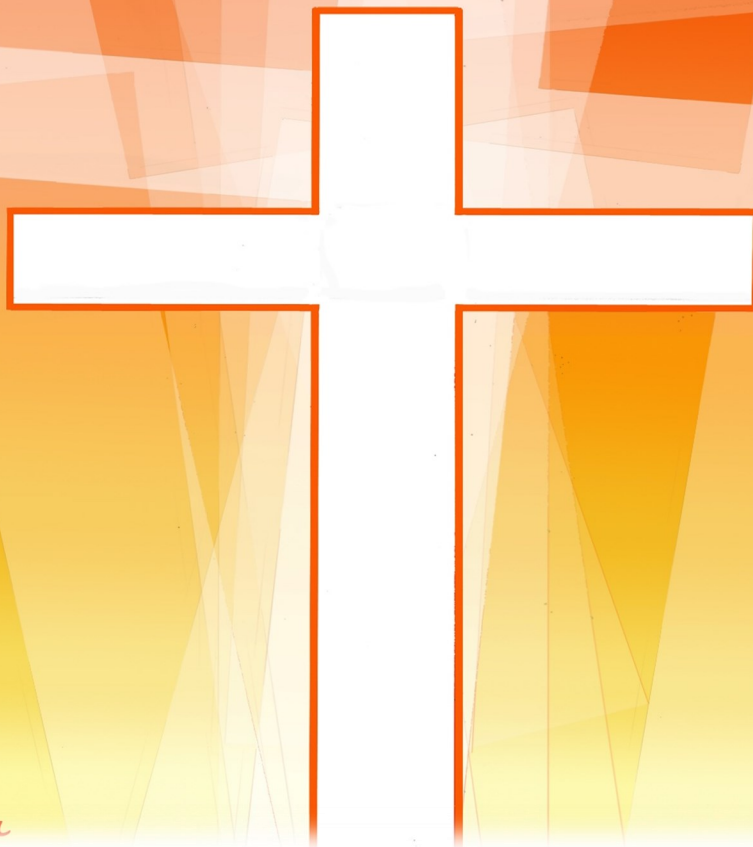


ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

Hatfield, including Dunscroft, Dunsville,
Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with
boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim
your risen life and fill us
with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father



Paul Judson

April 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



Thinking of joining the PCC?

PCC members are the Charity Trustees of St Lawrence Church. They are elected to serve as the 'governing body' of the Church under the Leadership of the Incumbent.

PCC meetings are held 6 times per year (each alternate month) on Monday evenings in 'The Barn'. The meetings last between 7-9pm and follow a timed agenda.

What do our meetings look like?

Every meeting follows this same pattern. We begin with 20 minutes of socialising & catching up. The Vicar provides seasonal treats in the form of food & drink!

We then have 15 minutes of prayer. A different member of the PCC is asked to bring a passage of scripture to each meeting. They read it and offer a brief word on why they chose it. The Vicar then asks each member of the PCC to share something in the life of the Church which they are thankful to God for. We then discuss our current plans & thinking around the following 4 areas;

Mission & Evangelism (including our spiritual growth & outreach activities)

Governance (including; Safeguarding & the well being of our Clergy & staff team)

Buildings (including health & safety)

Finance (including our budget)

What is required of me?

Members of the PCC support the Incumbent & co-operate with them as well as the other trustees on the Churches work in the Parish.

Enthusiastic co-operation is the main task of the council. Working well

together in a positive & constructive manor is essential for PCC members. PCC members need to be people who demonstrate their commitment to the faith both by their example and their witness.

Legally the PCC is responsible for the finances of the Parish. The Churchwardens who are members of the PCC are responsible for the care & maintenance of the building & it's contents. The incumbent who leads & Chairs meetings of the PCC is legally responsible for worship, pastoral care & teaching the faith.

One of the main tasks of the PCC under the Leadership of the Incumbent is to think through what it means to be the Church in Hatfield - in other words our 'Mission'. PCC members need to be able to look and listen to the needs of both the congregation & wider community. PCC members need to be able to plan an annual budget thinking about the best use of our resources. They need to be able to communicate and promote our church & its activities. The PCC have a legal duty to ensure the church is safe, free from bullying behaviours and that the most vulnerable are protected.

All PCC members sign a 'Code of Conduct' which sets out in detail the standards of behaviour expected in meetings. This 'Code of Conduct' is available on request.

PCC members are asked to read documentation which is sent out to them prior to the meeting. Our communication between meetings is done via email, and so being able to write & respond to emails as well as download documents are essential skills for PCC members.

I would love as many people as possible to consider whether the Lord is calling you to stand for election to the PCC. If you are a passionate follower of Jesus who cares about the life and future of our Church, and you have a vision to see change and growth - then this role might be perfect for you! If you have any questions, then please do get in touch.

Important things to note before standing!

In accordance with the Church Representation Rules anyone who has served on the PCC for the last 6 years (or two consecutive terms) is not eligible to stand in the elections this year and must not stand for at least 2 years.

The PCC should represent the interests of all people in the church. For this reason the PCC members with their experiences and skills should represent **different age groups, gender, cultures and backgrounds.**

Safeguarding is fundamental to your role as a PCC members and before the first PCC meeting following the Annual Meeting (Monday 19th May 2025) you will be required to undertake online safeguarding training, and send your certificates to both the Parish Safeguarding Officer (Andy Green) & myself.

Qualifications

Anyone nominated for election to the PCC must:

- Be on the electoral role
- Be aged 16 years or over.
- Have received Holy Communion at least three times during the past 12 months
- Not be disqualified from being a charity trustee.
- Not be on the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups barred list or convicted of an offence relating to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933.

For this reason all PCC members must have a DBS check.

Every Blessing



The Rev'd Chris Bishop

St Lawrence Church, Hatfield

Welcoming All. Caring for our community. Nurturing faith in Christ

Arrangements for Baptism (Christening) and Weddings

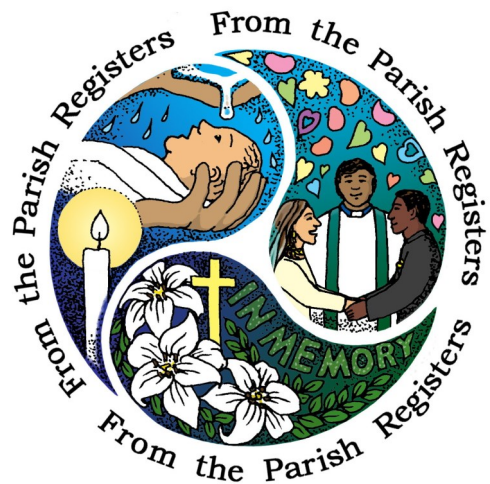
St Lawrence would love to celebrate your special day with you and your family. The first step in arranging a Baptism or a Wedding is to attend one of our services. Please introduce yourself to Chris our Vicar, who will speak with you about the next steps.

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

Ronald Dickinson
Janet McIntee



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)

Diary of a Youth, Children's and Families Worker

The start of lent has been a busy but exciting time for me in my role and personally. Like many Christians, I try to observe lent as a time of preparation for Easter, drawing closer to God and reevaluating things. One way that I am particularly drawn to this year is an initiative called "40 acts" which encourages us to do one generous thing everyday in lent. I have tried to get the youth group involved this year, sharing each day's challenge with them and pushing myself to show them and our local community how generous our God is when we step out in faith.

Personally, I have been challenged to send encouraging messages, to check in on neighbours where I maybe wouldn't have before, to put

encouraging post it notes on lampposts up Cuckoo Lane for parents and children of our school to see, to share surplus cakes given to the toddler group with the staff at Travis school and to personally hand a gift to someone that God had placed on my heart. Our youth have been giving other students extra help in class, putting post it notes on their teacher's



desks to encourage them and sharing sweets with others too. Do search for "40 acts" to find out more and to be challenged to be even more generous in your Christian faith and see what God will do with it!

On top of this, I have delivered a lent themed assembly to the students at Ash Hill Academy which was really interesting – many pledged to give up annoying their brothers and sisters for lent, to reduce screentime or to stop eating meat. I have also taken part in the official Storyteller training for Open the Book, and our fledgling team looks about ready to get going with sharing bible stories in local primary schools. Please pray

for us as we start this and hopefully bring bible stories to life for children who maybe have never heard them before.

I am also really excited for what will be taking place over the next few weeks for our children, families and youth to celebrate Easter. Our vicar Chris and myself have been working with the Travis Worship Council to arrange an Easter journey experience in church during Holy Week for other schools and classes to come and visit. If you are free on Tuesday 15th April please do come and help us with this as there are 10 stations that will need supervising. Our youth will be going along to the Doncaster Youth Hub's "Life or Death Event" with creepy crawlies and an Easter message. We will also be hosting "Edible Easter" a craft event for families on 31st March. And there will be many schools visits including the Ash Hill Easter Escape Room which is becoming a favourite with the Year 7s every year.

So much to do and such an amazing message of hope and love to share with our children and families – please pray that the Easter message will sink in afresh this year, impacts lives and that I will have energy to share it with passion at all these events.

God Bless
Rachel



Rachel Ridler

Youth, Children's and Families Worker at St Lawrence Church, Hatfield |
The Diocese of Sheffield

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Do come, to help out or to simply enjoy and find out!

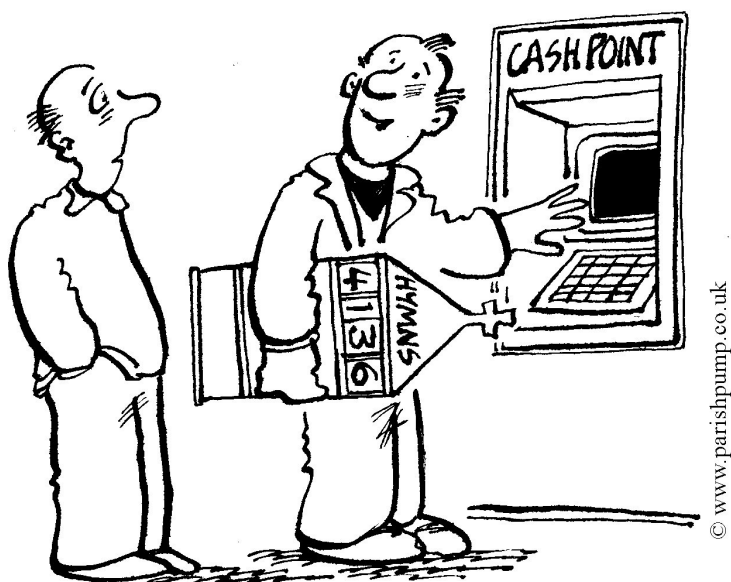


EDIBLE EASTER
free **CRAFTS IN CHURCH**

MONDAY 31ST MARCH 10-12
Hatfield St Lawrence Church

St Lawrence Church
Dunsville - Hatfield - Hatfield Woodhouse - Lindholme - Duncroft

CENTENARY PROJECT
Engaging | Nurturing | Discipling



*".... Between you and me,
it's the only way I can
remember my password,
but the congregation
don't like the tune!"*

The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

Currently our chairman John Chaplin is in hospital so we wish him all the best for a speedy recovery and to be back home soon.

More gorgeous pre-loved jewellery has been arriving and is sorted ready for sale at the Scouts Coffee Morning in Hatfield Library on Saturday 29th March 10am till 12 noon. We hope to see you there. We also raised a whopping £290 for scrap gold and silver recently so thanks for all your donations, they really add up!

There are still 2 tickets available for our Coach Trip to Bradford and Cliffe Castle Museum on Tuesday 13th May, please let me know if you'd like to go on 07873 340307. £19 each including local pick up, raffle ticket and driver tip.

Diary Dates - Time is marching on so it won't be too long until the Church Garden Party on Saturday 5th July and not long after that our Coffee Morning in Hatfield Library on Saturday 26th July.

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



There is no prize for colouring this,
Just enjoy!

100 Club and Vera's chatter

1st prize Hazel Henderson

2nd prize Ann Kitching

3rd prize Beryl Adamson

Congratulations ladies, three of my favourite ladies (the draw has no bias, and I have lots of favourites) Enjoy your winnings.

Do you ever feel you live in the wrong century ? I really suit long covered up clothes, hats, domestic work and gardening so why have I had to bother with computers and printers? I am sure my printer has an Alsatian dog inside it, it knows I am afraid of it and just like the afore mentioned dog it growls and misbehaves when I approach it. My long suffering family and friends regularly dig me out of holes and patiently explain how it really is quite simple to use but I am constantly defeated by it. When I have retired I am definitely going to classes to learn how to tame the beast, in the mean time thank you friends and family for being so kind and patient .

Writing about kindness we met some wonderfully kind people on Saturday, starting with the very helpful ticket office gentleman at Thorne North station, excellent advice which I will use next time (Hatfield station is more disability friendly less steps.) On the train which was like an adult game of sardines a young mum gave up her seat for me to be by our wheelchair. I enjoyed entertaining her baby who was in his pram, at Sheffield Station a very friendly policeman directed us to the taxi rank and explained ever so kindly to Rhys that it was match day and a taxi was definitely a best option. We could be forgiven for thinking the whole of South Yorkshire constabulary were at the match, the roars from the crowds could be heard for miles. The taxi driver whisked the wheelchair off me and popped it into the boot as if it was a shopping bag and set off through the traffic which was very busy, I really had forgotten how manic city centre drivers are and was very pleased I was not driving. The Hallamshire is a very large hospital but on a Saturday afternoon it was thankfully deserted so we got to our appointment with no problem and

everyone we met kind and helpful and a credit to the NHS.

Coming home some lovely gentlemen helped us in and out of the lifts and were amused by my comment that we were up from the country and not used to the city, judging by the size of their suitcases they were well acquainted with stations and travelling. The platform staff directed us to the carriage for wheelchair users, (who knew there was such a thing) and put the wheelchair on board for us. We travelled back with a young family, it is a joy to eavesdrop on young parents sharing the world with a child. No phone for this little one just plenty of counting and chatter about trains, cars and scenery, he is a lucky lad. The young dad came back to offer us help with the wheel chair, so kind.

I am sure we are going to become seasoned rail users in the future but for a first attempt it was a lovely experience and such a joy to meet such kindness from strangers, I thank God for the whole experience. Who was playing at Sheffield I have no idea but they sounded as if they were having fun in the sun. If only Wales had won at the rugby my day would have been perfect but you cannot have everything.

Out into the garden now to enjoy the sunshine and bring in my washing I truly am in the wrong century.

Bless you

Vera x



*This isn't
only Vera,
it's **YOU**
too!*

Worlds in the Church!

Recently we had the Wonders of the World in church! I'm not sure of the correct terminology but it was a light show, through a projector, shining inside a dome on all the walls, so a really surrounding visual and auditory experience! The pictures here are of the Ice Worlds, and of the Wonders of the World.

It was really good for the Library to use the space inside church for this, many thanks Susan Lowndes for sending the photographs. It certainly was good entertainment, the dozen or so children who came, two blocks of that number, were positively subdued after it! And the library thanks

the church for being able to use the space, we're delighted to help with all sorts of community things, just ask!



Definitely
not
library-
sized!



I must admit I wanted to know where this was, it seemed to be rude not to say so, in the way that one respectfully gives a reference when quoting. It is the Archaic Temple of Poseidon at Sounion, a view of the northern curvilinear wall, with reused column drums, from the south. (Google) No joy with the ice scene below though, sorry! Editor





Please see page three for Easter events, and the back page for services

MARCH 29th Saturday Scouts Coffee Morning in Hatfield Library on 10am till 12 noon. **Friends of HCBT pre-loved jewellery stall!**

March 31st Monday Edible Easter 10-12 in church, for families and others! Please come and enjoy, or help!

APRIL 1st Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday)

3rd Thursday Stainforth History Group 19:00 Stainforth Methodist Church (every first Thursday) Pat McLaughlin "Gainsborough Old Church and Hall" held at Stainforth Methodist church, 19:00

12th Saturday coffee morning in the Barn 10-12. Eleanor Boldry is fundraising for a charity in Thailand, and she will visit there with college. Go Eleanor, well done!

13th Sunday Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist are having the Grimsby Puppets Power Band at 3pm, they are organising the All Aged Worship including Refreshments

15th Tuesday an Easter journey experience in church for schools and classes to come and visit, [please come and help, Rachel needs 10 stations to be supervised!](#) It is being arranged by Travis Worship Council so let's support them and Rachel, and our vicar Chris.

Not forgetting regular meetings...

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

Each WEDNESDAY coffee after church at St Lawrence, Holy Communion at 10, chat, coffee, light a candle, sit quietly, 11-12:00

Each WEDNESDAY coffee morning 10-11:30 at Stainforth Methodist

Each THURSDAY coffee morning 10-11:30 at Dunsville Methodist, Greens Road.

Each THURSDAY chair exercise group 13:30-14:30 at Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall

Each SATURDAY 10-12 coffee morning Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist church

Each second SATURDAY coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30 Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road

**ST LAWRENCE CHURCH DISABILITY
INCLUSION GROUP ARE ORGANISING
A TRIP TO**

YORK

ON 26th APRIL AT 9.00AM

LEAVING ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

At 9:00 am leaving York at 4:00pm

Contact Sandra or Tim in church or on

07719600184



Adults £12:00. Children £6.00

To look forward to in May, Disability Inclusion Group Pie and Peas with Bingo
17th 18:00-20:00 in the Barn. Ring Tim or Sandra on 07719 600184.

Street Prayer Project—April update

Hello everyone,

As part of my ministry in our community, I have started a Street Prayer Project. Each week, I will be praying for different streets in our mission area and delivering prayer cards to let residents know when their street will be included in our prayers. These cards will also have details of our church services for the week.

If you receive a card, please know that you and your neighbours are being lifted in prayer. If you have specific prayer requests, you are warmly invited to get in touch or join us for the service on the date mentioned.

If you see me out and about, please stop and say hello—I'd love to chat!

This month, we will be praying for the following streets in Hatfield:

°Ambrose Avenue	°Grange Close	°Springfield Avenue
°Brabbs Avenue	°Homestead Garth	°Travis Close
°Bracken Heen Close	°Hund Oak Drive	°Victoria Avenue
°Bullivant Road	°Leyland Avenue	°Westfield Road
°Cuckoo Lane	°Linden Close	°Westfield Villas
°Grange Avenue	°Nettlehome	

May God bless our streets, our homes, and all who live here.

The Rev'd Chris Wroot [Curate],

Hatfield Church

frchriswroot@gmail.com





Hatfield
St Lawrence PCC
(or Parochial Church
Council to give it its
Sunday name.)

If you were asked to go on the PCC what would be your reply?....."Once you get on there you can't get off it" "The meetings are every month and go on too long." "It's boring." None of these are true!

Chris has introduced a bi-monthly programme for meetings with any extra issues being dealt with via e-mail in between. Therefore this means an average of six meetings in the year and, in those, Revd Chris is extremely strict on time allocation. All are designated to finish at 9pm.

God and mission are at the core of all our meetings, but obviously, as Trustees of a magnificent historical building, the PCC does also need to discuss issues relating to our buildings.

We all have God given gifts and skills so please talk to Chris or any member of the PCC if you have any concerns or questions about standing for election.

At the AGM, because we have over 50 names on our electoral roll, we will be eligible to elect 9 PCC members.

Members can only stand for three years together, then stand down for at least a year. This means that everyone can have a turn! It also means that genuinely there are fresh ideas, and it's always thought-provoking to have someone ask "but why do you do it like that?"

Please do pray for your PCC members and the work they do.

Glenys Mashford, PCC secretary.

Music Matters

Church Choir

Unfortunately, a church choir isn't viable at present. Thank you to all those who volunteered. I hope it will be possible to form a choir at some stage in the future.

Come and Sing

The next Come and Sing session will take place in church on **Tuesday April 29th at 6.30 p.m.** All are welcome and no regular commitment is expected.

One of my chief concerns is that, in services, everyone should enjoy singing the hymns and those parts of the Communion service that are set to music. The nave in Hatfield Church is not the easiest place in which to sing and it doesn't help that the organ is situated in the vestry and none of the pipes speak directly into the nave. If Come and Sing sessions help people to enjoy singing in services and to sing with greater confidence, then they serve a useful purpose.

Concluding Voluntaries for April

Sunday April 6th, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Elegy in F: V. Hoyle

This piece is dedicated to the memory of the Revd Canon Ted Greathead who was Vicar of Hatfield from 1961 to 1978. I was thirteen and sang alto in the church choir when Ted came to Hatfield and thirty when he moved on to be Vicar of Frodingham. Ted was a wise, kindly and patient man and a very good friend of mine.

Sunday April 13th, Palm Sunday

Fantasia in G minor (BWV 542a): Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

This piece, along with the associated fugue, is one of Bach's finest and technically most advanced works.

Sunday April 20th, Easter Sunday

Postlude on 'Easter Hymn': V. Hoyle

'Easter Hymn' is the well known tune sung to the hymn 'Jesus Christ is risen today'.

Sunday April 27th, Second Sunday of Easter

Fantasia on 'Westminster Abbey': V. Hoyle

'Westminster Abbey' is the splendid tune sung to 'Christ is made the sure foundation'. It was composed by Henry Purcell (1659–95) and is adapted from one of his anthems.

Vernon Hoyle

Still time for Lent...

If you feel you've done nothing, or little, for Lent, there is still time.

Easter Sunday isn't until 20th April, if you started on Tuesday 1st you could read a chapter of St Mark's Gospel every day, there are 16, and finish in time for the Lord's supper on 17th, when we will remember the Last Supper. Mark gives a concise account of Jesus' life, ministry, death and resurrection, emphasising Jesus' identity as the Messiah and Son of God.

You could learn the Lent collect... Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Now read it through putting *yourself* in place of *us*,

“create and make in me a new and contrite heart, that I, lamenting my sin and acknowledging my wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness...”

Chris our Vicar would be enormously grateful for any help at all in tidying up the Vicarage Garden before the Tuesday event in Holy Week and has set aside time on Thursday the 10th April to do this.

Jobs will include; edging the lawn, weeding, tidying shrubs and borders, pruning, trimming, weeding, mulching the borders, leaf removal....! The Vicar will provide hot drinks and cake, *but he might not have made the cake...* All are most welcome. Please bring whatever tools and equipment you may need!



Vicarage Gardening Party!

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!!

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR SO TO HELP
PREPARE THE VICARAGE GARDEN FOR OUR
HOLY WEEK EVENT?

BRING YOUR GARDENING EQUIPMENT & TOOLS

HOT DRINKS & CAKE WILL BE PROVIDED!

Thursday 10th April
10am - 2pm

Hot Cross Bun bread and butter pudding recipe

The Editor says as part of her Lent carefulness she doesn't eat any hot cross buns until Good Friday, although she *LOVES* them! So it's hardly likely any will survive for this recipe. But she is happy to act as taster for this recipe, in the interests of science only of course.



- 6 hot cross buns
- 50g of [butter](#), soft enough to spread
- 3 [eggs](#)
- 60g of caster sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 250ml of milk
- 150ml of double cream

- 1: Preheat the oven to 170°C/gas mark 3. Butter an ovenproof dish
- 2: Slice the hot cross buns in halves and butter both sides of the bottom halves and then arrange in an oven proof dish
- 3: Whisk together the remaining ingredients and slowly pour half the mixture over the bottom halves, ensuring everything is covered
- 4: Butter the top halves of the buns, place on top of the bottom halves. Dot with a few bits of butter to make sure the tops don't get too dark. Then pour the rest of the mixture over the buns. Ideally leave to soak for about an hour but I made at lunchtime so just put in the oven after only five minutes soaking!
- 5: Bake for about 45 minutes or until puffy and rich dark brown

With thanks to <https://www.greatbritishchefs.com/recipes/hot-cross-bun-bread-butter-pudding-recipe> and Mecca Ibrahim who wrote it.

Nigel Beeton writes: Hidden within the Passion story is a glorious illustration of Justification by Faith. The 'Penitent Thief' may or may not have been a thief, but up until his crucifixion he doesn't seem to have been a good guy, he is quoted as saying that he felt that his crucifixion was a 'just punishment' for his deeds. He must have done something pretty bad to have felt that way about one of the cruellest forms of execution ever devised by man's sick mind. But he recognised Jesus as his Lord and put his faith in Him, and Jesus responded by promising him paradise, despite the fact that this thief could do nothing in the way of good works in return!

Common Thief

I've lived a life of emptiness
A common thief am I;
Of no great use to man or beast
And now I have to die.

They've nailed me to a wooden
cross
They took my clothes as well;
The pain and shame is all I have
And soon I'll be in Hell.

But this man nailed next to me
He's done no evil thing!
His innocence is clear to see –
They say He is a King.

There hangs, beyond, another
thief
Just hear him swear and curse!
Demanding that He saves us all
He's making all this worse!

"We knew that this would be our
fate!
"We've known it all along!
"But have respect for this poor
man
"For He's done nothing wrong!"

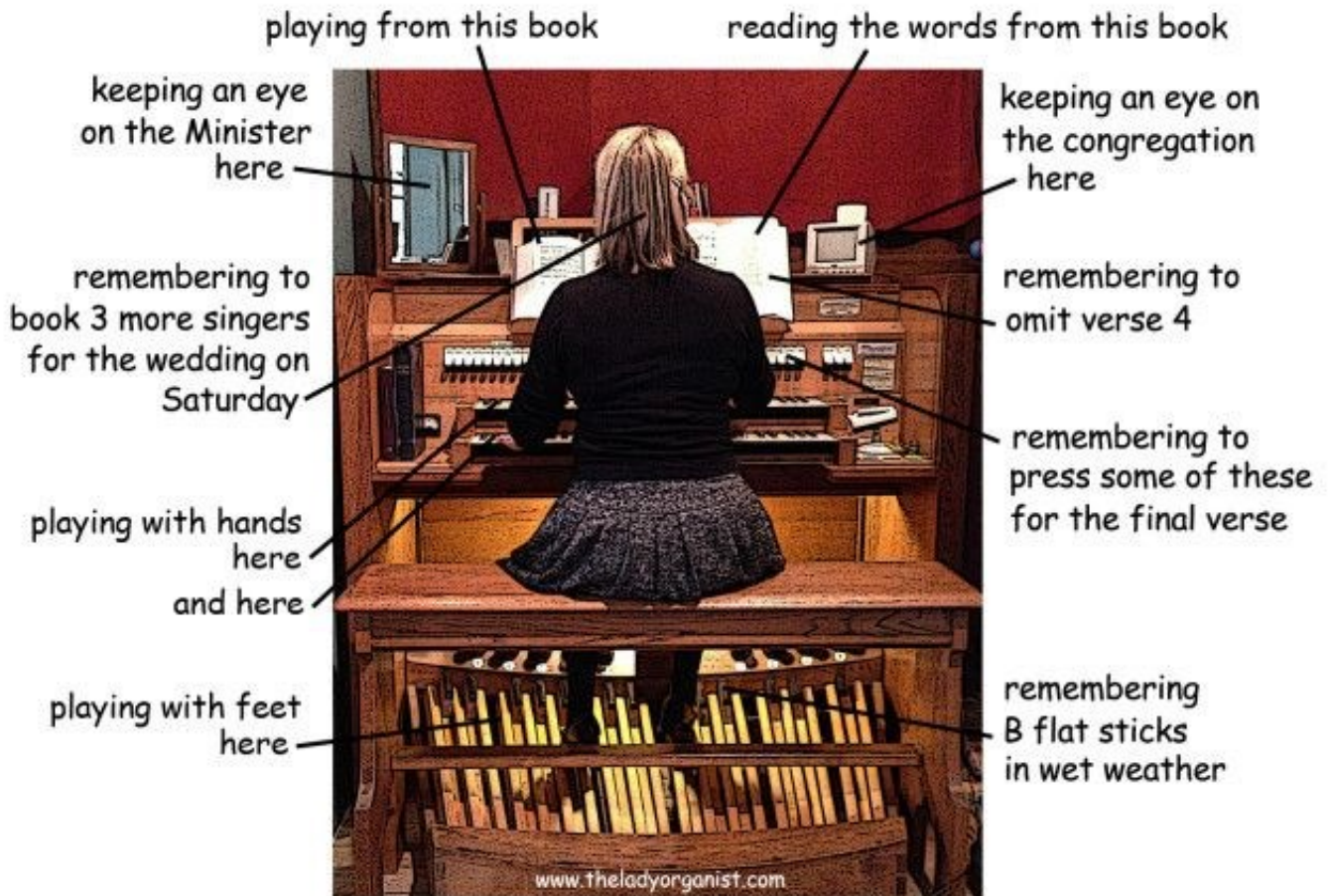
"O Jesus, when Your Kingdom
comes,
"My Lord, remember me!"
He looked at me with tender love,
Responding to my plea:

"The truth of what I say to you
"You'll shortly come to see
"For you will come, this very day
"To Paradise with Me."

I wept upon my painful cross
No thing I had to bring;
But yet He looked upon this wretch
And gave me everything!

By Nigel Beeton

We are so very blessed to have Venon, a renowned composer as well as organist, playing for us every Sunday, so I sent him this to make him smile, in as much sympathy as I could understand. He grinned and said “and the rest!”



THE CHURCH ORGANIST

With our Christian faith in mind...

Christians would never dream of intentionally running down other people with their cars; then why do we do it with our tongues? – Doug Barnett

The church should be a community of encouragement. – Sir Fred Catherwood

Our God is a missionary God. – William White

Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to get bread. – D T Niles



One off cleans

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Joining in on Facebook!

You can join Rev'd Gill on Friday mornings at 8:30 for a short Morning Prayer— 10 minutes, and on Saturday evenings at 9:30 for Night Prayer.

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



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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)

Each Friday on Facebook 8:30 Morning Prayer

Each Saturday 21:30 on Facebook Night Prayer

Sunday 6th, **5th Sunday of Lent**

10:00 Choral Communion

16:00 Café Church

Sunday 13th **Palm Sunday, gather at the Barn field at 10:00**

Tuesday 15th, Holy Tuesday 11 a.m. Eucharist in the Vicarage garden, refreshments and Stations of the Cross display in the garden until 14:30

Thursday 17th, Maundy Thursday, The Lord's Supper, washing of feet, stripping of the Sanctuary and "the watch" at 18:30

Good Friday 18th The Passion and Cross at 15:00

Saturday 19th, Easter Eve, Blessing of the Easter fire at 20:00

Sunday 20th **Easter Sunday**

10:00 Festival Eucharist

Sunday 27th **2nd Sunday of Easter**

10:00 Choral Communion