

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

Hatfield

including Dunscroft, Dunsville,
Woodhouse and Lindholme

The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it,
the world
and those who live in it.



Psalm 24: 1

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with many thanks.*

Dear Friends

The use of Icons & images in prayer & sacred spaces.

Dear Friends, I count myself as a believer who stands strongly in the Reformed tradition. One of my great heroes of the faith is John Calvin, one of fathers of Reformed Theology. Within this tradition there has always been some debate about how to interpret the 2nd Commandment.

At first glance we might think oh dear.... What about the numerous colourful images of Christ & the Saints in that surround us at Hatfield in the beautiful stained glass windows?....what about the four carved and gilded angels that surround the Holy Table at the east end of the Church? Should they be destroyed? Are we violating the 2nd commandment?

EXODUS 20:4-6

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth” (v. 4).

The truth is that the Church affirms the appropriateness of art for use in corporate praise.

If we turn to our Bibles we see that the law of Moses, Given by God Himself actually commands images to be constructed in the Holy Place (Ex 25:17-22).

Make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover. ¹⁹ Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends. ²⁰ The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover.

This tells us **the second commandment addresses the worship of images rather than their existence.** Secondly, among the first

believers filled with the Holy Spirit were the artists who built the tabernacle (Ex 31:1–11).

Then the LORD said to Moses, ²“See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— ⁴to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, ⁵to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts. ⁶Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given ability to all the skilled workers to make everything I have commanded you: ⁷the tent of meeting, the ark of the covenant law with the atonement cover on it, and all the other furnishings of the tent— ⁸the table and its articles, the pure gold lampstand and all its accessories, the altar of incense, ⁹the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, the basin with its stand— ¹⁰and also the woven garments, both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when they serve as priests, ¹¹and the anointing oil and fragrant incense for the Holy Place. They are to make them just as I commanded you.”

Visual beauty is thus blessed by the Lord for use in worship. Artwork can help us sanctify the time and space of our gatherings. The priestly garments were made with gold, blue, purple, and scarlet dyes all costly colours in the ancient world. Including these materials conveyed a deep sense of God’s worth. We continue to use robes & vestments in the Church of England today also, as a way to convey reverence & majesty in worship.

Scripture allows for images that depict the humanity of Jesus as well as pictures of redemptive events, people, saints and themes in our churches.

Yes, these can be idolatrously abused, if a person begins to literally bow down and worship for example Jesus in the stained glass window, believing the image itself to be God...I don’t think I’ve ever come across such an attitude, and If I did, I would be quick to correct it! So you see the solution is not the disuse of images. Instead, the answer is the right use of beautiful art that bears witness to the loveliness of Christ.

The Church has held several councils in her history to discern whether icons and sacred images could be used to aid worship and prayer. After a lot of debate and prayer over centuries, it was finally determined that if a person is looking to God through an icon, then that was a sacred and holy use of the image. If the worshipper began to worship the thing itself, then that was an unholy and dangerous usage. I don’t think I need to say that statues & images hold no special powers, I think this is a given

today.

Anglicans, for the most part, have retained images and icons. Sometimes this is for personal use and sometimes in congregational worship.

Human beings use symbols, images, and icons, these can be religious or non-religious. We live in a world of texture, colour, visual stimulation and dimensional reality. We love beauty and we are calmed by it.

We were made with eyes in a world of colour, image, and light. That's why God had Moses craft a bronze serpent as an icon of healing and why he carefully prescribed the way the tabernacle and temple should look. Of course, he warned them of abuses. But he never told them to abandon symbol as an aid to worship.

It is true that God was not to be pictured by Israel. But now Christ himself is an icon, the incarnate Son is the image of God. He was a human being that people could look upon, touch, and feel in order to see God. This changed everything because now God the Son could be seen visually. He showed us how to use our eyes to see God.

So what does it look like if we Christians use icons and images properly in the worship of God?

Looking Through

Look through an icon. See it as a window to God. Not as a god itself, but as a window to God. How does this work?

I have an icon of the Risen Christ in the Vicarage. When I pray, I often begin by looking at the icon. The icon has beautifully captured His love. I am drawn to Jesus spiritually, and I become spiritually aware of his gaze looking back upon me. I knew myself to be someone whom he forgave. I feel my burdens becoming lighter.

Reflecting Back

You will notice in the Lady Chapel on the widow ledge there is a beautiful hand painted icon of the Mother and Child which was brought from St Edwins, Dunscroft. When I look at this icon, I'm always drawn to Jesus' hands holding on to his mother, she is also holding onto him. I know that I am being held by the Lord Jesus, and I totally hold on to him. This icon helps cultivate in me a sense of profound affection for God's love and for his care for me as a mother would care for a child. And then I sometimes sit in the empty church to pray for all of you.

This building which is set apart for sacred use, is full of beautiful portrayals of scenes of the life of Christ and the heroes of the faith that totally surround our worship space in the stained glass windows.

When I sit, I sense a calm & peace. I am reminded that I am spiritually

surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. The beauty that fills that place gives me a taste of heaven, the carvings of the angels that surround the Holy Table, remind me that one day we will be taken up into the throne room, where we too like the angels will worship, adore and praise the Lamb upon the throne. My eyes see God in a fresh way, and my soul rejoices.

So yes, I use images & icons as an aid to prayer. Most Anglicans believe that visual images can aid our worship, but should never become the object of worship. That's why you'll see some iconography or other visual representations in an Anglican Church including our Church of St Lawrence.

I hope this has been a help to you. If you want to see and experience God in a new way, you are of course free at any time to look upon the many images in Church, and as you pray ask the Holy Spirit to open up a window for you to look through. It's one of those things which you are free to do if it helps & you are also free to say no thank you! But let us always be generous with each other and never judge those who are different to ourselves.

The Revd Chris Bishop.

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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.

Thanksgiving service for the birth of

Lucas Dale Cook

Abriel Gutteridge

Acceptance into the Church of England, welcome to Melissa!

Baptisms

Judah Amos Brian Bishop

Talitha Rose Gillian Bishop

Weddings

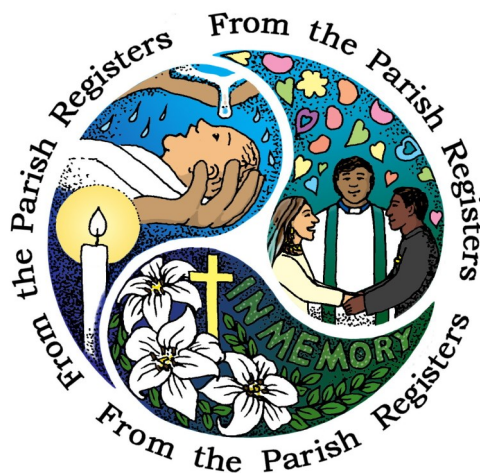
Claire Louise Platts and Steven

Christopher Firth

Funerals

Raymond Bee

Mel Jepson



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)

This is a very SAD notice to make as from the 27th November HATFIELD Post Office will be closing it's doors for the last time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers that have used us for many years.

Unfortunately with Royal Mail removing the post men and post ladies from the premises, the revenue from the Post Office business is no longer viable.

Thank you everyone for your support.

Lots of love from

Debbie, Donna, Joy

*And my long lost partner and friend
Lynn.*

I am sure all the readers and those who have heard the sad news wish Debbie, Donna and Joy thanks for their years of service, and with happy memories of buying and posting, paperwork and chats over the years, and with happy memories of Lynn.

We look forward to seeing them in the village.



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 Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall

Each SATURDAY 10-12 coffee morning Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist church

1st Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday) Unfailingly useful to would-be horticulturists, with knowledgeable and entertaining speakers.

3rd 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!

13th Sunday Harvest Sunday 10:00 and at **18:30**
a reflective service for Baby Loss Awareness Week

12th every second Saturday coffee afternoon 14:00-15:3– Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road

19th Saturday 11-3 AUTUMN FAYRE in church!

26th Saturday 10-12am There will be a Coffee Morning in the library for Thorne Rural Lions. Usual stalls. Home baking would be much appreciated

29th Tuesday at 16:00 "Slim Talk" Meet the Author session at the library, by Hatfield's very own Dave Ketteridge. See opposite page.

Health Bus Dates- Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall- 13:30-16:00



Wednesday 25th September 2024

Wednesday 09th October 2024

Wednesday 30th October 2024

Wednesday 20th November 2024

Wednesday 04th December 2024



Please check with Primary care for any changes



Slim talk

Ever wondered why diets don't work, why calorie-counting adds more pounds, and why some people can eat like a horse and still stay skinny? And will the new weight loss pills and jabs be The Answer? A Meet the Author session at Hatfield Library on Tuesday October 29th 4pm could throw light on this often difficult subject, when David Ketteridge, author of "Slim For Good" relates his journey of discovery and invites questions from the audience. A one-time medical researcher, journalist and co-owner of Hatfield's Tickled Pink bridal wear, the quest for answers began when he was puzzled as to how brides could slim into a dress, but by the time they brought in their wedding photos, all that good work had been undone.

Dave Ketteridge

Diary of a Youth, Children's and Families Worker

Back to school is officially under way! We had a great first “cuppa in the churchyard” for parents on the first day of term, with many attending for free drinks, which Reuben and Lazarus wrote lovely messages on. We had many write children and teacher's names to add to our prayer tree too. I also want to send a huge thank you to all those who helped me prepare the 1,500 backpack tags to hand out to all our Primary School children as I once again took to the road to bless all those backpacks!!! It's always such a joyful way to start the year (and this year I didn't have a severe sinus infection whilst doing it) – I felt an especially warm welcome this year at Dunsville Primary and a big shout out to the Travis St Lawrence EYFS children who were so well behaved when they visited church for their blessing. Spare tags are available from the back of church now for your own bags, with this year's special verse on them.

Prayer is the foundation for all that we do, and so it feels spiritually important to start the school year with this. You may have noticed some “prayer swap bookmarks” going around too, which our youth have completed as part of their year of prayer. Last year we had lots of questions from the young people about what the point of it was, does it even work, and how do we do it, so we will be digging deeper into this over the next 12 months. The prayer swap bookmarks are great so that they know we as a church are praying for them this year, but also so they have the chance to pray for someone else.

This week we had Chris visit us for the first time (bringing many many snacks!) as we looked at prayer of confession together. There were some great discussions about things they'd done when they were



really little children that was “naughty” and how we all have things we need to ask God for forgiveness for. Then we went outside and made our hands really muddy, before washing them clean



again to symbolise the impact of confession prayers. A really powerful moment.

Another highlight from this month was being able to take my Little Lions right hand lady, Abbie, along to the Playtime Conference where we were encouraged and inspired for leading our toddler group. From puppet ministry, to baby loss, and sensory tray inspiration, we have brought back so many ideas (and bought some amazing new resources!) If anyone else wants to join our Little Lions team do get in touch – it’s great fun!

October promises to be another busy month so please commit to pray for the following activities:

- Open the Book volunteers training on October 2nd morning – speak to Rachel to find out more
- Youth Wild Away Day on October 19th
- Treats in the Churchyard on October 31st (volunteers needed to serve hot drinks)

God Bless
Rachel Ridler – Youth, Children and Families Worker

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Baby Loss Awareness Week

“A mother is never defined by the number of children you see, but by the love she holds in her heart.”

At first glance you may see me as a mother of four beautiful children, but I have three more babies waiting for me in heaven. This is our story.

Our first two boys, Theo and Lazarus were textbook pregnancies, quick uncomplicated waterbirths. When we fell pregnant with our third child we were very excited, then at 9 weeks I started to bleed and a trip to the EPAU (Early pregnancy assessment unit) left us devastated as we learnt that our precious baby had died and that I was having a miscarriage. The possibility had never crossed my mind, the grief we felt was overwhelming. We felt our baby was a boy and named him Michael, we held a funeral service for him with our family and friends. We gained a new found understanding of the baby loss community. One thing that sticks with me is the outpouring of love and prayers from our friends and family, we truly felt held and uplifted in prayer.

Around a year later we fell pregnant with our fourth baby. Apprehensive yet excited, until again at 9 weeks I began to bleed. Another trip to EPAU led to those devastating words ‘I’m so sorry, there is no heartbeat.’ Another miscarriage. We felt this baby was also a boy and named him Samuel. We held a funeral for him and he is buried in the grounds of The College of the Resurrection where we lived at the time while Chris did his training to become a Priest.

A few months later in August 2020 we fell pregnant with our fifth baby. I felt incredibly anxious, and due to the pandemic all of my appointments were over the phone. I had an early bleed at 7 weeks and obviously

feared the worst, I had to go to EPAU alone, fully expecting to be told those words again but to my absolute surprise, there on the screen was a tiny healthy baby with a heartbeat!! I felt so relieved. Chris thankfully was able to be with me for my 12 and 20 week scans, where we saw our lovely baby wriggling around, this baby was the most wriggly one, a very active baby.

Then on 4th January 2021, we went into Lockdown 3, on the Wednesday at 25 weeks pregnant I woke up and didn't feel any movement from my baby, I did the usual cold drink etc and still nothing. So we loaded the boys into the car and Chris drove me to the hospital. Due to the restrictions I had to go in alone. I was seen quickly, the midwife found a heartbeat and sent me home. I just thought I was being over anxious due to our history and it was the first time I'd had an anterior placenta, I tried to keep reassuring myself, but by Friday morning I was sure something was wrong, I still felt no movement. Again we loaded the boys into the car and Chris drove me to the hospital. Again I had to go in alone, this time the midwife could not find the heartbeat and sent me straight for a scan, and that's where I was told the words 'I'm so sorry, there is no heartbeat, your baby has died' as I watched my still baby on the screen. The ground fell from below me and I hid my face not wanting any of this to be real. I got taken into the bereavement room where the midwife had to ring Chris and tell him our baby had died. He had to drive our boys back home to our neighbours before coming back to be with me.

I was told I would need to be induced and given tablets to begin the process and told to come back two days later. Our boys went to their Grandparents to stay and on Sunday 10th January we walked in to the hospital knowing we would have to leave without our baby. Our midwife Claire was so caring, she took time to get to know us and her words 'this birth is as special as any other' gave me the confidence to try for the birth I wanted. My body responded well to induction and Laura facilitated a beautiful water birth for us. It truly was such a beautiful birth, with candles and worship music our precious 1lb 9oz baby boy Gabriel was born into the water at 7.31pm. We held him, dressed him, cuddled him, took his hand and footprints and spent 24 precious hours with him. Then

somehow we left the hospital without him, instead clutching a memory box and went home where we told Theo and Lazarus about their little baby brother who went to heaven.

Baby loss can be very difficult to talk about, and simple questions can become complicated to answer like 'how many children do you have?'. But I am always happy to talk about all of my children, Lazarus especially talks about his baby brothers in heaven often, they will never be forgotten. When we talk about our children who have died, we honour their life, no matter how short.

Joy Bishop, The Vicarage.

If you need support for baby loss, whether that loss was yesterday or 80 years ago, SANDS have brilliant resources.

Church Ribbon Display

Baby Loss Awareness Week 9th – 15th October 2024

If you would like a Ribbon displayed in memory of a baby please fill in a slip from the back of Church with your choice of ribbon colour - blue, pink or white and the name you'd like written and we will hang your ribbon in Church to remember your baby.



**Hatfield St Lawrence Church
proudly presents its**

Autumn Fayre

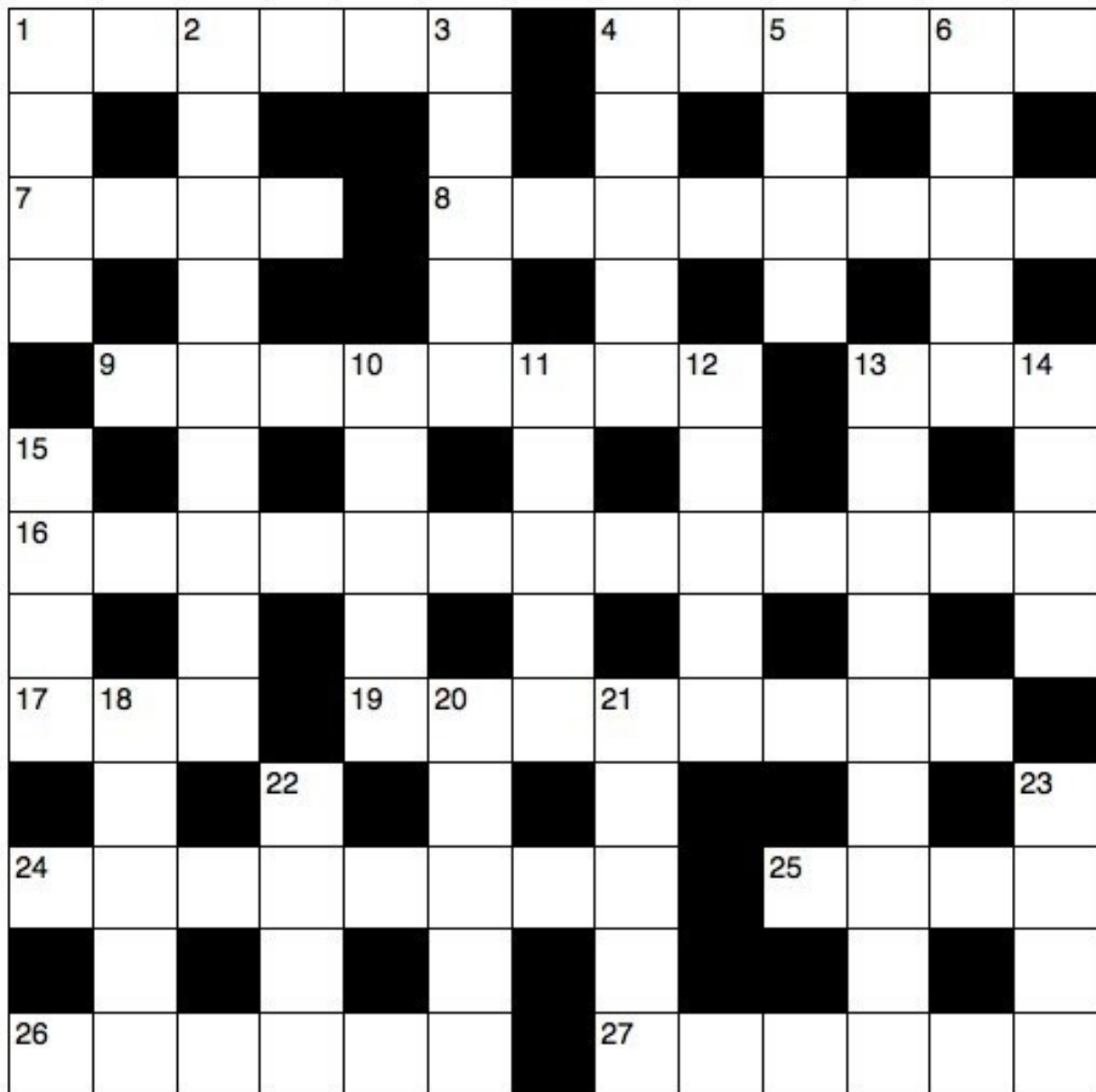
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11-3pm**

**Cakes, raffle, tombola, preserves,
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Crossword

Across

1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)

4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)

7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)

8 See 19 Across

9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke

9:46) (8)

13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)

16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)

17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)

19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)

24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)

25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)

26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)

27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)

2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)

3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)

4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — '(John 3:3) (5)

5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)

6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)

10 Ruses (anag.) (5)

11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)

12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)

13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)

14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)

15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)

18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)

20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)

21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)

22 Bats (anag.) (4)

23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Answers to the crossword

Across: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

Down: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

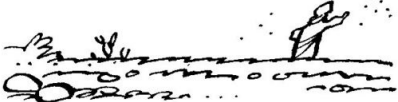
The Editor thanks Paul Mordue for saying how much he likes the crossword... if you'd all tell me what you like I could include it more often!



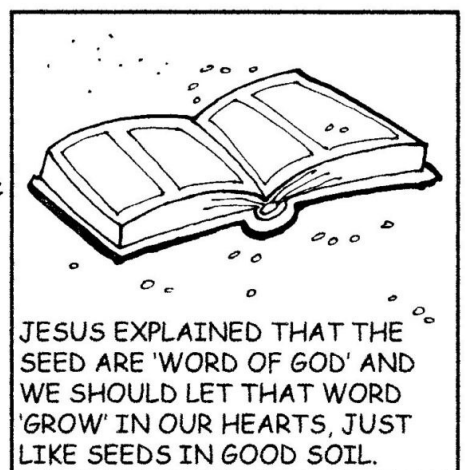
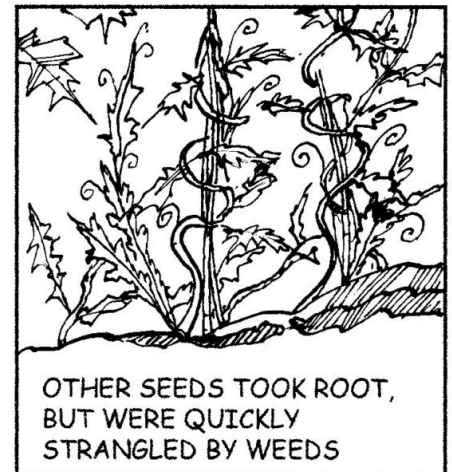
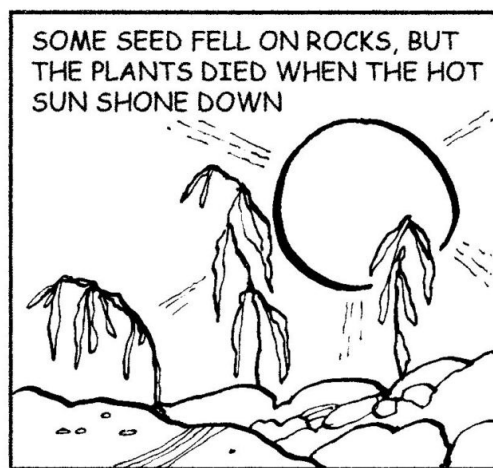
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*No to straw, thank you,
But yes to non-perishable groceries, toiletries, and items to make people give thanks! All going to DN7 Foodbank, thank you.*

the PARABLE of the SOWER




THE FARMER HOPED THEY WOULD TAKE ROOT JUST
WHERE THEY LANDED



100 Club and Vera's chatter

1st prize Vera Owen

2nd prize Auriol Henton

3rd prize Karen Blair

Women only month again, better luck next month gentlemen. We are now collecting 100 Club 2024/25 subscriptions. £12.00 for a whole year's worth of anticipation, 1st prize £25, 2nd prize £15, 3rd prize £10. Please join in if you can, tickets from myself and Terry Raper or leave us a message.

I have dithered about writing this month mainly because I have been distracted by writing a eulogy for my brother's funeral, Don died unexpectedly on the 8th of September. He was my big brother, 18 months older than me and a man of few words. Our phone calls went "how are you doing Don?" "Ok girl how are you?" "I am fine. What have you been up to?" "Not a lot our Ve, have you seen James (son) and Jacob (grandson)?" "Yes Jacob is coming on well and keeps me going, right our Ve I will give you to Eva (wife) for a chat" and that was that. Don was frequently in his shed "man cave", chair, television and until recently Jack his Jack Russel. What else could a man need? So you would have thought it would be easy to write about him, but it was not. I wrote about our childhood, the bit James wouldn't know, our escapades, adventures and Don's many visits to A&E. My mother was the original season ticket holder at the hospital because either Don was in A&E or I was in eye clinic, if you saw one of us you saw both. He was my champion, and I was the only time my mother was called to school for me was when I heard someone calling Don names and I hit the boy as hard as I could until a teacher broke the fight up. When I left home Don bought me a milk pan and a bible, the pan is long gone but the bible comforts me still. One of his grumbles was that my sister and I could retire at 60 but he had to carry on until he was 65 so I carried on working to 66 when I told him he was having a laugh if he thought I was working any longer. Unlike him I did not have a light job basically turning up making tea and keeping the young chaps in order, he laughed and told me that was the price I paid for education !

So now I must move on without him, I comfort myself knowing he is safe with our parents and was gone before he hit the floor.

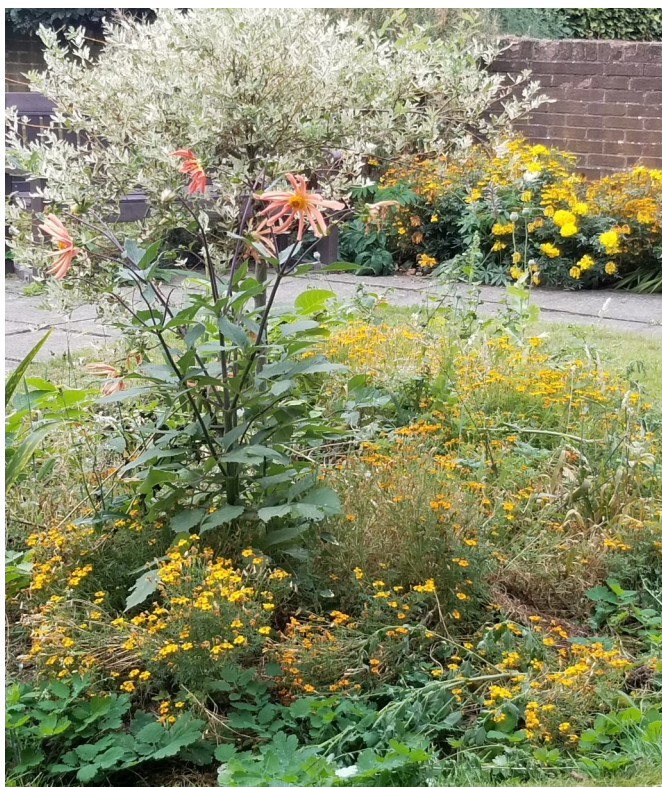
My advice to you all is tell the people you love how much you love them while you can, and write your life story to make it easier for those you leave behind.

Total change of subject: Christmas is coming and plans are being made for the Christmas tree festival. If you have been looking after trees for us please remind us what you have and if the tree has lights and a base so Terry can do one of his amazing plans. The theme is Christmas movies, Terry has a list which we will put up in Church, you need 3 clues on your tree and anyone can have a tree, reserve one soon. We are not charging you, but we do hope people will make donations. As always money raised will be for Church. We intend to run it through December working around school services and funerals, no weddings booked in yet. Is there be a romantic couple out there who long for a Christmas themed day?

We start with the lights switch on Friday 6th December, the big man will be visiting Saturday 7th, times to be finalised. We will need stewards, please volunteer if you can, it really is a joy showing people around our Church. But before this do not forget the Autumn Fayre on October 19th 11-3. All the craft stalls are now booked, there will be a cake stall and raffle as well as refreshments. Do come and join us even if you have very little to spend, come and enjoy the sociability of the event, it is a lovely way to meet up with friends.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you at our Autumn and Winter events

Love Vera x



*Thank you to
all who help
in Dr Waters'
Garden, the
autumn
colour there is
beautiful.*

Our wonderful library!

Thank you so much to Fiona in the library for sending these pictures, this one is of the Games Club on Tuesday morning 10-12, which is hosted by church. Rummikub and Mah Jong are being played, but there is a good choice of games, and people to play them with, or bring your own people. The cake picture was the celebration of the library being run by volunteers for TEN years! No cake usually, but for the princely sum of £1 there is tea/coffee and biscuits too, and equally valuable to the “mental keep fit” is the chat that goes on!

Hope it was a goulash game Rosina, and thanks for the information!



Of course the photographs here are mainly church-connected events such a pre-loved jewellery sale, although I haven't seen the Lego monster in church...yet! BUT... think on as my father-in-law used to say, we are a community church, and we embrace community places and events. Thank you library people for all you do, for DMBC which - although we were appalled at the time—forced the library through financial circumstances to become a community library, and for ALL the effort which goes into the multitude of events there! Call in next time you're passing and see what's going on!



Leave seedheads standing

Plants really are the gift that keeps on giving. After their flowers have died back, seed heads often form. You might be tempted to pick up your secateurs and trim these but try to resist.



Winter seed heads provide precious food for birds and other wildlife when pickings are thin. They also look fabulous covered in frost, adding interest to a border when not much is growing. Plants' dead stems even help protect your soil from frost damage. Feel free to collect some seeds to sow in

late summer and autumn but be sure to leave plenty for garden creatures to snack on.

When spring arrives, it's time to cut back winter seed heads and dead stems to allow new growth to burst through. Don't forget to [compost](#) any trimmings.

Here are a few of RSPB's recommendations for the best wildlife-friendly plants to grow for their winter seedheads:

- Teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*)
- Echinacea (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- Opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum*)
- Sea holly (*Eryngium spp.*)
- Alliums (*Allium spp.*)
- Rudbeckia (*Rudbeckia spp.*)
- Globe thistle (*Echinops spp.*)

Glenys Mashford



The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

Last month The Friends received another payout from easyfundraising for £16.58 so keep up the armchair shopping online folks.

Sadly, our Pizza and Film Night has had to be cancelled as we cannot use the Barn on the date we wanted, we may try another date in 2025.

Our next outing with the pre-loved jewellery will be at the Church Autumn Fayre on Saturday 19th October from 11am to 3pm in St Lawrence Church, Hatfield. Hope to see you there.

Save the date - we have booked another Coffee Morning in Hatfield Community Library on Sat 30th Nov, 10am to 12 noon.

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’Hallloran

**Sorry, but you ARE likely to buy more
online in the next 86-ish days!**

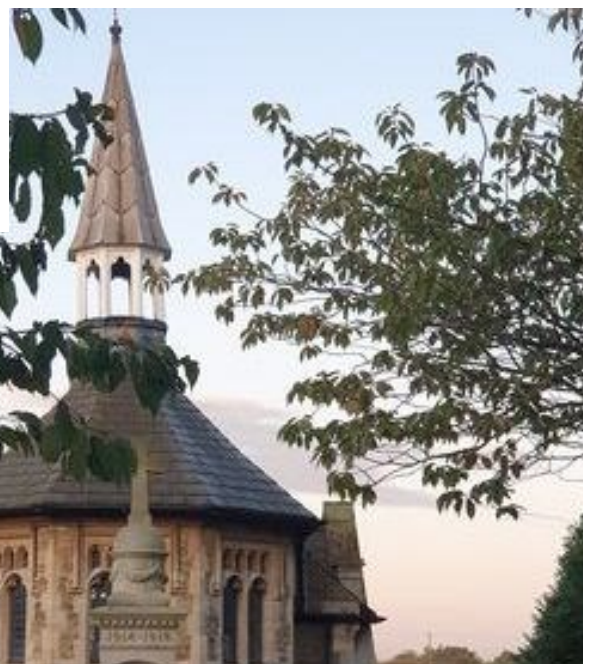
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You have just missed ...

Here's a catch-up photo of the defibrillator training in the Barn, thanks Tim for organising it. It was somehow an enjoyable morning and left everyone with a great sense of being able to potentially save a life! Thanks very much to Louise too of course. £100 was given for this free-to-attend morning to be shared between South Yorkshire Community Health Trust and St Lawrence Church.



And from the week of Heritage Open Days... This is an annual celebration of England's history and culture that allows visitors free access to heritage sites and community events that are either not usually open to the public, would normally charge an entrance fee, or that are putting on something special for the festival. And this year we all had the chance to visit Hatfield Cemetery Chapel, Cemetery Road, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN7 6LX. Many of us know it from Remembrance Day services, but the chapel is closed that day. The small 30-seat Grade II listed cemetery chapel dates from 1894 and is only used a few



times each year for funeral services. It was a fascinating visit, a truly beautiful place. So look out next year to see which fascinating places might be opened!



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



Morning Prayer in church 9:15,
Monday to Thursday.

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Friday at 8:30 Morning Prayer on Facebook Hatfield St Lawrence Church.**

Each Wednesday

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

Sunday 6th October Trinity 19

10:00 Café Church

18:30 Sung Eucharis

Sunday 13th October Trinity 20 Harvest thanksgiving

10:00 Sung Eucharist

18:30 A Reflective Service.. If you or a friend or family has lost a baby in pregnancy, birth or early years, you are very welcome to come and remember them, whether the loss was yesterday or 80 years ago, also, for those who grieve that they have not been able to conceive.

Sunday 20th October Trinity 21

10:00 Café Church

18:30 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 27th October Trinity 22

10:00 Sung Eucharist



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 there too.