

Parish News

St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden

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July / August 2019



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***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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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

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

WEEKDAY SERVICE: Thursday 10am Said Eucharist

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From Anthony Archer, Reader

Dear Friends

As I gaze out of my study window writing this, the weather looks decidedly bleak for the month often referred to as blazing June. We are seeing the antithesis of this, with some parts of the UK experiencing a month's rainfall in a couple of days; and as some of us will be fortunate enough to go away for the annual summer break shortly, the weather is getting even more gossip minutes than usual. The weather patterns of a few inclement days may not prove climate change but the reality of global warming and the challenge of how to address it are here to stay.

I have to confess to be a late convert to climate change. Although not a sceptic, I thought there were more important issues that needed attention; poverty, the plight of refugees and asylum seekers, and the regression towards racism, homophobia and militarism.

The Anglican Communion developed a mission statement back in 1988, adopted by the General Synod of the Church of England in 1996. Termed the *Five Marks of Mission*, the statement committed the Church to: (i) proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; (ii) teach, baptise and nurture new believers; (iii) respond to human need by loving service; (iv) transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation; and (v) strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

It wasn't a pick 'n' mix statement for Churches to chose from. The package is an integrated whole. I was wrong to prioritise some issues and thereby downplay the obligation on all Christians to 'safeguard the integrity of creation.' In many ways the Anglican Communion was ahead of the pack. Far more recently, the United Nations has established its *Sustainable Development Goals* which are a call to action by all countries – poor, rich and middle-income – to promote prosperity while protecting the planet.

How should we respond to these seismic challenges? Of course, our primary duty is to God, then to our fellow human beings including our brothers and sisters now and in future generations. It's a key missional opportunity. The Church of England would be likely to appear more relevant in the eyes of outsiders if seen to be in the vanguard of action on this major first order issue; it might even contribute to church growth.

So how might our duty to God be fulfilled? If we want to be part of God's redeeming work for all Creation as well as for all people, we need to see climate change mitigation not just as a moral and spiritual challenge but also as a technical one. Churches, like governments, businesses and households, have a carbon footprint that can be measured and steps taken to reduce it; this was the focus of the Paris Agreement, committing all to take action to keep the rise in global temperature this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. Are we maximising our use of renewable energy? How are we handling environmental waste, especially perhaps single use plastic? Have we thought about electric cars? Are we prepared to give financially to communities around the world for whom climate change is an everyday life and death challenge through rising sea levels, for example the peoples of the Pacific Islands? The opportunities are huge to play our part as a Church in caring for God's creation, in terms of personal discipleship, in missional engagement and stewardship.

Now, the rain has started again, and the wind is getting up. That should generate some additional gigawatts into the grid.

Yours in Christ, Anthony

From the Registers:

25th May	Holy Matrimony	William Palfreyman and Amelia Brown
21st June	Holy Matrimony	Hugh Briggs and Denise Ryan
22nd June	Interring of Ashes	William Whitman

Deanery Lecture May 2019

The annual Deanery Lecture held at St Mary's Northchurch brought a fantastic speaker to our locality. And although entertaining and superbly presented the topic was challenging.

Dr Lucy Winkett is the rector of St James Piccadilly - you may be familiar with her from The Today Programme Thought for the Day slot.

Her title was Good News or Fake News and she challenged the audience to consider firstly how we take in and assess the reliability of the everyday news we hear and see. But then she asked us to reflect on how we absorb and assess the news in the scriptures.

She posed some challenging questions and as an audience we were educated in terms such as Echo Chambers (only talking among those who have the same opinions so beliefs are amplified or reinforced) Filter Bubbles (only seeing information which has been "selected" for you through algorithms) and Clobber Texts (an extract perhaps from the bible to confirm a selected position!). She reflected that young Millennials are Digital Natives while recognising the age profile of her audience - we were Digital Immigrants. We also learnt about IRL - In Real Life!

She challenged us as Christians to go back to reading the bible in its entirety and within a group to encourage discussion and debate. She wants us to move away from relying on soundbites. Even the readings in church services which, at least, are expanded through the sermon, were a limited approach in her view. She recommends we avoid reliance on tweet-like chunks to achieve a deeper understanding. She pointed out that like Twitter storms there is a real risk of misusing the Good News we have.

She also pointed out that even without physical restraints we can end up enslaved without realising it. Trapped by surrounding ourselves in an environment which is not diverse or broad enough to be like IRL. She quoted Blake (who was baptised in the church where she is now rector) about "mind-forged manacles".

Lucy is a super speaker and it was a treat to be challenged again over our Good News. I would recommend that you look out for further talks by her.

Terri Adams

Visitors' Group

I am delighted to inform you that Sarah Gall (01442 842422 - sarahagaddesden@aol.com) has kindly agreed to take on responsibility for the Visitors' Group in the village. This includes distribution of the Church Easter and Christmas cards. She will be contacting existing members of the Visitors' Group in the near future. In the meantime, if you hear of anyone who has recently moved into the village and might appreciate a welcome pack, please contact Sarah.

Louise Archer

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2019

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the house-to-house collection this year, and special thanks to the twenty people who delivered and collected the envelopes, and to Jane Murray for the lovely tea party.

A total of £1851 has been sent off to Christian Aid. This includes £485 from Potten End, but not Gift Aid, which is still to be added. The money is to go to Sierra Leone to help set up clinics for the many pregnant women who at present have to walk many miles to get help, or have no skilled help at all, resulting in many maternal deaths.

A big thank you to our treasurer Pat Catchpole and Ian who counted the money and to Richard Abraham at the Post Office, who banked it.

Julie Leonhardt



Village Produce Market

Saturday, 6th July and 3rd August

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

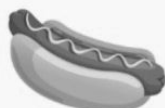
Please support this local initiative



GREAT GADDESSEN VILLAGE SUMMER FAIR



**7TH JULY
1PM - 4PM
HP1 3BT**



£2 ENTRY, CHILDREN FREE

BBQ

Silent Auction

Raffle

Tombolas

Coconut Shy

Quasar!

Ride on Animal Toys!

Crockery Smash

Ice lollies and Sweets

Kid's Cresta Run

Cream Teas

Games

Face Painting

Kid's Nail Bar

Outside Stalls

**LIVE MUSIC
PIMMS BAR**



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

A TECHY FRIEND

I badly need a techy friend,
For an ear and hand to lend,
Not one who drones on in order to 'explain',
But who 'gets' my ancient tech free brain.

It may be an old lady thing, to be quite frank,
But instructions and explaining – I just go blank,
Any smart techy jargon, computer code,
And my aching brain reverts to panic mode.

Let's face it, it all moves so fast, I can't be alone,
To be bamboozled by some smart kid's phone,
Full of transient facts, forgotten in a week,
That hardly justifies a full critique.

It's gone: forgotten: out of date,
By the time you've learnt it, it's too late.
Tech's moved on to something new,
And now you're left with brain askew.

So I need a kindly techy friend to just say,
Press this, click that, and call me, you'll be ok!

Josie Jeffrey

Children's Holiday Club in the Church

Going Wild with Nature

Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th August

10.00am – 3.00pm each day

£5.00 per child per day

Children aged 5-11 years

Please provide a packed lunch and water bottle

For more information and to book your place, please contact Sarah Gall
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VESTRY@50 – The Thomas Field Hall

The rate of progress this month has slowed a little as the system for the glazing of the Ambulatory has proved to be difficult to procure. The first specialist provider who was recommended took a very long time to respond to our architect and eventually produced an estimate which turned out to be almost totally inaccurate. A different provider has now been approached and we are awaiting a cost estimate to ensure that the system we have selected falls within our budget. Once we have this and it is approved, our architect will be able to incorporate the details into his drawings so that he can move on to the next stage of the project which is to apply to the council to discharge the conditions of the planning approval and also to invite tenders from the selected building companies.

In the meantime an asbestos survey has been carried out. This details all the asbestos in the building, some of which will need specialist removal during the demolition phase and some will just need to be monitored over time. This survey is now a general requirement for all church buildings to ensure that the extent and condition of any asbestos present is recorded and it will be stored in our church documentation.

Barbara Sheard

Please put Saturday October 19th in your diary as we will be holding the Fourth Opera Concert in the Church at 7:30pm. There will be four singers, the same as last year, who will just have returned from their tour of Japan with the Royal Opera House, and Viv McLean accompanying on the piano. Further details will be in the September edition.

So you think English is easy?

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
4. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
5. They were too close to the door to close it.
6. After going out after having done some sewing, a sewer fell into a sewer.
7. Upon seeing the tear in the painting, I shed a tear.

From Two Valleys Parish News, March 2018

**O THOSE LAZY, CRAZY / PELTING, BELTING DAYS OF SUMMER.
(A title to suit all summer weather conditions).**

Since Spring, blackbirds have been singing their little hearts out, joined by the usual suspects of course: locally, robins, wrens, chaffinches, gold finches, greenfinches and some blackcaps. As welcome as they are, none is quite as mellifluous as the blackbird. Cuckoos have been heard in various locations and the swifts made a most welcome return (for me, the sound of summer) during the 3rd week of May, later than usual. In June last year, I was thrilled to hear a nightingale, not far from the TWBG. Hopefully, the June monsoon will not have put him off this year.

In the skies above, ever increasing numbers of red kites mew like constipated kittens (no, I don't, just guessing). I note that they are getting mobbed by crows and wondering if they are predating the eggs and young from the more open and vulnerable nests. Not all bad then. When the RSPB released them about 20 years ago they stated that they only fed on carrion; apparently they used to clear the streets of dead things until killed off by dastardly Victorian gamekeepers, protecting the ground nesting birds.

There are always unintended consequences to introductions and re-introductions. (Here's an idea, why not re-introduce the fast becoming extinct, hedgehog, songthrush, nightingale, house martin etc. etc?). For example, how often can a kestrel be seen hovering over a field or motorway verge these days? A fascinating bird and no threat to smaller songbirds, it is being outcompeted by the larger kite whose diets also contain the voles and mice eaten by the kestrel. In the May issue of Parish News, Nick Murray contributed a lovely article on the kestrel which featured a wonderfully evocative poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins, entitled The Windhover, an alternative name for the bird. The poem has a religious theme as it describes beautifully the kestrel in flight and hovering. If you don't have the May copy, do check it out on line.

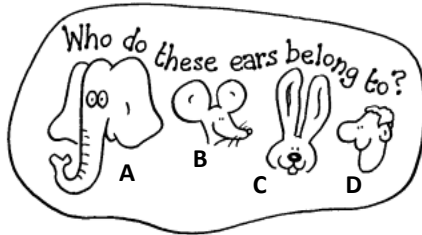
On the other hand, as I obviously err on the side of optimism, it seems that the kites are pinching the young from some of the crow family, but that's me, always looking on the bright side. For example, as we are land-locked even at high tide, the RSPB and Natural England won't be able to release lots of sea eagles, as they intend on The Isle of Wight; keep an eye on your lambs guys!

Josie Jeffrey

CHILDREN'S PAGE

EARS

Can you hear me?



ANSWERS:
A: an tnahpele,
B: a esuomC: a tbbbar,
D a yob.

Hearing is one of the most important things for anyone. If you are deaf you can't hear what people are saying, so how can you answer them? How can you talk, anyway if you can't hear the sounds of words? People may think you are stupid. You would feel cut off from the world. How awful would that be! In Jesus' time there were no hospitals and very little medical care. People who were deaf could not be helped and just lived their lives more or less separated from their friends and families. Jesus knew many people like this and he was amazingly able to help them. Here is a story of how a deaf and dumb man was healed:

Jesus left Tyre and Sidon and went down to the Sea of Galilee. Some people in the crowd bought a man to him who was deaf and could hardly talk and they begged him to place his hand on the man to cure him.

Jesus took the man away from the crowd and put his fingers in the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue, and with a deep sigh said to him "Ephphatha", which meant, "be opened". Immediately the man could hear and he began to speak plainly.

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WORDSEARCH

Find the words underlined in the story.

TO THINK ABOUT

Why do you think Jesus sighed deeply when he cured the man?

SWIFTS

Fifteenth of May. Cherry blossom. The swifts
Materialize at the tip of a long scream
Of needle. "Look! They're back! Look" And they're gone
On a steep

Controlled scream of skid
Round the house-end and away under the cherries. Gone.
Suddenly flickering in sky-summit, three or four together,
Gnat-whisp frail, and hover-searching, and listening

For air-chills – are they too early? With a bowing
Power-thrust to left, then to right, then a flicker they
Tilt into a slide, a tremble for balance,
Then a lashing down disappearance
Behind elms.

They've made it again,
Which means the globe's still working, the Creation's
Still waking refreshed, our summer's
Still all to come –
And here they are, here they are again
Erupting across yard stones
Shrapnel-scatter terror. Frog-gapers,
Speedway goggles, international mobsters –

A bolas of three or four wire screams
Jockeying across each other
On their switchback wheel of death.
They swat past, hard-fledged.

Veer on the hard air, toss up over the roof,
And are gone again.

(from Swifts, by Ted Hughes, 1930 - 1998)

We don't seem to have many swifts in Little Gaddesden. I suppose there must be a shortage of the preferred sort of buildings for their nests, though quite a few properties look suitable to me - whatever the reason, Berkhamsted is more fortunate. This poem captures perfectly the magic of swifts, suddenly reappearing in early May and, especially on warm summer evenings, rushing

around in screaming gangs like mad motorcyclists in the air. By late August they're all gone to Africa again. They cover extraordinary distances, maybe 3 million miles during their relatively long lives: around 500 mile a day on average and they eat, sleep and mate on the wing. Barring accidents they remain aloft for almost three years, not touching the ground from first leaving the nest until they themselves come to breed.

Nick Murray

Appeal for Contributions

The Editors would like to ask for any items for publication in this magazine. Our contact details are on the back page and please feel free to call or email any one of us with your ideas. Suggestions on who can be invited to contribute would be welcome too.

We would be glad to receive:

- new front cover sketches
- short news items of family events and significant anniversaries
- news items of concern to the village
- notices of village events, particularly when they are too late to have been published in The Gaddesden Diary
- notices of church events at Great Gaddesden and Nettleden
- comments on items from the previous issues
- original articles of interest on topical church affairs
- articles of historical interest on the village or the wider church
- letters from readers
- poems, anecdotes or short essays
- experiences of gap years, visiting overseas' communities or places of worship
- news from members of the village who have moved far away
- welcome to newcomers in the village, providing they give their consent

There are also some subjects in which a regular correspondent might be appropriate (not necessarily writing every single month):

- our farms: the fields are all around us, but most of us know very little about what is growing where, and what is being reared, and how the seasons are progressing and what problems are being faced. Eggs and honey included.
- our horticultural seasons likewise, and forestry
- our sports clubs.
- village activities such as school fetes or scout fundraising

Suggestions on further topics or items that may be included in the Parish News are also welcome. **PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR MAGAZINE RELEVANT!**

The Editors

LYME DISEASE ALERT

In the event of summer finally getting bedded in and you are contemplating getting the legs out, pause and consider that it may be an idea to pull the socks up and pull the sleeves down, particularly for walking through bracken or long grass. What used to be known as sheep ticks, but now eradicated from our flocks, are instead hosted by deer from which they spread to other warm blooded mammals feeding on blood and imparting bacteria which cause the disease which is difficult to diagnose and therefore may dangerously delay proper treatment. Dogs are particularly at risk as they run through overgrown areas where the ticks may have been swept from the passing deer and await a new host.

They are extremely difficult to safely remove as the 'sting' element tends to break off on removal of the tick and remain embedded, thus increasing the infection risk. A doggy host should be taken to the Vet as soon as possible for safe removal. For humans an urgent visit to a doctor or A&E is recommended as using tweezers, for example, may result in leaving part in the skin. Some swear by using something heated, but that is difficult to achieve without burning the skin and can still fail. Medical assistance is of paramount importance.

Symptoms following a tick bite are many and various and include headaches, fatigue, muscle ache, and a fever which can be confused with 'flu or a virus and left untreated. The symptoms can recur which should be a bit of a giveaway. Antibiotics should be prescribed asap. Following a bite, a rash normally appears, about 2 inches across which fades as it gradually spreads.

The disease was originally diagnosed in the USA and named after the town where it was first noted and investigated, hence Lyme disease. (I can't help thinking that it could be worse, it could have been Steeple Bumstead, but that's just me). There is concern amongst the scientists who are involved in research of tick borne diseases that a more recent variety (there are several known) in the US and Japan, where it was first identified is proving to be antibiotic resistant and can display different symptoms. The tick which bears this variation has been discovered here, (since you ask, *Borrelia Miyamotoi*) in very small numbers but is nonetheless of concern. The scientists meanwhile are working hard to identify and treat the various strains of lyme and similar tick borne diseases.

So, not wishing to spoil our lovely summer walks in the beautiful scenery hereabouts, it's probably best to avoid bracken (the worst place I know for it is at the top of Toms Hill, striking out across to the Common) and long grass where the ticks can await a passing dog and its person. So, really easy to avoid, keep to paths and short grass, just make sure to thoroughly check your dog after a walk anywhere frequented by deer.

PRAYER PAGE

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for the holidays
and for all times of rest and relaxation.
Give refreshment of body and spirit
to our friends who are, or will be, shortly on holiday,
that they may return to work and to our fellowship
with new strength and a new vision of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Eternal God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Saint Theresa's Prayer

May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has
been given to you.
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to
sing, dance, praise and love.
It is there for each and every one of us.

Amen

Mid-Week Services		
Tuesday	9.00am Holy Communion (9.00am Morning Prayer during July)	Great Gaddesden
Thursday	10.00am Holy Communion	Little Gaddesden

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Deadline Date for September edition of Magazine: Sunday 18th August

CHURCH SERVICES – JULY and AUGUST 2019

I 7th July – Trinity 3		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.30am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
II 14th July – Trinity 4		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Family Service	Little Gaddesden
10.30am	Family Service	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
III 21st July – Trinity 5		
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.30am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Parish Communion (BCP)	Nettleden
IV 28th July – Trinity 6		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.30am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
I 4th August – Trinity 7		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.30am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
II 11th August – Trinity 8		
9.00am	Mattins – Patronal Festival	Nettleden
9.00am	Family Service	Little Gaddesden
10.30am	Family Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
III 18th August – Trinity 9		
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.30am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Nettleden
IV 25th August – Trinity 10		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.30am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
I 1st September – Trinity 11		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.30am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden