

From the Rector

July is going to be a critical month for members of the Church of England as the General Synod meets in York, and the Bishops of the Anglican Communion meet in Canterbury. I would not like to predict what will happen as a result of debates which are to take place, but it is quite possible that the news will be full of what is happening in the Church at home and abroad.

The Church of England has always attempted to unite as many people as possible, despite very different views on some issues, on the basis that we all alike respect the authority of the scriptures which we call the Bible. It is becoming difficult to maintain this in the face of powerful movements which no longer place the Bible first in their understanding of the Christian faith, and wish to change the Church itself according to their own requirements.

For the vast majority of Anglicans, the Bible is the bedrock of what we believe and teach, and that is true of our parishes and of almost all the other churches I know. We understand it to be the word of God, in which he has revealed to the world that he is our Creator, and has taught us his will for the human race so that we may live in peace with one another and with Him. In its pages we read of his love for us, sending his own Son to be born as one of us, and to suffer death on a Cross so that we might be forgiven and raised up to eternal life. His generosity is beyond our comprehension!

None of this has changed suddenly, indeed the Good News which Jesus brought to us is the same for all ages. It is a profoundly challenging message, one which asks us to re-examine our relationship with God, if we wish to know and understand the astonishing gift of love which Jesus holds out to us on the Cross. Jesus taught his contemporaries that he had come not to abolish what God asks of us in the scriptures, but to fulfil it. In doing so he invites us to be faithful to God as he is, not to go our own way or to pick and choose which of the commandments of God we happen to like.

Fortunately the Church is composed of many thousands of parish churches like ours, and we will continue to believe in God as he has made himself known to us, and try our best to live as faithful Christians, even if we fail from time to time and need his forgiveness. That is what the Church is for: a fellowship for those who know their need of God's grace.

Stephen

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The Pitsford Newsletter

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CHURCH SERVICES In Pitsford and Boughton

SUNDAY 6 JULY - Trinity 7 - at PITSFORD

8am Holy Communion (1662)

10am Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY 13 JULY - Trinity 8 - at BOUGHTON

10am Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY 20 JULY - Trinity 9 - at PITSFORD

10am Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY 27 JULY - Trinity 10 - at BOUGHTON

10am Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST - Trinity 11 - at PITSFORD

8am Holy Communion (1662)

10am Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST - Trinity 12 - at BOUGHTON

10am Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST - Trinity 13 - at PITSFORD

10am Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY 24 AUGUST - Trinity 14 - at BOUGHTON

10am Sung Eucharist

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST - Trinity 15 - Fifth Sunday

10am Sung Eucharist at Boughton

ALL ARE WELCOME

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THURSDAY CLUB Again we enjoyed a glorious day out in the Derbyshire Peak Village and Matlock – the sun shone all day! The next outing is on 7 August when we are going to the Black Country Museum in Dudley – there are still a few seats left for this trip – please ring 880630 for more details. As the outing we had arranged for 3 July was not suitable we are holding a Strawberry Cream Tea in the Village Hall. This will be free of charge to members – we will also have a game of Bingo. Please bring a raffle prize as usual. New members welcome. **SW**

W.I. Mrs Harper brought along some beautiful Victorian and Edwardian beadwork– items all collected at Antique Fairs. This hobby stemmed an interest to do beading herself and her own collection, which she designs and makes herself, was lovely. We were able to purchase these items afterwards. The Garden Meeting will be at 75 High Street on Tues. 15th July. There will be strawberries and cream and a garden quiz. All welcome. **SR**

M.U. The Deanery Festival held at Clipston was well attended with 10 banners from within the Deanery on show. The speaker, Sue Tringham, gave an interesting talk on the work of the M.U. In Iraq there are 1,000 members in the Baghdad branch with Christians and Muslims joining together. Our next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 14th July at 2pm. Rev. Stephen Trott will lead us in Bible Study. August 11th will be a lunch at Overstone Manor. **A.E.**

PITSFORD SCOUTS The Scouts have been continuing in their Survival Theme by learning some new Bush craft skills and bivouac building. Recently the Scouts and Cubs joined together for a walk along Brampton Valley Way which included going through the Oxendon Tunnel. Everyone enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The Scouts will be going on a Seaside camp to Norfolk then we all break for the summer holidays but I am planning a couple of activities during this time.

Everyone is welcome at Spring Hill Farm on 12th July for a traditional Barn Dance. Tickets adults £10, children £5 from Georgina tel. 881807. Our thoughts will be with Joe and the contingent of Scouts going to Croatia at the end of the month. Enjoy yourselves, we look forward to hearing all about it on your return. The Scout Group resumes on 4th September. Have a good summer! *Georgina*

PITSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL The older children have just returned from an exciting residential visit to Kingswood and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to all who supported our Fete which raised approximately £1,300 for school funds. All welcome at our School Sports on July 9th at 1.30pm at the Sportsfield.

LUNCHEON CLUB The next lunch is on 17 July (please book with Margaret by 12th) and on 21 August (book by 16th)

PITSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will take place on Monday 14 July at 8pm at the Village Hall.

NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR – Pitsford Church – Saturday 12 July – 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to include refreshments from Mrs E Nunn 881716 or Mrs C Peacock 881105.

PITSFORD ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

This will take place on Sunday 13 July from 3pm – 6.30pm at Ride Lane House (courtesy Mr & Mrs M Smeathers). There will be a band and other attractions and a summer tea will be provided together with other refreshments. Tickets are £10 to include the summer tea available from John Hancock 880407, Ted Coogan 889186 and Sue Mead 882083. Numbers will be limited to 100 so order your tickets now. Proceeds to be shared with Pitsford Scout Group. **JH**

CHEESE & WINE EVENING (Sat 21st June) Barrie & Wendy would like to thank all those who came and supported this event. It was a very enjoyable evening and raised £283 towards church maintenance. Thanks also to those who donated but were unable to come.

VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH (16 June)

The Rector would like to thank everyone who was able to come to the special service marking 20 years of Ministry as Rector of Pitsford and Boughton, especially those who helped prepare such a splendid reception, and would also like to say thank you for the very generous gifts received then and since.