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**Saturday 10th August
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www.hatfieldstlawrencechurch.com/yardsaletrail

All your profits can go to YOU! But you're also supporting the church by booking a stall. We'd love it if you would also spread the word about the event on social media, locally and to your friends and family.

It's a lovely day of wandering round Hatfield, picking up bargains, having drinks and nibbles, seeing friends unexpectedly! And the stall holder and the church benefit,

ENJOY!

You now have a new Parish Priest! But what is a Priest?

And what are my responsibilities?

Titles, there are so many in the Church of England, and it can all get rather confusing! The first thing to say is that 'Priest' isn't actually a title. Priest is one of the three orders of ministry in the Worldwide Church, the other orders of ministry are Deacons and Bishops. (And we may look at those in a later article)

We've recently had the annual round of ordinations, and I was present at the Cathedral for the ordination of priests this year. Part of the Ordination Service itself is very helpful in explaining what a priest is and what a priest does.

The Bishop at every Ordination of priests says;

Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and steward of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith.

They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.

This is what all priests are called to; whether in full time paid ministry in a parish, in a self-supporting, or associate role, or working in chaplaincy or academia, all priests share these spiritual responsibilities. Also priests are priests for life, even if they have retired from full time active ministry, they never loose their priesthood once ordained. Ordination to the priesthood is permanent, and cannot be put on and off like a cloak, it can also never be repeated.

The church of England has it's own law, and because the Church of England is the State Church, our law is actually the law of the land.

Each parish has a priest who is an incumbent level priest, this is what I am.

These are the Legal Responsibilities of the Incumbent:

To provide that Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily in church

To celebrate the Holy Communion [or cause it to be celebrated in his or her absence] on Sundays and other days of special observance

To administer the sacraments and other rites of the Church

To be responsible for all worship & liturgy in their parish

To have ultimate responsibility for music, in co-operation with the organist, music group or choir master

To preach [or cause to be preached] at least one sermon every Sunday

To instruct parishioners in the Christian faith and to use such opportunities of teaching or visiting in the schools that are open to him or her

To prepare candidates for confirmation

To visit the parishioners, particularly those who are sick

To provide opportunities for parishioners to consult him or her to seek spiritual counsel and advice

To chair the PCC, the PCC standing committee, the APCM and the Vestry Meeting

To consult with the PCC

To co-operate with the churchwardens

So please do hold me to account! You should hear and see and notice

me doing all the above. But being a priest isn't simply about ticking off a list of jobs to do.

Being ordained a priest isn't like an honour conferred or akin to joining a club; holy orders are conferred by God for ministry to his people and so have a different authority and give a person a new identity.

The Church ordains by means of the Bishop calling down the Spirit, and for me it involves the giving of 'God's holy gifts for God's holy people' in the form of sacraments, not the policing of gateways to God. Priests certainly do not have a special access to God that is denied to others!

A priest is certainly not closer to God or deemed better or more effective. The Church has never believed that – But neither is everyone really the same. What on earth are 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12 all about? There's real difference in Paul's image of the body of Christ – a difference in what things *are*, not only in what they *do*.

Ordinations are not commissioning services. They involve the calling down of the Spirit upon the baptised Christian who has been called to this order by and through the Church for the blessing of God's people.

It's not easy, but it is rather humbling to accept the distinction of the orders to which God calls people for the blessing of his people and the ordering of his Church. The priesthood ministers the sacramental gifts of God (baptism and Eucharist) that are the foundation of all Christian ministries and callings.

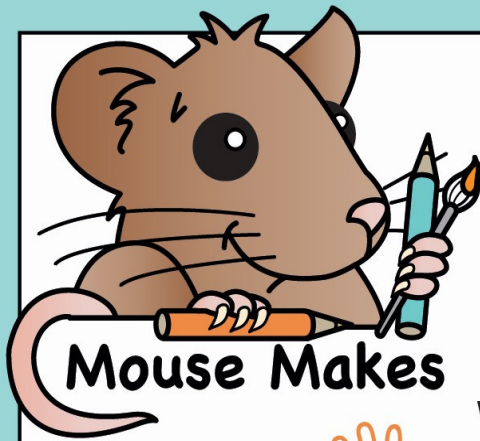
Priests should set free the other ministries of the Church; they don't obliterate or exclude them. Along with the Word, the sacraments are foundational, hence we have priests to ensure and protect their administration.

After the ordinations this year, the Church receives a gift from God: some genuinely new ministers with permanent and lasting orders that do not depend on their own worthiness or qualifications or training, but on the grace of God. But it's a grace given not simply for the individual who is ordained, but for the wellbeing of all God's people.

If you feel called to the above, then the first thing to do is speak with me - I'd be delighted to journey with you!

The Revd Chris Bishop

Priest in Charge & Oversight Minister in the Benefice of Hatfield.



"AND WHEN YOU PRAY,
PRAY THEN LIKE THIS ..."

Where does Jesus say
to go to pray?
Matthew 6:6



What does God know
before you ask Him?
Matthew 6:8



What can we ask God
to deliver us from?
Matthew 6:13

If you forgive others
what will God do?
Matthew 6:14



"Always be full of **joy**.
Never stop praying.
Whatever happens,
always be **thankful**."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Baptisms

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Dolly Marshall

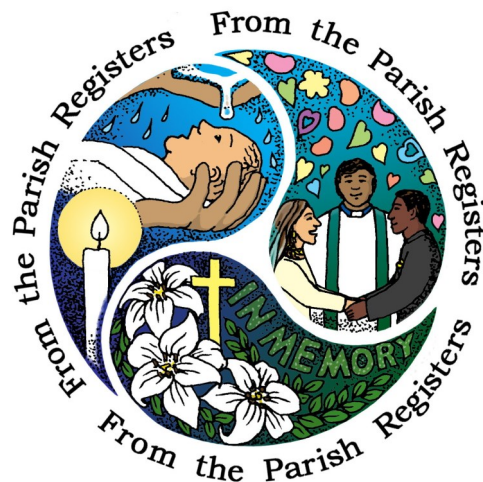
Weddings

Thomas Patrick Harte and Stephanie Chloe Walker

Dean Wayne Askin and Jodie-Ann Kilgallon

Funerals

Kathleen MARGARET (Margy) Todd



Arrangements for Baptism (Christening) and Weddings

St Lawrence would love to celebrate your special day with you and your family. The first step in arranging a Baptism or a Wedding is to attend one of our services. Please introduce yourself to Chris our Vicar, who will speak with you about the next steps.

These are joyful and life changing events! Both require making serious promises before God and some preparation will take place before a date can be set.

Another option for Parents is a 'Thanksgiving Service' rather than a Baptism. This is a great way to celebrate the gift of a child with family and friends for those who aren't quite sure about God, but would still like to thank Him for the gift of a new life! Thanksgiving Services can be booked directly with Chris our Vicar and don't require any preparation.

Chris our Parish Priest is very happy to be contacted directly by email or phone to arrange a convenient time for any of the following;

A conversation for spiritual guidance and advice

The Sacrament of Confession

House Blessings

Visiting parishioners, especially the sick

Ministry at the time of death (day or night)

Wednesday coffee

Coffee after church on Wednesday is a time when you will smile I'm sure, and often laugh. Frank the friendly dog comes, Cooper may join him soon, both very well behaved. A baby and sometimes two are there, with their grown-ups, and many people who have just been blessed to "go out into the world to love and serve the Lord" in the 10-11 service. There are people who serve you coffee/tea and biscuits, and herbal tea and even hot chocolate with marshmallows! A group of young adults on work experience from Coppice School come to join us, and make coffee, wash up, vacuum and dust, and we enjoy their company as well as their work, thank you all.

We especially want to say thank you to the Coppice students, as they are now on holiday from school, and we will miss them. Three of them are leaving for college experience, but hopefully the others will bring new students who have moved into the sixth form when they return in September. Please bring your Prom photos so we can see them!



Chrissy who does the Wednesday and Sunday morning coffee rotas is of the opinion that if you do the washing up you must be family!! If you'd like to be included in this way please mention it to a warden and you can join the rota. It's a great way to get to know ALL the family!

My real apologies that there was no letter from The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust last month. Tina had, as always, sent it on time and I'm sure I had copied and pasted, along with a page of photos from Wollaton Hall, but it didn't appear. I can only think that I didn't SAVE it, although it's on automatic save... my apologies. Tina has very efficiently included that content in this month's letter, thanks Tina.

The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

The Friends had another very successful day out to **Wollaton Hall**, near Nottingham in May. Everything went to plan including the decent weather! Wollaton Hall is a truly magnificent Elizabethan, listed building, a real pleasure to walk around and used as Wayne Manor in the Batman film The Dark Knight Rises. The grounds are also wonderful with herds of deer trotting around, a nice camellia house in a formal garden and a lovely lake with a heronry. The building now houses a natural history collection with everything from dinosaur bones to a giraffe and currently there is a bonus of a special exhibition of micro sculptures made by Dr Willard Wigan. His sculptures are so tiny they can hardly be seen by the naked eye so you have to look through microscopes and when you do, it blows your mind! He constructs them, paints them with a human eye lash or hair of a dog then puts them in the eye of a sewing needle, truly amazing. We saw the last supper, Albert Einstein, a hummingbird drinking nectar from a flower, Robin Hood and a bicycle to name but a few. The trip was worth it for this alone in my humble opinion. We also had a raffle on the way home and Callum, our lovely driver, dropped most people off almost on the streets where they lived. Profit for the trip was £238 and we missed those who sadly couldn't join us due to illness. Thanks to all those who supported us.

Another cheque just arrived from **Recycling for Good Causes for £50.50** for all the scrap jewellery, used stamps, foreign currency, old mobile phones, sat nav's, iPods, etc we sent off recently, an excellent result. More broken jewellery plus some nice pieces of costume jewellery have just been donated and scrap gold and silver sales amounted to £260.

We had a very interesting evening in Church as part of the Church Explorers Week events with a **talk on stained glass restoration** by our stained-glass restorer Jonathan Cooke. The event was in conjunction with Sheffield Diocese, organised by Rosh. Jonathan shared some interesting facts about stained-glass and let us hold an original piece of

13th century glass. The amount of work that goes in to its creation is amazing and fascinating to learn about. After a raffle a total of £111 was raised for The Friends including a donation by Gwen who let us have some of her beautiful handmade, stained-glass gifts to sell at the event. The Friends were absolutely mobbed at the start of the **Church Garden Party on Saturday 6th July** on their jewellery stall, we needed all hands on deck to take the money, bag up all the lovely items and keep



restocking! It's hard work but satisfying to know that we are raising money for a good cause and that all our customers are happy to get a bargain, total sales were £134. The Friend's committee has had a big blow, our previous Secretary, **Rob Bateson**, has sadly decided it's time to retire due to mobility issues. Rob will be greatly missed, he did a sterling job for many years but we all hope to see him at future Friends events, health permitting. The Friends committee wish him all the best and send him their love and HUGE thanks.

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.



Each MONDAY coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30 Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist

Each WEDNESDAY coffee after church at St Lawrence, Holy Communion at 10, coffee 11-12:00

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 Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall

Each SATURDAY 10-12 coffee morning Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist church



1st Thursday Stainforth History Group 19:00 Stainforth Methodist Church (every first Thursday) Alex Liversidge "All hands on the Don project" 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 Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday)

10th every second Saturday coffee afternoon 14:00-15:3– Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road

13th Tuesday Rachel and the Hatfield Heroes annual sponsored walk to raise money for her salary! Please consider sponsoring her !! See page 18



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*Thank you Donna, several of the attendees say
how good they feel after one of your classes!*

Diary of a Youth, Children's and Families Worker

Teamwork makes the dream work!

I'm sure you've all heard this saying many times before, but I have been reminded of this so much this month. On Monday I held the last planning meeting for our Family Summer Club probably taking place around the time you are reading this edition of the magazine. I was nervous, feeling unprepared and wondering if anyone would turn up. To my joy and amazement, 15 fabulous volunteers squeezed into my lounge, ready to hear about plans and to contribute to them. We sang songs, we offered prayers written on fish, and we shared out the responsibilities amongst us. I felt the weight of responsibility lift just a little bit in that moment as a sense of peace washed over me. God was reminding me that I wasn't alone in this mission to reach the children and families of our parish, but that the church is well and truly along side me, working together and sharing the load.

July itself has been a very busy month with church activities, and it has been lovely to see the youth group really start to step up and be part of many of these. They helped man stalls at the Garden Party, welcomed Chris on behalf of Hatfield Heroes at his installation and shared with the congregation about the amazing time they had at HOPE Weekend. Their confidence is growing and they are really starting to feel like part of the St Lawrence family, so a big thank you to everyone who chats to them at services, invites them to things and treats them as equals. Please join me in praying for the new members who will join the group in September from current Year 5, that they will fit in well and quickly catch the heart of what our youth group is all about. Pray for me too as I try to balance older youth and younger youth in one room, and how to help them grow spiritually.

I am writing this after having watched the rehearsal Travis Year 6 leavers service and



being a part of a short service in church to say goodbye to some much loved members of staff at our church school. What an honour to be asked to stand up and pray for Mrs Hornshaw, Mrs Woodward, Mrs Mannings and Mrs Cross, who all go on to new adventures whether that's retirement, new jobs closer to home or other opportunities. They have been a big part of the school for so long and I know my children have been impacted by all four of them. We pray they will keep God close in their future and know they are always welcome here at St Lawrence Church.

So with that, I sign off to finish Summer Club planning. I hope to share some of the highlights from it in the next magazine. We have over 60 children signed up to take part, alongside young leaders and volunteers. We have some gloriously fun songs to learn about Jonah (do



join us on the 4th September Café Church service when we will be sharing them with the whole congregation!), some crazy games to play and some amazing truths about God to learn. The aisles may have glue on them and there might be more fish hanging from the ceiling than you would normally like in your church service, but what a joy and privilege it is to welcome these families into church this summer.

I will be having two “quiet weeks” of work after that, followed by two full weeks of annual leave from the 16th August to the 30th August. So apologies but I won't be replying to messages then! I'll see you all in September for Café Church, Uniform Bank and the start of our Backpack Blessing Roadshow around our local primary schools.

God Bless

Rachel Ridler Youth, Children's and Families Worker

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Uniform Bank

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Has your child had a growth spurt?
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- **summer dresses**
- **shorts**
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Sheep Dip Lane
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DONATION DAY

Thursday 25th July

12-3pm inside St Lawrence Church

or drop off in our boxes outside 87 Mile End Avenue or 23 Menson Drive

SUMMER SALES

Sat 10th Aug - Click and collect @ Hatfield Yard Sale Trail from the Barn

Tues 6th Aug 10-2pm

Mon 2nd Sept 3-6pm

inside St Lawrence Church



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All items 50p
(or fill a bag for a fiver)

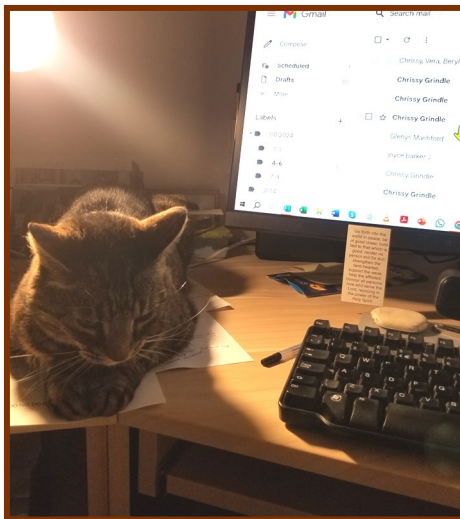
So what do you think about this magazine?

The Editor would really like to know, no-one complains so does that mean it's OK, or that no-one has read it so can't comment? 😊

Thank you for all your comments over the years, they have unfailingly been helpful, and I'm very happy to have more.

But you now have a chance to do more than comment. It would be really good to have guest editors, so you can go on **at length** about what you'd like to read about! A few of you could do it together, or by yourself, the practicalities would all be taken care of, you just come up with all the ideas! Hatfield Heroes will certainly be asked...as will Wednesday coffee attenders, although maybe not Frank or Wilfrid or Judah!

There are always some essential contributors from whom we need to



hear on a regular basis, you could put those where you like, all together at the end maybe? It could end up looking like Style or Home Design! Or the Sun...

This picture is of the sub-editor, who would be happy to have a month off occasionally, who literally has come to sit here while I've been typing!

International Bat Night - 24th August

August is the perfect month to look out for bats, when our soft, warm twilight evenings are full of the tiny flying insects that attract them.

But these days bats need our help, and so this annual celebration will include a good few 'bat events' this month. If you like bats, you may enjoy one of the events being arranged by local bat groups, wildlife trusts, countryside rangers and other organisations across the country.

To help you get started, the website, <https://www.bats.org.uk/support-bats/international-bat-night>, is full of useful information. It explains the natural environment that bats need, and how you might help to conserve their dwindling numbers.

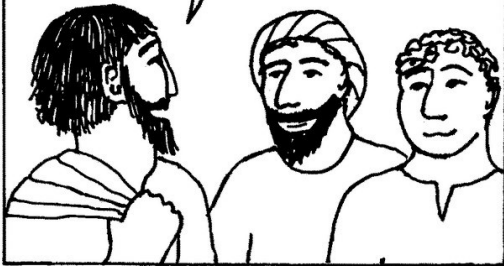
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

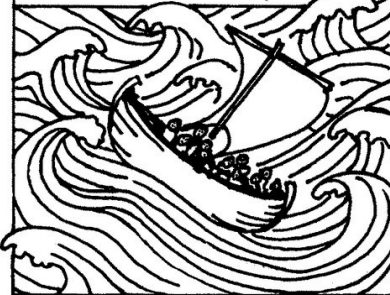
It can be read in the Bible in
Mk 4:35-41, Mt 8:23-27, Lk 8:22-25

Jesus had spent the day teaching big crowds by Lake Galilee, and when evening came he told his disciples..

We'll sail over to the east side of the lake



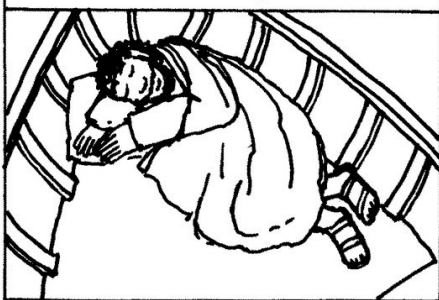
Suddenly a massive storm blew up



Even the experienced sailors panicked



But Jesus was fast asleep at the back of the boat



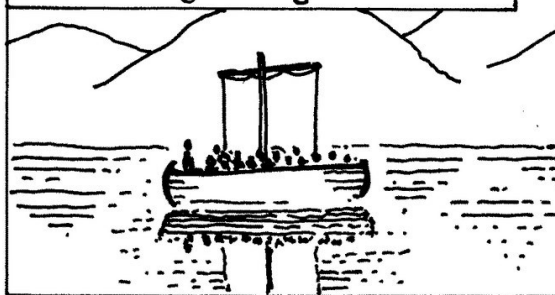
Lord, save us!
Master we're going to drown!

Teacher, don't you care we're going to drown?

Be quiet!



Immediately the wind stopped and everything was calm.



Why were you afraid?
Don't you trust me?



Now the disciples were even more afraid.



Who is he? Even the wind and sea obey him!

Only God has power like that!



Bible Bite

The picture opposite isn't a children's article, it's a quick read of a well-known Bible story. What we used to call cartoon format is very attractive, child-

like maybe, but essentially quick to absorb. There have always been easy to absorb stories, the parables are exactly that in a spoken form! We now have the privilege of paper and screens.

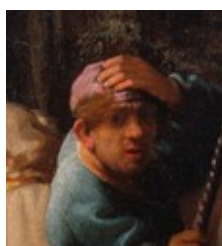
Many years ago ordinary people didn't even have the privilege of reading, but learned from

pictures like this, it's Rembrandt's

"The Storm on the Sea of Galilee,"

painted when he was 29 in 1633. Sadly it was stolen in 1990.

But he does such a lot more than telling the story pictorially. If you look closely, easier if you are seeing this on a screen (Ctrl and



scroll to enlarge) you will see a little

scared face which might look familiar. It's Rembrandt himself, terrified, just as the disciples were.



Now read on, on the opposite page, where the story continues. The disciples became even more afraid when they realised Jesus had power over the storm.

What would your face show in Rembrandt's picture, and would you be even more terrified at the end of the whole story?

Scary steak and chips!!

I like steak and chips and it's fair to say it's a pretty standard British meal, in different forms and different prices. Harrods says "Kobe A5 fillet (249kcal) PER 100G 130 (Minimum order 200g)", the 130 refers to ££, so that's £260 before you add chips!! I have to say that alternative venues and prices are available. 😊

But there's a serious point to this... our whole lives are changing due to climate change. In my Bible reading notes today (BRF Day by Day) it talks about the gods we make for ourselves that we then put high in our 'worshipping' lives. We all do it, I know I do, the strawberries I buy out of season that have been flown here, *another* new top to go with those nice trousers, a warmer house than I really need... I can hear my mother say "put a jumper on!" So lots of my "gods" involve embarrassingly unnecessary things. Chris Packham says that if everyone in the world had as much "stuff" as the average Briton we would need three planets the size of earth to accommodate it all. Now that's scary!

But back to steak and chips, a very ordinary occurrence. "Future climate change is likely to have a serious impact on two of the UK's agricultural staples, dairy farming and potato growing, according to a recent paper published by Met Office scientists."

"The authors found that future thermal heat stress in dairy cattle is likely to be greatest across England, and particularly in the South East around the London area, where in 30 – 50 years' time there may be up to 2 months more per year where cattle are stressed, compared to the present day. In the South West, the region that contains the most dairy cattle, there may be ten times more days per year on average when cattle are stressed. [We don't just get our food from Yorkshire even when we do try to buy local!]

Potatoes are vulnerable to a disease called late blight, which occurs in warm, humid weather. The conditions where blight occurs are likely to occur more often in the future across the UK, with the greatest increases in western regions. Most potatoes are grown in the east of the UK, where

potato blight occurs less often, and so there are likely to be smaller increases in these key regions for potato growing (20-30% increase in potato blight occurrence). However, in east Scotland a region which currently has a high concentration of potato farming, potato blight may occur around 70% more often.” <https://www.ukclimateresilience.org/news-events/increases-to-agricultural-hazards-over-the-next-50-years/>



We **can** affect the future of our steak and chips because it's linked to our daily actions. Please think seriously about what you are doing to help the climate change to slow down. Freeze your own British strawberries, tell us all that that next top is natural or biodegradable fibres -it does look super!- , and yes Mum, I will put a jumper on.


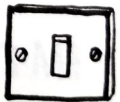

And feel good when you do it, it's clever problem solving not something you should resent!


Chrissy Grindle





Apologies for no acknowledgement for the tick list, it was in a book shop... click!

THINGS I'VE DONE TO HELP SAVE THE PLANET

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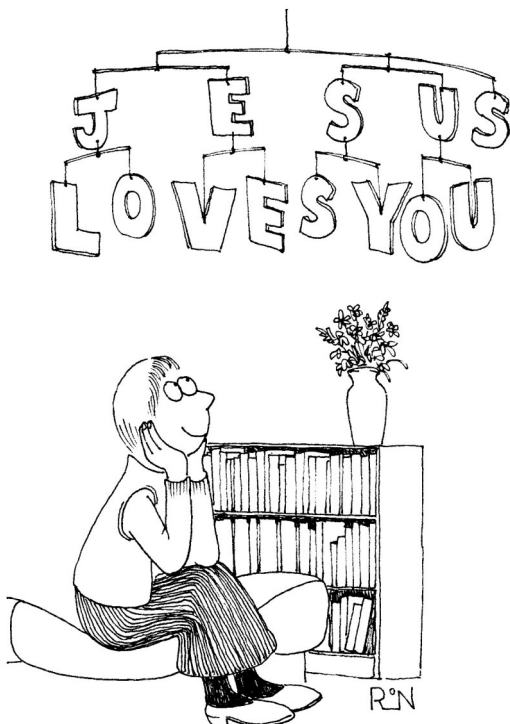
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LEARNT ABOUT OUR EARTH	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Do you like what Rachel does in our church? If the answer is yes then make sure she's able to continue! See below...

SPONSORED WALK FOR CENTENARY PROJECT WORKER

Rachel and the Hatfield Heroes (and anyone else who wants to join them!) will be heading out on their annual sponsored prayer walk around the Parish on Tuesday 13th August. Please do consider sponsoring them, either on the paper sponsor forms at the back of church or online here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/2024-sponsored-prayer-walk-round-hatfield>

As you may know, our Youth, Children's and Families Worker is employed by the Centenary Project as part of the Diocese of Sheffield, and every year we have to pay for her salary costs. The sponsored walk is one of the ways that Rachel has committed to trying to raise funds towards this, so we appreciate your support in sponsoring her and the young people taking part. If you would be interested in giving regularly towards her salary, please speak to Rosh Milner.



Wendy checked the message on her mobile...

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THE service of the year, of the decade!

We have many different services at St Lawrence, some chatty ones like Café Church, some sad ones like funerals, joyous weddings, noisy baptisms, quiet reflective Memorial services, a huge range.

But Tuesday's service was THE service because it was rare! It was

A Service of Welcome for The Licensing and Installation of The Reverend Christopher Bishop as Priest-in-charge and Oversight Minister of St Lawrence Hatfield

and

The Licensing and Installation of The Reverend Gillian Salter as Associate Minister of St Lawrence Hatfield

**by the Rt Revd Dr Pete Wilcox
Bishop of Sheffield**

...so quite an event! Such a service is a wonderful mixture of Anglican stateliness, and local rejoicing, and the two extremes flow together, really making a whole and complete service.

It's purpose was to license and install. The licensing is a Declaration of Assent to the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. These are the foundations of the Anglican church, and like house foundations are rarely seen but essential for shaping and support. Also in the Declaration of Assent is the Oath of Allegiance to the King, and the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Lord Bishop of Sheffield.

Once this is completed the bishop signs the legal documents and



delivers them to Chris and Gill, and says “Receive the cure of souls, which is both yours and mine.” Cure here means more than care, it is the linking between people and God.

Then Chris and Gill were literally put into their “stalls”, the place where they usually sit. Chris as our vicar sits behind the lectern, which Google says is “The lectern where the Word is read and preached is the focal point for attention during the liturgy of the word at the eucharist.” Gill was installed “not above or below her colleagues but to sit alongside those who serve in this place.” Our new vicar then lead us in prayer with Gill leading the Lord’s prayer.



Lots of local groups welcomed our new ministers, and they were presented with a Bible, and a Paten and Chalice to hold bread and wine for communion.

We then all had the chance to renew our baptismal



calling together, and after the final blessing from the



Bishop and a rousing hymn the service ended.

But of course with good Christian hospitality we had tea and cake!
And it was a wonderful chance to meet up with people, to congratulate members of the choir and their singing of the wonderful



More photos on
<https://www.facebook.com/HatfieldStLawrence>

What envelopes are you talking about?

The church needs to use its money as wisely as possible, not least of all because it's YOUR money that was generously given! Churches don't get government or any other money, but we use any donated money through giving or in bequests as carefully as possible.

Bank transfer -BACS- is the most economical way of giving, in that the bank charges are least for this. (Although in 2023 our PCC account bank account charges were still £224.27.) But it might not be possible or most useful for you.

You can give by card through the facility in church. Or by using the QR code on the back of this magazine.

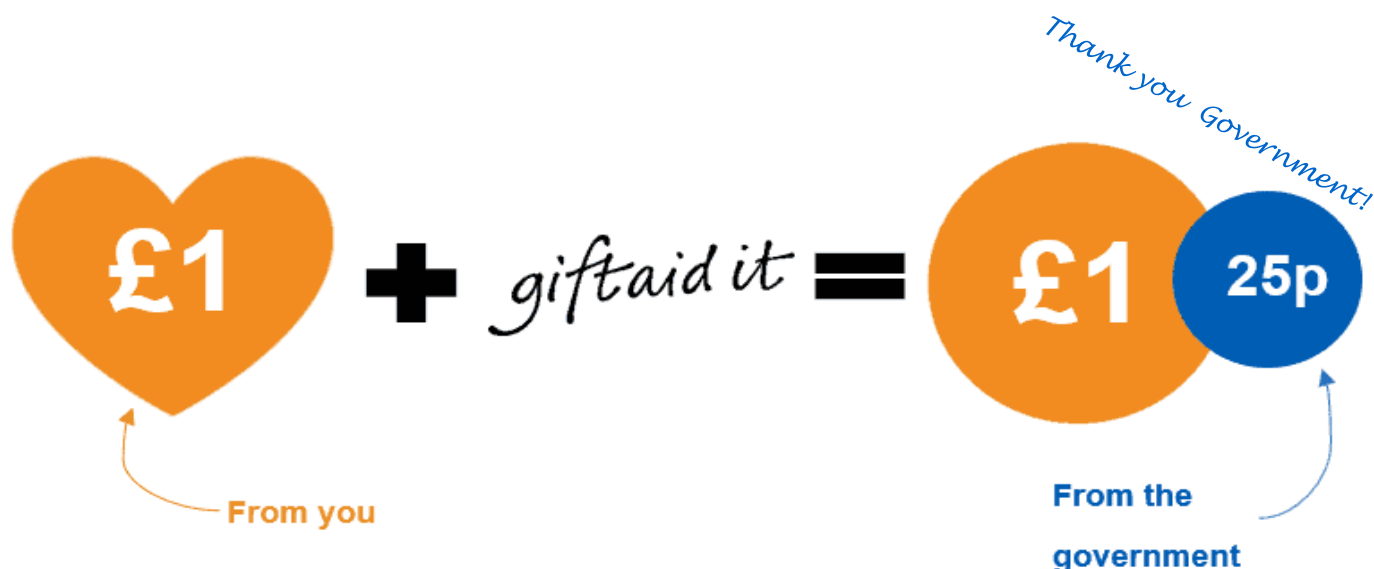
Many people like to give in cash in envelopes, and you can have your own set of envelopes so you can keep ahead with giving weekly. The church thanks you for your faithfulness in this.

If you'd like to give a one-off cash/cheque donation, or as often as you like of course (!) please use a blue envelope from the big table.

**One thing all political parties agree
on is that they don't think you
should pay tax on money you are
giving to charity!**

So if you pay tax please complete the blue envelope so that the Government will pay the charity the tax that you've already given them in your income.

**And we thank everyone who has ever given whatever
amount they wanted or were able to.**



August 100 club

1st prize Rhys Owen
2nd prize Maureen Raper
3rd prize Rosh Milner

Just to prove numbers do not fall out the bottom of the bag none of this month's winners have won for years so there is hope for everyone, personally I am hoping for coffee at Sarah-Jane's as my share of Rhys's winnings, I wonder what treats are in store for the other winners? I am almost at a loss for words this month, my voice became a growl I screamed at the soccer so much (Welsh description of football. Football is Rugby). Luckily I was standing by better singers in our choir practices so Vernon did not evict me, I am hoping we will continue to have choir practices it has been good for us to sing together, for our brains, breathing and just happiness (much kinder than that horrid phrase mental health oh no! I am ranting again.) The library has restarted Friday sing -a-longs at 6.30pm for an hour, it does have a small cost but if that is a problem do not let it be a stumbling block we are a community group and support each other.

I have a ton of thanks to give so rather than miss anyone I will just thank all the people who have helped in any way with our many recent events from cleaning Church, clearing the garages and crypt, getting the Barn field and churchyard back in order, The Garden Party gang, Strawberry Tea crew, "The Service" participants and most importantly God for giving us the energy and imagination to get these events done, without whom we are only a fund raising group, we are so much more than that.

For the sake of all the willing volunteers who ate the reject bakery your efforts came with special blessings !

So what now, there will be changes some easier than others I am sure but we prayed endlessly for God to send us a young, talented Godly family man and he sent us one, our job now is to pray for him and his family as they settle into our fantastic Church and community so they can flourish and love the St Lawrence family as much as we do.

Have a wonderful summer everyone, come to Church when you can, visit other Churches when you are on holiday, take photos if you see anything we can import and borrow good ideas if you see or hear them, we grow better that way, there is no point reinventing the wheel.

Vera x

SLOW DANCE

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?
You'd better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly?
When you ask "how are you?" do you hear the reply?
When the day is done, do you lie in your bed
With the next hundred chores running through your head?
You'd better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

Ever told your child "we'll do it tomorrow?"
And in your haste, didn't see his sorrow?
Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die
Cause you never had time to call and say "Hi"?
You'd better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere
You miss half the fun of getting there.
When you worry and hurry through your day,
It is like an opened gift.... thrown away.
Life is not a race.
Do take it slower
Hear the music
Before the song is over.

David Weatherford 1991

Many thanks to Sally Chamberlain for contributing this thoughtful poem.



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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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Each Wednesday 10.00 Holy Communion followed by Open Church from 11.00 – 12.00, join us for coffee, chat, quiet prayer.....

Sunday 5th August

10:00 Café Church

18:30 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 12th August

10:00 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 19th August

10:00 Café Church

18:30 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 26th August

10:00 Sung Eucharist

The cover this month is an acrostic by Nigella Taylor, completed during Café Church in May, seen by an artistic admirer and permission to publish was asked for! Many thanks Nigella. (Sorry that it wasn't on last month's front cover as promised, we really had to have our new vicar Chris and his family!)



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.