

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

Hatfield, including Dunscroft, Dunsville,
Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme



June 2025 50p

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Can you explore all five zones?



Open Days



History & Heritage



Outdoors & Nature



Family Fun



Music

@ Hatfield St Lawrence Church
27th May - 1st June 2025



Tuesday 27th May

10am-12noon - FREE crafts in church for families



6:30pm - Come and Sing Session

7:30pm Organ Recital with Vernon Hoyle



Wednesday 28th May

11am-2pm - Open Church with activities and refreshments



6:30pm - Quirky Churches talk and quiz with Chris Ellis, Diocese Buildings Officer



All Week (from Tuesday)

Outdoor trail and quizzes



Thursday Ascension Day

6:30pm - Choral Communion

*Sheffield Diocese only started encouraging the Explorers Week last year, and we were the **only** parish to do something in all five zones of interest!! And we've done it again this year, MANY thanks to Rosh and Rachel, we'll have a great week!*

Our Curate Chris has written a letter to us this month...

Dear friends,

One Monday, I found myself sitting quietly in the Lady Chapel, asking God what passage of Scripture I might share with you at our APCM. As you can imagine, many came to mind. Paul's image of the Church as one body with many parts surfaced, especially his words to the Corinthians. But as I led Morning Prayer, the lectionary offered a reading from Ephesians, and as I read it, I found myself simply saying, "Thank you, Jesus."

It reminded me again that the Church is built not first on structures or rotas or reports, but on Christ, the living foundation, and on the life we are called to live together in Him.

Paul, writing "as a prisoner for the Lord," urges us to live lives worthy of our calling. And what is that calling? It is to walk in humility, gentleness, and patience; to bear with one another in love; and to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

It's striking that Paul doesn't call for uniformity, but for unity amid diversity. He speaks of one body, one Spirit, one hope, but he also names the variety of gifts given to each of us: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers... all different, all needed. If Paul were in our church today, he would add, coffee rota, Parish Office, welcoming people into church, working on the sound desk. These gifts aren't for personal status or recognition; they're for building up the whole body of Christ, so that we might grow in faith and reflect Him more clearly to the world.

Here, Paul paints a beautiful picture of the Church as a body, diverse in

its parts, but united in its purpose. The Church, then, is not a place where a few do everything and the rest observe. It is a living, breathing community where every person has a part to play. When each member is working properly, Paul says, the body “grows and builds itself up in love.”

This passage reminds us that we are called not only to believe, but to belong, to grow together, support one another, and use our gifts for the good of all. As we continue to walk this journey together, may we do so with a spirit of unity, joy, and hope in the One who calls and equips us all.

As we look back over the past year and take stock of our shared life, this passage invites both gratitude and reflection. Every one of us, whatever our role, whether often seen or quietly faithful, has a part to play. God is at work among us, calling us, equipping us, and sending us out.

This isn't just about what happens within our church walls. It's about who we are becoming in Christ, and how we're called to live out His love in our streets, our workplaces, and our everyday encounters.

So, let's listen afresh. How is God calling you? What gift might you offer? And let us give thanks, for the body we are, for the Spirit who binds us together, and for the grace of Christ, who gives so generously that we might build His Church and share His love.

Yours in Christ,

Curate Chris

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.

Weddings

Lauren Victoria Reeder and Anthony
Thomas Clegg

Funerals

Douglas Clark
Olive Rhodes



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)

News from Your Parish Church



Every year, the Church of England expects their Churches to hold an APCM (an annual meeting) and this year it was held at St Lawrence church on the evening of Monday 19th May. Of course you will know all this because you will have read the official looking notices on the church door. 😊 They do look a bit boring don't they?

Even if you haven't read them, we thought you might be interested to find out a bit about the meeting. Priorities first we started with some delicious refreshments. Then Chris, your vicar, led us in a hymn. Did you know he's a talented clavino player, as well as an organist? Curate Chris then read from the Bible to remind us that in all things it is God who gives us the gifts and that we should give Him the Glory and work in his name.

The first business part is the parishioners' meeting, where the churchwardens are elected for the coming year. They are responsible for looking after the church building, but they are also your representatives in the parish. This year Vera has stepped down after 8 years of amazing commitment to the job and so Chrissy has joined Andy as churchwarden. with Tim and Steve as assistant churchwardens. The PCC has also had a change of some faces but we'll talk about your PCC another time. If you are able, please will you pray for your churchwardens. They would really appreciate it as theirs is a very demanding job.

All churches have to produce an Annual Report of their actions and decisions over the past year but it is also a great way to showcase our church. If you haven't seen a copy, and would like to do so, please do let us know.

During our meeting, what was repeated again and again is that we all feel part of a family. Like members of any family we are all different, but, if we are following Jesus' instructions, we must show each other LOVE and support.

If you feel you want to join our family, please speak to one of us or just turn up at church.... We'll budge up and make room for you... you'll be very welcome.

Glenys Mashford

The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

I think I can safely say that all 43 of us enjoyed our wonderful **coach trip to Bradford and Cliffe Castle Museum**. We were all very impressed with Bradford City of Culture 2025 with its beautiful buildings, clean streets and stately water fountains. We started with a coffee in Waterstones Cafe in the magnificent Old Wool Exchange then wound our way up to the small but beautiful Cathedral which had an embroidery exhibition and you could have a go on the loom if you wanted. We had a browse round Broadway shopping centre too and then it was time to head back to the coach to go to Keighley. 2.5 hours spent happily.

In Keighley we headed straight to the Pavilion Cafe and had a bit of lunch before exploring Cliffe Castle Museum which was an exquisite building housing lots of interesting exhibitions from Egyptian mummies and statues to precious stones, stained glass and some fabulous furniture and chandeliers. We were even treated to a piano recital by a young man who was visiting. Two hours later and after a wander around the beautiful gardens and a rest in the sunshine we boarded the coach for home and Spencer, our driver, chose the raffle winners, everyone who bought a ticket was entered into the raffle. 1st prize £15 M&S voucher Sue Harper, 2nd bottle of whiskey Gwyn, 3rd bottle of Mimosa Sally Chamberlain, 4th biscuits Madeline, 5th chocolates Peggy and 6th card and pen from the



Cathedral won by Lesley Colwill. I do have to apologise for the driver not dropping us off nearer to the correct entrance to the Museum

meaning we had to walk further but he didn't know the area and neither did I so I couldn't direct him to anywhere nearer for a huge coach to park but at least there were lots of seats to rest en route through the lovely gardens.

I'll report the final profit for the trip next time but think it will be over £300 with many thanks to all those who supported us and of course the weather which was glorious, as ordered!



Next will be the **Building Trust AGM on 12th June at 2 pm in Hatfield Community Library** and our next event will be the **Friends Coffee Morning in Hatfield Community 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

Music Matters

Organ Recital

I shall be giving an organ recital on **Tuesday May 27th at 7.30 p.m.** immediately after the Come and Sing session, which will take place at 6.30 p.m. as advertised. The programme will consist of a selection of my own compositions, all but one of which are published, and transcriptions I have produced of music by Susato, Purcell, Bach, Handel, Elgar and Fauré.

Come and Sing

There will be a Come and Sing session in church on **Tuesday June 24th at 6.30 p.m.** All are welcome and no regular commitment is expected.

Concluding Organ Voluntaries for June

Sunday June 1st, Seventh Sunday of Easter, 10 a.m.

Choral Song: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76).

Sunday June 8th, Day of Pentecost, 10 a.m.

Sortie Joyeuse: Vernon Hoyle (b.1948).

Sunday June 15th, Trinity Sunday, 10 a.m.

Fugue in E flat 'St Anne': Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

This, one of Bach's finest works for organ, is known as the 'Saint Anne' Fugue because its opening subject resembles the opening of William Croft's hymn tune of that name, sung to 'O God our help in ages past'. It is highly unlikely that Bach knew Croft's tune, however. The piece is in three sections, each with its own fugue subject. The subjects of the second and third sections are each combined with that of the first. This tripartite structure is said to symbolize the Trinity, though there is no evidence that Bach intended any such symbolism. Moreover, I would contend that if Bach had intended to represent the triune deity he would have combined all three fugue subjects in the final section. He was certainly more than capable of such contrapuntal wizardry.

Irrespective of whether this fugue symbolizes the Trinity, it is played more often than any other piece as a concluding voluntary on Trinity Sunday.

Sunday June 22nd, First Sunday after Trinity, 10 a.m.

Minuets from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*: George Frideric Handel (1685–1759), arr. Hoyle.

Sunday June 29th, Peter and Paul, 10 a.m.

Réjouissance: Vernon Hoyle.

This is the first piece for organ that I composed in 2017, after deciding to focus my attention as a composer on producing organ music. It is dedicated to Dr Francis Jackson CBE, sometime Organist and Master of the Choristers at York Minster, on his 100th birthday.

Vernon Hoyle



A table mat seen recently at Wilson Carlile Centre in Sheffield!! Wilson Carlile was the founder of the Church Army, the Sheffield centre gives much support to local people in need, as well as being an excellent centre to stay in, the café is good inexpensive food too!

The Big Sahara Trek

By Emily Grimsey

At the beginning of the year I made a few goals, one of them being to continue to challenge myself outside of my studies. Unlike usual, this year I'm determined to achieve these goals.

So...

In November I will be taking part in a 4 day trek across the Sahara Desert to raise money for ActionAid.

In preparation for this event, I have organised a few fundraising events, the first being a Clothes Swap.

Get ready to refresh your summer wardrobe, fight fast fashion and raise money for ActionAid!

Swap your unwanted clothes and accessories for new (to you) items at Kirk Sandall Church Hall from 1pm- 4:30pm on the 29th June.

How it works:

Clean out your wardrobe and count your items. Whether it is women's, kids or men's, as long as it's in good condition bring it to swap.

Bring your items (clean and in good condition), to the check in desk, exchange your items for tokens and then get shopping.

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CLOTHES SWAP

29 JUNE 2025
1PM - 4.30PM

Kirk Sandall
Church hall
DN3 1BY

£5 Entry
Maximum of 15 items
Please bring items on hangers
No items to swap - pay £1 per item instead (max £15)
All proceeds to ActionAid

**CLOTHES FOR ALL AGES,
REFRESHMENTS, CAKES AND
TOMBOLA**

Have a question? To book or ask email:
e.grimsey.eg@gmail.com



On arrival the check in desk will count your items and direct you to a rail to hang them. You can take home as many items as you bring. After that any extra items will cost you £1 each.

All proceeds will go straight to ActionAid.

To prevent the swap becoming swamped and limit any leftover items we are asking people to bring a maximum of 15 items.

There will also be refreshments and cakes as well as a much loved tombola.

For those of you relatively new to church Emily is a former member, now in her third year at Manchester Uni studying Reporting. With Colin, Will, Charlotte and Jacob they are regular visitors at St Lawrence events, and we watch their progress eagerly! Charlotte, having completed her Fashion degree at Cardiff, now works at Tickled Pink, and does clothes alterations, beautifully, and not expensively, see below. It is to all their credit that I dare put two sisters on the same page !!



*It's really worth looking at Charlotte's website, so **that's** what fashion designers do! And they don't all use their sisters as models... well done both of you!*

Did you know...

Our Hatfield Heroes Youth Group has been running for 4 years now. In that time we have:

- welcomed **33 young people** into church through the youth group, with **18 currently actively attending**
- sent 4 young people to the **Diocese Young Leaders Community** for more opportunities to lead and grow
- Attended 4 Breathe Deep Youth Development days at Sheffield Cathedral along with many Doncaster Youth Hub events.
- **Gifted every young person with their own Bible**
- Delivered lots of social action projects, including litter picking, DIY for the toddler group, gardening at local care homes and sending blessing packs, writing to isolated older people and lots more.
- Seen **12 of these young people attend Café Church**, serving through music, leading and welcoming. They offer to help at church events and activities and especially love narrating the children's Christmas Eve Service.



Do you know someone who'd like a

Blessing Packs Nominations:

Our Youth Group is taking part in **HOPE** Weekend on 20th-22nd June and would like to deliver Blessings Packs (which will contain some home-baked items, cards and items to bring a smile!) to isolated and home-bound people in our parish. If you know someone who would be delighted to receive a pack, hand-delivered by our young people, please tell Chrissy or Rachel. We will be delivering on the Saturday of that weekend.



HOLIDAY SESSIONS 2025

DONATION DAYS

Thurs 24th July 1-3pm

Sun 27th July 3-5pm

inside St Lawrence Church

or drop off in our boxes outside 87 Mile End Avenue or 23 Menson Drive

SUMMER SALES

Mon 11th Aug 10-2pm

Mon 1st Sept 3-6pm

inside St Lawrence Church



Pre-Loved
Uniform Bank

@Hatfield St Lawrence Church

All items 50p
(or fill a bag for a fiver)

Did you know...

Our Pre-Loved Uniform Bank has been running for 5 years now. In that time we have:

- operated from **two different locations**, starting out at Travis house and moving to our current location inside St Lawrence Church.
- collected uniform for over **13 different local schools** to redistribute, rehome and recycle.
- found our most popular offer is **Fill a Bag for a Fiver**, so we offer this all year round now to make uniform affordable for all.
- **raised £2,870.29** so far which has been reinvested into the children's and youth work in Hatfield.
- **rehomed AT LEAST 5,740 items of uniform** but probably a lot more as we give many items away free to those who need it, put extra items in our fill a bag for a fiver bags, and recycle items that are not suitable to be rehomed too.



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MAY

27th Tuesday 18:30 Come and Sing in church, a chance to sing for enjoyment! Vernon will take us through hymns and songs which are coming up in services, with some really good pointers to make us more satisfied with how we sing, and he gives lots of encouragement!

27th Tuesday 19:30 ORGAN RECITAL IN CHURCH– Vernon Hoyle

Vernon will play a selection of his own compositions, all but one of which are published, and transcriptions I have produced of music by Susato, Purcell, Bach, Handel, Elgar and Fauré. There will be refreshments, a good chance to invite people to see and hear our beautiful church!

JUNE



3rd Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday).

ADVICE PLEASE! If anyone reading this magazine knows the programme of the gardening club please could they send it to maghatfieldchurch@gmail.com, or let a church connection have it, marked "For magazine attention". It is a group so well worth going to, it would be good to have more information, thank you.

5th Thursday Stainforth History Group 19:00 Stainforth Methodist Church (every first Thursday) You don't have to be a member to come to this friendly group, there's a remarkably small entrance fee to cover costs, and you will be made most welcome!

9th Monday at 2 p.m. coffee afternoon in aid of The Guide dogs for the Blind at Woodhouse methodist, raffle, cakes, good company!

12th Friends of Hatfield church Building Trust AGM in Hatfield community Library at 2p.m. See pages 7 for coffee morning news!

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



21st Saturday **The Bus Pass Buskers** will be entertaining us in church at 19:00, tickets £7 available from church, or call

The Bus Pass Buskers

Tim Beadle on 07719 600184

29th Sunday Summer Fayre at Hatfield Woodhouse Village hall on 29th June. Last year was a fabulous day and we have even more fun and games lined up for this year's event. The event is from 12pm-5pm.

JULY

5th July – 2 - 5 pm, St. Lawrence Church Annual Garden Party on the Barn Field (adjacent to the Church). All the usual Stalls / Attractions. Entrance only 50p per adult (children free). A great family event.

Advance notice! Family Summer Club Decorations This year, we will be decorating the church in Space-themed decorations for our Family Summer Club in July. If you would like to knit, crochet or create anything stars/planets/cloud-themed to contribute to these decorations, please let Rachel know.



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Diary of a Youth, Children's and Families Worker

May has been a slightly quieter month after the busyness of the lead up to Easter. I have been able to work on planning for some big events coming up after half term (HOPE Weekend for our youth group and the Family Summer Club in July) along with the regular admin tasks that I need to complete in my role (registers, safeguarding reports, ordering resources and materials).

A few highlights have been celebrating St George's Day with the scouting family in Hatfield, something that has happened for a number of years. It was a delight to welcome them all into church and then to be able to host a very relaxed afternoon of activities on the Barn Field for their families to take part in. The weather was kind and I am sure Jeebi and the rest of the scout leaders will be happy to repeat this next year.

I was also able to present our youth group members with hoodies that they had designed and created with some of the money given to them by the Coop Local Community Cause last year. They chose a heart with a cross inside to represent their faith, as well as 1 Timothy 4:12 bible verse on the back to encourage and inspire them. [See page 20]



I met with Rosh and my mentor from the Centenary Project (Steph) to review my 2024/25 objectives. **I am glad to report that good progress is being made across most of the groups and activities, especially growth in the youth group and our Café Church.** A few things I have trialled and pushed the door on that God has closed, but that just means I can concentrate on the areas where God is moving. We will see a good number of Year 5's wanting to join the youth group in September I am sure, so **if you are able to spare a couple of hours every fortnight on a Sunday evening to invest in these amazing young people, do let me know.**

We opened registrations this month too for our Creation Crew Family Summer Club and **we absolutely amazed to see two thirds of the 60 available children places fly out the door within 48 hours!!!!** We now have only 14 spaces left so do get booked on if you want to join us for an amazing free week, exploring the creation story together. A big thank you to the volunteer team that have stepped up to help in the planning and running of that week. It's amazing what we can do together!

Things have been progressing with our new Open the Book Team, with our official Bible Society registration complete and some taster sessions booked in at local schools after half term. **Please pray for the volunteers who are involved and that we can have an impact in our Parish by sharing bible stories with the next generation.** There is space for many more on the team, you just need to be able to read a script!

Finally, may I take this opportunity to invite you to our Café Church Baptism Sunday on June 15th at 4pm even if it is not your usual service to attend. We are hoping this will be an outdoor service with some of our young people being baptised. It will be full immersion baptism in a hot tub we are borrowing for St John's in Goole, and whilst this may be different to the baptism you are used to, it will be an amazing celebration of these young people declaring their faith in Jesus and choosing to be obedient to him. Let's welcome them into the family of God here in Hatfield in style!

God Bless

Rachel Ridler – Youth, Children's and Families Worker
Rachel.ridler@centenaryproject.org.uk

07851 991286



Hatfield Church Annual Garden Party

5th July at The Barn Field.

**Opening Ceremony at 2 PM. Entrance Adults 50p,
Children Free**

Entertainments including: -

**Markham Main Brass Band,
Displays by our Local Schools,
with The McLeod Academy of Irish Dance,
& The Stephanie Maskill School of Dance,**

All the usual stalls & attractions including: -

**Cakes, Preserves, Tombola, Raffle, Books, Plants, Bottles, Chocolate Tombola
and Teddy Tombola, as well as all the usual smaller games of skill / chance.**

**Not forgetting of course our wonderful Afternoon Teas
– served throughout the event.**

**We look forward to seeing you there
it's a great Community event!**



Diary of a Youth, Children's and Families Worker continued

The verse they chose for the back of their hoodies is

**1 Timothy chapter 4 verse 12, "Don't let anyone look down on
you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in
speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. " They certainly set
an example for me recently in how to pray, this group plus others sat
at tables in church, chatted about "Ow!" and "Wow!" moments,
then simply and very sincerely asked for God's help for the "Ow"s
and thanked him for the "Wow"s, no giggles. Thank you Heroes!**

Chrissy

The Annual Garden Party – 5th July 2025.

Our annual Garden Party will soon be upon us. Preparations are well underway, but now is the time to think of those things, which we need to provide for **each** of our stalls.

From 1st June there will be boxes provided at the back of church for donations to the Tombola, the Bottle Stall, Chocolate Tombola, Books, Raffle Prizes, Second–Hand Toys etc, and not forgetting any non-perishables for the Afternoon Teas.

PLEASE HELP BY FILLING THEM UP!

Please Note: - We are **NOT** intending to run a White Elephant Stall again this year, as it is extremely heavy on work content before and after the event, sorting and disposing of leftovers, and we are short on volunteers.

Cakes, Plants, Preserves, and other perishable items can be brought on the day.

Even if you are not running one of the above stalls, please ask around for donations, they will be gratefully received and will help to make the event more successful.

- A full list of Stall Holders will be available at the back of church in June.
- Vera is still busy making preserves for the Garden Party and other events too and would particularly love to receive donations of fresh fruit. She also requires empty jars (preferably around 3-400gm) & sugar.
- We will be requiring the usual help setting up prior to the event; and clearing away afterwards – please offer your help and turn up on the day at 9:00am.
- Please note Barn Field Clear up day is planned for 28th June – come & help if you can.
- Finally, please help us by publicising the event – encourage family and friends to attend and help us to make it a truly memorable community and family orientated event.
- Should you have any queries or suggestions, please contact one of the committee, namely Maureen Scott, Hilary Dinsdale, or Terry Raper.



Hatfield Community Library celebrates the 80th anniversary of V E day

It might not have been on the actual day, but that didn't matter to the 'full house' who enjoyed a fantastic afternoon's entertainment of nostalgia, songs, and readings followed by a delicious afternoon tea .

The guest of honour was a local resident who is shortly to score his century and he was joined by our MP Lee Pitcher who enthusiastically led the audience participation. Among



other members of the front row were three members of our cubs, fitting representatives of their pack. Well done!

For the majority of the audience who were lucky enough never to have experienced the war, the



members of The Hatfield Woodhouse Phoenix Theatre group, dressed in authentic costumes, gave a real flavour of life during that horrific period. They sang popular songs of the time and gave readings of experiences from the ones who served in the armed forces and also from the adults and children who were left at home.

The entertainment, which received encores (rightly so!!), was followed by a delicious tea, organised by the amazing library staff.

A truly enjoyable community event. A huge thank you to all who gave up their time in preparing for, organising it and for those who cleared up afterwards.

It is much appreciated.



Many thanks to Sue Lowndes from Hatfield Community Library and from Glenys Mashford from St Lawrence Church.

100 Club and Vera's chatter

1st prize Julia Green

2nd prize Freda Thubron

3rd Anne E Bennett

Congratulations ladies buy a sun hat and ice-cream with your winnings or save it for your strawberry tea or afternoon at the Garden Party!

I can hardly believe it is half term next week so the summer is really here. I watch the children going to school in their summer uniforms looking so angelic and wonder how many parents are panicking already about what to do with them in the long school holidays? Judging by booking numbers for summer club some are well organised and have sorted out at least one week! If you are artistic or crafty Rachel needs tons of sea creatures, birds, stars and clouds for the ceiling net during summer club, the theme is creation so let your inner creativity go wild and make some things she can hang on the net. I can see you all liberating pipe cleaners, feathers and stuff that you kept because it would come in handy some day, tapping into your Blue Peter memories.

Terry and Co will shortly be putting the boxes into Church for The Garden Party donations, this is our vicar Chris's first garden party with us, please let's show him the fun side of St Lawrence. Not only is this a major fundraiser for us (the utility bills are still mind-blowing) but it is our opportunity to invite friends and neighbours to meet us and have fun with us, listen to the band, watch the entertainment and have tea with friends in our beautiful setting. **Save the date Saturday July 5th** and then whilst you are feeling summery follow on with **Strawberry Tea Sunday July 13th**. It will be a take away tea again this year, we considered having it in Church with the tennis showing but my tennis friends were not keen so it will be take home, break out the bubbly and enjoy.

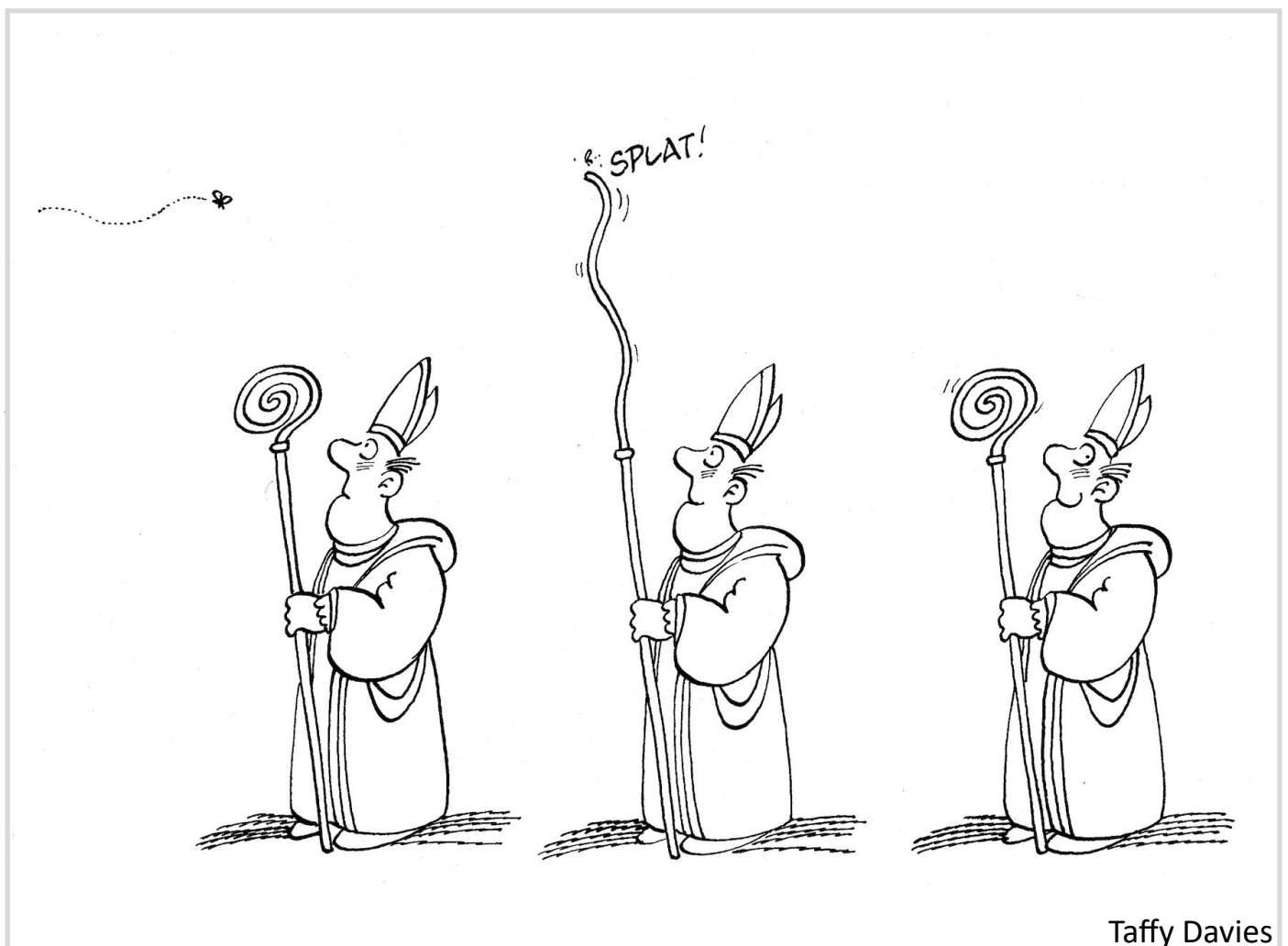
You know that joke about "she can't even boil an egg" well I am that woman!! We are hosting a Major Churches Conference today with 25 delegates, and lots of dietary needs one being gluten free vegetarian. The sandwiches arrived from Mr Sainsbury at 06.45 as

ordered but no gluten free egg and cress, no problem... 3 eggs onto boil then start writing this magazine article. I set the timer but did not put my hearing aids in ... Ah! the smell and noise as they popped, even I heard them! The moral to this tale is wear your hearing aids at all times OR do one thing at a time!

So that's it folks, see you at the Bus Pass Buskers concert on the 21st, round two of egg boiling about to start!

Vera x

What Vera didn't say was that at the Major Churches Conference there was a perfect tray of her delicious oyster tarts on the lunch table, and there were NONE left for the APCM that evening, I looked especially!!



Taffy Davies



HATFIELD WOODHOUSE

SUMMER FAYRE

**12pm
- 4pm**

29th June 2025

- CRAFT STALLS
- FOOD STALLS
- FUN DOG SHOW
- FAIRGROUND RIDES
- ART & CRAFT CLASSES
- CLASSIC CARS, TRACTORS & VEHICLES
- FACEPAINTING
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Street Prayer Project– June 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 Dunsville:

- ♦ Broadwater Drive
- ♦ Harpenden Drive
- ♦ Station Road
- ♦ Broadway

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

Rev Chris Wroot [Curate]

Hatfield Church

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An extract that we all need to be reminded about, from the APCM booklet, with thanks to Terry.

“Regular, fortnightly interior cleaning has continued this year, though unfortunately there are now only two teams. [] Two teams now means that the job comes around every month. I would therefore like to appeal yet again for new members to join the group and expand the now extremely small but hardworking and dedicated team. If anyone feels they could raise an additional team, this would be greatly appreciated and would make the task less frequent and thus easier on all the existing teams, – please contact either of your church wardens. Whenever you are in church, please help us by helping to clean up any spillages / food as soon as possible, also important towards discouraging mice from entering and staying in our church. We also had a “Big Clean” of our church this year taking place on 22nd and 29th of June, which saw several of us doing a big spring clean – inside and out, including a tidy out of various areas.

Many thanks to all those involved in the sweeping, dusting, cleaning of windows, lights, cupboards, crypt, garages, and to the church yard team also, not forgetting those who provided refreshments too.”

Terry Raper

A prayer for now Martyn Payne

*God of peace,
who raised Jesus Christ to victory over death,
keep us ever mindful of the cost of making peace,
of the call to be peacemakers,
and the carefulness needed to keep the peace,
in our lives,
in our land,
and in the world. Amen*

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Wednesday 28th May 6.30pm



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monthly

Sarah's Cleaning Service

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Sarahbridge82@gmail.com

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!



Please ensure that copy for the magazine is with the editor by the 15th of each month, preferably in writing. This means that the magazine can be put together, printed and collated and in church by the last Sunday in each month, and to be delivered by the time of the first activities in the month.

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

Each Friday Morning Prayer on Facebook Hatfield St Lawrence Church

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

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

Sunday 1st June **Easter 7**

10:00 Choral Communion

16:00 Café Church

Sunday 8th June **PENTECOST**

10:00 Choral Communion

Sunday 15th June **Trinity Sunday**

10:00 Choral Communion

16:00 Café Church

Sunday 22nd June **1st after Trinity**

10:00 Choral Communion

Sunday 29th June **Peter and Paul**

10:00 Mission Area service Thorne and Stainforth are invited here !

The cover picture this month is from the Friends trip to Bradford, thank you Tina for sending it with your article, see pages 8 and 9 . A good time was clearly had by all, and the weather was excellent too! Another trip soon please!