

Parish News

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and their part to play in His work***

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Normal Sunday

9 am Sung Eucharist (with Sunday School)

6 pm Sung Evensong (not 3rd Sunday)

2nd Sunday of month

or sometimes switched with another Sunday for a particular occasion

9 am Café Church or 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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Sunday 8.30 am Practice: Tuesday 8.00 pm

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From Anthony Archer – Reader

Dear Friends

Should the Church of England be disestablished? It is currently having a torrid time. Certainly, at the level of the National Church, including General Synod, which met last month in London, few are proud of what is going on. A Church that increasingly defines itself by those it excludes is hardly a potent missionary symbol. For all that, at the parish level much good is evident. Against the background of the issues, including the unmet needs of victims and survivors of non-recent sexual abuse, the injustices towards those who identify as LGBT+ and ongoing discrimination against women in ministry (masked in the name of mutual flourishing), there are calls for the Church of England to justify its privileges and precedence.

Since the Reformation, the Church of England has been the ‘church by law established.’ The Queen is its Supreme Governor; bishops are appointed by the Crown, and General Synod approves Measures (which have the force and effect of Acts of Parliament). In terms of rights and duties, apart from the Church crucially being a visible presence in every parish, a primary duty is that the Archbishop crowns the Sovereign, and that there are prayers in Parliament before every session.

Significantly and more publicly, 26 bishops sit in the House of Lords and those who take aim at establishment usually go for the Lords Spiritual. There have been two recent examples. Lord Taverne introduced his House of Lords (Removal of Bishops) Bill in January. More pointedly, Ben Bradshaw MP recently engaged with the new Second Church Estates Commissioner, Andrew Selous MP, over the recent House of Bishops’ ill-advised Pastoral Statement on civil partnerships. He said: “It is bad enough that the Church still treats its LGBT+ members as second-class Christians, but to say to the child of a heterosexual couple in a civil partnership that they should not exist because their parents should not have had or be having sex is so hurtful. Will he tell the bishops that unless this nonsense stops serious questions will be asked in this place about the legitimacy of the established status of the Church of England?”

The removal of the bishops from the House of Lords would represent an Exocet strike at establishment.

For all the talk on establishment over the years, there has been no work on the Church/state relationship since the Chadwick Commission in 1970. There were a wide variety of views, and some dissent from the main report - views which might well be held today. Is the Church of England's established status a handicap to mission? Does it invest the Church with an aura of privilege which impedes missionary work among those who resent privilege on principle or because they lack it?

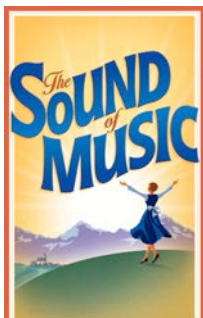
Mervyn Stockwood, Bishop of Southwark, regarded the debate at the time as being empty. Noting that "the figure for Easter communicants are a little over 4% of the population" and that the House of Laity of the General Synod was hardly representative, he said: "the Church of England might be better employed in finding ways and means of making the Church a reality in the life of the state rather than concerning itself with constitutional proprieties." Stockwood went on to note that the report gave the list of the members of the commission and those who gave evidence. "Neither list includes a carpenter, a fisherman or even a secretary of a trades union!"

Chadwick eventually led to some changes, including the creation of the Crown Nominations Commission, giving the Church the freedom to nominate its own bishops without interference from the state. So, where does this history leave the Church of England today? It has always taken the view that it is not for it to initiate debate on establishment. Should Parliament wish to do that, that was its clear right.

The Church of England needs to sort itself out. The problem with that thesis is that many are doubtful that it has the capacity to do that, whether in the context of safeguarding or same sex marriage. Expect more discussion any time soon. Might disestablishment be part of a much needed "pruning of the vine"?

Yours in Christ, Anthony

Anthony Archer represents the Diocese of St Albans on the General Synod and is a member of the Crown Nominations Commission.



SING ALONG TO THE SOUND OF MUSIC

**A CHARITY EVENT FOR THE LOCAL PROJECT FOR
ADULTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AT
WESTCROFT HOUSE, TRING**

**Friday 6th March 2020 @ 7.00 pm
Doors open at 6.15pm**

Little Gaddesden Village Church

Tickets from the Village shop or from Louise.m.archer@btinternet.com

Adults £8.00, children £5.00

Wine and soft drinks available

Song props included

Dressing up optional



1st Little Gaddesden Scout Group JUMBLE SALE

on Saturday, 21st March 2020

**in Little Gaddesden Village Hall
10.00 – 12 noon**

**For collection contact Glenda on 842505 or Linda on 842512
or bring Jumble on Friday evening 20th or early Saturday 21st**

Little Gaddesden Music Club Concert in the Church

Sunday 15th March at 6.00pm

Varied Programme

Soprano, Baritone and Piano

**Non members welcome – Tickets £15 on the day or £12 in advance from
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In a musical evening of vocal favourites from classical, operatic
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accompanied by Micheila Briggishaw

Saturday 28th March

Great Gaddesden Parish Church

7:30 for 8:00

Interval finger buffet and bar

Tickets £12.50 from 01442 246513 or On-line at:

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www.foggc.co.uk

The Thomas Field Hall - Vestry@50

The first part of the contract will be starting at the beginning of this month with the stripping of the site and excavations for the archaeological surveyors to carry out their work. We have allowed three weeks for this as we have no idea what quantity of remains will be revealed. We have agreed on a depth for the overall excavation area but excavations will need to go deeper for the wall foundations. However, we have agreed the scope of their investigations with the archaeologists in order to keep them reasonable and control the costs. It will be very interesting to see what is found.

The building works will then start in the third week of the month. We will be partitioning off the Bridgewater Chapel at the archway to the south aisle in order to form a temporary vestry area and will move all necessary things into it while the building works are carried out. We have had a huge turn out in the vestry and roof storage area and cleared out a lot of accumulated things which are no longer used or needed. We have kept some interesting historic records and documents, amongst which is the leaflet detailing the first extension in 1967. Much of the requirements have been echoed in our current publicity, but now we require bigger spaces as the current ones are too small. It is interesting that the estimated cost of the basic building was £3,000! Today, our building will be constructed to a much higher standard, which will make it more comfortable and attractive to use so the cost will be comparable.

We are still fund raising and applying for grants in order to fund the church heating and finish off the building. This month we ordered a new boiler for the church to be supplied and fitted as the present one is now proving totally unreliable. We had to do something about it as it was unacceptable to continue with it, but we have a good six months in which to raise the money to replace the funds we have used now and we felt it was the best decision.

Barbara Sheard

Found

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749 – 1832)

I came across this very short, simple poem by chance and rather liked it. I've actually read very few of Goethe's poems, possibly because I remember we had to sing some at school and I didn't think much of them. The translator matters though - this is by Bowring (1853) but another version of the same poem which I found later didn't work at all for me.

Once through the forest
Alone I went;
To seek for nothing
My thoughts were bent.
I saw i' the shadow
A flower stand there
As stars it glisten'd,
As eyes 'twas fair.
I sought to pluck it,--
It gently said:
'Shall I be gather'd
Only to fade?'
With all its roots
I dug it with care,
And took it home
To my garden fair.
In silent corner
Soon it was set;
There grows it ever,
There blooms it yet.

The great German poet Goethe was born in Frankfurt; with the possible exception of Law, which he studied at Leipzig University under some pressure from his family and hated, he seems to have been good at everything. After Leipzig he studied Literature, especially Shakespeare, in Strasburg before moving to the court of the Duke of Saxe-Weimar in Weimar, where he remained for the rest of his life. He is best known as a writer of plays - most famously 'Faust', novels, travel books and vast numbers of poems and songs,

approaching forty thousand verses in all. His poetry inspired works by Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert.

Goethe was successful in many other fields: he made serious contributions on botany and anatomy, and his ideas on the nature of colour directly influenced the artist Turner. He was a distinguished civil servant and politician, rising to become effectively Prime Minister of Saxe-Weimar, and he was a close friend of the dramatist Friedrich Schiller. Arguably, one of Goethe's greatest achievements was to inspire generations of young Germans to visit Italy and Sicily, following his book on his own travels and romantic adventures there (also pretty successful) in the 1780s. He really was the complete polymath.

Nick Murray

NAME A STORM

Storm Dennis did his worst,
And being D, was not the first,
To rampage wildly, out of control,
Complete destruction seemed the goal,
Now the fiercest storms are named,
We know who are blamed and shamed.

To warn of their coming, storms A, B, & C,
Were named from across the Irish Sea.
So, any bright ideas to name a destructive storm event?
Not Stormy MacStorm face, it's Ethel now who's more hell bent,
Next, Florian? No, Frank, I think, sounds better,
and hoping she passes fast, the ubiquitous Storm Greta.

Josie Jeffrey

From the Registers:

25th January	Burial of Ashes	Margaret Sampson
4th February	Burial of Ashes	Kenneth Nash

LAMB CHOP V AVO-ON-TOAST

We tend to think of jungle as something only growing in the tropical regions, but were it not for the farming methods applied over the centuries and involving the grazing of grassland by animals, much of the countryside would be impenetrable; as any-one who has tried to fight their way through a hawthorn thicket could confirm. It is vicious, a mass of sharp and prolific thorns: nothing nests in it and nothing grows beneath it. Following the ice age, Britain was colonised by woodland which was subsequently largely cut down by the inhabitants for buildings, stockades, fire, tools and transport. (How did they manage without plastic until the 20th century?)

As the land became more settled and communities were created, agriculture began to shape the landscape. The mosaic we enjoy today of meadows, grazing, hedgerows, water meadows and woodland took shape over the centuries, and we have begun to realise that much has been lost - in particular flower meadows and water meadows as well as hedgerows and woodland. However, due to our having long been a democratic and fair society, these advantages have begun to be more widely appreciated and there is a realisation that more natural habitat and organic farming are, in fact, the future.

The sight of sheep grazing the uplands and grass land is part of the inherited culture of these islands and the products gained are appreciated. The sheep are needed in order to keep down the hawthorn and other invasive growth, living a natural life. Hedgerows were created to keep stock in and predators out, to manage the land and for useful materials. Now we can appreciate the flowers, the fruit (Sloe gin any-one?) the habitat for songbirds and other small creatures. We also gain from the meat and from the wool. Without being shorn the sheep would have a miserable disease ridden life.

Although we often hear about the flatulent sheep (and cattle) causing global warming by increasing carbon emissions, it isn't that simple: we know that trees are good but there are also other useful carbon capturing things going on. The droppings of grazing animals feed the grass which is as important as trees in the battle against climate change. What is bad are mono cultures, the opposite of bio diversity.

It's a different story in Mexico, where many, many acres of land are being given over to growing avocados, including the ongoing destruction of forest; nothing else can survive and the chain of life is destroyed. Furthermore, the

drug cartels have moved in and extort farmers by charging them per acre and for each container of the fruit they sell. Most is grown in the productive province of Michoacan, known as Mexico's fruit bowl and the export value of the sale of avocados to the country is over \$2 millions annually. The farmers are forced to produce more and more, to the detriment of the soil's long term productivity. It is as big a business to the cartels as drugs and people smuggling, and life is out of control. Recently, fourteen police officers, called in to investigate the extortion were shot dead.

The cartels buy their weapons over the border in the unregulated gun shops of the US using some of the dollars they make there by the sale of cocaine and of course, avocados. Trump's ridiculous wall is, of course, no barrier to all that dosh. Meanwhile, the farmers and their families are enslaved, the countryside is bled dry and more impoverished people try to escape their miserable, crime ridden lives. So do think again about that so healthy avocado, consider perhaps the balance of nature and enjoy our beautiful countryside and respectful attitudes to animals, people, biodiversity and life.

Josie Jeffrey

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UNDERGROUND OVERGROUND No.6

White City and Shepherd's Bush

Three different lines cross each other in this area, which means three possible interchanges of interest.

Central Line (NW-SE) has White City and Shepherd's Bush stations

London Overground (N-S) has Shepherd's Bush station only

Hammersmith and City Line (Hammersmith Line for short) (N-S) has Wood Lane and Shepherd's Bush Market stations.

Interchange 1: Between Central Line and Overground Line

Both stations are called Shepherd's Bush. Simple, but you do have to cross the ticket barriers. The stations face each other across Ariel Way (though its name is not visible). There is a button-controlled crossing to stop the traffic. The Central station is in a tube tunnel; the Overground is at ground level.

Interchange 2: Between Central Line and Hammersmith Line

The stations are White City (Central Line) and Wood Lane (Hammersmith Line). Both open onto the same side of the same road which is Wood Lane itself. You just have to walk about 200 yards along the pavement. If you are leaving White City turn right (north) for Wood Lane. If leaving Wood Lane turn south for White City.

Here the Central Line platforms are in the open just outside their portal to the tube. The Hammersmith Line being on arches, the Wood Lane platforms are up in the air.

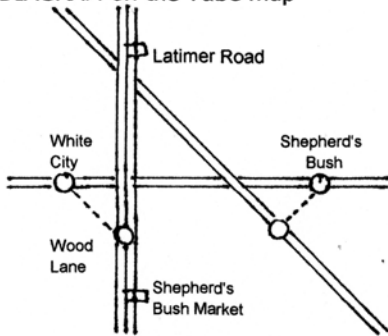
This is an area dominated by the BBC Television Centre, very modern blocks of flats, and spacious plazas with paved terraces, shrubs and flower gardens on both sides of the railway arches. To the south of the arches are the huge blocks of the Westfield shopping centre.

Interchange 3: Between Overground Line and Hammersmith Line

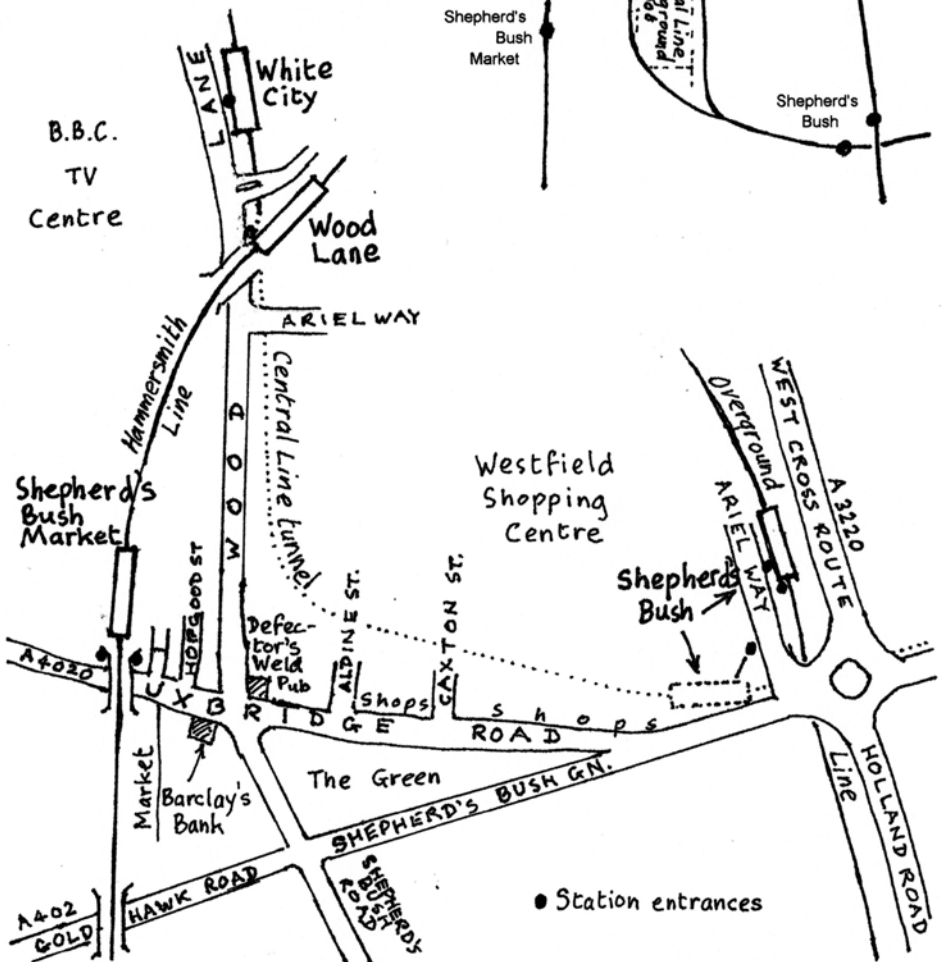
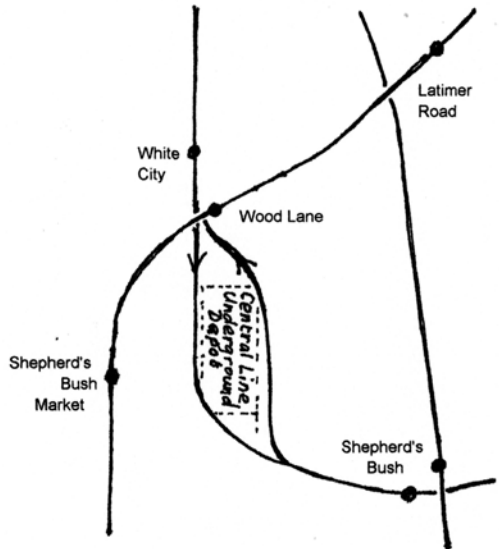
The stations are Shepherd's Bush (Overground) and Shepherd's Bush Market (Hammersmith Line). This walking link is a fairly long one, but still somewhat less than half a mile. If starting at the Overground station, cross the road as soon as you emerge, turn left (but do not enter the Central Line Shepherd's Bush station!), continue round the corner to the right and you will be in Uxbridge Road facing west. Stay on this straight road. On your left you will shortly have the open green space of Shepherd's Bush Common (or Green) stretching ahead and getting wider as you go. On your right is a tightly packed row of small shops for the full length of the green. On the right in due course pass two side turnings – Caxton Street and Aldine Street. At the end of the green there is a cross roads and Barclay's Bank. Keep straight on towards the railway bridge ahead. There are two entrances to Shepherd's Bush Market station on the right hand side of the road under the bridge, one on the near side and one on the far side.

If starting at the Hammersmith Line station, turn left (east) as you emerge on to the main road, which is Uxbridge Road. Keep straight along the Uxbridge Road, the green being on your right and the shops on your left, and just beyond the far end of the green, turn left into the road which goes between the two Shepherd's Bush stations towards the Westfield Centre. Cross over to the Overground station by the button-controlled crossing. You can't help noticing the great traffic roundabout of the "West Cross Route". Don't go there!

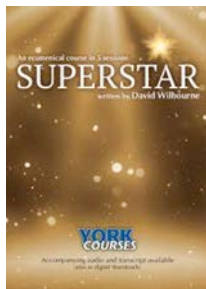
DIAGRAM on the Tube map



MORE REALISTIC MAP



Midweek Group – Lent



Following the York course – Superstar by David Wilbourne. There will be five evenings 4th March – 1st April inclusive at the home of David and Margaret Nowell-Withers, Wood Ash, Gatesdene Close, LG. Starting at 7.45 for 8.00pm. Finishing at 10.00pm. The Group will also join together on Ash Wednesday (26th February) and Maundy Thursday (week 6).

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EASTER LILIES



Every year at Easter the Church is decorated with lilies in memory of a loved one. If you would like to participate, please would you let me know as soon as possible on 842780 or email anneisherwood@btinternet.com as the lilies

have to be ordered in good time for Easter. The cost is £3 per lily, which you can give to me or Virginia Westmacott. Please make any cheques payable to **PCC of Little Gaddesden Parish**. The book for your dedication is in the Church. Thank you.

Anne Isherwood



Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 22nd March

9.00am Café Church with coffee, tea and pastries

Relaxed and informal service

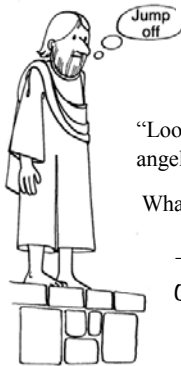
All welcome

CHILDREN'S PAGE

"I'm giving up **CHOCOLATE** for **LENT!**" How often will you hear friends say that in the next few weeks? But why do that? What is **LENT** all about?

It's the time when we remember the story of the temptations that Jesus had, when he was wondering how he was going to start telling people about God's love for them.

Like many people with a problem he went away to a quiet place in order to pray to God and listen to His reply. St Luke tells the story in chapter 4. Jesus went out into the desert and stayed there for 40 days, eating nothing. How would he make people listen to him?



Then he seemed to hear a voice in his head, saying, "If you are really the Son of God then you can do all sorts of tricks to amaze people. They'll soon listen to you.

"Look! If you climb to the top of the Temple you can jump off—God will send his angels to catch you and hold you up. People will really notice you then!"

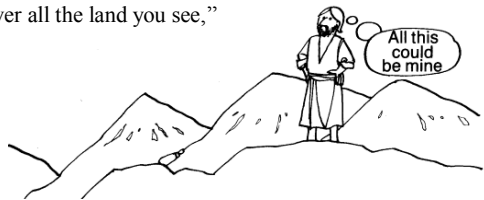
What did Jesus say?

OD TON TUP EHT DROL RUOY DOG OT EHT TSET (mirror writing)

Jesus was standing at the top of a high mountain looking down over a huge area of land.

"Bow down to me and you will have power over all the land you see," said the voice, "It's easy."

What did Jesus say?



PIHSROW EHT DROL RUOY DOG DNA
EVRES YLNO MIH



Jesus was hungry. He looked at the stones. "Turn those stones into bread," said the voice.

What did Jesus Say?

NAM TONNAC EVIL YB DAERB ENOLA TUB YB YREVE DROW FO DOG.

Jesus didn't give into these temptations. LENT is when we practise not giving in to Temptations ourselves, so that we can do the right thing. Can you last 40 days?

EATING IN THE 1950s

- # Curry was a surname and a takeaway was a mathematical expression
- # Pizza was something to do with a leaning tower
- # All potato crisps were plain; the only choice was whether to put salt from the little blue bag on them or not
- # Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding
- # A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining
- # Brown bread was something only poor people ate
- # Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking
- # Tea was made in a teapot using leaves and never green
- # Sugar enjoyed a good press and was regarded as white gold; cubed sugar was posh
- # Fish didn't have fingers
- # None of us had ever heard of yoghurt
- # Healthy food consisted of anything edible
- # People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy
- # Indian restaurants were only found in India
- # Cooking outside was called camping
- # Kebab was not even a word, never mind a food
- # Muesli was readily available; it was called cattle feed
- # Water only came out of a tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock
- # But the two that we were never ever allowed on our table were Elbows and Phones

Annual Revision of the Electoral Roll

There was a complete revision of the church electoral roll in 2019 but we still need to check that the roll is up to date in time for the APCM on 19 April 2020. I will be leaving a copy of the current roll on display in the church on the cross aisle. If you are already on the list please take a moment to check that all your details are correct.

If you would like to join the roll please consider the following requirements:

You should be baptized and over 16 years of age;

And either:

1. you should live in the parish
Or
2. if you live outside the parish you should be a regular member of the congregation at St Peter and St Paul;
Or
3. you should be baptised into any denomination in communion with the Church of England and regularly worship in our congregation.

What is the significance of the Electoral Roll?

Members of the church are encouraged to play an active part in the life of the church. They can vote in elections at the Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

As ever enrollment brings both rights and responsibilities. Members are expected to contribute to the stewardship of the church and its activities in the locality. This should include financial support of course but also the Diocese of St Albans has an initiative – *Living God's Love* – to encourage a greater focus in our Christian life with the key aims of *Gojng Deeper into God*, *Transforming Communities* and *Making New Disciples*. Our current Mission Action Plan is developing these areas in our locality.

The size of the roll determines other aspects such as the number of representatives at Deanery Synod. It also determines our financial share (contribution to costs at the Diocesan level). Essentially the larger the roll the more we pay. Nevertheless we welcome all on the roll as a record of our active and contributing parishioners who are involved with the Church and its mission.

The current roll will be displayed from Sunday 15 March to Sunday 5 April and registration forms for new members will also be available in the church. The deadline for revisions is 30 March to prepare for our Annual Parish meeting on 19 April 2020. If you would like to discuss this further please talk to John Russell; our churchwardens Barbara Sheard and Michael Carver or me, the Electoral Roll Officer.

Terri Adams, Electoral Roll Officer

Trauma Teddies

The Tuesday coffee and knitters group have been knitting "Trauma Teddies". For those of you who do not know, these are small teddies which are donated to the Ambulance, Fire Brigade, Police and RNLI to give to children who have been traumatised by whatever. Basically they are a comforter and something for them to cuddle.

We have just sent 14 to Happisburgh RNLI in Norfolk. Some of you will remember that Berkhamsted RNLI raised money to buy a D Class lifeboat which was stationed at Happisburgh, so we have rekindled the connection! We also have been knitting small blankets and little pouches for still born babies which have been going to Watford Hospital. If you like knitting, drinking coffee and a good natter come along! Tuesdays at 10.30 in the church vestry.

Virginia Westmacott



PRAYER PAGE

David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601, 1st March

Almighty God, who called your servant David
to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries
for the people of Wales:
in your mercy grant that,
following his purity of life and zeal for the gospel of Christ,
we may with him receive the crown of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460, 17th March

Almighty God, who in your providence chose your servant Patrick
to be the apostle of the Irish people:
keep alive in us the fire of the faith he kindled
and strengthen us in our pilgrimage
towards the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Lord Jesus, you have known a mother's love and tender care
and You will hear, while for our mothers most dear,
we offer this Mother's Day prayer.
Protect the lives, we pray, of those who have given us the gift of life.
May our mothers know from day to day
the deepening glow of joy that comes from Your presence.
We cannot pay our debts for all the love that we have received;
but You, Lord, will not forget their due reward.
Bless our mothers both on earth and in heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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CHURCH SERVICES – MARCH 2020

I Sunday 1st March – Lent 1		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
II Sunday 8th March – Lent 2		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
III Sunday 15th March – Lent 3		
9.00am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
4.30pm	Evensong (please note different time)	Nettleden
IV Sunday 22nd March – Mothering Sunday		
9.00am	Mattins	Nettleden
9.00am	Café Church	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Café Church	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
V Sunday 29th March – Lent 5		
9.00am	Joint Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
I Sunday 5th April – Palm Sunday		
9.00am	Morning Worship with Blessing of the Palms	Nettleden
9.00am	Pony procession to church, Family service	Little Gaddesden
10.45am	Family Communion with Blessing of the Palms	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Little Gaddesden
Mid-Week Services		
Tuesday	9.00am Holy Communion	Great Gaddesden
Thursday	10.00am Holy Communion	Little Gaddesden