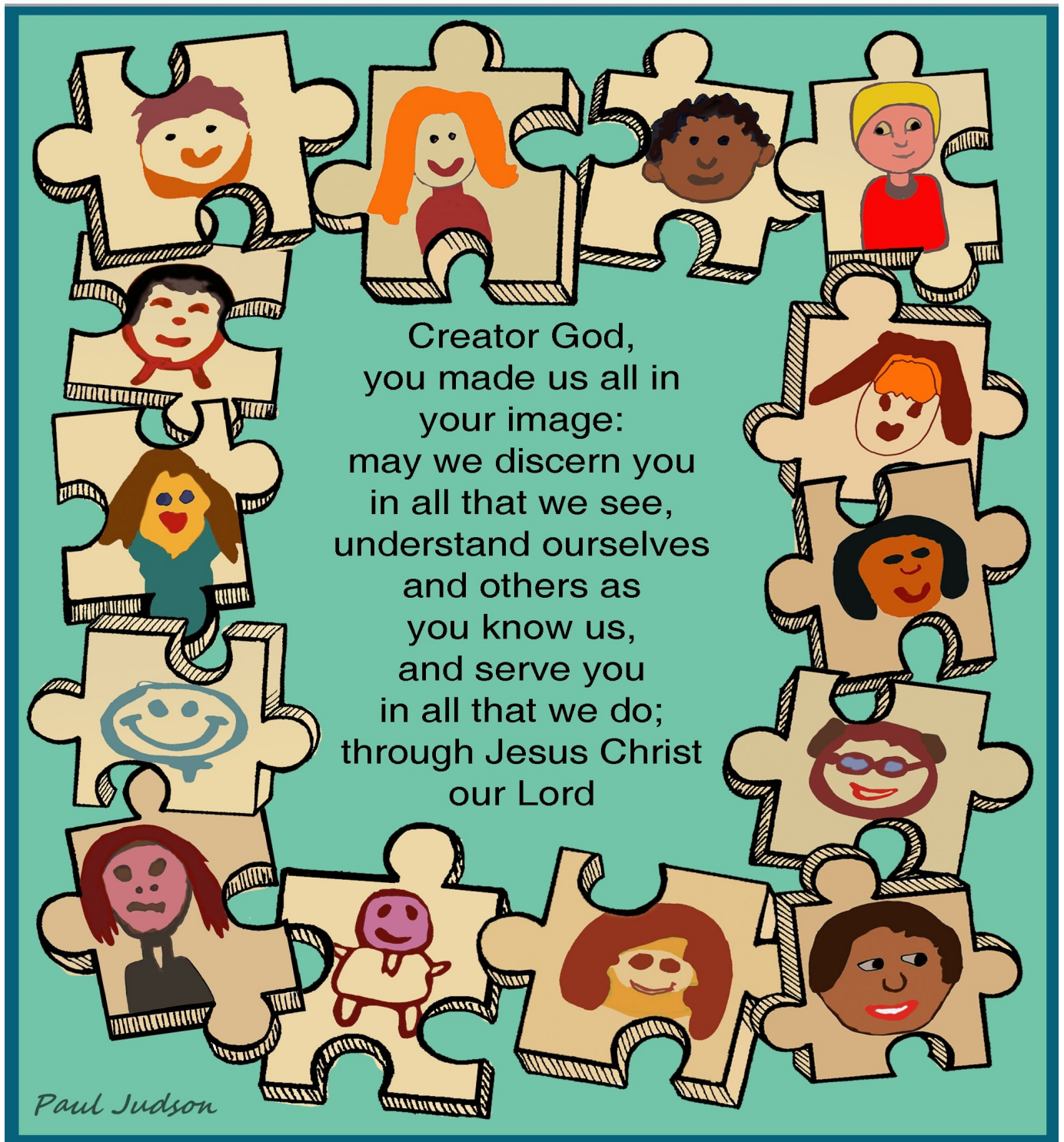


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Hatfield, including Duncroft, Dunsville,
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SUNDAY JULY 13th

Strawberry Tea

Pick up a takeaway from the Barn after 11:15 or sit and eat in the Barn from 15:00-16:30, both £9

BOOKING ESSENTIAL on 07946 374673



Wouldn't you know Rachel always has more photos than the editor has room for! This is a lovely photo of the Hatfield Heroes youth group on their Hope Weekend, where they showed their love for the community. Painting much of the fence at Travis School without drips or flicking paint at each other, and in very hot weather deserves a round of applause!!



A Pastoral Letter on the Sacredness of Life

“Speak the truth in love.” — Ephesians 4:15

Dear Friends,

I write to you with a tender heart, aware that the issues of assisted suicide and late-term abortion stir deep emotions, complex experiences, and personal stories. These are not theoretical matters—they affect those we love, and many quietly carry wounds or questions they’re afraid to voice. So I offer this letter not to draw lines, but to draw near—to invite us to walk together in faith, humility, and compassion.

As Christians in the Church of England, we hold that **every human life is a sacred gift from God**, from the first miraculous spark of existence in the womb to the final breath drawn in old age. Scripture grounds us in this truth:

“For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:13–14

“Even the hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are worth more than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:30–31

“In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.” Job 12:10

Because we believe that life is given and sustained by God, we also believe it is **not ours to end intentionally**, no matter how painful the journey. This doesn’t mean we glorify suffering—far from it. The Church champions high-quality palliative care, comfort, and presence for the dying. But it also gently warns that legalising assisted suicide may unintentionally place pressure on the vulnerable or reshape how we view suffering itself.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams spoke to this with deep care:

“The moral problem with assisted dying is not that we don’t sympathise with suffering—it’s precisely that we do. But sympathy is not the same as surrender. To be human is to care even when it’s costly, to walk with one another to the very end.”

Likewise, the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, has written:

“To protect life, especially when it is fragile, is not to impose belief but to extend love. Compassion must always be at the heart of our care, not the justification for ending care.”

When it comes to abortion, especially proposals to permit it up to birth, the clergy feel a pastoral responsibility to speak with both gentleness and truth.

The Church recognises the complexity and deep pain that can accompany

pregnancy. We must be a place of refuge, not judgment—for women, partners, families, and children.

At the same time, we affirm that the unborn child bears the image of God. The Church of England's General Synod has consistently stated that abortion should be approached with "great seriousness," and while we allow for difficult and exceptional circumstances, we do not support abortion on demand, nor its extension into the final stages of pregnancy.

As the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu once reflected:

"We are each made for goodness, born out of the heart of God. That goodness exists in every unborn child, in every elderly soul, in every person—no matter how broken or bruised."

If you are reading this as someone who has experienced the grief of abortion or suffered through end-of-life decisions, please hear this clearly: **God's mercy is deeper than any pain, and His Church exists to hold you, not to judge you.** Jesus never turned away the hurting—He gathered them in His arms and spoke peace. I pledge & promise to do the same.

Let us walk forward with love as our guide. Let us support parents, comfort the dying, honour the unborn, and defend the vulnerable. And let us always remember: the gospel is not simply about preserving life, but about *cherishing* it—because Christ gave His life so that we might live fully in Him.

Lord of life, You formed us in love and called us by name.

We praise You for the gift of life.

For unborn children, the elderly, the sick, and the vulnerable

Lord, protect and uphold them.

For those who face difficult decisions, and those who carry regret,

Lord, surround them with mercy and peace.

For caregivers, medical professionals, and all who walk with the suffering,

Lord, strengthen them with compassion and wisdom.

For our Church, that we may be a sanctuary of grace and truth,

Lord, make us faithful in love.

God of mercy, we confess that we have not always honoured the life You give.

Forgive us where we have been silent when we should have spoken, or harsh when we should have listened.

Renew in us a spirit of gentleness and courage, that we may be bearers of Your hope. Through Christ our Redeemer. ***Amen.***

With every blessing, and in the peace of Christ,

The Revd. Chris Bishop

Street Prayer Project—July 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 Woodhouse :

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| ◇ Cemetery Road | ◇ Mosscroft Lane |
| ◇ Old Epworth Road East | ◇ Main Street |
| ◇ Paddock Way | ◇ Rempole Lane |
| ◇ Churchill Avenue | ◇ Rempole Avenue |
| ◇ Howville Road | ◇ Lauroid Avenue |
| ◇ Howville Avenue | ◇ Bawtry Road |

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

The Rev'd Chris Wroot	[Curate]
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Arrangements for Baptism (Christening) and Weddings

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

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

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

Baptisms

Teddie Elliot Simpson

Weddings

Louise Ann Spowage and
Daniel Mark Neal

Funerals

Frances May Wilburn (known as Alice)



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)

100 Club and Vera's chatter

1st prize Sandra Felton

2nd prize Phillipa Cousins

3rd prize Carol Ray

All ladies again, congratulations, if this heat wave continues I feel ice-cream and iced coffee may lure your money away? We took Coco our grand dog with us to Clumber Park on Monday and treated her to a doggy ice-cream, you could almost believe she smiled, she certainly did not leave any.

People who have spoken to me in the last couple of weeks will know the only thing on my mind has been Rats. My son-in-law told me a few weeks back he thought he had seen a rat run along my back fence but I thought it must have been a squirrel because judging by the number of Beech seedlings I dig up we have plenty of those, as Julia Roberts would say "big mistake ". (OK... for young people watch "Pretty Woman", one of my go to films when I am fed up). Then there was a bit of a hole outside my greenhouse, being a tidy rather than productive gardener I filled it in and put a brick on top of it to stop Coco digging it up, probably a bigger mistake! The very next day my green house floor was a quarry site (if Rio Tinto Zinc Mining could harness and train Rats they would save themselves a fortune). At this point the penny dropped and not knowing anyone with a Jack Russel I rang City of Doncaster switch board and spoke to a sympathetic gentleman who arranged for the pest control officer to visit. A lovely lady arrived (why did I expect a man dressed like the rat catcher in Mary Poppins ?) She looked in our green house agreed we have definitely got Rats, in fact several who in her words " have been having a right old scrap in here " fortunately the rest of the garden showed no signs of being Rat Riveria 5 star accommodation so 3 large trays of tempting Rat disposal food were put into the greenhouse and off she went to return today.

Well you all know me, patience is not one of my virtues so each morning I have peered through the green house window and taken pictures of the

earth moving antics of my unwelcome visitors, they are amazing loads of soil moved, holes dug and thankfully bait eaten, but they are not yet defeated . The lovely Rodent officer returned today assured me she had not really expected them to move onto Ratty heaven after just a week (I think she kindly kept the time frame from me because I really was unhappy). She filled in their excavations so they will have to work harder to get at her food and will come back next week .

So what have we learned from this experience,

1. bring bird feeders in at night and clear up any food that is on the floor,
2. never ever put food on the bird table it makes it too easy for the "visitors "
3. if you feed Hedgehogs move the food as soon as they have eaten because as they leave the Rats move in to mop up.
4. If you have a pond only put just enough food for your fish to quickly eat because Rats are Olympic standard swimmers.

So folks this is why I have lost sleep for the last few weeks and my catch phrase has become shut that door, the thought that one might venture into the house really makes me ill. Hopefully by next month this will be a distant memory.

See you at the Garden Party

Vera x

*Another notice in
the church
kitchen!!*

*Please note that none of the
people who so kindly volunteer in
our kitchen area have stood in the
sink, as far as we know!*



A brave family member of our church!

I usually don't usually have much news but this time is bit different. Do you, have you got a bucket list? I don't have, however there is something I have always wanted to do but have never had the time or the opportunity... well not until now. At the end of July I am going on a short term mission to Kumi in Uganda. It is in East Africa, west of Kenya and south of South Sudan.

I am going out as part of a group with Mission Direct which is a UK-based Christian Charity working with community-led projects both in the UK and abroad to support education, healthcare, and housing. We will working alongside local people to build classrooms, medical facilities, toilet blocks, homes and safe houses in impoverished communities. It is just as well we are working with people who know how to do brick laying as it's not something I am skilled in! But I am keen and eager and ready to learn. Hopefully I will be able to do a little teaching too and spend time with the children.

I am not sure how much we will get done in two weeks but I think that people always find it encouraging when others care enough to come and work alongside to share the load.

Please would you pray for us as a group as we venture into new territories and learn new skills; pray too that we will make a difference no matter how small and make new friendships. If anyone feels they would like to give to the project please feel free to get in touch with www.missiondirect.org/kumiproject.

And thank you for all the way you have already contributed.

God Bless.

Love Viv

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Viv's a woman of God who puts her all into whatever she's doing. Call in any Sunday or Wednesday before she goes to Kumi and see what's she's made to sell towards the Kumi project. There are some beautiful boxes and present bags, what a special feeling for us to give a gift to someone knowing it will benefit some people Viv's going to meet!

Music Matters

Come and Sing

There will be no Come and Sing sessions in July or August.

Concluding Voluntaries for July

Sunday July 6th, 10 a.m.

Voluntary in C minor: Maurice Greene (1695?–1755)

Greene is remembered chiefly for his church music, which includes around 100 anthems. He was organist at St Paul's Cathedral in London (1718), organist and composer at the Chapel Royal (1727) and Master of the King's Musick (1735). He was also Professor of Music at Cambridge University. This piece, which is for manuals alone (in Greene's time the British organ lacked a pedal department), consists of a slow introduction followed by a spirited Vivace movement.

Sunday July 13th, 10 a.m.

Postlude for a Joyous Occasion: Vernon Hoyle (b. 1948)

I composed this piece in June of last year and it is inscribed thus: 'To the Revd Christopher Bishop on the occasion of his Licensing and Installation on July 16th 2024 as Priest-in-Charge of Hatfield and Oversight Minister'.

Sunday July 20th, 10 a.m.

Postlude on 'Lobe den Herren': Vernon Hoyle

This piece, composed in June 2024, is based upon the well known tune sung to 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.' It is dedicated to Philip J. Paul, who is Organist and Director of Music at the Central Methodist Church in York.

Sunday July 27th, 10 a.m.

Prelude and Fugue in E minor (BWV 533): Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

This is an early work which shows the influence of the North German School. The Prelude is 'toccata-like' and moves in short 'spurts'. The Fugue is brief and straightforward and features inverted mordents (short, upside-down trills) in the fugue subject.

Vernon Hoyle

In early July this poem was mentioned to me, and it was too good to miss! Halfway through this month our vicar Chris will have been with us for a year. We now hold you in such respect and affection Chris that we know you won't mind this poem!



Blame the Vicar

by Sir John Betjeman

When things go wrong it's rather tame
To find we are ourselves to blame,
It gets the trouble over quicker
To go and blame things on the Vicar.

The Vicar, after all, is paid
To keep us bright and undismayed.
The Vicar is more virtuous too
Than lay folks such as me and you.
He never swears, he never drinks,
He never should say what he thinks.
His collar is the wrong way round,
And that is why he's simply bound
To be the sort of person who
Has nothing very much to do
But take the blame for what goes wrong
And sing in tune at Evensong.

For what's a Vicar really for
Except to cheer us up? What's more,
He shouldn't ever, ever tell
If there is such a place as Hell,
For if there is it's certain he
Will go to it as well as we.
The Vicar should be all pretence
And never, never give offence.
To preach on Sunday is his task
And lend his mower when we ask

And organize our village fetes
And sing at Christmas with the Waits
And in his car to give us lifts
And when we quarrel, heal the rifts.

To keep his family alive
He should industriously strive
In that enormous house he gets,
And he should always pay his debts,
For he has quite six pounds a week,
And when we're rude he should be meek
And always turn the other cheek.

He should be neat and nicely dressed
With polished shoes and trousers pressed,
For we look up to him as higher
Than anyone, except the Squire.

Dear People, who have read so far,
I know how really kind you are,
I hope that you are always seeing
Your Vicar as a human being,
Making allowances when he
Does things with which you don't agree.
But there are lots of people who
Are not so kind to him as you.
So in conclusion you shall hear
About a parish somewhat near,
Perhaps your own or maybe not,
And of the Vicars that it got.

One parson came and people said,
Alas! Our former Vicar's dead!
And this new man is far more 'Low'
Than dear old Reverend so-and-so,
And far too earnest in his preaching,
We do not really like his teaching,
He seems to think we're simply fools
Who've never been to Sunday Schools."

That Vicar left, and by and by
A new one came, "He's much too 'High',"
The people said, "too like a saint,
His incense makes our Mavis faint."
So now he's left and they're alone
Without a Vicar of their own.
The living's been amalgamated
With one next door they've always hated.

Dear readers, from this rhyme take warning,
And if you heard the bell this morning
Your Vicar went to pray for you,
A task the Prayer Book bids him do.
"Highness" or "Lowness" do not matter,
You are the Church and must not scatter,
Cling to the Sacraments and pray
And God be with you every day.

Sir John Betjeman 1906-1984

Next time you're at St Pancras station go and see the statue of this famous and much-loved man who makes us laugh, and makes us think. He loved trains nearly as much as he loved the Church.

Childlike in simplicity

Forgive us, Lord, that as we grow to maturity, our faith is
 blighted with doubts, withered with worry,
 tainted with sophistication.

We pray that you will make us like children again in faith –
 not childish, but childlike in the simplicity of a faith
 that is willing to trust you even though we cannot see
 what tomorrow will bring.

This prayer was written by Peter Marshall. He immigrated to the United States from Scotland, trained as a Presbyterian minister, and in 1947 was made chaplain to the United States Senate.

The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

It will be the St Lawrence **Church Garden Party**, hopefully on the Barn field, weather permitting on **Saturday 5th July from 2pm**. We will be there with a stall selling our beautiful pre-loved jewellery with lots of new stock to browse through and you can renew your membership fees if you haven't already this year. We nearly have enough jewellery to send off another sack for recycling so if you have any jewellery, watches, old mobile phones, SatNavs, iPads, foreign currency or used stamps please drop them in the white box in the Church porch for collection, thanks in advance. No jewellery boxes thanks, only jewellery, etc.

Unfortunately, due to technical problems, we have had to postpone the Friends usual Summer Newsletter but we will catch up in the Autumn hopefully but do keep an eye on our Facebook page as all our news will be on there.

We will be holding our next **Coffee Morning in Hatfield Community Library on Sat 26th July from 10am to 12 noon**. Come along and try your luck on the raffle or the tombola then chill out with a cuppa and some yummy homemade cake and a chat with friends. Pete Bullers will be there selling his fabulous handmade birdboxes and the Scouts have been invited to do a delicious chocolate tombola too.

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

HATFIELD ST LAWRENCE

HYMNS & PIMM'S

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

@ 6PM

A celebratory social: “Hymns & Pimm's”—an uplifting evening of music, conversation, and community warmth. We’ll gather informally as the Vicar sits down with a very special guest to talk faith, life and laughter, with a blend of your favourite hymns woven beautifully throughout the evening. It promises to be both heartening and fun, and we hope it will draw in friends old and new, while raising a few helpful funds along the way! There is no charge, but we'd be extremely grateful for donations on the evening!

The gardener and the Vine



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL
ABOUT A GARDENER.

THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS
TO CARE FOR THE VINES



HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH
BRANCH CAREFULLY..

... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING
GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE
FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD
FRUIT...

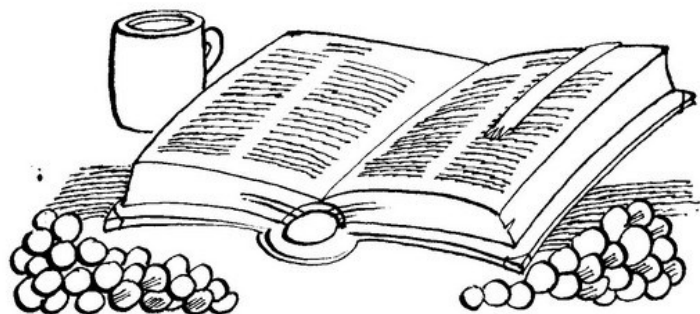


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ALL...

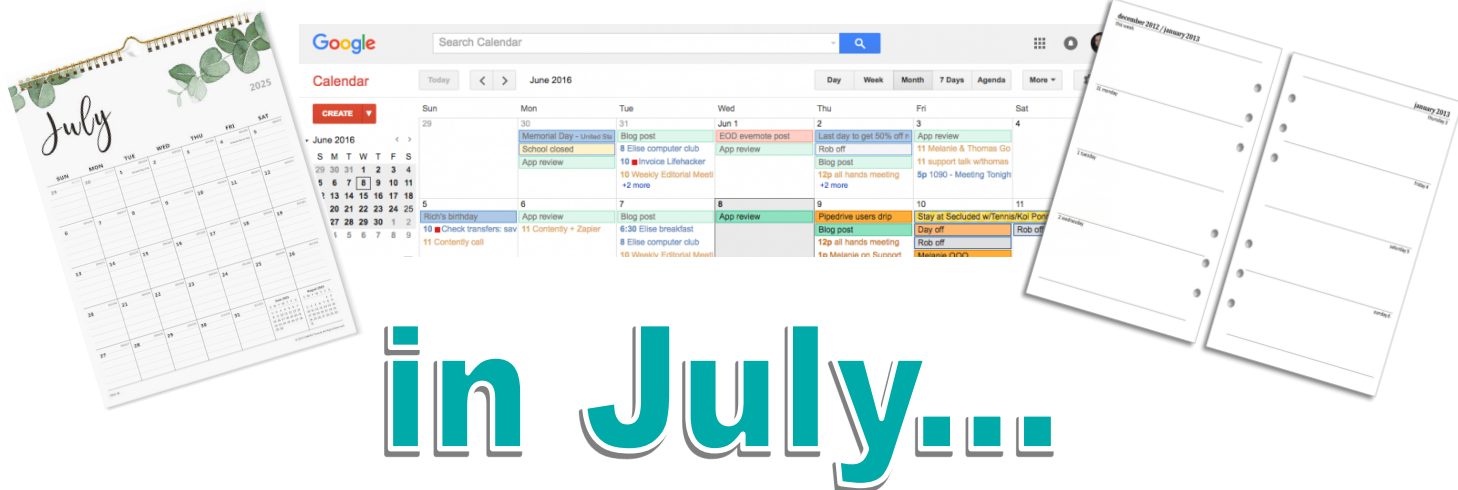


...THEN THE GARDENER WOULD
CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN
THE FIRE!!

JESUS WANTED HIS FRIENDS TO SHARE
THE GOOD NEWS - THAT'S LIKE THE
VINE BEARING GOOD FRUIT.



YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S
GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.



in July...

- 1st Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday)
- 3rd Thursday Stainforth History Group "The Leader Brothers" 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, you will be made most welcome!
- 5th Saturday St Lawrence Garden Party opens at 2 p.m. See pages 22-23 for further details
- 12th coffee morning in the barn 10-12 for Thorne Rural Lions on Saturday July 12th. Home baking would be welcome, and people to buy it!
- 12th Every second Saturday coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30– Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road
- 13th Sunday Strawberry Tea Pick up a takeaway from the Barn after 11:15 or sit and eat in the Barn from 15:00-16:30, both £9
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Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist Chapel Monday Charity Coffee Afternoons

We can now accommodate dog walkers outside (our new table and chairs) and if it is raining the back room.

The Coffee Afternoon in aid of The Guide Dogs for the Blind raised £243.00 Thank you to all helpers & supporters

Weekly Pop up stalls are back if you want to book please see Mandy so call in any Saturday Morning when we can arrange a date for you.

Monday 7 Coffee Afternoon in aid of World and Home Missions



St Lawrence Open the Book players about to perform the story of Jesus and the big fish catch from Luke 5:1-11 and John 21:1-14 . They went to Sheep Dip Lane Primary School and Crookesbroom Primary Academy telling the story, acting it out, with extra fishermen from the audience! Schools no longer have to have an act of worship every day as in "the old days", so this is a brilliant alternative to Open **THE** Book, the Bible.

DIARY OF A YOUTH, CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES WORKER

June has been yet another busy month, although I have been thankful for our Annual Centenary Project Retreat at the start of the month.

Highlights have included:

Launch of our new Open the Book Team – we finally took to the stage this month! We have assisted the Epworth team at Travis St Lawrence Primary, and been in to Sheep Dip Lane Primary and Crookesbroom Primary on our own. We also did an example at the recent Pentecost Service and were excited to recruit some new actors for the team! Do come and take part – it's lots of fun.

Pentecost All Age Communion Service – it was a great privilege and joy to share on Pentecost Sunday about how the Holy Spirit is like a plug (we need to be plugged in to Him to have power to live our Christian lives), a gift (He gives us all amazing gifts to use for His glory and work), an invitation (for us to join in the work of the church) and an interruption (He comes into our lives and nudges us to do things at times that might not be the best for us!). How will we all respond? It was amazing to see so many go up to receive prayer and anointing in response to this.

Baptisms – What a joy it was to not only have an outdoor Café Church service, but to celebrate the baptisms of Sam and Robert, two of our amazing young people. Both of them took a step of faith to declare their beliefs, and had full immersion baptism in the Vicarage Garden. We



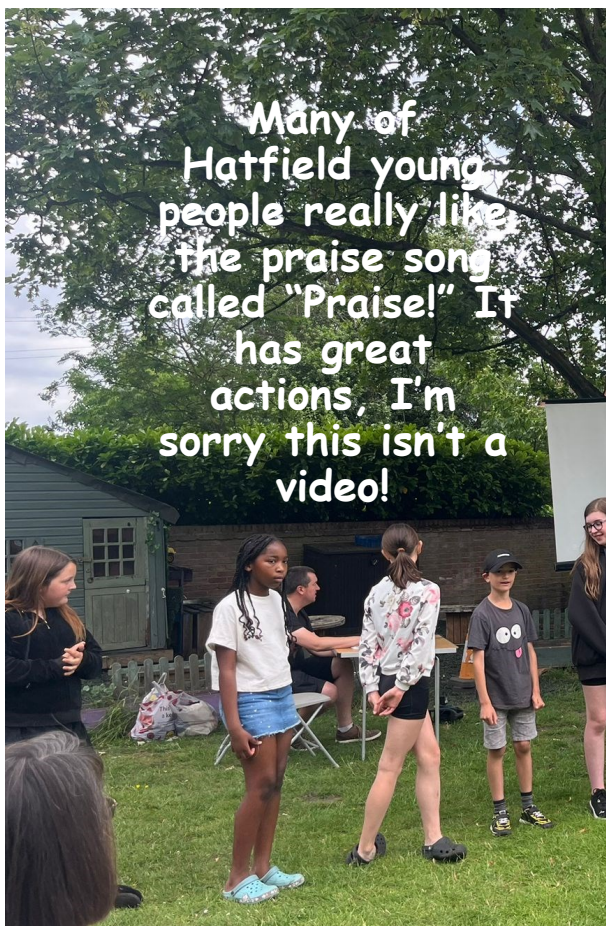
welcomed family and church family to the service, and there was certainly plenty of food to go round! My prayer is that we have many more baptisms in the future, now that our youth have seen what it's all about (we won't mention the impromptu water fight that occurred afterwards!!).

HOPE Weekend – whilst I am writing this event is still to take place, but it will have by the time you are reading! I am sure that this will have been an amazing time for our young people stepping up to serve their local community.



July is preparation for our Family Summer Club and doing some transition work with our Year 6 pupils across parish primary schools. Please do join me in praying for all moving up to Secondary this year.

God Bless
Rachel Ridler



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: -

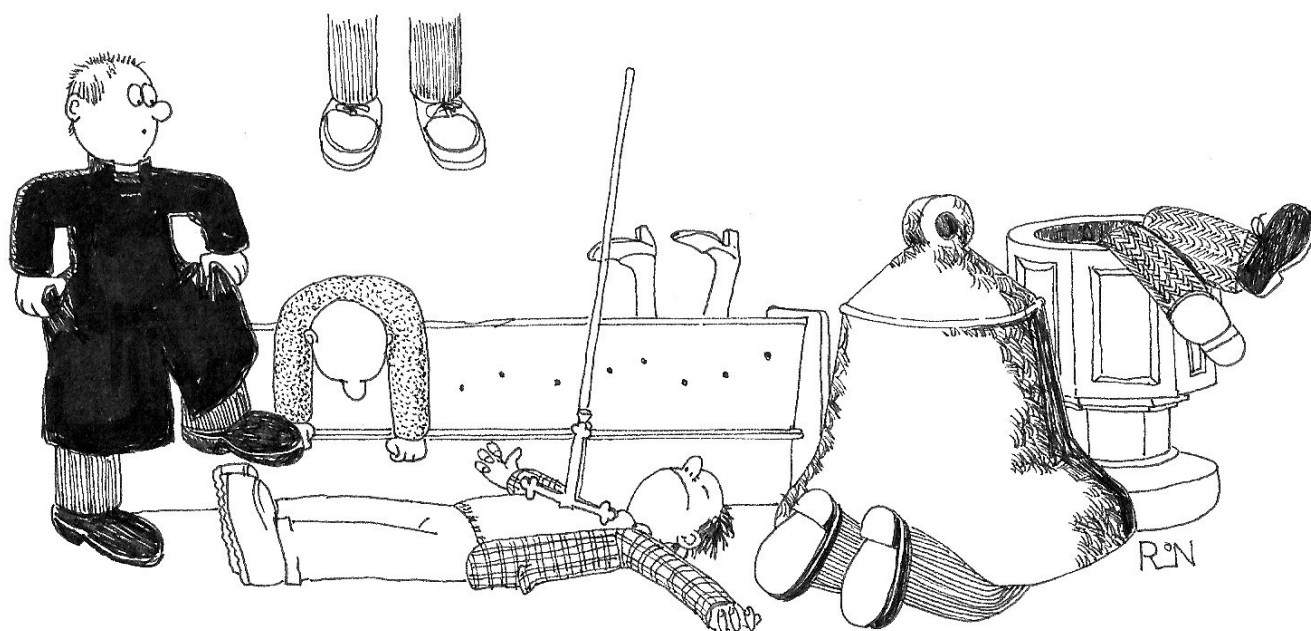
Cakes, Preserves, Tombola, Raffle, Books, Plants, Bottles, Chocolate Tombola

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!



It was a normal Sunday morning in Midsomer Parish Church...!

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.

A Fairy Story...

... well that's not quite right. This is the story of the "fairy" washing up liquid in the church drinks-making area and how it's the tiniest step imaginable to help save the planet! But still useful.

In May 2024 a church family member "treated" the kitchen to a gallon of ECO washing up liquid. Helpers often bring supplies of all sorts, thank you very much, but you are genuinely very welcome to claim it back, make sure you have the receipt. This was a gallon of plant-based ingredients washing up liquid in a non-spill bottle.

People washing up -thank you all—faithfully re-filled the small bottle when needed and it's lasted 13 months! It's now been re-filled, so no second plastic bottle needed, and still no chemicals used!

Thanks to Ocado for the initial good value (still the same price now!) and Peace With the Wild Epworth for the refill.

If you're interested in doing the same ask Chrissy about it, also laundry liquid, fabric softener etc.

We're keeping up our promises to look after God's wonderful world in this very small way!



Once asked how many people worked in the Vatican, Pope John XXIII replied: "Oh, about half."

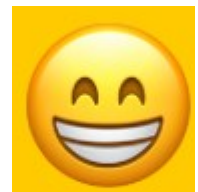
A 102-year-old lady was asked if she had any worries about the future. She replied: "Not since I got my eldest son into an old people's home."

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his mother for the reason of his distress, he gulped: "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I want to be an engine driver."

The vicar was ill in hospital and so the churchwarden went to visit.

Trying to cheer him up, the churchwarden said: "We missed you at PCC last night. We even put forward a resolution to wish you a speedy recovery. It was passed by 14 votes to 12."

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.





It's not a new
stained-glass
window,
Hatfield
Heroes put
their
skateboard
ramp too close
to the church's
west wall!

Nor
Fors.

And talking of fairies...

Fairy rings on the Barn field!!





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You can join Rev'd Gill on Friday mornings at 8:30 for a short Morning Prayer— 10 minutes
Go to the St Lawrence Hatfield page and try it out!



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

Each Friday Morning Prayer on Facebook

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 6th July **Trinity 3**

10:00 Choral Communion Galatians 6.7–16 ; Luke 10.1–11, 16–20

16:00 Café Church

Sunday 13th July **Trinity 4**

10:00 Choral Communion Deuteronomy 30.9–14 ; Luke 10.25–37

Sunday 20th July **Trinity 5**

10:00 Choral Communion Colossians 1.15–28; Luke 10.38–end

16:00 Café Church

Sunday 27th July **Trinity 6**

10:00 Choral Communion Genesis 18.20–32; Luke 11.1–13



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