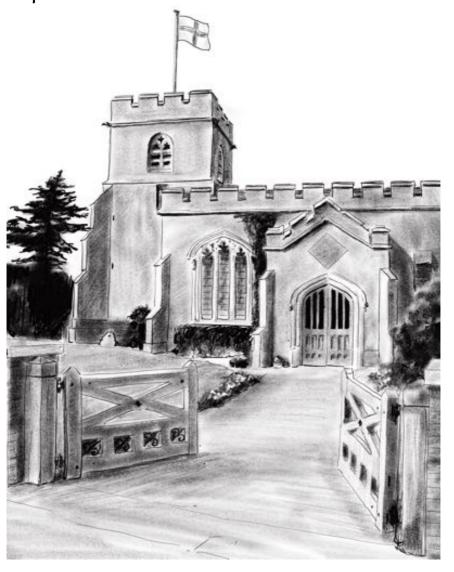
Parish News

St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden 50p June 2019



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We are in the Berkhamsted Team Ministry with Great Berkhamsted, Great Gaddesden and Nettleden with Potten End. Enquiries regarding Baptisms, Banns, Weddings, Funerals and Memorials in the Churchyard should be made to the above-mentioned email address. Messages can also be left with the Churchwardens. To contact The Berkhamsted Team, please call The Parish Office on 01442 878227.

All are welcome to our House of God. All have their place in His Kingdom and their part to play in His work

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Normal Sunday 9 am Sung Eucharist (with Sunday School)

6 pm Sung Evensong (not 3rd Sunday)

2nd Sunday of month or sometimes switched with another Sunday for a particular occasion

9 am Family Service (no Sunday School)

If there is no Eucharist at 9am one will be provided at another time or in one of the other churches $\frac{1}{2}$

5th Sunday 9 am Joint Sung Eucharist at one of the three churches

6 pm Sung Evensong

WEEKDAY SERVICE: Thursday 10am Said Eucharist

BELL RINGING: Sunday 8.30 am Practice: Tuesday 8.00 pm

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by 9 am on each **Thursday**

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From Heather Tisbury - Reader

Dear All,

'June is bustin' out all over', goes the song and it really is the case this month with the number of Festivals there are to celebrate.

We have the Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday) on June 9th which is looked upon as the Church's birthday when the Holy Spirit was sent by God. The feast of St Barnabas on June 11th and Trinity Sunday on June 16th when we consider 'One God but Three Persons'. On June 22nd it is the day of our Diocesan Saint, Alban, and then two Patronal Festivals, the birth of John the Baptist on June 24th (23rd June for Church Service at Great Gaddesden) and St Peter and St Paul on June 29th (30th June for Church Service at Little Gaddesden).

As I sit on a grassy bank of clover by the river Shannon in County Clare, my thoughts are of St Patrick and his efforts in helping the people of Ireland in their understanding of the Trinity. So a few notes about Trinity Sunday seem appropriate.

The Early Church's idea of the Trinity, that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are one, was never intended to confuse. In fact it was to try and convey their deep experience of God to people everywhere.

The 5th Century Saint Patrick travelled to Ireland and called together the Irish chieftains and spoke to them about Jesus and the Christian faith. But when he talked about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, the leaders were confused and thought that Patrick meant that there were three Gods, not one. The story goes that it was Saint Patrick's visual aid of the three leaved shamrock (a small trefoil or young clover leaf) which helped people to recognise the concept of the Trinity.

Tri = 3, Unity = 1 becoming Tri-Unity, Tri-Une or Trinity - 'Three can be one and one can be three.'

Or if you like the mathematical formulae – it is not 1+1+1=3, but $1\times1\times1=1$.

The idea of 'persons' of the Trinity gives us a 'human touch' and helps us to visualise God in a particular situation.

We see God the Father, as creator, sustainer, someone who affirms and judges us.

We see God the Son, as friend, someone who has been there too, who understands, who loves us so much that he died for us.

We see God the Holy Spirit, as God within us, someone who gives us peace and joy, new possibilities and the ability to achieve them.

To look for God in all three persons is the challenge, whilst trying not to be 'lop-sided'.

If we only ever see God as Father, then we may feel loved and forgiven but may not feel committed.

If we only ever see God as Son, then we may feel saved and inspired but may not feel enabled.

If we only ever see God as Holy Spirit, then we may feel full of life and motivation but may not feel the need to be corrected.

There have been many helpful and some not so helpful illustrations in the quest to understand the Trinity.

H2O – water, ice, steam.

Apple - skin, flesh, core.

Egg - shell, white, yolk.

Book – Creative thought, thought made word, power on the responsive mind of the reader. (Dorothy L Sayers)

God is God and beyond our understanding and so if we could understand God fully, God would no longer be God. So in one sense the Trinity is a mystery. But as I hold this three leaved clover in my hand I feel compelled to give it a try.

June is bustin' out all over.

All over the medder' and the hill.

Friends are bustin' out of bushes

And the rompin' river pushes every little wheel that wheels beside a mill......

(Rodgers and Hammerstein)



Nettleden Festival

7th / 8th / 9th JUNE 2019

FRIDAY 7th JUNE 2019

MISSISSIPPI SWAMP DOGS

High energy New Orleans' jazz band 7.30pm in the Church £17 per ticket Bar, Lamb Burgers

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2019

JUST A CAPPELLA

Award winning vocal group

3pm in the Church
£7 per ticket
Proms Lamb Burgers

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Solos, duets & trios on a family theme
7.30pm in the Church
£17 per ticket
Bar, Lamb Burgers

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2019

THE FOREST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Mozart Flute & Harp Concerto 3pm in the Church £17 per ticket Tea, Cokes

Ample free parking

www.nettledenfestival.wordpress.com Tickets: janh72542@gmail.com or 07491 654415

Little Gaddesden Art Club

EXHIBITION

Little Gaddesden Village Hall

Sat 1st June 10.30am - 6.00pm Sun 2nd June 10.30am - 6.00pm Mon 3rd June 11.00am - 6.00pm

Including framed art works, folios, sculptures, wood carving, pottery & fused glass

Refreshments

June 22nd Saturday, St Alban's day

This gathering has become in recent years a spectacular event in the City of St Albans, to commemorate St Alban himself. The gathering takes place at St Peter's Church at the "top" of the High Street and processes down to the Cathedral with bands playing. Giant puppets portraying Alban and other contemporary characters are carried in the parade. "Contemporary" in this instance meaning the second century AD, when Alban became the first recorded Christian Martyr in Britain, at Verulamium. His shrine is in the Cathedral.

We do not have an organised group from our parish for this event (but someone could make one happen).

John Leonhardt

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Hospice of St Francis

The Hospice of St Francis is celebrating its 40th anniversary in several ways.

Light a Candle for the Hospice – The silent vigil on 6th June 1979 at St Peter's Church in Berkhamsted is being recreated on Thursday 6th June between 4.00pm and 8.00pm. This vigil led to the founding of the hospice. More details on www.stfrancis.or.uk/prayervigil

Walk with Us – Saturday 29th June at 7.00pm. A sponsored 6-mile walk from Berkhamsted Castle via Shrublands (the original hospice site), St Peter's Church to the present Hospice site. More details on www.stfrancis.org.uk/walk-with-us



The Hospice of St Francis 40th Birthday Garden Party

in the grounds of
Ashridge House
Sunday 23rd June, 1.00– 5.00pm
Large variety of quality stalls,

delicious food and drink, live music, family entertainment Tickets: £5.00 in advance or £7.00 on the day. Children under 16 go free More information at www.stfrancis.org.uk

THAT OLD SAW. Saw: old saying: maxim.

How does the oak tree know
that if it beats the ash
to leaf, the precipitation will not lash,
but merely splash?
As zephyrs whisper warm, and gently flow.

But if the ash should win and bud embrace, summon the Atlantic Westerlies to invoke relentless downpours that soak the oak, will that other summer show its grey old face?

Josie Jeffrey

ANIMULA Hadrian (76 – 138 AD)

ANIMULA VAGULA BLANDULA HOSPES COMESQUE CORPORIS QUAE NUNC ABIBIS IN LOCA PALLIDULA RIGIDA NUDULA NEC UT SOLES DABIS IOCOS

Little soul, little wanderer, little charmer, body's guest and companion, to what places will you set out for now?

To darkling, cold and gloomy ones - and you won't make your usual jokes.

This little poem was written by the Roman emperor Hadrian as a whimsical farewell to his own soul, reportedly just days before his death. Despite its brevity, well over a hundred English translations exist, including those by Donne, Henry Vaughan, Pope, Byron, Keats, Christina Rossetti and Stevie Smith. Differences relate to the unanswerable question of whether the fourth line refers to the soul (animula) or the places (loca) - the Romans didn't do commas - as well of course as the poets' own styles and verbosity. I like the one above (by Anthony Birley?) which is crisper and less florid than some, and generally suits my mental picture of Hadrian and vague memories of school Latin.

The Roman understanding of soul as the spiritual or immaterial, non-corporeal part of man, was not very different from our own. Then as now, opinions differed between believers and non-believers and among religions and sects on whether the soul lived on after the body's demise (perhaps in heaven or in hell), died like the body, or something in between, perhaps a sort of hibernation (say in purgatory or limbo) until the Day of Judgement. Hadrian was probably a Stoic, and as such he would have expected his immortal soul to exist for eternity without pain, cold or sorrow but without warmth or joy either. Stoicism allowed for the souls of great heroes (unsurprisingly, that definition included

emperors) to have a more pleasant eternity, but Hadrian comes across as unlikely to take himself quite that seriously. He certainly had no fear of dying - in fact he had several times to be prevented from committing suicide during his last illness.

Hadrian was one of Gibbon's 'five good emperors' of Rome; he succeeded his cousin Trajan in 117 and preceded Antoninus. He travelled widely, reducing the size of the empire by giving up territories acquired by Trajan such as Assyria and Mesopotamia which he reliably defensible. He considered not probably ordered construction of the famous wall, a defence against marauding Picts with additional administrative functions, before his visit to Britannia in 122. He codified Roman law, modernised the military and enthusiastically encouraged learning and architecture - the Pantheon was completed while he was emperor. He seems to have been a rather chilly personality and not particularly popular during his lifetime, generally fair but severe; he was not actively anti-Christian but had little tolerance and sometimes showed considerable cruelty when specific lines were crossed.

Nick Murray

VESTRY @ 50 – THE THOMAS FIELD HALL

The architect's drawings are now being finalised to meet with the requirements of Building Regulations, which are quite complex as we are dealing with upgrading historic buildings to comply with modern standards. The Specification is also being completed and the Tender documents will be written in order that Christopher can invite Tenders next month from the four builders he has shortlisted. He is also approaching architectural glass specialists to get estimates for the Ambulatory glazing which will be handled as a special sub contract to the main contractor.

We have selected a firm to carry out the asbestos survey which will be quite brief as there is only a small amount of asbestos to record.

The other thing to do at this stage is to apply for a Faculty from the Diocese and this will be done as soon as Christopher is able to supply details of the glazing system to be used for the Ambulatory. It has taken quite a time to reach this point, but there have been some difficulties which have taken time to resolve.

On the funding front the total raised towards our target of £250,000 now stands at about £225.00, thanks to various recent donations which have come from the Lent Lunches, the Gaddesden Gallop and other individuals, to whom we say a big Thank You. It is a fantastic achievement and we hope that soon there will be something to show for all the support we have received.





7TH JULY
1PM - 4PM
HP1 3BT



£2 ENTRY, CHILDREN FREE

BBQ Quasar! Cream Teas

Silent Auction Ride on Animal Toys! Games

Raffle Crockery Smash Face Painting

Tombolas Ice Iollies and Sweets Kid's Nail Bar

Coconut Shy Kid's Cresta Run Outside Stalls

LIVE MUSIC PIMMS BAR



All money raised will support the work of Great Gaddesden School and Friends of Great Gaddesden Church

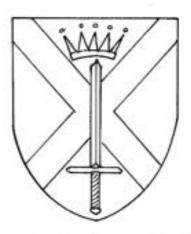
CHILDREN'S PAGE

What do you know about SAINT ALBAN?

We think about him especially on the 22nd JUNE and this year, there will be celebrations all day at St Albans Abbey. Go to the Abbey website for details.

ALBAN lived in the Roman city of Verulanium 1,700 years ago. In those days the Romans were trying to stop people from being Christians. They killed any Christians they could find. One night there was a knock on the door of Alban's house. He opened it and a man quickly slid inside. He was a Christian priest and he asked Alban to hide him from the Romans who were looking for him. Somehow he knew he could trust Alban. Alban, of course, asked him lots of questions about being a Christian—why was it so important?

Then the Romans came knocking at the door. They took the Christian priest away. They tried to make him worship the Roman Emperor but he refused. He was beaten, but he still refused. The soldiers took him up onto a hill to kill him. When they got to the place, a spring of water suddenly appeared out of the ground. The executioner was so frightened by this that he refused to do his job. Another man cut off the priest's head. His blood fell on the ground and where it fell red roses grew up. The 'priest' was Alban who had become a Christian!



The ARMS of ST. ALBAN







Colour in the Arms. The background is bright blue, the cross and crown are yellow and the sword is silver.

Later, when the Romans had gone away, a church was built on the spot where Alban had been beheaded. Miracles happened and pilgrims flocked to the place. The church is now St. Alban's Abbey, and the hill is called Holywell Hill, and the city is St. Albans. The Bishop of St. Albans is The Right Reverend Dr.Alan Smith and our church is in the Diocese, or area, of St. Albans.

CONTENTIOUS? MOI? Politically correct nature

Back in the nineties there were two agencies which oversaw all of the various aspects of the countryside including those appertaining to farming, development and the green belt and the creation, maintenance and protection of habitat, landscape and all things interconnecting rural practices. There was an overall brief to protect and enhance our beautiful countryside and assist in the protection of disappearing habitats and all the flora and fauna therein. This included a necessity to educate and promote an awareness and appreciation of what we had, in order to highlight the interdependence of the natural environment.

These agencies were Natural England and The Countryside Agency and they did a great job in integrating farming practices, thus hedgerows were replaced and some land set aside for a better balance. Counties were encouraged to set up departments such as Hertfordshire's Countryside Management Service (CMS) which did a magnificent job in re-balancing some of the damage done to our countryside, along with various voluntary groups under the benign umbrella of the British Trust For Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) which is where I learned much of what I know about countryside matters.

Of course it couldn't last: Government decreed that a single quango should be formed, to the dismay of many in the know. Thus the unloved child (definitely not the lovechild) known as Natural England was born. It still employed and employs dedicated, knowledgeable and caring people who are involved in the hands on, close to mother nature work. Like all quangos with massive Government involvement, it is vulnerable to lobbying by various self interested and interfering entities and politically correct, virtue signalling and mostly completely irrelevant parties that are able to wield undue and often ill informed influence.

Funding cuts have pretty well extinguished the CMS and the BTCV has fallen by the wayside due to insurance issues infected with the usual political correctness, or brainwashing, as I wittily like to think of it. One of the most popular programmes on TV is, for me, the non negotiable early Sunday evening showing of Countryfile which is more realistic than the Spring/Autumn/Winterwatch shows, although more reliance on genuinely committed and countryside savvy presenters would be appreciated; where is Robin Page when you need him?

There is no doubting that Chris Packham has a brilliant scientific grasp of biology and botany: however he has the interpersonal skills of a black widow spider and when it has been pointed out to him that he is a sometimes rude and patronising co-host, he has explained this on his problems which apparently relate to autism. Fine. He is to be commended for his dispassionate interest in all aspects of his

subject including the dissemination of poo which does have a bearing on wildlife survival. Therefore, he should stay where he belongs, as a backroom boffin. I find his posturing more like that of a male model as he presents various outfits and hairstyles, than an inclusive presenter and in particular, his embarrassing, almost x-rated, drooling excitement over his favourite bird, the sparrowhawk which he unashamedly promoted for a national vote for England's national bird. What? Luckily, we are less easily manipulated than the BBC (and Natural England) and chose the robin, to his sneering disgust.

Now, probably not unrelated to P.R relating to something coming out soon, possibly Springwatch, he has used his biased influence on Natural England to make it almost impossible to cull what are known as 'pest species'. In particular, wood pigeons which have enormous appetites for anything green which grows. This at a cost for example, of £25 millions last year of rapeseed crops alone. As for the corvid, crow family including magpies, the damage done by their overpopulation, having virtually no apex predator other than us, to farming via crop damage and injury to newborn animals, lambs and piglets by crows and the frighteningly high levels of songbird predation. Newly hatched chicks and eggs are the main food of magpies, crows, jackdaws, rooks and jays. (Also red kites, but that is another rant).

Smart-arses like Packham like to point out, 'That it's a sign of a healthy song bird population'. Rubbish. There is an enormous disconnect as these predatory rapter species also thrive on roadkill, which goes some way to explaining the prevalence of the crow family which are by far the most common species hereabouts currently. This is totally out of proportion and has been managed in the past by shooting by farmers and other interested parties. The rot really started to set in with the foot and mouth outbreak so badly mismanaged by the Blair government of the day, as it was not possible to access farmland and a great deal of damage was done as pest species populations exploded. It is imperative, for all these reasons that they are better controlled.

Because our ways unfortunately encourage these predatory species it is also incumbent upon us, as the apex predator to manage some of this damage and the ill advised virtue signalling organisations and attention seeking celebrities should be made aware that their interference is not required. I recently signed an online petition to request that the BBC sack Packham as a presenter and went back online the next day to check I had done it properly and found that the petition was now on page three due to all the Packham P.R which now filled the first 2 pages. I look forward to watching Springwatch again, without that unsuitable narcissist becoming unhealthily over excited about the raptor species whilst also creating a niche for his unbalanced opinions and fashion preferences. He so is not the successor to Sir David Attenborough.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.



WHEN Ascension Day (Thursday 30 May) until Pentecost (Sunday 9 June).

WHAT A series of worship events to join in with, or an invitation to pray individually. Come to any or all!

- 1. Ascension Day Holy Communion at Little Gaddesden Church at 10.00 am.
- 2. Morning Prayer at 8.00 am at Little Gaddesden Church (20 minutes) on Friday 31 May, Monday 3 June, Tuesday 4 June, Wednesday 5

June, Thursday 6 June and Friday 7 June.

- 3. **Morning Prayer** at 9.00 am at Great Gaddesden Church on Tuesday 4 lune.
- 4. **Pentecost Sunday Family Service** at 9.00 am at Little Gaddesden Church
- 5. **Pentecost Sunday Family Service** at 10.45 am at Great Gaddesden Church
- 6. **Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Celebration** at St Albans Abbey at 6.30 pm on Sunday 9 June.

HOW No need to sign up, but there are lots of resources and materials available, including a booklet for the Morning Prayer sessions.

CONTACT Anthony Archer for further information on 07721 504125 or aww.archer@btinternet.com and/or go to www.thykingdomcome.global

From the Registers:

1st May Funeral Mary Purple

20th May Funeral Margaret Sampson

PRAYER PAGE

The Birth of John the Baptist, 24th June Patron Saint of Great Gaddesden Church

Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist
was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour
by the preaching of repentance:
lead us to repent according to his preaching
and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice,
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

St Peter & St Paul, 29th June, Patron Saints of our Parish Church

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm on the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Take Time

Take time to think – it is the source of power.

Take time to play – it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read – it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to pray – it is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to love and be loved – it is a God-given privilege.

Take time to be friendly – it is the road to happiness.

Take time to laugh – it is the music of the soul.

Take time to give – it is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to work – it is the price of success.

Take time to do charity – it is the key to Heaven.

Author unknown

CHURCH SERVICES – JUNE 2019

CHORCH SERVICES – JONE 2013			
I Sunday 2nd June – Sunday after Ascension			
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden	
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden	
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden	
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden	
II Sunday 9th June – Pentecost			
	NO SERVICE DUE TO MUSIC FESTIVAL	Nettleden	
9.00am	Family Service	Little Gaddesden	
10.45am	Family Service	Great Gaddesden	
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden	
III Sunday 16th June – Trinity Sunday			
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden	
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden	
6.00pm	Evensong	Nettleden	
IV Sunday 23rd June – Trinity 1 / Birth of John the Baptist			
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden	
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden	
10.45am	Patronal Service (non-Eucharistic)	Great Gaddesden	
6.30pm	Evensong AT POTTEN END	Potten End	
V Sunday 30th June – Festival of St Peter & St Paul			
9.00am	Joint Parish Communion and Patronal Service	Little Gaddesden	
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden	
I Sunday 7th July – Trinity 3			
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden	
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden	
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden	
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden	
Mid-Week Services			
Tuesday	9.00am Morning Prayer	Great Gaddesden	
Thursday	10.00am Holy Communion	Little Gaddesden	
	(No services on 13th, 20th and 27th June)		

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