

Good News

60p

From The Oakham Group

October 2013:



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Editorial

For many people holiday time approaches and this is true for Meg and I. We have a "lump" which combines our usual holiday in Madeira with a visit to friends in Devon and an MU conference we are attending in Derby. The net effect is that we shall be away from mid August to mid Sept and hence magazine material destined for the September magazine must be with us by **Thursday August 8th** or earlier if possible.

Our thanks to all who contribute.

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Alan Rudge writes:

Dear Friends

There is a delightful story about a young boy walking along a beach picking up starfish, which had been washed up on to the sand, and tossing them back into the sea. A man came along and said to the boy, "What is the point? You won't make any difference. Look at how many there are." The young boy picked up another starfish and tossed it into the sea and then turned to the man and said, "It made a difference to that one!"

All too often we are put off, or daunted, by the size of the tasks we face. We wring our hands in frustration because we think there is nothing we can do. But we need to take heart because with God nothing is impossible. Down through the ages Christian men and women have faced difficult situations to which there seemed to be no solution. However, through prayer and commitment, their work has resulted in significant and lasting changes to our world; William Wilberforce, Elizabeth Fry, and organisations like The Samaritans and the Salvation Army. In recent times 'Drop the Debt', Fair Trade, Christian Aid and Tearfund have had huge effects on many parts of our world; there are continuing campaigns to put an end to people trafficking and tax dodging. All these are evidence of what can be achieved from small beginnings – by people like us.

Six years ago Debbie Marsh had the vision for a Drop-in Centre in Oakham to provide a safe place for people to meet for coffee or tea and then for a meal. From the start, the whole project was rooted in prayer and scripture. Now, every Wednesday, people come to The Centre which serves good lunches for up to 56 people. Debbie's vision developed into reality because of her leadership and the teams of volunteers from all the Oakham and district churches. Each person is an integral part of the team and together we are making a difference.

Suzanne Johnson from Oakham Baptist Church was given a calling to investigate setting up a Food Bank in Oakham, even though the need

was not as evident as it is in our large towns and cities. A few like-minded people became the Steering Group and, as many of us are aware, after much prayer, research and training, the Oakham Food Bank, under the umbrella of the Trussell Trust, a Christian organisation, is now up and running.

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Does it have to be that way? All of us have God-given gifts which we can use to his glory by serving others in our community. Jesus' life and ministry are our template for effective service. During the winter months many people will feel isolated and alone; many will find it difficult to get out to meet their friends; many will struggle with heating costs. We can help in so many ways. If you are wondering what you can do to make a difference, why not pray for guidance and act upon what you hear, it may only involve helping just one person – remember the boy and the starfish.

Let us all try this winter to serve others in our community, either in schemes already set up, individually, or with new schemes.

Jesus said:

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

God knows people's needs, if we are open to his guidance he'll direct us to help. How often do we hear, 'If only I had done something...', 'if only I'd known ...?'

May you know God's blessing, strength and encouragement in all that you are doing for him and will do in the future. Remember, he takes our small efforts and turns them into amazing results.

Alan

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

August 9th On Mary Sumner Day we were looking forward to sharing the Friends' lunch meeting and hearing Pamela Woods' talk on our Founder's Life and Legacy but sadly, owing to Gordon's sudden admission to hospital, she was unable to come. With her usual organisational flair Pamela arranged from the hospital for a neighbour to collect her Power Point Presentation and deliver it to Beryl Kirtland, the Friends' organiser, at the Church Hall. So, at the last moment Revd. Audrey Atkinson (an MU member) was "invited" to deliver it, and thanks also to Kevin Slingsby's kind "technohelp" she rose magnificently to the occasion. Putting her own slant on it she delivered Pamela's well-prepared and (thanks to Derek Ufton's help) delightfully illustrated talk with confidence, humour and verve. Thank you Pamela and Audrey – MU is nothing if not resourceful in the face of discouraging circumstances! We are also most grateful to Beryl and her helpers for a delicious lunch and, as ever, the Friends' support.

August 21st Again due to unforeseen circumstances the proposed Mystery Trip (which turned out to be on the Shorelink bus service round Rutland Water) had to be postponed to a later date. However Barrie and I took advantage of Pamela and Gordon's preparatory reconnaissance, went to Normanton on the 11.40 bus, had a delicious "Italian" for lunch, a gentle stroll by the water in lovely sunshine, went on round by the next bus, returning to Oakham at 3.40 pm. We recommend it as a worthwhile trip at a future date!

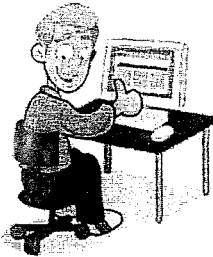
September meeting It was a great pleasure to welcome Canon Michael Covington who came to speak to us on Life at Launde. In a thoughtful and most interesting talk he spoke briefly on the history of Launde pre- and post-Reformation and described its ongoing purpose of a Retreat and Conference Centre, emphasising the historical and religious context of Retreats. He also told us of his own involvement there, past and present. It was a reflective and most enjoyable afternoon and we are most grateful to Canon Michael for his visit.

October meeting Our next meeting will be the Deanery Quiet Morning hosted this year by Ketton, so **please note different day, time and venue – Wednesday 9th October at 10.00 am. at Ketton Church.** Anyone who has not signed the list at the September meeting but would like to go please contact Pamela (755371) or Meg (771564). Several have already signed up and we hope Oakham will be well represented.

Tenpence-on-Tuesdays Boxes How time flies! These are again due for collection and as Pamela wishes to take them to the next meeting of Forum will members holding them please return them to Pamela or Gordon during October. We raise a considerable amount through these boxes enabling MU to aid overseas projects – and with Syria especially in mind at present this is of vital importance. So if anyone not already holding one is willing to participate in this worthwhile scheme please contact Pamela Woods who will arrange this. **And NB** you don't have to be an MU member to participate!

And they say the summer is a quiet time!!!

Barbara James



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Rt Revd John Holbrook, Bishop of Brixworth, writes
What is a diocese?

This glorious summer has given me a chance to catch up with some reading. One of the books I've most enjoyed was a slightly whimsical "etymological miscellany" which explored the unusual origins of familiar words.

For example, did you know that cappuccino derives its name from the coffee coloured light brown habits worn by Capuchin monks or that memento is the Latin word for remember?

Sadly, my book couldn't help with a question I'm sometimes asked as I travel around; "what is a diocese?" The best two answers I've found to that question are these:

1 Our diocese is us - all of us - all the people of God across Northamptonshire, Rutland and Peterborough who share in the life and ministry of the Church. That's why we sometimes speak of the diocesan family. We don't *belong to* the diocese, we *are* the diocese.

2 "An area of mission led by a bishop"

It's a huge privilege for me to serve here under Bishop Donald's mission-focussed leadership. We are committed to growth; growing churches, growing people, growing leaders and growing our impact on society. In the past year we have seen signs of increasing confidence. There are eight more stipendiary clergy in the diocese than there were a year ago and we plan for a 20% growth in the number of priests by 2017. Last month we welcomed 12 new licensed lay ministers and we have recently renewed the licenses of over 300 Readers, Parish Evangelists and Lay Pastoral Ministers. Last year, average Sunday attendance across the diocese grew for the first time in many years.

One of the most exciting things about being one of your bishops is the opportunity to glimpse what God is doing across the whole diocese and I am frequently encouraged. In parishes and deaneries I witness signs of new life and alongside these more traditional patterns of ministry there is a growing demand for chaplaincy in surprising places.

We've been invited to extend the work of the chaplaincy at Northampton University; chaplains continue to be valued in schools, hospitals and prisons; there are now 14 ministers serving as volunteer chaplains alongside the Police and Fire Services. There are also chaplains at all the major sports clubs across the diocese in football, rugby, cricket and motor sport.

It's good to be a growing church. It's good to be a diocese.

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Ministry interns start work around the diocese

They've arrived! The fourteen new interns on schemes run by the Diocese of Peterborough have started their year at churches in the diocese with a residential in Kettering, followed by a dedication service led by Bishop John. This year the youth work interns on the Xpect scheme have been joined by those on a new scheme "Echo". Echo is for those exploring a broader call to ministry, including ordained ministry. Some of the funding for the scheme has come from the Laing Foundation, as part of a national drive to encourage younger people to consider ordained ministry in the Church of England.

The seven Echo interns come from a wide variety of backgrounds, from bible college in Belfast, to the Lutheran Church in south west Germany, to the housing department of Northampton Borough Council. Each one has been matched with a host parish in the diocese, where they can experience practical ministry. They will also participate in a rigorous programme of training both in the diocese, at Ridley Hall Cambridge and on the CPAS leadership development programme. What all the interns have in common is an understanding that this will be a year of discernment as to what they should do next. For Joel Bird, who is just back from three months working with a church in Zimbabwe, it is less about whether he has a call to ministry, and more about where it should take him. "The question is which church and which country," he said. For Sophie Cowan it is about blending her family life with her vocation—she has a young child and has been working full time as a housing officer.

Bishop John took up the theme of discernment in a slightly different way at the dedication service. He said his hope was that the year would enable the interns to better answer the question "what is the spiritually important thing here?" and then to have the courage to act accordingly. Four of the interns who are based at churches in Kettering will be sharing a house in "intentional community". Kane Taylor, Curate at Kettering St Andrew, will be their house chaplain. For more information visit www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/youth or call Pete White, youth officer, on 01604 887044

Action stations for discipleship day in Northampton

On Saturday 19 October there will be a *Discipleship in Action* day held at All Saints Primary School in Northampton. The day is for anyone who would like to explore in more detail how they might live out their discipleship through specific projects or work. The areas of activity that will be featured vary from Street Pastors, food banks and work with the homeless, to schools' work, Fairtrade projects, politics and running a small business. There will be information stalls and workshops from these fields and there will be the opportunity for personal vocational reflection. Bishop John will give the keynote talk. The day is free of charge but booking is essential. For more details look online or call Sally Crossley on 01604 887049.

October events

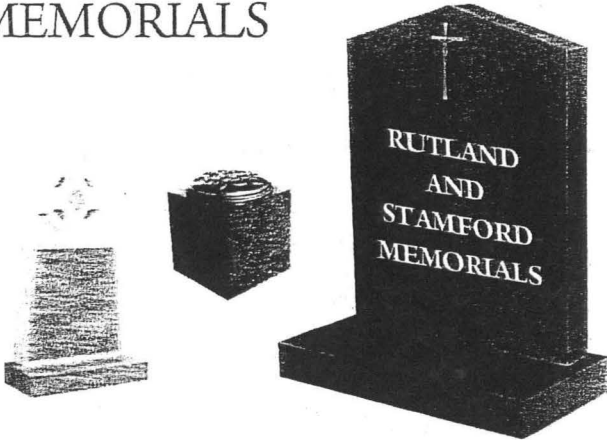
Sat 5, The Tippett Quartet, music from the films. 7.30pm at St Andrew's Lyddington, LE15 9LR. Advance tickets £14 (students £2). Tel: 01572 820017.

Sat 12, Diocesan Choral Festival Evensong with church choirs from around the diocese. 5.30pm at Peterborough Cathedral.

Sat 12, Pastoral Prayer Ministry training day. 9.30am-4.30pm at Grange Park Church NN4 5DW. Speaker from New Wine. £10. Call 01604 709519.

Sat 26, Benjamin Britten Centenary Celebration with Julius Drake, piano. Pre-concert talk by Philip Reed, Editor of Britten's correspondence. 7.30pm at St Andrew's, Lyddington, LE15 9LR. Advance tickets £14 (students £2). Tel: 01572 820017.

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Braunston News

Ride and Stride

The purpose of Ride and Stride is to support the Rutland Historic Churches and at the same time to support All Saints Braunston. Many thanks to all who participated in, or sponsored this effort.

Church @ 4

Halloween, the Eve of All Saints is a celebration of Light and this year we celebrate it in our Church @ 4 time together in church from 4pm onwards. Come and join in.

The Advent Fayre

A date for your diaries at the end of next month on Saturday Nov. 30th. If there are ways in which you can help, and I am sure there are, now is the time to contact Alan Rudge on 755570.

Patronal Festival

Sunday Nov 3rd is All Saints Sunday the day on which we give thanks for our church. Communion service will be at 11am

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BROOKE NEWS

While visiting a beautiful church in rural Somerset last month it was sad to see the many chest tombs in its churchyard in various, and in many cases dangerous, degrees of collapse and decay. So it was good to return to Brooke and see that the few chest tombs that we have had been repaired and cleaned during August and no longer posed any safety issues. They are the resting places of families that were once prominent in Brooke during the 1700 and 1800's.

Chest tombs were used by the better of in a parish to stand out above the rows of ordinary gravestones and were a copy of the medieval altar tombs of local gentry found within churches. Some were made from a solid block of stone but most were hollow with side panels fixed at the corners to stone posts and with a large ledger stone placed over the top. The inside of the chest was empty with the body being buried below the ground as normal. They were also positioned as near as possible to the south side of the chancel, being buried close to the altar, even if outside, was deemed to be important in those times.

As with the late harvest this year St Peter's Harvest Festival service will likewise be late. This year it will take place on Sunday 6th October at 6pm with the usual refreshments afterwards for all. The children of Brooke Priory School will entertain us during the service.



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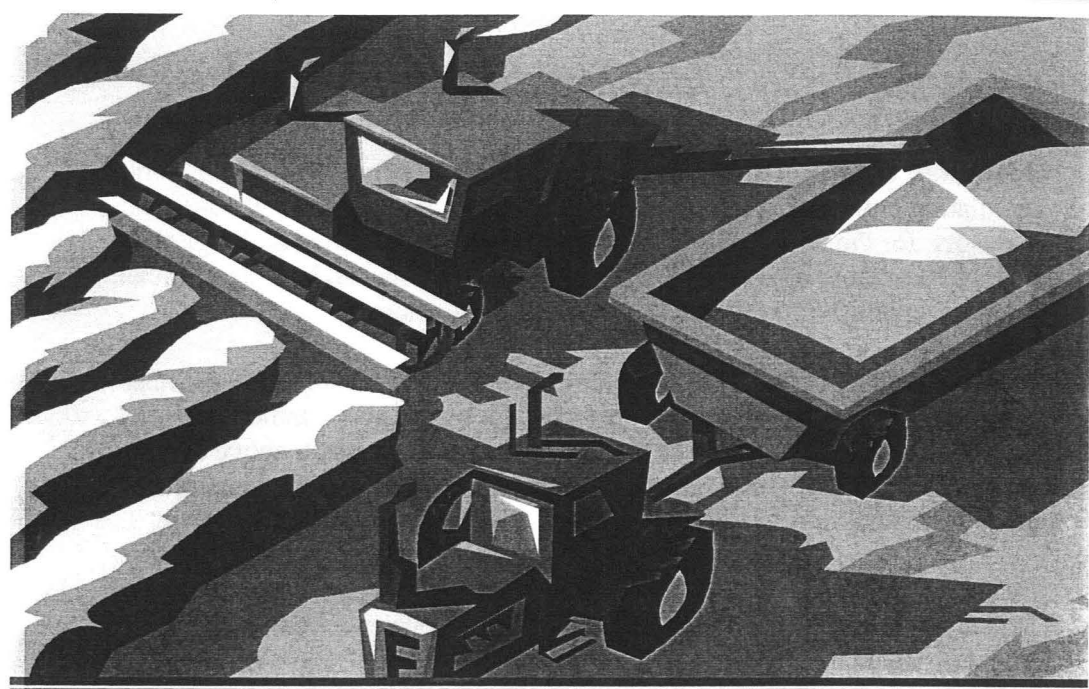
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ST. PETER'S CHURCH
HARVEST FESTIVAL

St. Peter's Church, Brooke
Sunday 6th October 2013, 6pm.

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Brooke Priory School.*

Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All welcome.

EGLETON NEWS

September 14th was Ride and Stride Day, with walkers, cyclists and motorists circulating between Rutland's scores of churches, raising funds, through their sponsors, for the Historic Churches Trust. Egleton welcomed and registered almost 70 of these athletic and diligent devotees before sending them further forward replenished by drinks and biscuits and bonhomie!

Michael, captain of the angel host, took a prominent place in our September bulletin, his eminence brought to mind by MICHAELmas – famous for daisies, significant in history as a traditional Quarter Day but, above all else, because MICHAEL – mas commemorates his high status at the head of the Heavenly Host!

On the Michaelmas Day just past, **Michael Covington**, our Vicar across two Millenia - 1996-2003 - celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a Priest in Holy Orders. Egleton has distinctly good reason to remember our rewarding share in Canon Michael's ministerial pilgrimage.

He it was who brought about an estimable link between St. Edmund's parish of Egleton with the Cathedral Church of St. Edmundsbury in Suffolk. In 1997 Michael invited the Cathedral's Dean, his old friend James, to be our Patronal Festival Preacher. James became a fine friend, too, of Egleton's parishioners; our ensuing, cordial ties with the Cathedral prospered as far as two impressive Festivals – 2001/2010, held in the Cathedral but convened by Egleton St. Edmund's! Many lasting blessings have come the way of more than thirty EDMUND parishes who participated in those Festivals.

Canon Michael, our Vicar that was, earns fervent congratulations on completing 50 years ministry; moreover, he merits 'laud and honour' for igniting Egleton's auspicious partnership with the genial Dean, his Cathedral and that host of grateful parishes dedicated, as we are, to St. Edmund King & Martyr.

It seems worthy of note how our Cathedral partners of 2001 have moved on, gaining elevation in the Church at large. The admirable, friendly Dean, James Atwell, is now translated to historic Winchester: his sub-Dean, Martin Shaw, has become Bishop of Argyll & the Isles, what an enchanting role that sounds.

As for Festival 2010, Michael Hample, then Precentor Acting Dean of St. Edmundsbury, has become Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral in the City of London. Such good news has to be music in our ears! We've real reason to be pleased and no less proud of our estimable association with them all, just as we can give thanks for Canon Michael's continuing benediction on us!

Summer holiday reached a high point, and literally so, when we travelled over Nibley Knoll in the Gloucestershire Cotswolds. The landmark monument on the hilltop – clearly visible to countless travellers along the M5 – commemorates William Tyndale, pioneering and painstaking translator of the New Testament into English – in the turbulent times of Henry VIII when, incredibly, it was blasphemous and criminal to pursue Tyndale's line of work! A mighty martyr was William and, undoubtedly, one of the best friends English-speaking peoples have ever had!

He and his heroic, indispensable, scholarly endeavours – well represented in the King James version of the New Testament – are celebrated, right properly, on October 6th, that illustrious date in the calendar when he made 'the final sacrifice' – for Christ's and his English compatriots sake.



The Prayer Book salutes William in the Proper Collect for that illustrious date –

“Lord, give your people grace to hear and keep your Word that, after the example of your servant William Tyndale, we may not only profess your gospel but rather be ready to suffer and die for it, to the honour of your name”

Neville Ashton

HAMBLETON NEWS

On Wednesday, 21st August a team of Bell Ringers from Great Gidding, Cambridgeshire visited St Andrew's Church.

Hambleton Village will be celebrating our Annual Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church at 5pm on Sunday 13th October. The Service will be followed by Supper and an Auction in the Village Hall. All proceeds from the Supper and Auction will go to the Church Roof Fund.

Mrs Louise Everett

HAMBLETON NEWS

A Eucharist of Thanksgiving for celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the Marriage of the *Reverend Professor John* and *Dr Margaret Bowker* took place at St Andrew's Church on the 22nd June at 11.30am.

Resident in Cambridge, and regular visitors to Hambleton Hall, *John* and *Margaret* had celebrated their Ruby Anniversary 10 years ago with their family and friends with a Church Service followed by a lunch party with *Tim Hart* at the Hotel. This time a party of 40 family and friends joined them, some staying at the Hotel and all gathering for a lunch party afterwards.

Miranda Hall and *Julia Naylor* had arranged the flowers, the red carpet was laid and the white and gold altar frontal was put up for the occasion. *Jeremy Orme* coordinated the event with the *Bowkers* and arranged for *Araminta Mathias'* team to ring the bells as the Service came to an end.

The Service had been planned by *Professor Bowker* with the *Right Reverend Martin Shaw* as Celebrant. He anointed John and Margaret during the Service. A glorious Choir called Voce (Voices of Cambridge Ensemble) sang the "Pilgrims' Hymn" and "Woven into Fire" both by *Stephen Paulus* and "Heilig ist der Her" by *Schubert*. Led by their Director; *Jonathan Sampson* and one of its Tenors; *Nicholas Yates* who had both come to know *John* and *Margaret* whilst reading Theology at Cambridge.

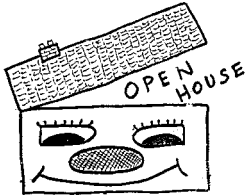
The *Reverend Professor John Bowker* was Dean and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge and Gresham Professor of Divinity from 1992 to 1997. He is the Author of many books on Theology, including "A Brief History of God". *Dr Margaret Bowker* is an authority on late medieval and early modern ecclesiastical history and she was the first woman to be appointed as Secretary to the Faculty of History at Cambridge.

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Holy Matrimony

17th August *Edward Charles Dade and Rachel Anna Chwaszcza*

6th September
(Blessing) *June and Chris Pateman*

7th September *John Copestake and Cara Lutz*

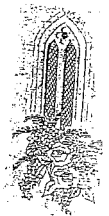
14th September *Vincent Loudon and Melissa Corby*

“We wish them every happiness in their lives together”

Burial Office in Church

15th August *Jan Fillingham*

“May she rest in peace”





MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

As forecast, *Georgina Baker's* Recital was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all – the last of a successful series of Summer Holiday Recitals. Our grateful thanks to **everyone** who gave up their time to entertain us.

Oakham School returned to play for us during September. Again, enjoyed by good audiences. Programme for this month as follows:-

October

2 nd	<i>Megu Marumoto</i>	Violin
9 th	<i>George Smith</i>	Tenor
16 th	<i>Mike Lear</i> <i>Lisa Schneider</i> <i>Iona Ford</i>	Guitar

During Oakham School's half-term, our soloists are:-

23 rd	<i>Katie Marshall</i>	Soprano
30 th	<i>Irena Radic</i>	Piano

Lunchtime Recitals are at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesdays. All welcome. Retiring collection for Church Funds. We look forward to seeing you.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY ORGAN RECITALS

Our final Recital for this year, by *Ivan Linford*, was very successful, as expected. In fact, numbers exceeded expectations, so much so that *Beth Denny and her team* performed a "Five loaves and three fishes" miracle for the lunches, thanks to their excellent reputations!!

Our thanks to **everyone** concerned. **Please** help us next year to continue these lunches. We do need volunteers.

On Easter Monday 2014, we are looking forward to hearing *Roxanne Summerfield* from St. James the Greater.

Details of all Recitals from:-

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We will be launching our new

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On Thursday 10 October 2013

At 2.30 pm.

Further details can be obtained from Gill Bruce (01572 756656) or Sally Corton (01572 722272).

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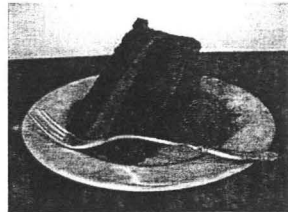
TEA PARTY:

Date: Sunday 27th October 2013

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

COFFEE MORNING

A date for your diary!

Please note that our Coffee Morning this year will be at St. Joseph's Church, Station Road, on FRIDAY, 29nd NOVEMBER.

Friends Annual Talk and Lunch-2013

On Friday 9th August Friends and Mothers' Union members gathered in the church hall for the Annual Talk and Lunch. Coffee was served at 11am to be followed by The Talk at 11.30am. From then on things did not go to plan! Pamela Woods was to have given the Talk, entitled "Mary Sumner, Her Life and Legacy". However, Pamela was in Peterborough Hospital with her husband, Gordon, who had unexpectedly been taken into hospital a few hours earlier.

The Reverend Audrey Atkinson kindly stepped into the breach and, helped by Pamela's notes and the setting up of the computer by Kevin Slingsby, did a magnificent job of presenting Pamela's talk, giving us a real insight into Mary Sumner's life.

Mary Sumner was born in 1828 and died in 1921, having founded the Mothers' Union. She had married John Sumner in 1848, eighteen months after his ordination as an Anglican cleric. She had three children dedicating her life to their upbringing and helping her husband in his ministry. Years later when her own daughter gave birth (1876) she was reminded how difficult she had found motherhood and was inspired to call a meeting in the parish (Old Alresford, Hampshire) to offer mutual support. She was so nervous she was unable to attend the meeting and her husband had to speak for her. He invited the ladies to return the following week by when Mary had overcome her nerves. She attended that meeting and told them about her plan which involved calling women of all social classes to support one another and to see motherhood as a profession as important as those of men. After that meeting the Mothers' Union was limited to Mary Sumner's parish.

In 1885 Mary as part of the audience at the Portsmouth Church Congress was asked to address the women churchgoers. She gave a passionate address about national morality and the importance of women's vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women at that meeting went back to their parishes to found Mothers' Meetings on Mary's pattern. After that the Bishop of Winchester made the Mothers' Union a diocesan organisation.

As they say, the rest is history. Mothers' Unions spread rapidly and in 1896 the Mothers' Union Council was formed and Mary was unanimously elected President, a post she held into her nineties.

In 1897, during her Diamond Jubilee Year, Queen Victoria became Patron of the Mothers' Union, giving it an unprecedented stamp of approval. The Mothers' Union set up branches throughout the British Empire and it is now worldwide.

Mary died at the age of 92 and is buried with her husband in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral.

After the much-admired talk, a 2-course lunch, followed by coffee was served. This had been prepared by Beryl and David Kirtland with help from Roni Proctor. I would describe it as a sumptuous feast. Much of the produce had come from David's allotment. He had even baked bread rolls for us all. The flowers on the table decorations had also come from his allotment. There was a splendid choice of puddings and the drinks (elderflower etc.) imaginative. Seldom have I enjoyed such a friendly and pleasant lunchtime.

As a footnote, Gordon is well now and Pamela will be pleased that her Talk was delivered, although not personally, but by Audrey who did full justice to it

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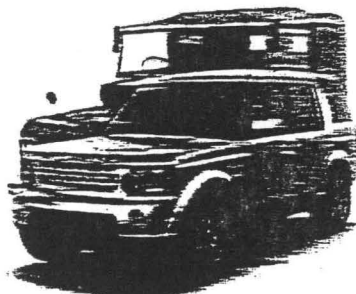


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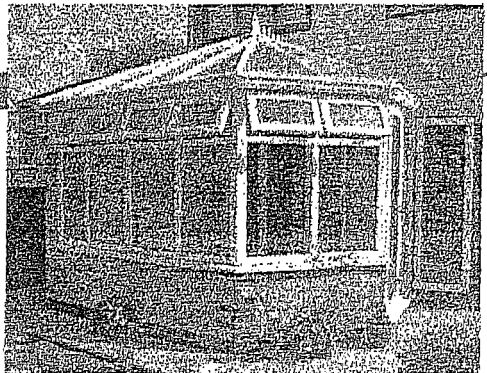
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Day.	Date		
Oct.			
Mon.	t.t.o	2.00pm	Pram and Toddler Service All Saints Oakham
Tues		10,00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Wed		12 00	Service of Healing: Trinity Chapel All Saints. (1st Wed. only)
		1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert. All Saints Oakham.
Thur	t.t.o.	10.00am	Tiny Tots. All Saints Oakham
		12.15pm	CTO Prayer Meeting Trinity Chapel All Saints
Fri		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Tues	1st		
Sun	6th	6.00pm	Trinity 19: Brooke Harvest Festival
Wed	9th	10.00am	MU Deanery Quiet Morning at Ketton
Thur	10th	2.30pm`	Launch of All Saints Oakham Church Trail
Sun	13th	5.00pm	Trinity 20: Hambleton Harvest Festival Followed by Supper and Auction in Village Hall
Thur	17th	10.00am	Open House: 28 Heron Road
Fri	18th		St Luke
Sun	20th		Trinity 21
Sun	27th	3.00pm	Last Sunday of Trinity: Tea Party All Saints Oakham
Sun	28th		St Simon and St Jude
Nov			
1st			All Saints Day
2nd			All Souls Day

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Benefice Service Patterns and Times

Church	Note	Week	8am	9.00	10.30	11.00	4.00	6.00
Oakham		1,2,4	(HC)T		F.C.			EP
	1	3	(HC)T		FC/FS			EP
Ashwell	2	1		H.C				
		2			FS			
		3		H.C				
		4						EP
Braunston		1 & 3				HC		
		2				MP		
	3	4					Church at 4	
Brooke		1 & 3						EP
		2	HC(B)					
		4	HC(T)					
Egleton		1&3		HC(T)				
Hambleton		2 & 4		HC(T)				
Langham	4	1						EW
		2 & 4				HC		
	3	3					Church at 4	
Market		1						EP
Overton		2 & 4		HC(T)				
		3			FS			
Teigh	5	1		HC(B)				
		2 & 3		HC(B)				
		4		Matins				
Whissendine		1,3 & 4				HC		
		2				FS		

Notes: **HC** Holy Communion Contemporary Language
HC(B) Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer
HC(T) Holy Communion Traditional Language
FC Family Communion
FS Family Service: Not a communion service
MW Morning Worship: Sometimes traditional matins.

Numerical Notes:

1. Alternate months will be a Family Service with or without Communion. On odd months there may be baptism(s) within service
2. Odd months only
3. At Braunston and Langham these are activities of varying kinds an act of worship and afternoon tea.
4. Modern evening worship
5. Even months only

Fifth Sundays These are benefice occasions and a team service is held in one of the churches in the Benefice. See church notices for details of these occasions.