

Around the diocese

Once upon a time at St Peter's Church

By Karen Setchfield

St Peter's Church Irthlingborough is playing host to Hansel and Gretel as well as other famous story book characters.

St Peter's Fundraising Committee have created a magical fairy tale adventure. People can travel through the church to see scenes from favourite stories Saturday 18 July from 11am-3pm.

Inside you can visit The 3 Little Pigs and possibly blow down the house of straw. Outside you can take a trip up the tower beanstalk to see Jack and the Giant.

There is no entry fee for the day. Instead, you can spend your money on the different stalls in the church. Get your face painted, have a bounce on the bouncy castle and join the story telling time—all to raise money for St Peter's

Church. Margaret Bull, Secretary of St Peter's and part of the Fundraising Committee wants to give people a chance to look around the Church and join in a fun filled day. Margaret said, 'We want to build links with families around us'.

Last year the Church brought 'A Day at the Seaside' to Irthlingborough, raising £832.

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Church & Lady at Day at the Seaside by Linda Hogg

July events

Wed 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

Music in Oakham at Lunchtime

1.30pm. All Saints, Oakham LE15 6AA
All Welcome, Admission free.
www.oakhamconcerts.info

Mon, 6 Prayer and Praise for Northampton

7.30-9.30pm Praying together for the needs of the people of Northampton. Refreshments from 7pm
Broadmead Baptist Church NN3 2QY

Thurs 2, Annual Rural Ministers Day

10.00am - 3.30pm. The key guest will be Dr Jill Hopkinson (National Rural Officer) who will lead discussions on developments in rural ministry and new resources coming from ARC. Open to all licensed ministers and Church Wardens in rural parishes. Titchmarsh, St Mary the

Virgin NN14 3DB. Info Revd Robert Hill
robert.hill@peterborough-diocese.org.uk

Sat 4, Richard Beadon Inaugural Lecture

2pm. Of special interest to Licensed Lay Ministers, Church Wardens and interested laity.
Northampton High School NN4 6UU.
Organised by the Guild of Centurions.
Info Cheryl Goddard
cheryl.cfgbusiness@gmail.com

Sat, 18 Music in Lyddington

ELIZABETH WATTS – soprano,
AUDREY HYLAND - piano
Lyddington, St Andrew LE15 9LN. Info
07709 968896.
www.musicinlyddington.co.uk

More details at: www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/events

Rt Revd Donald Allister, Bishop of Peterborough writes

United We Stand

There is so much pressure in the world today to divide what is currently united, to separate what has been joined together. We can see it in so many walks of life: in marriage, with an eye-wateringly high divorce rate; in politics, with talk (again) of Scottish independence, or of leaving the European Union; in the church, with suggested splits over women bishops or over gay rights.

Very occasionally separation is right. Jesus talks of sheep and goats, and of wheat and weeds: though those judgments are for him to make, not for us. And evil must be resisted in the political and the moral sphere: as long as we are sure what is evil and that we are resisting it appropriately.

But as a general rule good human relationships, and good politics, and good religion, all tend to unite rather than to divide. God's ultimate cosmic plan, according to the New Testament, is to unite all things in Christ and under his Lordship. Any decisions we make to divide or pull apart must be weighed in the light of that grand design.

I know that, very sadly, some marriages must be brought to an end. I know that Winston Churchill, in arguing for European unity after the Second World War, sought it "for them, not for us".

I know that some divisions in church history have been over matters of deep

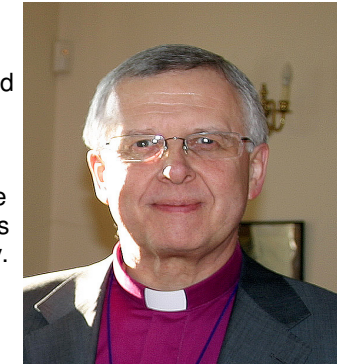
gospel truth. In a broken and damaged world, separations are sometimes necessary.

But, while we live with the reality of that broken and damaged world, we are called to bear witness to a much better vision: of all things united in Christ. We must therefore seek to unite rather than to divide, to mend relationships that are damaged or broken, and to be courageous in looking for new and deeper patterns of unity.

Please pray for our leaders in society and in church, for opinion formers, and for all who have to decide between uniting and separating. Pray for a world united under the Lordship of Christ.

In his love, which draws and holds us together,

+Donald



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Around the diocese

Healing Ministry

A Healing Ministry, as the Church declares from the Church of England website, is fundamental to the gospel..

“Healing, reconciliation and restoration are integral to the good news of Jesus Christ. For this reason prayer for individuals, focused through laying on of hands or anointing with oil, has a proper place within the public prayer of the Church.”

“God’s gracious activity of healing is to be seen both as part of the proclaiming of the good news and as an outworking of the presence of the Spirit in the life of the Church.”

The Peterborough Diocese Healing ministry is currently overseen by Healing advisor Honorary Bishop John Flack. He can offer advice and training to clergy and people in the diocese who want to begin a healing ministry – or those who are already doing it.

+John Flack explained that the church does healing as part of its normal function, “It was what Jesus did as he went about. He didn’t put up a poster saying ‘healing service at 4 pm’.”

Healing services take place across the range of Anglican expression – from high Anglo-Catholic to evangelical charismatic. The most common healing services are in the ‘middle range’ of Anglican expression. It is something that Jesus did and as his followers, we do as well. But, “We are not Jesus; we are more like his disciples who sometimes would get it right.”

After prayer +John Flack said “you may



Honorary Bishop John Flack.

not always get healing, but there is always something good that comes out of it. Sometimes it’s the strength to better cope with the illness.”

The Honorary Bishop is also available for healing services – the laying on of hands in a community with oil and the Eucharist, within liturgy, or individually in hospital or at home with the Eucharist.

On Thursday 14 May a new website to support those interested in the healing ministry was launched by the Archbishops’ Advisor for the Healing Ministry, Reverend Dr Beatrice Brandon.

Bishop John Flack said, “I am very pleased that Beatrice Brandon has created a website that is available for advice and consultation.”

see:www.healingministry.org.uk

For more information about Church of England Wholeness and Healing, <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/worship/texts/pastoral/healing/healingintro.aspx>.

International connection

You’ve done the ice bucket challenge... this summer will you dare to bare your soles?

The Barefoot Challenge launched The Leprosy Mission’s Feet First campaign on 1 June to transform the lives of some of the world’s poorest and marginalised people in Mozambique.

The challenge sees people go about their daily business barefoot for one day. The idea is for those taking on the challenge to stand in solidarity with people affected by leprosy which causes nerve damage. As a result they often damage their feet as a result of a stone, which can lead to severe infection which can lead to terrible deformities.

Barefoot Challenge will raise money as part of The Leprosy Mission’s Feet First appeal. And the good news is between 1 June and 31 August everything the public raises or donates will be doubled by the government.

Singer and songwriter Philippa Hanna recently travelled to Mozambique to witness The Leprosy Mission’s pioneering Feet First project and undertook the Barefoot Challenge.

Philippa said: “You have probably heard the phrase to ‘walk a mile in their shoes’. I challenge you to join me and take on the Barefoot Challenge for the day.”

The Feet First campaign is backed by Dr

Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, who said: “The Leprosy Mission exists to carry on Jesus’s own outreach to people with leprosy and to support The Leprosy Mission is to carry on that work.”

How to join the Barefoot Challenge:

- Sign up online to go barefoot for a day between 1 June and 31 August 2015 – www.feetfirst.org.uk
- Write the hashtag #FeetFirst on your feet and decorate at will!
- Upload your photos and film on Facebook and Twitter
- Tell people why you’re doing it – to help protect the feet of people affected by leprosy in Mozambique
- Ask them to give a donation online (www.feetfirst.org.uk) or via text to support you. For example if they want to give £6 text FEET06 £6 to 70070 and £12 will be sent to Mozambique. Or if they want to give £10, text FEET06 £10 to 70070 and £20 will be sent to Mozambique. This is how your challenge will save lives!
- Nominate three friends to take up the Barefoot Challenge!



Singer songwriter Philippa Hanna prepares for the Barefoot Challenge