washed down by Indian lager!

**Christian Aid's total income in 2007/8 was £86.5m, with Christian Aid Week making up almost a fifth. Here's how it was spent**

### How your money helps transform poor communities



## Sponsored Walk

Malcolm and I enjoyed the Waendel walk on a beautiful sunny morning and were even offered sun cream by the St John Ambulance - in retrospect we should have accepted. There were a number of uniformed groups taking part, lots of beer drunk in the pubs en route (not by us) and flags from a variety of countries were in evidence. We still hope more people will decide to join us next year. It would be good to have a group from Kettering under a Christian Aid banner.

## Quizaid

Brenda, John, Margaret and Sue helped us form a team at the Quizaid event, again held at Fuller. 16 teams took part and our team was called "Young Nick's" (as opposed to the older variety). The rounds were varied and by the break, when we stopped for desserts, we were in second place. Unfortunately our downfall came in the second half when we were presented with 24 pictures of Bond girls and had to match them to the correct Bond film! We managed to get 2 right out of 24 in this round, and that was by chance. However we made up for it on the 60s music round (no thanks to me). In the end we managed a very respectable third place. Fuller has a dishwasher so I didn't have to stay behind too long helping to clear away. More teams from St Andrew's next year please - it was fun and it raised £293.50.

*Rosalind*

Thank you to the small band of people who kindly collected from door to door, to those who sponsored us on the Waendel Walk and to those who made donations. The total raised so far at St Andrew's Church is £551.35

## Refugee Week 15-21 June

Refugee Week is a UK-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK.

The purpose of Refugee Week is to deliver positive educational messages that counter fear, ignorance and negative stereotypes of refugees. This is done through arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and promote understanding about the reasons why people seek sanctuary.

When a refugee arrives in a new country, they are known as an asylum seeker until they are granted refugee status.

There were 23,430 applications for asylum in 2007. The nationalities accounting for the highest numbers of applicants were Afghan, Iranian, Chinese, Iraqi and Eritrean. (Home Office).

### **Prayer for Refugee Week, 15-21 June**

*Lord Jesus, you knew what it was to be a refugee when your parents fled from Herod. You knew what it was to be homeless, no where to lay your head. You knew what it was to be friendless; those you loved betrayed you. You knew what it was to be utterly derelict; you cried from the cross. What ever we suffer, you have been there first. Forgive us for doubting you and give us the strength to go on. Amen*

Famous people that have found refuge in this county include: Karl Marx, Michael Marks (M&S), Albert Einstein, Victor Hugo, Camille Pissarro, and the great British tradition of fish & chips was brought to this country by C17th Jews expelled from Portugal.

## 17th Kettering St Andrews Scout Group

### **Beavers**

Over the past few weeks the Beavers have been very busy. One week they made Peppermint creams as Mothers Day presents and then spent a few weeks making puppets and rehearsing for the "Big Bad Pig" which they performed in front of their parents. In preparation for St George's day they decorated biscuits with the St George' flag design. Rehearsals have also taken place for the AGM Butterfly song. With the oncoming good weather and lighter evenings they are hoping to hold some meetings outside.

### **Cub Scouts**

The Cubs Mothers day gifts entailed decorating flower pots and they have finally completed their Faith Badge (many thanks to Becky Wills for the help with this). A lot of preparation is taking place as they prepare for their Fitness Challenge badge involving Tae Kwon Do and rugby and the

athletes Badge.

### **Scouts**

Mothers Day for the Scouts involved making chocolate truffles. They have also been involved in the Pottery Challenge (messy) and making models for the Craft Badge. One evening was spent in an "evaluation of the Scout promise" which turned in to quite an in depth discussion.

With the summer approaching most evenings will be spent outside with activities involving canoeing and rafting and in preparation for the summer camp at Walesby.

### **St George's Day**

All three sections attended the St George's day parade in Corby. This was very well attended and all looked very smart.

### **Group A.G.M.**

Our Group A.G.M. took place on Tuesday 12th May. This was very well supported by parents,

District officials and Church representatives. After the formal part of the meeting presentations of the Chief Scouts Bronze and Silver awards were made to some of the Beavers and Cub Scouts. The three sections then provided entertainment for everyone and the evening concluded with tea and biscuits.

*Stuart*  
Group Chairman

### **NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY**

The Church Picnic will take place on Sunday 12th July from 11 am onwards, after the Parade Service, at the Rockingham Road Park which is opposite All Saints Church. Please come along, bring your food and join in the fun. For all ages, children must be accompanied.



## **Missing Book**

I have mislaid one of my books which I may well have lent to someone 5 or 6 years ago.

The book is "Health is for God" by Christopher Hamel Cooke.

I won't embarrass you by asking for it to be returned to be personally, but if you do have it please leave it at the back of the Church and I will pick it up from there.

Many thanks

*Audrey*

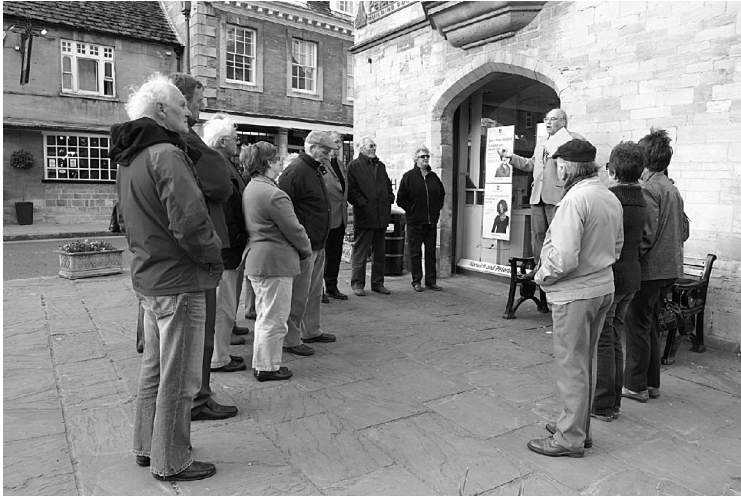
## **St Andrew's Men's Society**

At our April meeting on Monday 20th, we were very pleased to welcome back Mr Ian Addis to recall the memories he held of his childhood in Kettering in the 40's & 50's. We were also pleased to welcome a number of non-members to our meeting and Ian's recollections provided a vivid trip down memory lane. Many thanks to Ian for his contributions to a most enjoyable evening. We commenced with a short service in church where Richard and Denis led the members and Brian played the organ.

For our May meeting on Monday 11th we were off to Oundle for a historical tour of the town. Mr. Baguley our Blue Badge guide concentrated his talk on the area around the Market Square, School and Church, and although it was a fine, sunny evening at the conclusion of our tour we were wishing that we had dressed in our winter thermals, as there was a stiff North east wind blowing.



The Talbot at Oundle



Outside the old market hall Oundle

However, the tour was most informative and grateful thanks to our guide was expressed by the Secretary. We didn't however participate in the 'cold' refreshment from the back of a car, but all made our way home for a beverage of the 'hot' kind. On Saturday 16th May we held our Annual Coffee morning/Sale. There was the sale of plants/books/pictures/cakes/bric-a-brac, and we held our usual raffle. We cleared £179 for group funds and we extend to all those who supported us in any way our grateful thanks for a tremendous effort.

**Diary Date:**

Monday 8th June 2009 - Mystery Trip/Games Evening. A coach will leave St. Andrew's Church at 6.30pm. The cost of a seat on the coach (including buffet eats) is £10. For those interested in taking part in this event please add their names to the listing at the back of the church.

*P.Ison*

## St Andrew's Ladies

For our April meeting Liz came to demonstrate encaustic art. She went on a days course while on holiday in Scotland and became hooked on it. The Greeks, Egyptians and Romans used wax as a painting medium - it was melted, coloured and used to create a picture. Liz used beeswax with an iron to produce spectacular and individual images.

Each picture is unique and it is impossible to create or copy exactly. She made it look very easy, but said it took her a while to get used to using the iron to create pictures. She brought lots of examples of her work (pictures, bookmarks and cards) which we were able to buy.

On the 28th April many of us went on a ladies night at Kettering Lighthouse to see "The Full Monty", a musical based on the film. It was brilliant and tastefully done.

The Kettering Operatic Society were very professional and it was a very enjoyable evening.

On the 18th of June we visit the garden at The Maltings at Clipston. Please meet there at 7pm. There will be a cream tea first, then a stroll around the garden.

*D Hancock*

### Thanks

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone at St Andrews who sponsored me for the Crazy Hats walk at Wicksteed Park on March 29th.

I was able to send £360 to add to the grand total raised. Many thanks once again.

*Veronica MacAngus*



## Missionary Support

For many years missionary societies have featured in our giving, interest and support and more recently, additional generous response has been made through the Advent and Lent appeals to specific emergencies and grave national situations.

Bishop Eliud's visit and participation in the Confirmation Service of 2006 inspired the church family - especially its young people - to give most generously to the needs in Kenya and our link diocese of Bungoma.

At its recent meeting, the missionary committee suggested that the different organisations within our church family should choose particular missionary interests and thus gain specific information details of need in order to pray, think and give in a more focussed way to those causes which they find particularly appropriate

A proposal was put to the PCC and in the lively and fruitful debate on the reasons for giving to the work of mission which ensued, the Church's continued commitment to mission support was reaffirmed.

A renewed determination was established to keep the church family well informed and prayerful so that their giving could be part of the creative fund raising in which many have so successfully engaged recently. (Songs of Praise service, long walks and wine and cheese evenings spring to mind).

The ten percent minimum to chosen societies would be underwritten by the PCC and the church's financial support would in no way be diminished, while it might well become accompanied by greater and more informed prayer

*Morey Gompertz*

## Once a Curate, always a curate!

The word curate is often understood to mean a sort of trainee or apprentice, a learner, and yet the word actually applies to the office of any priest who is said to have been entrusted with the “cure of souls” in a parish. Whatever it may mean—the care or cure of souls is a mighty responsibility and it would appear that it doesn’t just end after the three years post ordination training!

Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> was a truly memorable evening for me as it gave a security to my sense of calling to St. Andrew’s. I remember well when Bishop Ian told me that he thought Nick and I would work well together saying with a wicked twinkle “He’s young enough to be your son”. I have learned a great deal from him and from all of you. It has been a steep learning curve since I am in a position which, though connected in many ways to my previous life, looks at the church community from a different viewpoint. I am no longer a clergy wife who can (and frequently did!) criticise and support from the sidelines, I am no longer leading a community of children and adults and yet all experiences of the past can and do feed into the life here at St Andrew’s.

I am incredibly fortunate in being able to continue my interest in church school education. My work as denominational inspector and diocesan school consultant takes me all around the Diocese so I can eat my lunch by the shores of Rutland Water one day and fill my car with fuel in Daventry the next. This aspect of my work probably takes up about one day in the week together with meetings of the Diocesan Board of Education and its sub committees. Regular commitments here at St Andrew’s include supporting Saint and Drews on term time Saturday evenings, attending Time to Pray on Monday mornings, attending PCC and Ministry team meetings and leading a house group.

I appreciate those occasional services where I am invited to officiate and find visiting very rewarding. I really enjoy wrestling with sermon preparation since I guess that the teaching element is so much part of my life that it won't go away. Working in the Holiday club team is enormous fun and every time I get to know more families which is really helpful. Leading and presiding at Communion is an enormous privilege- whether in the peace of the early 8 am services or in the larger 9.30 services. I find that looking into a person's face as I offer bread and wine is such a precious moment, it is hard to put it into words.

Thank you for the welcome you have given me and my family especially Peter, it is very special. When Peter retires from his parochial work in Woodford we are hoping to move to Kettering. It will be easier to become more accessible then though I do hope that you know by now you are always welcome at the Rectory in Woodford for a "cuppa" and a rest by the river.



*Morey*

**Morey and Bishop Frank**



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*Sharing Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life*

Instead of our branch meeting in the Jacques room on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, we have arranged an outing to the Daylight Centre in Wellingborough. If you'd like to come, please meet in St Andrew's car park at 2pm, with transport if you have it, and we'll distribute maps and travel by car to Wellingborough. We shall have an opportunity to look round the Centre and have a cup of tea there before coming home.

**Wave of Prayer** - Special prayers for this occasion will be included in our Wednesday morning Corporate Communion on 17<sup>th</sup> June. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee in the Jacques room, whilst watching a DVD about Bungoma. Visitors are most welcome to join us.

**Mystery Tour** - Something different is planned this year to celebrate Mary Sumner day! We're hoping that as many of our branch and deanery members as possible will join us on a mystery tour on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August. The coach will meet us outside St Andrew's church in Rockingham Road at 2pm. We are organising afternoon tea and a short service in a faraway church.

There will be a minimum amount of walking. Please let Margaret or Jean, or one of the MU committee members know if you would like to come. Cost will be in the region of about £10 per person, including coach fare and tea. We plan to be back in Kettering by about 6pm.

The branch programme for the rest of the year will be available very soon and, by

popular request, we're including another Palm Court tea room fundraising event in the Autumn.

Please remember Sue Tringham's special appeal of 'Ten pence on Tuesdays'

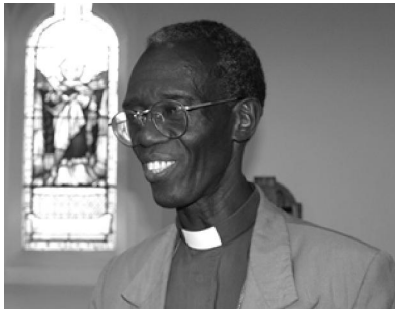
for Overseas Special Relief fund. Sue has asked us if we will collect these coins all together in September.

Thank you.

*Jean Wilson*

## News From The Diocese

### **Bishop Eliud elected Archbishop of Kenya**



Bishop Eliud, from our link diocese of Bungoma in Western Kenya, has been elected as Archbishop of Kenya. Bishop Eliud has been a regular visitor to the Peterborough Diocese since our link began in 1998. We understand his enthronement is due to take place on 5 July.

### **Peterfest takes historical turn**

Peterborough's Cathedral Precincts will be filled with the sights and sounds of a medieval market, with stalls and re-enactments, during the weekend of 27 and 28 June. Peterfest this year coincides with the city's Heritage Festival and the cathedral will hold Open Days to show aspects of its ministry through the centuries.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, will be preaching at Evensong on Sunday 28 June, at 3.30pm. Tel: 01733

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## Choir Notes

A couple of our choristers attended a Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) organised seminar entitled "Ancient & Modern" in Fotheringhay Church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. This was led by Rev Peter Moger, National Worship Development Officer for the Liturgical Commission, and it explored ways and means by which modern hymns and worship songs can be successfully incorporated into traditional services. I am pleased to be able to advise that the feedback which I received from our choristers was that we, at Kettering St. Andrew's, are at the leading edge of this as we quite happily manage to interact Bach and Kendrick style music at many of our services without raising too many eyebrows!

There has only been one 'RSCM Voices' event since the last report. This was a Choral Evensong in Rochester Cathedral on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May, conducted by the Director of Music

there, Scott Farrell, where Sandra and I were both singing tenor. The music included the Introit "Holy is the true light" by Peter Fitcher, Responses by Rose, Evening Canticles by Stanford (in A major), and the Anthem "Insanae et vanae curae" by Haydn.

It is anticipated that this choir will be singing on the following dates over the next couple of months :-

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Choral Evensong in Peterborough Cathedral @ 3.30pm

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Choral Evensong in Salisbury Cathedral @ 5.30pm

The support of any members of our congregation who may be visiting these areas at the time would be much appreciated.

The Reid family seem to have unintentionally begun a new tradition of visiting cathedrals en route to a holiday! In March we sang with the 'RSCM Voices' in Portsmouth Cathedral on our

way down to Devon, and when we went away to Devon (again) in April, I noticed that their local area had organised a 'Come and Sing Evensong for St. Mark's Day' in Exeter Cathedral on the Saturday when we were travelling down. This seemed to be too good an opportunity to miss, being able to 'tick off' yet another cathedral on the list of those in which we have sung, so we duly joined choristers from around the south-west of England on 25<sup>th</sup> April in that splendid building, alongside the cathedral choirs, where the music included the Introit "Cantate Domino" by Pitoni, Responses by Ayleward, Evening Canticles by Wood (in E flat), and the Anthem "O how glorious" by Harwood.



*Exeter Cathedral*

News from further afield – one of our former choristers, Rachel sang the services in York Minster for the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> April with her current choir, Melbourne Parish Church (South Derbyshire).

Finally, I have been asked to pen a few words on modern musical terms, following Morey's reference to the hymn "Christ triumphant" to John Barnard's splendid tune 'Guiting Power' as being the "welly one". I'm not quite sure that "giving it some welly" is an official term, musically, but as most musical terms are in the Italian language, maybe a term which I know is used by another director of music would be more appropriate – "beltissimo" (ie belting out the singing very loudly indeed). Another term I have also used is "dragando" (ie one singer, or group of singers, is/are dragging behind the others!). If anybody has encountered any other new and amusing terms like these, please let me know.

*B J Reid*

## and finally ...

### Student mistakes in Sunday School

- ◆ Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.
- ◆ Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
- ◆ The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals.
- ◆ Samson was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
- ◆ Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
- ◆ Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- ◆ When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
- ◆ St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
- ◆ Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

### The old ones are the best ...

Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?  
*Because Noah was standing on the deck*

How do we know Moses wore a wig?  
*Sometimes he was with Aaron and sometimes he wasn't*

Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?  
*When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.*