

***ST LAWRENCE CHURCH HATFIELD, INCLUDING DUNSCROFT,
DUNSVILLE, HATFIELD WOODHOUSE AND LINDHOLME***

St Lawrence Hatfield

ASH WEDNESDAY

**Choral Communion
with the imposition of ashes**

@ 6:30pm

Wednesday 5th March

***Said Eucharist @ 10am**

MARCH 2025 50P

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Holy Week is coming up! 13th - 20th April.

The final days of the life & ministry of Jesus are made present for us. Entering into the mysteries of Holy Week can be a life changing experience. Please get these crucial dates into your diaries so that you can organise your life around these sacred days, which are not 'optional extras' but essential for every follower of Jesus.

Holy Week @ **ST LAWRENCE** †

Palm Sunday - Gather at the Barn Field @ 10am

Holy Tuesday - 11am Eucharist in the Vicarage Garden, refreshments & “drop in - Stations of the Cross display” in the gardens until 2:30pm

Maundy Thursday - The Lords Supper, washing of feet, stripping of the sanctuary & ‘the watch’ @ 6:30pm

Good Friday - The Passion & Cross @ 3pm

Easter Eve - Blessing of the Easter Fire @ 8pm

Easter Day - Festival Eucharist @ 10am



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday - the 5th March. We will hold our usual 10am Wednesday Eucharist, and also an atmospheric Sung Service of Holy Communion at 6:30 pm.

Lent is the 40 day period leading up to Easter during which the Church prepares herself anew to walk with Jesus through his betrayal, execution & resurrection.

Our emphasis during Lent is on self-examination, fasting & spiritual discipline. As part of our Lenten Journey, we meet each Tuesday evening in Church between 7 & 9pm for our Lent Course. This year we are using 'The Bible Course' and I hope this will be a refresher for us all. We will learn, sing, and discuss together, with a break for refreshments half way through each session.

We are called to enter into the wilderness experience of Jesus, and this will be reflected in our liturgical space – flowers are absent from the building, vestments and hangings are purple – the colour of reflection, and you will notice that the Gloria is not used during this season.

Ash Wednesday is a Holy Day in the Church of England. Each Ash Wednesday, we have an opportunity to have a new beginning with God, planting our feet in the footsteps of Christ across the desert.

Lent is great time to practise the sacrament of reconciliation. This sacrament, properly understood in our Anglican tradition is best thought of as an open conversation with God, with a priest alongside (usually over a cup of tea in the Vicarage Study and certainly not through some grille!)

Anglican priests are ordained to be spiritual listeners, to confidently bring across Christ's message of forgiveness and reassurance to those who wish to unburden themselves. Please email, phone or text me to arrange a time to come over the Vicarage if you feel burdened and in need of this healing sacrament.

Lent is generally a time of restraint in all things! Subdued music, the omission of the Gloria, and of 'Alleluia' & the absence of flowers. Ash-ing on Ash Wednesday is about ritually expressing our inward penitence & sorrow. Fasting is prescribed by the Church of England on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. Fasting is a part of nearly all faith traditions. It can sharpen our spiritual awareness by reigning in bodily appetites. Fasting is commended by Jesus himself both by example (his fast in the wilderness) and in His teaching (see Mark 2.20) Fasting has perhaps more significance now in our own generation, when it is vogue to give free reign to every single personal desire, whim & want.

The prayers of penitence during the Holy Eucharist assume a special significance during Lent. The prayers of penitence which include during Lent the Ten Commandments; offer us an opportunity to meaningfully and authentically make our peace with God. We pause and petition our gracious God. We come in sorrow for all the ways we manage to mess things up, yet in the hope and awareness of God's amazing mercy! Music plays its part and we sing together 'Lord have mercy'... music unlocks our emotions & melts our stony hearts.

Anglicans, as well as Lutherans, Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox Christians, Presbyterians and Methodists, retain Lent in continuity with the worldwide and historic Christian Church.

Lent gives Christians a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal. Our Anglican observance of Lent I pray would enable us to come face to face with whatever sin may be hindering our walking in the Spirit, that is, walking in newness of life.

But most profoundly, we not merely as individuals, but as a Church in Hatfield come face to face with the Gospel of Jesus which forgives and removes our sin and gives us the strength to live anew.

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.

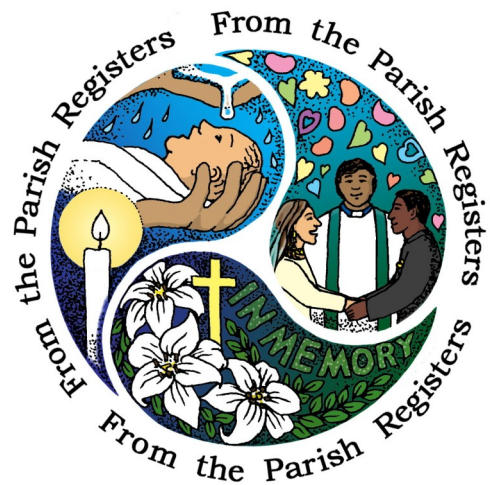
Another option for Parents is a 'Thanksgiving Service' rather than a Baptism. This is a great way to celebrate the gift of a child with family and friends for those who aren't quite sure about God, but would still like to thank Him for the gift of a new life! Thanksgiving Services can be booked directly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

Thanksgiving

Chester Wayne Leggott

Funerals

Thomas Raymond Barton
Morris Hart
Brian Adams



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 **Doncaster Wheatsheaf Singers**



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**7pm Saturday 29
March 2025**

Tickets £7

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the door

St Lawrence Church, Hatfield, DN7 6HN

At services we may offer thanks for the life of a particular saint. On Wednesday March 26th we will remember Harriet Monsell. Parish Pump suggest she is remembered particularly for her compassion and humour.

26th March: Harriet Monsell – compassion and humour

The daughters of baronets don't usually choose to work with prostitutes and orphans, but Harriet Monsell was no ordinary woman.

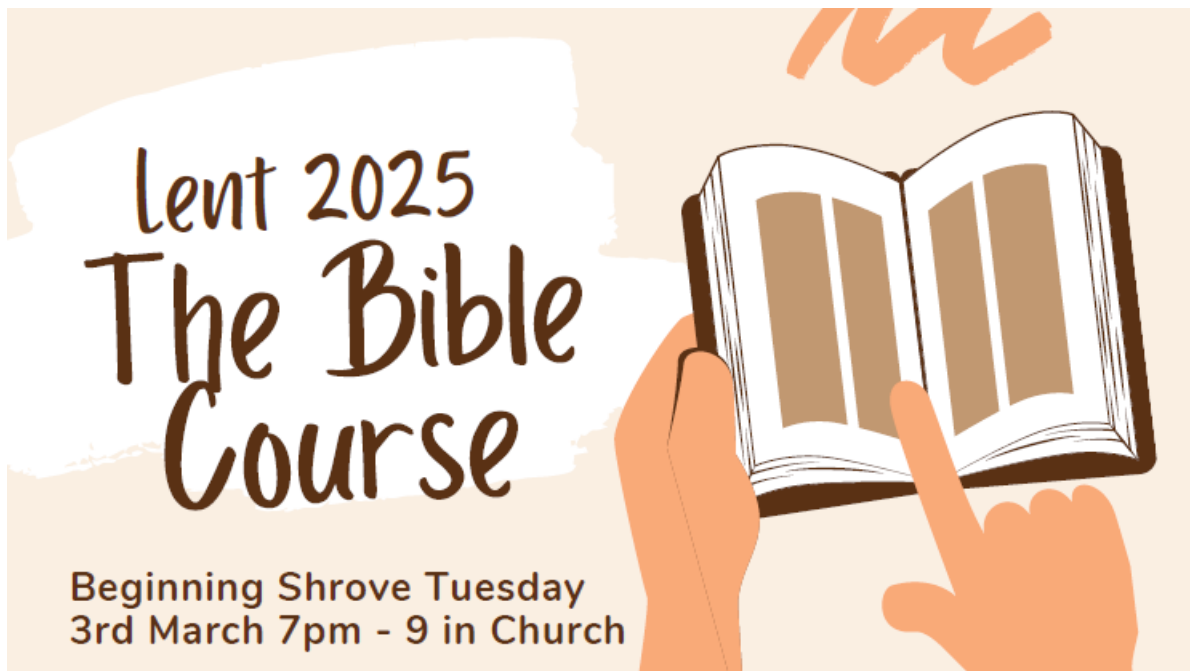
She was born in 1811 into one of Ireland's oldest families. Her father, Sir Edward O'Brien, was 4th Baronet of Dromoland, and represented his county Clare in Parliament. Harriet married Charles Monsell, an Anglican clergyman connected with the Oxford Movement, and they moved to Derry, where his father was Archdeacon. But Charles developed tuberculosis, and soon he and Harriet were sent to the milder climate of Naples.

When Charles died in 1850, Harriet moved to England and continued her connection with the Oxford Movement. She also began working among former prostitutes and unwed mothers. Soon Harriet, along with two other women, decided to profess religious vows, and dedicate their lives to caring for the poor and needy. Inspired by John the Baptist's call to penitence, in 1852 they took the name of the Community of St John Baptist, of which Harriet became the Mother Superior.

They were one of the first Anglican religious orders since the Reformation, and because much of their work was in the Berkshire town of Clewer, they were often called the 'Clewer Sisters'.

Within five years their work had gone from caring for about 30 marginalised women to dedicating a building that would house about 80 such women. Mother Harriet guided the work with endless energy and extensive correspondence. The work grew to include 40 institutions, ranging from mission houses to orphanages, schools and hospitals.

Mother Harriet was much loved for her "strength of character, firmness of faith, an infectious sense of humour, a gift for listening, and a magnetism which none could resist," according to one admirer. She had to retire in 1875 for health reasons, but maintained an interest in the work until her death on Easter Sunday in March 1883.



What is *The Bible Course*?

Big, complex, old ... just some of the words people use to describe the Bible. Sound familiar? That's where *The Bible Course* comes in.

Our Lent course for 2025 will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. The course provides a bird's-eye view of the world's bestselling book!

Over eight sessions, it combines video teaching, group discussion & personal reflection. There will be singing & refreshments too!

I'm going, it's going to be good....why don't you come too!



**Want to be a neighbour? Invite
someone to something!**
**You could try the course above, or on
Saturday 8th Coffee Morning in the
Barn, 10-12, in aid of
DN7 Food Bank, or Wednesdays at
11 are always relaxed...**

Music Matters

Church Choir

In the very near future I shall need to decide on the viability of a church choir. If you wish to be a member and have the time to commit to attending a minimum of two out of three of all rehearsals and sung services, please add your name to the new list at the back of church. Please note that this list replaces the previous one. If your name was on the old list and you still wish to be a member of the choir, you should now add your name to the new one.

Concluding Organ Voluntaries for March

Sunday March 2nd, Sunday Next Before Lent

Pavane: La Bataille: Tylman Susato (16th cent.), arr. Vernon Hoyle.
This is the first in a set of eight transcriptions, entitled Renaissance Dance Suite, I have produced of pieces from Susato's Danserye (1551).

Wednesday March 5th, Ash Wednesday

Passacaglia in D minor: Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707).
From 1668 the Danish composer and organist Buxtehude was organist at Lübeck in Germany. He represents the climax of the 17th century North German School of organists and composers and was a significant influence on J. S. Bach (1685–1750). The passacaglia is a continuous set of variations above a repeated bass theme.

Sunday March 9th, First Sunday in Lent

Fugue in D minor: Gustav Merkel (1827–85).
Much of Merkel's output is for organ, though he also wrote songs, choral music and music for piano. This fugue is one of Merkel's more solemn pieces and is characterised by a descending chromatic subject (the short theme announced at the beginning and recurring throughout the music).

Sunday March 16th, Second Sunday of Lent

Elegy in B flat: George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987).

The Australian-born organist and composer George Thalben-Ball was organist at the Temple Church in London and Birmingham City Organist. He was also a music advisor for the BBC. This Elegy is dedicated to 'W. D.', Walford Davies, whose Solemn Melody is stylistically very similar.

Sunday March 23rd, Third Sunday of Lent

Chaconne in E minor: Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

Like the passacaglia, the chaconne is a continuous set of variations above a repeated bass theme. While, properly, technical differences between the two can be identified, the terms 'passacaglia' and 'chaconne' have become interchangeable.

Tuesday March 25th, The Annunciation

Song Without Words: Vernon Hoyle (b. 1948).

This piece is published in the USA by Paraclete Press and is dedicated to the memory of John Hubert Piper (1928–2006). Hubert taught me at Hatfield Travis School in the 1950s and was my first piano and organ teacher. He was also Organist and Choirmaster at Hatfield Church during my time as a chorister. Hubert was a fine musician and his playing inspired me to take up the organ.

Sunday March 30th, Mothering Sunday

Adagio: attrib. Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni (1671–1751), arr. Rollin Smith.

Though attributed to the Venetian composer Albinoni, this popular piece is a reconstruction for organ and strings by the Italian musicologist Remo Giazotto. It is based upon a fragment from a sonata said to have been discovered in the ruins of an old Dresden library that was destroyed by bombing in World War II. There is probably more of Giazotto in the piece than there is of Albinoni.

Vernon Hoyle

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(A WOMEN-LED, GLOBAL ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)

“I made you wonderful”

Palm 139, verse 14

March 7th Friday 14:00 “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!

The theme this year is from the Cook Islands, and is taken from Psalm 139 verse 14, this is from the New International Version.

“I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

WWDP say on their website “Our sisters from the Cook Islands have spent the last few years deepening into the theme: “I Made You Wonderful,” based on Psalm 139:1-18. The 2025 program invites us into the knowledge that each one of us was made with care and love by God. When we can receive this profound truth, everything in our life changes and we begin to radiate and shine from within. We also learn how to treat every other person as made wonderful by God.



“Our first guiding principle in the World Day of Prayer articulates that our starting point is Christian women. This has been an essential conviction of our movement over the last century. Too often, women and girls have been silenced and oppressed, making this upcoming theme from WDP Cook Islands particularly relevant. The message that we, as women and girls, are “fearfully and wonderfully” made in the image of God reinforces our movement’s support of women in expressing their faith and speaking about their lives in prayer and worship before God and in community. “

Let’s join our shared community in St Mary’s Stainforth and join with the Cook Islands, more than 9,000 miles away.



The logo of the WDP shows arrows converging from the four corners of the earth, people kneeling in prayer, a Celtic cross, and a circle representing the world, and the unity of prayer.



On the first Friday in March the Day of Prayer begins on the international dateline, in Samoa. Early in the morning, Christian women begin praying for our world. As the earth rotates, a great wave of prayer begins to build. It sweeps across the Pacific, touching Fiji and New Zealand, rolling on through Asia: Japan, the Philippines, Korea, and Bangladesh. The countries of Africa, and the Middle East are next. The wave reaches the shores of Europe as the day dawns there. Across the Atlantic, it moves onwards, the Caribbean, the Americas, and on to the Pacific again until the sun finally sets over American Samoa where the final service takes place. A worldwide circle of prayer is complete.

Cook Islands 2025 - I made you wonderful

The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

The booking list for our **Coach Trip to Bradford and Cliffe Castle Museum on Tuesday 13th May** is filling up quickly. We already have 50 names but we have a 53 seater coach so please let us know asap if you would like to come. The ticket price is now confirmed at £19 which includes complementary raffle tickets and tip for the driver. Pick up will be slightly different this time at the **bus stop outside The Bay Horse, Hatfield 09.20**, then HW WMC. Telephone 07873 340307 to book. Please note NO lift at Cliffe Castle Museum but plenty to see on the ground floor I'm told.

We have just sent off yet another 10 kg bag of broken jewellery, watches, used stamps and gadgets to **Recycling for Good Causes**. Payment will follow in due course so fingers crossed for a healthy amount.

Another payment of **£38.82 has just been received from easyfund-raising.org.uk**. Great job done by all those armchair shopper supporters, thank you.

We have been invited by **Hatfield Scouts** to have our Pre-Loved Jewellery stall at their **Coffee Morning in Hatfield Community Library on Saturday 29th March between 10am and 12 pm** so please come and support us. We've recently received more lovely jewellery donations..

.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

THE PARTS OF SPEECH POEM

Every name is called a **noun**,
As field and fountain, street and town.

In place of noun the **pronoun** stands,
As he and she can clap their hands.

The **adjective** describes a thing,
As magic wand or bridal ring.

The **verb** means action, something done,
As read and write and jump and run.

How things are done the **adverbs** tell,
As quickly, slowly, badly, well.

The **preposition** shows relation,
As in the street or at the station.

Conjunctions join, in many ways,
Sentences, words, or phrase and phrase.

The **interjection** cries out, "Hark!
I need an exclamation mark!"



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Thank you Sheila Lange via Facebook, we miss you!

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the Law of Moses wanted
to test Jesus' knowledge of the laws in
the Bible, so he asked Jesus a question.

Teacher, so what
must I do to get
eternal life?



What does it say in the Bible?



Love God with all your
heart, soul, strength and mind, and
Love your neighbour as yourself.

You've got it right.



But who counts
as a 'neighbour'?

So Jesus told a story -

A man was walking from
Jerusalem to Jericho



That's a dangerous road!

He was attacked by robbers
who left him for dead.



Oh no!

A priest was walking
the same way, and
after him a lawyer.



Oh, they are good
people, they'll help.

They saw the hurt man
but they walked past



I bet it's an ordinary
person who helps!

Then a man from Samaria
came that way...



Oh no! We hate them and
they hate us Jews! That
hurt man is done for!

He felt sorry for the hurt
man, and cleaned and
bandaged his cuts.



What? No!

He put him on his donkey,
took him to an inn, and
paid for him to stay.



So who was a real neighbour
to the hurt man?



The... the Sss...
the one who helped him.

So go and do
the same.



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for ideas!!

Editor: Dag Hammarskjöld (1905 – 1961) gave the impression of being an agnostic humanist while he was serving as Secretary-General of the United Nations. So, it was a surprise when after his death in a plane crash, his private papers contained some notes entitled “negotiations with myself – and with God”. His prayers have a naked honesty which is deeply moving. This one is from 1961, written the year of his untimely death.

Negotiations with myself – and God

Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon our efforts,
That we before Thee, in love and in faith,
Righteousness and humility,
May follow Thee,
With self-denial, steadfastness and courage,
And meet Thee in the silence.

Give us a pure heart that we may see Thee,
A humble heart that we may hear Thee,
A heart of love that we may serve Thee,
A heart of faith that we may love Thee,

Thou whom I do not know
But whose I am.

Thou whom I do not comprehend
But who hast dedicated me
To my fate.
Thou –

By Dag Hammarskjöld

100 Club and Vera's chatter

1st prize Viv Stubbs

2nd prize James Scott

3rd prize Gordon Harper

Just to prove their names have not fallen out the bottom of the bag here they are at last, enjoy your winnings.

I am writing this in the afterglow of the Valentine service, if you came I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did and if you didn't put it in your diary for next year as it is likely to become an annual event. I loved looking at other people's wedding photographs and sharing happy memories of the "big day". The comparison between Anne Render's gown and Helen Green's made us giggle as Anne explained to Vicar Chris that ladies of our generation did not show an ounce of flesh going to Church, even our sleeves were long, how fashions change. One thing that does not change is how beautiful our church is when she puts on her wedding finery. Jean did an amazing job with the pew ends, previously seen decorating Santas grotto, (I could not possibly throw out all that lovely material left behind after a long ago wedding) and the flowers were so beautiful they add so much to the building, we are so blessed that Jean loves our Church so much.

I am looking forward eagerly to this year's weddings, it is one of the privileges of being a Church Warden that we get to attend these happy events. At the last moment I asked Rosh to play some of the favourite wedding songs from recent weddings, actually I asked my daughter-in-law if I could borrow a CD of her first dance music Snow Patrol something, always makes me teary, to be told "no-one has CDs now, go on spotify," well who knew that. Rosh miraculously made music play whilst we were eating the buffet and there was some bopping in the aisle which reminded me of the fun we used to have when we had parish parties in the Victoria Hall and Hatfield Woodhouse Hall are we too old to do another? Answers please.

Things to look forward to are regular second Saturday coffee mornings

in the barn, the next is in aid of our food bank, probably the only thing that I am involved with that I wish was less well attended. Thanks to your generosity we keep helping in a small way those who have hit hard times, every can or packet makes a difference in someone's life. Thank you.

On the 29th of March we will be entertained by the Doncaster Wheatsheaf Singers and Rawcliffe Harmonics at 7pm in Church, cost £7, an evening worth turning out for.

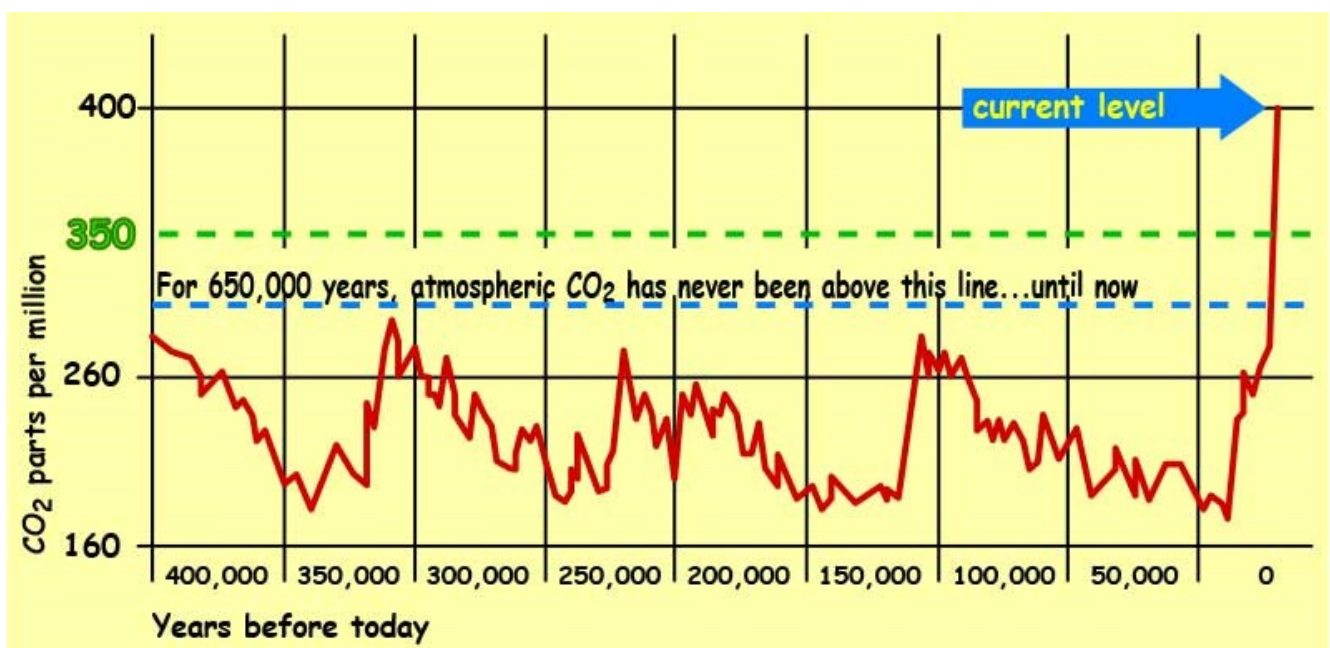
Lots more to look forward to as the weather improves, nights get lighter, and we emerge from our winter woollies and meet more often

See you soon

Vera X

What do you do if your coffee is too strong?

I for one can't drink it, sugar will help a bit but I'd end up twitchy, so I simply can't drink coffee that is too strong. Ordinary coffee is about 426 parts of coffee for every million parts of water. Well that's interesting because the magic 426 is also parts of carbon dioxide for every million parts of air. And it's increasing, see below. I'm being a bit flippant to make the point, but unless we do something we'll all end up twitchy.. So reduce, refuse, recycle, reuse, that's just for starters. Editor





Saturday 25th January 2025
In Hatfield Churchyard

On a bright sunny morning, fanned by a 'fresh' breeze ...in our dreams!! it was freezing , Dianne and I did our 3rd Birdwatch in the churchyard. For the past two years, it has been a disappointing experience; this year, don't get me wrong, the birds weren't exactly queuing up to get ticked off, however, it was much more encouraging.

We came away feeling that the north side is perhaps now becoming more welcoming to our feathered friends, as blackbirds are foraging among the leaves and the bluetits and sparrows are attracted to the bird feeders. Last Sunday, I counted 5 blackbirds as I went to top up the birdfeeders, but, of course, this week, when we would have appreciated them turning out in force, they just sent a sole representative.

Dianne, a true professional with her binoculars, spotted two very black birds on the church tower and this was where our latest foray into the realms of technology came into its own. I had downloaded.... in truth my grand daughter had done it for me.... a Merlin ID app, which could identify birds by their song. In two minutes, we had pictures on the screen of a robin, bluetit, jackdaw, goldfinch and great tit. The last two we didn't actually see in the churchyard, so we couldn't record them.

But how amazing is that!!

As we walked towards the front of church, the jackdaws began circling the church tower, obviously spooked by something. Dianne spotted a pied wagtail busily hopping around the stonework; perhaps the sunshine had awoken the insects nesting in the nooks and crevices.

It was also good to see a little blue tit sampling the peanuts in the feeder at the front of church.

Unfortunately if the truth be known, your not so intrepid reporters didn't last the full hour. Dianne managed to get her extremities warmed with a hot drink and a delicious cake at the Lions' coffee morning held in our

brilliant community library whilst I went to another library at Travis school where my daughter and Mr Heyes were busy cataloguing thousands of books. I did get a biscuit and coffee for helping though!

Back to the Birdwatch, it's really good to have something to report on. Thanks be to God for his amazing creation; however we must never forget our responsibility, God gave us the task of being stewards of his incredible world.

Dianne and Glenys M.



pied wagtail



jackdaw

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"



Do you remember...? When the pool re-opens, owing to social distancing rules, there will be no water in lanes 1, 3, and 5.

Technology eh! Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough, it'll do."

People have always named their children after expensive things, eg Mercedes, Dior, Chardonnay etc. Next year, watch out for Electric, Gas and Diesel.

I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

The Rectory, St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren

I cannot be wholly sympathetic because your church car park is now inadequate, only having space for 100 cars. Your solution of advising members of the congregation to park in the adjoining supermarket car park may not have been wise. The maximum time people can stop there is 90 minutes, and as your services often reach that length, returning to find their cars clamped may not make you universally popular – although it may give your congregation the opportunity of practising Christian forgiveness.

Since the medieval architect who built St James the Least of All was not overly concerned with car parking, the only space we have is along the road by the church. Inevitably, it gets blocked, which causes us all immense satisfaction when those not attending church but intending to have a morning shopping, find themselves unable to get out of the village until Matins is over.

I did once encourage people to walk to church across the fields, but after we had nearly lost the present Earl in that swampy bit near the brook, I decided the idea was best dropped.

For most, the inconvenience of parking only makes attending church more of a pleasurable challenge; we so enjoy having something to complain about. Major Hastings, however, who has complained endlessly about parking problems, made a point last Christmas by leaving his car in the middle of the vicarage lawn. I was so pleased that he happened to park just where I had had a garden pond filled in only the previous week. He returned to find that the car had sunk up to the windscreen and needed a crane to remove it.

For weddings, a farmer allows us to use the field adjoining the church. While he rarely attends church on Sundays, he is always there the week before – I suspect praying for heavy rain, so he can make a fortune charging to tow out with his tractor those who have got stuck. Perhaps the greatest act of witness your church could perform would be to get everyone attending church to park on the ring road, bringing the entire town to a halt until your Sunday morning Service is over.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Take heart for the Church of England!

Do you pray “extra” and “in sorrow” when sad news about the Church of England comes on international TV, do you metaphorically duck and think “not us, surely”?

The former Archbishop of Canterbury who we know as Rowan Williams was really positive recently on BBC Radio 4’s interesting programme “Sunday”. He said that what people see at a local level is “the foodbank, visiting the housebound,

at it’s best a community where all kinds of people find themselves unexpectedly welcome and at home.”

So hang on in there, heads up, we are the Church, and we are making a difference!

The Rt Rev. and the Rt Hon. the Lord Williams of Oystermouth
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnbnd/episodes/player>

During Lent we will be having Lent groups, see our Vicar Chris’s letter on pages 4 and 5, and on page 9, He says we will be using “The Bible Course” ... this is a bit of a spoiler alert but

**“Don’t give up! Don’t get discouraged!
I have read the end of the book!
We win!!”**

*Archbishop Desmond Tutu in Simon Jenkins’
“Bible from Scratch” ISBN 0 7459 4154 0*

Think about this one....

A clergyman consulted his doctor about his wife’s snoring. “It has to STOP,” he insisted.

The doctor was intrigued: “Does it really bother you that much?”

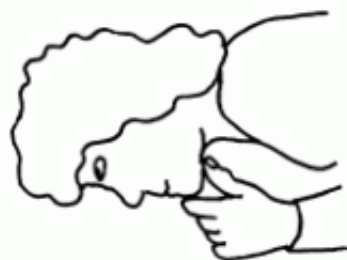
“Well, it’s not just me,” confided the minister. “She is bothering the whole congregation.”



- 4th Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday)
- 5th Wednesday coffee at St Lawrence, after the service so it starts at 11, close at 12-ish. It's very relaxed, lots of time to talk about little things, and big things too! There's space to be quiet if you'd like to, to light a candle, to wander round and see this beautiful building.
- 6th Thursday Stainforth History Group 19:00 Stainforth Methodist Church (every first Thursday) This month **Eric Jackson "The Pontefract Murders"** 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!
- 8th Coffee Morning in the Barn, 10-12, in aid of DN7 Food Bank!
- 8th every second Saturday coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30– Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road
- 11th Tuesday As part of our Lenten Journey, we meet each Tuesday evening in Church between 7 & 9pm for our Lent Course. This year we are using 'The Bible Course' and I hope this will be a refresher for us all. We will learn, sing, and discuss together, with a break for refreshments half way through each session
- 12th Wednesday coffee at St Lawrence, after the service so it starts at 11, close at 12-ish.
- 18th Tuesday Lent group, see 11th, and page 9
- 19th Wednesday coffee at St Lawrence, after the service so it starts at 11, close at 12-ish.
- 25th Tuesday Lent group, have you tried it yet? It'll be different, and you can come to any, you don't have to start at number one on 11th!!
- 26th Wednesday coffee at St Lawrence, after the service so it starts at 11, close at 12-ish.
- 29th Saturday Coffee Morning in the library in aid of Scouts, and there will be a Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust pre-loved jewellery stall! Visit to buy your spring collection!

THE LITURGICAL PAUSE

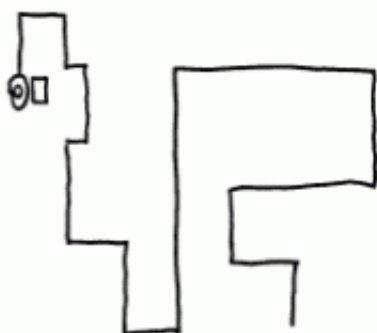
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WE OBSERVE A LITURGICAL PAUSE AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:



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PONDERING IS EXPECTED



WHEN THE ORGANIST
HASN'T COME IN



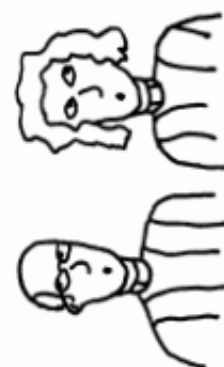
WHEN THE READER HAS
A PARTICULARLY GRUELING
JOURNEY TO THE LECTERN



WHEN AN EASTER FIRE
OR ADVENT CANDLE
REFUSES TO LIGHT



WHEN NO-ONE WILL ADMIT TO
BEING THE PERSON DOWN
TO LEAD THE INTERCESSIONS



WHEN NOBODY HAS A
CLUE WHAT IS SUPPOSED
TO HAPPEN NEXT



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



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Worship times

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

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

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

Sunday 2nd March **Sunday before Lent**

10:00 Choral Communion

16:00 Café Church

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday - **HOLY DAY** Lent begins

10:00 Said Eucharist

18:30 Choral Communion with the imposition of ashes

Sunday 9th March **Lent 1**

10:00 Choral Communion

Sunday 16th March **Lent 2**

10:00 Choral Communion

16:00 Café Church

Sunday 23rd March **Lent 3**

10:00 Choral Communion

Tuesday 25th March - The Annunciation - **HOLY DAY**

18:30 Choral Communion

Sunday 30th March **Mothering Sunday**

10:00 Choral Communion, with children especially welcome