

Parish News

St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden

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For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;
And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
Prince of Peace

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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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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

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C of E JMI SCHOOL:**

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From the Vicar

Dear Friends,

A somewhat uncertain and turbulent year is drawing to a close. Nothing much in terms of our nation has gone well, or according to anybody's plan.

For most people, certainties are definitely a bit thin on the ground at the moment. I guess we all like our lives to be calm, predictable and settled, in political and governmental terms there hasn't been very much of that for some considerable time. Our experiences of 2019 will be many and varied, some will have suffered the loss of a loved one and will be having to learn to live with a new reality, whilst others find themselves with unexpected illness to cope with, so 2019 might be a year they want to forget. But before we consign it to the dustbin of history, let's not forget that for many, there will have been lots of happy events, lots to celebrate and to give thanks for: achievements and successes, new births, weddings, new ventures, lots of exciting times.

Faith can really take on true meaning in the testing times we all face, but faith isn't blind, I remember when I was at theological college many years ago, the Principal warned us ordinands to beware of anyone speaking in certainties when it comes to God and faith. Whilst we cannot know the mind of God, there is a certainty we can hang on to, and that is God himself, manifest in his only Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world for our sake and for the sake of the world, which of course is what Christmas is really all about.

God in the form of Jesus, stands at the door of our hearts waiting for us to let him in for the good times as well as the bad.

As for Christmas itself, I'm sure I'm not the only one who looks forward to the festive season with a mixture of emotions, not least trepidation! For me, it's when I start to realise just how many carols I will be singing, how many mince pies I shall eat, never mind the mulled wine! The workload and the need to be jolly all the time is a bit of a test. When I get home around lunchtime on Christmas Day exhausted, and would like nothing more than to crash out, I find deep frying the turkey (yes, honestly!), keeps me on my toes - try it sometime, it really works (on both counts!).

I will keep you all in my prayers especially these next few weeks and I ask you to pray for me too.

Whatever your plans this Christmas, I wish you a blessed and peaceful time and I hope the New Year will hold all that you would wish for.

*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son,
and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted
is, God with us.*

Matthew 1:23

I am yours in Christ,
John.

Christmas Card – Correction for Time of Service

Please note that on your Christmas card delivered with this magazine, the time of the Joint Parish Communion at Great Gaddesden on Sunday 29th December is incorrect. The correct time of the service is at 10.45am. Apologies for this late change.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this magazine during 2019 either by writing articles, poems, delivering the magazine or collecting the subscriptions. We couldn't have done without you all. We are always on the lookout for new articles and ideas for the Parish News, so please do contact us if you would like to write something, or comment on anything in the magazine.

As you will be aware, Anne Wooster has been a long-standing member of our team, both as Editor and subsequently as the distribution and subscription organiser. Anne has asked to be relieved of these jobs. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking her very much for all her brilliant organising skills and unfailing cheerfulness throughout the many years that she has helped us. Thank you Anne.

The Editors

From the Registers:

15th November

Funeral

Ralph King

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are on sale now supporting the Vestry Extension. Cards are sold in packs costing £10.00 each with 12 small or 8 large cards, including envelopes, in each pack. The picture is of the church outlined in snow. Please phone Barbara Sheard on 843591, or email barbara@sheard.com if you would like to order any. Cheques to be made out to: 'The PCC Little Gaddesden Church' and marked 'Christmas Cards' on the back, please.

We have also have some framed pictures of the church which cost £15.00 each.

Barbara Sheard

British Humanitarian Aid (BHA)

We wish to say a big thank you to all who came and supported us at the recent Charity Fayre in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th November at which we raised the fantastic sum of £1,290. From what we have heard, the other charities present which included the Church's vestry appeal were also extremely well supported.

For those who were unable to attend the Fayre, there will be another opportunity to support BHA at the next community market on 7th December.

We plan to present a cheque to Philip Edmonds on Sunday the 8th December, which is the annual Gift Service and when he will make another collection. If you have items to donate they can be brought to the Gift Service on the 8th December, but if you are unable to attend the Service you can leave your items around the font of the day before. Please limit your gifts this year to clothes, shoes, linen/bedding, sanitary and toiletry items.

In addition to the Christmas Fayre, thank you once again for all the support given to BHA over the past 12 months, whether it be donations of things to be taken to the Ukraine, purchase of goods at the village community markets, and of course monetary donations.

Pat & Ian



Decorating the Church for Christmas

We shall be decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday, 21st December from 9.30am and all are most welcome to come and help. It is always a lovely morning, meeting others from the Church family and villagers. If you haven't been before, please do try and come as there is plenty of help at hand and it would be lovely to see you. Tea and coffee plus mince pies will be served

to help us with the enjoyable task.

If you are able to come, it would be very helpful if you could bring greenery for the arrangements plus secateurs. We look forward to seeing you on the 21st December.
Anne Isherwood



Travelling Crib

Mary, Joseph and the donkey will be travelling around the village during December. Would you like to host them for the night? This is open to everyone in the village. Please let Catriona Angel know on 07980 310502 or by email on travelling-crib@littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk if you would like to take them in. Many thanks.



ADVENT BREAKFAST SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER following the 9am BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID GIFT SERVICE

Delicious breakfast - Fair Trade preserves, fresh fruit, croissant, bread, tea and coffee

EVERYONE WELCOME

Carols on The Green

Monday 16th December at 6.00pm

Carol Singing round the
Village Christmas Tree

Mulled Wine

All welcome



Children's Advent Workshop Christmas Creations and Advent Wreaths

Saturday 7th 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

Can you help? It would be lovely to have more people to help on the day

Please contact Sarah to offer help and to book your place

Sarah Gall (842422 or 07717 068280)

Carol Service at Ashridge Chapel

Wednesday 18th December at 6.00pm

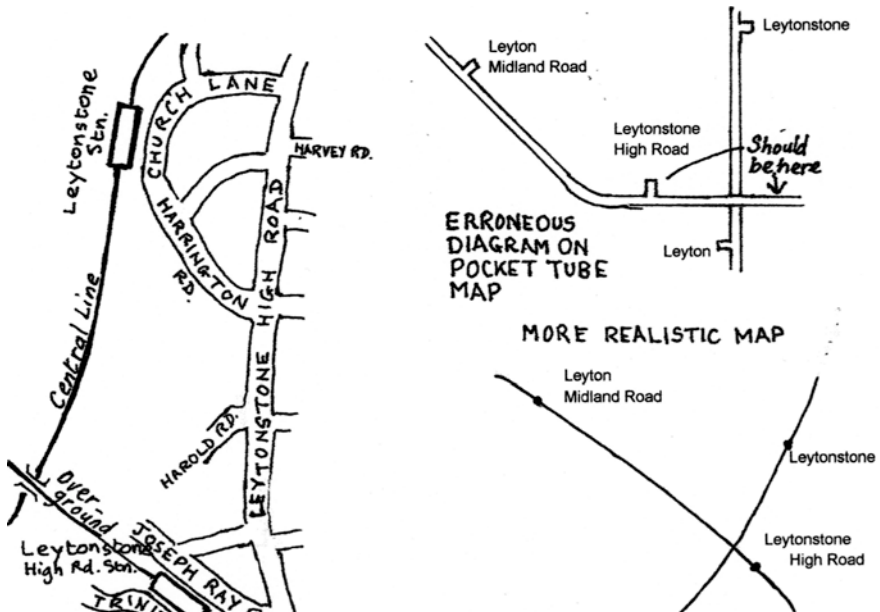
Refreshments served afterwards

All Welcome



UNDERGROUND OVERGROUND No.4 Leytonstone

The Gospel Oak-Barking Overground Line crosses the Central Line with no interchange. The shortest link for walking is between Leytonstone High Road (Overground) and Leytonstone (Central Line). Both lines are above ground here. The distance is nearly half a mile.



Note that Leytonstone High Road station opens onto Trinity Close, not Joseph Ray Road. To get to Leytonstone station, turn left and continue until you reach the Leytonstone High Road itself. Turn left again towards the railway bridge and continue along the High Street straight past three left turns. The fourth should be Harrington Road. Turn left here and it will lead you to Leytonstone Central Line station.

In reverse, the exit from the Central Line station opens onto Church Lane which has a row of shops and a car park. Turn right and bend left into Harrington Road. Follow this until it comes to Leytonstone High Road where you turn right. Continue until just past the railway bridge where the right turn into Trinity Close takes you to Leytonstone High Road Overground station.

John Leonhardt

COME AND SING FOR CHRISTMAS PLEASE

As usual we need extra singers to keep our Christmas Carol service up to standard. Please make yourself known if you enjoy singing. You will need to be available on Sunday December 22nd for the service, and come to a reasonable number of Friday evening practices (Friday evenings at 7.00pm). Any singer is welcome, whether you can sing descants, alto, tenor or bass parts or "just sing the tune", but we can't put on a really good service if we just have our faithful few regulars. Don't wait to be asked, because we can't know every likely singer by telepathy. You can come to a practice unannounced, or contact me, John Leonhardt, 01442 843550.

Vestry@50 - Thomas Field Hall

Last month was quiet. Several people in the team were on holiday at the beginning of November but during that time the builder has been refining the tender price and will give us a more precise contract figure by the end of the month. We will then know more exactly the shortfall in our funds and be able to use more precise figures in our next round of grant applications and approaches to other potential donors, as well as continuing fund raising events. We are confident that the sum will be realisable in a reasonable time as we know the enthusiasm and support is there. Thank you all.

Barbara Sheard

We wish all our readers a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas

The Peace Prayer

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let Peace fill our hearts.

Let Peace fill our world.

Let Peace fill our universe.

OWLS

This is a good time of year to hear Tawny Owls calling to one another, at dusk and during the night but quite often during the day too. Shakespeare thought they called 'Tu-whit Tu-who', but in fact it's mostly the female which makes the short, sharp first note ('kee-wick' really), and the much longer Tu-Whooo is the male's reply. This instantly recognisable and deeply evocative call is a major factor in the owl's importance in folk-lore and in poetry; the forward-facing eyes allied to a benign facial expression (at least in Tawny and Barn Owls) presumably contribute to the traditional reputation for wisdom:

A wise old owl lived in an oak,
The more he saw the less he spoke,
The less he spoke the more he heard,
Why can't we be like that wise old bird?

There was a wonderful letter in the Times the other day, after Derwent May in his 'Nature notes' column (I'm a huge fan) had described imitating the Tawny Owl's call by blowing into cupped hands, often eliciting a reply. The writer was reminded of the time when her husband discovered that he and an elderly neighbour had been calling to each other the previous evening... The letter's heading was 'Tu-whit to whom?'

Edward Thomas frequently used aspects of the natural world to make a point about war and the plight of the ordinary soldier – in his poem *The Owl* he writes about a man tired and hungry but knowing that the worst is over for a while as he comes down the hill towards the food, warmth and comfort of the inn. The owl's cry reminds him that though he has temporarily escaped the horrors of war, no such respite is available for many of his comrades. Unsurprisingly, feelings of guilt spoil his meal and his rest.

Downhill I came, hungry, and yet not starved;
Cold, yet had heat within me that was proof
Against the North wind; tired, yet so that rest
Had seemed the sweetest thing under a roof.

Then at the inn I had food, fire, and rest,
Knowing how hungry, cold, and tired was I.

All of the night was quite barred out except
An owl's cry, a most melancholy cry

Shaken out long and clear upon the hill,
No merry note, nor cause of merriment,
But one telling me plain what I escaped
And others could not, that night, as in I went.

And salted was my food, and my repose,
Salted and sobered, too, by the bird's voice
Speaking for all who lay under the stars,
Soldiers and poor, unable to rejoice.

Tawny Owls are easily the most common owls heard (if not seen that often) in Britain, and that is definitely the case in Little Gaddesden; the woods seem full of them. However, three other owl species may also be seen with a little luck. Barn Owls are slightly smaller, mostly nocturnal and seen more than heard - they look like big white moths in flight and when courting they will shriek but never hoot. I occasionally see one between Nettleden and the Leighton Buzzard road, and a few weeks ago I saw two hunting one of the fields along the Lady's Mile. They could be a pair, or perhaps two siblings hatched in the spring.

Little Owls are much less well-known than Barn Owls, despite being at least twice as common, relatively diurnal and feisty. They are only the size of starlings, with a fierce, stropy expression and a rather yelping call, and can of course be seen in the neighbourhood of the church - they eat a lot of insects as well as voles. In ancient Greece this bird was the symbol of Pallas Athene, goddess of wisdom and patron of Athens; they were deliberately introduced into England in 1840 and have gradually spread north and west

Short-eared Owls are much the same size as Tawny Owls but a bit paler, with impressively long wings and staring yellow eyes - they are birds of northern moors and hills, only really seen in the south-east in winter, when they migrate south and from the Continent. They too hunt by day as well as at night. I've seen them in the newly-planted Heartwood Forest between St Albans and Sandridge, but they can turn up anywhere - in late October a Short-eared Owl was seen by motorists during the evening rush-hour in Hemel Hempstead, hunting for voles over the Phoenix Gateway sculpture roundabout where the A414 joins the M1!

Nick Murray

RNLI SOS DAY

“SAMPLE OUR SOUP DAY”

Plus a “crumble” pudding
on

SATURDAY 18 JANUARY

12 noon – 2.00pm

in

THE VILLAGE HALL

Donations to RNLI please

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Christmas is on its way!! It's a very exciting time. Lots of parties, the school play. Words to learn, songs to sing. Presents to buy, presents to wrap up. What a lot to do!

But the next 4 weeks before Christmas are very important. Take every third letter of the big word to spell the word which describes these weeks.



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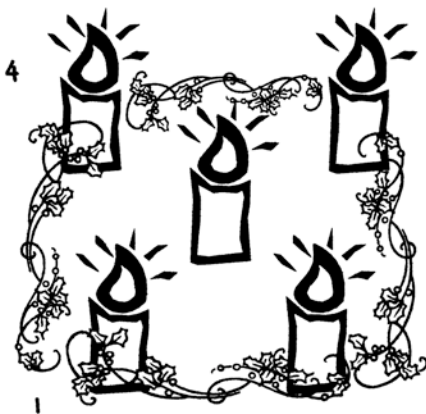


We think carefully about our lives and say to God that we're sorry for all the things we have done wrong. We ask for his forgiveness so that we feel clean and ready for His birthday.

In church there is a big ring of holly and ivy leaves with 4 candles on it, and 1 in the middle. A new candle is lit each week until all 5 are burning on Christmas Day.

Each candle reminds us of someone special in the story of Jesus' birth. Can you unscramble the letters to find out who each candle represents? Then colour in the picture.

H E T
L O P P E E
All Christians who love Jesus and follow his commandments.



A M Y R
Jesus' mother

S E S U J
Part of God Himself

H O N J
H E T

H E T R E P P O T S H

Whose books are in the Old Testament. Isaiah described the birth of Jesus hundreds of years before he was born.

S P I B T A T
Who lived in the desert and told people about

.....
• When the angel Gabriel told Mary that God had chosen her to be Jesus' mother, Mary •
• was frightened and worried, but she said 'Yes'. She **DETSURT** _____ and •
• **DEYEBO** _____ God. That is what we should do too. God is full of surprises ! •
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THE PARISH NEWS ANNUAL COUNTRYSIDE QUIZ.

1. WHAT IS THE ANNUAL DEER MATING SEASON KNOWN AS?
a. Strictly come deering. b. The Rut. c. Saturday night fallow.

Answer: b. The Rut.

2. WHAT ARE MOLE CATCHERS WELL KNOWN FOR?
a. Catching colds. b. Catching moles. c. Catching skin blemishes.

Answer: b. Catching moles (obvs).

3. THERE IS A RIGHT AND A WRONG WAY TO GATHER WILD MUSHROOMS: Is it:
a. Pull them up cleanly, stow in your bag.
b. Behead with a string tourniquet, take them home in your rucksack.
c. Cut stem with a knife, shake (mushroom not you), carry in a basket.

Answer: c. It is important to leave the root system and return any spores to soil.

4. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ARE WINTER VISITORS?
a. Blackbird. b. Robin. c. Fieldfare.

Answer: All of them; blackbirds and robins also live here year round.

5. WHAT IS A FEMALE FALLOW DEER CALLED?
a. Doe. b. Hart. c. Bambi's mum.

Answer: a. Doe.

6. WHAT IS A BUZZARD'S FAVOURITE MEAL?
a. Rabbits. b. Rats. c. Worms.

Answer: c. Worms.

7. HOW IS A BABY FALLOW DEER KNOWN?
a. a Fawn. b..a Beige. c. an Ecru.

Answer: a. a Fawn.

8. WHAT IS THE ANNUAL COST TO THE BRITISH TIMBER INDUSTRY BY BARK STRIPPING GREY SQUIRRELS?
a. £10 million. b. £12 million. c. £14 million.

Answer: c. £14 million.

9. WHAT CAUSES THE LEAVES OF DECIDUOUS TREES TO TURN COLOUR AND DROP OFF EACH AUTUMN?

- a. Whacked- out after creating artistic display.
- b. Preservation of the tree over winter.
- c. In order to create a 'Nowhere to hide' grey squirrel zone.

Answer: b. The tree's energy goes to the roots.

10. WHERE DO WRENS HANG OUT IN WINTER?

- a. In bed with a hot water bottle and a nice cup of cocoa.
- b. Nowhere in particular but they huddle together overnight in nests and bird boxes.
- c. Costa Del Sol.

Answer: b. They survive the cold by squeezing into nesting places in large numbers.

11. ARE DEER

- a. omnivorous. b. carnivorous. c. vegan.

Answer: c. But they are not at all b-o-r-i-n-g.

12. WHY IS THE GRASS ALWAYS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE?

- a. It just is. Get over it.
- b. Rampant over use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.
- c. It's not, it's just wishful thinking.

Answer: a. b. and c.

13. 'THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT WENT TO SEA'. WHY CANNOT THIS BE TRUE?

- a. They are known to suffer from mal de mer.
- b. Pussycat stayed in to wash her hair.
- c. Duh!

Answer: Trick question, you decide.

14. WHERE CAN NATIVE RED SQUIRRELS BE FOUND?

- a. Isle of Wight. b. Isle of Dogs. c. Brownsea Island.

Answer. a. and c. Also in Scotland, N.W. and N.E. England and are being introduced in E.Anglia.

15. HEDGES ARE LAID (LAYERED) TO PROVIDE STOCKPROOF BARRIERS AND PRESERVE GROWTH FOR CENTURIES. SHOULD A HEDGE BE LAID

- a. Pointing uphill. b. Pointing downhill. c. Level.

Answer: a. Trees grow up.

16. WHICH IS CARNIVOROUS, LIKELY TO BITE YOUR FINGER OFF AND LIVES IN BRITISH INLAND WATERS?

- a.Piranha. b.Pike. c.Tiger shark.

Answer: b. Pike, if you got this, well done!

17. WHICH MAMMAL WAS INTRODUCED TO AUSTRALIA BY BRITISH SETTLERS WHO ARE CURSED FOR EVERMORE?

- a. Wombats. b. Camels. c. Rabbits.

Answer: c. Rabbits.

18. WHICH BIRD WAS SIMILARLY INTRODUCED (and cursed) TO NEW ZEALAND?

- a. Pukeko. b. Grouse. c. Red kite.

Answer: b. Grouse.

19. WHICH SWANS ARE WINTER MIGRANTS HERE?

- a. Hooper swan. b. Mute swan. c. Swan vesta.

Answer: a. Hooper swan.

20. WHAT IS A SISKIN?

- a. Like a firkin, but smaller. b. Related to a munchkin.
c. a small finch.

Answer: c. a small finch

BONUS QUESTION. CAN YOU NAME THE COUNTRY'S MOST FAMOUS WATER VOLE?

- a. Neptune. b. Excalibar. c.Ratty.

Answer: c. dear old Ratty.

SCORES. 15–21. Fibber! Anything else. You did very well. 0. Well, it's not about winning or losing, it's about taking part. Being a loser is fine, nothing wrong with that. Like not winning the Rugby World cup. That was fine, coming second was just fine. Absolutely fine.....Fine.

Josie Jeffrey

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STANDING G.P. CONSULTATIONS

I waited just a month for the GP appointment,
And was expecting only GP disappointment,
Imagine my surprise as the Doc greeted me with a smile,
'So sorry for the delay, you must have waited quite a while'.

'But do come in, can I press you to a glass of wine,
Or perhaps a cocktail, if you have the time,
Shrimps on toast? Nuts? Perhaps a canapé?
Let's have something suitable for this time of day'.

'Wow', I gasped, 'you spoil me, this is so far above my NHS station!',
'Well yes', she smiled, 'it's all about the new Standing Consultation,
'Those up high think it's healthier for us talk and stand,
'But I just feel so awkward with an empty hand.

'So, what seems to be the problem? She inquired,
She was, by merlot, quite inspired,
'I'll see you in another month, but, I'll tell you what,
Come earlier and we'll consult whilst running on the spot!

Josie Jeffrey



SAVE THE DATE

Friday 6th March 2020 at 7.00pm

Sing along to

The Sound of Music

Charity event for a local project for
Adults with Learning Difficulties
at Westcroft House

in Little Gaddesden Church

III 19th January – Epiphany 2		
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Nettleden
IV 26th January – Epiphany 3		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
I 2nd February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Nettleden
9.30am	Parish Communion at St Peter's in Berkhamsted (Fr Tim Pilkington's last day)	St Peter's, Berkhamsted
6.00pm	Evening Eucharist	Little Gaddesden
Mid-Week Services		
Tuesday	9.00am Holy Communion	Great Gaddesden
Thursday	10.00am Holy Communion	Little Gaddesden

PRAYER PAGE

A Prayer for the New Year

Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges,
the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations.
Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect.
Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows.
Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken.
Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly.
So that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin colour.
Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness.
So that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbours.
And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people
as our neighbours.
Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers
to surround us with beauty.
And let the mountains teach our hearts to look upward to heaven.

Amen

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CHURCH SERVICES – DECEMBER 2019 and JANUARY 2020

I 1st December – Advent Sunday		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Advent Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Advent Service of Light	Little Gaddesden
II 8th December – Advent 2		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	British Humanitarian Aid Gift Service followed by Advent Breakfast	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Café Church Gift Service	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
III 15th December – Advent 3		
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Nettleden
Wednesday 18th December		
6.00pm	Carol Service at Ashridge Chapel	Ashridge Chapel
IV 22nd December – Advent 4		
9.00am	Said Holy Communion	Little Gaddesden
2.30pm	Christmas Carol Service	Nettleden
4.15pm	Christmas Carol Service	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Christmas Carol Service	Little Gaddesden
24th December – Christmas Eve		
3.00pm	Crib Service	Great Gaddesden
5.00pm	Crib Service	Little Gaddesden
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Little Gaddesden
25th December – Christmas Day		
8.00am	Holy Communion with Carols	Nettleden
9.00am	Family Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Family Communion	Great Gaddesden
V 29th December – Christmas 1		
10.45am	Joint Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
I 5th January 2020 – Epiphany		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Nettleden
9.30am	Parish Communion at St Peter's Berkhamsted with The Bishop of Hertford	St Peter's Berkhamsted
6.00pm	Evening Eucharist	Great Gaddesden
II 12th January – Baptism of Christ		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Family Service	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Café Church	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden