

Parish News

St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden

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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 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

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,

Have you ever suffered from a stiff neck? Well, who hasn't?

I looked up the causes and found that by far the most common is a muscle strain or soft tissue sprain, caused by stress or anxiety which leads to tension in the neck. A stiff neck is really not very pleasant; it makes everything difficult, especially if you can only look straight ahead and only turn your head in one direction.

What are the remedies?

- Apply heat or ice to the painful area.
- Take over-the-counter pain relievers.
- Keep moving, avoiding jerking or painful activities.
- Do a range of slow-motion exercises, up and down, side to side, and from ear to ear.

In the bible there are 12 times when the phrase 'stiff-necked' occurs. The term was originally used to describe an ox that refused to be directed by the farmer's ox goad. When a farmer harnessed a team of oxen to a plough, he directed them by poking them lightly with a sharp spike on the heels or the neck to make them pick up speed or turn in a given direction. An ox that refused to be directed in such a way by the farmer was referred to as 'stiff-necked.'

So what makes a stiff-necked person?

Perhaps one who refuses to turn their head in order to take a different path, or is narrow in their outlook, or set in their ways and afraid to try out new things, who when challenged, digs in their heels.

In the book of Exodus at one point, God says to Moses, *'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are'* (Ex 32:9).

In the Acts of the Apostles, Stephen, the first recorded Christian martyr whose day we mark in the church on Boxing Day, and so is largely forgotten, shouts to those who condemn him (rather unwisely, I always feel), *"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One [Jesus], whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."*

Not unsurprisingly, having delivered his long speech, Stephen was stoned to death. Unlike Stephen, whilst Jesus also spoke out against those he saw as stiff-necked, he was still patient with them, seeing their potential to repent and change.

As I write, the future of our country remains in turmoil; there are many people, including those who represent us in Parliament, of all views and political persuasions, who are undoubtedly stiff-necked in a biblical sense. If nothing else, this time of uncertainty can teach us that no matter what the future holds, we are in the best possible hands – the hands of God.

So let us ask God to give us patience, to help us to perceive and know those things we ought to do, and to pray for the grace and power faithfully to fulfil them.

We need to think and to challenge ourselves as to how stiff our own necks are, and be aware of those that we perceive as stiff-necked whom we encounter in our lives, how much patience are we prepared to show them?

Metaphorically we should:

Apply heat or ice to the painful area. ...

Take over-the-counter pain relievers

Keep moving avoiding jerking or painful activities. ...

Do a range of slow motion exercises, up and down, side to side, and from ear to ear,

and above all be patient and wait upon God's grace.

I am yours in Christ, John.

All Souls' Service

Sunday 3rd November 2019

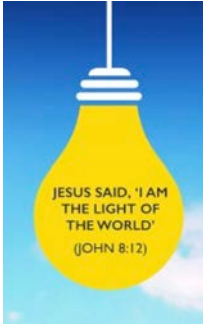
Little Gaddesden Church at 4.00pm

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





Light up Tanzania

The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2019

For many people in Tanzania, where access to electricity is scarce, households cannot function easily after dark. Families struggle with everyday chores, children suffer with poor performance in school and, without electricity, all basic services – water, health, education – are hindered.

'Light up Tanzania' seeks to bring electricity – in the form of solar panels – to around 350 households in the rural area of Singida, Tanzania. Presently, people rely on paraffin-style lamps in the evening, which have caused many serious burn injuries. For more information, please go to www.stalbans.anglican.org and see our prayers on page 23.

Charity Opera Concert

On Saturday October 19th the fourth annual Opera Concert will be held at Little Gaddesden Church. The proceeds from the event will be shared between The Hospice of St Francis and Little Gaddesden Church as in previous years.

The Concert will be performed by Marianne Cotterill (Soprano), Jeanette Ager (Mezzo soprano), George Freeburn (Tenor) and Jonathan Fisher (Baritone). All of them have just returned from Japan where they have been singing with the Royal Opera Company and who are also returning to Little Gaddesden after their most successful Concert in October last year. They will be accompanied on the piano by Viv McLean who is also well known locally as well as internationally, not least for his interpretation of Gershwin. The programme is varied ranging from Verdi to Puccini and Bizet to Borodin with a sprinkling of Lehar and other well known arias and pieces.

The concert will commence at 7:30 (doors open at 6:30pm) and tickets can be reserved at the Little Gaddesden Shop, on email at MCRoberts4@aol.com or by telephone on 01442 843444 and are priced at £25 as last year. It is hoped that the two Charities will benefit substantially from the generosity of those attending, who will also enjoy an outstanding and memorable evening.

THERE IS AN ABBEYFIELD HOME FOR THE ELDERLY IN POTTEN END

Some of you will know, but many will not, that Potten End is fortunate in having an Abbeyfield Very Sheltered House in its midst; this came into being in the early 1980s when Mrs. Helen Johnson, of Pond Cottage on the Green, gave half of her garden to the Abbeyfield Berkhamsted Society; at that time there was an Abbeyfield house in Shrublands Road in Berkhamsted. A local committee of volunteers got together to raise funds and apply for grants to build a home for the elderly; by 1983 a grant from the Housing Corporation for the total build had been agreed, plans were passed and the building of a purpose built home had come to fruition. It takes its name Annett House from Mrs. Johnson, this being her maiden name. To this day the house is run by volunteers with a dedicated team led by our House Manager who is employed to run the house and cook two meals a day for the eleven residents.

The Abbeyfield Society, a national charity, came about when, in 1956 Richard Carr-Gomm resigned his commission in the Coldstream Guards to volunteer as a home help in Bermondsey. Conscious of the need for support and security for lonely elderly people, Richard spent his army gratuity on the first Abbeyfield house, inviting two older people from the community to live with him. He persuaded locals to form a committee of volunteers, starting The Abbeyfield Society, and by 1960 there were Abbeyfield Societies in eight London Boroughs and fifteen in other cities across the country. Today Abbeyfield has over five hundred houses in the UK providing services and facilities to over 7,000 residents and many more across the world, all with committed staff and volunteers. Our guiding principles are as relevant today as they were then, to provide companionship, care, practical support and peace of mind to older people.

The Abbeyfield houses offer a home to active frail elderly who wish to carry on enjoying semi-independence but would like to feel safe and secure without the worry of shopping, cooking meals or dealing with the ongoing maintenance of their own home. They are mainly family-sized units, often in houses converted from large homes, but as I mentioned,

Annett House was purpose built and over the years has been upgraded to keep up with the times. It now offers ten good-sized two roomed suites with shower facilities on the ground floor, and one large two bedroomed flat on the first floor which has access by a stair lift if necessary. The communal areas are light and airy.

The Abbeyfield Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead Society is a registered Charity and is affiliated to the national Abbeyfield Society; we are run by an Executive Committee made up of volunteer trustees, including representatives of our houses and an independent Chairman. In the late 1980's the Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead Societies amalgamated, making us a four house society, reducing to three when the Berkhamsted house sadly had to close in the mid-1990s. All are run to the same excellent quality standards and our dedicated staff and volunteers work tirelessly to promote a supported and comfortable lifestyle for all who come to live with us.

Our three houses offer: a dedicated on-site House Manager and team, two home-prepared meals served in our dining room, a personal alarm system, fully inclusive fees and strong links to the local community.

If you have elderly parents living far away whom you don't see as often as you would like, or you live locally but no longer wish to live on your own and would enjoy having two lovely meals cooked for you each day and the companionship of other like-minded people, please do not hesitate to get in touch and come and look at our lovely home. Likewise, if you feel you would like to join our team of volunteers, just contact the House on 01442 871239 and speak to Lee, our House Manager, or alternatively leave a message and we will be pleased to get back to you.

Annett House, Common Gardens, Potten End, Berkhamsted, HP4 2RH: opposite the Village Hall car park, just off the Green in Potten End.

Christine Hopcraft, House Chair

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

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THE STARLING

There has been a striking recent decline in the starling population, down by 50% since the mid-1990s and seemingly mostly due to reduced first year bird survival. Changes in farming practice and general tidying up of buildings leading to reduction in nesting sites are likely factors, but the starlings' case has not been helped by the very obvious deficiencies in the sanitary arrangements around their nests, out of kilter with modern sensibilities. There are still plenty of starlings about, at this time of year mostly in groups of juvenile birds or family parties which descend on lawns and fields looking for daddy-longlegs larvae and similar grubs. Over the winter these will coalesce into the huge and spectacular roosting flocks ('murmurations') beloved by the makers of TV nature programmes (which only rarely comment on the quantity of their droppings and its effect on vegetation and buildings).

The male starling sings for much more of the year than most birds, with an extraordinary combination of whistles, warbles, chirrups and gurgles - apparently, as the bird ages, song complexity increases as he adds to his repertoire. They are notorious mimics, copying human whistles and mobile phones as well as birds such as owls, buzzards and chickens. Why starlings choose to deposit their pale blue eggs on lawns, I have no idea, but they certainly often do.

John Heath-Stubbs (1918 – 2006) nicely captures the bird's behaviour and his own ambivalent feelings of irritation and respect for starlings in this poem. Heath-Stubbs was a highly respected classicist and translator as well as a talented poet. He favoured a distinctly florid 18th century style and Graeco-Roman mythological themes, so it's perhaps not surprising that despite many literary honours, he never achieved much recognition from the wider public for what he regarded as his best work. Fortunately he also composed a number of much more accessible poems, often aimed at children, which demonstrate his wide knowledge and love of nature.

The starling is my darling, although
I don't much approve of its
Habits. Proletarian bird,
Nesting in holes and corners, making a mess
And sometimes dropping its eggs
Just any old where – on the front lawn, for instance.

It thinks it can sing too. In springtime
They are on every rooftop, or high bough,
Or telegraph pole, blithering away
Discords, with clichés picked up
From the other melodists.

But go to Trafalgar Square.
And stand, about sundown, on the steps of St Martin's;
Mark then, in the air,
The starlings, before they roost, at their evolutions -
Scores of starlings, wheeling,
Streaming and twisting, the whole murmuration
Turning like one bird: an image
Realized, of the City.

Nick Murray

Ashridge Chapel quarterly mid-week service

The Ashridge Chaplancy has been taken on by Revd John Russell and as a requirement of this, a Eucharist service will be provided on a quarterly basis in the Chapel. The service will be at 10.00am and will replace the service normally at Little Gaddesden. The dates are 14th November 2019, 13th February 2020, 14th May 2020 and 13th August 2020.

**LITTLE GADDESSEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
Admissions Policy for 2021/22**

The school governors are required to put the school's admission policy out to public consultation every seven years. The draft policy for 2021/22 should be available for inspection on the school's website from mid-October, and any comments must be submitted by the end of November. Further information will be displayed from mid-October outside the village shop and in the church porch. You may also contact the school governors at gov.clerk@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk.

Nick Crispin,
Admissions Governor,
Little Gaddesden School.



Sunday 10th 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**



Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 6th October at 9.00am
Family Communion in the church

Produce will be sent to DENS in
Hemel Hempstead

Please see Harvest List on opposite page for requirements.

DENS Dacorum Foodbank Harvest List 2019

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| ✓ Tinned Meat/Tuna | ✓ Tinned Tomatoes |
| ✓ Sponge Puddings/Jelly | ✓ Tinned Fruit |
| ✓ Rice Pudding | ✓ Custard |
| ✓ Tinned Soup | ✓ Cooking Sauces |
| ✓ Tinned Peas | ✓ Tinned Sweetcorn |
| ✓ Rice | ✓ 10p Carrier Bags |
| ✓ Long-life Milk | ✓ Long-life Juice |
| ✓ Potatoes (Tinned/Smash) | ✓ Jams & Spreads |
| ✓ Cereal Bars | ✓ Biscuits |
| ✓ Coffee | |
| ✓ Washing Powder/Liquid (small) | |
| ✓ Shampoo | |
| ✓ Deodorant | |

Please note that:

- We request that all Items are within their best before date and unopened.

At the moment we have good supplies of Baked Beans and Cereal.

- All these items will be used to help those in need across DENS Services, supporting the Elms, Day Centre and Foodbank.

Thank you for your support.

For donations/deliveries, Weekdays 9:30am - 1pm For large donations please call to arrange. The Hub, Paradise, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4TF

T: 01442 250969 E: foodbank@dens.org.uk

www.DENS.org.uk Charity No: 1097185

NOT JUST SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN

This time last year I wrote about my visit to 11 churches in the City of London, nearly all of which had been restored by Christopher Wren after the great fire of 1666. This year I carried on where I had left off.

Last year I arrived at **St. Michael's Cornhill** after it had closed. This time I was earlier. It deviates more than usual from the Wren originals, as Nicholas Hawksmoor (or possibly William Dickenson) took over from Wren, and after completion another fire came in 1748, and yet more alterations were made down the centuries. It did, however escape the 1940s blitz.

With its great iron door now open, the entrance still looks a bit grim, but once inside there is much to see. After passing a fine, but not very delightful, huge wooden symbolic pelican feeding its young, I entered the well-lit nave where my eye was drawn up to the east where there is a brightly coloured rose window depicting Christ surrounded by six musicians. (At this moment I heard a resounding blast from the organ behind me as an organist started his practice with a few rich chords.) Other details include an altar reredos with pillars and arches in various coloured marbles, a central inscription "Peace unto you", stained glass windows along the south, circular clerestory windows of plain glass, gilded sculpted angels above the nave arches bearing draped ribbons of Bible texts, and pew ends which have both fine carvings and coloured shields. The pews in the nave also have low doors which are easily entered.

The main advertised services here are Choral Evensong on Mondays and 8am Mattins on Tuesdays. Lunchtime organ recitals are held every Monday.

Just along the road is **St. Peter upon Cornhill**. Behind it is a quiet little garden with seats. From here you can enter the south door. Visitors are strictly limited to 1pm to 4pm.

It seems rather dark inside because all the windows are stained glass. It is a typical open-plan Wren church, with one exception – a neat and artistic chancel screen. This has narrow woodwork leaving wide spaces through which the broad low altar reredos can be seen. Above this are five large windows which fill the whole east end – three in the nave and one more in each aisle. Above these, in the centre are three smaller ones. The floor is tiled in patterns of black, white, yellow, buff and red. The church is now used as a study centre for students based at St. Helen's Bishopsgate, a few hundred yards to the north. The pews have been removed but there is still an altar table and a carved pulpit, so I suspect services are occasionally held although not publicised.

Down near the river, close to London Bridge, stands **St. Magnus the Martyr**. A "high" Anglo-Catholic tradition influences its interior fittings and decorations but it is still a characteristic Wren layout. The altar is set very

Church Flowers – Can you help?

There is a small team who decorate our church with flowers throughout the year and at Festivals but we would love to welcome some more arrangers. It isn't onerous and you really don't need to be an expert - one of the team would be very happy to help you out with your first arrangements and be on hand to show you the ropes.

If you are interested please get in touch with Anne Isherwood who will explain what is involved - or simply turn up and say 'hello' when we all decorate the church for Harvest on Saturday October 5th at 9.30am (time to be confirmed in next month's Parish News).

And by the way, some of the stars of the flower arranging world are men – so don't be shy chaps!

While on the subject of decorating the church for Harvest if anyone out there grows dahlias, chrysanthemums or other autumnal blooms and is likely to have any to donate during the first week of October we would be very grateful to receive them. Do get in touch if you can help.

Thank you.

Anne Isherwood

T. 01442 842780 or email flowers@littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk



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.



8 SESSIONS STARTING OCTOBER 2nd

Wood Ash, Gatesdene Close, Little Gaddesden

For more information contact Anthony Archer on anthony.archer@bridgewaterassociates.co.uk

Children's Page



October is the middle month of which season? (*Mirror writing*)



NMUTUA

This is the time when all the fruits and nuts ripen. Can you find the following ones in the Wordsquare below:



I CAN eat these:

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Blackberry, walnut, sloe, conker, hawthorn, rosehip,
beechnut, pear, apple, plum.



I CAN'T eat these:

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B	O	I	L	C	Y	S	P	I	Y
E	C	R	O	C	A	I	H	R	F
E	H	A	W	T	H	O	R	N	U
C	O	N	K	E	R	E	O	K	N
H	E	L	S	R	B	T	F	C	H
N	C	O	S	K	A	R	A	O	F
U	R	A	C	O	R	E	P	D	E
T	H	A	C	M	U	L	P	S	E
U	L	N	T	T	U	N	L	A	W
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Some fruits are good, some are not. In St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 8, verse 20 Jesus says to the people: (*Take the word after each 'pear'*)

PEARBYPEARTHEIRPEARFRUITSPEARYOUPEARWILLPEARKNOWPEARTHEM

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The 'FRUITS' Jesus was talking about were not edible; they are the things people do to each other. Put a red circle round the things below which would be good 'fruits'.

Being kind Being angry Being helpful Being selfish Being jealous

MOTTISTONE DOWNS

During September I spent a gloriously sunny week on the Isle of Wight and had the opportunity to discover Mottistone Downs. The scenery has evolved from the ancient landscape: chalk downland left after the last ice age, 8 – 9 BC and first inhabited around 6000 BC by nomadic neolithic peoples followed by bronze and iron age settlers. They have left their mark upon the land via burial mounds, barrows on the highest places, giving the area a tremendous sense of pre-history. The name is believed to come from 'Moot Stone', a standing stone found on a long barrow, giving name also to the nearby village of Mottistone.

Early autumn and still summer downland flora abounded; harebells and field scabious amongst many others, still attracting a variety of butterflies, it must be glorious during June and July. The views had everything: a fenced area of brush and trees, views of the sea and coastlines, closer, rural landscapes of human sized grazing fields enclosed by hedges. Hedges, they are all over the place on the Island! I've never marvelled at so many lovely hedges, rich with blackberries, sloes and hawthorn berries for starters. All around were wonderful habitats for the flora and fauna.

There were chirrups emanating from the clear blue sky overhead; swallows and martins. The martins hunting higher and the swallows swooping around us, skimming the ground, just one or two at first, then more and more, feeding up on flying insects. They would be mainly youngsters, leaving late and some possibly coming from the North and from Scotland and flocking together before taking off for the Channel en route to their perilous journey to Africa for the winter. This would be their last safe haven and you can't help wishing them a safe journey and a safe one back next spring. Smaller birds, such as the tiny whitethroat were heading for the nearby brush woodland also to feed and rest up before undertaking their amazing migration. Hopefully they will mainly overcome the perils of man and of weather conditions to survive and return to us.

I have walked the nearby Tennyson Downs and the North and South Downs, and not forgetting Dunstable Downs amongst others and I have to rate Mottistone as the best; it's got everything. The Blacksmith's Arms, handily, is not too far away either. A bonus is that as well as a wonderfully varied landscape, the Island is very well served for great boozers. (I'm not impugning the locals, just lots of nice pubs).

In case you're interested, I tried to look up the derivation of 'Wight'. Possibly Celtic; Irish and Welsh roots; possibly proto German, Dutch, Norwegian, middle/modern English. Confused? Me too. Anyway, it has nothing to do with all the chalk cliffs and Downs being white. Hope that helps.

Josie Jeffrey

VESTRY@50 – The Thomas Field Hall

Christopher Higenbottam, our architect at Tempietto has made great progress and sent out the package of documents and drawings to three main contractors for tendering and to three specialist contractors for the glazing to the ambulatory. Tenders are due to be returned on the 27th September and we will then have a very good idea of the estimated costs. We hope to be able to appoint the main and specialist contractors following due consideration of their prices, availability and projected programme. Once we have appointed the main contractor we will be able to arrange insurance cover and apply for the Faculty from the Diocese.

Christopher is in discussion with the Planners at Dacorum about some minor additions made since the original permission was granted and also minor alterations resulting from working out the actual construction details and they have asked us to make a formal application for these, which he is doing.

It has been a long and complicated process but we are hopeful that we will be in a position to start the construction work within a few weeks.

Barbara Sheard

ON PROTESTERS (ME, ME, ME!)

Dear protesters, it's good to hear
You have a voice, but let's be clear,

Your opinion matters (at least to you),
If not to the many, perhaps the few.

Obviously, we are all fascinated by what
you have to say,
And to the overworked, frustrated Copper
another wasted day.

But hey! That frightened child doesn't have such choice,
As the silent majority don't so love the sound of their own voice.

It would be appreciated if you'd clear up when you're done
And learn responsibility – finish what you've begun.

Josie Jeffrey

Little Gaddesden Art Club

ONE DAY ART EXHIBITION

Paintings, Folios, Pottery & Cards

SAT 9 NOVEMBER

10.30am to 4.00pm

**LITTLE GADDESSEN
VILLAGE HALL**

Refreshments & light lunches

From the Registers:

25th August

Holy Baptism

Enzo Emery

30th August

Funeral

Claire Gray

24th September

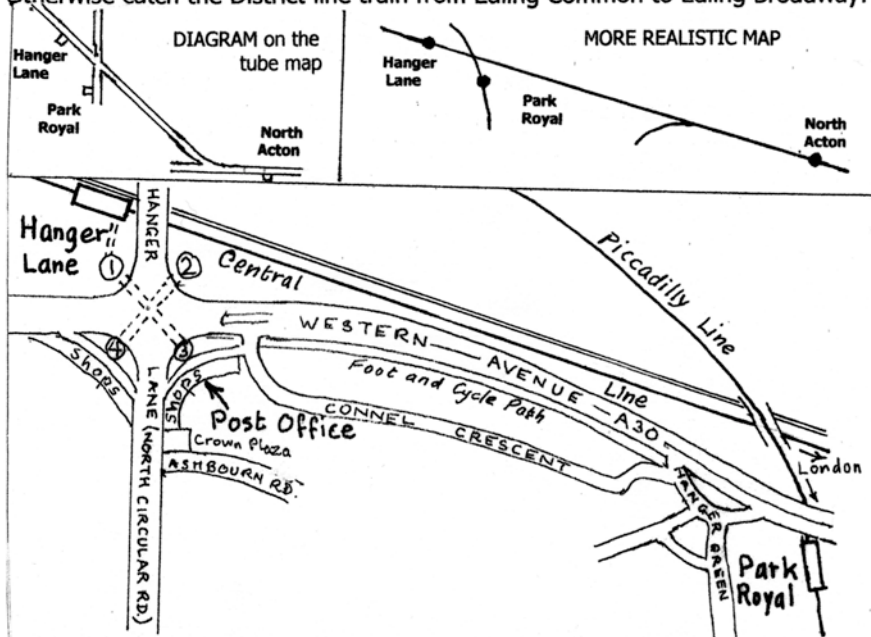
Funeral

Jean Davies

UNDERGROUND OVERGROUND No. 2

The Hanger Lane – Park Royal crossing

There are two ways of walking between the Piccadilly and Central lines in West London, depending on which branch suits your journey. Hanger Lane – Park Royal is a half-mile walk. North Ealing – West Acton is slightly shorter. Otherwise catch the District line train from Ealing Common to Ealing Broadway.



The very busy road junction at Hanger Lane is the only difficult bit. There are very few signs indicating the correct road. Don't try crossing at road level.

The station ticket hall opens into a pedestrian subway system with ramps for push-chairs and cycles. A wall plan shows exits 1 to 4 which match the signs saying subways 1 to 4. Follow subway 1 to the central hub, then No.3.

If you emerge on the correct corner you will find a row of shops including a small rather inconspicuous Post Office. Stand by the Post Office, turn around until it is on your right and then start walking. Follow the shops round until the pavement leads you onto the south side of Western Avenue. This busy dual carriageway will be on your left and you will be facing east, towards London. Your path ahead is both a footway and a two-way cycleway so look out! Eventually the square tower of Park Royal station appears ahead. You may find Connell Crescent quieter and it is not much longer.

If coming in the other direction stay on the south side of Western Avenue until you reach the Hanger Lane subways.

John Leonhardt

St Francis of Assisi

October 4th is the feast-day of St Francis of Assisi, famed for his deep humility, his generosity, his love of nature and his simple and unaffected faith from which he drew the inspiration for the founding of the first-ever Order of Friars. He was born in 1181 or 1182 in Assisi to a well-to-do merchant family and his early life was very much that of a lad about town. However, then came a series of events which gradually changed his outlook. In 1202 he was taken prisoner in a regional dispute between Perugia and Assisi and remained in captivity for some months. When he returned to Assisi he fell seriously ill and, after much inner turmoil, determined to devote himself to prayer and the service of the poor. Subsequently, when on a pilgrimage to Rome, he decided that he should actually embrace poverty himself and so, as a way of starting out on this path, he exchanged clothes with one of the beggars outside St Peter's and spent the rest of the day as a mendicant. Finally, around 1208, while worshipping in a church near Assisi, he was inspired by the day's gospel reading, which told of how the disciples of Christ were sent out to preach the Kingdom of God without the benefit of any possessions (Matthew 10: 7-19).

Francis therefore began to live a very simple life as an itinerant preacher. This inspired many others to follow him and so, in 1209-10, he drew up a simple Rule of Life, which was duly authorised by the Pope. This new Order was strikingly different from anything that had gone before, since the friars (from the Latin *fratres*, 'brothers') operated outside the normal ecclesiastical structures, and preached – especially at first – in the fields and streets. The Order quickly spread, with new Rules of Life being developed and authorised by the Pope in 1221 and 1223 though, by this time, others were taking the lead since Francis recognised that he did not have the qualities for supervising and administering what had very quickly become a huge international organisation. He had, however, already established the Poor Clares, an Order for women and a Third Order, for lay people who wished to commit themselves to living their daily lives according to Franciscan principles.

Francis's other famous 'firsts' were that he devised the first Christmas Crib (though in this case it was a live tableau of the Nativity) and that he was the first recorded person to bear the wounds of Christ's passion (the Stigmata), which he received in a religious ecstasy in 1224, two years before his death. He was canonized by Pope Gregory IX on 16th July 1228. The saint's life is magnificently represented in the frescoes of the thirteenth century Basilica of St Francis in Assisi which was built immediately after his death to serve as his shrine.

'Francis' is actually a nickname given to him by his father, who was on business in France when he was born. In his father's absence he was baptised Giovanni (John) but his father took to calling him 'Francesco' (meaning Frenchman) and the name stuck. The present Pope's choice of Francis as his papal name reflects his desire for a papacy not of pomp, but of humility and concern for the poor. This is another 'first' associated with Francis: no other Pope has borne his name.

Baby Loss Awareness Week

Baby loss awareness week takes place from October 9th to 15th. It is a special opportunity to mark the lives of babies lost in pregnancy, at or soon after birth. There will be a small display up in the Church showing items that members of our village have made for our local maternity units where Mother's have suffered such a loss. Similar ventures are being achieved in other parts of the country and have been found to be a huge help and comfort. If you can help in any way with knitting, printing or the tiny cribs please contact Sarah on 01442 842422.

Please join others across the world by lighting a candle at 7pm on October 15th and leaving it burning for at least one hour to remember all babies that have died too soon.

Sarah Gall



Village Produce Market

**Saturday 5th October
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

Children's Holiday Club Going Wild with Nature

A wonderful gathering of happy children took place in the two day summer holiday club at the end of August. Having started off with a nature trail around the local fields, the children returned to the Church with lots of items to make their headdresses and learned en route about plants, trees and the animals they met.

Did you know the Church has a resident owl? Ask one of the holiday club children and they will tell you all about it - where it lives and what it eats, as one of the activities was dissecting owl poo and identifying the contents such as bones and jaws of moles, shrews etc which we then listed. John Leonhardt gave the children a fascinating lesson on mushrooms and how to identify the 12 species of grasses growing in Church meadow where the children then learned how to use huge nets to swoop and catch bugs.

Gayle Storey did a fantastic job helping the children create a beautiful collage from alpaca fleece which was then felted showing the local countryside, and Heather created some brilliant mobiles using fir-cones and tins. Other activities included making scarecrows, a cross of wild flowers, drawing and painting and lots of games and stories.

A huge thank you to all who helped create such a happy time. We finished off with a lovely tea for all the children, parents and helpers. Everybody needs beauty as well as bread. Places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.

Our next arts and crafts for children and parents/carers will be in the church on:

Saturday 26th October from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Pumpkins and Mud
to include high tea

Please book in with Sarah Gall, 842422

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PRAYER PAGE

Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal Prayer

Lord, you are our light, and show us the way.

Shine the light of your love in Tanzania.

Grant that workers and innovators there see new ways
in which they can prosper as they work towards the purposes
and opportunities you place before them.

Help us to know how we can support their work to grow and flourish.

We pray that through Light Up Tanzania, lives and communities
may be strengthened by your grace,
transformed by your light,
and brought together through your love,
in Jesus' precious name.

Amen

O Lord our God,
source of all goodness and love,
accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion
upon all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Amen

God of compassion,
you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress;
accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected by storms and flooding:
strengthen them in their hour of need,
grant them perseverance and courage to face the future
and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives;
this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace.

Amen

CHURCH SERVICES – OCTOBER 2019

I Sunday 6th October – Harvest Festival		
8.00am	Harvest Holy Communion	Nettleden
9.00am	Family Harvest Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Harvest Festival Songs of Praise	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
II Sunday 13th October – Trinity 17		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Family Service	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Café Church	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
III Sunday 20th October – Trinity 18		
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Nettleden
IV Sunday 27th October – Bible Sunday / Last Sunday after Trinity		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
I Sunday 3rd November – All Saints' and All Souls'		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Family Communion	Great Gaddesden
4.00pm	All Souls' Service	Little Gaddesden
Mid-Week Services		
Tuesday	9.00am Holy Communion	Great Gaddesden
Thursday	10.00am Holy Communion On 14th November – Holy Communion at Ashridge Chapel	Little Gaddesden

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