



# The Link

Parish News from Hanslope & Castlethorpe



**JUNE 2026**

**£1.20**

# **Worship & Prayer**

## **Sunday Services**

Parish Mass at Castlethorpe, 9.30am (Sunday School 9.15am in term time)

Parish Mass at Hanslope, 11.15am (Sunday School 11.15am in term time)

Evening Prayer at Castlethorpe, 5.00pm (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday only this month)

## **Weekday Services**

Wednesday Mass at Castlethorpe, 5pm

Thursday Mass at Hanslope, 9.30am

Friday Mass at Hanslope, 12noon

## **Rosary Group**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at The Vicarage 4.30pm

## **Following the Silence Prayer Group on Mondays**

11 Weavers End, Hanslope, 5.30pm

## **Shrine Live Stream @walsinghamanglican.org.uk**

Sunday Mass, 8.30am

# **Weekly Events**

## **Mondays during term time**

Little Angels – 9.30am to 11.30am

## **Fridays**

Hanslope Church open for refreshments and reflection – 10am to 12 noon

Craftivists and Flower Team – 10am to 12 noon

## **Fridays during term time**

Little Lambs - Castlethorpe Church, 2pm – 3pm babies and pre-school age

Little Lambs - Castlethorpe Church, 3.30pm – 4.30pm school age children

Inspire Youth Group - Hanslope Church, 4pm – 6pm

## **Front Cover:**

Sunlight streams through the incense on Pentecost Sunday morning

# **Diary for June**

(Also visit [stjameshanslope.org/whats-on](http://stjameshanslope.org/whats-on))

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Hanslope's Monthly Coffee Morning – 10am to 12noon

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Service times as above**

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Hanslope's Fundraising Meeting, Hanslope Church – 7.30pm

- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>**      **St Barnabas the Apostle – Confirmation Mass, Hanslope Church – 7pm**  
Arcadian Opera Rehearsals, Castlethorpe Church – 7.20pm to 10pm
- Sat 13<sup>th</sup>            The Bishop’s Regional Festival, St Agatha’s, Sparkbrook, Birmingham
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup>**            **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Service times as above**  
**Castlethorpe Duck Race 1pm to 5pm**
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup>            Cancer Support Group, Hanslope Church – 8pm
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>            Community Lunch, Hanslope Church – 12.30pm  
Choir Rehearsals, Hanslope Church – 6pm to 7pm  
Arcadian Opera Rehearsals, Hanslope Church – 7.20pm to 10pm
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup>            Hanslope’s Open Gardens Event – refreshments served in Hanslope Church – 10am to 5pm
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup>**            **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Service times as above**
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Arcadian Opera Production Rehearsals, Hanslope Church – 2.30pm to 9.30pm
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup>            Carers’ Support Group, Hanslope Church – 10.30am
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>            Choir Rehearsals, Castlethorpe Church – 6pm to 7pm
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup>**            **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Service times as above**
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Arcadian Opera Production Rehearsals, Hanslope Church – 2.30pm to 9.30pm
- Tues 30<sup>th</sup>            Castlethorpe’s Standing Committee Meeting, Castlethorpe Church - 4.30pm

### **Diary for July**

- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>            Choir Rehearsals, Castlethorpe Church – 6pm to 7pm
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup>                Hanslope’s Monthly Coffee Morning – 10am to 12noon  
Arcadian Opera Production Dance Rehearsals, Hanslope Church – 12.30pm onwards

**St James Church Cleaning (not every week or at exact times) Monday afternoons. Any queries, please contact Mary Nokes on 01908 337939**

# Coming Up

*Details of these, and other (yet to be announced) events will appear in due course, but please put the dates in your diary!*



## **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July: COFFEE MORNING**

Monthly Coffee Morning at Hanslope

## **Saturday & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July: ST JAMES OPEN WEEKEND**

The Church and Tower will be open once again for this annual event.

## **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July: St JAMES' DAY PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

Joint Parish Sung Mass at Hanslope at 11.00am followed by Picnic in the Churchyard (bring your own)

## **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August: COFFEE MORNING**

Monthly Coffee Morning at Hanslope

## **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Joint Parish Sung Mass at 7.30pm followed by drinks at Castlethorpe

## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August: CREAM TEA FOR HO**

Hosted by John Sorrell in his garden at 12 Weavers End, Hanslope

## **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August: WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE FOR HEALING & RENEWAL**

Once again, we intend to take a coach to this popular Day Pilgrimage.

## **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September: COFFEE MORNING**

Monthly Coffee Morning at Hanslope

## **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September: COFFEE MORNING**

Monthly Coffee Morning at Castlethorpe in aid of our link with the Diocese of Ho

## **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September: HARVEST**

Harvest worship in both churches in the morning and the annual Joint Parish Harvest Afternoon Tea and Auction in the afternoon hosted this year at St James

# Sunday & Feast Day Readings in June

June 7<sup>th</sup>                    10th Sunday in Ordinary Time                    *green*

Hosea 6:3-6; Ps50; Romans 4:18-25; Matthew 9:9-13

June 11<sup>th</sup>                    St Barnabas the Apostle (Confirmation Mass)   *red*

***Benefice Mass at Hanslope at 7.00pm***

Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3; Ps 24; Matthew 10:7-13

June 14<sup>th</sup>                    11th Sunday in Ordinary Time                    *green*

Exodus 19:2-6; Ps 100; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9: 36-10:8

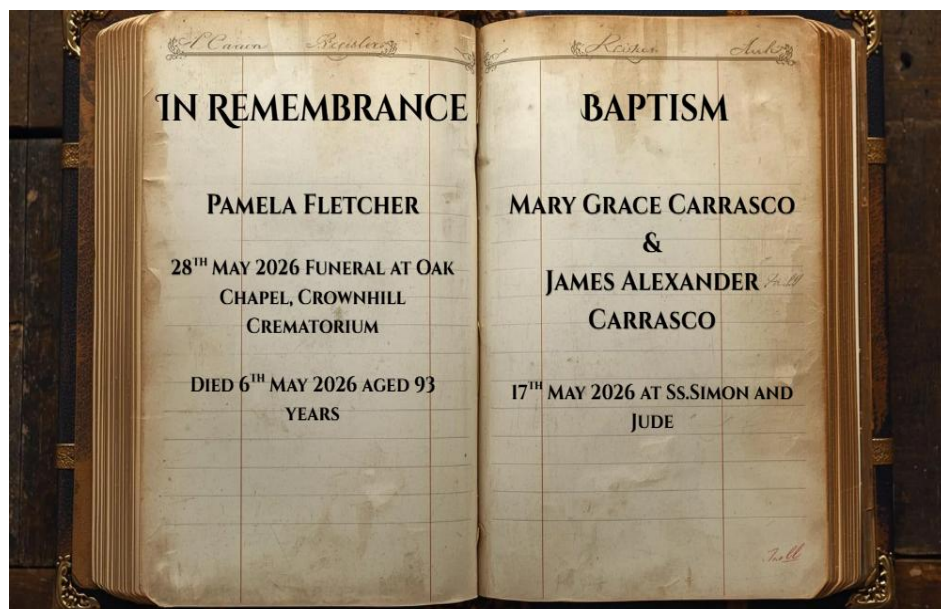
June 21<sup>st</sup>                    12th Sunday in Ordinary Time                    *green*

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 69; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10: 26-43

June 28<sup>th</sup>                    13th Sunday in Ordinary Time                    *green*

Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18; Mat 16:13-19

## From the Registers



# From the Vicarage

*Dear Friends,*

With Eastertide behind us, and some joyful celebrations of Ascension Day and Pentecost, and some happy baptisms too, we move into another phase of celebration.

First, we have the great feast of **Corpus Christi**, the *day of thanksgiving for the Eucharist* on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm and, if you have booked in advance, we will be having a meal after Mass to round off the celebration. A week later the Bishop will be here for **Baptism & Confirmation** on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, the feast of St Barnabas the Apostle, this Mass is at 7.00pm. We have six candidates from the two churches including four adults, two of whom are to be baptised; a real celebration for the whole church, please do come and support the candidates with your presence and your prayers.

At St James we continue to work to make **improvements** to the building and its surroundings. The new Churchyard **shed** was installed during May, we are most grateful to Cllr Ali Andrew who supported our bid for Section 106 funding from MK Council. Meanwhile, Darren Butler from AED, a small family business based in South Norfolk, won Hanslope PCC's competitive tender, to replace both the existing (and positively ancient) **sound system** at St James, and to install a **live-streaming facility**. Only two of the five microphones were functional, so this could not have happened soon enough! As you would imagine the process of gaining ecclesiastical planning permission via the statutory channels has been as lengthy as it has been time consuming, but ultimately fruitful - largely thanks to Glyn Hollinshead's hard work and perseverance.

This installation will have been completed by the time you read this. We hope the streaming capability will be especially beneficial for funerals, baptisms and marriages, enabling family and friends from further away, or indeed overseas, to join events as they happen or for them to view recordings. We also envisage regular worship will be streamed in due course too. None of this comes without great expense. We are deeply appreciative of the **generosity** of the late Dr Andrea Kingston, whose legacy has enabled this step change in our audio-visual facilities to happen, and covers the substantial cost completely. I know Andrea was very keen this should happen and Tim Lenihan her husband, has taken a keen interest. All that will remain, will be learning to use it!! What could possibly go wrong?!

The last aspect of Andrea's bequest will provide St James with a new lectern for the nave altar sanctuary, the existing lectern will move into the Chancel and

continue to be used there. Legacies can make a transformational difference to our churches, might I encourage anyone reading this to think about supporting our two churches in this way in the future?

Meanwhile June is a major fundraising month too! **The Castlethorpe Duck Race** takes place on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the River Tove. This is Castlethorpe Church's biggest fundraising event and also supports other village community groups and activities too. The Committee, led by the indefatigable Tracey Jones, has worked incredibly hard to make this happen. Let's not be under any illusion, this is a huge task and represents a massive commitment behind the scenes in the twelve months or more before the event, and not just over the weekend of the event itself; event management, staging, insurance, sponsorship, health and safety and other compliances, gathering volunteers, publicity and much else besides. This event is hugely popular, and whilst designed as a fundraiser, it also serves to gather the village and enhance that sense of belonging and community. Many families arrange to meet for the Duck Race as well as it attracting large numbers from Hanslope and around the local area.

The following week **Hanslope's Open Gardens** is also taking place. Another small committee has done sterling work to get this event off the ground on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. A number of gardens are opening for the first time, including gardens on the new estates in the village, so please do come along and support this, a major fundraiser for us at St James alongside the forthcoming **Open Weekend** on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

With my prayers and every blessing for the month ahead,

*Fr Gary*



# June's Saints from the Church Calendar

## **June 1<sup>st</sup>            St Justin, Martyr**

Born about 100 at Nablus (Palestine); died about 165 in Rome. After lengthy study of Greek philosophies, he acknowledged Christ as the source of all truth. A lay intellectual, Christian philosopher, and apologist. Noted for his reasoned defence of Christian belief and practice and for the ultimate witness given by his martyrdom.

## **June 3<sup>rd</sup>            St Charles Lwanga and companions, Martyrs**

They died on this day in 1886. Between 1885 and 1887, these twenty-two martyrs were among many newly baptised Catholics and Anglicans who were killed for their faith and virtue in Uganda by a debauched and brutal ruler. They included judges, catechists, soldiers, and teenage pages under the leadership of Charles Lwanga, who was burned alive. Noted for the heroic calm of their fidelity to Christ.

## **June 5<sup>th</sup>            St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr**

Born in Devon about 675; died in the Netherlands on this day in 754. A monk and teacher who went to evangelise the Germanic peoples. Was ordained bishop and given wide-ranging papal commissions throughout Germany and Gaul. Founded monasteries and established dioceses, presided at synods, and maintained close associations with various emperors. Honoured as a determined missionary and as a Church organiser and reformer whose work shaped the future of Europe. He is buried at his abbey of Fulda (near Frankfurt).

## **June 9<sup>th</sup>            St Columba, Abbot, Missionary**

Columba, also known as Colum Cille, was born in Gartan, County Donegal in 521 and was of royal lineage. He studied under Finnian of Moville and Finnian of Clonard. He founded monasteries in Deny, Durrow, Iona and possibly Kells. From Iona, which became his principal foundation, missionaries undertook the conversion of Northumbria. Colum Cille is noted for his love for people and for all living creatures. He died in 597.

## **June 11<sup>th</sup>          St Barnabas, Apostle**

It is not known when he died, but according to Eastern and Western tradition his remains were discovered on this day sometime in the fifth century. A Jew from Cyprus and one of the first converts in Jerusalem, a leading member of the Church there, though not one of the twelve. He introduced Saint Paul to the twelve and worked with him in Antioch and on missionary work in the Mediterranean world. Championed the Gentiles at the Council of Jerusalem. Honoured as "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith" (Acts 11:21).

**June 13<sup>th</sup> St Anthony of Padua**

Priest, Doctor of the Church. Born in Lisbon (Portugal) in 1195; died at Padua (Italy) on this day in 1231. At first an Augustinian priest and scholar, then became a Franciscan to do missionary work in north Africa but this was thwarted by illness. Instead, he became a teacher of theology and a brilliant popular preacher in southern France and Italy, a servant of the poor, and a worker of miracles.

**June 14<sup>th</sup> St Davnet, virgin**

Davnet lived in the area of Sliabh Beagh in County Monaghan, Ireland, in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century where she founded a Religious Community. She died at Tydavnet.

**June 24<sup>th</sup> Nativity of John the Baptist**

This feast was observed on this date in the fourth century. It celebrates the holy birth of “the greatest of all the prophets, ” the one who leapt for joy in his mother’s womb, who prepared the way for Christ, announced his presence, and baptised him in the Jordan River.

**June 27<sup>th</sup> St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

Born at Alexandria (Egypt) about 370; died there on this day in 444. An able theologian and bishop of his native city, but somewhat confrontational in attacking non-Christians and heretics. Presided at the Council of Ephesus in 431 and defended orthodox Christianity against Nestorius. The council approved the title Theotokos for Mary, thereby affirming Mary’s motherhood of God. Noted for his ardent defence of orthodoxy, even at the cost of provoking condemnation and schism.

**June 28<sup>th</sup> St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr**

Born probably at Smyrna (Turkey) about 130; died at Lyons (France) about 200. A pupil of Saint Polycarp (23 February) who became a presbyter and bishop of Lyons, the principal city of Gaul. Intervened in Rome for patience and reconciliation in Church disputes. Among the first theologians of the Western Church, he refuted gnosticism and further developed the theology of the incarnation. Noted for his fidelity to apostolic tradition.

**June 29<sup>th</sup> Ss Peter and Paul**

Apostles; died as martyrs at Rome under Nero, between 64-67. This pre-eminent feast day of the city of Rome has been observed on this date since the mid-third century. It commemorates the martyrdoms of Peter the “chief of the apostles” and Paul the “apostle to the Gentiles.” Noted for their faith, their courage, and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the Church.

# The National Pilgrimage to Walsingham

*12 pilgrims from Hanslope & Castlethorpe aged from 5-80 braved the Bank Holiday heat and attended a very uplifting annual National Pilgrimage.*

Alex and I had a wonderful day, despite the heat. In particular, I loved the afternoon Procession. Singing and walking together through the streets of Walsingham was a profound declaration of our unity as Christians. Many bystanders watched the Procession taking photos in what looked like awe, which further lifted our spirits. *Anne and Alex Adams*

Gorgeous day yesterday, both physically and spiritually. *Rie Saito*

We attended the National Pilgrimage for the first time. To worship outside in such a magnificent setting and with so many others was very moving and uplifting. Clearly those present hold Our Lord's Mother, Mary close to their hearts and this emotion ran throughout the day. With sadness the heat prevented us from taking part in the afternoon procession! But it was a lovely day. *Sue Collett & Tony Kempster*

I'm not sure how many years I have been going to the National Pilgrimage, last year it was decidedly chilly, but this year's was definitely the hottest! Despite this, it was great to see some familiar faces from different parts of the country. A time to come together and take in all that was offered. I took part in the afternoon procession with Anne; her first time. A great day! *Maria Ecclestone*



# Pentecost and the Work of the Holy Spirit

*Fr Gary preached on the 50<sup>th</sup> and final day of the Easter season*

*“He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side.”*

On my way to take a school assembly recently I bumped into a Mum and her daughter, the youngster had a shiny new bike – “Are you learning to ride without stabilisers?”, I enquired. “Yes”, came the reply, “but” pointing to her knees, “it hasn’t been easy...” Do you remember I wonder the very first time you ever rode a bicycle by yourself?

Do you remember both the excitement and the fear as you pedalled that first, very short distance, wobbling from side to side? You knew that, sooner rather than later, your balance would falter and you would end up crashing to the ground, probably ending up with bloodied knees. And just when you thought you had mastered the art... then there was that frightening moment when you had to release one handle as you learned to signal. Of course, that only served to increase the wobble and your tendency to fall off.

You probably did not notice, however, that your technique improved with every encounter with your bike, and you may not remember the moment when you climbed onto the saddle fearlessly and expertly to make a journey for which you never imagined you would ever have the courage. Wasn’t it worth the bloody knees and the purple bruises? Mind you, I haven’t actually ridden a bicycle since 1985. And I am not planning on it any time soon!

In the reading appointed to be read as the Gospel for Pentecost Sunday, Jesus appeared to his disciples, who were overjoyed to see him. Yet each one of them also saw that Jesus bore the wounds of the crucifixion. They saw the marks of the nails and spear in his hands and side. Most of them remembered their cowardice and desertion of Jesus at a time when he needed their friendship and support. However, Jesus did not blame and scold them. Instead, he wished them peace. What was past was past and could never be undone. He wanted his disciples to have peace of mind, to put their betrayals out of the way and to concentrate on the future. He did not want them so overwhelmed and crippled with their burden of guilt that they became useless to themselves and others. He knew that they bitterly regretted their actions and were ready to make a fresh start.

Yet, as he gave them their mission to preach God’s love to the world, Jesus also knew that their learning process would involve suffering. There would never be a moment of “Been there. Done that.” His wounds would remain an eternal sign

of the cost of love. The sending of the disciples was an act of the Trinity: they would go out into the world in imitation of Jesus' obedience to his Father, but just as the Spirit of love and encouragement accompanied Jesus, so too, his disciples would never be alone.

From the moment we were born, life has been a constant learning process. As one person I know is wont to say, "Every day's a school day"! We have all had opportunities to learn new skills. In doing so we don't usually expect to have a hassle-free time, especially when attempting something unfamiliar and complicated such as a new TV with ever less intuitive handsets, we have all had plenty of things to get to grips with, we make allowances for mistakes – perhaps, for something such as learning to ride a bike, wearing extra layers of protective clothing. If we're seriously committed to learning the new skill, we give ourselves extra time and patiently start and restart until, gradually, we are able to move from "beginner" to "proficient" to "expert" status.

The strange thing is that we don't always make allowances for ourselves or for others as we learn the biggest and most important lesson that will ever confront us: how to live as a fallible human being in a society that is far from perfect. Goodness, another of the fruits of the Spirit, is a lifelong path of discovery. Everybody stumbles and falls on the way. It is important not to feel discouraged or to give up the effort.

God knows that we are all learners. God sees the "L" plates which are invisible to ourselves and to others, making excuses for us when we fall far short of being perfect... and offers us forgiveness of our mistakes as a free gift of the Spirit. All we are asked to do is to say sorry, seek forgiveness, or simply to "try, try and try again".

Pentecost is the moment when Jesus tells us to be at peace, however battered and bruised we might at times feel. We are only learning to be like him and God knows that, he makes allowances for us and sends us the Spirit of love and encouragement to help us to make the fresh starts we need. So if you have a fresh start to make in some aspect of your life at this time, however great or small it might be, how about starting to make it today – and do so not in your own strength and power, but rather with God and with the assurance of the presence of the Holy Spirit. We must learn to let every aspect of our lives, each moment, each encounter, each fear, each challenge, become an occasion to invoke the Spirit, so that we can become Christ's witnesses wherever we are, to the ends of the earth. In the words of the hymn writer:

*COME DOWN O Love divine, Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

# News from St James the Great Hanslope



## May's Coffee Morning in Hanslope



Wendy Thomson and Sue Collett were hosting this coffee morning, with Ness Lightfoot on bacon duty, Jackie May and Angela Bowen on raffle duty. Kathryn Pope and I provided some extra manpower! We saw some new faces and was pleased to see Frances who was unable to help this time having tripped and broken her wrist - ouch! We raised £366.40 for general funds and remain extremely grateful for your ongoing support. Thank you! **Our next coffee morning is 6th June**

*Maria*



## New Sound System

Darren Butler (r) from AED in Norfolk and his team installed St James's new sound & streamlining system in the May half-term in memory of Andrea Kingston. Initial feedback is *hugely* positive at the step-change improvement. More preparation yet remains before streaming can start.

# Upcoming events in Hanslope



**Hanslope Village Open Gardens**  
Saturday 20th June 2026 10.00am to 5.30pm.

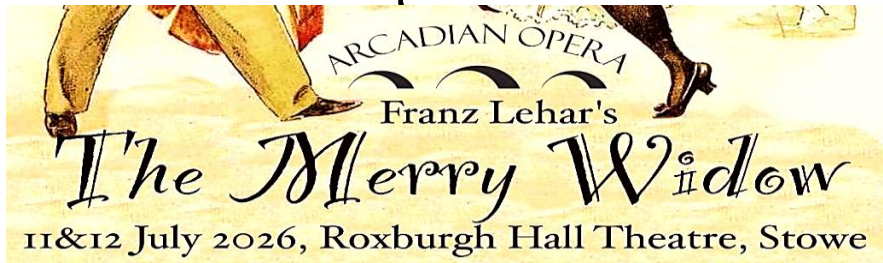
To find out more search for Hanslope Village Open Gardens at  
[www.opengardens.co.uk](http://www.opengardens.co.uk)



## St James' Day Patronal Festival

After the Joint Parish Sung Mass on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am bring a picnic and stay on for lunch in the churchyard

Justin Lavender is co-Director of the Arcadian Opera. Advance News



[www.arcadianopera.com](http://www.arcadianopera.com)

Tickets now on sale for their summer production of this sparkling comedy romance. The Arcadian Opera, renowned for bringing imaginative traditional opera to Stowe employs professional singers for the principal roles, a chorus of talented and experienced local singers, accompanied by a professional orchestra. Performance starts 4.00pm with an hour and a half interval to enjoy your picnic in Stowe Landscape Gardens.



## **HANSLOPE AND DISTRICT CANCER WELLBEING & SUPPORT GROUP**

Meets on 3rd Monday of each month at 8pm

Venue— St James the Great, Coffee Area

Contact - John Sorrell 07889 181158

## **HANSLOPE & DISTRICT CARERS' SUPPORT GROUP**

Meets for a tea, coffee, piece of cake  
and a chat and support on the  
FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF MONTH

1030am to 1230am— venue:

St James the Great Coffee Area

Contact - 07889181158



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**CASTLETHORPE  
DUCK RACE  
& FUN DOG SHOW**

SUN 14 JUNE 1PM to 5PM

RIVER TOVE, CASTLETHORPE

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of Castlethorpe Church and local organisations & charities

**To ensure you have a fantastic afternoon...**

1.00pm Gates open and live music starts

2.00pm Fun Dog Show begins

3.45pm Corporate Duck Race 

4.15pm The Big One!! Our main event...  
1000 Ducks are dropped into the river from the Duck Launcher and the race begins.....

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 @castlethorpeduckrace 



# News from Ss Simon & Jude Castlethorpe

Thank you to everyone who came and helped us **tidy up the churchyard** on Saturday 16 May ready for the warmer weather.

A large part of the front wall was cleared of ivy, as well as trees trimmed and grass cut. The next tidy up will be in the autumn.



## Going Quackers in Castlethorpe!

We're all looking forward to our **Duck Race and Fun Dog Show** on Sunday 14 June down by the River Tove. As usual, we have a fabulous afternoon lined up after the gates open at 1pm, with lots of stalls, amusements, games, food vendors, music, Pimp Your Duck, a dog display, classic vehicles and of course the fun dog show and two duck races. Entrance and car parking are free!

The main duck race is at 4.15pm. You can get your duck tickets from Castlethorpe's village shop (cash or debit card), Hanslope News and Tompkins butchers (cash only for both) or on the day. The first duck to finish will win its owner £150!

You can find more information on the website [castlethorpeduckrace.co.uk](http://castlethorpeduckrace.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please note that there will not be a coffee morning in June as we'll be recovering from the Duck Race!

# Joyous Events at Ss Simon and Jude



On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May Fr Gary baptised Sunday School members Mary and James. A beautiful service

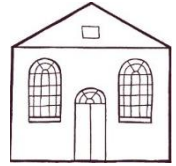
We also welcomed the youngest member of our congregation Florence Malloy on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May aged, we think, just nine days!

Florence will be baptised in the autumn.





# NEWS FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH



From our minister Revd. Dr. Kofi Tekyi-Ansah

## Sunday Services

7 June	Mrs Jackie Commey
14 June	Revd. Kofi Tekyi-Ansah (Holy Communion)
21 June	Mrs Marian Ballance
28 June	Mr Chris Linford

Sunday services are usually held at 10.30am and are always followed by tea and coffee. We are a family friendly Church.

## Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church meeting will be held immediately after the service on Sunday 14 June. All members and attendees are welcome to attend.

## Visiting Preacher

On 26th April we were delighted to welcome Elaine Warner to lead our service. It was lovely to see Elaine and Alan back in the village following their move from Hanslope to Worcestershire 18 months ago. After the service we all enjoyed lunch and fellowship together.



**Joan Scott**



Joan’s sons, Matt and Ben, and their families have placed a memorial plaque in our Garden.

“She touched the lives of many. Gardening and sewing in Heaven.”



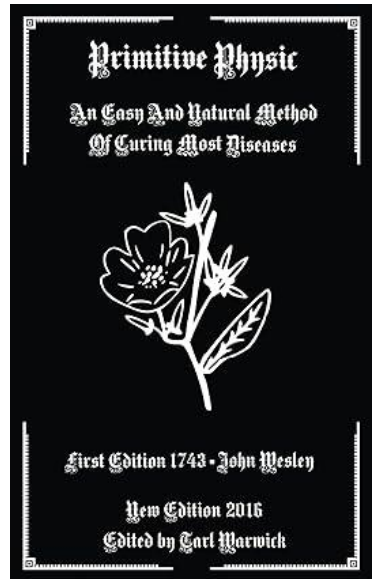
**Hanslope Open Gardens**



We will once again be opening our Garden on Saturday 21 June. The Chapel will also be open and we will be serving refreshments including home-made cheese scones and cakes between 10.00am and 5.00pm.

**AN INTERESTING READ –  
THE PRIMITIVE PHYSIC OF JOHN WESLEY**

The Primitive Physic of John Wesley was first crafted in the middle of the 1700s; more than a century later it remained in print in several forms, a testament to its continued use as a tract of folk medicine, proto-homeopathy, and its function as a general pragmatic herbal of sorts.



**Milton Keynes Foodbank**

A reminder that we have a collection box for MK Foodbank. Non-perishable items may be brought to the Chapel during Coffee Shop hours on Tuesdays (10.00am-12.00pm) or during Knit ‘n’ Natter on Thursdays (2.00pm-3.30pm).



## KNIT n NATTER

If you enjoy knitting, crochet, or a good natter over a cuppa, do come and join us!  
For more information see our FB page  
Hanslope Methodist Chapel



The Knit n Natter group continues to meet every Thursday afternoon in the Old School room at the rear of the Chapel between 2.00pm and 3.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along and either join in with our latest project (Twiddlemuffs for Alzheimer sufferers, or Blankets, Hats and Cannula covers for premature babies at MK University Hospital) or bring your own project and enjoy a cuppa and a natter.



**FIND US ON FACEBOOK AND KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR NEWS – HANSLOPE METHODIST CHURCH**

### **TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP 10.00am - 12.00pm**

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

Meet up with old friends and make some new friends.

We'd love to welcome you to our bright and airy Tea Room....

## For Your Prayers

- For those being Baptised and Confirmed from St James and Ss Simon & Jude on June 11<sup>th</sup>
- For the Castlethorpe Duck Race and all who will attend; giving thanks for the dedication of Tracey Jones and her Committee
- For Hanslope's Open Gardens event
- For all Christian people that we might work to show forth the fruits of the spirit in our lives: of love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentle, faithfulness and self-control

# Bob's Ramblings

Hello again welcome to another Month of ramblings, which has a very varied selection. I really cannot moan about the weather now, although it is a little too warm for me. However, glorious sunshine in May, unheard of when I was a child. Now the football teams have hung up their boots we only have Rugby Union and cricket to comment upon. The Saints are still riding high on top of the table. The Northants Cricket team have made a good start in the league and two wins in the One Day Matches so far.

This month's rail traffic has been quite busy, with Chelsea Flower Show and Cup Final football matches all using some rail traffic. So, I will start with photo



on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May with the Lumo Voyager in the new livery, 222601 on a Stirling to Euston path. A very



unusual combination of 4 Class 90's, 90018-46-42-48 coupled on a freightliner from Garston to Felixstowe. Then on the 15<sup>th</sup> May the unique BR Standard



Pacific 71000 ran light engine from Crewe to Southall. The LS Managers Special on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May



with 90003 on the fast line to Carlisle.

A rare sighting of 59001 on the 18th of May with a Kidderminster to Wembley move following a Gala visit. Finally, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, the ex-SR 8 car Thumper set with 202 1013 leading on a Tonbridge to



Polmont Charter. Hope you enjoyed this month photos and some more next month.



**Bob**

# Daily Bible Reading Scheme

Week 9 – Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	2 Peter 1:2-7	Mark 12:1-12
Week 9 - Tues	2 Pet 3:12-15a, 17-18	Mark 12:13-17
Week 9 - Wed	2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12	Mark 12:18-27
Week 9 - Thurs	2 Tim 2:8-15	Mark 12:28b-34
Week 9 - Fri	2 Tim 3:10-17	Mark 12:35-37
Week 9 - Sat	2 Tim 4:1-8	Mark 12:38-44
Week 10 – Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	1 Kings 17:1-6	Matt 5:1-12
Week 10 - Tues	1 Kgs 17:7-16	Matt 5:13-16
Week 10 - Wed	1 Kgs 18:20-39	Matt 5:17-19
Week 10 – Thurs <b>St Barnabas</b>	1 Kgs 18:41-46	Matt 5:20-26
Week 10 – Fri <b>Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16	Matt 5:27-32
Week 10 - Sat	1 Kgs 19:19-21	Matt 5:33-37
Week 11 – Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	1 Kgs 21:1-16	Matt 5:38-42
Week 11 - Tues	1 Kgs 21:17-29	Matt 5:43-48
Week 11 - Wed	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14	Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Week 11 - Thurs	Sirach (Ecclus) 48:1-14	Matt 6:7-15
Week 11 - Fri	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20	Matt 6:19-23
Week 11 - Sat	2 Chronicles 24:17-25	Matt 6:24-34
Week 12 – Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18	Matt 7:1-5
Week 12 - Tues	2 Kgs 19:9b-36	Matt 7:6, 12-14
Week 12 – Wed <b>Nativity of John the Baptist</b>	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3	Matt 7:15-22
Week 12 - Thurs	2 Kgs 24:8-17	Matt 7:21-29
Week 12 - Fri	2 Kgs 25:1-12	Matt 8:1-4
Week 12 - Sat	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19	Matt 8:5-17
Week 13 Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> <b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul</b>	Amos 2:6-10, 13-16	Matt 8:18-22
Week 13 - Tues	Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12	Matt 8:23-27

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## The Deputy Returns!



It was a pleasure to welcome back Fr Adam, Erica, Aayla and Beatrice on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Fr Adam preached at both Castlethorpe and Hanslope services, before riding back off into the sunset!