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News from the Parish of Kingsley, Northampton

JUNE 2024



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Services at the Parish Church of St Matthew

Sundays

10.15am	The Parish Mass (sung)
5.30pm	Evensong — according to The Book of Common Prayer

First Sunday in the month

10.15am	All Age Mass for the Parish Family
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

*When the choir is on holiday (coinciding with school holidays and half terms)
Choral Evensong is replaced with Congregational Evensong*

Second Sunday in the month

10.15am	Laying on of hands and Sacrament of Anointing is offered in the Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Congregational Evensong

Third Sunday in the month

5.30pm	Choral Evensong and Benediction
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Fourth and Fifth Sundays in the month

5.30pm	Congregational Evensong
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Weekdays *(During the winter months of November to March, held in the Parish Centre)*

Morning and Evening Prayer are said publicly at 9.00am and 5.30pm daily

Monday 7.00pm Mass (on Bank Holidays at 9.30am)
(Healing Mass and Devotions on the first Monday in the month)

Tuesday Currently suspended

Wednesday 9.30am Mass

Thursday 9.30am Mass

Friday 12 noon Mass

Saturday 9.30am Mass

(Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham followed by a Cell Meeting on the second Saturday of the month)

Major Feast-Days Procession and Sung Mass at 7.30pm

(Always held in church. The morning Mass may be cancelled — refer to literature in church and on website)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly known as Confession, is celebrated in the Lady Chapel by appointment with the clergy. They are also available for advice and guidance on any matter of concern.

All aspects of the sacrament are in confidence.

Worship Calendar for June

<i>Date</i>	<i>Observance</i>	<i>Intention</i>
1	S Justin, M	
2	CORPUS CHRISTI	
3	S Charles Lwanga, Comp, Ms	The Ministry of Healing
4	Feria	
5	S Boniface, B and M	
6	Feria	
7	Feria	
8	Of OLW	The Shrine and Society
9	THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 5)	
10	Feria	
11	S Barnabas, Apostle	
12	Feria	
13	S Anthony of Padua, Pr and Dr	
14	Feria	
15	Of the BVM	
16	THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 6)	
17	Feria	
18	Feria	
19	Monthly Requiem	The Faithful Departed
20	Feria	
21	Feria	
22	S Alban, M	
23	THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 7)	
24	The Birth of S John the Baptist	
25	Feria	
26	Feria	
27	S Cyril of Alexandria, B and Dr	
28	S Irenaeus, B and M	
29	Of the BVM	
30	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 8)	

*The Church prays for the community daily.
Please include these topics in your daily prayers.*

June's Pastoral Letter from the Vicar

Companions

At times we need to be alone; the soul requires solitude in order to maintain its individuality. But to be alone as a permanent condition is not a good thing. Human beings are social by nature. Of ourselves we are incomplete. We need other people in our lives. To feel this need is not a sign of sickness but of health.

Our greatest need is for companionship. There is a lot of loneliness in the world today. Many people are crying out for companionship.

The word 'companion' is a lovely word. It comes from two Latin words: *cum* which means 'with', and *panis* which means 'bread'. So, a 'companion' literally means someone with whom I share bread. Two people who have shared bread would never think of themselves as strangers again.

When people invite us to their table they are offering us more than food. They are offering us hospitality, trust, and friendship. We feel honoured. The talk is as much a part of the fare as the food. Afterwards we feel nourished, not only in body, but also in heart and in spirit.

This brings us to the Eucharist – the meal the Lord asked us to celebrate in his memory. It is the Lord who invites us to this meal. By inviting us to partake of the sacred food of the Eucharist, Jesus makes us his companions and friends. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we relive the experience of the apostles at the Last Supper when Jesus said to them, 'I will not call you servants any more ... I call you friends' (John 15.15).

In becoming friends with Jesus we ought to become companions and friends to one another. But does this happen in practice? Nowadays a person could come to Mass in a car, and go away afterwards without making contact with anyone. Can such a person say that he or she has truly been to Mass?

If we were able to go into the room where Jesus ate the Last Supper with his apostles, we would immediately get a sense of bonding. Here was a group of companions sitting around a table sharing a meal.

We can't be in communion with Jesus without being in communion with one another? Yet in our churches people tend to sit well apart. They are in the same space but are not really together. There seems to be a reluctance to

meet each other outside our immediate circle of friends. And if they don't meet, they can't share with one another. A person could come to our churches broken and no one would know.

We need Christ: that's obvious. But we also need one another. To be a believer, or just a spiritual person, in today's world can be a lonely business. Here is where the community comes in. We are a community of believers whose common faith strengthens the faith of each individual.

Building community is not that hard. It just takes ordinary friendliness. The first step is to become acquainted. Our parishes ought to be welcoming, open, porous and caring families where the unconditional love of God is found and offered to all.

The first Christians supported one another. They forgave each other's offences, shared their possessions, and fostered the spirit of community. The Eucharist was at the centre of everything. It was the Eucharist that bound them together and enabled them to offer a loving service to one another.

Your sincere friend and parish priest,

Fr. Nicholas



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SATURDAYS AT **4**



Saturday 22nd June 2024 at 6:30pm
Spirits and Souls

Northampton Philharmonic Choir with the choir of
All Saints School Tickets are available at
www.northamptonphilharmonicchoir.co.uk

Tickets **£16**

Under 16s **£6**

Summer Thanksgivings

As we approach the 80th anniversary of D-Day, I visited the lovely Church of St James, just off the main street in Grafton Underwood near Kettering, to see the memorial window for members of the United States Air Force who flew from Northamptonshire to take part in supporting the Normandy landings and helped free Europe from evil tyranny in World War II.

The very striking window, entitled 'Coming Home', shows a plane returning to base from a mission, but is primarily in honour to those who never made it home. On this most recent anniversary, it's good to remember with thanksgiving those who gave their lives for others.



Since 2022, the Church has also been beautified by the installation of three new sets of remarkable windows by the leading stained-glass artist of our time, Thomas Denny. A gift by the former Lord Lieutenant David Laing, who died this year, and his wife Mary, their family motto is 'Let your light shine'. The light truly shines through the glass, warming the chancel with a rich depth of colour. Their themes are sun and moon, darkness and light, pilgrimage, the Sower, the walk to Emmaus, and Jesus the light of the world. They feature butterflies and planets! I think they are absolutely stunning. It is a beautiful witness to Christ and his transforming light.

St James's is open every day and well worth a visit for a few hours of reflection. I cannot recommend it highly enough. And as a bonus, the story of the windows' creation is told in a fascinating 30-minute film available at www.thomasdenny.co.uk

With my love, thanks and prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a plus sign followed by a stylized, cursive name.

Bishop John Holbrook
The Bishop of Brixworth

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D-Day 80th Anniversary

– What happened on D-Day (6 June 1944)

Martin and Lindsey Stone

A note, to capture in a nutshell, if that is possible, why from a military perspective we are remembering the 80th Anniversary of the significant events comprising D-Day (6 June 1944).

Thursday, 6 June 2024, will be the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, which was the military implementation of the huge and successful **Operation Neptune**. This was the day during World War II, when an allied joint (multi-national) and combined (all arms) operation from land, sea and air, would land a military force of 132,000 men into enemy occupied Northern France. These men would be at the forefront of an even larger force that would quickly grow to a quarter of a million men, and in the following weeks to over two million men and women. After intense and exhaustive fighting, over several weeks, they would secure the liberation of France from Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy in a decisive operation, under the auspices of **Operation Overlord** and its commanders and political leaders. Namely, Franklin D Roosevelt (US President), Winston Churchill (British Prime Minister), General Dwight D Eisenhower (overall force commander [later also US President]), Air Marshal Arthur Tedder (deputy force commander).

Allied losses on the first day amounted to 10,000 casualties of which 4,000 would lose their lives. The names of the beaches on which they landed are immortalized in the names of Sword (Britain), Juno (Canada), Gold (Britain), Utah (US) and Omaha (US). Other famous operational landing points that day included Pointe de Hoc (US Rangers), Pegasus Bridge (British Glider borne) and Sainte-Mere-Eglise (US Paratroops).

Although the headline military Corps and Divisions for **Operation Overlord**, and its subset operations for each principal target were generally recorded as British, Canadian and American, the allied joint land, sea and air forces taking part in the invasion and liberation of Northern France were from the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, France, Australia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Greece, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia.



British 1st SAS Brigade Commandos, 'Sword' Beach

The day was carried by our allied forces. However, this was just the first day of an operational period considered to run from D-Day 6 June 1944 until 30 August 1944 (2 months, three weeks, and 3 days later). (*Authors note: 30 August 1944 being the day after the German forces withdrew towards the East across the Seine River.*)

During the albeit successful landings and subsequent hard-fought battles, there would be many losses, not least it is calculated that in excess of 25,000 French civilians would lose their lives in the supporting bombing campaign and ground operations; many of these civilians would fall during the Battle for Caen and the move to the Seine.

Thus, **Operation Neptune**, the D-Day landings, required the integration and co-operation of many military and civilian forces. Detailed preparation ranging from the construction and force co-ordination of landing ships, minesweepers and naval escorts, ships for shore bombardment, submarines and fast patrol boats to protect the sea lanes, decisions on the weather (a primary constraint), the training of paratroops and glider troops together with their pilots and ground crew, the construction of temporary (Mulberry) harbours and guaranteeing their transport and construction under battle conditions, bomber aircraft and fighter escorts, tanks and tank destroyers light and heavy, an undersea fuel pipeline (**Operation Pluto**), Combat Engineers including mine clearance, Transports of men fuel and supplies, Medical, Catering, Prisoner of War and Graves support, French Resistance and allied special forces. On D-Day itself, 7,000 floating vessels and 12,000 aircraft had taken part in support of the 150,000 troops and other military personnel allocated to the landings. By the time **Operation Overlord** (the headline operation) concluded, as previously noted, in excess of two million men had deployed into Northern France, and the allies would lose many people. Statistics suggest that by the conclusion of **Operation Overlord**, including subset operations **Neptune**, **Charnwood**, **Goodwood**, **Bodyguard**, **Fortitude**, **Bluecoat**, **Taxable**, **Dragoon** et al, there would be 226,000 allied casualties from land, sea and air. As well as considerable loss of material including 4,100 aircraft, 4,000 tanks, numerous naval ships, destroyers, frigates, corvettes, plus minesweepers, fast patrol boats and landing craft. All this in addition to maintaining and expediting other operational areas, such as the Pacific, Burma, Italy, the aerial bombing campaign against Germany and Joseph Stalin's Russian campaign.



*A Canadian veteran remembers,
Beny-sur-Mere*

We would suggest these were staggering statistics in men, equipment, and losses. This followed the application of almost incredible planning and resources to bring a successful outcome to the largest combined amphibious and air landings against an opposed target ever known.

I hope you find this note goes some way to explaining why we remember D-Day, 6 June 1944. We also remember the St Matthew's men who fell on those D-Day operations. These men are listed on the screens in our memorial chapel. They are: L/Tel J Barringer (25 June 1944), Spr JW Wykes (14 July 1944), Gnr CR Barber (25 July 1944). Other St Matthew's men who fell in the same operational period, but on separate operations, include Cpl RW Law (Imphal, 27 June 1944), Pte EL Armer (Orvieto, 28 June 1944), Gnr JS Jones (Foiano, 13 July 1944), Sgt F Rogers (UK, 28 Aug. 1944). As always, we remember the St Matthew's Fallen and their families with pride and humility.

Kingsley's Fallen Heroes

– Leading Telegraphist Jack Barringer

Martin and Lindsey Stone

In November 2017, the Revd Canon Nicholas Setterfield had kindly asked us for assistance with the identification of the persons listed on the parish memorial. The men, and unusually they were all men, were listed simply by surname and initials only. The following is an account of the background and military service of Leading Telegraphist Jack Barringer, Royal Navy, and Service Number P/SSX 30514, who fell during D-Day operations. Like this one, all of the Kingsley Fallen stories are harrowing. Jack died while serving his country during the Second World War at the Normandy beachhead on 25 June 1944. During his story, we shall see that he was a crew member of a Landing Ship on D-Day, having already seen military service in the Far East, and recently lost both his father and a younger brother. Jack is remembered as one of the brave men of the parish that died during the two World Wars, and who can be seen listed amongst the one hundred and sixty-eight names, written in gold script, on the memorial chapel screens of St Matthew's. Jack is also remembered on the main Northampton town centre war memorial (located at Abington Square), and is buried at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) Cemetery located at Ranville, Normandy, in Northern France. A short version of this story was read out by ourselves during a church service in 2019. Together, with the story's earlier publication and notification to those descendants of Jack that we could find, a family member as well as a researcher looking at the service and loss of Jack's father, came forward to provide additional information. Thus, further period documentation and relevant letters were provided to us, as well as support

for the work we had in hand. We acknowledge the information kindly and freely provided by Mr T Barringer and Mr C Nunn. The information provided also supported our identification of Jack (from the church memorial screens) and the otherwise apparently simple listing of 'J. Barringer'.

BARRINGER_JACK – L.Tel., P/SSX30514, RN, died Normandy 25 June 1944, Age 29

Leading Telegraphist Jack Barringer, Service Number P/SSX 30514, Royal Navy, had already served a tour of duty in the Far East, at Singapore and Java, when he returned to the UK in September 1943, married, and was posted to Her Majesty's Landing Craft (Headquarters) No185 (HMLCH 185). This relatively small 400 ton ship had been converted from a landing craft into a radio communications and command centre to take part in an amphibious assault, with the ability to carry and temporarily accommodate regimental staff officers onboard as an operating base for the D-Day landings.

As well as the term 'D-Day', you may well recognise other associated terms better explained in our 'What happened on D-Day' article, which is also printed here within the D-Day Anniversary June 2024 parish magazine. Those operational terms and codes that would become so well known by veterans and historians alike, would include: Operation Overlord (the headline operation to liberate Northern France and to prepare the operational environment for a military force to cross the River Seine, ready to head East towards Germany), Operation Neptune (the launch of amphibious and air landings into Normandy including D-Day itself), and the code names of the beaches, Sword (British command), Juno (Canadian), Gold (British), Utah (United States) and Omaha (United States).



HMLCH 101 pictured, also displacement 400 tons

When contacted, Jack's family kindly responded quickly and communicated openly with us. We also achieved contact with a young archaeologist via Jack's family. This was Mr John Henry Phillips, who was the lead inspiration to a significant project to locate the wreck of Jack's ship off the coast of Normandy at Lion sur Mer. This usefully transpired to be co-incident and supportive of our own work, and in 6 June 1944 parlance, the sunken ship, the wreck was located at 'Sword Beach', Normandy. And yes, from letters written by Jack to a surviving brother Les, we know that Jack was there in the early hours of 6 June for the initial landings and attack on the German positions.



*Jack in Tropical Rig
(circa 1942)*



Jack's marriage to (Betty nee Stubbley) in 1943

Jack on board his ship, in challenging circumstances, also newly-wed, no doubt missing his family and his home, and likely already traumatised by his own service in the Far East and the dawn of the largest amphibious and air operational assault ever carried out, was welcoming much needed letters and support from his family. Jack was very much in the operational combat area, and his brother George Ronald Barringer, also a signaller RN, had been killed at sea on HMS Asphodel earlier that year (HMS Asphodel was a Flower-Class Corvette, a convoy escort ship. 'Asphodel' was torpedoed and sunk off Cape Finisterre by German submarine U-575; there were only five survivors from a crew of nearly one hundred). George Barringer is remembered at Chatham War Memorial.

Jack's father, John (a decorated, Military Medal and Mentioned in Dispatches, full career Sergeant of the 2nd Lincs Regt from WW1, and bearing in mind this only ended twenty-six years before D-Day Normandy), would I suggest have been very proud of his son, but equally horrified of the dangers Jack faced, had he himself survived his WW1 wounds and illness to live beyond 1938.

Onboard his ship, the letters Jack was receiving from his family to support him and bring him news, included those from Betty Barringer (nee Stubley), his wife of eight months. We can digest from the 1939 Register that Jack lived with Betty, a dress machinist, in Randall Road, Kingsley Park, Northampton, and at this time his mother had remained in the Barringer family home in Ambush Street (also Northampton, in the St James, Jimmy's End, district).

Just two weeks before his loss, Jack had confided in a letter to his brother Les: ***that the place we are at now... isn't any good for your health, but we are managing, you understand. ... When we crept up to the coast, we could see the houses, the church spires etc, and all was very still, too still get me, then it broke, phew, what a hell of bombardment, shells everywhere...*** Then he goes on to say... ***had a narrow escape yesterday.***

Ten days later his ship, HMLCH 185, exploded and sank after being struck by a mine with the loss of most of the crew bar approximately four men, losses similar to those representing the losses on his brother's ship. Jack's remains were recovered from the sea, on the other side of Ouistreham sur Orne, near Cabourg. On 1 October 1945 his remains were relocated to Ranville British Cemetery, 5 miles ENE of Caen, in a rather grisly named activity known as Graves Concentration. We can also sadly note that cemetery records would not be updated to include his name until February 1946, until then he was listed simply as a British Sailor.

Prior to the relocation of Jack's remains on 1 Sept 1944, the Northampton Independent reported the following together with a photograph of Jack in uniform blues. It reads very similar to his brother George's obituary printed earlier.



Image: L//Tel. J Barringer

I quote:

Presumed Killed, Leading Telegraphist J. Barringer.

Mrs Barringer of Randall Road has received official news that her husband Leading Telegraphist Jack Barringer, Royal Navy, is now presumed killed while on active service. After leaving Spencer School he was employed by Messrs Klitz pianoforte dealers of St Giles St until he joined the Royal Navy just before the outbreak of war. Son of the late Mr Jack Barringer and Mrs White of Ambush St, he was one of three brothers who joined the Royal Navy. George who was a signaller, was killed last March.

Jack's mother, Annie Thorneycroft Barringer (nee Harrison, later White), had a lot to bear; her husband had died in 1938, her son George was 22 when he was killed in March 1944, Jack was 29 in June of that year. Jack's grave is maintained by the CWGC and the family at Ranville, and visited each year by family members and at least until recently also by his shipmate, who survived the blast that sank HMLCH 185. That surviving shipmate at the time of the first draft of Jack's story in 2019, is 95 year old Patrick Thomas RN who had travelled to France with the Barringer family descendants in 2018/19.

The original grave cross and the later gravestone, paid for by public subscription, carried the citation requested by family at the time. It reads as follows: ***His memory, We shall always treasure, In our hearts, He will live forever.*** The video documentary of the finding of the underwater wreck of HMCLH 185, credit due Mr John Henry Phillips, the film crews and the Royal Navy and ex Royal Navy charity dive teams, is titled 'No Roses on a Sailor's Grave'.

As always, we the authors and the church remember the St Matthew's Fallen with pride and humility as well as their extreme bravery and that of their families past and present. We have been privileged to meet many of the descendants and share the stories as we understand them. When it was possible to do so we arranged to meet at St Matthew's, which you might be able to agree seemed very appropriate. Where we have not been able to meet with the descendants, we have been equally privileged to be able to communicate with them and other interested parties, from Northampton and across the UK, also the USA and Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and Taiwan (formerly Formosa where one of our St Matthew's WW2 Japanese POW's lost his life), and to link them up to St Matthew's Church and the church website honouring the loss of Kingsley's Fallen. We are always pleased to update their stories with new or updated information.



*Jack's HMLCH 185 crewmate, Patrick Thomas RN,
(Image 2018)*

The first draft of this story dated 2019 was updated in preparation for the D-Day 80th Anniversary 2024 and is dated 10 May 2024. Annexes to the story, not included in this publication, include further detail of the period documents and letters pertaining to Jack's loss, and the contact details of family and other key contributors held in confidence. The authors would commend to you the 2023 Michael Caine film, 'The Great Escaper' for a D-Day veteran's eye view. Unless otherwise stated, all references and attributes for the above are recorded in the main covering paper [update pending], copy of which is in the church). Authors and Copyright can also be found at www.stonesmilitaryhistories.co.uk .



Weekday Scripture Readings for June

Our weekday scripture readings, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, taken from the 'Additional Lectionary' which was constructed by the Church of England principally for use in Cathedrals at weekday Evensong.



Saturday	1 st	Exodus 34.27-end	2 Corinthians 3.7-end
Monday	3 rd	Genesis 37.1-11	Romans 11.9-21
Tuesday	4 th	Genesis 41.15-40	Mark 13.1-13
Wednesday	5 th	Genesis 42.17-end	Matthew 18.1-14
Thursday	6 th	Genesis 45.1-15	Acts 7.9-16
Friday	7 th	Genesis 47.1-12	1 Thessalonians 5.12-end
Saturday	8 th	Genesis 50.4-21	Luke 15.11-end
Monday	10 th	Isaiah 32	James 3.13-end
Tuesday	11 th	Ecclesiastes 12.9-end	Acts 9.26-31
Wednesday	12 th	Judges 6.1-16	Matthew 5.13-24
Thursday	13 th	Jeremiah 6.9-15	1 Timothy 2.1-6
Friday	14 th	1 Samuel 16.14-end	John 14.15-end
Saturday	15 th	Isaiah 6.1-9	Revelation 19.9-end
Monday	17 th	Exodus 13.13 <i>b</i> -end	Luke 15.1-10
Tuesday	18 th	Proverbs 1.20-end	James 5.13-end
Wednesday	19 th	Isaiah 5.8-24	James 1.17-25
Thursday	20 th	Isaiah 57.14-end	John 13.1-17
Friday	21 st	Jeremiah 15.15-end	Luke 16.19-31
Saturday	22 nd	Isaiah 25.1-9	Acts 2.22-33
Monday	24 th	Malachi 4	Matthew 11.2-19
Tuesday	25 th	Proverbs 6.6-19	Luke 4.1-14
Wednesday	26 th	Isaiah 24.1-15	1 Corinthians 6.1-11
Thursday	27 th	Job 7	Matthew 7.21-29
Friday	28 th	Jeremiah 20.7-end	Matthew 27.27-44
Saturday	29 th	Ezekiel 34.11-16	John 21.15-22

A Reason to be Proud

Sandra Rivett (Hedgehog)

A proud moment for Ian Rivett, also known as Akela, as he received his Silver Acorn award at the Scout Group's AGM during our Group camp at Overstone in January.

Ian joined the Wolf Cubs way back in 1965 at the tender age of eight years. He worked his way through the Sections as a leader in our Scout Group where he has held a number of roles during the last 49 years, currently as Cub Scout Leader.

Ian also runs a Scout Amateur Radio activity for the local Scout District and since he retired in 2019 he has joined the maintenance team at Overstone Scout Activity Centre, helping to keep our outdoor space in good order for our young people. He has also taken on the role as District Scout Network Commissioner working with the 18–25 year old age group.

The Silver Acorn is awarded for outstanding services to Scouting. Well done Ian, helping to keep Scouting alive. One more step along the road I go!



St Matthew's Church

SUMMER FETE



Saturday 6 July

1.00pm till 4.00pm

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

⊗ Raffle (£100 cash first prize) ⊗

⊗ Bouncy castle ⊗ Face painting ⊗

⊗ Kiddies Treasure Trail ⊗

⊗ Fire engine and crew ⊗ Police vehicle ⊗

⊗ Model railway displays ⊗ Classic cars ⊗

⊗ Music ⊗ Organ recital in church ⊗

⊗ Irish dancing ⊗ Kingsley's Fallen Heroes display ⊗

⊗ Wet-sponge stocks ⊗ Stalls and Games galore ⊗

⊗ Vintage tea room ⊗ BBQ ⊗

⊗ Candy floss ⊗ Ice cream ⊗

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The Parish Church of St Matthew

Sunday 2 June

CORPUS CHRISTI

Thanksgiving for Holy Communion

10.15am

The Parish Mass

5.30pm

Choral Evensong



The Parish Church of St Matthew

Sunday 9 June

The Second Sunday after Trinity

10.15am

All Age Mass
for the Parish Family



5.30pm

Congregational Evensong

Next month's magazine

Contributions to our magazine are always appreciated so let us know what you / your group are up to! If you don't have the confidence to write something yourself, just let us have the details and we'll write it for you.

Please leave paper contributions in the 'P' (for 'Parker') pigeon hole in church or email files to: magazine@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk

When attaching photographs to the email address please send no more than 7mb -worth per email, otherwise it jams the system! Thank you.

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Friends of St Matthew's Music SATURDAYS AT 4



Saturday 25th May 2024 at 4:00pm

Jinx Singers Barbershop quartet



Saturday 22nd June 2024 at 6:30pm

Spirits and Souls

Northampton Philharmonic Choir with the choir of **All Saints School**

Tickets are available at www.northamptonphilharmonicchoir.co.uk



Saturday 27th July 2024 at 4:00pm

Sounds Historical Ensemble



Saturday 24th August 2024 at 4:00pm

Paul Dewhurst (Bridlington Priory) - Organ



Saturday 28th September 2024 at 4:00pm

Billy Baker - Piano



Saturday 26th October 2024 at 4:00pm

Christian-Peter Hiemstra - Piano

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32nd St Matthew's Multi-Aged Girlguiding

Mandy Ludlow

It's that funny time of year for us as during April we met on only two Mondays.

All sections have brought in their favourite book and talked about it.

The Rainbows have been looking at travel and taken their teddy on a trip around Europe. Firstly they made teddy a passport ready for his trip. They visited the Eiffel Tower, and this they made out of spaghetti and marshmallows. Next stop was Italy, where they tasted pizza, before moving to Spain and learning some phrases in Spanish. All the girls and their teddies pretended to be on an aeroplane complete with safety checks before zooming off around the room to Europe.

All sections this term are looking at the Have Adventures Theme – to this end the Brownies have started their Aviation badge – planes were made out of wooden pegs and lolly sticks, they made a 3D hot air balloon and they then had a hot air balloon to decorate.

Guides are doing a Hot Chocolate Challenge! Each week the girls make their own hot chocolate, so it fitted in well as we are meeting for a couple of weeks and then not meeting. A game of roll the hot chocolate was played – a bit like beetle, but at the end they had designed their own mug of hot chocolate. Another fun themed game was pin the topping on the hot chocolate. A chocolate mug cake was made too; all the ingredients were stirred into a mug and then microwaved. However, what we all learnt from this is that a black-coloured mug does not work! And it was more a 'cake mug' than a 'mug cake'... The next part of this challenge is to create a mug; all the girls have made their designs, and these will then be painted onto plain mugs.

Our four Duke of Edinburgh Award girls have worked hard and done a great job and their help has been much appreciated. Their period of volunteering for this award has now come to an end, but all have decided that they would like to stay on and will now become Young Leaders.

As sometimes happens, things spill over from school between girls, when they are not as kind to each other as they might be. We have therefore started a Kindness Badge to encourage and remind them to be kind to each other. We also hope to introduce a monthly Kindness award to keep them encouraged.

We will be holding two 'Taster Evenings' in June for prospective new girls or leaders to come along and see what we do.



Café Guides Recipe for June

This month's recipe is 'cooking for one'. There are a lot of people who are own their own or perhaps have different dietary requirements etc. This particular recipe is for something I like and had for the first time at an Italian restaurant in Portsmouth; however, as Mark does not like crab, until I came across this recipe it was not worth making at home. It is very quick and simple.

Crab and Chilli Linguini

Ingredients

- 100g cooked crabmeat, half brown and half white (I only use white crabmeat and this can be purchased in small tubs in supermarkets or in a tin)
- Zest and juice of ½ lemon
- A generous glug of good-quality olive oil
- ½ small red chilli, finely sliced and seeded
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh leaf parsley*
- 1 clove of garlic, peeled and crushed, or 1 teaspoon of prepared garlic from a jar or tube
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 75g linguini
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese, to serve

Method

1. Mix the crabmeat, lemon and olive oil, chilli, parsley, garlic, salt and pepper together in a bowl. At this point the mix should be quite loose (add more oil if necessary). Cover with clingfilm and set aside. If you wish, this stage can be done in advance and put in the fridge; when you are ready to use the crab mix, take it out of the fridge half an hour before using.
2. Bring a pan of water to a rapid boil and add a good amount of salt. Cook the pasta according to the packet instructions and drain. Mix in the crab and serve with freshly grated Parmesan cheese and a rocket or mixed leaf salad.

*Chopped fresh parsley freezes well and doesn't need defrosting.



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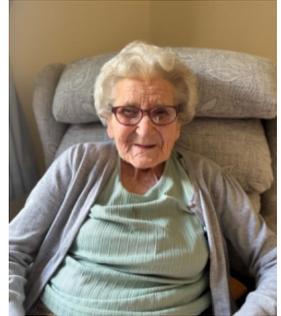


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For Beryl May Tebbutt

Funeral Homily 17 May 2024

Beryl lived to a ripe old age – 95. It is good to have with us Beryl's sole relative, her cousin, Suzanne Dufeu (and her husband Graham), from Jersey; her godson, Michael Ennis, from Cheltenham, and her long-time friend, Jean Mann (and her son, Christopher) from just outside Guildford. Many of us take comfort from the notion of a 'good innings'. Old age, like any other stage of life, has its own joys and sorrows, pleasures and pains.



Old age brings infirmity. As the years go by, one has to make sacrifices and renunciations. One hasn't the same strength or energy. Our lives contract. There are inevitable disabilities, and, most likely, illnesses too. All this is a bitter reality. For Beryl, illness came only in latter years, deafness was an increasing bugbear, as were half-heard or *misheard* conversations – though sometimes with hilarious consequences. Beryl met the indignities of advancing years with a characteristic determination and independence – a constitutional around the block each day, shopping, and getting to church, to 'do' for herself as *much* as she could for as *long* as she could. Though physically frail she was of robust intent.

But old age has its *good* side too. It has advantages, comforts, and joys. After all the hustle and bustle of life, comes a time of calm and relaxation. It's amazing how placid a once turbulent river can become as it nears the ocean. In the garden of old age certain flowers bloom – flowers such as patience, serenity, consideration, tolerance, understanding and, above all, compassion. Apparently, in riper years, it is also permissible to say what you like, and *get away with it*. And just occasionally Beryl took advantage of this privilege!

Today there is a cult of youthfulness, with the result that the old don't always get the respect they deserve – even if they *do* get the 'triple lock'! We love the acorn but despise the gnarled oak tree. No longer regarded as productive members of society, the old tend to be left aside. It is all too easy to judge by appearances. This is not only unjust but also foolish, because the old have something to offer which is desperately needed, namely wisdom, experience, insight. To judge Beryl by the appearance of things was a mistake.

People who grow old well, attain a state of maturity and ripeness. And even though they don't 'do' anything, they make a priceless contribution by simply being present. The philosopher Thoreau said, 'All leaves, even grasses and mosses, acquire brighter colours just before they fall'.

Beryl May Orchard was born on 15 November 1928, in Rugby, the only child of Harold, a chartered engineer, and Elizabeth Orchard. She attended kindergarten at Rugby High School, and entered the main school at the age of 8. Beryl was sporty. She represented the school in tennis, hockey, netball and rounders, and later played her part in the Old Girls Association.

Beryl left school at 16, and began her working life as a secretary to the editor of *The Rugby Advertiser* whilst awaiting a vacancy to commence nurse training. She trained at Northampton General Hospital and qualified as a State Registered Nurse in April 1952, becoming a Staff Nurse on the Gynaecology Ward until her marriage.



Beryl married Albert Laurence Tebbutt on 2 March 1965 at Park Avenue Methodist Church. Their marriage was to be short-lived as Albert died of cancer just seven years later. After his death Beryl returned to Northampton General as Sister of the Gynaecology Outpatients Department, there to remain until her retirement in 1988.



Beryl loved classical music, and attended many concerts over the years here and at the Derngate. She retained her love of sport, and would stay up half the night to watch the snooker. If, like me, you were foolish enough to knock on her door during Wimbledon fortnight your visit would most likely be a short one!

Beryl possessed a deep Christian faith, and almost to the end of her life would make her way across Collingwood Road supported by her trusty shopping trolley. Beryl was a founding member of our Parish Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham. She attended the annual pilgrimage to the Shrine until prevented by deteriorating mobility.

Beryl was keenly interested in people, what they were doing, and concerned for the welfare of those around her. She was quick witted, and not afraid to speak her mind. Beryl's Daily Telegraph was a vital part of her daily routine, and she liked it to be delivered in the morning, not the afternoon. She was

an ardent royalist, living through five reigns, including the abdication in 1936. She loved the pomp and ceremony of last year's Coronation Day.

At the age of 95, Beryl was still cooking for herself and doing her ironing. She appreciated good food, and over the years had eaten at top restaurants including the Ritz and Luton Hoo. She also loved good quality chocolate, and specified as much on her weekly shopping list.



Beryl was always grateful to the NHS, to which she had given service for the bulk of her working life, for the care she received. However, when admitted to hospital one Sunday, she was unimpressed that A&E could offer her only a cup of tea and a sandwich, rather than roast dinner.

Beryl was a loyal friend. Though essentially a private person, she was deeply saddened when many of her contemporaries died, no more so than when she outlived her long-time friend and colleague Pat Sykes. They were ward sisters together and very much of their generation, cast within a rigorous though caring mould. In retirement, their no-nonsense outlook inevitably led to occasional sparks though framed within an undoubted bond.

If one is reconciled with one's life, then it shouldn't be too difficult to become reconciled with one's death, since they both come from the same hand – the hand of God. If God takes care of his creation, he will surely take care of us. No matter how old we may be, we are still God's children.

The author of Ecclesiastes writes, 'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; ... For many of us death is like winter – only worse. In nature's winter, despite appearances to the contrary, life doesn't cease. It merely goes underground. We are presently enjoying the transformation and new life of Spring. What seemed so unpromising is transformed into vigorous new growth. When winter came for Lazarus, his sisters, Martha and Mary, were bereft and downcast. But Jesus said to them, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.'

This is the Easter season, and Jesus holds the key to life and death. Though he experienced the winter of death, by rising from the dead he broke the power of death for ever. In him a new and invincible spring had dawned on all who believe in him. Death is swallowed up in Christ's victory. Where, O

death, is your sting? Here is our ultimate answer to our questions. Just as the expectation of Spring takes the sting out of winter, so the resurrection of Jesus takes the sting out of death for us.

In such a light, in such a faith and love we commend with thankful hearts the soul of our friend Beryl to the gracious keeping of the ever-living God, and in the hope that she too may be transformed to eternal life.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



St Matthew's Ladies Group

Meetings are on Monday afternoons from 2.00pm till 4.00pm in the Parish Centre, on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Meetings in June

10 June Speaker: Julia Doherty –
Walking for Mental Health

24 June Speaker: David Tomkins –
Ventriloquist and Magician

The full Spring / Summer programme is on our website:

Click on 'Community & Events', then 'St Matthew's Ladies Group' in the right-hand column.

A Hair Raising 'Tail'

Sandra Rivett

Some time ago I decided I wanted to do something nice for a stranger. My niece suggested that I should donate some of my hair to the Little Princesses Trust.

The Little Princesses Trust was set up in 2005 by the parents of a brave little girl who lost her fight against Wilms tumour, a type of cancer.

Sadly, a great many children and young people struggle with life threatening conditions, often resulting in the loss of their hair. This is understandably very distressing, so having a wig made from real hair is a great help to restoring their confidence to face the world and continue to fight.

The time finally arrived to have my hair cut and donate it to the Trust. As it costs £550 to make each wig, the charity ask for monitory donations as well as the hair. I started fundraising and have been amazed by the kindness of my family, friends and colleagues. Many of you have been extremely generous and I have collected £315 from the congregation of St Matthew's alone.

My total currently stands at over £800 from donations and also from the 'GoFundMe' page online. My hair was cut at 2pm on Monday 22 April in St Matthew's Parish Centre during the Ladies Club meeting. This was followed by tea and cake. I am very grateful for the kind generosity of my community. I will be collecting until the end of May.

Thank you everyone, I am now hoping for a warm summer because my ears are so cold.

To learn more about the charity visit
www.littleprincesses.org.uk



Caption Competition

It's been a while – so here's your big chance to show Jonathan he's not the only one with wit!

This shows Sandra ready for the Big Chop, which you can read all about on the previous page in this magazine.

Please send your entries to magazine@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk or leave paper copies in an envelope marked 'Dorrie Parker', in the P pigeon hole in church or with Anita in the Office, by SUNDAY 9 JUNE.

Entries will be judged by Sandra's husband Ian and the winner announced in the July magazine.



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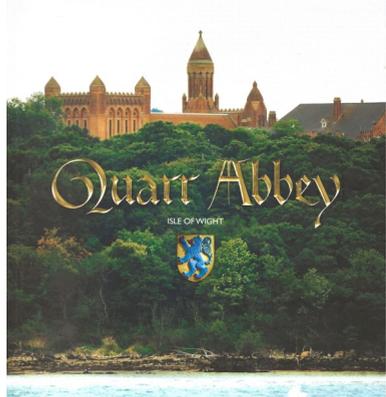
Jonathan Starmer

Church Crawling no.11

Fabian Robertson

Quarr Abbey – Isle of Wight

Unlike taking the passenger ferry from Portsmouth Harbour when you get a view of the cathedral-like spire of All Saints' Church, Ryde dominating the view of the Isle of Wight ahead, instead you have to take the car ferry from Portsmouth to Fishbourne (near Ryde) to get a good view of Quarr Abbey from the sea. Quarr Abbey is a Benedictine monastery, but sea-borne passengers sometimes think the tall red brick buildings and impressive red brick tower are a prison or other corrective establishment.



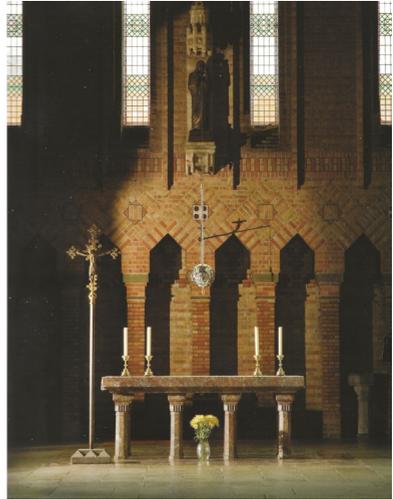
The present community numbers about a dozen monks who maintain the monastery's regular life of prayer and religious services in the chapel as well as maintaining the farm. The history of the actual present-day buildings is a fascinating story. The political situation in France during the 1890s and early 1900s resulted in religious houses being threatened with banishment. As the Benedictines were based in France for many centuries they looked for a country in which to settle. They were able to acquire the site of a ruined and abandoned Cistercian monastery between Wootton and Binstead on the Isle of Wight. The first monks arrived at Quarr in June 1907 to prepare the grounds and the beginnings of a kitchen garden. They fenced the property and established a poultry farm and planted an orchard.

There was a private house on the property. Dom Paul Bellot, who was a monk and also an architect, drew up plans to extend this house called Quarr Abbey House. In 1907 some 300 workers from the Isle of Wight, accustomed to building only dwelling houses, raised a building in red brick consisting of a refectory and three sides of cloister buildings. The guide book tells us that this was completed inside a year. In April 1911 work began on the Abbey Church which was quickly completed and consecrated on 12 October 1912. The guide book goes on to tell us that the monastic buildings are considered one of the 20th Century's most important 'Religious Structure' – Classed Grade 1 in the British Isles.



Showing the arched entrance to Quarr Abbey Chapel

The chapel of course is the centre of everything. The public are welcome to go in at any time whether there is a service going on or not. After a few moments of sitting quietly one is surrounded by an atmosphere of gripping holiness and prayer. The same is the case on subsequent visits years later. A first impression is that it is all rather dark inside with the red brick arches and walls, but when one's eyes become accustomed it is soon realised that the daylight shining through the apse windows are focused on the Blessed Sacrament and High Altar.



The Sanctuary

There is a restaurant in the garden and orders can be brought to individual alcoves seating six or so. While eating your meal chickens are pecking around you and garden birds are tame, taking titbits really nearby. Volunteers help to keep the gardens and walkways in an immaculate and safe condition. The staff of the bookshop are most helpful and they stock a wide range of cards and tasteful gifts for all family members.

In a short article like this the daily life of the monks has not been described, nor the ruins of the medieval abbey just a few minutes' walk east of the present abbey. A good tip is to ring the Monastery shop to order their guide book which answers lots of questions and background history before visiting. Cost is £5 + minimal postage with your credit card. Beware second-hand copies from the internet which are greatly more expensive!

For holidaymakers visiting the Isle of Wight, Quarr Abbey shouldn't be missed as the most ancient site of Christian worship still flourishing today.

Notes:



Address: Quarr Abbey, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 4ES

Guide book: Informative text and excellent photographs, obtainable from the Monastery Shop. Telephone 01983 898602 / email bookshop@quarr.org

Guesthouse: Telephone 01983 884850 / email guestmaster@quarr.org

Guided visits: Sometimes available: email groupvisit@quarr.org

Entry: Free entry to the grounds. Visitors can drink in the tranquillity of the church, wander the grounds, peruse the bookshop and use the refreshment facilities

Parking: On site as signs direct

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Southern Vectis route 9 to Quarr Abbey
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From East Cowes – frequency hourly
From Ryde – frequency hourly

60 Years and Still Going Strong

Olive Stirling

Jim and I with our three children moved to Cogenhoe in 1963. We had one girl and two boys. Once we had settled in the village I realised that although Brownies and Guides were available for the girls, no equivalent was available for boys! With Boy Scouts in mind, I set about making enquiries. I approached the County Commissioner, Vic Apps from Little Houghton, and things were set in motion to get a Cub Pack set up.

In 1963 I had been trained and at a public meeting for all interested villagers the idea of forming a Cub Pack in Cogenhoe was put forward. Parents were enthusiastic that their sons would be able to join the Cubs.

And so we met in the 'old' Village Hall in Cogenhoe on a weekly basis and we had lots of boys who attended with their parent(s) for the initial meetings. There was much enthusiasm and the numbers in the Pack steadily grew.

Within a year a neighbour, David Parker, decided to launch an opportunity for older boys from the village to become Scouts and he chose them to be Sea Scouts. David had lived by the sea hence his enthusiasm for the name. Several boys applied and so the Sea Scouts were formed. Many of my Cubs went up to Sea Scouts.

I left Cogenhoe in 1973 and moved to Bristol but I left the Pack in capable hands.

I recently received an invitation from the Cogenhoe Sea Scouts for me to join them in celebrating their 60 Year Anniversary and I was delighted to accept. I duly attended their BBQ on Sunday 21 April which was held in the Scout grounds they had acquired in Cogenhoe.

It was a lovely day, and I was welcomed by Keith Loader the Group Scout Leader, who thanked me for having started the Cub Pack in Cogenhoe in 1963, and I replied to assembled Cubs, Scouts, families and friends. I was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in a special vase which had 'Scouts – Be Prepared' etched on it, which I will treasure for ever.

It was wonderful to meet up with a couple of my original Cubs who remembered Andrew my son, who was with me, and many news items of others involved; some five Sea Scouts from Cogenhoe had joined the Navy as a result. I had a very happy day.



Olive with 'Skip and Chief'
1st Cogenhoe Sea Scouts'
– he was one of her Cubs!



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Fr Ben will offer Mass for the first time on
Monday 10th June at 7pm at St Michael's South Lancing.

Please pray also for Fr Felix Smith, and the people of South
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Fr Ben will continue to serve as Assistant Curate.

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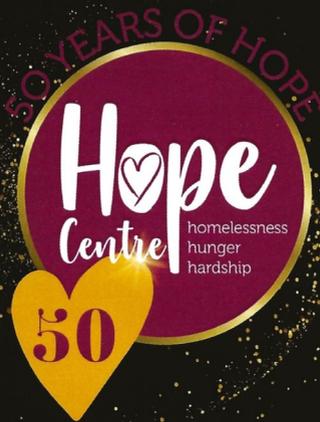


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The Scheme is the most tax efficient way of contributing to the church because contributions may be eligible for Gift Aid (raising your donation by 25% at no cost to either you or St Matthew's).

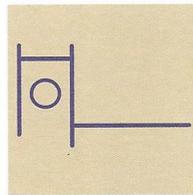
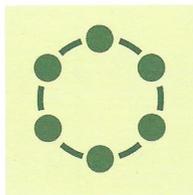
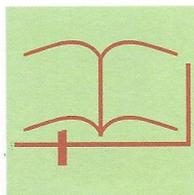
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If you are interested in learning more or in joining the Scheme, please speak to our Stewardship Recorder Polly Matthews. She can be contacted via the Parish Office or as below.

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