

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



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FEBRUARY

⇒ 125 years ago, on 27th February 1900 that the Labour Party was founded in the UK.

⇒ Also 125 years ago, on 27th February 1900, that the German football club FC Bayern Munich was founded.

⇒ 90 years ago, on 22nd February 1935 that US President Franklin D Roosevelt banned aircraft from flying over the White House – because the noise kept him awake at night. The ban remains in place today, but mainly now for security reasons.

⇒ Also 90 years ago, on 26th February 1935 that British radio engineer Robert Warson-Watt demonstrated a working radar system for the first time, in Daventry.

⇒ 80 years ago, during February 1945 that Anne Frank died. The young Dutch Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at the age of 15, probably from typhus.

⇒ Also 80 years ago, on 13th to 15th February 1945 that the bombing of Dresden took place. The Allies carried out four massive bombing raids, completely destroying the inner city, and killing about 25,000 people.

⇒ Also 80 years ago, on 21st February 1945 that Eric Liddell, Scottish athlete, died. An Olympic gold medallist in 1924 (400 m), he had withdrawn from the 100m heat because it was held on a Sunday and entered the 400 m instead. The story is featured in the film *Chariots of Fire*. (Liddell died in a WWII internment camp in China, aged 43.)

⇒ 75 years ago, on 8th February 1950 that the world's first payment by credit card took place. The founders of Diners Club (now Diners Club International) used it to pay their restaurant bill at Majero's Cabin Grill in New York City.

⇒ 70 years ago, from 24th February 1955 to March that Britain's Big Freeze took place. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off. The RAF dropped food and medical supplies to affected areas, while thousands of sheep died from exposure.

‘High Church’, ‘Low Church’? What’s it all about?

A few words on worship.

I’ve heard a number of parishioners using the above terms – I find these labels terribly lacking, and I ask that we leave off using them for good! There is a reason why you will not find these terms used at all these days by any official communication from the Church.

At best these terms are ‘narrow’ and at worse they can be ‘accusatory, inflammatory, divisive and offensive. Using these terms does absolutely nothing to further Christ’s Kingdom and His glorious Gospel of Grace!

These terms refer to past struggles of intolerance & prejudice (from over 100 years ago) with which people today are far less familiar. What was once considered ‘high Church’ over a century ago is a completely accepted and a normal part of Church life. For example, in the Church of England it was unthinkable to have lit candles on the Holy Table, a procession led by the cross, Palms on Palm Sunday, Ashes on Ash Wednesday, Vestments, Silk Coverings on the Holy Table! These things are now a fixed part of our common life together.

All worship in Church is the legal and spiritual responsibility of the incumbent, and at Hatfield, my aim is for us to provide a rich and diverse feast of worship which has the potential to provide plentiful refreshment for all.

We offer a wide range of regular services, each different in style, which casts our net wide and deep for the growth of our church. My dream is that there might be something for everyone. This is no easy task for me, and I need your support & encouragement, as well as open hearts and minds. Questions are always welcome.

Currently our worship together includes a diet of simple said morning prayer at 9:15 (Monday to Thursday) This service is straight from our

prayer book – no thrills, or processions, just the plain words of scripture to listen to and meditate on.

Our diet also includes a very relaxed & informal Café Church – at which there are games, discussion, scripture & modern music, along with a great deal of families & children!

Also on Sunday, we offer a weekly modern language service of Holy Communion.

Our celebration of Communion is dignified, full of reverence, seasonal & sung!

During this service our magnificent organ leads our worship in what is an awe-inspiring Cathedral- like space. We also provide a said service of Holy Communion on Wednesday, without singing for those who find that helpful.

We are also a new Parish! We take in the former Parish of Dunscroft, and the former parishioners of St Edwins – who had their particular style of worship, and out of love, generosity and grace, we will include from time to time elements from their rich heritage in our Worship. This will include the use of incense a handful of times each year.

What we really need to do my dear friends, is to open our hearts – we need to open them enough to broaden our parish identity for its growth & revival! My focus as the incumbent of this Church, is to provide many approaches to sharing the Gospel through our worship and drawing others to Christ. At their heart all our church services are evangelical. They are designed to draw others into the first steps of a relationship with Christ.

So are we high? Are we low? No, we aren't either. We are a generous parish which offers a broad range of worship. What I do know is that our Anglican tradition draws many to the Church in a way that many other Denominations simply can't. I trained for ordination alongside former, Baptists, Pentecostals, Methodists & Roman Catholics – all of whom found something rather unique and wonderful in Anglicanism.

I am a convinced evangelical, and I hope that my own personal emphasis on God's free gift of grace comes across in my preaching. My vocation as the called, trained and authorised leader of our church

is to represent and offer the best of the whole Anglican tradition.

The most successful and growing parishes in the Church of England draw on the riches of our heritage and share it in such a way that we are also sharing something life-giving of the life of Christ.

You may like the short-hand of “low” and “high” – it perhaps gives you an easy way to describe (or think you are describing) churches or even sadly people. Yet, the Church and her children are far more wholesome and beautiful than any label can convey.

The Worship wars are over. Scripture calls us to put up with each other, to value others above ourselves, and to look not to our own interests but to the interests of others.

Please leave these terms confined to the past, so that we can concentrate on being authentic, and a people who takes our worshiping life both seriously and joyfully.

We are being challenged, as a Church, not so much to live into a definition of who we think we are, but to do the deeper work of giving praise and worship that comes from the deepest place of our being as One Body. This isn’t “high” or “low” or in any other way definable. More of us need to rediscover the joy and wonder of the loving adoration of God in Christ.

The simplest thing I can offer about ‘high and low’ is this – look to our Prayer Book. Either the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, or it’s modern counterpart ‘Common Worship’.

Learn it, live with it, wrestle with it. It is neither high nor low – it provides the ground for rich exploration and we have barely begun to delve into its treasures!

Whatever our own personal preferences are –the answer lies in intentionality – the loving outpouring of our thanks and praise that takes its shape in excellence and intentionality of giving.

So long as we are always allowing the Spirit to move us to new places and seeking worship with integrity and an eye toward the One who comes among us when two or three are gathered, then ‘high’ or ‘low’ are pretty irrelevant.

Any church can make an idol of its worship. And the priests/lay leaders can and sadly do become the centre of a show, or entertainment, which is not worship.

We do not come to Church to be 'entertained'. We come to meet with & encounter the Living Lord! We come to adore & glorify Him. We come to receive His Holy Word, His forgiveness, His Grace & Healing. The sacraments Christ gave us, are pledges of His love & mercy. They are the way that Jesus gives his very self to all those who come by faith – I will take care and discipline to make sure that our Church is always focused, in every way possible, on the Living Word, Jesus Christ, our Saviour & Redeemer. To him be praise, glory and honour, forever & ever!

The Revd Chris Bishop

The Vicarage.



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.

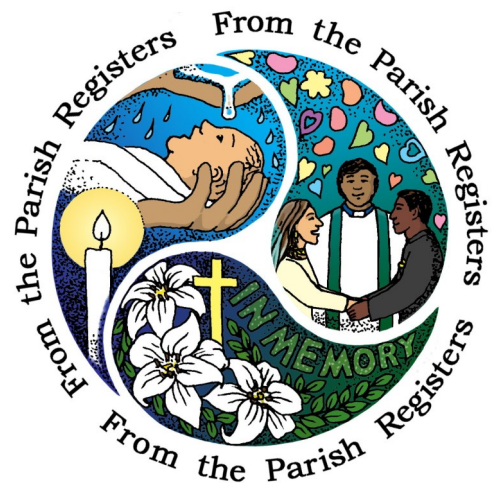
These are joyful and life changing events! Both require making serious promises before God and some preparation will take place before a date can be set.

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.

Funerals

Joyce Troop

Marjorie Ann Moss



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 Doctor and the Patient



JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS



BUT SOME WERE EXTRA SPECIAL. THESE WERE HIS 'DISCIPLES'.

JESUS ONCE ASKED A TAX-COLLECTOR CALLED 'MATTHEW' TO BE ONE OF HIS TEAM



YES!



MATTHEW AGREED TO FOLLOW JESUS

JESUS WENT TO HAVE A MEAL AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE

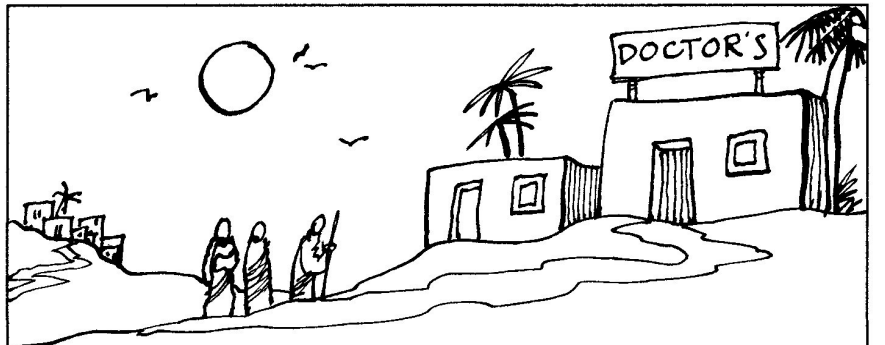


BUT MANY PEOPLE COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS. THEY THOUGHT MATTHEW WAS A BAD MAN - AND JESUS SHOULD IGNORE HIM.



JESUS' REPLY WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MATTHEW NEEDED HELP, NOT CRITICISM,



"IT'S NOT THE WELL THAT NEED A DOCTOR - BUT THE SICK!"
see Luke 5:27-32

Diary of a Youth, Children's and Families Worker

January is a month of fresh starts, new activities and making resolutions to change. But it is also one of the hardest months mentally with the dark nights, lack of Christmas cheer to keep us going, and cold mornings.

This is really reflected in my work at the moment. For some ministries it is exciting – changes are being made and fresh starts seen. This is the case for Café Church which has moved to the afternoon slot at 4pm on Sundays. This change has seen a lot more of our youth group start to attend and means that we can really bless our families by providing hot food for them at the end of the day. But for other ministries, things continue as normal, battling the cold of our draughty old building. This is the case for our little lions groups, where we try really hard to make it a welcoming space for toddlers each week despite how hard it is to heat the space! Mentally it is hard running youth group when its dark outside and we can't enjoy our amazing Barn Field, and the December exhaustion has kicked in from a very busy month.

My resolution this year is to be a Mary instead of a Martha, soaking in the presence of God so I can share it with the children and young people I meet, rather than rushing around to make sure every event and activity happens all the time. However, this definitely isn't my place of comfort (I like to be doing as many of you know)!! I wrote a list of

the events and things planned for the coming year, and it was probably a bit OTT! I have taken a few things out and ask for your prayers and help in making them happen. Here are the big ones I would love your prayers and help with:



Half termly family outreach events – free crafts in church at Feb/Easter/May holidays. Pray that new families come along so that we can build relationships with our local community.

Family Summer Club – dates TBC in July/August but this is always a highlight of our year, where we share the gospel with families across a full week. Lots of roles available and pray that the gospel would be presented clearly.

HOPE Weekend – a weekend in June of social action organised by our youth group. Please send in any ideas of what they can do locally and pray that it impacts their faith



Cuppa and Treats in the Churchyard – handing out free drinks at the start of school and on Halloween night to show our love to the community. Join the team and pray that we forge positive relationships in our community.

A great testament to the impact these events have is from our Hatfield Monopoly Family event held on the 2nd January. 19 teams signed up to take part, with many visiting church across the day for a hot drink, submitting photos of local streets as part of the challenge, talking to other teams and having a great day with their families. Some even came along to Café Church the Sunday after to collect prizes and stayed, others just popped in. But all of this many be the first or second step towards Jesus, breaking down barriers to faith and maybe making them intrigued by what it is we do here at St Lawrence. I have included some of the photos from the day, which was fantastic weather wise!



Rachel

Whether you've been married 50 years or 5 days, we'd love you to join us for a service to celebrate love and marriage on the Saturday nearest St Valentines Day, 15th. We'd love to welcome back couples who have been, or are planning to get married here for a service which celebrates love and marriage. There will be familiar and much-loved Wedding music on our spectacular organ, a short talk from our Vicar, and a chance to socialise afterwards with a glass of fizz!

Please bring a photo of your big day. This is a chance to celebrate, dress up and give thanks - bring along your nearest and dearest friends and relatives too! Our joyful wedding bells will ring before the service to remind you of your big day! We can't wait to welcome you!





Cut out and keep page

Weekly Groups held at Hatfield Woodhouse Chapel

Pilates

Held every Tuesday, 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Board Games Club (Over 16's) Held every Tuesday, 3.30pm -5.30pm
£1.00 per person, including refreshments

Craft and Natter Group

Held every Wednesday, 2.00pm – 4.00pm £1.00 per person, including refreshments

Sugar Craft Group

Held every Wednesday, 1.00pm - 3.00pm Speak to Maggy if you need details

DN7 Food Bank and Baby Basics

Donations welcome, including toiletries, baby items : please place in the Box provided

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

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

Every SECOND SATURDAY coffee afternoon 14:00-15:3– Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road

Advance notice!!

In the period between Christmas and Easter there are four Church of England Holy Days.

Sunday 5th January - Epiphany - HOLY DAY

Sunday 2nd February - Candlemas - HOLY DAY (after today Christmas is now officially over and the crib can be put away!)

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday - HOLY DAY (usual said Eucharist @ 10, with an additional evening Choral Communion @ 6:30pm, Lent begins)

Tuesday 25th March - The Annunciation - HOLY DAY (Choral Communion @ 6:30pm)

Sunday 30th March, we use the provision for Mothering Sunday - All Age Eucharist. This is a 5th Sunday, and so we welcome the congregation of St Nicholas Thorne to worship with us

If you would like a link to this magazine, and the weekly newsletter and readings to be emailed to you please forward your address to the Editor on maghatfieldchurch@gmail.com This will assume that you are happy for our secure system to store your data. You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the Parish Office, by telephoning 01302 350591 or by email: hello@hatfieldstlawrencechurch.com

Christmas Tree festival – Fun Quiz – Results.

Thanks to all those who took part in the fun quiz at our Christmas Free Festival.

We had 58 entries handed in, and 21 of those had correctly identified each depicted film against its appropriate tree.

The winner of the quiz (drawn at random from the 21 correct entries) was Steven McCoy, who won a tub of “Quality Street” chocolates.

Congratulations to all, I hope you enjoyed taking part, and hope it enhanced your experience looking at the trees.

Terry Raper



Thank you Terry and team so much for the festival, it was enjoyed by all who came to visit.



- Monday 3rd** Come and meet the new Methodist Pastor Liz Worsley at Woodhouse Methodist, 1:30, a short reflection on Life, The Universe and Everything. Very informal, come along taste and see.
- Tuesday 4th** Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday) A lively and very informative group, you don't have to have green fingers to attend!
- Thursday 6th** at 3 p.m. the launch of a Holy Communion service pm in the Lady Chapel, following the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
- Thursday 6th** Stainforth History Group 19:00 Stainforth Methodist Church (every first Thursday) Kevin Lennox, "The Channel Isles". 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!
- Saturday 8th** 10-12, coffee morning in the Barn, in aid of church funds. We'd love to see you, and if you bring home baking, a raffle prize AND spend money that would be even better, but we'd love to see just you anyway!
- Thursday 13th** at 3 p.m. a Holy Communion service pm in the Lady Chapel, following the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
- Saturday 15th** at 3 p.m. Valentine's service to celebrate marriage, see page 12 
- Monday 17th**, *Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist Church, Charity Monday Coffee Afternoons - in aid of Hatfield Church Centenary Project Rachel Ridler 2 - 3.30pm plus Raffle. Thank you Woodhouse Methodists!*
- Thursday 20th** at 3 p.m. a Holy Communion service pm in the Lady Chapel, following the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
- Tuesday 25th** The next Come and Sing session will take place in church at 6.30 p.m. All are welcome; no regular commitment is expected.
- Thursday 27th** at 3 p.m. a Holy Communion service pm in the Lady Chapel, following the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Yes EVERY Thursday!
- March 7th Friday** "World Day of Prayer" at St Mary's Stainforth at 14:00, the speaker will be the Rev'd Carol Rashid, we know she's well worth listening to!

100 Club and Vera's chatter

1st prize Jean Rowley

2nd prize Sandra Brooke

3rd prize Tim Sweed

Congratulations all of you, I hope Jean gets a treat to speed her recovery, for those of you who have missed her smile recently Jean hurt her knee during the Christmas Tree Festival and has been laid up ever since, sometimes the simplest things take the longest to mend! Our prayers are with you Jean. Sandra is a first-time winner so very well done and Tim you know what I think you should invest in !!

Am I the only person still finding bits of Christmas lurking in corners? Today I ironed my Robin pyjamas and Rudolph jumper before packing them away in my outdoor wardrobe, one of the joys of downsizing has been creative storage solutions, perhaps there is a book in that or even a TV programme. For the uninitiated ironing is a task necessary to those of us who do not wish to look as if we sleep in our clothes and have not managed to master the shake it and hang it up method beloved of young people. I really enjoy ironing because it clears my mind and satisfies my tidy gene and is also a quiet pastime so useful on sleepless nights.

Have you managed to get out into the garden yet ? I made a start on Saturday, I cleared a border, found my first snowdrops in flower, and enjoyed the company of a beautiful little robin; despite the cold it was such a happy time. I am planning to use my free time this year improving my gardening skills and filling my garden with colour so if you are splitting things please share with me, I have no colour scheme just a joyful explosion of delights.

Another thing I am looking forward to is the Valentine Service, an innovation Vicar Chris has come up with. We are not expecting ladies to wear "The frock" but you could, but please bring a photo of your big day and of course it does mean that the children who are cross they missed the big day (who has not been asked the difficult question "where was I?") can come and join in.

Easter is the 20th of April this year even though the shops have Easter eggs on sale already and I believe Glynis has already found something new for her window (Derek is sooo patient). I will put a sign up sheet in Church for lilies to decorate our beautiful Church, however if any of our congregation would love to decorate an area please do not be shy, we have masses of space and it really is the most joyful occasion of the year. After all Christmas was full of promise but EASTER IS THE DAY, He is risen, the promise is fulfilled and we are so lucky that we know it and can share it.

I am listening to the inauguration of Donald Trump as I write and he is late, the Queen would never have been late, I will write no more.

Looking forward to meeting you all at the next coffee morning in the Barn on the 8th of February and - early notice - our annual Christian Aid coffee morning will be held on the 10th of May.

Vera x



The editor does insist that the "vicar's letter" this month arrived in the magazine inbox before she had the chance to send a nudge email!! There is never a difficulty, thanks Chris.



A very VERY heartfelt thank you to all contributors.

The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

Hopefully, you've all had a good start to the new year. The Friends have already got plans for 2025....

We are planning another coach trip which will be on **Tuesday 13th May PROBABLY to Bradford, designated 2025 City of Culture, and Cliffe Castle Museum and Park near Keighley.** Bradford has lots of great things to experience; a beautiful Cathedral, the City Hall,



BRADFORD CITY HALL

the Old Wool Exchange housing Waterstones Book Shop with a wonderful coffee shop, the National Science and Media Museum which has just reopened after refurbishment (free entry), Kirk Gate Market and various shopping and eating opportunities. Cliffe Castle Museum (free

entry but donations welcome) houses some richly decorated, furnished rooms, lots of galleries eg Egyptology, natural history and fossils, industrial, period costumes plus paintings and an unusual Goddess clock amongst many others. Next door to the museum is the Pavilion Cafe and there are grounds with fountains to walk around on paved paths. Please note that **Bradford is a hilly city** outside of the centre and sadly there is **NO lift** in Cliffe Castle Museum. Pick-ups at Hatfield Church and Hatfield Woodhouse WMC. Ticket price tba but around £20. If you would like to put your name on a booking list, please contact Tina 07873 340307. We are in the process of finding out where our coach can drop us in Bradford city (as much of it has recently been pedestrianised) but we should be able to get somewhere close to the new Bus Interchange on Bridge Street.

It is with sadness that we have to report that a former committee member, Keith Groome, recently passed away. Our deepest condolences go to his wife and wider family members.

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

Book early to avoid disappointment, we’ve had super outings before with the Friends, thank you Tina. The editor has booked already, well there has to be a perk somewhere...



Angela Roberts would like to thank everyone
for their support following the death of her husband Ifor.
He was a generous supporter of the Friends of Hatfield Church
Building Trust, and will be much missed by them, and by the
Wednesday morning congregation.

2nd February Candlemas,

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2nd February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So, where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the Anglican church. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

Parish Pump

“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
 according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy
 people Israel.”
Luke 2:29-32



“Simeon and
Anna”
Jan van’t Hoff
b.1959

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“As a teenager I
realized I had
been given my
talents to use
for God’s
glory.”

Faithful vigil ended,
watching waiting cease;
Master, grant thy servant
his discharge in peace.

All the Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it,
perfectly fulfilled.

This thy great deliv'rance
sets thy people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.

Christ thy people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease.
Grant to us thy servants
our discharge in peace.

Timothy Dudley-Smith
157 in Complete Anglican, hymns old and new.



Are you sitting comfortably then I'll begin.....

An Electoral Roll!

Every church has an electoral roll and this year all churches must create a new one.

So what is the Electoral Roll?

It is our parish church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections, joining the Church Electoral Roll means

that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) .

You do not have to be on the electoral roll to become a 'member' of the Church, simply regarding St Lawrence Church as your spiritual home does that. Also, being on the Electoral Roll does not mean you are signing up to any additional commitments, however, it does help the Church to show its strength. In other words the more people we have on our roll, the greater the number of people that can be elected to serve on the PCC .

Are you thinking you would like to take a more active part in the decision making in the church? Joining the Electoral Roll is compulsory if you wish to

stand for election to the PCC or other wider church office (such as the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod)
attend the APCM (28th April 2025) and take part in the voting process

Who can be included on the Electoral Roll?

To be entitled to be included on the Electoral Roll, you must have
been baptised,
have had your sixteenth birthday on or before the date of the annual parochial church meeting, and

filled in a signed application form for enrolment.

You must also be **one** of the following:

a) a member of the Church of England, or of a Church in communion with the Church of England, and resident in the parish*;

or

b) member of the Church of England and, if you are not living in the parish, to have regularly attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment.

or

c) a member in good standing of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (not being a Church in communion with the Church of England) and also prepared to declare yourself to be a member of the Church of England having regularly attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment.



*To clarify St Lawrence is your parish church if you live in Duncroft, Dunsville, Hatfield. Hatfield Woodhouse or Lindholme.

If you have any further questions please talk to the Revd Chris Bishop, one of the Churchwardens or to myself

Glenys Mashford. Electoral Roll Officer.

Music Matters

Church Choir

I aim to have a choir in place by Easter. If a choir proves viable, rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. If you are interested in being a member and have time to commit to attending rehearsals and services, please add your name to the new list at the back of church.

Come and Sing

The next Come and Sing session will take place in church on Tuesday February 25th at 6.30 p.m. All are welcome; no regular commitment is expected.

Concluding Organ Voluntaries for February

Sunday February 2nd, Candlemas

La Mourisque & Branle Quatre: Tylman Susato (16th century), arr. Vernon Hoyle.

This is one of a set of eight transcriptions, entitled *Renaissance Dance Suite*, I have produced of pieces from Susato's *Danserye* (1551). It has been accepted for publication by Paraclete Press in the USA and awaits release.

Susato was a composer and music publisher active in Antwerp. He established the first important music press in the Low Countries.

Sunday February 9th, 4th before Lent

Tuba Tune in D major: C. S. Lang.

Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971) was a New Zealand-born British organist and composer. The Tuba Tune in D is his best-known composition.

The tuba is a loud, high-pressure reed most commonly found on organs that have four or more manuals. Hatfield Church organ has no tuba and all the pipework is on relatively low wind pressure, probably around three inches. When playing music requiring high-pressure reeds, I generally substitute the Great trumpet fortified with some of the louder flue stops.

Sunday February 16th, 3rd before Lent

Postlude on 'Hyfrydol': Vernon Hoyle.

This is the third item in *Six Improvisations Founded on Communion Hymn Tunes*, which I composed nearly five years ago. Along with two choral settings (an Easter anthem and a harvest carol), produced some considerable while ago for Hatfield Church Choir, these pieces were published in January by Paraclete Press.

‘Hyfrydol’ is the well known tune sung to the hymn ‘Alleluia’, sing to Jesus’.

Sunday February 23rd, 2nd before Lent

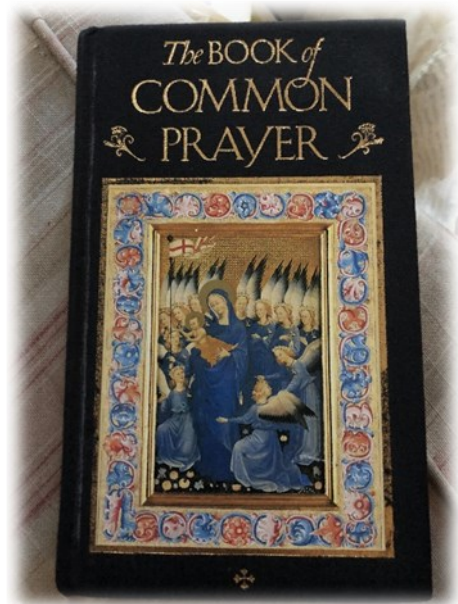
Concerto No.2 in G minor, 1st movement (Adagio–Allegro): Matthew Camidge (1774–1844).

Members of the Camidge family were organists at York Minter during a period of 103 years. Matthew held the post from 1803 until 1842, succeeding his father John (1735–1803); and Matthew’s son John held the post from 1842 until his death in 1859, though his son Thomas deputized for him from 1848 when John was incapacitated by paralysis.

Few British organs had pedals during Matthew Camidge’s time and when these existed they were of a rudimentary nature. Except for just two notes in the first movement, the whole of Camidge’s concerto is composed for manuals alone.

Vernon Hoyle





The Beauty and Significance of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Upcoming Holy Communion Service
each Thursday @ 3pm

This month, we are excited to announce the launch of a Holy Communion service on Thursdays at 3 pm in the Lady Chapel, following the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). This service promises to be a spiritually enriching experience, deeply rooted in tradition and reverence. This new service will be led by our curate, Chris Wroot as part of his ongoing development & training.

The Historical Significance of the BCP

The BCP is central to the life of the Church of England and has been since its first publication in 1549. Compiled by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, it brought liturgy into the English language, making it accessible to ordinary people for the first time, while preserving the church's continuity with ancient Christian traditions. The BCP offers us a tangible connection to the faith and prayers of those who have gone before us.

When Archbishop Cranmer introduced the BCP, his aim was to unify the church under a common liturgical practice. By translating the services into English, he made worship more inclusive, allowing the congregation to fully participate and understand the proceedings. This was a monumental shift from the Latin services that had dominated the church for centuries.

The Spiritual Depth of the BCP

The BCP is deeply rooted in Scripture. Its language is poetic, reverent, and carefully crafted to draw us into worship and deepen our awareness of God's presence. The service structure reflects the journey of faith: confession, forgiveness, hearing God's Word, sharing in the sacrament, and being sent out to live as Christ's body in the world.

Each element of the service is designed to guide worshippers through a sacred process. Confession allows for the cleansing of the soul, forgiveness brings peace, the reading of God's Word provides guidance, the sacrament of Holy Communion offers nourishment, and the dismissal sends us forth to embody Christ's teachings in our daily lives.

Unity Through Worship

The BCP reminds us that worship is not just about personal preference but about participating in something much larger than ourselves. Its prayers have been used for centuries, binding us together as one body of Christ across time and space. It also invites us to meet God in a way that is both familiar and awe-inspiring, offering a sense of order and reverence that lifts our hearts toward heaven.

This sense of unity is profound. When we recite the prayers of the BCP, we are joining countless others who have spoken the same words. This connection transcends geographical boundaries and historical eras, creating a timeless bond among believers.



The Living Legacy of the BCP

The BCP is not just a historic artifact; it is our prayer book. It is a living tool for encountering God in worship. Whether we are reciting ancient prayers, hearing the Scriptures, or receiving the sacraments, we are drawn closer to the divine mystery. Its use helps us to join in the unending worship of God that spans generations, reminding us that we are part of something eternal and holy.

The prayer book was used in our church at Hatfield for centuries and enables us to connect with those who have prayed in this sacred space before us. The continuity of worship practices across generations fosters a deep sense of belonging and spiritual heritage.

Conclusion

As we launch this new Holy Communion service at the Lady Chapel, we invite everyone to join us in experiencing the profound beauty and spiritual richness of the Book of Common Prayer. Let us come together in worship, united by the timeless prayers and liturgies that have shaped our faith for centuries. St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 14:40 says, “Let all things be done decently and in order.” The BCP provides a structured and sacred way to approach God. I hope you will join me in experiencing this meaningful service.

Join us every Thursday at 3 pm and be part of a tradition that continues to inspire and elevate our worship. Together, we will honour the legacy of the BCP and deepen our connection to the Lord!

The Revd Fr Chris Wroot

Curate

“A loving heart is a hospice to the world.”

from POUSTINIA by Catherine de Heuck Doherty 2001

This is your gentle reminder that one time in the Bible Elijah was like "God, I'm so mad! I want to die!" so God said "Here's some food. Why don't you have a nap?" So Elijah slept, ate, & decided things weren't so bad. Never underestimate the spiritual power of a nap & a snack.

*Thanks to Joseph Reid
via Facebook*

8th February Kew and the wild boar

St Kew has nothing to do with gardens or the 'Q' of James Bond fame. This Kew was a girl who lived in Cornwall in the 5th century, and who should be the patron saint of girls with difficult older brothers.

Kew's older brother was a hermit who felt his younger sister was not worthy to even visit his cell. But big brothers often underestimate their younger sisters, and he was no exception. One day Big Brother saw a wild boar charge out of the woods towards his sister. Kew spoke to it kindly in tones of such purity and sweetness that it immediately slowed down to a peaceful walk.

Big Brother was so shaken by this that he repented of his superior attitude. When he then bothered to spend time talking with young Kew, Big Brother discovered her nature to be of "rare virtue and holiness". Other people thought so too, and after her death they decided Kew had been a saint, and so should have the parish church named after her.

Perhaps the moral of all this is that if you want to win over a difficult older brother, you should first practise on wild boars.

Editor: John Hewlett please take note





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



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Each Monday to Thursday Morning Prayer at 9:15 in church

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11.00 – 12.00 join us for coffee, chat, light a candle, quiet prayer.....
sometimes there is cake, but *a/ways* biscuits

Each Thursday 15:00 Holy Communion Service Book of Common
Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 2nd February - Candlemas - HOLY DAY (after today
Christmas is now officially over and the crib can be put away!)

10:00 Choral Communion

16:00 Café Church

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