

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

Hatfield, including Dunscroft, Dunsville,
Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme



**The Lord supports those that stumble,
and lifts up those who are down. Ps 145:14**

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Father Chris Bishop to Be Next Rector of Holy Trinity Jersey



The Rev'd Chris Bishop has been with us as Priest in Charge and Oversight Minister of the Benefice of Hatfield, St Lawrence since 2024, and was made vicar when St Edwin's Church Duncroft finally closed. He and Joy and the children have been part of our church family since then and of course we'll miss them all!

He says "I'm heading to Jersey to become Rector of Holy Trinity, one of the twelve Ancient Parishes on the island. Trinity is a church with a long story and strong community identity. Joy and I do feel called to this next chapter, but leaving Hatfield and the Diocese of Sheffield is emotional. The people here have shaped us, encouraged us, and laughed with us, often loudly!

Some of his personal highlights on the Diocesan website are "The missional renewal at Hatfield: seeing the church grow, home groups begin, discipleship deepen, and worship filled with joy, laughter, and a renewed sense of the Holy Spirit's leading, and the warmth, humour, and resilience of the people of Hatfield.

'As Joy and I prepare to step into this new chapter, we do so carrying Sheffield's kindness, humour, and generosity with us. We will miss the people, the partnerships, the shared mission, and the holy mischief that has shaped our life here, We leave with full hearts, deep gratitude, and a prayer that God will continue to bless this diocese richly. "

Why We Use Incense

From time to time, particularly on the great festivals of the Church, we use incense during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Some find this uplifting and beautiful, while others may wonder why we use it at all. It is a fair question, and one that deserves a biblical answer.

The first thing to say is that incense is not an invention of the medieval Church. It is found throughout the Bible and forms part of the worship of God's people from beginning to end.

In the Old Testament, God himself instructed Moses to make an altar for burning incense in the Tabernacle (Exodus 30:1–10). Morning and evening, fragrant incense was offered before the Lord as part of Israel's worship. This was not a human tradition, but something commanded by God.

The Psalmist also uses incense as an image of prayer:

"Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." (Psalm 141:2)

As the smoke rises heavenwards, so our prayers rise before God. Every time incense is used in church it reminds us that we are a praying people, offering ourselves and our prayers to the Lord.

The New Testament continues this picture. The wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Christ (Matthew 2:11). Frankincense was a gift associated with worship, recognising Jesus as God with us.

Most significantly, the Book of Revelation describes the worship of heaven. St John sees the twenty-four elders holding "golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints" (Revelation 5:8). Later an angel offers incense with the prayers of God's people before God's throne, and "the smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, rose before God." (Revelation 8:3–4).

When we gather for the Eucharist, we are not simply remembering something that happened long ago. We are joining in the worship of heaven itself. Our earthly worship reflects that eternal worship around the throne of the Lamb.

The use of incense also reminds us that Christian worship engages the whole person. God created us with bodies as well as souls, and we worship him with all that we are. We hear his Word, we sing his praise, we receive the Holy Sacrament, and even our sense of smell becomes part of our worship. The fragrance of incense reminds us that our worship is offered to God with heart, mind, soul and strength.

At the Eucharist, the altar is censed because it is the Lord's Table,

where Christ meets his people in the Sacrament. The bread and wine are censed because they are set apart for God's service. The congregation is also censed because every baptised Christian has dignity as a member of Christ's Body and shares in the royal priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:9).

As Anglicans, we should also remember that our Church has never rejected ceremonies simply because they are ancient. Article XXXIV of the Thirty-Nine Articles teaches that every particular church has authority to "ordain, change, and abolish ceremonies or rites of the Church" provided they are not contrary to God's Word. Incense is entirely consistent with Scripture and has been used by Christians for many centuries as an aid to reverent worship.

The Preface to the Book of Common Prayer also reminds us that ceremonies exist not for their own sake but because they serve a purpose. They are intended to edify God's people, encourage reverence, and help us worship "decently and in order." When ceremonies cease to point us to Christ they lose their value. When they help us lift our hearts to him, they become a blessing.

You may also be interested to know that we use pure frankincense rather than many commercially blended church incenses, which often contain additional resins, perfumes or artificial fragrances. Pure frankincense has been used in Christian worship for centuries and produces a cleaner, more natural fragrance. While any smoke may still affect those with asthma or respiratory sensitivities, many people find pure frankincense less irritating than heavily perfumed blends. For that reason, we use it thoughtfully and sparingly, seeking to balance the beauty of worship with care and consideration for everyone who joins us.

Ultimately, the purpose of incense is not to draw attention to itself but to Jesus Christ. Just as the wise men brought frankincense to honour the Christ Child, so we continue to offer this ancient and biblical gift in worship, not because it is necessary, but because it helps us to offer our praise reverently and beautifully to the glory of God. As its fragrance fills the church and its smoke rises heavenwards, it reminds us that Christ is present among his people, that our prayers ascend before God, and that every Eucharist is a foretaste of the heavenly worship where all creation joins in praising the Lamb upon his throne.

"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe." (Hebrews 12:28)

Fr Chris Wroot

Arrangements for Baptism (Christening) and Weddings

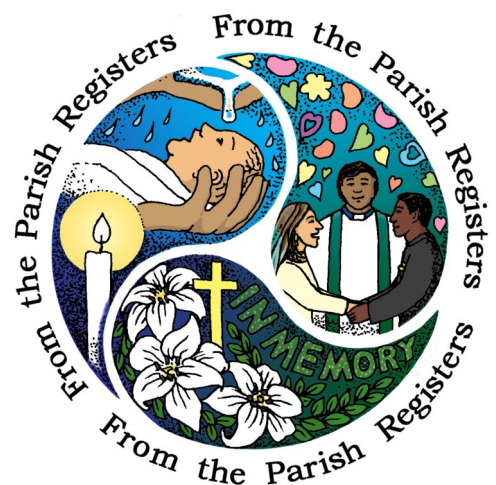
St Lawrence would love to celebrate your special day with you and your family. The first step in arranging a Baptism or a Wedding is to attend one of our services. Please introduce yourself to Chris our Vicar, who will speak with you about the next steps.

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

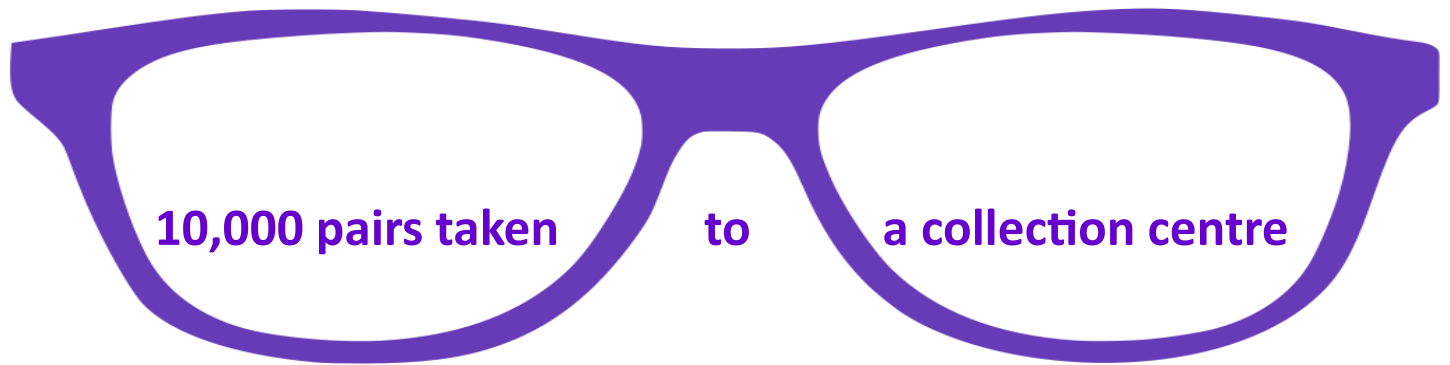
Another option for Parents is a 'Thanksgiving Service' rather than a Baptism. This is a great way to celebrate the gift of a child with family and friends for those who aren't quite sure about God, but would still like to thank Him for the gift of a new life! Thanksgiving Services can be booked directly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

Weddings

Lauren Jade Hindson and Andrew Kieron Hindson



Thank you to all who donate spectacles



**recently, they had been collected by the four
Doncaster Lions groups, those donated to Thorne
Rural Lions go to third world countries.**



Gill Atkinson is offering to take anyone to the railway station at Frenchgate or at Stainforth, if that person will give the equivalent money to the church, and hopefully can gift-aid it.

Please see Gill at church to arrange this.

(It really works, I've tried it, Gill is a competent driver and a good judge of timing for trains. Editor.)



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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AUGUST

Please note there is no longer a Café Church on the third Sunday, and no longer a Worship service.

- 2nd Our vicar Chris's last Sunday service with us., his last service here will be on
- 6th Thursday, Morning Prayer, which is every weekday at 9:15, FB on Fridays at 8:30.
- 3rd Monday 'At the meeting of Stainforth Local History Society at 7pm Colin Ella will give a talk about The Wesley Family. Everyone is welcome but there is a charge of just £3 for non-members. The group meet in the Methodist Church at Stainforth'.
- 10th Monday Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist Chapel Charity Coffee Afternoon in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance 1:30

SEPTEMBER

5th, Saturday Please note the new date for the Yard Sale Trail

CHURCH BANQUET, although the Mission Week has been cancelled our hospitality to anyone who wants to come to a banquet is still happening! So book in your diaries

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER AT 4 p.m.,

and book in your friends diaries too!

21st Monday

At Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist Chapel Harvest Festival Informal Fellowship Service with refreshments

11.30 am – 12.15 pm

Diary of a Youth Worker

As we draw to the end of another academic year, I am once again blown away by what God has done. I asked youth workers across Doncaster to think about their “Mountain Top Moments” last month, the ones where they’ve been able to stop and look out and really appreciate what God was doing. Here are some of mine from Hatfield St Lawrence this last year:

- The Archbishop of York litter pick with our youth group



- The success of our HOPE Weekend community car wash and support of the local community

- Launching Youth Alpha and then a Christian Union inside Ash Hill Academy with around 10 young people attending

♦ Seeing number at Hatfield Heroes reach regularly over 20 per session

♦ The joy of our Open the Book team as they celebrated 1 year together sharing Bible stories in our local schools

♦ Taking our biggest-

group of young people yet to Breathe Deep and running a breadmaking workshop for over 50 young people!!

♦ The launch of our new youth PCC chaired by the one and only Nathaniel, who only started coming to St Lawrence Church in September last year after a chance meeting with him at his secondary school.

There are so many more individual moments of growth that I have seen in our young people this year, families joining café church and stepping up to make meals, representation of families on the PCC, youth being baptised and wanting to go on mission trips, as well as the funniest



moment where Chris W and Rosh pretended to be police men arresting anyone found with a bible in the churchyard as our youth hid a bible for others to find!

One thing I can say is that none of this would have been possible without your prayers, your support and encouragement.

God has used our small offering and more than doubled it. If you don't see it then please do come and join one of our children's and youth teams – all of which would be happy for more helpers! Or follow me on Facebook where I try to share as many photos as I can and keep you all up-to-date!

Do keep our Family Summer Club in your prayers and hopefully we can share some highlights of it next month.

God Bless
– Rachel



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HATFIELD CHURCH YARD SALE



NEW DATE
SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

LOOK OUT FOR MORE DETAILS AND
THE BOOKING INFORMATION
IN EARLY AUGUST

Hatfield Church Summer Fayre – Thank you

Many thanks to everyone who helped with, or attended and supported, our Summer Fayre on 27th June.

Thank you to all the stallholders, and to many friends for helping to set everything up, and for clearing away afterwards.

The day was most enjoyable and reasonably well attended, despite the extreme temperatures forcing our decision towards a split event held half in church, and half on the field. Sadly, the wind was also against us and blew over 4 of the Gazebo's we had already erected to protect the public from the sun. Unfortunately we did see a reduced footfall probably due to the hot weather.

Regrettably the schools weren't able to attend because of the hot weather, and their display was sorely missed this year. Both the Stephanie Maskill School of Dance and the McLeod Academy of Irish Dance did us proud this year though, and seemed to relish and well utilise the extra space that being out on the field gave them. Both groups were enjoyed and highly complimented by many. Thanks also to the Markham Main Band who were able to join us and entertained us exceptionally again this year.

Many people commented that they found the atmosphere to be a very friendly one. The afternoon teas were popular – as usual; the children's games were busy, and the mix of stalls too. Many people enjoyed watching and listening to the performances, others enjoyed a good chat and a catch-up, whether they were out on the field or in church.

I believe that it can be taken as a tribute to all the hard work and effort put in by all the stallholders, entertainment groups, and helpers, both on the day and in the weeks prior to the event that the Garden Party went according to plan and was so successful. The amount taken on the day was **£2,044.40**, with **£303.60** donations received post event; and after deducting all known costs, the profit from the event is **£2,023.00**, all of which is to go towards General Church Funds. This is a wonderful amount, and one which has been raised almost entirely within 3 hours!

Thank you to all those who donated prizes, and items for the stalls. The final total is entirely due to the kindness and generosity of so many of our local (and some not so local) people.

A good day's work, helping to ensure our church will still be here into the foreseeable future, and maintaining strong links with our community.

Once again THANKYOU!

Terry, Maureen & Hilary - St. Lawrence Church Summer Fayre Committee.

The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

We all just about survived the heat of the Summer Fayre, boy was it hot! I complain when it's too cold and I also complain when it's too hot, anyway we had a fair amount of customers to our jewellery stall and totalled sales of £96, down on last year but not a bad amount for a boiling hot day. Big thanks to the Summer Fayre committee Terry, Mo and Hillary for organising another great event.

We've had lots more jewellery, cameras and used stamps donated which have all now been either cleaned and priced up to be sold on or sent off to Recycling for Good Causes so there'll be another cheque arriving from them over the next couple of months or so. Thanks to everyone for your donations whether it's saleable or just broken or scrap, everything we receive is used at some point.

We now have a full coach of 49 signed up for our coach trip to Doddington Hall and Lincoln on Wednesday 9th Sep and the tickets are now available to purchase but we also have a waiting list so there's still a possibility you could get a seat if someone cancels. Please let us know if you'd like to go on the waiting list, 07873 340307. We will contact you soon about your tickets which will need to be £29.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at our next Coffee Morning on Saturday 29th August 10am to 12 in Hatfield Community Library.

We will be having a change of Membership Secretary soon as Jean has decided she would like to hand the baton over to someone else now. We'd like to say a HUGE thank you to Jean who has done a WONDERFUL job as Membership Secretary for many years so we'll let you know the contact details of the new Secretary when everything has been handed over securely, it may take a while so it's business as usual for now. We are pleased to say Jean will still remain on the committee.

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



Can you help?

**Can you spare 1–2 hours on a
Thursday afternoon?**

We need more helpers in order to continue!

What we need

- Help setting up
- Serve tea and coffee to grown ups
- Make snack for toddlers
- People as a friendly face to talk and play
- Help to tidy away



Please speak to Tim
if you can help,
07719 672403, an hour a
week during term-time
from a few people could
rescue this group!



Volunteers ... celebrating not asking!



*“... and once you've done
the flower arrangements,
polished the pews,
scrubbed the floor by the
sink, shined the silver
and taken a look at the
problem with the boiler we
wondered, well, you have
to laugh, but all six
bell-ringers are on
holiday at the same time
and...”*

We giggle at the above cartoon! But just think what our church would be like without volunteers...

The door would be locked for a start! You'd come in and have to find a service book. (list of volunteers for welcoming on the back of the hymn book trolley) You wouldn't know what the hymns were. (Thanks Jackie) there wouldn't be a newsheet written and printed and with the readings—found in the lectionary and printed- all brought over from the parish office. The clergy wouldn't know how many communicants there were (thanks wardens team) and the table wouldn't be prepared for communion (thanks wardens team). We wouldn't have any wine or wafers (thanks clergy)

Actually we wouldn't have any service or sermons after August 6th because neither of our associate priests are stipendiary (complicated.. any vicar has a stipend rather than a wage) and our Readers don't have any payment either!

Those of us who find it difficult to get up to the Lord's table just wouldn't get there without willing arms to help—thank you all the arms- and as for coffee, well, no refreshments at all! Thanks so

much to the team of refreshmenters. And the organisers for any rota deserve a medal! The tables and chairs wouldn't be out, the water wouldn't be hot, the tea and coffee won't have been checked on and bought and served, and the coffee money counted and bagged and paid into the bank. The toilet wouldn't have been cleaned, or the paper and paper towels ordered and brought over from the parish office. And paid for... MANY thanks to our treasurer who juggles and adds up and pays and counts and wrestles with the gift-aid (no, not wrestles, Julie never wrestles, she just gets on with it, unpaid) then the tables and chairs wouldn't be put away for Little Lions, where the volunteers get out ALL the toys, chairs, refreshments are sorted for adults and little people who of course are fussy and want something that's not there, bless 'em. Then there is a funeral, thanks wardens and vergers-for-the-occasion, visitors welcomed, tissues ready, candles lit... And for a wedding there's THE CARPET to get out and clean. We should never forget the very faithful cleaners of our church, very few cleaners—struggling at present with all the stone dust from the stone masons (who do get paid) but the person who brings them extra little cakes doesn't ask for repayment! And the schools come in for services, tables and chairs—and the stage!-and refreshments for carers and parents, so MANY people involved!

And then it's Sunday again, tables and chairs out by volunteers, and this week it's Hatfield Heroes with volunteers doing the refreshments led by a Hero who organises them (thanks Nathaniel, I could never find anything!) and the young people themselves who volunteer to lead the "OW" and "WOW!" prayers. They are today's church, not tomorrow's, but as they're older they too will volunteer, they are so willing to join in.

And I've forgotten maintenance checks, paperwork, finance meetings, the Youth PCC *and* the Older PCC !! And in your head you're saying "what about A.N.Other who does" Please forgive me for not including everyone, the list is simply too long to remember! Oh yes, Lawrence's Place, coffee mornings, a Banquet, I know!

Any thank you isn't big enough. Our vicar Chris said when he arrived—and keeps on saying it—that the team which is the church is wonderful, and any volunteer is part of the big team who TOGETHER keep the St Lawrence show on the road. We are part of that great group who've been doing it for hundreds of years - how long will the life of St Lawrence Hatfield eventually be? We wouldn't be here doing it without those before us, and we are doing it for the people who follow us, all taking part in sharing God's love outwards.

100 Club and Vera's chatter

1st prize Maureen Scott

2nd prize Glenys Tonge

3rd prize Vera Owen

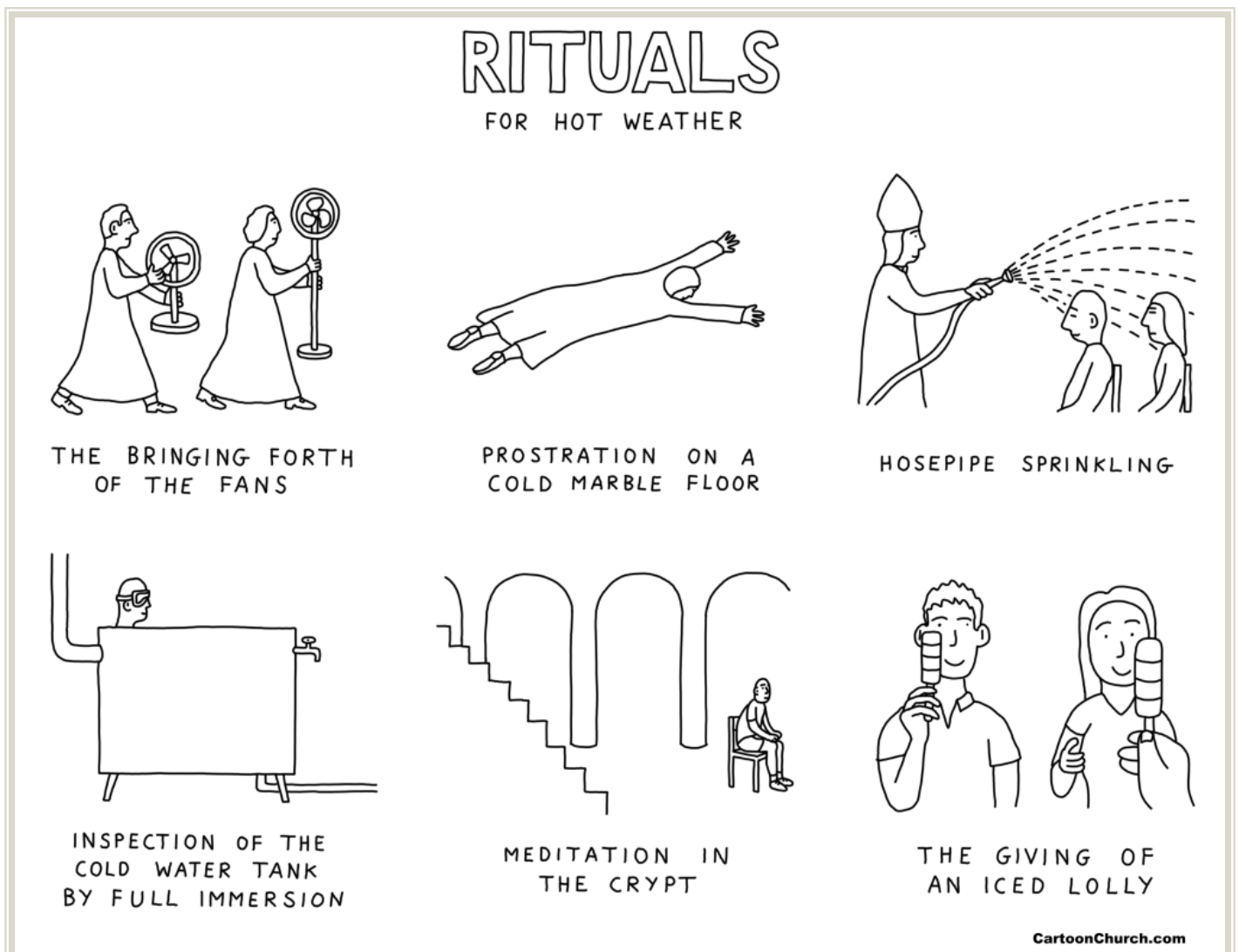
Well, I can't believe I am a winner, what will I spend it on? My friends will now be screaming chocolate, biscuits or if I am being good a book, something light and romantic, I love a happy ending. I developed the habit of reading romance when as a 10-year-old I went with my mother to sit with my Gran while Auntie Hilda was at work, Mam was happily confused so we took it in turns to stay with her when Hilda was on 2-10 shift, friends popped in during the day and her neighbours were kind. Auntie Hilda read little romance books early - Mills and Boon I think - so I sat under the big table hidden by a red chenille cloth and quietly absorbed a fairy tale world of dashing men and easily pleased women whose only ambition was to marry, have children and be housewives. Then "the boys" (I had 5 uncles collectively called "the boys" because they married late and lived with Mam when I was small) bought mam a television! Well life was never the same again, mam and her friend Annie Hill loved Coronation Street, situation comedies and travel programmes. We went all around the world and saw how people lived outside the valley, Mills and Boon never really got a look in after that, however Covid rekindled the habit because in those wakeful night hours I used light reading to send myself back to sleep, it is a habit that has stayed with me.

I hope you all enjoyed the Summer Fayre and the vicarage Garden Party, it is so good to have the opportunity to get together! Even this morning's reading from Hebrews reminded us to meet together and encourage each other to love and do good deeds, I certainly think our social occasions and coffee mornings tick all those boxes although there

is always room for more. I hope and pray that Jersey will be a place of love, fellowship and happiness for the "Bishop clan" as they step out again in faith making a new life together near the sea. However having been a small island inhabitant I must warn them everyone will know everything about them within the first week!! But strong friendships will be made and the children will never be far from a helpful gang of kids to show them the best places to have fun. May God's peace go with them all on this new adventure.

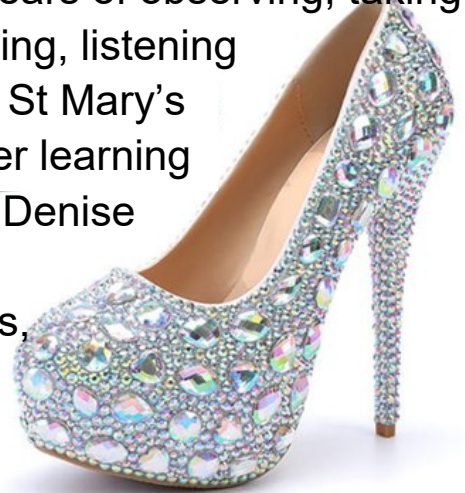
As for us, well God knows what we need and will be preparing someone to come and join us, in the meantime we will be well cared for by Rev'd Gill and Rev'd Chris, quite a novelty to only have one Chris. Please pray for them, the Churchwardens, PCC and the Bishops as they lead us on in this phase of life in the St Lawrence Church community. God keep you all safe and trusting in God's grace, He has the plan.

Vera x



Alleluia Shoes!

It was an absolute joy to see Denise Stothard ordained deacon recently. Denise had been with us on her first observation placement in 2024, from Christmas to Palm Sunday, and after two years of observing, taking part, reading, writing essays and listening, listening, listening she is now the Rev'd Denise Stothard, curate at St Mary's Sprotborough. We trust they will value her as her learning continues, and that they will learn from her too. Denise didn't wear Alleluia shoes, but Bishop Leah did! She asked a small girl if she could see her shoes, and she had sparkly shoes on, although they agreed not quite as Alleluia as the bishop's shoes!



Bishop Leah talked about the great importance of shoes, the importance of comfort—and she had already changed out of hers, we all know the feeling of “already regretting my shoes!” She continued:-

Shoes are very honest, they tell our story, they are shaped by our life's walking, they know our weight. Jesus washed feet, ordinary, tired, dirty, they bear the whole weight of the whole body, yet receive little praise. It's where we meet the ground.

The nine deacons ordained on this day start at the ground, at the feet of the people of God. The Venerable Mary Ward, who died at Hewick near York and is buried in Osbaldwick, walked more than 2,000 miles in her efforts for women and the education of girls, and her shoes are on display [possibly in Rome I missed that bit]. Pope Francis when he was made pope chose not to wear the Papal shoes, but to wear his ordinary shoes, to fit in with his choice of following St Francis of Assisi, “to have a poor church for the poor, to always go out to the margins, and to show concern for the natural environment.” The Bishop exhorted the Deacons to “step out, keep going, stay grounded, stay practical”.

She continued that the Isaiah reading in the service looks up, not down,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts, the **whole** earth is full of God’s glory.” that includes hospital wards, bus stops, playgrounds, prison cells, food banks, God’s glory is everywhere!

The Deacons didn’t come because they were finished, they came because they heard the call, the Lord sends ordinary people on Holy roads.

She spoke directly to the Deacons: you’ve been ordained to wake the rest of us up! Wear your vocation like shoes, supple, strong, marked by the journeys you take.

And she spoke to us all: where have your shoes carried you or carry you next? What Holy ground have you walked over? Who’s feet are you being called to wash next?

“And let us not forget, it takes a church to raise a vocation...”

So with those wise words we at St Lawrence wish Denise every blessing in her new role as curate at St Mary's!



“... Rodney, I’ve been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint...”

The Editor promises that this isn’t anything to do with the Rev’d Chris Wroot’s interesting piece about incense, it genuinely was an August 2026 cartoon from Parish Pump! Chris will giggle too!!

On Organs and Organists

3. The Pipe Organ: Just Like a Piano?

One afternoon nearly sixty years ago I was chatting to friends in the student common room at the School of Music, Huddersfield College of Technology, aka the Huddersfield School of Music (I was a student there from 1963 to 1968), when my attention was arrested by an outburst from a student at the other end of the room. “If you can play the piano, you can also play the organ! They’re just the same!” she asserted. And nothing anyone said could persuade her otherwise.

Of course, there is some truth in her statement. While they differ in compass, the manuals (keyboards) on an organ are the same as the keyboard on a piano. Accordingly, if you can ‘knock out a tune’ on the piano, you can do likewise on the organ. But in other respects there are substantial differences between the two instruments. And if the piano and the organ were ‘just the same’, organists would be in for more plentiful supply.

Apart from the difference in sound and the way sounds are generated, the most significant difference is in how the two instruments respond to varying finger pressure. While, on the piano, the greater the weight applied to the keys, the louder the resultant sounds, on the organ the amount of weight applied to the keys has absolutely no effect on volume. To accent a note or chord on the piano, one simply applies greater weight to the keys. On the organ, the player gives prominence to certain notes and chords by lengthening them (called ‘agogic accents’), while maintaining the essential rhythm of the music.

A useful device found on the piano but not on the organ is the sustaining pedal. This is an invaluable aid to legato (smooth) playing. As an aid to legato playing organists often change fingers on one note, called ‘finger substitution’. (Pianists also do this in music such as fugues where use of the sustaining pedal is inappropriate.) Similarly, when playing on the pedals, the organist may effect a legato line by changing feet on a note.

There are various other features that are peculiar to the organ. Most

organs have two or three manuals, each one of which is typically associated with a particular department of the instrument. Many large organs have four or five manuals (Doncaster Minster organ has five) and at least one in the USA has seven.

In addition to the manuals, most pipe organs have a keyboard of thirty or thirty-two notes played by the feet, called a pedalboard. Most organists learn to play the piano before taking up the organ and, while most players readily adjust to the differences in articulation that are essential to playing the organ, playing with the feet usually presents far more of a challenge. Acquiring a 'safe' pedal technique, employing the toes and heels of both feet, can take some considerable time and require much practice.

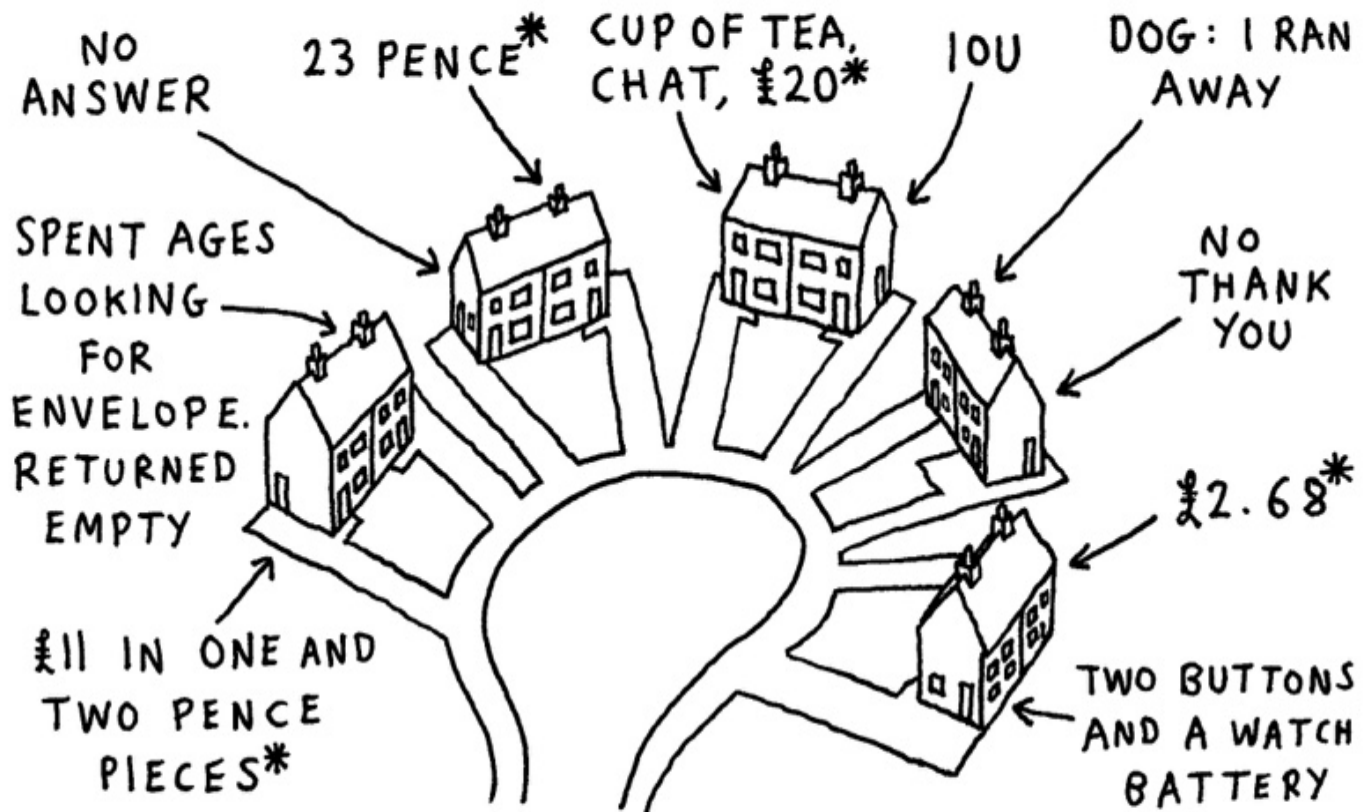
The organist has much more to do than simply playing the notes of the music. Indeed, an extra pair of hands and feet would come in useful at times. Before the organ can produce any sound, the organist has to select a suitable assortment of stops (called a registration) and these are often changed during the course of the music. In addition to stops, most organs have aids to registration in the form of registration pedals or thumb and toe pistons. As well as playing the pedal part of the music and operating toe pistons with the feet, the organist often has to effect crescendos and diminuendos in the music by means of one or more swell pedals.

While much organ music for manuals alone exists, most is for manuals and pedals and this is usually presented on three staves, two for the hands and one for the feet. Often the organist is required to play just as quickly with the feet as with the hands. Sometimes composers include pedal solos in their music. Both Bach's *Toccata in C* (BWV 564) and *Toccata in F* (BWV 540), for example, feature extended pedal solos.

I'm always surprised when an able-bodied person claims that a three-pedal car is too complicated to drive. Given the various tasks involved in playing the organ, particularly those performed by the feet, I doubt that any competent organist would ever be fazed by a clutch and a manual gearbox!

Vernon Hoyle

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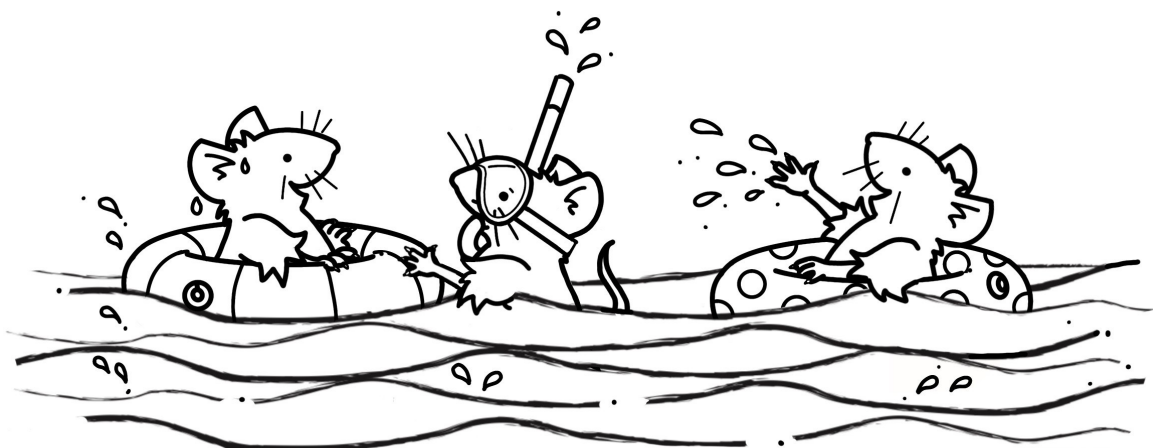
From next month Sennette Wroot will be your editor! The magazine has needed a bit of a re-vamp for a few years really, but the time has come when my arthritic fingers don't type so well, let alone my eyes and brain work in the same way as they once did! So when Sennette offered to do the newsletter I asked her if she'd be interested in editing the magazine and she said yes, with a smile. I was so delighted!!



Thank you Sennette, I'm sure you'll enjoy it as you did at your former church, and Readers, please give her encouragement and feedback.

I want to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to all who have over the years been, officially or not, on the magazine team. I've edited and printed, but that has needed contributors, and once it's all in place and printed it needs collators and distributors, yes all through lock-downs too! The people doing that presently will continue, and as I quoted from a sermon last month "walking the road of humble love" is made up of jobs like delivering the magazine in heatwaves, a part of "showing kindness when it is costly"... yes a huge thankyou.

If you have encouragement and comments please contact Sennette directly on sennette67@gmail.com.





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Sunday 2nd August

10:00 Choral Communion

16:00 Café Church

Sunday 9th August

10:00 Choral Communion

Sunday 16th Augst

10:00 Choral Communion

Please note there is no longer a Café Church on the third Sunday, and no longer a Worship service

Sunday 23rd August

8:30 BCP and Breakfast

10:00 Choral Communion



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10:00 Choral Communion



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