ST LAWRENCE CHURCH Hatfield including Dunscroft, Dunsville, Woodhouse and Lindholme



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THE BENEFICE OF HATFIELD, ST LAWRENCE

You are invited to the Licensing by the Bishop of Sheffield and the Installation by the Archdeacon of Doncaster of

The Rev'd Chris Bishop as Priest-in-Charge and Oversight Minister

and to the Licensing
by the Bishop of Sheffield
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by the Archdeacon of Doncaster
of

The Rev'd Gill Salter as Associate Priest

Please do come and join us, it is an important and impressive service, with some moving moments.

There will be music and much rejoicing and we promise cake too!

Are you ready to revitalize and grow our Church?

One of my number one priorities as your parish priest is to lead our church in Hatfield into numerical and spiritual growth. We absolutely need to think outwardly towards our community, there's no question about that!

However there are some simple, straightforward and effective ways we can strengthen our church inwardly.

I hope that as you read this, you might be encouraged and stirred up to continue in this journey with me, for the sake of Jesus Christ, his Kingdom and the glorious Gospel!

I'm inviting you now, as you read this to prayerfully consider committing to at least one of the following six points below.

I'd love to hear from you...I want to pray for you, encourage you and hear what God is doing though you! Please do email me so that we can support each other as you make this commitment before God.

father.chris@outlook.com

Invite other back to church: For whatever reason people stop going to church. The first thing we can do to help revitalize Hatfield is to make sure family and friends who have worshipped with us previously, know we'd love them to return, offer them a lift, arrange to go out somewhere afterwards!

Pray: Never underestimate the power of prayer. Pray for the growth of our parish every day. Pray for the growth of our church both at home and also as part of every service. Light a candle using our votive stands as a symbol of your prayer for growth. We can do nothing with-

out God's help and he is waiting for us to ask him!

Beautify: Beauty is a window through which we encounter God and a powerful tool for evangelization. We live in a visual age, and our sacred space is especially attractive to those who are searching.

When we've worshipped somewhere for a while we can often forget how awe inspiring our place of worship actually is! As soon as I stepped into St Lawrence for the first time, I said 'wow!' Others will say the same!

Let's make it a priority to invest in making our church building as beautiful, clean, clutter free and tidy as possible. God has given us a building to draw people in. This includes developing beautiful music and offering a strong sense of the transcendent during times of Divine Service. (Divine Service – that's the official name the Church of England gives to our worship, it's a beautiful term, because in worship, we encounter The Beautiful One)

Open doors: This has a double meaning. Firstly we should be open to whoever turns up at our doors by offering generous hospitality and making them comfortable and welcome. Secondly we need to keep our doors open more. A parish Church that is open more will grow more!

Learn your faith: Revitalizing a parish starts with revitalizing our own souls. We cannot give what we do not have. The more we know about our faith the more we can speak to people who inquire about Christianity to us. Let's journey together in Christian maturity, attending opportunities for formation and regular Christian fellowship and spiritual reading.

Stewardship: Stewardship is the way disciples of Jesus choose to live their lives. They recognize that everything they have is a gift from God, and they strive to use those gifts to honour and serve God, to help other people and to make the world a better place. We should all give proportionately to what God has given us (I Corinthians 16:2), God loves a cheerful giver!

(II Corinthians 9:7)

The Rev'd Chris Bishop (Vicar Designate)



Baptisms

Lottie May Lewis Ronnie James Clark Rosie Anne Clark Wilfred Paul Danby-Phillips

Weddings

Stephanie Chloe Walker and Thomas Patrick Harte Jodie-Ann Killgallon and Dean Wayne Askin

From the Parish Registers storm the Parish

Funerals

Carol Oliver Janet Oglesby

> Sunday 14th July take away Strawberry Tea, £9, book with Vera on 07946 374673 for your strawberries and cream, scone and jam and cake.

It's Wimbeldon finals, so put the bubbly on ice, collect your tea from the Barn 11-12:15, and watch at home!





Could you imagine....

"...our UK standard of living in the UK is such that if everyone in the rest of the world lived at our standard of living, we would need two more planets the size of earth to sustain us."

Chris Packham "7.7 Billion People and Counting " BBC1

So what will you do about it??



- Each MONDAY coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30 Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist Church
- 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, Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday).
- 4th Thursday Stainforth History Group 19:00 at Stainforth Methodist Church (every first Thursday) Eric Jackson, "When the Saints go marching in". 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!
- 6th Saturday IT'S THE GARDEN PARTY! See elsewhere in the magazine for details.
- 6th Saturday Dunsville Community Centre Fun Day, see page 11.
- 13th every second Saturday coffee afternoon 14:00-15:3 Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road
- 14th Sunday **STRAWBERRY TEA!** You need to order your tea in advance
- 16th The licensing and installation of Rev'd Chris Bishop as priestin-charge and Oversight Minister and of Rev'd Gill Salter as Associate Priest both in the benefice of Hatfield St Lawrence. Please do come to welcome them and their families and to celebrate with us!
- 27th Saturday, 10-11:30 in the library, a coffee morning in aid of Friends of Quarry Park. Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust will have a jewellery stall, "come and buy the bargains!"

August

17th Saturday your chance to feel confident using a defibrillator, with South Yorkshire Ambulance Service 11-12. Ring Tim on 07719 672403



Some of the very willing helpers who cleared our Barn garages of years of "useful objects" which may be less than useful now! We thank them, and thank the helpers who will come on Saturdays 22nd and 29th to clean the church and clear the Barn field, ready for the Garden Party on 6th July.

We especially thank the people above because it absolutely poured on 15th June, and still they worked!

And the people below who polished and swept and dusted inside church, and look as though they enjoyed it!



Well done Donny Council!

They have introduced, well someone has and they've used it, a new word to the reduce, reuse, recycle wheel. It's not one we might want to see as an option, because it's harder to do...

We're getting good, I hope, at walking occasionally when we can instead of driving, at using the backs of cards for shopping lists, at saving soft plastic, and that surely does reduce, reuse, recycle in our small way.



HELP SAVE OUR SEAS PLASTIC REDUCE REFUSE REUSE RECYCLE let's take action togeth SMALL CHANGES MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE #Frenchgateplanetpledge

The new word that I saw above Lush in Frenchgate is a scary word as it really would change our lifestyle.

refuse

About four years ago I promised, in the magazine, not to buy apples, bananas or potatoes in plastic, it's not difficult to find them.

Now I've got to start thinking about grapes and raspberries, surely I can't live without those!

And yogurt mmm...

watch this space for the answer to that one! Editor



Spring/Summer 2024 Dates

30th June 14th July 19th July - YOUTH HUB SUMMER SOCIAL All sessions 6:30-8pm at the Barn

apart from Youth Hub nights.

And see

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page 20 for

what else

they we been

doing!

Hello, Dunsville Community Centre will be hosting a fun day event on the 6th July to celebrate 50 years of opening. It's catering for all ages, there will be a fancy dress competition themed on the 70s—80s era, Hatfield Brass Band has been booked, along with two other turns, a Craft Fair, a WI ladies cake stall, tea and coffee. Lots more to be announced in the coming weeks. If you fancy helping please get in touch. Tina O'Halloran

Dear Lord, please be with students and all members of staff as they end their school year, thank you for the work they do together.

Please especially be with those starting a new school, that they are able to look forward to it and not be nervous. Amen

Music at Hatfield Church: a Time for Change

My involvement in music at Hatfield Church spans a period of sixty-six years. I joined the choir in 1958 as a treble and, during the ensuing five years, I sang all four parts from treble to bass. This provided me with invaluable musical training. (I believe that every musician, irrespective of specialisation, should have experience of singing in a choir.) My early experience as a chorister did much to fuel my interest in church music and John Hubert Piper's splendid organ playing inspired me to learn to play the organ. (Hubert was Organist and Choirmaster, taught me at Travis School and, until I left school in 1963 and began studying music in Huddersfield, was my private music teacher.)

During my time as Organist and Choirmaster, from 1974 to 1979, Hatfield Church boasted a capable four-part choir of at least twenty-five singers with a top line of boys and girls. When augmented with a few guest singers for special occasions, I was able to divide the choir into eight independent parts. (My SATB arrangement of *Gaudete*, first performed by Hatfield Church Choir and published by Banks Music Publications, dates from this time. A recording of this, performed by a Belgian university choir, can be found on YouTube.) As well as singing in Sunday services, the choir featured in concerts in Hatfield Church and, on several occasions, sang Evensong in Sheffield Cathedral and elsewhere. During my time as Organist and Choirmaster, I enjoyed the wholehearted support of the vicar, the Rev'd Ted Greathead. Ted was a very good friend, a significant influence on me as a teenager and young adult and a champion of fine church music.

It suffices to say that the situation has changed radically since the seventies: sadly, it seems unlikely that the music at Hatfield Church will ever again be of so high a standard, though I would like very much to believe otherwise. So what of the future? As I see it, two options are available:

- We take the easy option and do absolutely nothing. Accordingly, live 'traditional' music at Hatfield Church would certainly become extinct, as is already the case in many churches.
- 2. We take the slow and potentially arduous, but feasible, course of regenerating and invigorating the music at Hatfield Church.

If we decide to take the second option, much of the responsibility for leading positive change will fall to me which, I'm bound to admit, is a rather daunting prospect. In my favour, I am a highly experienced and well qualified church musician. Back in the seventies, however, when

music at Hatfield Church was in its heyday, I was young, energetic, very enthusiastic and a half-decent organist. Singers were also in far more plenteous supply, certainly in this area. I'm now seventy-six and, though reasonably fit for my age, I lack my former vigour. Moreover, as a player, I am noticeably well beyond my 'best before date', though, on a 'good' day, I manage to find most of the right notes and somehow contrive to get some of these in the right order.

Reservations aside, I'm prepared to accept the challenge, and a significant factor in my decision is the assurance that I shall have the enthusiastic support of Christopher Bishop, our new Priest-in Charge. Chris is a talented musician who, like me, is passionate about church music. As most readers will know, in August 2022, after months of soul searching, I made the difficult decision to retire as a Sunday-by-Sunday organist. However, an opportunity to make a significant difference to the music at Hatfield Church is not to be missed and, while ever I'm capable of doing a professional job, progress is being made and I have Chris's support, I'll give it my best shot.

At a recent meeting, Chris and I agreed the following:

- 1. I would, once again, regularly play the organ at 'traditional' services.
- 2. I would organise 'Come and Sing' sessions, maybe monthly, to which everyone would be invited. By far the most important music performed in church is that sung by the congregation and I hope that these sessions, when launched, will help boost congregational singing.
- 3. I would endeavour to recruit a robed choir that would meet regularly for rehearsal and fulfil a prominent role in worship.
- 4. My setting of the Communion Service would be reintroduced. This was sung to a varying extent at Hatfield Church for almost nineteen years, until regular church services were suspended because of lockdown. (I don't know how many churches currently use my setting but I know it has been sung in churches in Somerset, the Midlands including the church at which, in 1968-9, I had organ lessons while undergoing teacher training in Birmingham and in Northumberland. The revised version was published in 2008 and subsequently received a favourable review in *Church Music Quarterly*, the magazine of the Royal School of Church Music.)

I'll have more to say on all of the above in future issues of this magazine.

Vernon Hoyle

This message is too good not to share! It was on what is called Banksy's Facebook page, but I'm not too sure that he drew this one!...



Thank you Mary for making us think, via Facebook.

It's so easy in the middle of summer colour in the garden to think that the scene is very God-like, didn't Jesus talk about the flowers of the field being better dressed than a King Solomon? (Matthew chapter 6 verse 29.) Ummmm... flowers of the field are actually weeds...

But God is a weed

In churches they give praise
to the flowers they have planted.
But God is a weed—
found most often among the neglected,
rising coarse and unlooked for
through the broken slabs, playing havoc
with our pretty borders.

He's maybe needed there more than in our manicured and managed flower beds. Are we there sometimes too, to help him?

The Reverend Canon Mary Gregory, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral, is actually "our Mary" who was curate at St Lawrence around 2005-8. She used to make us think then too!



St Lawrence Church Hatfield

Gain Confidence in using a portable Defibrillator. Tim Beadle in conjunction with South Yorkshire Ambulance service are holding a one-hour course on Saturday 17th of August 2024 from 11:00am till 12:00pm.

Session is free however a donation would be welcome to be split between the church and South Yorkshire Ambulance Service Charity. Contact Tim Beadle to book your place in church Ring Tim on 07719672403.

Diary of a Youth, Children's and Families Worker

June and July are traditionally months of transition in schools. Headteachers are planning next year's classes, Year 6's are off to try out secondary school, and we're all thinking about what will come in

September. I quess as a church we are in a similar situation here in Hatfield a place of transition where we are sitting with happy and nervous anticipation of what will come in the new school vear when Rev'd Chris joins our ministry team. For myself, this is all too close to home as my eldest child Sam is moving up to Secondary School, so I have new uniform to buy, new bus timetables to memorise and a few tears to cry at his last days in primary (not sure I'll hold it together at the Travis leaving service in church!!!). But we know that even with the sadness of leaving those things behind, we must move forward and we



must grow. Sam is definitely ready for the new challenges of secondary school and the new opportunities. I wonder if we are ready as a church for the new challenges and amazing new opportunities that our new leadership will bring? Will there be some tears over old things that might have to go? Yes I'm sure there will, but I hope and pray that all of us (me included!) can keep our eyes fixed on the growth, the good things coming and the amazing God that is there on the journey with us!

So what have I been up to this month that has got me so thoughtful? Well I've been delivering the "It's Your Move" sessions to Year 6's at Crookesbroom and Travis St Lawrence Primary Schools, and praying with them as they move up to Secondary School. I've been meeting with Ash Hill Academy to plan in assemblies, lessons and workshops for the next academic year which is fantastic. I am starting to plan our Backpack Blessing Roadshow, and I've also been in to see how an "Open the Book" team works. Open the Book is a Bible Society project that helps churches deliver drama based assemblies in Primary Schools telling Bible stories. A team from Epworth have been serving Travis diligently in this for the last few years, but I wonder whether it is time for our "AM DRAM" and "CABARET" loving church members (and those of us who are rubbish at acting too!) to step up and take this over? We have 5 primary schools and a secondary school that I am sure would LOVE this! Do take a look at https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/getinvolved/open-the-book/ to see what it's like (minimal planning and prep involved and if we could recruit a big enough team it could be 1-2 hours a fortnight or month of joy!)

On top of this I've been planning a big youth social action weekend for youth groups across Doncaster and beyond called HOPE Weekend as well as getting plans in place for our "Journey with Jonah" Family

Summer Club. It really is an exhausting time leading up to the summer, but please join me in praying that the plans and efforts put in now will bear fruit and then I can have a restful August!!!



Rachel Ridler

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Hatfield Church Annual Garden Party 6th July at The Barn Field.

Opening Ceremony at 2 PM. Entrance Adults 50p, Children Free

Entertainments including: -

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

All the usual stalls and attractions including: -

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

Back by popular demand – Miniature Train Rides.

Not forgetting of course our wonderful Afternoon Teas

– served throughout the event.

We look forward to seeing you there



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 is available at the back of church.

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) and 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(s) (22nd & 29th June) – come & 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.



Your PCC - the June Meeting

We were really pleased to welcome 5 members of the Hatfield Heroes, our brilliant Youth group, and this was not just for the fact that it lowered our age ratio by decades, (as well as massively depleting our supply of chocolate biscuits!!)

You are probably aware that, until recently, our church has, for many years, sponsored a child through Action Aid, but earlier this year, we were informed by the charity that they were withdrawing from the area where our child lives.

We had the dilemma to whom/where to transfer our support in both the cost and time commitment. Many children can require support for up to the first 22 years of their life. Rachel was very keen to involve the Hatfield Heroes group in this research and they decided to concentrate on charities which met 3 criteria:-

They must have a Christian ethos

The sponsorship money must go to the child, not the whole community A greater percentage should go to the intended recipient and not be

used for administration

The Heroes were amazing, they delivered their findings clearly and confidently and left us with a list of 5 charities to discuss in our July meeting.

We do thank God for the presence of these young people in our church community and pray for them and their families in their journey to knowing the love and strength of God.

Glenys Mashford, Secretary to the PCC

Thank you from the Editor...

This arrived in the magazine inbox at maghatfieldchurch@gmail.com and just missed the June magazine deadline. But we are **extremely** pleased to see it, thank you to Freda and Mick Thubron. Keep looking everyone, it might all happen again! God's world is very wonderful.



100 Club and Vera's chatter

1st prize Beryl Adamson

2nd prize Helen Green

3rd prize Mike Noble

Congratulations all of you, enjoy a summer treat.

I am writing this looking out of my window on a grey day wondering why I bothered to put our washing on as I am sure my weather app has had another malfunction. Where oh where is the sunshine?. We had an impromptu wet t-shirt moment on Saturday during the first of our big Church clean up days, the weather forecast had promised rain, but it absolutely poured down in an instant, we resembled drowned rats (not that I have ever seen one) but we achieved a lot, filled a skip and liberated much needed storage space. Terry assured me some of the chairs we put in the skip had not seen the light of day for 20 years and judging by the cobwebs he was absolutely correct; we had put some of them out at last year's garden party for people to take away but were still left with large numbers, so they had to go.

The more sensible ladies went into Church and started cleaning. We clean regularly but this clean is what the older ladies would describe as "bottoming", they made a brilliant start and next week we will continue. I will miss warning Stuart Watson to get off the tallest ladder, he never believed he was past 21years, we hope he has finished "The Watson family tour" and is settling into his new community, I bet there is a bridge club in there somewhere.

The last cleaning Saturday will be back on the barn field getting ready for our Annual Garden Party which is happening on the 6th July at 2pm. Please come and support it, a lovely way to spend a Saturday afternoon, sit in the sunshine, listen to the brass band, watch the children perform and have tea, a chance to breathe deeply and pretend life is slower, calmer and more fun.

I hope you have all booked your strawberry tea tickets, it is on Sunday 14th July, collect from the Barn 11-12-15, it costs £9.00. You will get strawberries and cream, scone and jam and cake, all ready for enjoying

at home watching the tennis if you like it. Ring me to book 07946 374673.

On Tuesday the 16th July at 7pm in Church we will be having a double celebration, Rev'd Gill Salter will be Licensed as our Associate Minister and Rev'd Christopher Bishop will be Licensed and Installed as our Priest-in-charge. The service is open to all our congregation so please come and celebrate this most welcome day.

I suppose as this point, I had better make a plea for baking! I am sorry all these events have come together and all need baking but at least we will all be super-fast bakers by the end of them, my husband and a few others I suspect will have been happily munching "rejects" all in a good cause.

The friends of Quarry Park are hosting a community coffee morning in the Library on the 27th July 10-12 so we can continue being sociable for another week and of course we are at the Library every Tuesday playing board games and being sociable 10-12. Such a great way to make new friends and exercise our brains a little. Did you know the Library has a huge selection of jigsaws you can borrow as well as books and talking books, it is a wonderful resource and worth a visit.

Lastly I want to thank Viv Stubbs for all her work as Church Warden at St Lawrence, tonight she officially retires and Andy Green takes her place. Viv will not disappear and I know she will join the band of retired Church Wardens whose expertise keeps us on the straight and narrow, bless you all.

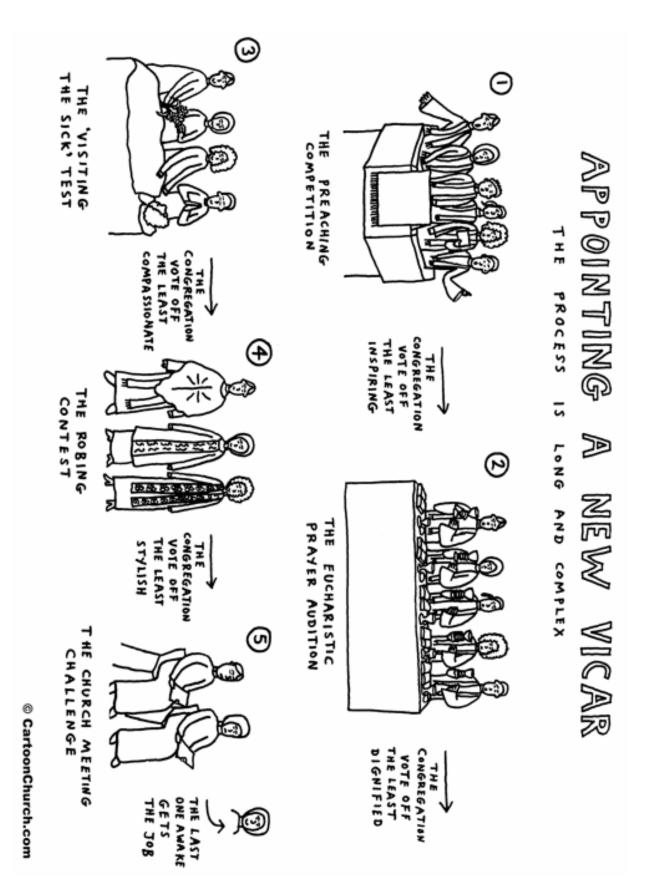
Vera x

THANK YOU!!

Brian and Beryl Adamson would like to thank you all for your wonderful supportive prayer during the weeks of Brian's hospitalisation. During this troubling time we have been reminded of the fragility of our lives and just how much we take for granted. We have so much to be thankful for. We are awed at the skills of surgeons and thank God for them too! It was such a comfort to know that we were surrounded in prayer throughout. Brian is slowly recovering his strength and you may see him around soon. I love this metaphor for God's presence with us, like a mother bird - "He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge, his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." Psalm 91:4

Of course it wasn't like this... but we're all sure that Rev'd Chris has patience, is stylish, compassionate, dignified and inspiring!

This CartoonChurch.com cartoon by Dave Walker originally appeared in the Church Times.





St Lawrence Church Disability Inclusion Group

Summer Road Trip to Blackpool

Monday 5th August

See Sandra or Tim in church or phone Sandra on 07719600184

Leaves at 9:00 am Return at 4:30 pm

Adults £16.50 Children £10.50

Hurry to book before seats fill up

Confidence in God

Alone with none but Thee, my God, I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when Thou art near O King of night and day?
More safe I am within Thy hand than if a host did round me stand.
A prayer of St Columba

It's quite a time for 'big' services!

On Saturday 8th June there was a celebration of thirty years Women's Ordained Ministry in Sheffield Cathedral, and Beryl took part and was

part of the preparation! As was our Vicar Designate, Chris Bishop so quite a Hatfield link with the service. Of course women since Biblical times have been instrumental in serving God in their locality, and in worshipping groups, long before church gatherings became anything like we think of them today.

On Monday 17th and on Thursday 27th our churchwardens will be accepted as wardens, and sworn in by the Archdeacon, at Doncaster Minster St George's, and at Sheffield Cathedral. Andy Green isn't able to attend on 17th so he will go to the cathedral service, while Vera Owen attended St George's with twelve of our congregation. It's



an important service, and the Archdeacon spoke about Luke chapter 4 where Jesus goes into the temple and reads the lesson, look it up, it's verses 14-21. He talked about how this was parallel to the calling to be a warden: it's in your home church; it's God who has appointed you to stay put and "enable good news" for people, and to tell them of good times, of Jubilees. No pressure then! The Diocesan Registrar Kirsty Duxbury then addressed the Churchwardens: "The office of Churchwarden is an ancient and honourable office in the life of the Church and nation. The Churchwardens are the Bishop's lay officers in the parish, responsible directly to him for the life and work of the church within the community." No pressure there either then! The Churchwardens then solemnly and sincerely before God and his people declare that they will faithfully and diligently discharge the duties of the office of churchwarden, and the Archdeacon "joyfully and thankfully" admits them to the office.

We especially thank Viv for her sterling work over the eight years she

has served us as churchwarden, always joyfully and so willingly. Events have been all the smoother for Viv's presence, and now Vera goes on, with mutual support for and from Andy. Thank you all.

More cathedral services will come with ordinations! Rev'd Chris Wroot, who worshipped here with Sennette for a few years, and Sennette was an able treasurer I remember with insistence that it was the PCC's money to make decisions about, she would just do the paperwork! With super explanations I remember. Chris was ordained deacon last year, and will be priested at Sheffield Cathedral on 29th June at 16:00.

Then on 30th June it will be our very own Carol Rashid who will be ordained deacon in Sheffield Cathedral. As her sending congregation we know how hard she's worked, well to be honest we only know that she has worked very hard, we have little idea of the pressures that it has given. Rev'd's Joyce and Gill and now Chris will understand more. Her service is at 10:30, if you would like to go make sure you get there in very good time, as 15 deacons will be ordained. Carol we will miss you hugely, you leave a big gap.

Then last *BUT NOT LEAST* on Tuesday 16th July at Hatfield St Lawrence Rev'd Gill Salter will be licenced and installed as Associate Priest, and Rev'd Chris Bishop will be licensed and installed as priest-in-charge at 19:00. You are most warmly invited.

Rev'd Gill has done so much through the interregnum to keep us together and moving forward spiritually. We are so extremely pleased that her time after her curacy is going to be spent here, we welcome you Gill as a permanent feature!

Rev'd Joyce, with our Readers Viv and Beryl, and Carol too, have greatly supported us all, thank you.

We know that Rev'd Chris will be supporting us in the future, we don't know him well yet, but are sure that God has placed him here, and in God we trust. Remember we are supporting him too! So welcome Rev'd Chris, and Joy, Theo, Lazurus, Talitha and Judah, we will do whatever we can to help you to settle and become part of Hatfield.

If you attend any of the services yet to come please write and tell us about them! maghatfieldchurch@gmail.com

Thank you again Friends of HCBT!

Not only for all you do in supporting our church building, for your coffee mornings and your ongoing jewellery sales, but for a wonderful annual outing which Tina O'Halloran arranges, this year to Wollaton Hall. The weather was kind, and the scones lovely!

The deer were endearing, the building beautiful, the museum fascinating and the exhibition breath -taking. And yes you did view them down a



microscope.

Dr Willard Wigan

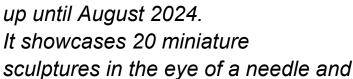
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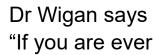
"Disappearing

World" at Wollaton Hall & Deer Park





features four new, never before seen sculptures as part of the 'Disappearing World' collection.



told that you are or will become nothing, remember 'nothing' does exist and it can have a huge impact upon others".





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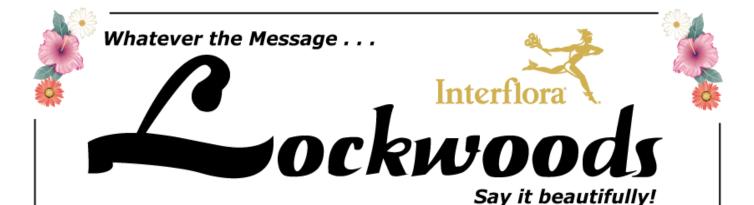
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Joining in on Facebook!

You can join Rev'd Gill on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8:30 for a short Morning Prayer— 10 minutes, and on Saturday evenings at 9:30 for Night Prayer.

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



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Copy to

Chrissy Grindle, letter in church or to 60 Station Road, or *email:*maghatfieldchurch@gmail.com

Thank you.

Worship times and readings

Each Wednesday

10.00 Holy Communion followed by Open Church from 11.00 – 12.30 join us for coffee, chat, quiet prayer, polite dogs are welcome..... And at 12:00 our Beyond Lent group meets in church in person. Come and try it out!

Sunday 7th July 6 after Trinity

10:00 Café Church

18:30 Holy Communion Ezekiel 2: 1-5; Mark 6: 1-13

Sunday 14th July 7 after Trinity

10:00 Holy Communion Psalm 85: 8-13; Mark 6: 14-29

Sunday 21st July 8 after Trinity

10:00 Café Church

18:30 Holy Communion

Sunday 28th July 9 after Trinity

10:00 Holy Communion

The cover this month is of Rev'd Chris, his wife Joy, and the children in order of age Theo, Lazarus, Talitha and Judah. Come and welcome them any time after 16th!



This is the QR (quick response) code for St Lawrence Church,
There is also a card reader in church for easy payments towards the mission and ministry of our beautiful church, and there is a facility for gift-aiding on there.