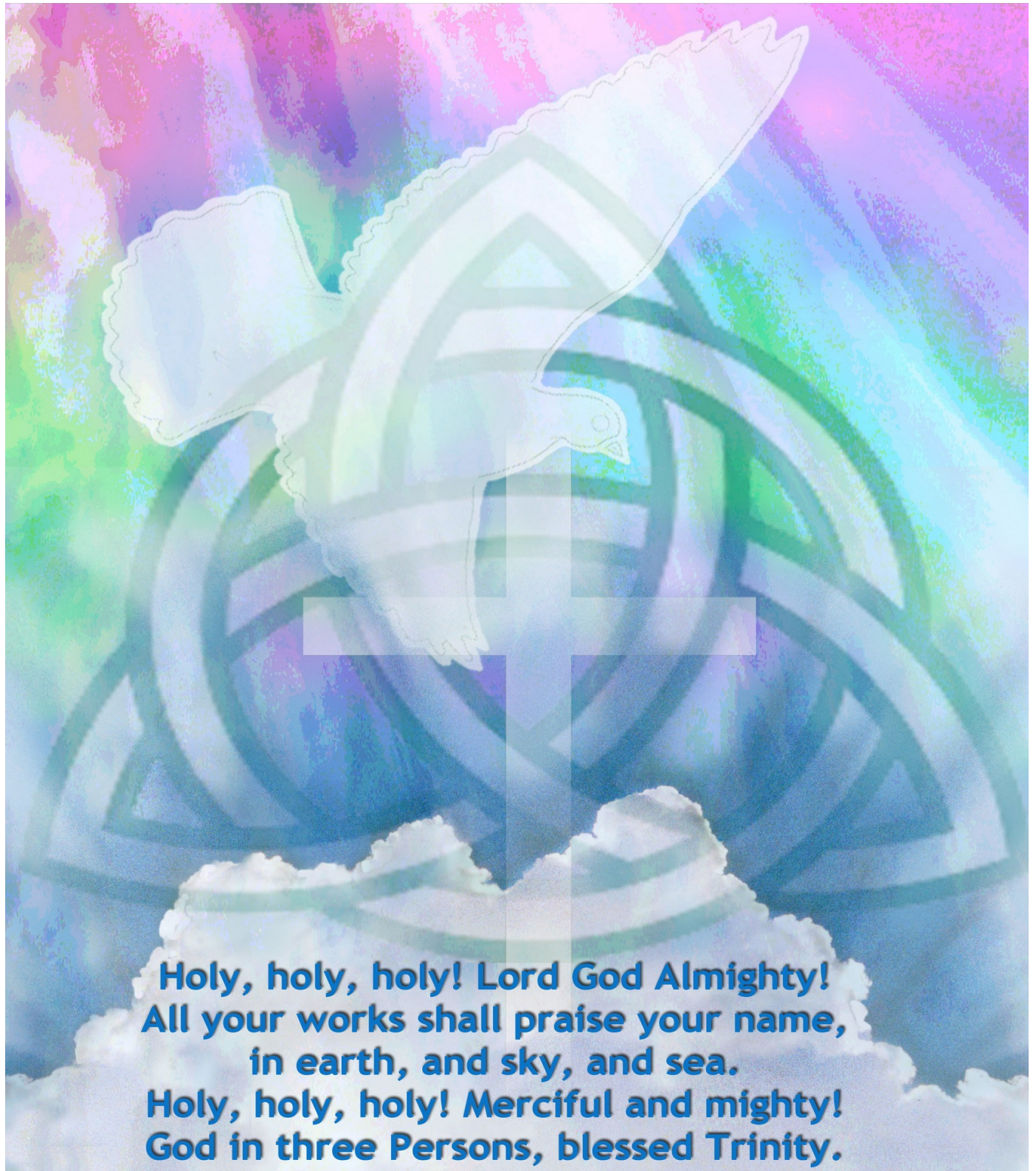


ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

Hatfield, including Duncroft, Dunsville,
Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme



**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name,
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

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postcode for SatNavs is DN7 6HN, what
three words is caressed.ports.heartless*

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At our annual vision meeting in April our vicar Chris gave us our key passage for the year, **Deuteronomy chapter 6, verses 4-12.**

Our Growth Group meetings from May are based on these verses, and I have no doubts that we will hear them again, and again, in church! That's actually a really good way of learning them, they are great, they remind us who God is, remind us to love him with all our whole lives, to teach the next generation, to live our faith in our homes, our conversations, our decisions, and they guard against forgetting the Lord in times of comfort or challenge.

“Attention, Israel!

GOD, our God! GOD the one and only!

Love GOD, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got!

Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.

When GOD, your God, ushers you into the land he promised through your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to give you, you're going to walk into large, bustling cities you didn't build, well-furnished houses you didn't buy, come upon wells you didn't dig, vineyards and olive orchards you didn't plant. When you take it all in and settle down, pleased and content, make sure you don't forget how you got there—GOD brought you out of slavery in Egypt.”

Please note that this is from The Message, it's a paraphrase of the Bible, not a direct translation, by Eugene Peterson. It's here because it's an easy read while keeping the overall meaning. There will be other versions in other months, and it might be interesting to underline a couple of bits that are meaningful to you in this version.

Why We Love the Building... But Christ Calls Us Deeper

There's a very human thing that happens in parishes with beautiful historic churches like St Lawrence. People feel a deep affection for the building, its stones, its memories, its place in the village. They speak warmly of weddings, school services, Christmases long past. They want to "support the building", "preserve the heritage", or "keep the church open".

And all of that is good. Truly. Gratitude for the past is a gift. But sometimes that affection stops short of something deeper. People want to be friends of the building... but not always worshippers of Christ. Why is that?

Because buildings are safe, but Jesus is alive

A building asks nothing of us. It doesn't challenge us, forgive us, or call us to change. It doesn't ask us to love our neighbour, or to give generously, or to trust God with our lives.

Jesus does.

To step into worship is to step into relationship and relationships involve vulnerability, honesty, and hope. It's easier to love a building than to let Christ love us.

Because heritage is comfortable, but faith is transformative

Supporting a historic church feels like supporting a museum or a local landmark. It's civic pride. It's nostalgia. It's safe. But following Jesus is not nostalgia, it is new life. It is being reshaped from the inside out. It is discovering that God is not a memory but a living presence.

Because buildings preserve the past, but Christ opens the future

Many people cling to the church building because it anchors them to what once was. But Christ anchors us to what can be forgiveness, hope, community, purpose, joy. The building is a gift. But it is not the destination.

Two Projects That Tell a Bigger Story

Here at St Lawrence, we are blessed with a building full of history and we are also blessed with a God who is still writing new chapters.

That's why two of our current projects matter so much:

- **Hatfield Monument restoration** This careful conservation work is helping preserve one of the most significant memorials in the church. The monument connects us to the long story of faith in Hatfield, reminding us that we stand on the shoulders of generations who prayed, worshipped, and served here before us.
- **Transfiguration Window repairs** — The Transfiguration Window is one of the most striking pieces of art in St Lawrence. Its restoration is not just about protecting glass and leadwork; it's about safeguarding a visual proclamation of Christ's glory. The window shows Jesus shining with divine light, a reminder that God still breaks into ordinary life with hope and transformation.

These projects matter. They honour our heritage. They safeguard beauty. They help us steward what we've been given. But they are not the heart of our life together.

The heart is Christ.

So what does this mean for us at St Lawrence?

Our calling is to gently invite people from heritage to hope, from nostalgia to new life, from bricks to the Body of Christ. It means reminding our village that the church is not a monument but a movement. Not a relic but a family. Not a trust but a living community of prayer, worship, and service. It means saying, with grace and confidence:

"We are grateful for our beautiful building but even more grateful for the God who fills it with life." And it means continuing to build a parish where people don't just admire the church from the outside, but discover Christ at the centre.

A final encouragement

If you love this place, its beauty, its history, its presence in the village then come and see what God is doing inside it! Come and be part of the worship, the welcome, the community, the hope.

The building is lovely.

But the One who meets us here is life itself.

Fr Chris

Vicar of Hatfield

Arrangements for Baptism (Christening) and Weddings

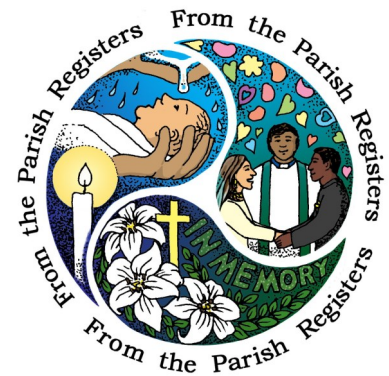
St Lawrence would love to celebrate your special day with you and your family. The first step in arranging a Baptism or a Wedding is to attend one of our services. Please introduce yourself to Chris our Vicar, who will speak with you about the next steps.

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

Isaac Ellis Cockburn
Florence Kirk
Lydia Robinson
Arlo Dean Alsop
Arabella Sophia Barber



Funerals

John William Graney Aged 5
Susannah Goulding

We also remember Mike Gamble, Rob Bateson and Andy Riggott, and thank God for their lives.

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)



What we do on Ladies Night Out!

See the file in church to join this group each month, and remember your signature is binding. The food is always good, and the conversation lively at times, and for one night a month whatever you choose is calorie-free! Hopefully... But I wonder who had this....?

Huge thanks to Gill Atkinson who organises it all, choosing good places, booking the table, taking our signatures and keeping an overall eye on the success of the evening. Thank you Gill.



I've moved with the times -
I've now got a solar-powered radio microphone,
I tested it recently when I was litter-picking...

On Organs and Organists

1. The Church Organist: An Accident Waiting to Happen

I recall a conversation I had over sixty years ago with my good friend the Reverend Ted Greathead (Vicar of Hatfield from 1961 to 1978) in which he stated that, of all the persons involved in the 'presentation' of a church service, the one best equipped and most likely to ruin the service is the organist. In sixty-two years of playing at services in Hatfield Church and elsewhere, I have never once doubted the truth of Ted's words.

The organ is a complex machine and the scope it affords to mess up a church service is prodigious. Playing wrong notes is the most obvious danger and the greater the dynamic, the more conspicuous these inaccuracies are. (Unlike those on a piano, the keys on an organ are not touch sensitive, so one cannot play notes of which one is uncertain more quietly simply by applying lighter finger pressure.) Also, the organist has charge of a keyboard of thirty or thirty-two notes played by the feet, called a pedalboard. This provides further significant opportunities for error. (The words, "let not my slipp'ry footsteps slide", in the well known hymn "Be thou my guardian and my guide", would make an apt prayer for organists.)

Even organists who play all the right notes sometimes come to grief and the most talented occasionally make quite embarrassing mistakes. One of the most frequent involves the use of registration aids. Most organs have a range of these, mainly buttons, called pistons, operated by the thumbs and the feet. The larger the organ, the more of these accessories are present and the greater the capacity for error. Hitting a piston which unleashes powerful high-wind-pressure solo reeds, loud enough, one might imagine, to serve as a foghorn on Flamborough Head, when the intended registration consisted of delicate, string-toned stops, would certainly startle everyone in the building, not least the organist. Another common error is to play the wrong number of verses to a hymn. There must be very few experienced organists who have not done this at some time. I certainly have, though, as far as I'm aware, not recently.

Playing a pipe organ places significant demands on the physical and mental faculties and, no matter how well qualified or accomplished the player, ageing eventually takes its toll. If discussions I have seen in

organists' forums on Facebook are any guide, there seems to be a measure of agreement that organists should consider retiring at around the age of seventy. At seventy-eight, I'm all too aware that I'm not the player I used to be. My fingers are not as nimble as they once were, my ankles are not as supple, my physical coordination is not as acute as it was and, increasingly, I struggle to read music at the organ console. Most organ music is written on three staves, two for the manuals (keyboards) and one for the pedals. For me, focussing on all three lines simultaneously is seriously problematic. (My sight has always been poor and it has deteriorated considerably over the time). Also, unaccountably, the fourth and fifth fingers of my right hand are apt, occasionally, to behave erratically. (I recall reading, when I was preparing for my ARCM piano diploma some sixty years ago, that the fourth and fifth fingers are controlled by a common nerve, so maybe this is the source of the problem.) And then, of course, there are the disconcerting 'senior moments', when the brain momentarily 'slips into neutral'. None of these things makes for a 'safe' performance. Moreover, applying time-worn fingers to icy-cold keys on winter mornings is not conducive to accurate playing.

Given that I am well beyond my 'best before date' as a player and performing to a high standard is so important to me, the question arises of when I should retire. After long deliberation I conclude that I may still have some useful time left as an organist. While I entertain no grandiose illusions about my playing, at its best, I think it still bears comparison with that of some younger musicians who routinely command professional rates of pay for playing at Sunday services. Be assured, however, when I determine that I am no longer capable of playing to a professional standard, I shall not hesitate to vacate the organ bench for good. In the meantime, with misgivings, I blunder on!

Vernon Hoyle

St. Lawrence Summer Fayre– 27th June 2026

Our annual Summer Fayre (Previously known as the 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 23rd May 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 Summer Fayre 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 21st 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.



**St. Lawrence Summer Fayre
27th June 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 & 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 Worker

DIARY OF A YOUTH WORKER

Well, this month I couldn't not mention the very special visitor that our youth group had and an amazing day with the Archbishop of York here in Hatfield. As part of the Doncaster Youth Hub, we hosted a pilgrimage litter pick prayer walk from the M18 services outside Hatfield, down the link road and up Station Road back to St Lawrence Church. This was part of his Faith in North Tour and a visit to the Diocese of Sheffield. We kicked off the walk with Archbishop Stephen sharing some thoughts with the young people on pilgrimage, and how our lives can be a bit like the litter that needs to be picked up along the way. Sometimes our lives are a bit messy, a bit dirty, and only Jesus can clean them up for us.

The Archbishop particularly enjoyed litter picking with the young people and chatted to them whilst we walked along, sharing conversations about faith, football, and the important topic of the best crisps! We then arrived at the church to a welcome brunch, sharing the Lord's Prayer together before sharing some time of fellowship together with members of the PCC and clergy. Thank you so much for the support of the whole church



family for this event.

I went round to ask the young people afterwards what they chatted to the Archbishop about, and two of our older girls shared that he connected with them over musicals, sharing that his favourite is Les Miserables, and that he hasn't seen Hamilton which was their



favourite. It was lovely to chat to him about the work being done with young people here in Doncaster through the youth hub, and about how much our young people love litter picking and helping in the local community.

On top of that amazing highlight, my weekly visits to Ash Hill Academy have also been a delight this month, covering topics such as “Have you read the Bible?” coupled with handing out free gospels, “What makes a good friend?” and “do we think God shows any of these qualities?”, and “if God wrote you a letter what would he say?”. This has triggered lots of great discussions with the students and even more of them starting to visit church off the back of these visits. We have started watching some videos called “Start to Stir” in our Christian Union which are designed to help discussion about faith. I thank God for the openness of the staff and students there, and ask for your prayers for the boldness of the 10 young people in the Christian Union to share their faith with their friends.

Rachel Ridler

Youth Worker at St Lawrence Church, Hatfield | [The Diocese of Sheffield](#)

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My dear Lord,

I thank you for waking me to see the light of this new day.
Grant unto me to waste none of its hours,
soil none of its moments,
and neglect none of its opportunities.

And bring me to the evening time,
undefeated by any temptations, at peace with myself,
with others, and with you.

I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THORNE METHODIST CHURCH



Celebrating 200 Years
Church Anniversary

Sunday 28th June 10:45am
Followed by a faith lunch

Thank you Adele Taylor
and Face book

Patient Trust

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, Something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually—let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ
Excerpted from "Hearts on Fire"

The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

Well, what a **Coffee Morning** we had in April, our first ever Marathon special! in honour of the London Marathon which was the day after. All our volunteers came in their running attire and we were even treated to an opening lap of the library by 'on your marks' Vera! We had 17 fabulous prizes in our raffle, delicious cakes galore to buy and devour, 2 Tombolas, one by the DN7 Food Bank, and of course the Friends pre-loved jewellery on sale as well as hot drinks and biscuits delivered by our 'dashing drinks duo' John and Eric. A magnificent world record beating total of **£470.20** was achieved. Thanks to the Library, all the volunteers and all our supporters for helping us to raise such a great amount.

We'll be at the **St Lawrence Summer Fayre (previously Garden Party) on the Barn Field (weather permitting) on Saturday 27th June from 2pm** with lots more beautiful bling to tempt you with so come and enjoy all the fun in the sun, hopefully! You can renew your membership subs here too or even ***enrol as a new member if you're not one already*** (questions may be asked)?

Now to our next **Coach Trip**... which will be later this year on **Wednesday 9th Sept, going to Doddington Hall in the morning and Lincoln** for the afternoon. **Doddington Hall** is a remarkably well preserved, privately-owned Elizabethan manor near Lincoln, completed in 1600 by architect Robert Smythson. It has never been sold, passing through generations of the same family, offering an authentic look at centuries of life. It features 5 acres of gardens, a farm shop, Cafés and a Giant Bike Store. **Lincoln** is one of England's finest historic cities, home to the magnificent Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln Castle and the famous Steep Hill. From cobbled streets and independent shops to great food, culture and events, there are countless things to see and do there. There is also a local mini bus to take you around so you don't have to walk up Steep Hill, thank goodness! So we hope you will want to join us for *another* fabulous day out, tickets will be £29 each (which includes entry to Doddington Hall and gardens) or only £14 if you are a current English Heritage member, **prices tbc**. Please let us know if you would like to register your interest on 07873 340307 or 01302 849377.

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'Halloran

£470.20 is an amazing result for a coffee morning Tina, well done everyone involved!

Two gardening tips for June

Watering : generally water when the leaves look limp: this will be especially important with newly planted plants, plants in full sunlight, and plants which are annuals—they only last one year. Make sure you water at the base—leaves can burn when wet in sunshine—and in the early morning if possible, watering at night may increase fungal disease conditions with leaves that stay wet for too long.

It's really important to use water wisely: now is the time to buy another water butt! If you have a water butt near the kitchen door then put washing up water and hand-wash water into it provided you've used only hand-soap. If it also has rainwater that's good, that will ensure that any products used will be diluted. It's probably best to only use rainwater on seedlings or fragile plants.

Dead-heading : the whole purpose of plants is to produce seed and carry on their genes, not so different to humans really! They do this in different ways, a good example in summer is for them to make colourful flowers which are more likely to attract insects and pollinate across plants. So in plants which keep on producing flowers dead-head to stop the seeds forming and they will want to produce more flowers! This can work spectacularly with pansies, if you have the patience, and the knees.. How about buying some for a garden table pot which is easy to reach... In plants where flowers are produced only once then dead-head to stop seeds forming and to tidy up, and for bulbs to create better bulbs for next year.

Cleaning windows!

There is great excitement amongst the team at the prospect of long-awaited work getting underway to repair and restore the beautiful window in the North Aisle. For many years the stonework has been deteriorating and after much to-ing and fro-ing between our project manager, architect, PCC, Diocese, stone mason and conservation glaziers... work is set to commence on May 11th. We are hopeful that minimal disruption will be caused to regular and occasional church events and services.



The project will involve a short run of internal and external scaffolding being erected during the second week of May, after which the stained glass will be removed and taken for cleaning and repair as required. The next step will be to remove the various elements of stonework to be replaced and new stone cut in the master mason's workshop. Once that has been done the stonework and glass will be replaced

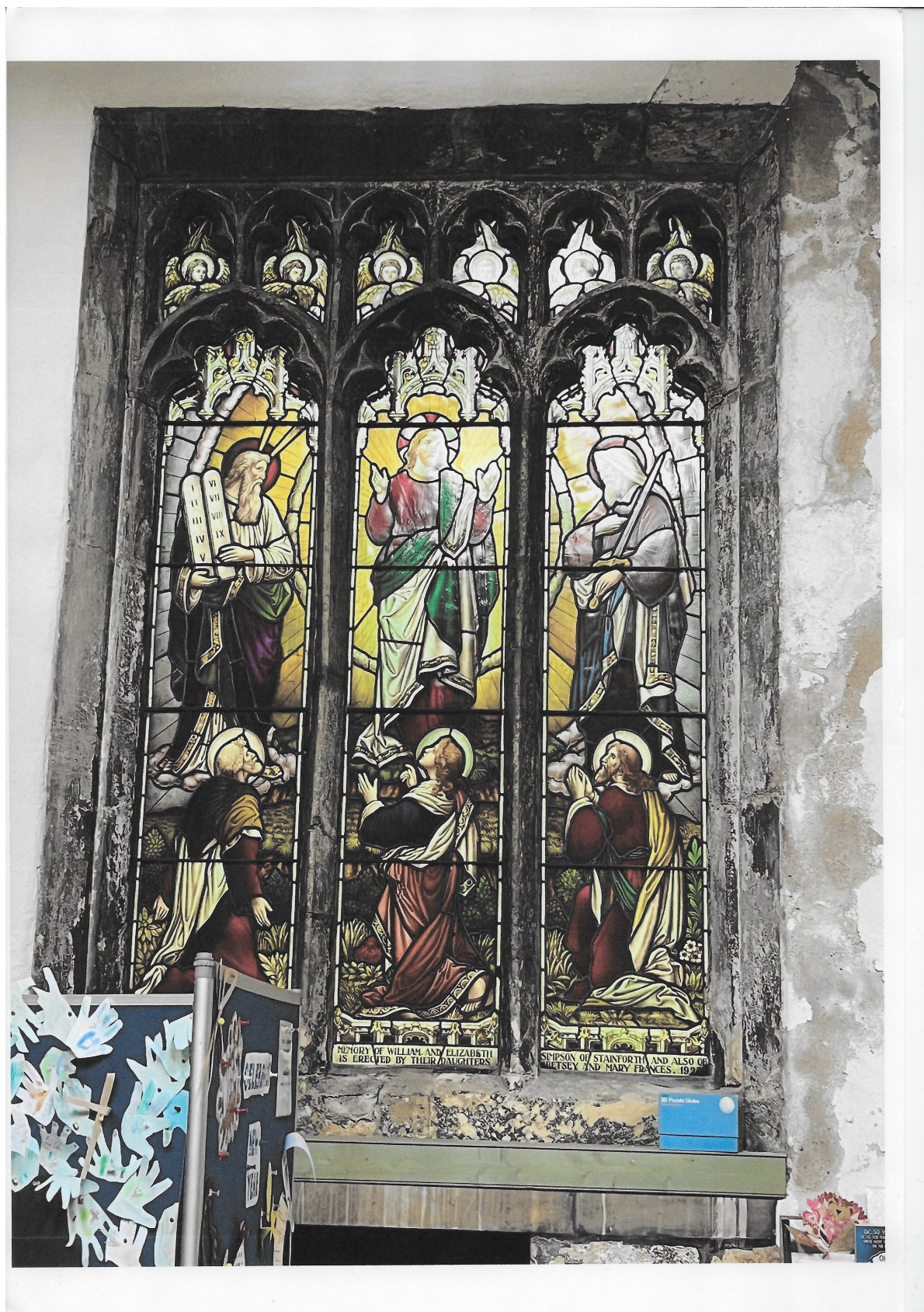
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in reverse order! Hopefully by the end of July at the latest.. it's not a quick job, but there again we have waited so long what's another month or so!

Following that something extremely exciting will be happening to the exterior of the bay in which the window sits, which will make that area appear more as it would have been originally!

Put the morning of May 28th in your diaries as our Stone Mason Matthias has kindly agreed to be available between 10 and lunchtime to talk with us all about the work and HIS work!

Rosh Milner



Doncaster Woodturning Club...



... meets twice a month on the second and last Monday of each month. Please check the Woodhouse Village Hall calendar for the current meeting dates, or <https://hatfieldwoodhousevillagehall.org.uk>

Anyone who is interested in learning about woodturning is welcome to join us. Club members are more than willing to take newcomers under their wing and explain the club's activities.

They have three meeting formats:

- Skills nights - where you can come along and learn how to get started with woodturning, or brush up your skills, or even learn a new skill. They usually have at least 5 lathes set up for members to use, with several registered tutors.
- Demonstration nights - where a professional turner comes along and demonstrates his skills to the assembled club members.
- Zoom session on non-club nights, usually with 2 members each working on a project (may not always happen).

Current fees are £3.00 for Skills nights and £6.00 for Demonstration nights (although your first two demo nights are free). Annual subscription fee is £30 which includes membership of the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain (AWGB).

Tea and coffee (with biscuits) is available mid-evening for a nominal charge of 50p.

Come and join us for a friendly chat at any of our meetings, just turn up and introduce yourself. All are welcome – ladies, gentlemen as well as accompanied boys and girls.

If you require any further information, please contact the numbers below:
Roger – 07846 500679
Tony – 07903 325949

Date	Event	Time
June 8th	SKILLS NIGHT	6.30 to 9.30pm
June 29th	IAN ETHELL	6.30 to 9.30pm
July 13th	SKILLS NIGHT	6.30 to 9.30pm
July 27th	KATE GOODRIDGE	6.30 to 9.30pm
August	SYKEHOUSE SHOW	
August 10th	SKILLS NIGHT	6.30 to 9.30pm
August	AUCKLEY SHOW	
August 24th	STAN BRYAN	6.30 to 9.30pm
September 14th	SKILLS NIGHT	6.30 to 9.30pm
September 28th	COLIN WATSON	6.30 to 9.30pm
October 12th	SKILLS NIGHT	6.30 to 9.30pm
October 26th	DAN SMITH	6.30 to 9.30pm
November 9th	SKILLS NIGHT	6.30 to 9.30pm
November 30th	SOCIAL NIGHT	6.30 to 9.30pm
December 14th	SKILLS NIGHT	6.30 to 9.30pm
January 11 th 2027	SKILLS NIGHT	6.30 to 9.30pm
January 25 th 2027	AGM	6.30 to 9.30pm

Trooping the Colour

A National occasion in crimson and black
 No button misplaced; no harness is slack.
 The rhythmic precision of mass marching feet –
 The pulse of the nation and heritage meet!

The beat of the drums, the sound of the band
 The parade is exquisitely, perfectly planned.
 The long months of training, hard effort applied
 Build up to this moment of national pride!

The horses and soldiers all form up in ranks
 The audience watching can't help but gives thanks!
 For those standing tall out there on the sand
 Prepared to give all for our King and our land.

By Nigel Beeton

100 Club and Vera's chatter

1st prize Janet Lowe

2nd prize Julie Parker

3rd prize Susan Spencer

Well done all of you, I am sure it will add to the happiness in the Spencer household as Susan and David have just celebrated a very significant wedding anniversary so double congratulations to them both from all of us.

I am having a fun day today, off to The Cast this afternoon to cheer Andy Green on in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. I am sure the noise level will be huge as it is the matinee but I can take my hearing aids out if I need to, there have to be some plus points with them. This evening we are going to the library to be entertained by The Doncaster Ladies choir, a legitimate reason not to watch the Eurovision song contest, even our contestant is expecting nil points. Last night at the sing song at the library we sang previous British entries some of which were so awful it was embarrassing, but some we could remember and sang along to. The sing along is good fun with excellent company, a variety of music and no complaints about lack of tunefulness, come and join us. No auditions required or truthfully musical ability, just enjoyment, 6.30 -7.30 on Fridays at the library, followed by refreshments.

It is not long now until the Great Summer Fayre. I enjoy collecting items for the tombola, searching reduced and end of line items for that "must have" item that will make someone smile, it is the taking part that counts and sometimes you get something that is just right for you. The chocolate tombola is more of a problem for me, I do not understand why I can hear chocolate calling my name at a hundred yards if it is in the house! Thankfully kind friends keep my donations safely until required. My jam pan will be busy soon so I will have rosy cheeks and candy floss hair to prove work is underway. Thank you to the sugar fairies who kindly leave sugar for me you are so kind. If you have a stash of new cupboard-cluttering items the boxes will be in Church soon, let's make this a bumper Summer Fayre. The committee work so hard and I would like to think we make so much money that the Vicar and treasurer can relax a little. At this point I must say that money is not everything, fun on the day and memories made are immensely important. Do you remember pelting the Rev'd Paul Wilson with a wet sponge? Or seeing

Beryl Adamson emerge from the summer house covered in candy floss (why do fair ground staff make it look so easy!) or Anne Kitchin and Gill Atkinson with their parasols! Bring your photos, tell your stories, this is our history. I bet there will be mums and grandmas on the field who were singers and dancers once.

But before the day we need to prepare the field JUNE 13th, 9.30 onwards, take your temper out on the plants in wrong places i.e. weeds, it is SOOO therapeutic!

Looking forward to seeing you all in your garden party gear enjoying a lovely afternoon and setting the tone for a blissful summer, and even though the world continues to self-destruct we can praise the Lord together and be grateful for where we are.

God bless and keep you safe.

Vera x



Ladies Night Out

Any one of the 18 Ladies who attended could have ordered this, as well as the healthy first course, but the whole evening was full of pleasant conversation, giggly stories, local news, oh yes and Knickerbocker Glories! Hazel, enjoy!

See the folder in church for further information.

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Each MONDAY coffee afternoon 13:30 -15:00 Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist

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

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

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

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

Each SATURDAY 10-12 coffee morning Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist church

Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday) This is a great group of helpful enthusiasts, and one of them WILL have a garden like yours, whether it's wild-life friendly intentionally or not!

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!

Every second Saturday in the month coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30— Dunsville Methodist Church Greens Road



Hatfield Woodhouse Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist Chapel Charity Coffee Afternoons

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

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.

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JUNE

8th Monday at Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist Chapel, a charity coffee afternoon in aid of Thorne Rural Lions, 1:30-3, good company, a good cause, and a raffle! The cakes are pretty good too!

13th Saturday, **BARN FIELD TIDY! It's starting at 9, and any time that can be given will be most welcome. Apologies for the change of date from Saturday 20th which is no longer possible. Tea and coffee and biscuits are the only payment, but heartfelt thanks from everyone!**

27th Saturday 27th June – 2 - 5 pm St. Lawrence Church Summer Fayre on The Barn Field (adjacent to the Church). All the usual Stalls / Attractions. Entrance only 50p per adult (children free). A great family event.

27th Saturday 10-12 in the library, a coffee morning in aid of Thorne Rural Lions, home baking welcome, tombola, raffle.

28th Sunday Thorne Methodist Church 200 years anniversary!
10:45a.m. followed by a faith lunch.

30th Tuesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. in church. Come and Sing with Vernon, an opportunity to sing your heart out! Vernon will take us through some of the songs and hymns for Sundays in July, as well as various bits of musical information on the way! Come and sing and ask questions!

JULY

19th Saturday "We are looking for stall holders for our Summer Fayre at Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall . 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.

If you would like to book a stall then please complete the booking form, by clicking the link below, we will then check if there is space and send a confirmation email with payment details.

<https://forms.gle/8APBNDEvURL4zobk6>

Your booking is not confirmed until after payment is received and appropriate paperwork has been received.



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



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Worship times

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

Each Friday Morning Prayer on FB at 8:30

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 June **TRINITY 1**

10:00 Choral Communion with a new sermon series starting, Hebrews sermon series 1

16:00 Café Church

Sunday 14th June **TRINITY 2**

10:00 Choral Communion Hebrews sermon series 2

Sunday 21st June **TRINITY 3**

10:00 Choral Communion Hebrews sermon series 3

16:00 Café Church

18:30 Worship Service

Sunday 28th June **TRINITY 4**

8:30 BCP and Breakfast

10:00 Choral Communion Hebrews sermon series 4



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