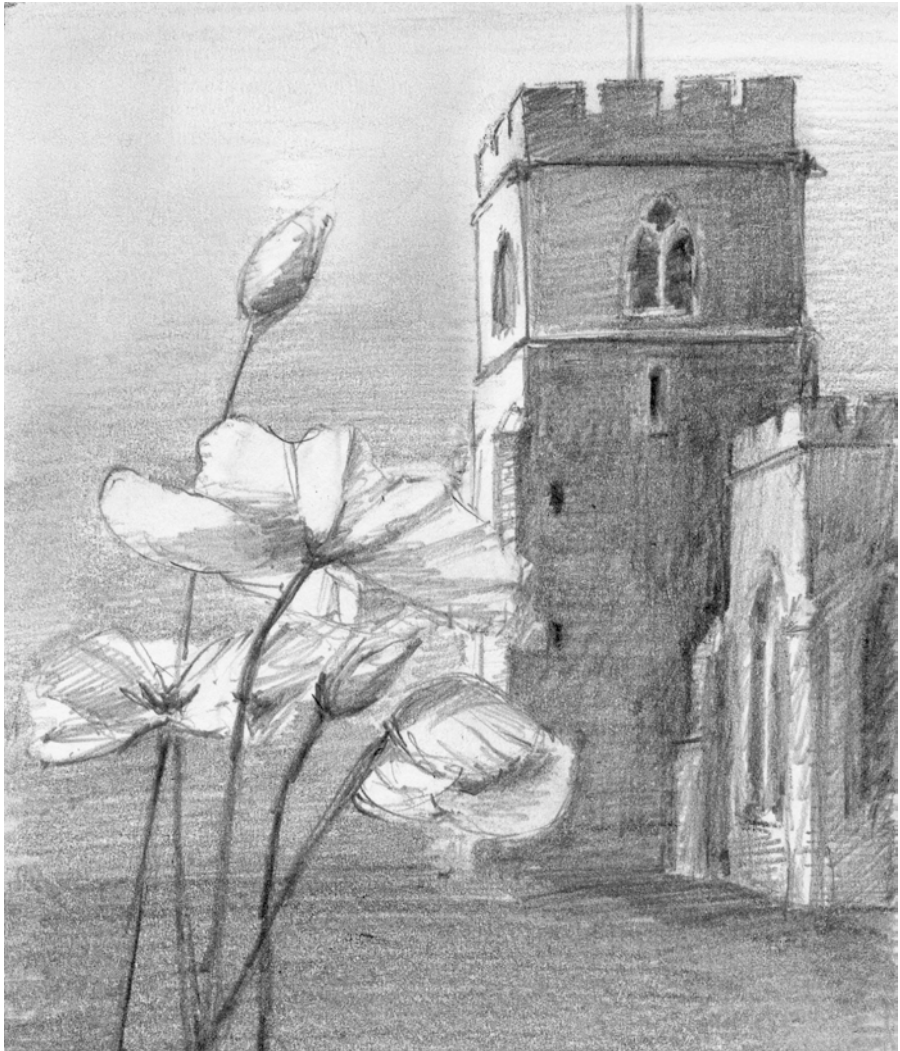


# Parish News

St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden

50p

November 2019



Remembrance

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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. If the Vicarage telephone is on the answering service please leave a message. It will be attended to as soon as possible. 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  
C of E JMI SCHOOL:

We welcome all children aged 4 – 11. Contact the Headteacher,  
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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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Dear Friends,

Is it my imagination, but do we complain a lot more than we used to?

Maybe we ought to have some sympathy with the woman in the Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge from St Luke's Gospel chapter 18.

*Jesus told the people a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."*

*And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'*

This woman feels she's been wronged, she has a grievance, but the judge is having none of it. However, she has a secret weapon, she will not give up, like a rottweiler hanging on to a bone. I'm sure we can all think of people who feel unjustly treated and spend decades crying out for justice? The family of Stephen Lawrence come to mind.

In Jesus' time, without their husbands to protect them, widows were especially vulnerable. The children inherited everything directly and if the children refused to support their mother for whatever reason, then a judge had to adjudicate. So the point of the story is that this judge was unjust because he couldn't be relied upon to be fair and impartial. We completely miss the point, if we see the unjust judge as representative of the way God responds to us; in fact quite the opposite is true.

As I write this, I have just finished my last Harvest Thanksgiving service for this year. Coincidentally, both the schools took the parable of the sower as their bible story. In that story, the farmer is God, the central character in many of Jesus's parables and so it would be easy to think

that the unjust judge was also God, when in fact it's the contrast between the way the judge behaves and the way God acts towards his people which is the point Jesus is making. If somebody as partial and patently unjust as this judge can be goaded into behaving well, how much more likely is it, that God will reach out in compassion to those who ask for his help?

Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus reminds us that, *'Ask, and it will be given to you ...'* and *'Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? If you then... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!'* (Matthew 7.7-11).

We may often feel our prayers go unanswered, or we don't like the answer we do get, but there is a lesson here about trusting God and about being persistent in our relationship with Him, especially when we're in danger of losing heart. You could say that nagging God is commended by Jesus!

So, we could be restrained and polite with God but that would mean we were not being open about our true feelings when persistence is clearly a commendable way of communicating with Him. Perhaps honesty with God would enable us to develop a much better relationship through prayer which has more reality and integrity about it?

I don't believe for one moment, God wants yes-men and yes-women supine, obsequious and over-respectful, after all, he's given us freewill. Surely Jesus's message is that prayer and communication with God can and will make a difference in our everyday lives; maybe the difference that comes through prayer, means that our wills become more closely aligned to God's? Maybe ranting and raving will change us, enabling us to let go of our pain, our anger our fears and move on.

God is big enough, great enough, to absorb anything we can throw at him, so perhaps using God as the outlet for our rage, our anger and alienation not only changes us, but enables us to see God in a new and true light?

I am yours in Christ,                      John.

## **All Souls' Service**

**Sunday 3rd November 2019**

**Little Gaddesden Church at 4.00pm**

All are invited to a service for the  
Commemoration of All Souls.

There will be an opportunity to light candles, and the names  
of those who have died in the last year will be read out,  
together with any other names specifically requested.

Please see the list in the back of the church  
or speak with the Vicar, John Russell, on 01442 214898



## **NETTLEDEN CHURCH JUMBLE**

**Saturday 2nd November 2019**

at

**Potten End Village Hall**

**Doors open for selling at 11.00am**

**Admission 50p**

Thank you to everyone - you are really supportive of this event making the day  
more than worth our while. We would be grateful for your time if possible -  
jumble and helpers at Potten End Village Hall for sorting from 9.00am until  
10.30am, with the selling from 11.00am -12.15pm.

Thanking you again

Jane Mann, 07967031141  
mannjane@hotmail.com



**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

10.45am Meet at Village Hall and process to  
War Memorial on The Green for service,  
including Two Minutes Silence.

Service of Remembrance including The Roll of Honour

Non-members of the Royal British Legion are very  
welcome to take part

**PLEASE NOTE, THERE IS NO SERVICE  
IN THE CHURCH**



## MIDWEEK DISCUSSION GROUP

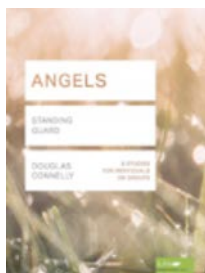
This group starts again on Wednesday evenings, 7.45 for 8.00pm, finishing promptly at 10.00pm. We shall be looking at the subject of Angels as the basis for our discussions. Come to any or all of the sessions.

They are quite informal and don't assume any prior knowledge or understanding. They are an opportunity to help each other to explore the Christian faith and live it out in our lives.

After the break at the end of October, meetings continue from the 6th – 20th at **Wood Ash, Gatesdene Close, Little Gaddesden.**

On Sunday 24th November an Evensong trip is planned to New College Oxford.

For more information contact Anthony Archer on [anthony.archer@bridgewaterassociates.co.uk](mailto:anthony.archer@bridgewaterassociates.co.uk)



## Village Produce Market

**Saturday 2nd November**  
**from 9.30am to 12.30pm**  
**in**

**Little Gaddesden Village Hall**

Selection of stalls selling locally produced cakes, soups, bread, preserves and pies;  
local artists selling quality gifts and cards;  
vintage and pre-loved bric-a-brac in aid of Prostate Cancer Research  
and other charity stalls

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

**Free Entry**

**Please support this local initiative**

Little Gaddesden Art Club

# **ONE DAY ART EXHIBITION**

**Paintings, Folios, Pottery  
and Cards**

**SATURDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.30am to 4.00pm**

**LITTLE GADDESSEN  
VILLAGE HALL**

**Refreshments & light lunches**

## **The Thomas Field Hall**

We received three tender prices for the Hall at the end of September. Unfortunately they were all higher than the original estimate we had been given, largely because the scale of the work had increased as the detailed design developed. As I said last month, this is because current standards are so much higher and we had to bring the existing building in line with them, and some of the materials are expensive because we are matching originals. We are in discussion with a local builder who put in the most acceptable price in order to try and make some savings, but we will have to raise a bit more money in order to be sure that we can complete the project. I had been speaking with the Diocesan Advisory Committee Secretary recently and she had told me that most of the current projects she was dealing with had received tender prices above their expected estimates, so we are not alone. Michael will be starting the grant application process again, but this time we have a real price and have also raised a large proportion of the costs, thanks to everyone's enthusiasm and support. We'll get there!

Barbara Sheard

## **The GaddesTones**

The GaddesTones is a small local singing group that formed a year ago and meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the church. We believe that everyone has the potential to sing (despite what your teachers, families and friends might have told you) and that we can all enjoy the benefits of singing in a group.

It can be uplifting when you're feeling low or stressed and brings together people who might not otherwise meet each other. There is a wealth of evidence that singing is quite simply good for us. We have a wonderfully patient teacher, Caroline Fitch, who creates a welcoming and informal atmosphere. There's a lot of fun and laughter.

We sing a wide range of material, including popular songs from the 60s onward and we would love to have new members joining us. The first session is free and then £5 per session or £30 for 6 sessions for those who can afford to pay in advance. If you are interested please feel free to get in touch via [GaddesTones@littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk](mailto:GaddesTones@littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk) and we are happy to call you if you would rather chat - just email your number.

Penny Holland and Carol Gigg



## **Children's Advent Workshop Christmas Creations and Advent Wreaths**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
3.00 – 5.30pm  
in the Church**

**Christmas arts and crafts for Children  
Wreath making for Adults**

Come and join us to celebrate the start of Advent.  
Make some lovely presents and share a Christmas tea and friendship

**Please let Sarah Gall know if you are able to attend  
(842422 or 07717 068280)**



# **CHRISTMAS SALE**

**SATURDAY  
16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
10.00am – 12.30pm**

**LITTLE GADDESSEN VILLAGE HALL**

**Many Charity Stalls  
including those for  
British Humanitarian Aid,  
Church Vestry@50 appeal (The Thomas Field Hall),  
Prostate Cancer and Save the Children.**

**Coffee and Mince pies as usual.**

***From the Registers:***

6th October

Holy Baptism

Archie Rose Bolton

13th October

Holy Baptism

Lillie Heath-Rogers

## NOT JUST SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN – Part 2

FOR MAP SEE PART 1 IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE

In Part 1 of this journey I got as far as **St Magnus the Martyr**, close to London Bridge. It's time I mentioned bells, as this church has a new ring of 12 completed in 2009. Long peals or fractions of peals are rung on certain Saturdays or Sundays, typically 3 hours or more long. The Method used on August 25th, for instance, was Bristol Surprise Maximus.

The roads and alleys between Eastcheap and Lower Thames Street are all steep and mostly narrow. Sandwiched between two of these is **St. Mary at Hill**. You can enter it from the road with the same name as the church via a short side-alley but the main entrance is in Lovat Lane. At the bottom of these lanes is the old Billingsgate riverside Fish Market which fell within the pastoral care of this church. There was a fire here in 1988 in which the reredos and pews were severely damaged. Prior to this the interior had been described as "sumptuous and impressive" (*Mervyn Blatch, 1979*), so this was a terrible loss. The ceiling has been restored, but the pews have not been replaced, and behind the simple table altar there are only the folds of a great blue-grey curtain.

When the stackable soft seats are stacked, the first impression is of a sad emptiness but step further into it and turn around, and there still stands the richly carved organ on a gallery above a full-width dark wood screen. The organ had to be restored after the fire, and is once again used for weekly recitals on Tuesday lunch-times.

In the past the church had seen various restorations and major and minor rebuildings, including those following the fires of 1666 and 1848

The roof and ceiling are in a beautifully balanced cruciform design around a central small dome. The arms of the cross are under barrel vaulting, the whole ceiling, arches and dome being painted in a geometric design in pastel shades. The corners of the dome are supported by four fluted pillars freely standing in the open space.

When the seats are set out in rows they brighten everything up with their red seats and backs, and the windows are large and light, the coloured glass being limited to small roundel motifs in some and marginal strips in others.

Holy Communion Services are every Monday at 12.45 and Tuesday at 7.45 am. "Conversation and Evensong" are once a month on Thursdays at 6 pm.

Two streets away, between Idol Lane and St Dunstan's Hill stands **St. Dunstan in the East**, another burnt-out church, but this was a victim of the 1940s blitz. It was not rebuilt, but the tower and the walls were still standing and still are, carefully restored to prevent further collapse, the arched window mullions unglazed and all open to the sky. The City has made it, both inside and out,

into a friendly garden with neat curved paving and a central circle of seats. Climbing plants soften the walls. Inside the nave stand two palm trees and other exotic trees and evergreen shrubs.

Just to the north in Rood Lane is the church of **St. Margaret Pattens**. The dedication is to St Margaret of Antioch. Patten-makers used to work nearby, and there is a small display of historic examples, but they have nothing to do with St. Margaret.

I met the organist descending from his organ loft. The two-manual-plus-pedal organ was being restored and the worn out wind chest had been taken away, and was to be replaced by two. The wind chest of any organ is a complex box of air-tight compartments containing moving parts which direct the air from the blower into the correct pipes. I enjoyed my time here discussing the idiosyncrasies of organ builders, so didn't look around much.

It retains a typical Wren layout after various restorations and repairs and is nicely decorated with carvings and paintings. There are services on Thursdays, sometimes a 1 pm Holy Communion and sometimes a 6 pm Evensong.

Further east stands **All Hallows by the Tower**. This church escaped the great fire of 1666 but was ruined by bombs in 1940. It has been restored but not exactly to the former layout. It has a huge east window, very tall and entirely of plain glass. The altar below this has a very low reredos consisting of a painting across the entire width of the nave depicting the last supper, with some of the characters in modern dress.

Before you even notice the window you are likely to notice the model sailing ships hanging in the nave arches. More will be found in the south aisle. The windows have numerous coloured shields, badges and other symbols in stained glass, mostly of steamship companies.

The Toc H organisation is centred here. The founder, the Rev. P.T.B. (Tubby) Clayton is buried here. His chest-tomb stands in the church with his bronze full length sculpture lying on it.

As in St Magnus the Martyr the pews are arranged angled towards the altar in herring-bone fashion. Many other features make this church stand out from all the other City churches. The services include Sunday Sung Eucharist at 11 am, Taize Worship at 6pm, Morning Service Monday to Friday at 8.30am, which is a Eucharist on Thursday. The church is open seven days a week.

**St. Olave's Hart Street** also escaped the 1666 fire but was bombed in 1941. It was restored more or less to its 15th century structure. The large East window is in stained glass in a modern design depicting Christ crucified, Christ in glory, St George and St Olave. Samuel Pepys and his wife Elizabeth are

buried here. The Navy Office was in the adjoining Seething Lane and had its own pews here.

Near Aldgate is the church of **St Katherine Cree**. The oak reredos rises into a five-light stained glass pictorial window, above which is a rose window. The altar rail is curved, the pews are low, of light wood, and the seats of them are comfortable. There is an organ at the west end.

The street outside has a notice board advertising many of its connected activities. The City Singers of Aldgate rehearse here, as does the Lloyds Choir. The church or its hall is host to Gamblers Anonymous, Slimming World and Weight Watchers. There is a ring of six bells which are rung for half an hour before the Thursday 1.05pm Communion Service. On Wednesday there is informal prayer and song at 1.05pm.

**St Botolph's without Aldgate** is very close to Aldgate station. The first thing to catch my eye was the large 3-panelled batik reredos. The centre shows a stylised Tree and River of Life. On the left and right are very unconventional angels as floating curved forms, one with the letter alpha, the other omega. By contrast, above the reredos is a very dark stained glass window based on Rubens' painting of Christ's descent from the cross.

There are galleries on both sides of the church. and above their windows is a frieze of white plaster angels running the full length of the church with shields between them. These windows, and those of the lower storey also, have stained glass armorial bearings in the centre of each, being otherwise clear.

The organ was being tuned on the Tuesday I was there. There are instrumental and choral recitals every Wednesday at 1.05pm. There is a said Eucharist every Tuesday and Thursday, also at 1.05pm.

John Leonhardt

## **Little Gaddesden Music Club**

**Concert in Little Gaddesden Church, Sunday 17th November at 6.00pm**

**Saxophone and Piano  
(Manu Brazo and Prajna Idrawati)**

**Varied Programme**

**Tickets £15.00 on the door or £12 in advance from  
ian72542@gmail.com or 0749 165 4415**

## OCTOBER RUN DOWN

Road Kill Index: Grey squirrels are trending. Expect peak bird feeder Armageddon this winter. It has clearly been a bumper breeding year as teenage greys have been playing 'chicken' before passing traffic in spite of otherwise practising the Green Cross Code as per the adults, meaning that a small proportion are getting hit. There are some reports suggesting that pine martens which prey on grey squirrels, are re-populating the area which would indicate that nature is kicking in. Bon appetit Guys.

Rainfall: Affinity Water sent me a pleasant young man to advise on water saving as they intend to instigate hose pipe bans next Spring. (Try saying that with a straight face). I had to tell him that my previously one quarter full (at most) 1,000 litre tank and the 40 and 60 gallon butts on my allotment are overflowing so would probably get by. By the 17<sup>th</sup> October there had been 74 mm of rainfall, about two to three times the average. Word on the street is that the pigeons are getting webbed feet. I do hope that doesn't trip them up when they have finished scoffing my spinach. I have also heard that B&Q are discounting hoses, so now's the time to get in for a billy bargain!

The Rut: There has been less going on this season, but do keep dogs on leads throughout the woods as they are in danger of featuring on amateur wildlife photographers selfies due to the shortage of magnificent battling stag action. (Also, best to be aware of aggressive stags on the rampage; normally shy, they will attack this time of year).

Autumn colour: Imperceptibly, the trees are turning colour, this pre-frost which makes you feel that if you blink you could miss the full spectacle. Perhaps all the rain will cause the leaves to hang on for longer and we will be treated to the full panoply of autumn colours before Storm Zebedee roars through and annihilates the last woodland firework displays.

Fungi: It's a good mushroom year, mid to late October and there were plenty of parasol mushrooms around: in Golden Valley and various fields and paddocks, plus Northchurch Common. As ever, always check carefully, but they are a pale buff colour, first opening out spherically, then flattening out, (hence parasol). There are symmetrical patterns of dark, shaggy scales and with white gills. They are very good to eat, fried with butter and best picked dry as they tend to get soggy. Don't let them get too big. There are lots of edible fungi in the woods but I am nervous of trying them. Beware in particular with field mushrooms; those that bleed yellow are poisonous, even though they have all the usual field mushroom characteristics. The safest to try are the parasols (or P.Y.O. in Waitrose if you're chicken).

Josie Jeffrey

## **UNDERGROUND OVERGROUND    No.3**

### **Camden, Archway and Upper Holloway**

The Overground lines sweeping across North London have no proper interchange with the Northern Underground Line, so the shortest walking links can be useful.

1. Upper Holloway is just over a quarter of a mile from Archway on the Northern Line branch from Camden Town to High Barnet. (The Underground diagram makes it look like a proper interchange but it isn't.) It is straight along Holloway Road. I may write more details another time.

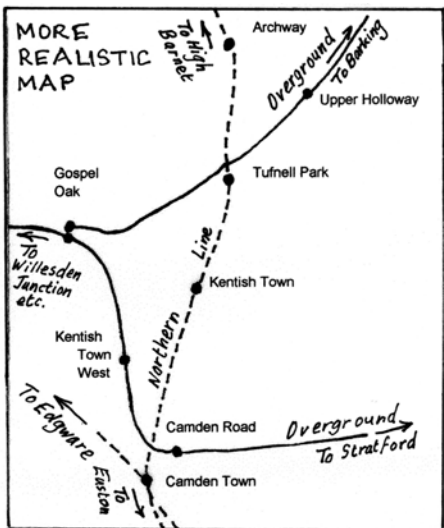
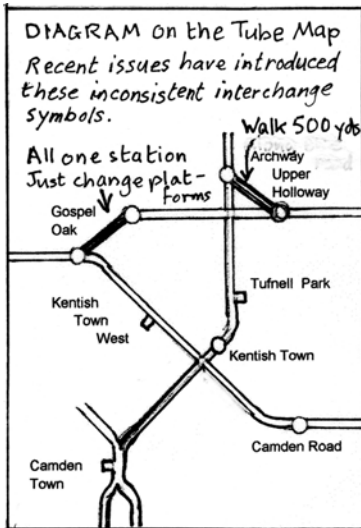
2. Camden Road is just a quarter of a mile from Camden Town, the hub of all the Northern Line branches, which makes it a very useful connection. The details follow:

#### 2A. Camden Town (Underground Northern line) to Camden Road (Overground)

Camden Town station lies in the angle between Camden High Street and Kentish Town Road. As you come up from the platforms there are two exits. The one on the left brings you out on to Kentish Town Road. The traffic in front of you is one-way traffic heading north. It can be seen dividing into two, the right hand stream turning into Camden Road. This is the route you need. To get there you cross the road at the traffic lights. After entering Camden Road your route will soon be confirmed by passing St Michael's church on the left followed by a large Sainsbury's. Keep going until you reach a railway bridge crossing over your road. Camden Road Overground station entrance is almost under the bridge.

#### 2B. The reverse: Camden Road (Overground) to Camden Town (Underground Northern line)

Camden Road is a high level platform. When you come down to street level the exit is almost under the railway bridge which crosses a cross-roads diagonally. Do not cross the road. Turn right and you will be looking south-west down the Camden Road itself towards Camden. Keep walking that way down the main road. (Do not turn right into Bonny Street.) The road then crosses over a branch of the Regent's Canal. By the time you reach Camden Town all the traffic will be coming towards you because of the one-way system there. Cross the Kentish Town Road at the traffic lights and look for the Underground sign.



### **Who was Confucius?**

In 770 BC, the capital of the Zhou kingdom in ancient China was moved to Luoyi (known today as Luoyang), resulting in the start of the Eastern Zhou dynasty that lasted till 256 BC. The first part of this new dynasty up to 476 BC is known as the Spring and Autumn period. During this time, the Eastern Zhou kings' influence went into decline, whereas neighbouring states' rulers and vassals were becoming more powerful and were defying the court in Luoyi. There then followed a time of >200 years (known as the Warring States period), when the Qin armies conquered all the other states by 221 BC so that China then became a unified empire – the start of the Qin dynasty. Imperial rule ended in the Qing dynasty until 1912 AD.

The periods in the years 770 BC to 221 BC saw a significant cultural and intellectual expansion in ancient China. Despite the inter-state wars of the last 200 years, the era was known as the Golden Age of Chinese philosophy. Many people openly discussed their thoughts and ideas that profoundly influenced lifestyles and social consciousness of East Asian countries right up to present times. The intellectual scholars of this era travelled extensively around the country, were often employed by state rulers as advisers and developed schools of thought. The most noteworthy of these is Confucianism.

Confucius was born in 551 BC and as the Zhou dynasty collapsed during the Warring States period, the population had lost faith in traditional values. As a result, moral virtues declined along with the political decadence of the rulers. He saw an opportunity to re-establish the values of Zhou (and earlier dynasties) and develop a system of thought and behaviour that would become a philosophy, a religion, a way of governing and a way of life. He and his followers were authors of the basic texts of Confucianism known as the *Analects of Confucius* – a collection of sayings and ideas.

Today, the world outside of China is familiar with Confucian quotes that mainly relate to life, love, failure and happiness; a few are as follows:

- # Act with kindness and do not expect gratitude
- # The superior man is modest in his speech but exceeds in his actions
- # Think of tomorrow, the past cannot be mended
- # When anger rises, think of the consequences
- # Better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble without
- # What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others
- # Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated



Confucius did not say the following:

- # A man who wants a pretty nurse must be patient
- # Lady who goes camping with man must beware of evil intent
- # Wise man does not keep sledge hammer and slow computer in same room
- # A man who runs in front of car gets tired, but man who runs behind car gets exhausted
- # A man who leaps off cliff, jumps to conclusion
- # War does not determine who is right; it determines who is left

[more on Confucius in 2020]

Mike Walsham

### **WHEN THE WAR ENDED**

As a child in post war years,  
I remember ration books and hungry tears,  
abandoned shells of men knocking on the door  
remnants of the army who fought that bloody war.

In possession of an old tin mug and no expectations,  
since VE day's euphoric long awaited celebrations,  
now, 'Here's some pay, be on your way', a de-mob suit, a civvy stamp,  
no more a soldier hero, just a broken, used up tramp.

Those stark and scary men stuck in my memory,  
'A slice of bread and jam please, M'am, will you fill my mug with tea?  
A scrape of marge and a blob of jam on a hearty slice of bread,  
and we understood that we would eat something else instead.

The tea and milk and sugar, also in short supply,  
but the debt, part repaid was nothing we could buy,  
for families, used to having less knew how much they owed  
to the War's damaged remnants, those Gentlemen of the Road.

Josie Jeffrey

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

Here is a word which you will know well at this time of the year: (Write out every second letter to find out what it is.)

SHIARLELTOAWBESELN \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

It is made up of two old words put together—hallow meaning ‘holy’ and e’en meaning ‘evening’, so the word really means ‘holy evening’ and it is the evening before

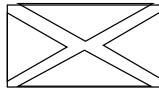
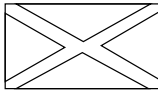
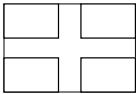
HAILUL ESPAYIENYTOS ODRABY \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

When we remember all the people who have shown God’s love to the world by their lives.

Here are the names of two particular Saints. Do you know what they have in common?

EGROEG \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

KCIRTAP \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



Colour in the flags using the right colours and draw a line from the saint to the flag.

Here is a third Saint, and a clue. His name is **WERDNA** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and he is particularly associated with Scotland.

He was the first disciple of Jesus and was a fisherman. After Jesus’ death he travelled around the edges of the Black Sea telling people the Good News about Jesus. He visited Romania, the Ukraine and Russia, Constantinople, Amalfi and Patras in Greece. He was put to death on a cross, but a diagonal shaped one.



WORD -

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Find the words underlined in the story.

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Some of his relics were brought to Scotland by monks. A long time ago, a king of Scotland won a great victory in a battle after he had seen the shape of the cross in the sky as he prayed before the battle, so he made him patron saint of Scotland in thanks to God.

His Day is the 30th November

## PRAYER PAGE

### **A Prayer that we may live peaceably**

O God, all holy one, you are our Mother and our Father  
and we are your children.

Open our eyes and our hearts that we may discern your work  
and see your features in every one of your children.

May we know that you want us to care for one another  
as those who know that they are sisters and brothers,  
members of the same family.

Help us to live in harmony, wiping away the tears from the eyes  
of those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

And may we know war no more,  
as we strive to be what you want us to be:  
your children.

**Amen**

*Archbishop Desmond Tutu, adapted*

### **For Peace of Mind**

Eternal God,  
we turn from the noise and confusion of life  
to the peace that can be found only in your presence.  
Forgive us our restlessness and free us from confusion of ideas.

Teach us to cultivate the serene mind,  
which knows how to turn to you in times of turmoil and be at peace.

Save us from worry and weariness, from irritation and other trivialities,  
and from restless striving after unworthy goals.

Centre our efforts upon the ordering of our minds,  
the strengthening of our characters,  
and the serving of others;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## CHURCH SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2019

<b>I Sunday 3rd November – All Saints’ and All Souls’</b>		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish communion	Great Gaddesden
4.00pm	All Souls’ Service	Little Gaddesden
<b>II Sunday 10th November – Remembrance</b>		
9.00am	Mattins with Service of Remembrance	Nettleden
9.00am	Said Holy Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Meet at Village Hall with procession to War Memorial for Service of Remembrance	Little Gaddesden
10.50am	Service of Remembrance	Great Gaddesden
	<b>NO EVENSONG</b>	Little Gaddesden
<b>III Sunday 17th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent</b>		
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Café Church	Great Gaddesden
4.30pm	Evensong ( <b>Please note different time</b> )	Nettleden
<b>IV Sunday 24th November – Christ the King</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 1st December – Advent Sunday</b>		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Family Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Advent Service of Light	Little Gaddesden
<b>Mid-Week Services</b>		
Tuesday	9.00am Holy Communion	Great Gaddesden
Thursday	10.00am Holy Communion <b>On 14th November – Holy Communion is at Ashridge Chapel instead of Little Gaddesden</b>	Little Gaddesden

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