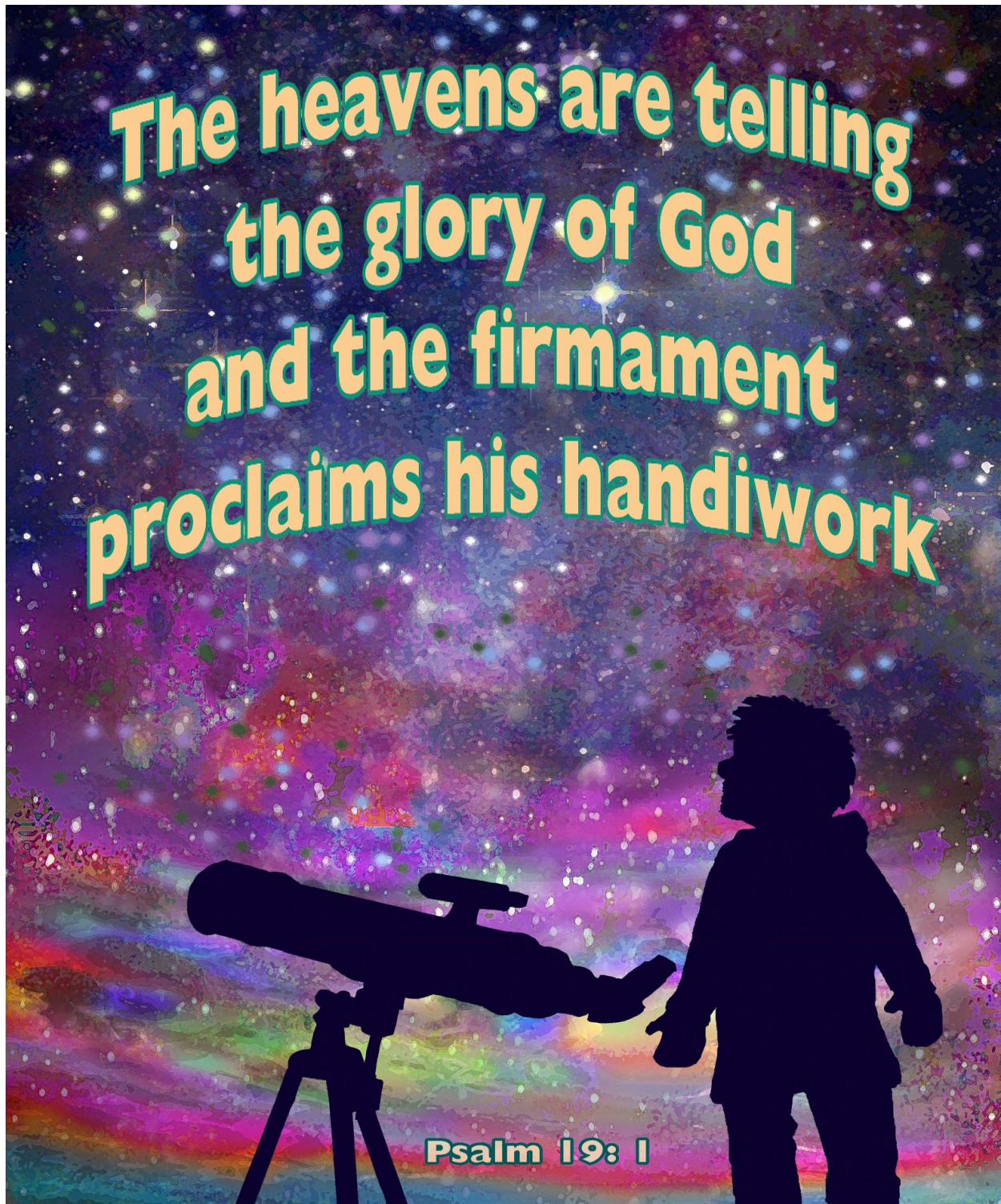


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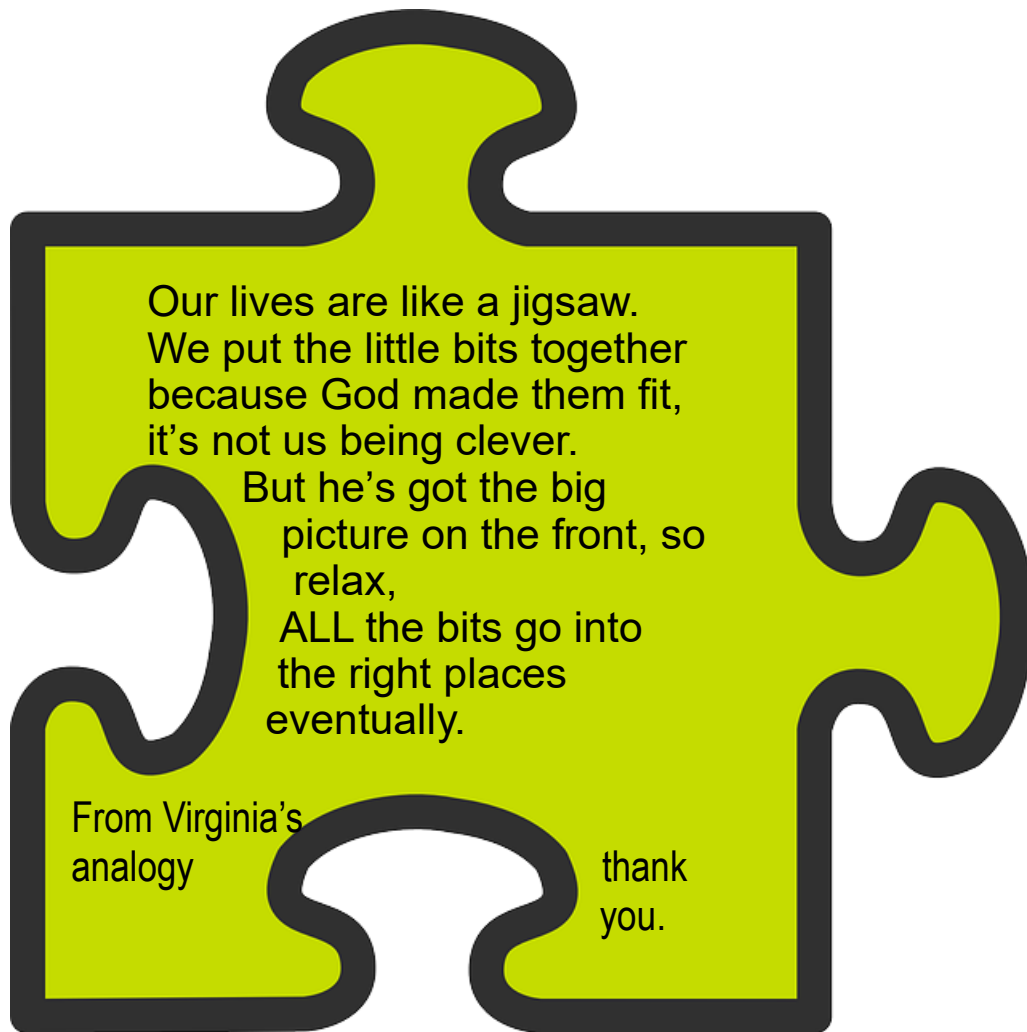
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Church Officers	Local Information
<p>Local code is 01302</p> <p>Vicar We are delighted that Rev'd Chris Bishop is coming to be our vicar. We're awaiting the date when he will start, as far as we know it will be in early July, watch this space!</p> <p>Parish phone number: 07990 449263</p> <p>Associate Priests Rev'd Gill Salter tel: 07767 413513 Rev'd Joyce Barker tel: 07763 765772</p> <p>Readers Beryl Adamson tel. 840230 Carol Rashid tel. 07900 061270 Viv Stubbs tel. 846318</p> <p>Organist Vernon Hoyle tel: 844643.</p> <p>Youth, Children's and Families Worker Rachel Ridler tel: 07851 991286 rachel.ridler@centenaryproject.org.uk</p> <p>Parish Office tel: 350591 email: hello@hatfieldstlawrencechurch.com</p> <p>Church Wardens Vera Owen tel: 07990 449263 Viv Stubbs tel: 07990 449263</p> <p>PCC Secretary Glenys Mashford tel. 841852</p> <p>Electoral Roll Officer Glenys Mashford tel. 841852</p> <p>PCC Treasurer and Giving Director Karen Blair karen.blair@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>Barn bookings Anne Render tel: 07977 142001</p> <p>Safeguarding Officer Andy Green tel. 07711 584740</p> <p>Magazine Editor Chrissy Grindle email: maghatfieldchurch@gmail.com</p>	<p>Childline tel. 0800 1111</p> <p>South Yorkshire Police Emergency 999 or 112 Non-emergency 101</p> <p>Hatfield Health Centre tel. 897600</p> <p>Out of Hours Doctor tel.761172</p> <p>Homestart tel. 340856</p> <p>Family Lives tel: 08088 002222</p> <p>Bus help line tel: 01709 515151</p> <p>Travis St Lawrence C of E Primary School Lower School tel. 840200 Upper School tel. 842164</p> <p>Roman Catholic Priest Roman Catholic Priest: Fr Joseph Okeke tel: 01405 812248 Parish Mobile Phone: 07714 793120</p> <p>Methodist Minister Rev. Dr. Jonathan Gichaara tel. 01302 531868</p> <p>Weldricks Pharmacy Ash Hill Road tel : 01302 842799</p> <p>Funeral Directors Charles Carpenter Funeral Services tel. 841679</p> <p>B A Wright & Sons tel. 01302 841296 tel. 01302 880450</p> <p>Wade's Funeral Service tel. 01405 812966</p>

Letter from the new vicar!! Well he's not quite our vicar yet, but was very happy to write an introductory letter, and will do next month too. It's on the centre pages in case you want to tear it out and pass it on! We are all looking forward so much to his coming with his family, it's an exciting time! As far as we know his installation will be in July..



BUSY SATURDAYS! WE NEED YOUR HELP ...even if it's only for an hour.



15th 9:30 big clear out of garages etc. wear old clothes!
22nd 9:30 church big clean
29th 9:30 tidy Barn Field in time for Garden Party

*Just think, if we all gave an hour....
an hour on two days maybe ?*



“Sing to the LORD a new song;

Sing to the LORD, all the earth.” Psalm 96

This Psalm speaks into a world at this time. The seasons change and we have lighter nights and (hopefully) some sunshine after a very wet winter and spring. The seasons also change in Church. We move out of white and gold of Easter and the red of Pentecost into the green of ‘ordinary time’, which can sound very boring. However, it is green for a reason; green represents the earth and creation. So not in the least boring!

As I look out on my garden writing this letter, green is a predominant colour. Plants are sending forth buds and the vine is covered in long shoots of bright green leaves. But it is the grass that is the most prolific in growth. The weekly cut seems to come round very quickly and how does that fit in with ‘no mow May’ and having wild areas? Well I must admit that we ignore ‘No mow May’ as having grass a foot long in a garden where children play is ridiculous and we’ve found that mowing on a high setting does not kill the dandelions, they just lie down and grow lower than in the meadow. Having wild areas sounds wonderful but it doesn’t mean just ignoring those areas, in fact it causes just as much work but at different times. To grow wild flowers involves mowing and keeping an eye on invasive grasses and plants, which will turn a meadow into scrubland in a couple of years. And don’t get me on the subject of not cutting verges! Country verges are at least three foot high and make junctions dangerous blind spots and mean that a walk in the country leaves no space to get out of the way of cars.

This understanding of having a managed wildness can also apply to our journey of faith. Now and again it is fantastic to experience exuberant uplifting worship (in doors or outside) that is different to the normal. However, to expect a certain experience every time we worship can lead to us ‘manufacturing’ the experience and it loses its authenticity and freshness. We

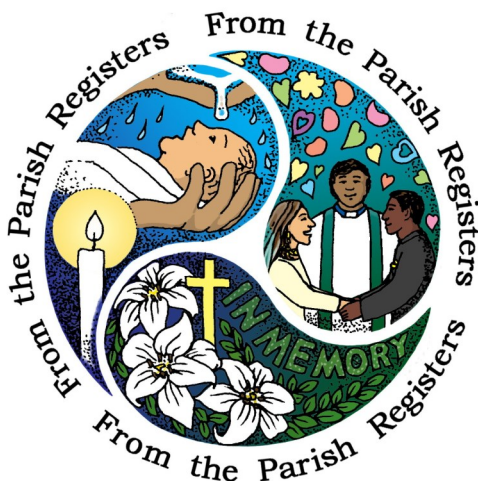
do not meet with Jesus just when we are singing with joy but when we are doing our mundane chores and those times when we want to say sorry as well as thank you.

Just as look after the environment is not easy but takes effort (is this tin of tuna dolphin friendly and then cleaning and recycling the tin), so being a Christian is not easy but takes effort on our part; am I having a regular conversation with God where I listen as well as talk? Am I meeting with other Christians and being part of a faith community? Am I reading my Bible every day? If you would like pointers for any of these then do contact us, in person or by message.

Any change can be unsettling and we can feel older as the seasons come round but with God we can face everything. And sometimes change is very good as we await the arrival of Reverend Chris and Joy his wife and children, Theodore, Lazarus, Talitha and Judah. Let us praise the Lord, thanks be to God.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Gill Saster



Baptisms

Ronnie James Clark
Rosie Anne Clark
Lottie May Lewis

Funerals

Vera Rose Geale
John IFOR Roberts

100 Club and Vera's chatter

1st prize Chris Crookes

2nd prize Gill Atkinson

3rd prize Barbara Young

Congratulations ladies I am certain of three smiles as I hand over the envelopes. It is always so lovely when we get a happy surprise, and I am sure the ladies will tell friends about their winnings. We have been reading in Church recently about the early Christians sharing their faith and spreading the word, in other words "gossiping about God" how good are we at doing that? For myself I am rubbish at sharing my faith but hope that as I am a work in progress, I will become bolder. How about you?

I am sure by now you will have heard we have appointed a new Vicar, that is a sign of age I think, brought up with "vicar" I really find it difficult to cope with all the new titles! However on our wish list we had Godly, youngish, family person, hard working, with a sense of humour, quite a list but I am confident we have chosen well. We were fortunate that due to Gill's holiday and sickness Chris filled in for us which meant of course we could see him at work and get an idea of whether or not he would fit in at Hatfield. I am confident we have with God's guidance chosen well although I am certain that from time to time we will think "what now!" and they will think "there were 19 vacancies to choose from why Hatfield!!" Please continue to pray and enjoy this new phase in the life of St Lawrence.

One exciting outcome is that as Chris is very musical, he and Vernon have already got together and would like to reinvigorate our choir. Vernon has offered to play the organ at morning services again and hold a possibly monthly "everyone can sing" group to encourage us to sing again and regain our confidence in our voices. There is much research that singing is good for your health and I know that those of us who went to the library sing sessions really enjoyed them. Restarting in September.) More information to follow.

The summer gives us lots to look forward to:

8th June coffee morning hosted by the disability inclusion group

6th July Garden Party 2-5

14th July take away Strawberry tea, it's Wimbledon finals so collect your tea after church, put the Bubbly on ice and enjoy at home.

In preparation for these events, we are having three consecutive Saturday clean up days starting 15th June at 9.30 in the Barn. We are always moaning about storage space but perhaps we are hoarders? We are going to hire a skip and be ruthless! It is quite liberating saying goodbye to junk and perhaps our junk is someone else's treasure, we have the yard sale on August 10th so if it's useful it will be set aside in readiness.

To finish you will have forgotten the hole in the road by the time this is published but I must thank the workmen who showed such respect yesterday during Ifor Roberts funeral, they could not have been kinder. We will miss Ifor, his chat and humour were special. We send our love to Angela and family and hope Angela will be able to take up the challenges of this new phase of living with plenty of help from their friends.

Vera xx

Please come, they'd love to see you!

Monday June 7th 19:30 Doncaster Minster

Every year, the Archdeacons' Visitations take place. These are formal church services, during which Churchwardens across each Archdeaconry are admitted to their important office. They make a formal declaration and the Archdeacons offer prayer and encouragement. *But...* it's also a great service of support, inspiring music, very solemn moments, important promises made, and a huge feeling of working together, and support to continue to be given in times ahead. Vera knows all about it but Andy doesn't, yet, so let's go and show them both that we value them, and will promise to support them in all they do.

The Friends of Hatfield Church

Building Trust

More good news from easyfundraising, we have been paid £38.79 for the last quarter, raised by those supporters who shop online, great result shoppers! Thank you.

We collected a bit more broken silver and gold jewellery and when cashed in, it raised £125 which is fantastic. Please keep the jewellery donations coming in, we will need more stock for the Church Garden Party in July and we've been invited to sell our PLJ at Sarah Jane's Coffee Lounge in Dunsville again.

The Friends will be co-hosting an event in Church on Tuesday 28th May at 7.30pm about stained glass window preservation and interesting snippets about the windows in St Lawrence Church after the recent repairs. It will be presented by Johnathan Cooke from 'Conservative Glass', Ilkley, the company that did our recent stained glass window repairs, one of the most respected restorers and designers in the country. The event will be organised under the Diocese Church Explorer's Week, no tickets required, just a donation at the door, there will also be light refreshments and a raffle. We will also have some beautiful stained glass, handmade gifts for sale, made by a local resident. It should be a very interesting and informative evening.

Information – You can become a 'Friend' for a minimum donation of £5 per year. These subscriptions are the backbone of our fundraising efforts with all funds raised going only to maintain, conserve and restore our wonderful Grade 1 Listed building and grounds. Anyone can join us. For more information and to pay Membership renewal fees please contact Jean Singleton, Eastby, Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield, Doncaster, DN7 6QE. Tel 01302 842363.

Tina O'Halloran

The Chief Purpose of Man

How clever man is, he has conquered the skies,
reached for the stars and stepped onto the moon,
But he still does not know why he is here
Or what is the purpose, or why he was born.

And did it all start with one big bang
As stars and galaxies burst into space?
Or was it the hand of a mighty Creator
Who lovingly fashioned this wondrous place?

Into this world God planted a garden
And placed man there to enjoy its delights,
But he soon disobeyed and sin entered in,
And so, man was banished and thrust from God's sight.

How gracious God is, He has reached out again
To reconcile man and bring him back home,
Sin's debt has been paid by the death of His Son,
To know God as Father is why man was born.

By Megan Carter



*When it was Mrs
Wilson's turn to
do the flower
arranging she
always kept the
vicar's hay fever
in mind.*

Diary of a Youth, Children's and Families Worker

What does it take to be a community hero?

I am writing this after a weekend that was packed full of God and His goodness, but admittedly a busy and tiring one for me workwise! Friday is usually my day off, but this Friday saw the first Hatfield Town Council Pride of our Area Awards. After dropping my youngest off at his cricket match at Hatfield Town CC, I walked up to Victoria Hall on a beautiful spring evening. There I was joined by 5 of our Hatfield Heroes Youth Group, Donna from our Pre-loved Uniform Bank and many others from various groups and businesses in our Parish. It was an evening of joy and happiness, as we all shared in the amazing work being done in our community. There were so many commendations in the first category of "community hero" that our hands were getting sore from clapping! But it was with immense joy that our Hatfield Heroes and our Pre-loved Uniform Bank were commended, and myself for the work I do for the children and young people of our community. Whilst I may have tried to hide my nomination and focus on the young people's achievement, it really is such an honour to be considered as a community hero. Someone valued enough to be nominated and thought of in that way. When I started over 4 years ago I wasn't known in any of the schools and I could only have dreamed of making an impact locally. Now I'm recognised everywhere I go! But I think that has come through consistency and being there at every stage of life (from toddler group, to schools work, to our youth group and café church) - I have now become part of the furniture in a way! Quietly working away to be a force for good, positivity, love and the gospel. Looking for ways to support, encourage and engage people of all ages, spotting the gaps and trying to fill them, and doing it all out of love and a desire for Jesus to be known in our Parish. That is what makes a community hero in my book.

This is the same energy that fuels the Hatfield Heroes, it is the same passion that motivated us to start the Pre-loved uniform bank, and it is the reason why church strives to look after God's creation and was highly commended for the Environment Award too. It reminds me of the following verse, which I hope will inspire you also:

"Do everything in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14



After that joyful Friday evening, I then woke up early to run a coffee morning in the Barn for our Centenary Project (the project that employs me here – essentially to pay my salary!). The Hatfield Heroes were there again to help me out, washing up and baking and selling raffle tickets. We raised a fantastic £209 on the morning, so thank you to all that came. Unfortunately, that is a drop in the ocean for what we need to raise, so if you are able to give towards this (either one off or regular donations) please do get in touch.

I finished off this busy weekend with

our Hatfield Heroes Youth session on the Sunday evening. The lovely Jean Silvester was our next guest from the congregation to come and share her many many years of floristry experience and passion with them. She showed them how to make some really simple arrangements using easily found flowers and foliage, so we'll be having a go ourselves next time we meet. Chrissy also shared with them how to take cuttings from plants to grow new ones – we'll see if the fuchsias and salvias they took home survive!!!! With the weather being glorious this weekend they finished the session with an impromptu water fight on our Barn field – what a joy to watch them (I managed to escape getting wet!).



And on that note, I'm off for a lie down before another week starts with its toddler group sessions, uniform bank openings, planning for summer club and our amazing church explorers week..... doing it all in love x

Rachel Ridler – Youth, Children's and Families Worker

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Rarely do we
have a full
page of photos,
rarely do we
have such
honours, or
distinguished
guests!
VERY well done
everyone!





Dear Friends and Church Family,

It's a real joy to be able to write to you with a few words of introduction. I'm absolutely delighted to have been appointed as your next Vicar! As I write this, the removal company will be shortly arriving to 'assess' the contents of our current home in preparation for moving to the beautiful Vicarage at Hatfield. Myself, Joy and the children (Theo 8, Lazarus 7, Talitha 2 and Judah 7 months) are really looking forward to being rooted right at the heart of the community.

So what are you to expect from your new priest and his family? The first thing I want to share with you is that we are not in any sense a 'perfect family'! We have our difficulties, frailties and challenges just like everyone else. But by the grace of God, we have been called and chosen, as have you, to be His beloved children, and I'm so thankful for that. Our primary calling which we all share is to confess Jesus as Lord, to live by His strength and grace and to share the good news of the Gospel with everyone we encounter.

You may be glad to hear that I don't take myself too seriously. I hope there will be plenty of joy and laughter in the parish! I do however take God seriously, and will do all I can to lead you spiritually, into a deeper love and knowledge of God. My prayer is that our worship, in its varied forms, will lead us into an ever more powerful and transformative encounter with the Lord. I pray that we would all be filled afresh with a full measure of the Holy Spirit and that our hearts would be set on fire with love and compassion in order to serve our parish community.

I inevitably have my own personal style, and bring my own gifts. My strengths, weaknesses will be different from your previous incumbents in the long history of the parish. But I'm confident that God has called me to this place, at this specific time, with the gifts I have, to grow the Kingdom here. Please pray with me that as the Lord declares through the prophet Jeremiah (3:15) I would be a shepherd after God's own heart, who will guide you with knowledge and understanding.

I'm also hugely excited to be leading a gifted team that will continue to do everything we can to reach our full potential as a major parish church within the diocese. I pray that I would have your full support and encouragement in this mission.

I am enthusiastic about a great deal of things within our churches, some of which include; music and singing, the healing ministries, sacred space and images, the liturgical year – observing the seasons and feast days. My initial priorities in the parish will be; equipping us to ‘talk about Jesus,’ re-establishing presence in Duncroft and working more closely as a Mission Area. There are many things that we will be working towards in the coming years, not least how we connect with the new housing areas, and how we will adapt our building for future mission. These are things which we will be praying about frequently.

But what about me, as a person? Well, I enjoy company, food and the odd glass of red or a gin and tonic! I love to be outdoors, especially with the children, exploring and going on adventures. I adore my amazing wife, and I do love my holidays and the beach life...I hope that you will find me to be a genuine and loving pastor, a good listener and an able teacher of the faith.

As I write to you now, we are awaiting a date for my licensing by Bishop Pete. I’ve already chosen the hymns! I do hope you will be there. It would be wonderful if the church will be filled to capacity, and that many from outside our worshipping community would also be present. I would like the roof to be raised with Vernon’s playing combined with hearts and voices lifted to the Lord in adoration and praise! Let’s give Him the glory and entrust with confidence a new phase of ministry and mission in this place. Alleluia! Amen!



The Rev'd
Chris
Bishop

Vicar
Designate
of Hatfield





- Each MONDAY coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30 Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist
- Each WEDNESDAY coffee after church at St Lawrence, Holy Communion at 10, coffee 11-12:30
- Each WEDNESDAY coffee morning 10-11:30 at Stainforth Methodist
- Each THURSDAY coffee morning 10-11:30 at Dunsville Methodist, Greens Road.
- Each THURSDAY chair exercise group 13:30-14:30 at Methodist chapel Greens Road Dunsville
- Each SATURDAY 10-12 coffee morning Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist church
- 2nd Sunday 10:00 Café Church then picnic on the Barn field to celebrate Environment Day
- 4th Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday)
- 5th Wednesday Deanery Synod meeting at St Cuthbert's Fishlake
- 6th Thursday Stainforth History Group 19:00 Stainforth Methodist Church (every first Thursday) You don't have to be a member to come to this friendly group, there's a remarkably small entrance fee to cover costs, and you will be made most welcome!
- 8th June coffee morning hosted by the Disability Inclusion Group 10-12
- 8th every second Saturday coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30– Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road
- 15th BIG CLEAR OUT including garages, 9:30, wear old clothes!**
- 17th Monday Archdeacon's Visitation at the Minster 19:00 or 19:30
- 22nd BIG CHURCH CLEAN from 9:30, wear old clothes! Please bring your own dusters and dustpans, brooms and buckets!**
- 23rd 10:00 A special "Farewell to Carol" service, if you know Carol at all you'll know she would be so pleased to see many people there, including you!**
- 29th Saturday Barn Field Clear up day from 9:30**
- 30th Sunday 10:00 our very own Carol Rashid is being ordained deacon in Sheffield Cathedral. We have no specific tickets but the cathedral is big, and you are most welcome to see if you can get a seat at the back, it will be a truly wonderful event! But come early!

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd September Pat McLoughlin from the University of the Third Age (U3A) is coming to talk about the history of St Lawrence, the U3A group are also going to Snaith and Fishlake, come and learn, and give them a real Hatfield welcome!

Environment day 5th June 2024 which we are celebrating on Sunday 2nd June with a picnic!

This is world-wide movement, with a theme this year of land restoration, desertification and drought resilience. The official host is The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

World Environment Day is the biggest international day for the environment. Led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and held annually since 1973, it has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental outreach. It is celebrated by millions of people across the world.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will host World Environment Day 2024 with a focus on land restoration, desertification and drought resilience, so watch the news!

Land restoration is a key pillar of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030), a rallying call for the protection and revival of ecosystems all around the world, which is critical to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

A partner (Cleancyclers) of Universal Peace Federation UK commemorating World Environment Day 2024 has a beacon of hope and action in the environmental sector, dedicated to pioneering innovative waste management and recycling solutions.



They hold a simple belief that every individual and organization has the power to make a significant impact on our planet's health through conscious decisions and sustainable practices

So if that sounds good to you, and really worth-while, what are you going to do differently? Are you going to say it's all very difficult, but you can't help, it's all too big to deal with? That is very understandable, but if you do nothing what will the next generation think, and the next?

Start small but START! Try not buying bread in plastic—it might be collected as soft plastic but actually can't be recycled, it's not financially worth it, so buy your bread in paper, and feel proud when you have to find a shop that sells it like that. And mushrooms, they last better in paper too! Seriously think about walking instead of the car for a short journey if you are able, it will make you feel so good! "Wash at 30 if it's not dirty" is a good slogan... the list is endless. But start on June 5th. This year. One thing at a time...

Hatfield Church Annual Garden Party

6th July at The Barn Field.

Opening Ceremony at 2 PM. Entrance Adults 50p,

Children Free

Entertainments including: -

Displays by our Local Schools,
with The McLeod Academy of Irish Dance,
& The Stephanie Maskill School of Dance,

All the usual stalls & attractions including: -

Cakes, Preserves, Tombola, Raffle, Books, Plants, Bottles, Chocolate
Tombola & Teddy Tombola, as well as all the usual smaller games of
skill / chance.

Not forgetting of course our wonderful Afternoon Teas



If you are not familiar with this bottle please read on, it literally could save your life!

O.K., imagine this.. You fall over at home, or you cut yourself badly, a passer-by hears your calls and phones for an ambulance. The ambulance people come, you are not

coherent enough to say you're allergic to penicillin, for instance.

They pump you full of penicillin, WHOOPS!

Second scenario, You fall over at home, or you cut yourself badly, a passer-by hears your calls and phones for an ambulance. As the paramedics come in they look behind your door and see a little green cross on a sticker. They immediately look in your fridge for the bottle that contains information about your medication, including the fact that you take no prescribed medication, they say "OK, no penicillin" and give you something else instead.

So please ask Gill Atkinson or any of Thorne Rural Lions or any Lion and they will give you a kit. THANK YOU LIONS, YOU SAVE LIVES!



No not a real lion of course

The Annual Garden Party – 6th July 2024.

Our annual Garden Party will soon be upon us. Preparations are well underway, but now is the time to think of those things, which we need to provide for each of our stalls.

From 2nd June there will be boxes provided at the back of church for donations to the Tombola, the Bottle Stall, Chocolate Tombola, Books, Raffle Prizes, Second-Hand Toys etc, and not forgetting any non-perishables for the Afternoon Teas.

PLEASE HELP BY FILLING THEM UP!

Please Note: - We are NOT intending to run a White Elephant Stall again this year, as it is extremely heavy on work content before and after the event, sorting and disposing of leftovers, and we are short on volunteers.

Cakes, Plants, Preserves, and other perishable items can be brought on the day.

Even if you are not running one of the above stalls, please ask around for donations, they will be gratefully received, and will help to make the event more successful.

A full list of Stall Holders will be available at the back of church in June.

Vera is still busy making preserves for the event and would particularly love to receive donations of fresh fruit. She also requires empty jars (preferably around 3-400gm) & sugar.

We will be requiring the usual help setting up prior to the event; and clearing away afterwards – please offer your help and turn up on the day at 9:00am.

Please note the Barn Field Clear up day 29th June from 9:30, – please come and help if you can.

Finally, please help us by publicising the event – encourage family and friends to attend and help us to make it a truly memorable community and family orientated event.

Should you have any queries or suggestions, please contact one of the committee, namely Maureen Scott, Hilary Dinsdale, or Terry Raper.

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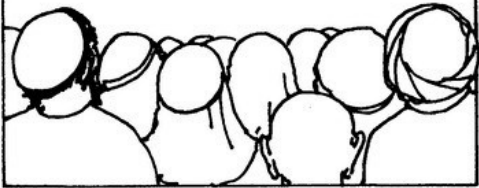
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A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Ex.19:3-9, 20:1-21, 24:7, 12-18, 32:1-25, 34:1-9

God rescued the Hebrew people from
Egypt and led them to Sinai mountain.
There He offered them a contract....

Keep My rules, and you will
be My people and I will be
your God and protect you.



We promise to do
what You tell us
and worship only You.

Moses climbed the mountain.
God gave him two stone slabs
with the contract on them.



Then God and
Moses talked ... for
40 days and nights

Meanwhile...



Aaron, that Moses isn't coming back. We
can't worship something we can't see.



Make us
something we
can worship

So Aaron made a gold bull
and the people went wild.

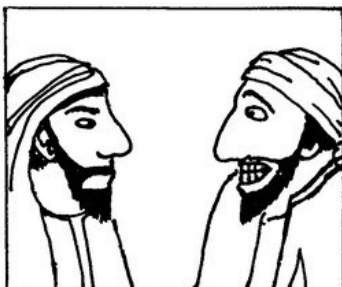


God told Moses....

Your people are already
worshipping a statue.

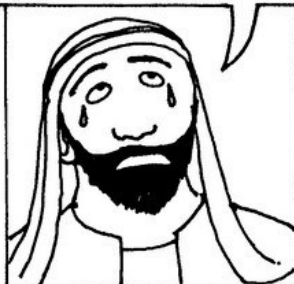


Moses was so angry he
smashed the contract
slabs



It's not my fault,
they made me do it.

God, please, please
forgive Your people.



So God forgave His people and gave
Moses two more contract slabs.



Canon Paul Hardingham considers the similarities between faith and sport.

The Euros 24

A former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, 'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!'

This month sees the start of the UEFA Euro 24 football tournament, which will be watched by millions across Europe and the world. Yet it also illustrates some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: 'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the Cup themselves. For us the prize is the eternal life, God's gift of relationship with Him for now and eternity through Jesus. But there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the Euros you have to be good enough, while Christ's love for us is undeserved and is not dependent on how well we've done.

Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win Euro 24, they need to have trained hard beforehand. Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we must train ourselves to say no to the wrong things in our lives.

As we build up our godly muscles, we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

20th June Summer Solstice – longest day of the year

June, of course is the month of the summer solstice, the month of the Sun. *Sol* + *stice* come from two Latin words meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still'. As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, and the Southern Hemisphere celebrates in December.

While the Druids worship at Stonehenge and elsewhere, here is a Christian alternative that honours the Creator rather than the created.

God in All

He inspires all,
He gives life to all,
He dominates all,
He supports all.

He lights the light of the sun.
He furnishes the light of the night.
He has made springs in dry land.

He is the God of heaven and earth,
of sea and rivers,
of sun, moon and stars,
of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley,
the God above heaven,
and in heaven,
and under heaven.

A prayer of St Patrick

Care for the Caretaker

Be gentle with yourself.

Remind yourself that you are an enabler not a magician. We cannot change anyone else . . . we can only change how we relate to them.

Say “I choose” rather than “I should”, “I ought to”, or “I must”. Say “I won’t” rather than “I can’t”.

If you never say “no”, what is your “yes” worth?

Change your routine often and your tasks when you can. Schedule “withdraw” periods—you need your own time and space.

Avoid “shop” talks during breaks and when socialising.

At the end of the day focus on something good that has happened.

Learn to know the difference between complaining that relieves, and complaining that reinforces negative stress.

Give support, encouragement and praise—and learn to accept them in return.

Remember that, in the light of all the pain that we see, we are bound to feel helpless at times. Admit it without shame. Caring and being are sometimes more important than doing.

Original -this has been adapted- Courtesy of the Archdiocese of Omaha, Family Life Office

Thanks to Sally Chamberlain. It applies wonderfully in caring situations, but we can all learn from some part of this.



We're so sorry in Hatfield to be saying goodbye to **Feast**, we've enjoyed their provisions and good service for us, and their continued good humour, even all the way through times of lockdown. Remember everyone there is a Feast in Bawtry, no guarantee of meeting the same lovely people though!



And it's a belated Hello to Dave and staff at **the Bay Horse**, these are their hours for now at least, on the left. We're sure you'll step up to match the hard acts you have to follow, no pressure then!

And of course we still miss **all at Number 4** very much, and were sorry to see the **Barn Kitchen** go. Thanks to you all for your good service and really delicious food, you helped make Hatfield into Hatfield!

Hang on in there **Kayna's**, and thanks for new opening times starting on June 3rd.

Meanwhile don't forget to look at the **library** window, there is always a huge variety of events—big and small—going on there, frequent and one-offs.

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Go to the St Lawrence Hatfield page and try it out!



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Each Wednesday

10.00 Holy Communion followed by Open Church from 11.00 – 12.00
join us for coffee, chat, quiet prayer..... And at 12:00 our Beyond
Lent group meets in church. Come and try it out!

Sunday June 2nd 1st after Trinity

10:00 Café Church

18:30 Holy Communion 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12; Mark 2: 23 – 3:26

Sunday June 9th 2nd after Trinity

10:00 Holy Communion 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Sunday 16th June 3rd after Trinity

10:00 Café Church

18:30 Holy Communion Psalm 92:1-4,11-14; Mark 4: 26-34

Sunday 23rd June 4th after Trinity

10:00 Holy Communion Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Mark 4: 35-41

Sunday 30th June 5th after Trinity

*This is the date of Carol's ordination in Sheffield, see inside for further
information. It is the fifth Sunday when we would be meeting with other
churches anyway, so there is a service at*

10:30 St Nicholas Thorne

And the lectionary readings are Lamentations 3:22-33; Mark 5:21-43

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