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Loving God, watch over our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.

Guide and protect all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Give wisdom, patience, and joy to teachers as they serve their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



Who serves you coffee at church on Wednesdays or Sundays?

They are pleased to do it, it's an important part of welcoming you!

But whoever it is would quite like to sit and chat sometimes, so please offer take your turn, ask a church warden. It's quite painless;)



Headlines

"Vicarage plants reach for the sun!"

I'm sure by now most of the Church Family have heard me speak about my two immediate priorities for Hatfield;

- 1. Growth in Spiritual depth
- 2. Growth in numbers

In this letter I'd like to suggest three ways that might help each of us to grow in Spiritual Depth.

I'm not sure how good you are with plants, recently I've asked for help from a gardening member of the congregation to identify the various shrubs in the Vicarage Garden and how I might look after them! (By the way any offer of help with the Vicarage Garden would be most appreciated - tea and biscuits will be provided!)

Sometimes I've also noticed that the houseplants plants can (often) look a little worse for wear! After watering one of my plants, I placed it by the window to enjoy a bit of sunlight. A few hours later, the drooping leaves revitalized and the entire plant reached toward the sunlight streaming through the window. My plant longs for what is good for it, so it hungers for the light.

Observing my little plant's eagerness for the sun, I began to reflect upon the hope of keeping a vibrant, healthy faith in Christ. How do we nurture a lifelong desire for spiritual growth? How do we thrive in a world that is often darkened by sin and confusion and so often parched by lack of true refreshment from Jesus?

1. DELIGHT IN THE WORD

Psalm 1 uses the image of a tree planted by a stream of water to describe a person who delights in God's Word. The tree yields fruit in season and does not fear the drought because it's planted by a stream. If we want a well-watered faith, we need God's Word in our lives. Hearing the Word preached, studying it carefully, and meditating on it each day sustains our soul through life's various seasons.

Without the nourishing effects of God's Word, we quickly become dry, withered branches. In contrast, by abiding in Jesus through time in his Word, we bear much fruit.

2. OBEY GOD'S COMMANDS

Not only are we instructed to read and study God's Word, we are commanded to do what he says. In Matthew 7, Jesus tells the story of two builders. He told his listeners that everyone who hears his words and obeys them will be like a person who built his house upon a rock. When the storm winds beat upon the house, the house continues to stand.

In contrast, the foolish person hears Jesus's words and fails to do them. He is described as a man who builds his house upon the sand. Ultimately, his house will not withstand the storms of life. Obeying God is a vital part of walking by faith. As we live by his Word, we increasingly experience the reality that he means to bless us.

3. SEEK COMMUNITY IN HATFIELD CHURCH

Just as my plant needs both water and sunlight, we need both communion with God and community with one another. We've heard recently in church from the Apostle Paul who uses the imagery of a body to describe the unity among believers. We need one another to function properly. We all need the love, care, spiritual wisdom, correction, and encouragement that other believers provide within the church context. To attempt a life of faith apart from the church is like placing my plant in a dark room. It will quickly wither and die. We need the radiance of Christ that shines from other believers so we don't lose heart.

The Spirit makes us alive and works in our lives through the Word, obedience, and the fellowship of the body. Just like my plant that reaches for the sun, may we actively turn our hearts toward Christ, finding nourishment and strength as we abide in him.

If you feel stirred to respond then one way would be to join me for Morning Prayer, Monday - Thursday @ 9:15 in Church. This is a brief service lasting 15 minutes where we hear from God's word and pray together. We meet in the Lady Chapel and All are most welcome!

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.

Baptisms

Mollie Caddy

Weddings

Kirstie Louise Cockcroft and Tony Holt Michael James Baker and Natasha Marie Turner

Funerals

Marion Zerada Wilton
Patricia Margaret Tawse



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)

The wonder of God's world!

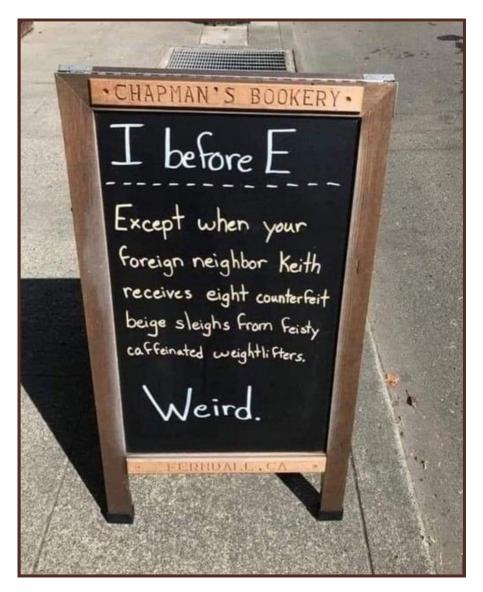


In 2015, archaeologists reported that they'd found 3,000-year-old honey while excavating tombs in Egypt, and it was perfectly edible. This durability is thanks to the unique features of honey: it is low in water and high in sugar, so bacteria cannot grow on it.

Test this out, will your gracious words last 3,000 Years?

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Proverbs chapter 16 verse 24



I before E except when your foreign neighbour Keith receives eight beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightwatchers.

Venite, Exultemus Domino

Singing has always been a serious interest of mine. As a youngster I sang solos at school and in church and, during the five years that I was a music student in Huddersfield (1963-8), I trained as a singer. In 1966 I passed ABRSM Grade 8 Singing and, two years later, I was awarded an LTCL (Licentiate of the Trinity College of Music, London) diploma in Solo Singing Teaching. Also, for as long as I can remember, choirs have been very important to me. Over the years, I've been associated with choirs as a chorister, choral director, composer and music editor. Choirs have also been an important part of my social life. Indeed, I met Margaret, my wife, in a choir. She sang alto, I was Musical Director. However, I can't recall the last time I actually sang in a choir. It was probably in a cathedral and it certainly wasn't this century.

I thoroughly enjoyed choral singing and I wish I had done a great deal more of it. Most of my involvement with choirs has been as choral director. I began quite early in this role. As a student I trained a small choir at what was then Christ Church Dunscroft and, during my teacher training year in Birminghan (1968-9), I directed a choir at St Stephen's Church in Smethwick. Since then, as well as directing choirs at Hatfield Church, I have trained numerous school choirs, some of which involved staff and their relatives as well as students, and choirs that sang in cathedrals and other prominent foundations when their resident choirs were on holiday. As conductor of these 'visiting' choirs, I directed the music in services in most of the Anglican cathedrals in England and at other places including Llandaff Cathedral, Beverley Minster, Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

That currently there is no regular choir at Hatfield Church is, to say the least, very disappointing. I aim to remedy this unfortunate situation by recruiting a new choir and, if all goes according to plan, to begin regular rehearsals in the very near future. Assuming that I am successful in attracting a sufficient number of singers, weekly choir practices will take place on Tuesday evenings. My musical expectations of the choir are necessarily modest: the new choir will probably sing in unison (i.e. everyone will sing the tune, rather than singing in harmony), though, in the course of time, if singing in parts is possible, we'll do it.

So what is a choir? This may seem a pointless question, but I think it is a one that is worthy of consideration. One dictionary, conveniently to hand,

defines a choir simplistically as 'a group of singers'. So, any group of singers is a choir! I don't think so! By this definition, a mob of drunken revellers, prodigious of vocal projection but raucous of tone, and a throng of exuberant football fans bawling tunelessly in a simultaneous multiplicity of keys, each qualifies as a choir. Another dictionary defines a choir as 'an organized group of singers'. Though limited, this is a more useful definition. That word 'organized' makes all the difference. An effective choir is a **disciplined body of singers** who are **dedicated** and **united** in purpose. Moreover, to be disciplined, dedicated and united these singers need to be **thoroughly rehearsed**, and not only musically.

A choir is a team, no less so than, for example, a football team or a drama group. And it's axiomatic that members of a team need to practise together. Few would dispute that a football team or a drama group needs to meet regularly to train and to rehearse. I cannot stress too strongly that one of the most important qualities in a choral singer is **commitment**. Accordingly, I would far rather have a reliable choir of a dozen singers of modest ability than a company of thirty accomplished singers who are undependable.

Important as it is that choral singers demonstrate commitment, it is essential that what is expected of them takes account of their other responsibilities and interests. So what would constitute a workable level of commitment? My considered view is that anyone wishing to be a member of the new Hatfield Church Choir should be willing and able to attend an absolute minimum of two-thirds of rehearsals and two-thirds of 'traditional' services. I'm sure that many choral directors and experienced choristers would contend that so modest an expectation is quite inadequate. However, I'm confident that, with this level of commitment, progress can be made. With anything less, however, I think a choir would be unviable.

By the end of September I hope to have in place a dependable and disciplined body of robed singers who will populate the choir stalls, participate in processions at the beginning and end of services and inspire and support the congregation through their singing. If you enjoy singing **and have the time to commit** to being a member of Hatfield Church Choir, please contact me or add your name to the list at the back of church.

The following is my proposed plan for September:

Tuesday September 10th, 6.30 pm

First practice of the newly formed Hatfield Church Choir.

Tuesday September 17th, 6.30 pm

A second practice, after which the choir should be fully conversant with processions, seating and its role in services.

Sunday September 22nd, 10 am: Sung Eucharist

First service featuring the newly formed choir, after which the choir will sing at all services of Sung Eucharist on Sunday mornings and evenings.

Tuesday September 24th, 6.30 pm

Joint choir practice and open *Come and Sing* session. All are welcome. Music sung will include parts of the Communion setting, *The Hatfield Service*.

Sunday September 29th, 10 am: Sung Eucharist

Joint Mission Area Service, Feast of Michael and All Angels, featuring the newly formed Hatfield Church Choir.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

And the significance of the title of this article? I have to admit that I know very little Latin. Such Latin as I have picked up over the years I have acquired mainly through the study and performance of sacred choral music and through my interest in English etymology. (Unaccountably, Latin didn't feature in the curriculum at Hatfield Secondary Modern when I was a pupil there.) However, most church musicians would recognize this as the title of Psalm 95, translated in the *Book of Common Prayer* and the *King James Bible* as 'O come, let us sing unto the Lord'. Can there be a more compelling invitation?!

Vernon Hoyle

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BID BITE

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew chapter 20 verses 1-15

A short story from the Bible

Jesus told a story to describe God's kingdom. A vineyard owner went to the marketplace at dawn to hire workers to pick his grapes.

I'll pay you the normal wage for a day's work.



(He went out again at 9 o'clock . . .



and again with just 1 hour to go before sunset.

At the end of the day..



Pay the last workers first.

They were given a whole day's wage.



and so were thase who had worked all day.

I'll pay you a fair wage



You paid them the same and we worked all day! I



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My friend, you agreed to work for a day's wage I want to give those who were hired last the same as you got.



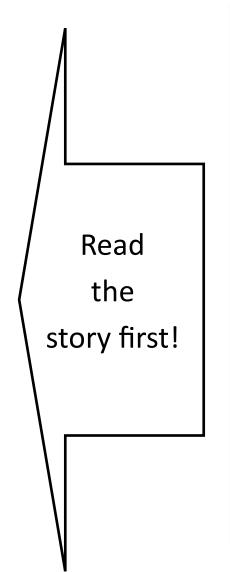
Can't I do what I want

Can't I do what I want with my own money? Or are you jealous because)
I'm good to others?



Jesus concluded...

So those who are now last will be first, and the first last.



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The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

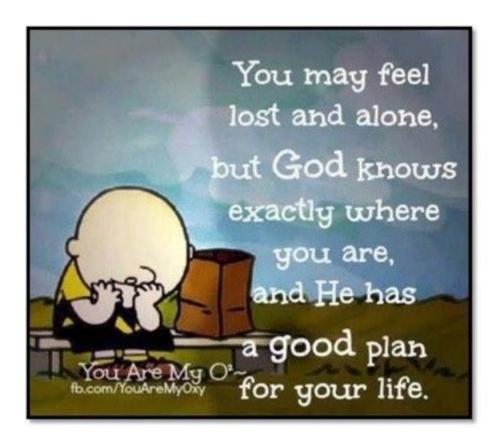
Two representatives from the Friend's committee were asked to take part in the new Vicar, Chris Bishop's and Gill Salter's installation service on 16th July to welcome them which we were honoured and pleased to do. It was a unique experience with lots of ceremony, all beautifully performed. The coffee and cakes afterwards were wonderful too and we wish Chris, his wife Joy and their children a very happy future in Hatfield and look forward to working with them.

Sarah Jane's Tea Rooms in Dunsville came up trumps again helping us to sell more of our lovely jewellery and over a three-week period they made sales of £77.50 for us and did all the hard work on our behalf, huge thanks to them yet again.

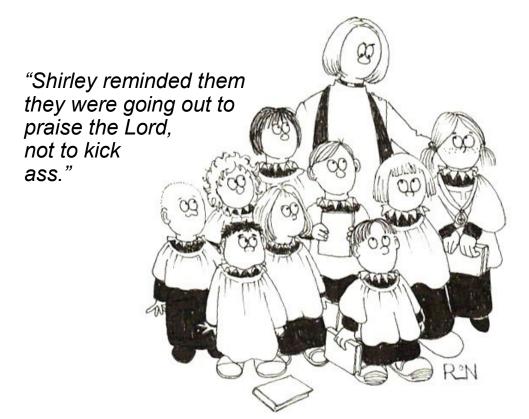
We were invited to sell our PLJ at the Friends of Quarry Park Community Coffee Morning last month in Hatfield Community Library so of course we gratefully accepted. It was a really busy event and we did well taking £61 in sales. We've had so many more donations we now have enough to send off another bag to the recyclers, thanks to all our supporters and customers.

We're in the process of hatching a plan for another Film, Pizza & Popcorn Night (or is that fight?) in The Barn over the next month or so, watch this space and we'll be at the Church Autumn Fayre on Sat 19th October 11am to 3pm selling our ever popular jewellery.

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.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah chapter 29 verse 11



The Editor would like to say that this cartoon was in Parish Pump for this month, and it is purely coincidental that Vernon is starting a new choir. Honestly!

Rachel's sponsored walk

Rachel is on a well-earned rest at present, but managed her fund-raising walk before she signed off. Only she and same did the walk, many of us cheered from miles away, and many of us sponsored her, THANK YOU!

outique Bella Gum

It was indeed quite a walk. Rachel explained the route was "Starting from the barn at 9am, then going down to the Coop/Crookesbroom School/crossing Sheep Dip Lane/ along Broadway to

Dunsville Primary. Then up Lings Lane to Hatfield Woodhouse/Sunnybank ice cream stop, then back down Cemetery Road to the barn. That's the plan anyway!"

They had an incident-free walk with encouragement en route, local MP Lee Pitcher

saw them and tooted! And they had the encouragement of many people praying and thinking of them. The ice-creams were a spur, and the crazy golf a bonus! The last few yards were filmed, thank you Rosh, hence the lack of clarity in the last photograph, but the smiles are worth it!



Many people had sponsored, and Rachel thanks you all, and for your thoughts and prayers. Prayers for not too hot a day were certainly answered!

Funds raised will go towards the St Lawrence Centenary Project in Hatfield, which employs Rachel to deliver activities and groups for the children, young people and families in our local area. The Centenary Project in Hatfield provides the following groups and activities:

- Little lions baby and toddler group
- Hatfield Heroes Youth Group
- Cafe Church
- Pre-loved Uniform Bank
- Holiday activities, including free crafts in church and Summer Club
- RE and collective worship support in local schools



If you would like to sponsor her belatedly you can do so by putting cash in an envelope and labelling it for Rachel and handing it in any time the church is open, or online at

https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/2024-sponsored-prayer-walk-round-hatfield

And a very heart-felt "Well done" to both Rachel and Sam.

The Centenary Project -which is a Sheffield Diocesan initiative- seeks to equip local churches to effectively engage, nurture and disciple a new generation of young people, children and families. The fund is called Centenary as it arose from Sheffield's 100th year as a Diocese in 2014. The diocese pays for the first year of employing a Centenary Project Worker like Rachel, then the next year the diocese pays 70% and the church 30%, then 30%:70%, and Rachel is now in her fourth year so St Lawrence has to find all her salary, much of which searching is done by Rachel herself. We are so very blessed to have her, as a CPW and as an individual!

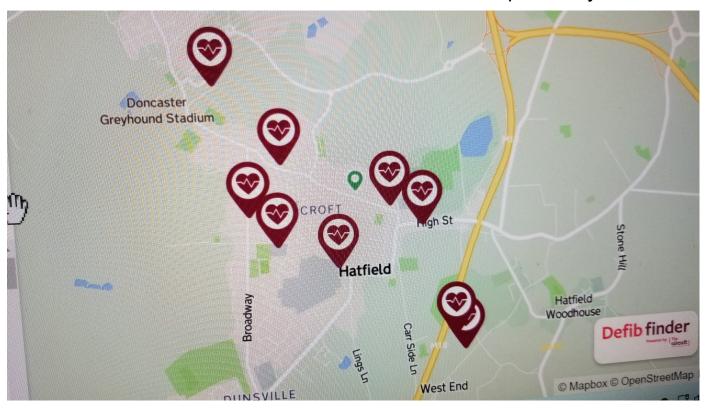
Defibrillator training

What a rewarding and satisfying, and *comforting* morning! Comforting because I feel empowered, less helpless, reassured.

Tim Beadle thank you from us all, for organising the Defibrillator training which Joanne, the community defibrillator coordinator delivered so effectively and calmly. By the end of the hour we were all experts, and knew we couldn't do anything wrong that could make the situation worse. These amazing machines really are fool-proof!

Where are they someone asked. There really is a website called defibfinder! https://www.defibfinder.uk/

In the triangle between the library, Asda and the Health Centre on Ash Hill Road there are seven defibrillators! Look them up now if you're not



too busy to potentially save someone's life...

I think all those present were surprised about how fool-proof the machines were to use. But... think about it... the person using it may not have good enough sight to read, may not read fluently, may not read English, so it is picture-based. There are clear vocal instructions, several of which don't proceed without action so the machine knows if you are following what it is telling you to do! It doesn't know that if there is a shock to be given you have taken your hands away, so remember that one, but it has warned you! And all the time an ambulance has put you to the top of it's list, category 1, and is speeding towards you. You will, of

course, have let them know exactly where you are, using 999 and What Three Words, see below.

Reassuringly every defibrillator has a guardian who will make sure it's topped up with new pads and batteries when needed. But it's up to the user to get it back in situ as soon as possible!

A surprising piece of information was that although ribs are occasionally broken in CPR no-one has ever been convicted for this. CPR instructions are "CPR with rescue breaths: Place the heel of your hand on the centre of the person's chest, then place the palm of your other hand on top and press down by 5 to 6cm (2 to 2.5 inches) at a steady rate of 100 to 120 compressions a minute. After every 30 chest compressions, give 2 rescue breaths." (Google).

When you think of the alternatives maybe broken ribs become less important for everyone.

Two emergency things to do with your phone!

The first is to have contact details of whoever you would like to be contacted in case of emergency, a relative, a friend, a good neighbour, with their permission of course. Put this into your phone under ICE, In Case of Emergency. Personally I have "ICE N, Nick, son" and "ICE P, Patrick, son". I've done it like that as the police might not have my name but could say "it's your mother..." It's the first place the police and medics look if you fall over badly or are in an accident.

The second is to have downloaded the What Three Words app. This will give a location to within three metres, a 10 foot square. The words are completely unrelated and will never change. They are probably like the phonetic alphabet that the emergency services use, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie etc where the words are unlikely to be mistaken for other similar words. It's not an address, I truly do not live at punt: objecting; woodstove!! But it is unfailingly an exact location finder.

But, and here comes the purpose of this, if I was in the middle of the moors in North Yorkshire and fell over and broke my leg, or was stung badly by a bee, or had a heart attack, or found someone with any medical urgent difficulties I could phone the emergency services and tell them EXACTLY where I was. So download What Three Words now!

Chrissy Grindle

Back by popular request..

St James the Least of All on why you should never replace your hymn books

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren



I am surprised you are considering buying a new set of hymn books for your church. I had assumed everything you sang would be projected on to one of those screens which are invariably placed to obscure the altar.

In my – fortunately limited – experience of such devices, they provide the projectionist with endless opportunities for showing the wrong hymn, or the right hymn but from another edition, which will contain either one verse too many or one too few. Should the hymn run to two pages, then the turnover always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started, so that the congregation is faced with the snap decision of either trying to sing two lines at double time, or just to join in late, making a nonsense of the words.

When we decided to change hymn books some years ago, the reverberations made the consequences of that little event in Sarajevo seem insignificant. The proposal was to move from *Hymns Ancient and More Ancient* to the more recent version: *Hymns Ancient and Slightly Less Ancient*.

Colonel Wainwright said he would be happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies those they sang at their weddings, and no one would consider anything that dropped 'thines' or 'wouldsts'. The basses in the choir wanted hymns they knew the tenors found difficult and those who couldn't read music wanted more hymns sung in unison. When a rumour started that the

books may contain hymns written in the last 50 years, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village.

Eventually we reached a perfect compromise: doing something which made no change whatsoever. Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky backed plastic and repairing the current books. She put a note on the front of every copy that if the page for the hymn they wanted was missing, they should share with the person sitting next to them – an experience which will be almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace. Yet another decision has thereby been deferred for a Church Council to make some time next century. Harmony reigns once again.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Editor: The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'... If you would like a copy of the published booklet of Uncle Eustace's letters, please email: enquiries@parishpump.co.uk

St Matthew, remembered on 21st September

St Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican a taxcollector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left and flowed Jesus. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as

either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles. (The earliest known depiction of eyeglasses in art is a 1352 fresco by Tommaso da Modena in the Chapter House of the Seminario in Treviso, Italy. So if you're going to Venice go and have a look!)

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

100 Club and Vera's chatter

First prize Jordan Hall

Second prize Angela Roberts

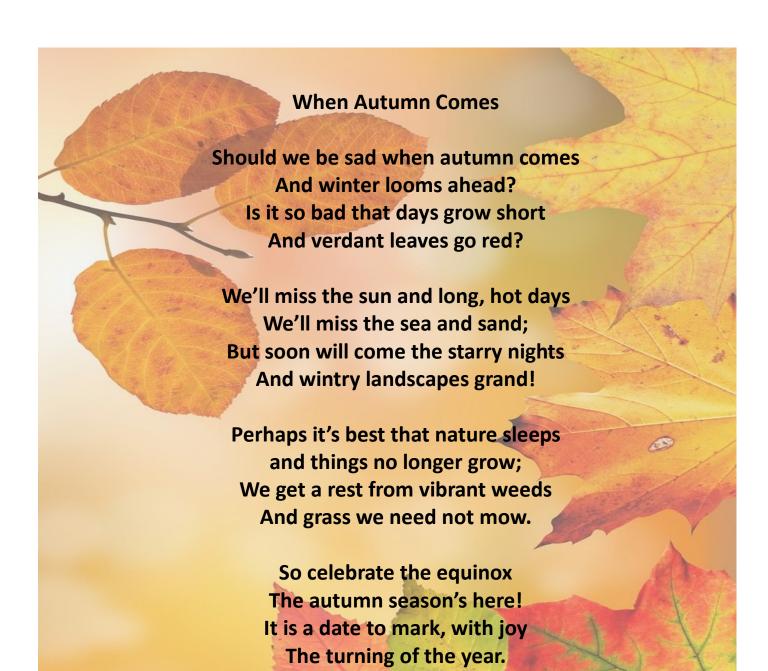
Third prize Pat Walker

Congratulations all of you, I hope you all enjoy a little treat. It is now time to pay for the next round of the 100 club, only £12.00 for 12 little flutters, the first prize £25.00, second prize £15.00, third prize £10.00. Terry Raper and I will be very happy to take your money.

Talking of money if you have noticed you have become a tax payer please think about gift aiding any donations you make to any charity you support. The government is still giving 25 pence in the pound to the charity on your behalf, if you are unsure please ask us. I enjoy giving my 25 pences to the charities close to my heart and they collectively make a big difference to our Church finances. Every cloud has a silver lining!

I find it hard to believe Summer Club and the Yard Sale have been and gone, we had such good fun at both events. Buttering bread and making sandwiches in industrial quantities with Anne Bennett reminded me of making cricket teas with my Aunty Hilda, she could spread butter so thinly! And Aunty Beryl sliced bread so well you could almost see through it, no sliced bread in those days, can you imagine that? The Yard Sale was something else entirely! Stephen Rivers could sell sand to the Arabs as the saying goes, he was amazing and much better at pricing than I was. The excess books were donated to the library, so nothing was wasted. The other stall holders mainly reported good sales and they look forward to the next one.

What is next? Well, a coffee morning in The Barn 14th September 10-12, if no-one else needs it it will be for Church funds. Then we have a table top / craft fayre booked in at Church 19th October 11-3. Booking will open online in September, and The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust have a coffee morning booked in the library 30th November at which we have been invited to do the cake stall. So friends, do not put your baking apron away! In my calendar it is almost Christmas cake making time, I make my cake during race week. This tradition started when we



Nigel Beeston (via Parish Pump)

(Vera's chatter continued)

moved to Doncaster, I did not drive and Stuart was on holiday race week so we went shopping to get the cake ingredients together, to save me carting them and toddlers to the shops. Isn't it funny how traditions start, have you any strange family traditions? Please share them.

Well back to the present. I wish you all joy and good health and look forward to hearing all about your holiday adventures as we come back together over the next few weeks.

Vera x100100



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 Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall

Each SATURDAY 10-12 coffee morning Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist church

3rd Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday) This is a friendly group, with a vast amount of gardening knowledge between them!

5th 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! Mick Brand "On the Home Front".

14th Saturday Coffee morning 10-12 in the Barn, for church funds unless quickly booked by someone else!

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

Apologies that September 2nd was advertised as a University of the Third Age (U3A) talk. This is a private event.

Miscellaneous observations on our Christian pilgrimage

Holy means set apart. Not like a set of cutlery, that comes out only on Sundays. More like a Swiss army knife – remove a splinter, cut a rope, open a bottle, anytime, anywhere. Whatever the boss needs. – *Milton Jones* [Yes the comedian!]

If we complained less, and praised more, we should be happier, and God would be more glorified. Let us daily praise God for common mercies. – Charles Spurgeon

The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning, but for the desperate. – J Denney

Whom God calls He qualifies. - Richard Sibbes

At least bear patiently, if you cannot bear joyfully. – Thomas a Kempis



Unsung heroes There are lots of those in this church, there were more on this occasion, and regularly, helping keep our church land clean and tidy and usable. It's good stewardship of the land we hold in trust over the centuries. And there haven't always been mechanical mowers!

Thank you all!



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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.

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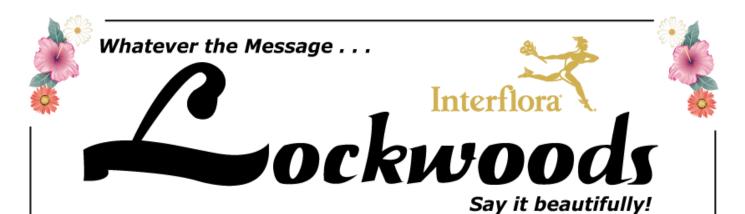
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Monday to Thursday 9:15 Morning Prayer in church, about 15-20 minutes, a serene way to start the day!

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

Sunday 1st September Trinity 14

10:00 Café Church

18:30 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 8th September Trinity 15

10:00 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 15th September Trinity 16

10:00 Café church

18:30 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 22nd September Trinity 17

10:00 Sung Eucharist

Sunday 29th September Trinity 18

This is the fifth Sunday in the month when we traditionally meet with other churches in our mission partnership. Watch church notice boards and social media for arrangements!

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