

July and August 2016

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# Good News: From the Oakham Group



**Mary Sumner's Prayer:**

**All this day O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and evry life I touch do thou by thy Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I live. Amen.**

**(Mary Sumner Mothers Union Founder 1846)**

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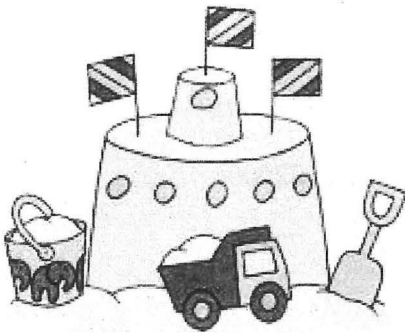
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Alan Rudge writes:

Dear Friends.

As I write this it is raining and dull and hardly the weather to think about holidays, sunshine and rest. July and August are the time most of us get away for a break of some kind, although many of us who are retired have more choice! An opportunity to rest, relax and get refreshed. Unless, of course, you like holidays to be active, non-stop fun, when you probably enjoy getting home for a rest!



Rest is something God ordained and set us an example right from the start at creation. We have been designed to find time to rest in order to recharge our batteries; to give us time to be with family and friends; to spend time with God. In our hectic lives it sometimes seems almost impossible to find time for rest, there always seems to be so much that needs doing – and if I don't do it who will? God doesn't want us burnt out through work.

Jesus said:

***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."***

Jesus himself frequently went off to a quiet place to rest, to be with his Father. He encouraged the disciples to find rest too:

***Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, Jesus said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."***



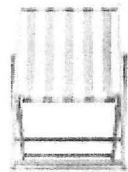
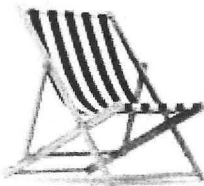
We should follow Jesus' example and use the opportunities we have to find a place for rest and reflection. We also need time with family to relax and enjoy each other's company. Holidays away from the bustle and disturbances of home are a great way to do that. But we also need to feed on God's word and we need quiet and a restful place to do so. We all need to take stock of what takes up our time and deprives us of the time to be with him.



When I was still working full-time as a teacher, I knew that the day would go better if I started it by spending time with God. Often that was a short time but he helped me through the day. A Christian colleague always prayed every morning for the classes she would teach that day and I rarely went into a calmer classroom than hers.

As you prepare for your holidays this summer, where ever you are planning to go and whatever you are going to do, take time within that break to be with God. Drink in the beauty of his creation, the sunrises and sunsets, the sea and the mountains reflecting on how great and wonderful our God is. May you have a truly relaxing and blessed holiday.

Alan Rudge Reader



## Friends Visit to Little Gidding and Steeple Gidding

It was a little damp and cold as we set off towards our destination, Ferrar House Retreat Centre at Little Gidding but a warm welcome awaited with coffee and biscuits in this lovely house.

After exchanging greetings with the others who had arrived in separate cars our host, Andrew Good, the Warden, took us along the hallway to view the brass font originally made for Nicholas Ferrar (1592-1637). It is the chapel's greatest treasure and many tales have been told of how it had been hidden in the time of Cromwell. Also on display were tapestries worked by Nicholas's Mother.

We were then told of the history of Little Gidding.

Nicholas Ferrar, a London Merchant and already ordained a Deacon, with his Mother and extended family, about 30 of them, came to avoid the plague and found this place of peace and tranquillity where he could turn his thoughts to more spiritual things and the founding of a devout religious community. The derelict farmhouse and the chapel, which was being used as a barn was perfect.

They restored the house and chapel, attended services twice a day, helped the poor, wrote and bound books. Charles 1 came at least three times, the final time to shelter from Cromwell's army after his defeat at the Battle of Naseby.

Ferrar's community ended in 1657 with the death of his brother. The manor house much damaged by Cromwell's troops was demolished in the 1850's to be replaced by the building seen today.

A short walk across the lovely garden took us to the small church. The layout was the same as it was in Ferrar's time although some restoration had taken place in 1714, 1848 and again in the 1920's, wood panelling and seats facing each other across the aisle. The brass lectern is original 17<sup>th</sup> century.

T.S. Eliot visited in 1936 and consequently wrote the last of his four quartets called 'Little Gidding'. While seated in the church Dr. Charles Lawrence read short extracts from the poem and from a poem by George Herbert who is also linked to Little Gidding.

Outside the west door of the chapel is the tablet tomb of Nicholas Ferrar. Flowers lay on the tomb as the annual pilgrimage celebrating his life had recently taken place.

We then returned to Ferrar house for an enjoyable lunch of soup and crusty rolls with fruit to follow, with plenty of light-hearted conversation to accompany our fine meal.

Dividing into walkers and those using transport it was on to St. Andrew's Church, now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust ,at Steeple Gidding. The majority chose to walk across the fields to meet the remainder again. With the sun shining on the beautiful church and the countryside in its May flowering glory it was a lovely sight as we met as planned.

There is a story that was told by the walkers over a map that was "not quite right" and hence why the walk took a little longer than planned. It was very enjoyable though and all the walkers returned by foot to the start!

This lovely church building dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> century and again restored in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. There were many notable areas of the church to look at and admire, the tower with an octagonal spire, a Norman doorway and many light windows. The font, 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> century, was quite unusual and of Ketton stone, a piscina, sedilia and a coffin lid from the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Around the church were many interesting carved gravestones which could tell many a tale of whom lay beneath. Time was spent reading from our information sheet of these people who lived so many years ago.

Returning to Ferrar House a welcoming cup of tea and cake awaited us.

It was a very pleasant day enjoyed by us all and we returned to Oakham calm and refreshed. Thank you Beryl for organising the outing.

Iris May, Member of The Friends.

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## MOTHERS' UNION STRAWBERRY TEA

Our last monthly meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June was celebrated with a Strawberry Tea in the Church Hall. We all enjoyed the meringues, scones with cream, and of course strawberries and also cups of tea. But first of all we had some summer readings, both poems and prose, read by individual members.

Meg reminded us of the forthcoming annual joint Mothers' Union and Friends outing taking place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Details of this trip to Bury St Edmunds can be found at the back of the Church, In addition Meg reminded members of the July monthly meeting in the Church Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July, a talk by Dr Sian Cheverton on "Uganda with Mission Direct". As well as MU members guests are welcome. The meeting starts at 2:15pm.

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## The Archdeacon of Northampton writes

### Good Idea

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Sometimes we have great ideas but fail to follow them through. There's a saying:

"The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention."

Good intentions are only useful if they are followed through.

Jesus told a parable:

"There was a man who had two sons.

He went to the first and said: 'My son, go and work today in my vineyard.'

'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing.

He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go."

It's no use having a wonderful vision for what needs to be done (saying to God, 'Yes, I will do this for you', like the lad in the parable) if we don't get on and do it.

The second son said the right thing but didn't follow it through.

The first son (eventually) did something about it.

If Charles Darrow hadn't got out of his armchair and taken his good idea to the Copyright Office we would never have read the words "Do not pass GO. Do not collect £200". There are churches up and down the diocese that are thinking creatively about new ways of reaching out beyond the four walls of the building. There are wonderful community projects going on: bridges are being built, barriers are being removed and people are finding new and vibrant life in Jesus Christ.

What is God asking YOU to do?  
What are you going to do about it?

Richard Ormston  
*Orms*

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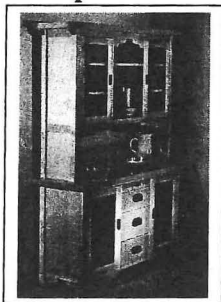
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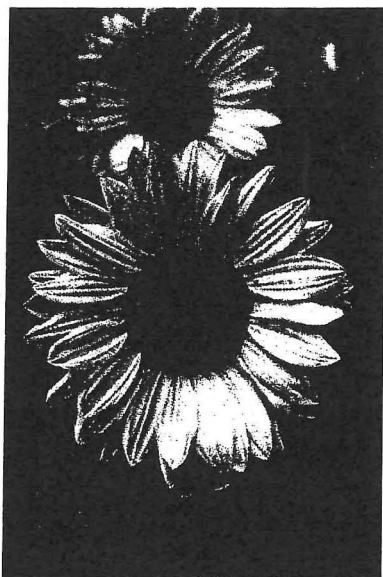
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## BROOKE NEWS

The recent Spring Bank Holiday at the end of May saw an unusual occurrence take place at Brooke - two weddings at St Peter in one weekend! Even the dismal weather of the week before improved for the two happy events and the sun came out.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May Richard A Allen married Rebecca S A Guy, they were attended by five little bridesmaids in white and the church was magnificently decorated with flowers to represent a summer meadow. Richard is the son of Michael and Susan Allen, long time residents of Brooke Priory; happily after her recent illness and serious operation Richard's mother was once more well enough to attend the wedding. The second marriage on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May was between Ian Saddington and Lianne Stafford who were attended by two bridesmaids in purple. Ian and Lianne are 'mine hosts' of the Royal Duke in West Road, Oakham. We send congratulations to both couples and wish them Good Health and Happiness for their future together.

Our patronal festival of St Peter will this year be celebrated with evensong on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July when Bishop John Flack will give the sermon and strawberries and cream will be served after the service. Ordained in 1967, Bishop John Flack was appointed an Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Peterborough Diocese in 2003, was previously the Bishop of Huntingdon in the Ely Diocese 1997-2003, served as the Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome and the Archbishop's Representative to the Holy See 2003-2008 and until 2012 was the priest in charge of Nassington, Apethorpe, Woodnewton and Yarwell. I'm sure his wealth of experience will assure us of an interesting sermon.

At our last PCC meeting churchwarden Mary Brookes retired, she has been a loyal churchwarden before but stepped into the breach yet again when no one could be found to replace Harold and Joan

Killingback. Sadly she felt she really must retire this time so St Peter is now without a church warden. St Peter has been lucky to have had such a devoted churchwarden as Mary and we thank her for all her years of work and support and hope that she will continue to keep her eye on things for many more years to come and train the rest of us to keep things running smoothly.

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when Bishop John Flack will  
give the sermon.

**All welcome afterwards  
for strawberries and cream**



## EGLETON NEWS

GOOD NEWS of Christian Aid Week in Egleton during which the house-to-house collection, i.e. from those Neighbours found at home or else bringing it forth in person, added up to a handsome total of £308.00.

The large majority of willing donors GIFT AIDed their contribution so as to amplify Egleton's response to Christian Aids's annual plea and enable us to provide £360.00 for the needs of "every Neighbour in need of our compassion and goodwill".

What a highly gratifying result from our restricted resources! Appreciation is gratefully extended to each and every responding household.

"Still east and west Christ's love extends and always, near or far,  
he calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are. Where  
generation, class or race divide us to our shame, he sees not labels  
but a face, a person and a name."

[Brian Wren: Hymns for Today's Church]

Right now, a nostalgic holiday looms large [for this reporter] to be spent in a renovated Railway Coach beside a charming loch in the Scottish highlands. A promising prospect, heavily loaded with nostalgia!

For Me and Mine – whose working lives began with The Railway – nostalgia is rising daily. What's more, it prompts many good wishes – from St. Edmund's folk in Egleton – for Your travelling mercies. May they lead into many leisurely delights, wherever your Summer is spent; with or without nostalgia, may your holiday opportunities be blissful!

Our revered English poet John Milton, too; quickens the pulse ....

"To hear the lark begin his flight  
and, singing, startle the dull night  
From his watchtower in the skies,  
till the dappled dawn doth rise;  
Then to come, in spite of sorrow,  
and at my window bid good morrow  
Through the sweet briar, or the vine  
or the twisted eglantine:"



*Nevil Ashton*

## HAMBLETON NEWS

On Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June *Clare* and *Luke Blackwell's* son *Thomas* was baptised in St Andrew's Church. *Canon Lee Francis-Dehqani* took the Service which was attended by approximately 50 people.

On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, St Andrew's Church had a visit from The Stamford Methodist Ladies. *Miranda Hall* gave a talk about the history of the church with *Rev Canon Julie Hutchinson* assisting. Afternoon Tea followed.

On Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June *Tanith* and *Alex Thompson* who married in the village last year, had their son *Austin Oscar* baptised by *Rev Canon Julie Hutchinson*. The Baptism was attended by a large congregation who stayed behind after the Service to enjoy coffee and biscuits.

Also on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, *George* son of *Sophie* and *Glen Howsam* and Grandson of *Andrew* and *Jill Nelson* was baptised by *Rev Canon Julie Hutchinson* and once again, the Service enjoyed a large congregation.

*Celia* and *Richard Foulkes* hosted a Bring and Share Tea Party on the patio of their home, Orchard House in Hambleton at 3pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Fortunately the rain stayed away and a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by about 70 villagers

*Mrs Louise Everett*

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The weekend of **July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** is our **Feast Weekend**. The church will be open and decorated throughout the weekend. **Coffee will be served from 10-12** on the Saturday. The service on Sunday at 11.00a.m. is a Baptism of baby Sam. All are welcome to this very special service.

The fete has unfortunately had to be cancelled, but the **Street Party is still going ahead**. This is to celebrate the Queen's birthday. **July 9<sup>th</sup> 6-11p.m. in Church Street** (which will be closed for the event). Get together with friends, bring picnic, gazebos, tables etc. and just come. If you don't feel like cooking or preparing the Wheatsheaf will provide hampers from £10.

Tuesday lunches at the Noel Arms will now **not** take place as Tracy has family problems, but the first Tuesday in each month will still be at the Wheatsheaf.

Church@4 had a short service followed by a barbeque. A noisy, meaningful and lovely event in Colin and Debbie's garden. Church@4 on July 17<sup>th</sup> will be followed by a special tea in the Vicarage Garden to which all are invited – at 4p.m.

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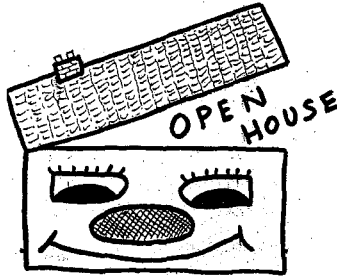
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Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August

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## FROM OAKHAM PARISH CHURCH REGISTERS

### **Holy Baptism**

29<sup>th</sup> May

*Lily Christine Rigby*

*"We welcome her into the fellowship of the church family"*

### **Holy Matrimony**

29<sup>th</sup> May

*Robert Pearce and Danielle Munton*

*"We wish them every happiness"*

### **Burial Office in Church**

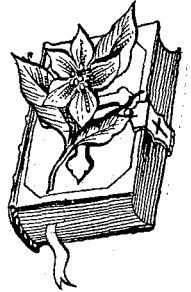
27<sup>th</sup> May

*Rosemary Terry*

3<sup>rd</sup> June

*Malcom Barnes*

*"May they rest in peace"*



## MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

Oakham School soloists' recitals have all been enjoyed and now they'll be on their Summer holidays from the end of June to the first week in September.

**June**

29<sup>th</sup>

*Oakham School Chamber Choir*

**Oakham Festival ( 2 extra recitals)**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

*Ensembles from Rutland Music Hub*

**July**

Friday 1st

*Clarinet Charisma*

6<sup>th</sup>

*Leon King*

*Viola*

13<sup>th</sup>

*Brahms Sextet*

*(Albert Cortese has said this recital will be longer than usual)*

20<sup>th</sup>

*Ingrid Heldt and  
Kathleen Pescheak*

*Soprano  
Piano*

27<sup>th</sup>

*Rosemary Wright*

*Accordian*

**August**

3<sup>rd</sup>

*Katie Marshall*

*Soprano*

10<sup>th</sup>

*Fraser Graham*

*Piano*

17<sup>th</sup>

*Linda Hall  
Paul Butler*

*Piano Duet*



24<sup>th</sup>

*John Dobson*

*Piano*

31<sup>st</sup>

*Terpsichore*

*Peter and Claire Hitchcox with*

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Lunchtime Recitals are at 1.30 p.m. All welcome.

Retiring collection for Church Funds. We look forward to seeing you.

**Monday evening 18<sup>th</sup> July 7.30p.m.**

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Please come to this extra recital if you can.

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Fri	1st	1.30pm	Clarinet Charisma
Sat	2nd	10.00am	<b>Icons for All Ketton Church Hall</b>
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>Langham Feast Week-end (Both days)</b>
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Festival of Flowers St Mary Ashwell (Both Days)</b>
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>St Thomas and Trinity 6</b>
		2.00pm	<b>Summer Band Concert: Cutts Close Oakham</b>
		6.00pm	Midsummer Evensong St Peter Brooke Patronal Festival: Preacher Bishop John Flack
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Deanery Eucharist Greetham Praish Church
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	<b>Friends to Tolethorpe Hall: The Tempest</b> For information ring 01572: 724103
Sun	10		<b>Trinity 7</b>
Thur	14 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Mothers' Union Church Hall Oakham Dr Sian Cheverton: "Uganda with Mission Direct"
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Trinity 8:</b>
		10.30pm	<b>Young Members First Communion: All Saints Oakham</b>
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Organ Recital: All Saints Oakham
Tues	19	10.00	Open House 9 Claresholm Close
Fri	22nd		<b>St. Mary Magdalene</b>
Sun	24	4.00pm	<b>Trinity 9: Sing Sunday All Saints Braunston</b>
Mon	25		<b>St James</b>
Sun	31		<b>Trinity 10</b>

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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.
		12.15pm	Evangelical Prayer Meeting All Saints Oakham
Fri		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Sun	7		<b>Trinity 11</b>
Tues	9		<b>Mary Sumner Day.</b> Founder of the MU in 1876
Thurs	11	10.00am	Open House 1 Uppingham Road
Sat	13th	2.00pm	<b>Braunston and Brooke Flower Show</b> <b>Braunston Village Hall.</b>
Sun	14		<b>Trinity 12</b>
Mon	15		<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Sun	21		<b>Trinity 13</b>
Wed	24		<b>St Bartholomew</b>
Sun	28		<b>Trinity 14</b>
Mon	29	11.30	<b>Bank Holiday Organ Recital All Saints Oakham</b> William Fox: Organ Scholar Magdalen College Oxford

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### Team Service Patterns and Times

Church	Week	8am	<sup>1</sup> 9:00am <sup>2</sup> 9:15am	<sup>1</sup> 10:30am <sup>2</sup> 11:00am	4:00pm	6:00pm
Oakham	1,2,4	HC(T)		<sup>1</sup> HC		ES
	3	HC(T)		<sup>1</sup> FSB/FC*		
Langham	1					WWR
	2,4			<sup>2</sup> HC		
	3				C@4	
Braunston	1,3			<sup>2</sup> HC		
	2			<sup>2</sup> MA		
	4				C@4	
Brooke	1,3					ES
	2	HC(B)				
	4	HC				
Hambleton	2,4		<sup>2</sup> HC(T)			
Egleton	1,3		<sup>2</sup> HC(T)			
Whissendine	1,3,4			<sup>2</sup> HC		
	2	HC(B)		<sup>2</sup> FS		
Teigh	1		<sup>1</sup> MA			
	2		<sup>1</sup> HC(B)**			
	3					ES
	4		<sup>1</sup> HC(B)			
Ashwell	1					ES
	2		<sup>1</sup> HC(B)**			
	3			<sup>2</sup> FS		
	4			<sup>2</sup> HC		
Market Overton	1,4		<sup>1</sup> HC			
	2					ES
	3		<sup>1</sup> FS			

HC - Holy Communion (Common Worship Contemporary Language)

HC(T) - Holy Communion (Common Worship Traditional Language)

HC(B) - Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

FS/FSB - Family Service/Family Service with Baptism (not Communion)

C@4 - Church@4 (For all ages, with activities, simple worship & food)

MA/ES - Matins/Evensong

WWR - Word, Worship & Response (Contemporary worship)

\* FSB even months / FC odd months with Baptism at 12:15pm

\*\* at Teigh in even months / at Ashwell in odd months

Fifth Sundays - usually Team Communion at one of the Churches (see the weekly pewsheets or website for details - [www.oakhamteam.org.uk](http://www.oakhamteam.org.uk))

