

# Parish News

St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden

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May 2019



## St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted Team

**The Vicar, John Russell, is on Extended Study Leave from  
30th April – 4th August 2019. All correspondence should be sent to  
vicar@littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk**

Alternatively, please call Helene Hockings (Parish Administrator) on 01442 842493 or  
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www.littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk  
www.facebook.com/stpeterstpauillittgadd?fref=ts

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**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  
Tower Captain – Mrs Virginia Westmacott LG 842428

CHOIR PRACTICE: Friday 7 pm – Mr John Leonhardt LG 843550

LITTLE GADDESSEN We welcome all children aged 4 – 11. Contact the Headteacher,  
C of E JMI SCHOOL: Mrs Charis Geoghegan, for more information. LG 842464

PARISH NEWS EDITORS: Mrs H Hockings, Mr D Nowell-Withers, Dr N Murray, Mr M Walsham  
See inside back page for contact details.

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WEEKLY UPDATES: PEW SHEET distributed in church each Sunday. Items for inclusion  
should be sent to Helene Hockings, a\_dmin-church@outlook.com  
by 9 am on each **Thursday**

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From one of our Readers

## **Reader Ramblings – May 2019**

*By Gill Moore*

I have always been fascinated by dates and anniversaries of when events happened even if I didn't always remember the correct year. So when I was asked to write the opening letter for the month of May I began by looking at significant dates during the month.

We begin the month of May in the Christian calendar by remembering the Apostles St Philip and St James on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Rogation Sunday on the 26<sup>th</sup> (followed by three rogation days when we pray for God's blessings on the crops and livestock), Ascension Day on the 30<sup>th</sup> and finally on the 31<sup>st</sup> by remembering the visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth.

Of all the above dates and commemorations in May it is Ascension Day which brings back the most memories for me. When I was growing up in Cheshire I attended the nearby Church School and on Ascension Day the whole school would walk to the local Parish Church (in an orderly fashion and in twos!) where we would have a special service. We would then return to school. I must confess that I can remember very little about those services but I do remember that following that service we were given the afternoon off as a holiday!!

Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68. It is the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Easter occurring 39 days after the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day. Biblical accounts of the Ascension can be found in Matthew chapter 28, Mark chapter 16, Luke chapter 24 and also in the Acts of the Apostles chapter 1. In these accounts we can read of how the resurrected Jesus met several times with his disciples during the 40 days to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. Then on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Ascension Day is celebrated in many different countries though in some as it falls on a Thursday, the main celebrations are moved to the following

Sunday. Here in our three parishes there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10am in Little Gaddesden Church on Ascension Day as well as Ascension services on the following Sunday.

In England, Ascension Day is associated with various water festivals ranging from Well Dressing in Derbyshire to the Planting of the “Penny Hedge” at Whitby, a small town in Yorkshire. Other customs may include “beating the bounds”. In the old days, it involved beating boys with willow branches as they are driven along parish boundaries, not only to purify them of evil but to teach them the limits of their parish. In modern times, it can involve people in the locality walking around their farm, manorial, church or civil boundaries pausing as they pass certain trees, walls and hedges that denote the extent of the boundary to exclaim, pray and ritually 'beat' particular landmarks with sticks. Customs sometimes observed on Rogation Sunday or the three following days.

There are various folk lore stories associated with Ascension Day in England. For instance eggs laid on Ascension Day are said to never go bad and will guarantee good luck for a household if placed in the roof. In Devon, it was also an ancient belief that the clouds always formed into the familiar Christian image of a lamb on Ascension Day. People also said that if the weather is sunny on Ascension Day, the summer will be long and hot. If it rains on the day, crops will do badly and livestock will suffer from disease. According to Welsh superstition, it is unlucky to do any work on Ascension Day.

Further afield in Portugal, Ascension Day is associated with wishes for peace and prosperity. Traditionally, in rural communities, people make bouquets from olive branches and sheaves of wheat with poppies and daisies. The olive and wheat are symbolic of abundant harvest; the poppy stands for peace and the daisy for money. Wheat is kept in the house throughout the coming year as a symbol of prosperity.

The flag will hopefully be flying high on our churches as we commemorate Ascension Day and as we, like the very first disciples wait to celebrate Pentecost (Whit Sunday), sometimes referred to as the birthday of the church, some ten days later.

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**



## Village Produce Market

**Saturday, 4th May**  
**from 9.30am to 12.30pm**  
**in**  
**Little Gaddesden Village Hall**

Selection of stalls selling locally produced fruit and vegetables, cakes, soups, bread, preserves and pies;

Local artists selling quality gifts and cards;

Healthcare products;

Charity stalls including the VPA store and British Humanitarian Aid;

**Breakfast baps available all morning, plus tea and coffee**

**Free Entry**

**Please support this local initiative**

### ***From the Registers:***

1st April	Interring of Ashes	Wallace Peters
18th April	Interring of Ashes	Barbara Mogg
20th April	Holy Matrimony	Graham Dermain-Griffiths and Elsa Bezhani
25th April	Funeral	Ken Nash

### **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

## THE LITTLE GADDESSEN CHARITIES

### Report for 2018

The aim of the Charity as defined in the Charity Commissioners' "Scheme" which regulates its activities is to:-

"Relieve either generally or individually, persons resident in the Parish of Little Gaddesden who are in need, hardship or distress, by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to redress the need, hardship or distress of such persons"

The Trustees during 2018 were:

The Team Vicar of Little Gaddesden Church - Reverend John Russell,  
(Chairman)

Mrs Jane Murray

Mrs Louise Archer as representative of the Parish Council

Mrs Pat Catchpole

Mr Michael Thompson nominated by Ashridge College

(Mrs Pat Catchpole acted as Secretary and Treasurer)

The Accounts were examined by Hillier Hopkins, Chartered Accountants of Watford. The expenditure for the year was £524

The strictest confidentiality is observed in the handling of requests for assistance and details about cases are never made public in any form. Any of the Trustees, however will be glad to answer questions of a general nature on how the charity operates.

Pat Catchpole

Little Gaddesden Art Club

# **EXHIBITION**

**Little Gaddesden  
Village Hall**

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June 10.30am – 6.00pm**

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10.30am – 6.00pm**

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June 11.00am – 6.00pm**

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

**Refreshments**

## JET STREAM'S DANCE OF DOOM?

Well, March did come in like a lion, turned lamb-like in the middle and sort of lioned out and into April, then the jet stream looped down and dragged its Arctic winds through the first half of the month. Something has disrupted the weather in Crete where they have more than made up for three dry years with enough rain over the winter and spring to more than make up and even causing flooding around the famous and fertile Lassithi Plateau during April.

Uncovering the permeable black plastic on my allotment I usually find hundreds of slugs but initially, there aren't many and I'm trying to remember which need destroying and which should be encouraged as they only eat decaying matter apparently, but I'm guessing that last year's dry summer didn't suit them. The ramifications of climate change?

How's this for shocking figures? During the 2018 killing season on Cyprus (spring north & autumn south) of overflying migrant songbirds, the figure slaughtered was 121,000 for such as blackcaps and robins. However, after the 2016 season the figure was 880,000, so, a big improvement thanks to our armed services at Akrotiri military base taking down non native trees and destroying the watering systems, the main method by which birds are trapped and killed. Covert surveillance is also being employed to catch trappers who are being successfully prosecuted. I definitely noticed more summer visitors last year, including a most welcome nightingale and numbers this year should be improved again.

As I write, I am about 3 feet away from a pair of robins and a handsome male chaffinch, a bit of a rare sight these days due to a viral disease which almost wiped them and greenfinches out. There are also tits, blackbirds and dunnocks, all hanging out on and around my (big) birthday surprise bird table, a present from some lovely friends. We call it The Great Tittery and it's parked slap bang next to my living room window, which discourages the more unwelcome crow family and pigeons, and replaces the old one which had been condemned by both the Council and the RSPB. Out the back, along the new hedge it's all a bit open, which has its advantages but the whips are coming on a treat, leafed up and raring to get away. It will take a while but so worth doing.



I'm becoming concerned that my previously infallibly accurate Mammal Road Kill Index may not be so infallible after all: I'm noticing that the grey squirrels have wised up and now seem to be obeying the green cross code. A grey thumbing its nose (or worse) is not a welcome sight and could mean, of course, that there are even more of them than we thought. Ready with the traps, nature lovers, it does make a difference.

I know I have said here before that I would not mention that silly old weather saying regarding oak before ash, in for a splash, ash before oak in for a soak. However, ash is hanging back and there is one large oak on the edge of Northwood common that is miles ahead. So I am going there for my holidays.

Josie Jeffrey



## The Children's Society and the Berkhamsted Walk

The Church of England's charity, The Children's Society, started in 1881 running small children's homes for the orphans on London's streets and has evolved to the national system of help for children suffering in this country today. It works to reduce the risk of exploitation, neglect and abuse. It builds the resilience of young people who have experienced these evils and strengthens the resources available to meet these young people's needs. It supports children in the care system and those leaving care at 18, children who have caring responsibilities in the home, those facing poverty, destitution and crisis in their lives, refugees, migrant families and unaccompanied children arriving in this country.

The Berkhamsted Walk has been supporting this charity since 1968 and the amazing sum of £8,200 was raised from our 50th walk last year!

The Walk this year will take place on **Sunday 12th May** and we hope to build on last year's brilliant success.

The 18 mile and 12 mile routes start at the Court House next to St. Peter's Church, HP4 2AX in Berkhamsted and will explore the gorgeous bluebell woods and spring colours of Ashridge and beyond! The 6 mile Fun Walk for all ages starts at Ashridge College, HP4 1NS, between 11am and 2pm, where free parking is available. A quiz will keep young walkers running ahead!

Please download a sponsor form from [www.berkhamstedwalk.com](http://www.berkhamstedwalk.com) or pick one up from church, Berkhamsted Library, Cafe Epicure or at The Complete Outdoors shop, Bourne End.

Phone Ann Browning on 01442 864968 for more details.

## THE KESTREL

We see more kites nowadays in these parts, but overall, kestrels are still the most familiar birds of prey in Britain. They've declined in numbers somewhat in recent years as other raptors have multiplied; this is due in part to competition for prey with buzzards and kites, though in some wooded areas kestrels themselves are preyed on by goshawks. Kestrels are typically seen hovering above a field or motorway, searching the verges for mice or voles. Hovering maintains a stationary position with respect to the ground (less than a centimetre variation!) by flying forward at exactly the same speed as the wind, but in the opposite direction. Regular, very brief pauses in fluttering with compensatory forward neck movements save valuable energy over continuous wing beats.

**The Hawk in the Rain** by Ted Hughes is the first poem in his first volume of poems, with the same title, introducing and bringing him fame as a poet of the natural world:

... the hawk

Effortlessly at height hangs his still eye.  
His wings hold all creation in a weightless quiet,  
Steady as a hallucination in the streaming air.  
While banging wind kills these stubborn hedges.

Hughes was a fine naturalist but even he in this poem, clearly about a kestrel, confused hawks with falcons; they're all birds of prey but very broadly, falcons (e.g. kestrel, merlin, peregrine) have long narrow curved wings, dark eyes and rather large round heads, whereas hawks (and to an extent buzzards, kites and eagles) have broader wings good for gliding, and narrow pointed heads, often with yellow eyes. Falcons fly fast with rapid wing beats and don't glide as much as hawks.

The great kestrel poem, by Gerard Manley Hopkins, uses an old country name for the kestrel:

**The Windhover:**

to Christ our Lord

I caught this morning morning's minion, kingdom  
of daylight's dauphin, dapple-dawn-drawn Falcon, in his  
riding

Of the rolling level underneath him steady air, and striding  
High there, how he rung upon the rein of a wimpling wing  
In his ecstasy! Then off, off forth on swing,  
As a skate's heel sweeps smooth as a bow-bend: the hurl  
and gliding

Rebuffed the big wind. My heart in hiding  
Stirred for a bird, - the achieve of, the mastery of the thing!  
Brute beauty and valour and act, oh, air, pride, plume, here  
Buckle! AND the fire that breaks from thee then, a billion  
Times told lovelier, more dangerous. O my chevalier!  
No wonder of it: sheer plod makes plough down sillion  
Shine, and blue-bleak embers, ah my dear,  
Fall, gall themselves, and gash gold-vermilion.

This remarkable poem was written in 1877, after the poet had spent three years at theological college, and it was the most experimental of several sonnets written at that time. He wrote to Robert Bridges that it was 'the best poem (I) ever wrote', but like the rest of his poems it wasn't published until 1918, long after his death in 1889. The poem uses Hopkins' favoured features such as alliteration, extraordinary use of vocabulary, and 'sprung rhythm' where the number of accents in a line (not shown here) matters but not the number of syllables, allowing the poet to vary the speed of the lines and to capture the variation in the bird's flight.

The poem, dedicated to Christ our Lord, is a wonderful description of the kestrel hovering and flying in buffeting winds, doing what it does naturally to express an almost divine perfection. Man's spiritual striving to live in accordance with God's will is the nearest parallel to this, but still nothing in comparison with Christ's Passion and sacrifice.

Nick Murray

The following people were voted onto the PCC at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

**The Berkhamsted Team Ministry**  
**St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden**  
**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL – April 2019**

<b>Team Vicar</b>	Revd John Russell, St John's Vicarage, Great Gaddesden john_russell@live.co.uk	214898
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<b>Churchwardens</b>		
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**Members**

Ed Boase		
Glenda Cooper		
Sarah Gall		
Nikki Warr	<b>Secretary</b>	07990 503263
James Mitchell	<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	842710
Linda Platt		
Ben Storey		
Allan Webster	<b>Treasurer</b>	843157
Anne Wooster		
Vanessa Connor (Co-opted)		
Helene Hockings (Co-opted)		

**Deanery Synod Members**

Terri Adams  
(2 Vacancies)

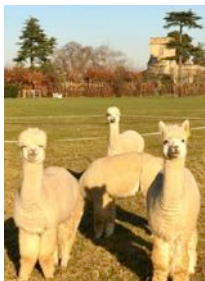
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Heather Tisbury	20 West Dene, Gaddesden Row tisbury@btinternet.com	01582 842807

**All landline telephone numbers prefixed with 01442 except Heather Tisbury**

## **CONCERT ON 8TH MAY 2019**

Margaret Parker, Rus Westmacott and Bill Newberry are singing in the Royal Festival Hall as members of Berkhamsted Choral Society part of a 250 strong choir performing the Dream of Gerontius; the work that Elgar called "the best of him" and that's saying something. For more information, or to support us by coming to the concert, please see the flyers in church or go on to the RFH website



## **Children's Workshop in the Church**

### **All Creatures Great and Small**

Saturday, 11th May

3.00 – 5.00pm

Come along and have some fun

Creative afternoon for children and parents

including felting with Alpaca fleece

Tea provided

To book a space, or to offer help, please call

Sarah Gall on 01442 842422 or email on SarahGaddesden@aol.com

## **New Church Website**

The Church website has been upgraded and modified to be more dynamic and user-friendly. Please do go and have a look at it at [www.littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk](http://www.littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk) and subscribe to the Church News email. Please let us know what you think about it and if you have any suggestions, please do contact the website editors (Andrew Sheard, Barbara Sheard, Peter Leonhardt or Helene Hockings). Contact details are on the website. We look forward to hearing your views.

## **FINDING SOME REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL.**

Let's find some reasons to be cheerful!  
Erm.....er.....um.....yup (chews end of pencil)  
I mean, well, no point in being tearful!  
I'll just paste my forehead, slap on a stencil  
That will say something smarmy,  
Like, 'Come and join our barmy army'.  
We'll stick our heads above the parapet of despair  
And do something silly for a truth or dare,  
Like knocking off a politician's hat  
With something rural that makes a 'splat'.

O how we'd laugh to have such fun,  
But then when all is said and done  
We'd dredge up all those silly jokes  
About elephants footprints in the custard  
And ones about English, Scots and Irish blokes  
'though some would leave Aunt Doris flustered.  
Or just to recall more perspicacious times,  
And figure out what scans and rhymes.

Josie Jeffrey

## **LENT LUNCHESES 2019**

Thank you to all who supported Lent Lunches this year. There was a good attendance over the 6 weeks. Thank you to all who cooked, came and helped clear up at the end and helped wash up. Due to the generosity of the cooks and the punters we have donated £449, which is a record amount, to the Vestry @ 50 Appeal.

It will be splendid when we have the new vestry, loads more space and a proper kitchen! With that not commencing until maybe the end of the year there maybe no Lent Lunches next year so watch this space!  
Thank you to all once again.

Virginia



## **Gaddesden Gallop 2019**

This fundraising event – offering 10k and 5k race options to participants – is taking place again on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The races will start at 10.30am from the sports field and follow a loop through our lovely countryside via the Golden Valley in Ashridge and Hudnall.

On-line registration is at [www.entrycentral.com](http://www.entrycentral.com).

The race is now being organised by the Friends of Little Gaddesden School, with proceeds going to the school and the Church Vestry Fund.

The race organizers are looking for marshals to direct the runners around the route and if you are able to contribute in this way please contact Catriona Angel via email on [catrionawebster@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:catrionawebster@yahoo.co.uk) or mobile 07980 310502.

## **Christian Aid Tea**

Jane Murray is hosting afternoon tea for anybody who is interested in Christian Aid on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8 Little Gaddesden House from 3pm till 5pm. Please would those people who have kindly agreed to collect during Christian Aid week which is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May, come along and collect the envelopes if possible. If you are unable to collect then, can you let Julie 843550 or Jane 843419 know. Please do not feel you have to collect if you come for tea; it is a nice opportunity to chat.

Jane Murray

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 12th TO 18th**

We are having a house-to-house collection as usual and the red envelopes should be coming through your door about this time. If you could help with collecting please contact Julie Leonhardt, 843550. There will also be a collecting box in the village shop, OR you can give online at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org). Thank you.



# Nettleden Festival



7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019

**FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019**

**MISSISSIPPI SWAMP DOGS**

High energy New Orleans' jazz band

7.30pm in the Church

£17 per ticket

Bar, Lamb Burgers

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019**

**JUST A CAPPELLA**

Award winning vocal group

3pm in the Church

£7 per ticket

Pimms, Lamb Burgers

**A FAMILY AFFAIR**

Solos, duets & trios on a family theme

7.30pm in the Church

£17 per ticket

Bar, Lamb Burgers

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019**

**THE FOREST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

Mozart Flute & Harp Concerto

3pm in the Church

£17 per ticket

Tea, Cakes



***Ample free parking***

[www.nettledenfestival.wordpress.com](http://www.nettledenfestival.wordpress.com)

**Tickets: [ianh72542@gmail.com](mailto:ianh72542@gmail.com) or 07491 654415**



### **Easter Garden Completed!**

On a lovely Good Friday morning, the Easter Garden in the Altar was put together with help from several parents and children of the congregation. Refreshments were served to all. The story of Easter was told to the children from the three crosses of Good Friday, the journey to the cave where Jesus' body was laid and his resurrection on Easter Day.



Helene Hockings

### **Vestry@50 - The Thomas Field Hall**

Christopher, our architect, is busy getting details finalised and ready for writing the Specification to send to builders for pricing. The DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) at St Albans are unfortunately raising some queries which we are dealing with and hope to settle soon. We have appointed Building Regulation Inspectors and are expecting competitive quotes for carrying out an Asbestos Survey, which is now a requirement so that the location of any asbestos in the building is known and its condition can be monitored. Progress is a bit slower than we had hoped, but we are moving forward.

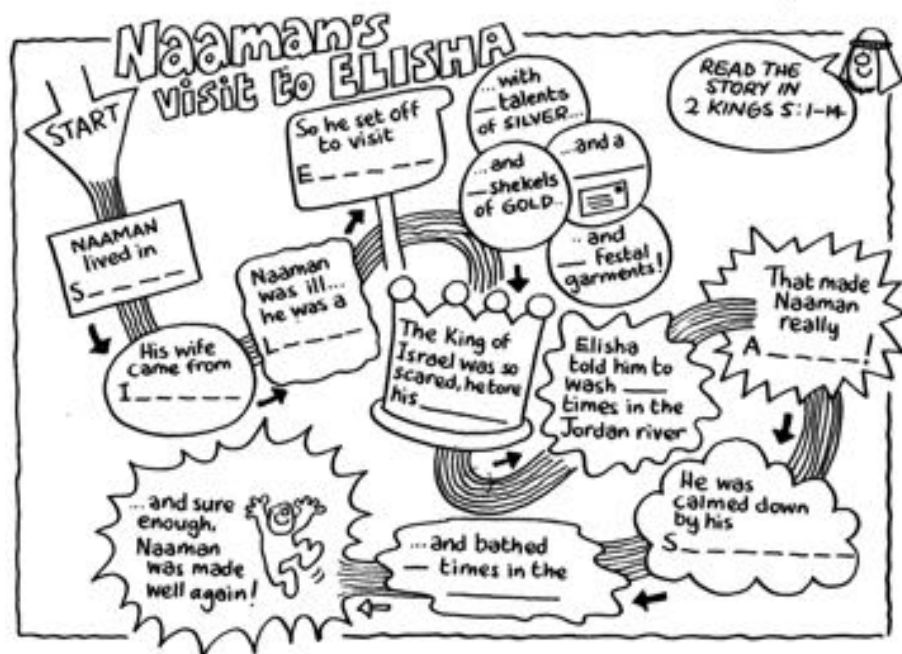
Barbara Sheard

### **Confirmation Service at St Alban's Abbey**

On Easter Saturday, several members of our congregation were confirmed at the Easter Eve Service at St Alban's Abbey. They were Arnab Banerji, Tracy Jefferson, Nichola Warr, Tony Warr, Lillian Reynolds, Martin Bray, Emily Jones and Anna Johnson. We warmly welcome them all into the Church. Several children have also been in preparation to receive communion before confirmation and these include Barnaby, Primrose, Rupert and Tabitha.

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

Fill in the blanks and colour the picture



What was Naaman's REAL problem?? He was PROUD. He would have cheerfully done something difficult or dangerous as a cure; after all, he was a brave and important soldier.

The River Jordan was often little more than a stream. Whatever was so special about bathing in it? He had bigger and better rivers at home.

It was Elisha's servant who persuaded him to have a go. Very reluctantly he ducked down in the water, 7 times.....then, A MIRACLE !! He was better.

He had learnt what we also have to learn.... That sometimes God only wants us to do very small things, things that are hardly worth bothering to do. But if you do do them, you can find that they make a VERY BIG DIFFERENCE, bigger than you ever thought.

Just TRUST GOD.

**PRAYER PAGE**  
**FOR ASCENSION DAY (30th May this year)**

Who is this that comes in glory with the trump of jubilee?  
Lord of battles, God of armies, He has gained the victory;  
He who on the cross did suffer, He who from the grave arose,  
He has vanquished sin and Satan, He by death has spoiled his foes.  
Thou hast raised our human nature on the clouds to God's right hand:  
there we sit in heavenly places, there with thee in glory stand:  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels, Man with God is on the throne;  
mighty Lord, in thine ascension, we by faith behold our own.  
Bishop Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

O Holy Spirit of love,  
quicken our imaginations that we may feel more deeply  
for the needs of others as we put ourselves in their place.  
Give us hearts of self-forgetting compassion  
which will move us to give  
from that which you have given us,  
and to be good neighbours to those both near and far,  
for the sake of him who taught us  
that it is more blessed to give than receive,  
even Jesus our Lord.

Amen

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.

Amen

## CHURCH SERVICES – MAY 2019

<b>I Sunday 5th May – Easter 3</b>		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
<b>II Sunday 12th May – Easter 4</b>		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Family Service	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Family Service	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
<b>III Sunday 19th May – Easter 5</b>		
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Nettleden
<b>IV Sunday 26th May – Rogation Sunday</b>		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
<b>I Sunday 2nd June – Sunday after Ascension</b>		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
<b>Mid-Week Services</b>		
Tuesday	9.00am Morning Prayer (during John Russell's ESL)	Great Gaddesden
Thursday	10.00am Holy Communion	Little Gaddesden

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