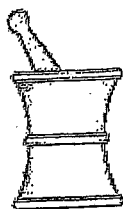
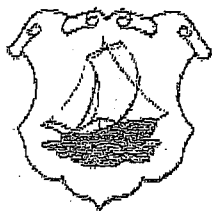


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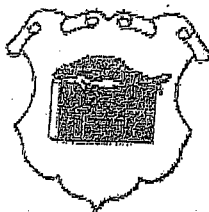
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*Little is known of St. Jude. He is
reputed to have accompanied St
Simon on his journeys.*



*St Simon (the zealot). A true
fisher of men through his
missionary work.*

*We give thanks for all the Saints and for their
contribution to our faith. May we, like them, provide
a Christian example to others. We pray for the
determination to be "saints about," being ourselves
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God's work and ours

This autumn, as many return to work or education having enjoyed at least a few weeks' summer break, I am reminded of this famous and beautifully crafted prayer;

Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth, who on the cross through wood and nails did work our whole salvation, wield well your tools in this your workshop, that we who come to you rough hewn may by your hands be fashioned to a truer beauty and a greater usefulness; for the honour of your holy name. Amen.

It uses Jesus' earthly profession to celebrate his life-saving death and reflect on his ongoing work, carpenter-like reshaping the world. However, I find it a challenge to think that we are his "raw material" and his "work in progress" is us! The desire that we might be useful and attractive in his service resonates deeply with our own longing to be better disciples, not least in our daily working lives. This prayer always reminds me of the equally famously practical words of St Theresa of Avila;

*"Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on the world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world."*

Someone once said "Christians are people who allow God to do things to them so they might do things for other people". As a bishop I have the great excitement of meeting lots of people whom God is changing and who are making a difference to their communities. You are those people, Christ's body here on earth. May God continue to bless His work in us.

With my love, prayers and best wishes,

+  Ed Brixworth

Peterborough Diocese at Greenbelt Festival

By Becky Wills

Over the Bank Holiday weekend, an intergenerational group representing the Diocese of Peterborough enjoyed a sun-baked time at Boughton House near Kettering for the annual Greenbelt Festival of Faith, Arts and Activism.

Greenbelt Festival is a unique melting pot, where discussion, thinking, creativity, listening and openness are celebrated.

The Children and Youth Mission Team hosted a seminar on the Saturday (amongst the many others designed to get festival-goers thinking) with a panel of representatives from various generations, to discuss how churches can embrace all generations, in an authentic and effective way, speaking into a modern culture where generational divides seem almost unsurmountable.

The theme was continued into the Diocesan Stand, where four dramatic sculptures of a family were an interactive centre-piece. A team of mixed age volunteers, including Bishop John, asked festivalgoers to engage with the sculptures by painting directly onto the figures, words and images that represent "Family" to them. Many interesting and challenging conversations grew from both the seminar and the stand.

The Sunday morning service, always a unique experience (enjoyed by many local church goers for free) was this year led, in part, by Peterborough Diocese's own Revd Haydon Spenceley. The service was moving and uplifting and it had inclusivity at its very heart, as each of the contributors was differently able, sharing in a visible and practical way, that "God invites us all to join the feast, asking "what will you bring?" And Christ the Multiplier takes what we bring and makes it more than enough." (www.greenbelt.org.uk/please-bring-body/).

The benefice of Geddington with Weekley were also represented, and they hosted an on-site worship venue, as well as sharing the Diocesan stand.

It was great to work with a team of brilliant volunteers of all ages to set up, tidy up, present, chat, be willing and get involved. As Greenbelt's host Diocese we enjoyed a really healthy relationship with the Festival Makers and it was good to have a presence there. It was an uplifting and challenging weekend - and for the first time in living memory no wellies!

Mother's Union

Charlotte Osbourn entitled her talk "My journey to Ordination", with the sub-title "From Pew to Pulpit". She suggested that we consider each of our Decades, ie. until we reach the three-score-years-and-ten, as days of the week. Sunday would be the first decade, 0 - 10 years, Monday 10 -20 years, Tuesday 20 - 30 years ,and so on.

Since childhood, Charlotte has been aware of how God can work in people's lives, not least, in her own. Her Grandmother was a woman of great faith. Her mother was involved with the local church, and while she attended to the flower arrangements there, Charlotte and her brother would play in the pulpit. The Head Teacher of her Grammar school was a committed Christian and she, together with the PE teacher had a great influence on Charlotte's teenage years.

Charlotte was confirmed into the Church of England when she was twelve, and joined a lively "Fifteen to Twenty Five " group, at another nearby church. At seventeen, during a trip on a schooner training ship (the Winston Churchill), sailing around the Channel Islands, and the North Coast of France, she went in to an island church, and committed her life to Christ.

At Birmingham University, Charlotte read Latin and PE. Words from the Book of Proverbs became very real to her during this time, viz. chapter 3, verses 5 and 6 : "Trust in the Lord with all your heart- - - - -" She volunteered to join the summer season work with the CSSM, among children.

In 1977, Charlotte married Leo, who served in the ministry of the Methodist Church. They had the insides of their wedding rings inscribed with the words from St Luke chapter 24 "Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them". They settled in Swanwick, and Charlotte taught in Formarke Hall preparatory school. After that they moved to Seedfield. Life was becoming very full for the Osborns. Charlotte led groups of young people, and enjoyed playing mixed hockey, which can't have been for the faint hearted. At this time, the Vicar in Cheadle, (the neighbouring village) was one Donald Allister. When Charlotte entered her "Thursday Decade", there came a call to go to the north east of the country, to Cullercoats. Here, Charlotte managed a production of the Gospel story called "Jubilate". They travelled with this as a Road Show, for a month.

House Groups have always been part of Charlotte's output. Her groups followed the Alpha programmes. She also continued with her Youth Groups, eg. "Share

Jesus", Tyneside Youth for Christ", Why Friday?", and the mid week "Rock Solid" clubs.

During this decade, Charlotte became involved in the selection process, for the Methodist Church, and Leo moved from being a Circuit Minister, to become Chair of the District of Berwick on Tweed, Sunderland ,and Brampton.

When she reached her "Friday Decade", Charlotte became aware that Newcastle Airport needed administrative help in its Chaplaincy. The airport was seven miles from where she and Leo lived. She was strongly convinced that she should work in that airport, and she became Lay Chaplain. She also became lay chair of the Methodist Church Selection committee , and Leo became President of the Methodist Conference.

At this time, Charlotte undertook training at Durham, exploring "Spiritual Direction". She also joined the team of Street Pastors, in Newcastle, becoming a Trustee of that association. Significantly, during this "Decade", Charlotte worshipped at the Church of St James and St Basil, - - - - - back to the Church of England. Along the way, she also gained a Master's Degree in Theology. Charlotte was now seriously considering ordination.

At All Saints in Oakham we welcome Charlotte as Curate. Leo will serve in Oakham Methodist Church during her time with us.

We extend good wishes to both of them.

Helen Bush

Braunston News

'Memories', Sunday 22nd October 4pm at All Saints, Braunston.

This will be a service of quietness and reflection in memory of those we have known and loved and for peace in our world. Please come and share this time with us, everyone is welcome.

Ride and Stride

Plays a vital part in the preservation of our many churches. Since both riding and striding is well beyond Meg and I we sat in the seats of welcome and refreshment at All Saints. The door was open in welcome but certainly produced conditions that got progressively colder. Rain played a part in ensuring that many got quite wet and needed to dry out a bit before moving on. To undertake the journey through the county is heroic at the best of times-this year the participants certainly earned their sponsorship. A big thank you to all who took part and especially to Alan and those who sponsored him.

It was impressive to see the "progress cards" of some who, by the time they got to Braunston for a lunch break had already achieved 30+ churches and had their minds set on achieving 50+

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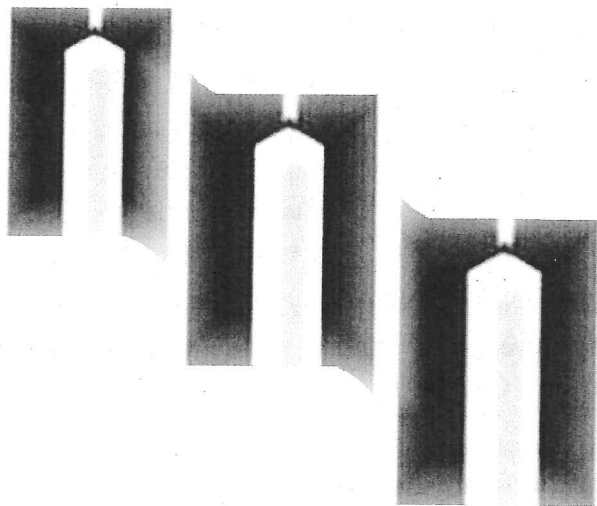
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Memories



*Sunday 22 October at 4pm
A Service of Quietness and Reflection
All Saints' Church, Braunston*

BROOKE NEWS

The latest St Peter's PCC meeting was held at Abbey Barn, Brooke on Monday 14th August courtesy of Gill and Terry Greer and was attended for the first time by new curate Iain Osborne who opened and closed the meeting with a prayer. Hopefully our discussions etc have not put him off and he will join us many more times in the future.

One subject under discussion was the huge amount of our parish share and there were suggestions as to how we should deal with it. Amongst other topics discussed there were updates on a proposed memorial bench, the content of our web site, future fund raising suggestions, ways to encourage other residents to church/events and concern was expressed over possible damage to the churchyard walls from all the huge vehicles delivering to building works going on in the village. The next PCC meeting will be on Monday 23rd October at Rose Cottage Brooke at 7.30pm.

We were delighted to welcome Guli to take evensong on Sunday 3rd September and wish her well in her new position and the families move to a new home. After many years in Oakham they will be sadly missed.

NB Our Christmas Coffee Morning on Thursday 7th Dec will be at a different venue this year and will take place at 'The Old Rectory', Brooke the home of Barbara Clemence.

The Candlelight Carol Service will be taken by Lee on Sunday 17th December at 6pm, with the usual seasonal refreshments afterwards.

In April 1865 the Stamford Mercury carried the report of a tragic and fatal accident at Brooke, John Horspool, a groom from Burley, and his wife Emily had been to visit Emily's sister Juliana and her husband Thomas Jones of Church Farm, Brooke where they had celebrated the 21st birthday of their nephew Thomas. John and Emily left the party about 7pm in a pony and trap to return home to Burley. In those days the road outside Brooke was gated, with one gate near Home Farm and the other on the corner by Town Park, there were no hedges and the land on either side belonged to Brooke Priory. When John got out to open the second gate the pony suddenly shied and galloped off with Emily in the trap towards Oakham. Thinking the pony would gradually slow down as it went up Brooke Hill John called to his wife to sit tight and he followed as fast as he

could. However, Emily jumped from the trap as it slowed down going up the hill, her dress became entangled in the wheels and she was dragged along some 600yards. John found his wife's body beside the road, she had sustained fatal injuries to her head and legs and she sadly died in his arms; the pony eventually stopping at the Brooke road crossing gates.

Such a sad ending to a happy family occasion; the young man celebrating his 21st birthday was to become Connie Beadman's grandfather.

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Egleton News

Riders and Striders were in evidence in plenty during the hours of Saturday's estimable event on behalf of the Historic Churches Trust. This bi-annual expedition attracts walkers, cyclists and motorists all , who rise to the appeal to visit as many as possible of Rutland's sixty four Churches and Chapels in the course of Saturday's prescribed eight hours.

With sponsors, equally willing to sustain this worthy, genial purpose, there is goodwill and enterprise a -plenty to appreciate and Egleton St Edmund's was at the ready to welcome each Rider or Strider , to sign them in , serve them sustenance and send them forth on their praiseworthy pilgrimage !

Tuesday evening brought a large audience to St Edmund's to be intensely impressed on two counts; Robert Gower , organist of Nottingham's Roman Catholic Cathedral, and a long-time member of Egleton's community , was the eminent guest invited to present a Celebrity Concert on the splendid new VISCOUNT CHORUM organ which now adorns St Edmund's sanctuary.

Robert provided an endearing introduction to the extensive merits of the organ before embarking on his delightful sequence which he entitled "Five Centuries in Thirty Minutes" ; the centuries 16th to 20th- were represented handsomely by composers Corelli- JS Bach - Schumann- Frances Jackson and Christopher Tambling, each given a charming introduction before his eloquent music was played. In all, a feast of memorable proportions !

Preceding Robert's fine recital , the Rector of the Oakham Benefice , Canon Lee Frances-Dehqani led an Act of Dedication of the Organ , to the praises of God and the blessing of his people. This hallowed occasion whetted many an appetite for future , ample benedictions for St Edmund's worshippers and for every friend who shares the riches of the Viscount Chorum's ministrations !

HAMBLETON NEWS

On Sunday 10th September, St Andrew's reopened its doors to a large congregation of nearly 100 people. They were all there to celebrate the completion of the church's major roof restoration which had been going on since the beginning of the year. It had taken 10 years of planning and fundraising for the Roof Repair Fund to get to this stage. A Roof Repair Sub-Committee had also been set up the year before to oversee the details of grants, church faculty, architects, scaffolders and builders on a day to day basis.

Hambleton Parochial Church Council invited not only Hambleton residents, but all those who had been involved in the Roof Repair project to "Raise the Roof" with a Songs of Praise Service. The service also marked the completion of a 20 year project to restore all of the four Victorian altar frontals.

Ruth Chamberlain from Preston had overseen their restoration and her work was greatly admired by all present. **Ruth** had trained and worked at the Sisters of Bethany workshop from 1950 to 1960. This is also where the altar frontals were made in about 1895 and they had been commissioned by St Andrew's great patron; Walter Gore Marshall. His sister was a nun with the Sisters of Bethany and she died in Persia (Iran) in 1894. Coincidentally **Canon Lee Francis Dehqani's** wife **Gulli** comes from that region of Iran where her father was Bishop.

Canon Lee Francis Dehqani took the service along with **Reverend Charlotte Osborn** who had planned an excellent Songs of Praise with many favourite Hymns. Young singer **Katie Marshall** who came 3rd in a National competition, sang two solos; "Ave Maria" and "Art thou troubled, music will calm thee". **Katie** was accompanied by **Kevin Slingsby** on the organ. **Araminta Mathias** and her team of bell ringers woke the Village ahead of the Service and **Kevin's** choir lifted the singing to new heights.

In dedication of a symbolic roof, water was sprinkled from a spray of rosemary and unexpectedly, **Canon Lee Francis Dehqani** climbed on to the roof to bless it and then went on to bless the restored Victorian altar frontals. The service was followed by wine and canapés.

Included in the congregation was the Lord Lieutenant and 6 members of Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. This was the first time they had attended an "End of Project Celebration Service" and they were very impressed

with the care we take of our church. We had received a grant of £10,000 from them for the Roof.

Along with all the other parishes, Hambleton joined in with the RHCPT Ride & Stride on Saturday, 9th September and we were delighted that our valiant cyclists raised over £1,000 for the Trust. Our village team which was led by Richard Foulkes, covered many miles despite the unpleasant weather.

Hambleton's Harvest Thanksgiving and Supper which will also include an Auction, takes place on Sunday 8th October at 5pm.

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Langham News

The clock on the church spire is at very long last looking like a clock again. Whilst waiting for repairs to be done last year the very high winds brought the clock face dangerously down into the churchyard. Now the insurance and funds are in order, the hands are back on and the mechanism in place. It just remains to see it in operation.

September has seen the usual services in place, alternatively with our Reader taking Extended Communion and with a visiting priest, most commonly one who has "retired". How fortunate we are to be part of a Team whilst Julie is getting slowly back into the saddle.

By the time this is read we will have had the Wine Tasting evening and our Harvest Thanksgiving. November will be a quiet month. However, on December 16th (Yes, Christmas is yet again on the horizon) we plan a village Christmas evening with carols for all, solo items, instruments, spoken interludes, and, of course, mulled wine and mince pies. Anyone who would like to contribute an item, spoken or musical, please let me know – I would be delighted to hear from you. (01572 770234)

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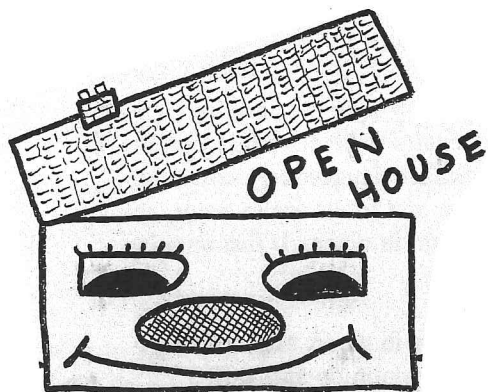
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Holy Baptism

20th August *Freyja Olivia Rose Tassell*

Georgia Amelie Cramwell

"We welcome them into the fellowship of the Church family"

Holy Matrimony

26th August *Robert Williams and Shelley Woodcock*

"We wish them every happiness"

Burial Office in Church

22nd August *Ann Viney*

"May she rest in peace"



MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS' OAKHAM

What a resounding start to our Autumn Lunchtime Recitals! A spirited rendering by Peter Davis, Oakham School Director of Music, of Aaron Copeland's Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo. An excellent Piano Recital, good audience and record donations to Church Funds! This was followed by equally enjoyable recitals by Oakham School sopranos and clarinetists

We now look forward to:

OCTOBER

4 th	<i>Morgan Overton</i>	<i>Clarinet</i>
11 th	<i>Ethel Marzaganov</i>	<i>Piano</i>
		and at half-term
18 th	<i>Annabelle Pepper</i> <i>Jennifer Partridge</i>	<i>Soprano</i> <i>Piano</i>
25 th	<i>Penny Campling</i> <i>Brian Stephens</i>	<i>Piano</i> <i>'cello</i>



NOVEMBER

1 st	<i>Lucy Collison</i>	<i>Soprano & Piano</i>
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Lunchtime Recitals are at 1.30 p.m. All are welcome.

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

BANK HOLIDAY ORGAN RECITALS

Our next Bank Holiday Organ Recital will be on Easter Monday, 2nd April 2018, then Mondays, 7th and 28th May and 26th August – when David Price from Thailand returns to give another recital.

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SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER

7.30 p.m. All Saints' Church Oakham

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Wed		12 00	Service of Healing: Trinity Chapel All Saints. (1st Wed.)
		1.30pm	Lunchtime Concert. All Saints Oakham.
Thur		12.15pm	Evangelical Prayer Meeting All Saints Oakham
Fri		10.00am	Holy Communion All Saints Oakham
Sun	1 st		Trinity 16. All Saints Oakham Harvest Festival & Lunch
Thur	5 th	7.30pm	Rutland Theological Society, Methodist Church Speaker: Revd. Dr. John Moses.
Sun	8 th		Trinity 17
Wed	11 th	10.00 am 10.00am	Open House: 2 Wensum Close Oakham MU Quiet Morning Ketton.
Sat	14 th	7.30pm	Cantus Choir Concert All Saints Oakham
Sun	15 th		Trinity 18
Wed	18 th		St Luke
Sun	22 nd	4.00pm	Trinity 19: "Memories. A service of Reflection. All Saints Braunston.
Sat	28 th		St Simon and St Jude
Sun	29 th		Bible Sunday
Nov	1 st		All Saints
Nov	2 nd		All Souls

Team Service Patterns and Times

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

HC – Holy Communion (Common Worship Contemporary Language)
 HC(T) – Holy Communion (Common Worship Traditional Language)
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FS/FSB – Family Service/Family Service with Baptism (not Communion)

SW – Sunday Worship (informal worship)

SS – Sing Sunday (informal worship with emphasis on music)

MA/ES/ChES – Matins/Evensong/Choral Evensong

MP/MW – Morning Prayer/Morning Worship

WWR – Word, Worship & Response (contemporary worship)

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

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