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A message from Father Matthew



Together with my family, I send my warmest wishes to you. It's a great privilege to be invited to become your new parish priest and my family and I are delighted to have moved to the benefice.

For the past four years we have lived in Kent where I was the Assistant Curate in the parish of St John the Baptist, Sevenoaks and a safeguarding trainer for the Diocese of Rochester. However, I was born and brought up in Northamptonshire and am an enthusiastic supporter of the county cricket team. I am married to Caroline who hails from Warwickshire. She is an early years teacher. We have a daughter, Felicity, who is 8 years old.

I studied for the priesthood at St Stephen's House in Oxford. Prior to my ordination I practised law at the Bar for 18 years. In my spare time I am an avid reader and a keen walker.

I will take up my post at 3.00pm on Saturday 7th September at a service in St James's Church Newbottle. Do come along if you are able. I am looking forward to meeting you and serving the parish.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the churchwardens, The Parochial Church Council and all who have helped run the parish while you have been without a full-time priest.

The Church is here for everyone and the building is open in daylight hours for those who wish to pray or simply find some space and quiet, and of course everyone is welcome to any of our services.

Please feel free to contact me at the vicarage in Church Avenue, Kings Sutton on [01295 811364](tel:01295811364) or by e-mail at fathermatthew.r@icloud.com

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September 7th

Saturday

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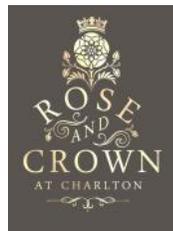
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September 12th—19:00

Charlton Memorial Hall

Tickets: £5, under 12s free

(tickets at the door, cash only)

Ilana Tapper has lived in Charlton all her life and will be starting a performance degree at the Royal Northern College of Music this year. All proceeds from the concert will go to Benslow Music Instrument Loan Scheme, who have kindly loaned her a 1786 John Betts viola for the duration of her degree.

She will be performing alongside her friends and family a variety of music, including Karl Stamitz's Viola and Cello Duo 1 and Max Reger's Suite for Viola.

To reserve tickets, please contact Ilana Tapper at ilanay.t@hotmail.co.uk

SERVICES AT NEWBOTTLE

1 st September	Trinity 11	Sung Eucharist	9.30am
Saturday 7th September	Installation of Fr Matthew Robinson as Incumbent		
3.00pm			
8 th September	Trinity 12	Sung Eucharist	9.30am
15 th September	Trinity 13	Sung Eucharist	9.30am
22 nd September	Trinity 14	Matins & Communion	9.30am
29th September	Harvest Festival	Family Evensong	6.00pm

I was hit by a shower of toilet rolls this morning. Fortunately not the brand that has the puppy attached. Just ordinary toilet rolls. We buy them 16 at a time – toilet rolls, not puppies – because they’re cheaper that way and there’s no telling when emergencies will happen.

We store the rolls in a wall cupboard above the doors of the fixed wardrobe in our bedroom. But when I slid open the wardrobe door looking for a clean shirt, down came the toilet tissue on my head.

Well, “stuff happens”, most of it a lot more difficult to cope with than that, and we can’t really prepare ourselves for it. My immediate reaction when something unpleasant happens is to ask “Why me?”. Sometimes there is a reason. In this case I was in a hurry and just threw the rolls into the cupboard without checking whether they were safe or not and so, later on, down they came.

But more often we can’t identify a reason and there’s no point in looking for one. You just pick up the loo rolls, or whatever it was that hit you and try to find the strength to carry on. And usually, if we’ve sown the seeds of friendship beforehand, we’ll find there’s someone who will help us pick up the fallen debris

When life falls down on us, let us be thankful for the friends who help us pick up the pieces

David Morgan

Nature Notes

We have three 'fairy rings' developing on our lawn. At the moment they are very obvious as they are producing the actual toadstools which are the fruiting bodies of the fungus which is underground. They grow in an ever-enlarging circle as the fungus exhausts the nutrients in the soil and pushes outwards to find fresh supplies. Some fairy rings can leave a circle of dead vegetation, but the ones most commonly seen in grass produce chemicals which act like hormones and cause rapid luxuriant growth of dark green grass in a perfect ring. There have been times when these have deceived archaeologists examining aerial photographs: the circles of dark green grass can look exactly like the crop-marks left by Bronze Age ring-ditches round ploughed-out barrows. It is then rather disappointing to find nothing but fungi on the ground.

At the moment we are in the midst of some wild, stormy and rainy weather, rather more like September than August. But we are hoping that everyone reading this has managed to see one or two Painted Lady butterflies, as the second brood (which hatched out here) is out and about and they are feeding as much as they can to fuel their long flight back south. Everyone should have a buddleia in their garden, the 'butterfly bush'; we have several, and we count it a bad year if we don't see lots of Peacocks, Red Admirals and Painted Ladies enjoying the flowers. Butterflies need warm weather to fly, feed and reproduce, but prolonged hot weather is not necessarily good for their populations long term. The long hot summer of 1976 was a bumper year for the Chalkhill and Adonis Blue butterflies, but they could only find dried up and stunted horseshoe vetch to lay their eggs on. 1977 was therefore a poor year for them as few caterpillars survived. Similarly last year's hot weather meant that there was no fresh grass growing for some time: bad news for those butterflies whose caterpillars eat grasses – the Gatekeeper, Meadow Brown and a variety of Skipper butterflies. Alongside the wild grasses in places such as the Stonepits, Birds-foot trefoil is the food plant of the Common Blue's caterpillar. (We like the country name of Birds-foot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*) 'eggs and bacon', presumably so-called because the flowers are generally bright egg-yolk yellow but have splashes of brown here and there.)

Coming back to Kings Sutton on the train from Marylebone a few days ago, at Aynho junction we spied an area of land between the two railway lines which was a riot of colour. This was mainly from the perennial sweet pea (*Lathyrus latifolius*) which had spread itself and rambled over a very large area producing lots of vivid bright pink flowers. These are smaller than the improved garden sweet peas and have no scent, but make an excellent show and are perennial. There is also a good showing near the station of soapwort (*Saponaria officinalis*) which produces clusters of rather ragged looking paler pink flowers, with a very sweet scent. It's called soapwort as its leaves and roots are rich in saponins which produce a lather in water and can be used for washing instead of modern soaps. Museum conservators, and the National Trust's textile experts, still use soapwort for cleaning delicate fabrics that might be harmed by modern synthetic soaps.

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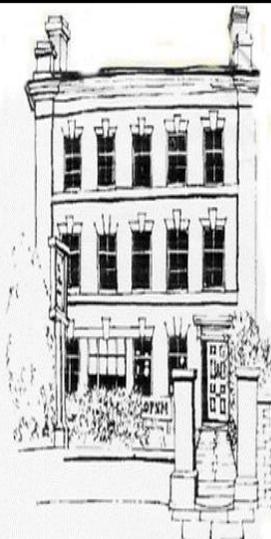
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