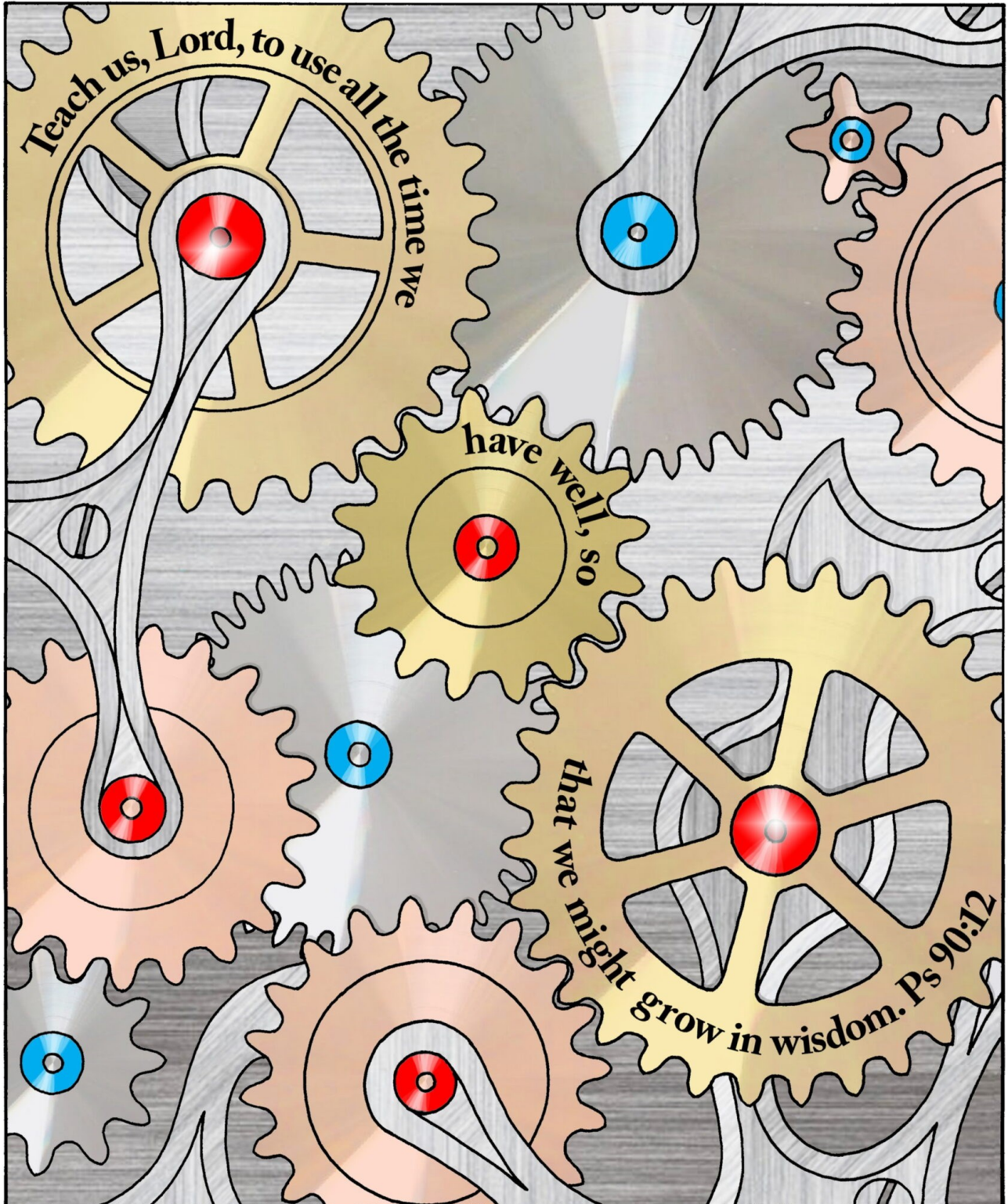


ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

Hatfield, including Duncroft, Dunsville,
Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme



September 2025 50p

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It is with love and amazement that we wish Lew Rhoades an amazing but very happy 100th birthday on 13th September! We are always so very pleased to see you Lew and Doreen.



Please contact Rachel if you're able to help, or just turn up!
No need to let anyone know if you're popping in for a cuppa!

Joy writes: “Here is the Vicar’s wife summer takeover of the Vicar’s letter for this month. “

The Holy Calling of Motherhood

For as long as I can remember, I’ve wanted to be a mother. It’s been woven into me from the very beginning, like a quiet, steady heartbeat. This week, I’m on Bude beach with my own children, watching them tear across the same stretch of sand where I played as a little girl. I remember standing here years ago, dreaming of the day I might bring my own family. And now here they are, noisy, sandy, full of life, living out the dream God planted in my heart all those years ago.

Some days, the noise of four children feels like a song in our home—sometimes beautifully in tune, other times... not so much. As a vicar’s wife, people often imagine my days are filled with tea and flowers and peaceful moments of prayer. But if I’m honest, motherhood is the altar where my faith is most often stretched, tested, and refined.

I lost my own mum when I was just fifteen. Her absence has been both a deep ache and a quiet teacher. There are so many times I wish I could ask her how she made it through the sleepless nights, or how she found the words to calm an anxious child. But in that longing, I’ve learned to lean on the Lord as my perfect Parent, the One who never leaves, never tires, and never runs out of love.

We’ve also known the grief of losing a child. Our third was stillborn, and there simply aren’t words for the pain of holding your baby only to let them go. Yet even there, in the valley of shadows, Christ met us. He wept with us. He carried us. And He reminded me that being a mother isn’t just about the children I hold in my arms, but also the ones I carry in my heart until we meet again in heaven.

I often think of how Jesus welcomed children, how He blessed them right in the middle of the noise and chaos, how He met mothers in the very thick of life. He still does. That's why I've come to see that my motherhood, messy, noisy, and sometimes tear-stained, is holy ground.

I'm learning that to mother well isn't to be perfect. It's to be present. It's to trust that the same God who walked with me through loss is the One shaping my children now, through my love, my prayers, and even my flaws. And in that, I've realised: motherhood isn't about having all the answers. It's about walking each day with the One who is the Answer.

Ever since I can remember, I've known this was my calling. Just as Chris is called to be a priest, I am called to be a mother.

Joy



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

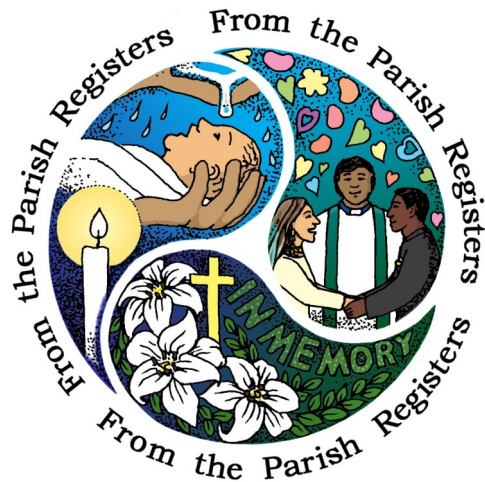
Elliot Lee Elvin

Weddings

Katie Louise Abeysekera and
Zacq Standish

Funerals

Joan Wood
Derek Mattocks
William Douglas Butler



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)



LAUNCHING SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

We're excited to announce the launch of **Lawrence's Place**, a new monthly community café, based in Hatfield Church, on the **first Saturday of each month**. It will be a warm, welcoming, and inclusive space for everyone in our local area.

Whether you're popping in for a cuppa and a bacon bap or looking for a friendly face and good conversation, **Lawrence's Place** is here for you. We know that loneliness and social isolation affect people of all ages, and this café is our small but meaningful response — a space where no one has to feel alone.

Run by volunteers on a not-for-profit basis, the café will offer affordable drinks and simple snacks, so that everyone — individuals, families, carers, and those on a tight budget — can join in without worry. Our focus isn't just on refreshments, but on hospitality, care, and community.

We will be inviting local charities, advice services, and wellbeing groups to share information or simply be present, making the café a bridge to other helpful resources in the area.

Whether you're new to the neighbourhood, a long-time resident, a parent needing a breather, or someone simply looking for good company, you're warmly invited. Come and be part of something hopeful and grounded in community. There's always a seat at the table — and always a welcome waiting.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON AT LAWRENCE'S PLACE
A COMMUNITY CAFE WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS.**

The Bishops are coming!!

Our Vicar Chris -but read on as he's not actually the vicar yet...- writes

"I wanted to share some lovely news with you. Bishop Leah will be joining us on Sunday 5th October for our Choral Communion, where she'll be presiding and preaching. It will be a joy to welcome her, and I know her presence will bring encouragement and warmth to us all.

During the service, my title will officially change from Priest in Charge to Vicar. It's not a huge shift in day-to-day ministry, but it does mark a meaningful moment in our journey together as a new Parish - now that finally and after many years and much paperwork the Pastoral Scheme to unite Duncroft to Hatfield has gone through!! "

And then a few emails later,

" I'm really pleased to let you know that Bishop Leah, our new Bishop of Doncaster, will be visiting us again on Thursday 9th October from 7pm to 9pm. It's a real joy to be asked to host her, and we're looking forward to welcoming for the second time that week!

She'll be sharing her testimony with us, a chance to hear more of her journey and heart for ministry. She'll be joined by Bishop Pete, who will be offering a scripture exposition during the evening. It promises to be a rich and encouraging time together.

This event is open to all churches across the Deanery, so we're expecting a good gathering. Please do pop the date in your diary and make every effort to be there. It would be wonderful to have strong representation from our own team."

There will of course be refreshments, and it's a good opportunity to invite people to come and see the new Vicar and the new Bishop!!

St Lawrence Church, Hatfield

invite you to an evening of entertainment
with the

Harmonix Choir



on **Saturday 20th September** at **7pm**

in church

Tickets:- **£7.00** to include
light refreshments

These are available from church or
contact Vera on 07946374673

Raffle

All proceeds shared between the Choir and St
Lawrence Church

A cappella choir, this group are non profit making and their
proceeds go to their nominated charity



August 100 club and Vera's chatter

1st prize Rhys Owen
2nd prize Sue and Roger Colley
3rd prize Penny Slater

Congratulations winners and two gentlemen, quite a rarity in our winners line up, perhaps this will inspire more gentlemen to join in? Or does it mean that the readership of the Magazine is mainly female? Come on chaps we need a mans chatter, the challenge is down!

I don't understand why people say nothing happens in August. There have been lots of opportunities for fun this year, the highlight being the Yard Sale, I was so worried about stall holders frying or drowning {depending which weather app I looked at} that we moved into Church from the Barn field. We had lots of visitors and even some "dealers" (not the drug type I think) so we must be famous, lots of people stayed for refreshments so Senette and Sharon had lots of practise with the new coffee machine in readiness for Lawrence's Place in September.

Not fun but so essential: the VJ Day remembrance opportunities. I cried buckets of tears watching coverage of the forgotten war and listening to the few remaining heroes retelling their stories. Why is the human race so cruel? And it still goes on. Pray for peace everyday. The world needs you.

By the time you read this the Bay Horse Bake Off will have happened and fantastic baking will have been bid for, bought and no doubt consumed, this years charity is Coppice School and Eve Foundation <https://evefdn.com/>

The Friends of Hatfield Church are hosting a Coffee morning on the 30th in th elibrary, pre-loved jewellery addicts take note.

Our next event in Church is a return visit by The Harmonix Choir on Saturday 20th September at 7pm. They are a talented choir and worth a listen. Refreshments and raffle as usual but if you want to bring your Saturday night tipples with you, you are welcome to. We generally finish around 9.15 ish so you will still have time to hit your favourite night spot!

The PCC meet in September and will be discussing our Winter social programme. As you can imagine I have sent in my suggestions so I hope and pray that next month I will have tons to tell you. If you have fund raising ideas please tell them and don't forget the Barn is newly decorated, so look forward to hosting your coffee morning, family party, small group event. It is available at weekends. Where else do you get a field thrown in, the bouncy castle in use for the last christening party looked great fun.

It is that time of the year please PAY YOUR SUBS NOW for the 100

Club, £12 a year is a bargain, Terry and I will be delighted to take your money.
Looking forward to seeing you all around our lovely "village"
Vera x

New Early Morning Holy Communion Service and Shared Breakfast !



We're pleased to announce the launch of a new regular service in our worshipping life together: a celebration of **Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer** at **8:30 am on the 4th Sunday of each month.**

This quiet and reflective service offers a chance to worship in the timeless language and rhythm of the Prayer Book. Whether this is a familiar tradition for you, or something new you'd like to explore, all are welcome to join us.

To complement this early service, we will also be offering **breakfast from 9:00 am to 9:45 am.**

This is a great opportunity to share fellowship, whether you've just come out of the 8:30 service or are arriving early for the 10:00 am Communion service.

We hope this new pattern of worship and hospitality will offer a gentle and nourishing way to start your Sunday—spiritually and physically!

Do come along, bring a friend, and join us as we gather around the Lord's table and then the breakfast table, or the breakfast table then the Lord's table!

Dates, dates, dates

August Coffee Morning in the Library on Saturday 30th August: Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

September

1st Monday from 3 – 6pm **Uniform Bank**, to enable you to buy items ready for the start of a new school year. See elsewhere in the mag for other dates.

2nd Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday)

Rachel's Appeal for Volunteer Help, please: 3rd-5th '**CUPPA IN THE CHURCHYARD**': We are hoping to run a free cuppa stall outside the Bride's Doors on **Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th** September for parents dropping children off at Travis school. If you can be around to help serve teas and coffees from 8am-9am, on any of those days, please let Rachel know.

4th 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!

13th every second Saturday coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30– Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road

15th Monday Coffee Afternoon in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance Raffle @ 3pm Hatfield Woodhouse



Nigel Beeton writes: September is the 200th anniversary of the first ever passenger-carrying railway, between Stockton and Darlington. Not much of a ride – the passengers all standing in wagons – but it was a start. 200 years later passengers are still standing on trains – maybe in slightly better wagons, but still standing!

1825 – 200 years of the train

The engine, all clanky and smoky
The passengers standing in trucks
A journey both shaky and choky
But a new age of travel was struck.

The railways spread out like spiders
Till covering all of our Isles
In general delighting their riders
Who normally got there with smiles.

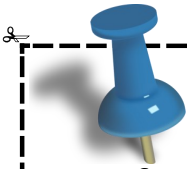
So many long years of reaching
Our goals with whistles and toots
Till along came a daft man called
'Beeching'
Who cut it all back to its roots.

Today it's the roads that are choking
Car drivers are hooting – in vain.
Doc Beeching might think I am joking
But they're building new railways
again!

By Nigel Beeton



And if you ever visit St Pancras International station do go and say hello to this nice man John Betjeman, who wrote wonderful poems about trains, and about churches and vicars too! You can see he's much hugged.



Mission W

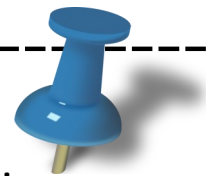
If we think our belief in Jesus is worthwhile why don't we tell people about it?

So St Lawrence Church is making it easy for you to share your faith.

Please come and join us.

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Sunday 31st August | 6:00pm | Hymns & Pimm's – Social & Fun |
| Monday 1st September | 3:00–4:00pm | Pop-up Prayers & Blessings to |
| Tuesday 2nd September | 3:00–4:00pm | Pop-up Prayers & Blessings to |
| Wednesday 3rd September | 8:00–9:00am | Cuppa in the Churchyard – Fre |
| | 2:30–3:00pm | Singing & Prayer Visit |
| Thursday 4th September | 8:00–9:00am | Cuppa in the Churchyard |
| | 4pm - 5pm | Walking with Jesus (in sacrament) Hatfield |
| Friday 5th September | 8:00–9:00am | Cuppa in the Churchyard |
| Saturday 6th September | 9 - 12 noon | Launch of <i>Lawrence's Place</i> – M |
| Sunday 7th September | 10:00am & 4:00pm | Back to Church Sunday – Gues |

Week 2025!



about him? Actually it's not always easy to bring him into a conversation...
easier for us by a whole week of events!
and join in.

| Event | Place |
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| Raising Outreach Event | Church |
| Go! | Outside Duncroft Co-op |
| Go! | Hatfield Woodhouse row of shops |
| e drinks, invites, prayer activity | Outside west door of Church (school run) |
| | Hatfield House Care Home |
| | Churchyard |
| ental signs) through the Streets of | Starting at Church, route through Hatfield |
| | Churchyard |
| Monthly Community Café | Church |
| t Celebration Services | Church |

Street Prayer Project— September 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 Lindholme:

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Redhouse Park | Blenhiem | Lincoln road |
| Lancaster Drive | Wellington Road | Canberra road |
| Hampton Cres | Mills Drive | Varsity close |

And in Hatfield:

Crookesbroom Lane

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

Rev Chris Wroot [Curate]

Hatfield Church

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Autumn Term Sessions 2025

**All sessions are
Mondays @ St
Lawrence Church
AM - 8:15-9:30am
PM - 2:30-4pm**



**Pre-Loved
Uniform Bank
@Hatfield St Lawrence Church**

**15th Sept - AM
29th Sept - PM
13th Oct - AM
3rd Nov - PM
17th Nov - AM
1st Dec - PM
15th Dec - AM

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

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Brews & Books

For ActionAid

Bring a book, grab one of ours or
just swing by for a natter!

**THE BARN
(BEHIND BAY HORSE)
DN7 6RS**

**13 SEPT
10AM-12**

All proceeds go to ActionAid, helping women
and girls living in poverty build brighter futures

The 15-21st September is National Disability Inclusion Week. ending with Disability Sunday.

This is a chance to Include People with Disabilities in everyday activities and encourage them to have roles similar to their peers without Disabilities.

Sandra Beadle our Disability Chair is a Disability Champion, supported by the Through the Roof Charity.

Diary of a Youth, Children's and Families Worker

I write this at the end of a busy summer, in the last few days before I go off on my annual leave. I am currently meditating on the word “Selah” used many times in the Psalms. It is a musical term, used to describe a pause, rest, chance to reflect before carrying on, and I believe that to be a great description of what August is in my calendar. So please forgive me for not having lots of stories and activities to share for this month! However, this academic year has seen many things to be thankful for, some things that need to be changed and improved, and the space at in the summer holidays (after the madness of Summer Club!) allows chance to pause, rest and reflect before starting all over again in September!!

Here are a few things to thank God for this year:

- **A safe and fun summer club** (no accident book entries!) – over 50 children in church each day and their families, hearing about creation and that God wants to be their friend. Many took friendship bracelets on the last day to signify this.
- **Families coming to Café Church off the back of summer club** – we had at least three new families come to try Café Church out at the end of summer club, so please pray that they want to come back and become part of our church family
- **Growth in our youth group** – we are looking at having over 20 young people in September which has grown from nothing after Covid.
- **Young leaders stepping up** – they really were a credit to the church at summer club, helping with crafts, running activities and games, on stage and taking photos.
- **Volunteer team growing** – this year we have had new members of the summer club team which is always encouraging
- **Open the Book Team launching** – this will be a real asset and allow us regular contact with local primary schools

As we start the new Academic Year, please pray for and consider if you can get involved in the following:

- **Cuppa in the Churchyard** – an outreach event of handing out free cups of tea and coffee to parents the first week back in September. We'll be there Wednesday, Thursday and Friday so come along and help if you can.
- **Alpha Course in Ash Hill Academy** – from October to December we

have been given permission to run a after school Alpha course at the Secondary School. This is an amazing testament to what the Holy Spirit is doing in our schools and the next generation. Please pray for young people to meet with Jesus and be transformed by taking part.

- **Mentoring and Relationships** – I really want our young people to feel part of the church and to grow in their faith journey. As part of my reflecting, I believe mentoring needs to become a bigger part of our youth work so we can invest more in them individually. If you would be interested in meeting one-to-one with a young person (after safeguarding training and checks done) then please do contact me. Many of you have much to offer to this next generation!

Finally, thank you all for your generous support at the recent coffee morning. If you haven't considered giving a regular gift towards our children's and youth work, then perhaps this is your chance. It really is making a difference and God is using your generosity to reach the next generation. Please speak to me or Rosh if you would like a regular form.

God Bless and See you all in September (hopefully well rested and raring to go!)

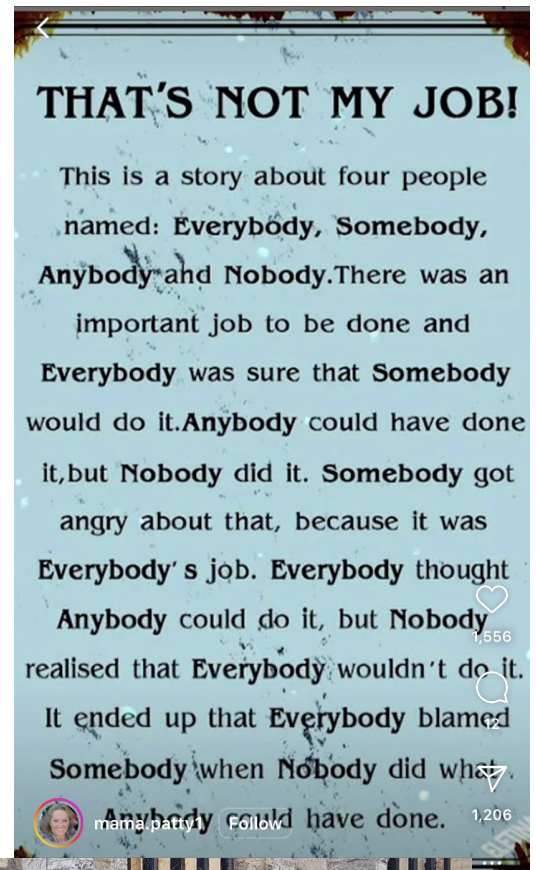


Rachel – Youth,
Children's and
Families Worker

Rachel.ridler@centenaryproject.org.uk



Tim Beadle sent this to the magazine, it made him laugh, thanks Tim. It made the editor laugh too, as it's been a day, no, a week so far of people helping, unsung heroes all. There was a small group of people deep cleaning the Barn this afternoon, and getting very mucky in the process; a member of the congregation was there repairing the broken Barn garage doors and phoning up about repairs; on a different day four people were cutting the grass so that it looked extra good for a wedding on 23rd; someone will have ordered more wafers for Wednesday communion, someone will be getting ready for Lawrence's Place café on Saturday 6th, and people will turn up to help in many ways... so let's re-write....



...this is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it, Anybody could have done it... But all these people went to St Lawrence Church, and they knew that they could work together because they all had different skills. So Somebody gave Somebody a lift, Somebody prayed for Somebody because they felt that was the best help, Somebody scrubbed the Barn toilet floor, Somebody smiled at Somebody who was new to church and asked them if they were staying for coffee, Somebody ordered new communion wafers AND remembered to take them to church, all these little jobs were like jigsaw pieces, and together they made a wonderful picture of a church family who care for Everybody. So there are no Nobodys at St Lawrence... we are all Somebodys, and important to each other and to God.

**Trust Carol to do something like this, amazing woman!
All went well. You can sponsor until September 27th.**



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2025**

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Closing deadline for all donations is 27th September

PLEASE SPONSOR ME

VJ Day, 15th September 1945, 80 years on

Our whole nation remembered this day as the official end to World War II, although the surrender document wasn't signed until 2nd September 1945, officially ending World War II.

Here in Hatfield we marked the occasion with a short remembrance at the War memorial in Dr Water's Garden at noon, when there was a national 2 minutes silence. Then we joined in the bell-ringing with many



cathedrals and churches at 6:30 p.m. Many thanks to all who took part in any way, especially our exhausted bell-ringers!



You won't be surprised to know that we had a cool drink too, before we went outside and were joined by many others to listen to the bells of rejoicing.



The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

We're all set for our postponed Coffee Morning in Hatfield Community Library on Sat 30th August from 10am to 12 noon. With drinks and biscuits, home-made cakes, a raffle, Tombola, pre-loved jewellery and hand-made bird boxes for sale. Also possibly a biscuit Tombola by the DN7 Foodbank.

We've also been given a green light from Sarah Jane at Sarah Jane's Coffee Lounge in Dunsville to have a small table to sell our pre-loved jewellery from, sometime in September so many thanks to her in advance.

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



What a surprise!

Recently I went to the Savoy cinema, and timing when travelling by bus being awkward for us we decided to take a picnic lunch and eat it in the lower floor of the Danum Gallery, Library and Museum beforehand. There are 3 or 4 benches and tables to study or eat, next to two enormous train engines —stationary of course! And a super café upstairs! As we ate quickly giving us an extra 10 minutes we decided to look at the outside area. What a surprise it was, it's a small garden backing onto Chequer Road, opposite the former auditory and mammogram centre, and is a garden with most creative art works!



I loved the pink tree, what an imaginative way to distract the eye from a plain fence, and combines the work of many creators— please let the editor know if you count the flowers and buds!

The hexagons shown in the Save the Bees wall are a highly efficient shape. Bees instinctively create hexagonal cells because this shape stores the maximum honey with the least amount of wax. Hexagons occur in honeycombs, in the compound eyes of insects, which maximizes light capture, enhancing vision crucial for survival,

and in soap bubbles and foams: surface tension causes soap bubbles to arrange in hexagonal patterns, minimizing surface area and the energy needed to hold their shape.

And they occur in snowflakes, we all know

they're six-sided: as water freezes, its molecules align into a hexagonal lattice to maximize hydrogen bonding, leading to the symmetric and energy-efficient structure of snowflakes. (From <https://www.sturmfreii.com/post/hexagonal-patterns-in-nature-nature-s-most-efficient-design>)



This shape is thought to occur by natural forces striving to reduce energy consumption. So millions of years ago bees were SO far ahead of us in using our shared planet wisely, possibly before homo sapiens existed!

Let's copy the bees!



So that's what they do when those big doors are closed!

Come and join us, especially Wednesdays 11-12 for coffee, and the first Saturdays in the month 9-12 for Lawrence's Place café.

... or actually any time any doors are open!



One off cleans

Weekly, Fortnight
monthly

Sarah's Cleaning Service

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Joining in on Facebook!

You can join Rev'd Gill or Rev'd
Chris Wroot 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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Worship times

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

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

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

Sunday 7th September – Trinity 12

10:00 Choral Communion Mission Week Celebration Service

Isaiah 52.7-10 ; Matthew 28.16-end

16:00 Café Church Mission Week Celebration Service

Sunday 14th September – HOLY CROSS DAY

10:00 Choral Communion *Philippians 2.6–11 ; John 3.13–17*

Sunday 21st September – MATTHEW

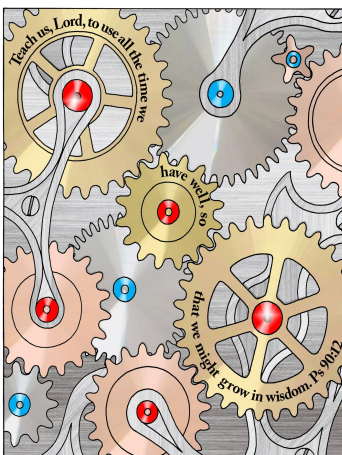
10:00 Choral Communion *2 Corinthians 4.1–6 ; Matthew 9.9–13*

16:00 Café Church

Sunday 28th September - TRINITY 15

8:30 BCP and Breakfast, see page 11 Holy Communion

10:00 Choral Communion *Psalms 91.1–6, 14–16 ; Luke 16.19–31*



The cover this month isn't just about those returning to education for another year, although our prayers go with them. We all, whatever age or stage, need to know more from God, even if we feel very old and wise at times!