

Notes from the Picarage

As we move into Autumn we are delighted to welcome to St Andrew's Karin Voth Harman who is an ordinand training at Westcott College in Cambridge. Karin will be with us on placement for a year, on Sundays and at some other services as part of her training for the Ministry. She came along to our Harvest lunch and many of you were able to meet her then. I hope that she will enjoy her time with us and that it will be helpful in her training. I'm sure that we will benefit greatly too.

Our Harvest celebrations went well. After the Parade service, where we received generous gifts for the Daylight Centre, there was the Harvest lunch which was once again ably cooked by the Social Committee and eagerly eaten by a good number.

It was good to welcome Mary Dixie from Family Care on 12th October as we continue to try to build stronger and more informed links with our various Mission partners. Many thanks to Michael for fostering this link via our art groups.

I know that Tiny Tots and Sunday Club have a healthy and on-going link with our sponsored children in Thailand. It is great that we are able to exchange photos, letters and prayers as well as financial support, and to see the real difference our support makes.

I am looking forward to hearing about other groups from within our church who have taken on particular mission partners and are informing the rest of us about them.

The Holiday Club is nearly upon us and plans are going well. I am especially pleased that we are for the first time going to be using the Keystone Escape Venue on Rockingham road for our oldest group of young people. It is a great venue for youth work and in our parish, and I hope this will begin a new phase of working with Keystone.



I'm also delighted that the new Ministers at Central Methodist church, Tony and Fiona DeBoltz are very happy to continue to work with us on the Holiday Club and allow us to use their church as well.

Please pray for this vital and ongoing work with lots of children, a number of whom have no other experience of church.

Plans are going ahead for this year's Community Christmas Fair (3rd and 5th December); this year we hope to have more live music and extend into the church rooms. Please support us and invite your friends. In the past I have been pleased to welcome so many from our town supporting the charities and community groups and I hope to see even more from our church family too.

I must mention a very special celebration of a great milestone: Dorothy Goss has reached the grand age of 100 and I would like to extend our congratulations on behalf of all of us here at St Andrews.



your Priest-in Charge,

Nick

Pints of View

The Earl of Dalkieth, Dalkieth Place
At 8:00pm-9:30pm on the third Monday of each month

How does the Christian faith relate to the way we live today?

Listen, think, chat and drink

As we mull over those questions asked by others

Whatever your pint of choice...

Come and share your point of view

November Services 2009

Sunday 1st

Psalm 89:1-8,46-52
Matthew 21:28-31

All Saints Day

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

Monday 2nd

10:00am Time To Pray

Wednesday 4th

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 5th

10:30am Tiny Tots in Church

Saturday 7th

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

Sunday 8th

Peter 3:8-17
Luke 8:40-56

Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday - Parade

8:00am Holy Communion
9:30am Parade Service
11.15am Holy Communion
6:00pm Evensong

Monday 9th

10:00am Time to Pray

Wednesday 11th

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 12th

10:30am Tiny Tots in Church

Saturday 14th

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

Sunday 15th

Peter 1:13-21
Matthew 26:36-46

Second Sunday before Advent

8:00am Holy Communion
9:30am Sung Communion
6:00pm Together in Praise

Monday 16th

10:00am Time To Pray

Wednesday 18th

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 19th

11:30am Tiny Tots in Church

Saturday 21st

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

November Services 2009

Sunday 22nd

Colossians 1:9-14
Luke 17:11-19

Sunday next before Advent Christ the King

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

Monday 23rd

10:00am Time To Pray

Wednesday 25th

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 26th

11:30am Tiny Tots in Church

Saturday 28th

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

Sunday 29th

Genesis 12:1-8
Matthew 25:31-46

First Sunday of Advent

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

Monday 30th

10:00am Time To Pray
7.30pm Healing Service

December 2009

Wednesday 2nd

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd

11:30am Tiny Tots in Church

Saturday 5th

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

Sunday 6th

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

Second Sunday of Advent

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

20TH ST. ANDREW'S BROWNIE UNIT (WEDNESDAY)



Centenary Launch – Abington Park, Northampton

On Saturday 5th September our Brownie Unit attended the Guiding Centenary Launch at Abington Park, Northampton. We joined with four and a half thousand other Rainbow, Brownie, Guides and Leaders to celebrate the beginning of Guiding when a number of girls attended the Scout Rally at Crystal Palace in September 1909, dressed in Scout uniforms other than wearing shirts instead of trousers. They told Robert Baden-Powell that they wanted to join the Scout Movement and when he told them they couldn't they asked for 'Something for the Girls'. A few months later in early 1910 a Guide Unit was formed with Baden-Powell's sister Agnes as their leader. It was a wonderful experience to be part of such a special occasion in the company of The Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire - Lady Juliet Townsend, The Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton and Vice Chairman of Northamptonshire County Council. There was a huge birthday cake which was cut by an ex Guide aged 105 years and a Rainbow age 5 years, there were also Brownies, Guides and Leaders dressed in uniforms from the past which the Brownies all found very interesting. We look forward to taking part in a number of other Centenary Celebrations over the next year.

Gang Show

We are delighted that this year for the first time Brownies have been invited to take part in Kettering Gang Show. Seven of our Brownies attended auditions and will be joining the Gang for this year's Gang Show in November.

Congratulations to Katie Freeland, Harriet Law, Hayley and Meghan Mills-Amissah, Emily Peace, Annastacia Short and Amy Thomson. We look forward to coming to watch you.

Hilary Whitwell – Brown Owl

Choir Notes



Members of our choir have been involved in a couple of very different events recently :-

Firstly, on Saturday 19th September, 3 of our choristers participated in a "Come & Sing" Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' in Abington Parish Church, Northampton, organised by the local area committee of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM).

Secondly, 14 of our choristers joined with choirs from around the area at the annual Diocesan Choral Festival held in Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 10th October. The service included a ceremony for the presentation of RSCM certificates during which Jack Bedwell-Clayton, Brian Reid, and Simeon Hockley were presented with their Dean's (Bronze), Bishop's (Silver), and Gold Awards respectively by the Dean. The preacher was the Precentor of Leicester Cathedral, Canon Stephen Foster, who gave a thought-provoking sermon on the future of choirs in leading worship. The focus of the music for the Evensong was 'Peace', and the music sung there included anthems by Mendelssohn ("Grant us the peace"), Stanford ("Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity"), and Haydn ("Insanae et vanae curae"), the latter being sung in Latin, the translation of which follows :-

*"Irrational and empty fears overtake our minds.
Often they fill our hearts with madness, devoid of hope.
Mortal, what profit is there in striving for earthly things, if you neglect the heavenly?
In all things there is happiness for you, if God is by your side."*

There have been no 'RSCM Voices' (formerly the 'Southern Cathedral Singers') choir events since the last report. Their first appearance will be at a local venue, Rothwell Parish Church, on Saturday 28th November, when they will be leading an Advent Carol Service (time to be advised).

Some of our choristers should be participating in the following services with this choir during 2010:



Saturday 30th January,
Choral Evensong in Peterborough Cathedral
Saturday 20th March,
Mass in Westminster R.C. Cathedral
Tuesday 6th April,
Choral Evensong in St. Paul's Cathedral
Saturday 24th April,
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 the 'RSCM Voices' services.

Finally, Dominic Sweeney has now moved from being a treble on the front row to tenor on the back row of the choir, so there is now a vacancy for either another boy treble or a girl soprano. For any people who enjoy singing and would like to join the choir, this is an excellent time to begin, so please do not hesitate to come and have an informal chat with me after a service so that I can give you details of the commitment involved.

B.J.REID

Why do I need to practise scales n stuff?

A singer is like an athlete who gradually trains their body until it reaches the peak of its operating ability. Like any other muscle in body, the vocal chords need to be warmed up with exercises before asking them to perform. It is important that you learn to sing in a healthy way that builds up the muscles slowly and prevents damage to the voice.

The vocal chords (also known as vocal folds) are small thin muscles that vibrate when air passes through them. The vibration ranges from fast to slow and the more 'elastic' they become, the easier it is for the notes to be produced. The singer learns how to control their breathing and uses vocal exercises and scales and which help to develop flexibility in the vocal chords.

St Andrews Ladies

For our September meeting Rona Gordon gave us a talk on living in Denmark under Nazi Occupation. Rona was born in Denmark, her mother was British and her father was Danish. As Denmark borders onto Germany they were an easy target for Hitler's Germany to occupy. Rona was at school when it happened. School went on as usual but Rona and her sister, who were bilingual, were told by their mother to only speak Danish during the occupation as any other language would make them appear suspicious and draw attention to them. She told us many incidents of that time, many very sad. It gave us an insight into a period in history none of us knew much about. An extremely interesting evening which ended with Rona answering numerous of our questions.

Our November meeting is on 19th November when we go on a visit and have a meal at Jeyes in Earls Barton. Arrangements made at the October meeting.

Veronica MacAngus



German troops occupied Denmark within a few hours on the morning of 9 April 1940. The attack was accompanied by an ultimatum that no resistance was to be offered.

Germany would, in exchange, respect the country's political independence; the King and the government gave in. Thus began a 'peaceful occupation' during which Denmark tried to maintain the illusion of independence. With a few exceptions, the Foreign Ministries handled all communication between the two countries.

England reacted by occupying the Faroe Islands on 12 April, and attempted to seize Denmark's merchant navy; 2/3 of the ships ended up in allied service. E. Reventlow, the Danish envoy in London, maintained his diplomatic status. H. Kauffmann in Washington, however, reserved his position and in April 1941, he signed an agreement with the USA which gave the States the right to set up military bases in Greenland, which had been under the protection of the States since the outbreak of war.

What an exciting and busy month we had in October! First of all, at our branch meeting on 1st October, we celebrated Dorothy Goss' 100th birthday – with a bunch of flowers and the first of many commemorative cakes!



The atmosphere at our Palm Court Tea Rooms on Saturday, 17th was buzzing from start to finish, with Madame Celestine making a return visit to play some well known tunes for us, accompanied by Marianne who sang beautifully. Palm Court seems to have become our major fund raising event during the past few years and appears to be as popular as ever. Our tables were beautifully prepared and our 'Nippy' waitresses were busy negotiating trolleys to deliver the most delicious cakes to our customers. Customers flocked to our stalls displaying the most beautiful hand crafted gifts and cards, as well as new items and second hand books. Our tea makers and washer-uppers were very busy behind the scenes.

Thanks to all our customers and to everyone who worked so hard to make it a memorable event – and we raised just over £300 for the worldwide work of the MU in doing so.



'Madame Celestine'
(Norah Meadowcroft)
and
'Marianne'
(Marian Quinney)

Some of our Palm Court
waitresses, entertainers,
Maître d'Palm Court and
Cashier



Time to put our feet up – well, not just yet!

On Thursday, 12th November at 2pm, we have planned a craft afternoon in the Jacques room to make some goods for our stall at St Andrew's Christmas fair. Please come if you can and save items that are coloured gold, lavender, green and white for our stall.

Our next branch meeting will be in the Jacques room at 2pm on Thursday 5th November when Christine Thompson will tell us about her work at Victim Support.

Corporate Communion is on Wed, 18th November, followed by refreshments in the Jacques room.

Our Christmas meeting will be a week later than usual – on Thursday, 10th December. Please bring a gift, up to the value of £2, already wrapped and ready to put into Santa's sack.

Visitors are always very welcome to join us.

Jean Wilson

Things to know about hedgehogs

Hedgehogs are very special little animals, they are called 'The Gardener's Friend' because they eat slugs and lots of other garden pests. You should be very pleased if a hedgehog chooses to visit your garden.



Hedgehogs like to travel about at night so you should never try to enclose the garden so that they can't get out, it also would mean that others couldn't get into your garden which would be a shame.

You can encourage hedgehogs to come to your garden by putting out food for them, they like cat food (not fish) and cat or dog biscuits but never bread and milk as this can make them very ill. They also like it if there is some fresh water in your garden.

Like most wild animals hedgehogs do have fleas but these fleas will only live on hedgehogs.

You can make your garden 'hedgehog friendly' by never using slug pellets (hedgehogs eat the slugs and too are poisoned by the pellets) Burning garden waste in an incinerator and not having a bonfire, hedgehogs will often sleep or hibernate in bonfires. Be careful when using netting to protect plants and vegetables from the birds as hedgehogs can get their legs caught in the netting and are unable to free themselves. Hedgehogs can swim but are sometimes unable to climb out of ponds if the sides are too steep. Hedgehogs like woodpiles and wild areas in gardens.

Hedgehogs should never be seen out in the daytime, if they are, there is something the matter with them.

In the Autumn-time you can sometimes see small hedgehogs, some of these will be too small to survive hibernation. Hedgehogs are one of the few British mammals that truly hibernate, the others are bats and the dormouse.



They hibernate because there is not enough food for them to eat in Winter-time. Any small hedgehog found from the end of October onwards weighs less than 600gm should be taken in and looked after through the Winter and released in the Spring. This is fun to do yourself but there are lots of places where you can take them to be looked after.

For any more hedgehog facts please contact Hilary Whitwell (01536 483481)

Common Name European Hedgehog

Scientific Name Erinaceus europaeus

Life span Up to 5 years

Body length 15cm—30cm (6" - 12")

Weight 1.5kg—2.5kg ()

Description Hedgehogs are Britain's only spiny mammal, and may be covered in up to 6,000 spines, which are brown with white tips. They have a short tail, and their underside is covered in coarse brown fur..

Behaviour Hedgehogs are solitary and nocturnal animals. In summer, hedgehogs spend the day in temporary nests. Hedgehogs hibernate during the winter, in a small nest (a hibernaculum). Their spines offer protection from predators, when they roll up into a tight ball covering the head and soft underside. Hedgehogs have up to 2 litters a year, of about 4 - 5 young.

Senses Hedgehogs eyesight is poor, but their sense of smell and hearing is very good

A Stray Dog

A Vicar was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, all of them between ten and twelve years of age. The group had surrounded a dog. Concerned lest the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked "What are you doing with that dog?"

One of the boys replied, "This dog is just an old neighbourhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to keep the dog."

Of course, the Vicar was taken aback. "You boys shouldn't be having a contest telling lies!" he exclaimed. He then launched into a ten minute sermon against lying, beginning, "Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie," and ending with, "Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie."

There was dead silence for about a minute. Just as the Vicar was beginning to think he'd got through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right, give him the dog."



Write it down

An 80-year-old couple were worried because they kept forgetting things all the time. The doctor assured them there was nothing seriously wrong except old age, and suggested they carry a notebook and write things down so they wouldn't forget.

Several days later, the old man got up to go to the kitchen. His wife said, "Dear, get me a bowl of ice cream while you're up."
"Okay," he said. "...and put some chocolate syrup on it and a few cherries, too," she added. "You'd better write all this down."

"I won't forget!" he said.

Twenty minutes later he came back into the room and handed his wife a plate of scrambled eggs and bacon. She glared at him. "Now, I told you to write it down! I knew you'd forget."

"What did I forget?" he asked.

She replied, "My toast!"