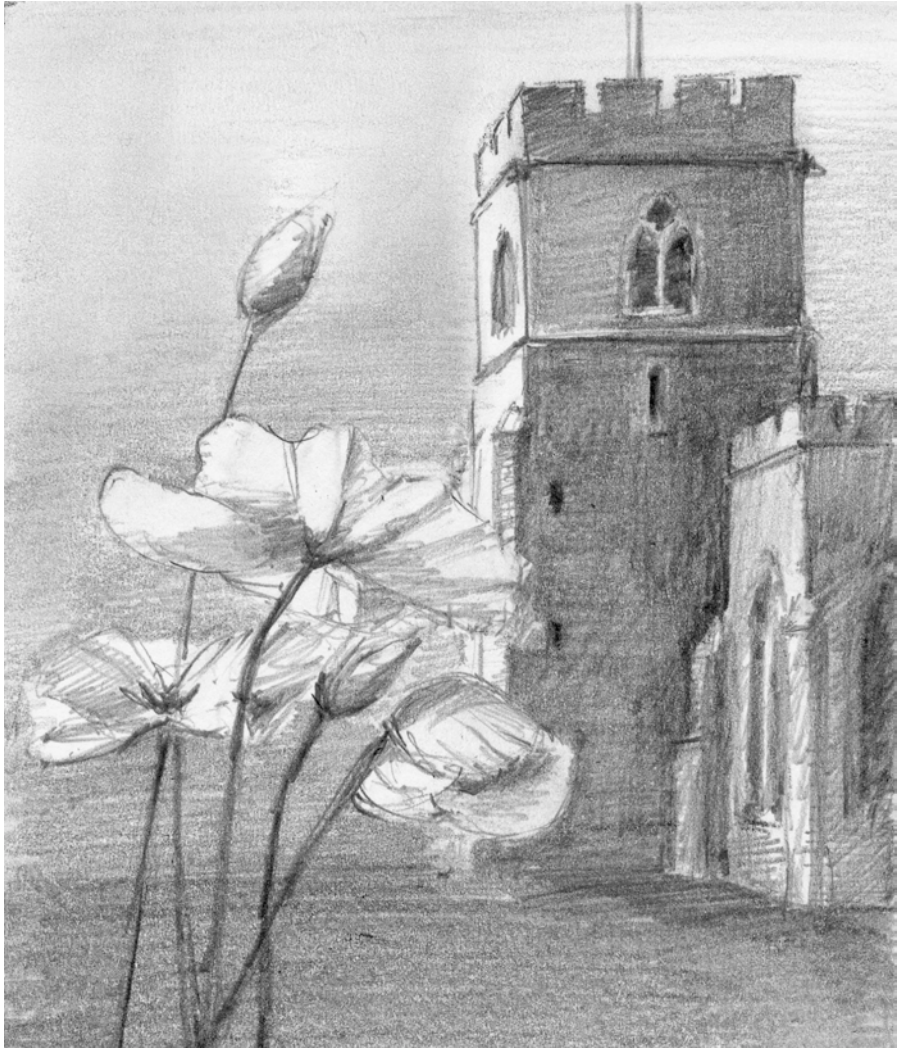


Parish News

St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden

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November 2020



Remembrance

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We are in the Berkhamsted Team Ministry with Great Berkhamsted, Great Gaddesden and Nettleden with Potten End. Enquiries regarding Baptisms, Banns, Weddings, Funerals and Memorials in the Churchyard should be made to the above-mentioned email address. Messages can also be left with the Churchwardens. If the Vicarage telephone is on the answering service please leave a message. It will be attended to as soon as possible. To contact The Berkhamsted Team, please call The Parish Office on 01442 878227.

All are welcome to our House of God. All have their place in His Kingdom and their part to play in His work

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Due to the Covid pandemic, our normal timetable of services is disrupted. At the moment, we are hoping to provide a Joint Morning Worship at one of our churches at 9.30am. Please see the website.

The Midweek Podcast will be at 10.00am on a Wednesday and can be listened to via the website. There will be no midweek services in church for the moment.

BELL RINGING:	Sunday 8.30 am Practice: Tuesday 8.00 pm Tower Captain – Mrs Virginia Westmacott LG 842428
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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,

Many of you will be aware through the media that the report into historic and current child sex abuse in the Church of England (IICSA) was published on 6th October. The report is based on public hearings held during July 2019, which examined the response of the Church of England and Church in Wales to allegations of child sexual abuse, as well as the adequacy, or otherwise, of current safeguarding policies and practices. It found systematic failings within the Church of England in how it deals with safeguarding issues along with its failure to support victims of abuse. IICSA has published the report in full on its website:

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/anglican-church>

It makes for difficult reading and I am sure many of you will be shocked by the stories and experiences it recounts. Prior to its publication the Archbishops of Canterbury and York published this open letter. On publication, the Church of England made this response and the Bishop of St Albans, Dr Alan Smith, said: *“We will study the IICSA report carefully over the coming days”*.

Our parishes are in the Diocese of St Albans which undertook an independent safeguarding audit in 2018. The audit noted that the Diocese takes a firm line when difficult decisions are to be made, that there is a *“positive culture around safeguarding,”* and that *“the Diocese is not defensive about its practice.”*

This letter is to try to reassure you all that we continue to strive to improve our safeguarding practice. Heather Tisbury, one of our Lay Readers, is Safeguarding Officer for Great Gaddesden, Little Gaddesden and Nettleden and can be contacted if you have any concerns at any time, as may the Vicar or Anthony Archer – also a Reader.

We live in an imperfect and uncertain world compounded by the Covid-19 which leaves many already vulnerable people in an even worse situation and we must be continually vigilant. We will not get everything right all of the time, so there is always room for improvement. Offering a safe welcome to all and caring for survivors is, for us, indivisible from offering our message of Christian hope and love to those who come to church.

The Church of England is in a unique position of trust and has responsibility on a spiritual and pastoral level for all people in our parishes, irrespective of race, colour, gender flexibility, those of faith and of none.

As a church, we are committed to change and constantly review our practice. Our PCCs (Parochial Church Councils) and congregations will reflect upon what we can learn from the IICSA process and what victims and survivors have said and what it means for us as a church going forward.

We are deeply sorry and ashamed. If you have been affected by abuse within the church, whether as a survivor or through a person close to you and would like to talk to someone regarding a concern you have now, or in the past, there is support available:

‘Safe Spaces’ is an independent service supporting survivors of church-related abuse. This independent service is run by the charity Victim Support and is free to access via telephone: 0300 303 1056 (answerphone available outside of opening times), email: safespaces@victimsupport.org, or web-chat via:

www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/.

The St Albans Diocesan Safeguarding Team may also be contacted through the website:

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/safeguarding/>

We want the church to be at the heart of our community and given the findings of this report, it is only through being completely honest that we can build and maintain integrity and trust.

We remain yours in Christ,

John Russell	Vicar	01442 214898
Heather Tisbury	Safeguarding Officer	
	and Reader	01582 842807
Anthony Archer	Reader	01442 842 397

All Souls' Service

Sunday 1st November 2020
Available on-line from 3.00pm



Everyone is invited to watch a service for the Commemoration of All Souls which will be pre-recorded. This will be available to watch on the Little Gaddesden website from 3.00pm

The names of all those who have died this year will be read out, along with the list of names from 2019.

littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk

Remembrance Day

Sunday 8th November 2020

9.30am Said Holy Communion at Nettleden Church

On the Little Gaddesden website, there will also be a pre-recorded service from the Little Gaddesden Memorial from 10.45am.

Service of Remembrance including
The Roll of Honour and placing of the wreaths.

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Please find on the following pages the names of those men mentioned on our village War Memorial which we recall every Remembrance Day. Jane Dickson has researched the details of these men and she has put together a short biography for each. Your Editors realise that this does take up quite a few pages, but given the 75th Anniversaries of VE and VJ Day this year, we felt that it was timely to give each person some prominence. There is much more detail on the website if you would like more information.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

**Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping those who
have died for their country in war;**

**Those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have
lived and died in the service of mankind.**

1914 - 1919

Private Charles Batchelor –Bedfordshire Regiment

Son of Charles and Elizabeth Batchelor of Gaddesden Row and brother of Sid Batchelor of Little Gaddesden, he enlisted at Hertford and served in France with the 6th Battalion from June 1915. He was killed in action at Bienvillers, aged 25, on 21st December 1915 and is buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Private Vernon Batchelor –Hertfordshire Regiment

Son of Alfred Mark and Jane Batchelor of Hudnall and a pre-War Territorial volunteer, he was called up on 4th August 1914 and served in France from 6th November 1914. On 25th July 1916 he died of wounds, aged 22, following involvement in the Battle of the Somme. He is buried in St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France.

Lance Corporal Albert Bierton –Middlesex Regiment

Son of Eli and Matilda Bierton of 34 Little Gaddesden, he attested for the Middlesex Regiment on 12th January 1916, was mobilised on 13th February 1916 and went to France on 2nd May that year. Seriously wounded in 1916 and 1918, he recovered and returned to front line duty each time. Appointed Lance Corporal (unpaid) on 16th October 1918, he was killed in action a week later, aged 26, during the Battle of the Selle. He is buried in Crossroads Cemetery, Fontaine-au-Bois, Nord, France.

Private William Cook – Bedfordshire Yeomanry and Bedfordshire Regiment

Son of the late William and Sarah Ann Cook of Berkhamsted, he enlisted at Bedford in March 1915, while resident in Little Gaddesden. He served in France from May 1916 and was wounded during the Battle of Morval, Somme, on 26th September 1916. Aged 22, he died next day in No 34 Casualty Clearing Station, Grovetown, Méaulte and is buried in Grove Town Cemetery, Méaulte, Somme, France.

Gunner William Cooper – Royal Field Artillery

Son of Martha and the late James Cooper, he moved to Little Gaddesden in March 1901 when his mother became Matron of the Countess Brownlow Convalescent Home for Boys at Hudnall. He volunteered early in the War and served in France from June 1915. Aged 26, he was killed in action in Belgium on 23rd September 1917, during the 3rd Battle of Ypres. He is buried in Gwalia Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

James Dunn – Machine Gun Corps

We have no further details of James Dunn.

Corporal William Fenn – Hertfordshire Regiment

Son of George and Harriett Fenn of 18 Little Gaddesden, he served in the Volunteer Force then in the Territorials for a total of 18 years between 1896 and 1914. He was awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal but discharged from the Territorials on 8th August 1914, "Being Medically Unfit for Further Service". That did not stop him going to France with the 1st Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment on 6th November 1914. On 22nd March 1916, aged 35, he died in hospital in St Omer, France after a short illness. He is buried in Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Private Arthur Fowler – Shropshire Light Infantry

Husband of Priscilla née Holloway and father of Kate, born 30th July 1911, he enlisted in Berkhamsted while living in Ringshall. He served in the Suffolk Regiment before being transferred to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. On 22nd August 1917, he was killed in action, aged 38, during the 3rd Battle of Ypres, leaving a widow and a 6 year old daughter. He is buried in the New Irish Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Private Alfred Garment – Northamptonshire Regiment

Son of Frederick and Elizabeth Garment of Peacock Lodge, Nettleden, he joined the Northamptonshire Regiment in 1903/4 and was still in the Reserve at the outbreak of War. By then married to Priscilla née Bannister and recalled to the colours, he re-enlisted in London and served in France from 13th August 1914. On 9th May 1915, aged 28, he was killed in action on the first day of the Battle of Aubers Ridge. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. He left a widow and an infant son, Alfred Frank, born on 27th November 1914.

Rifleman Bertram Gentle – King's Royal Rifle Corps

Son of Arthur George and Mary Ann Gentle of 46 Little Gaddesden, he and his younger brother Oliver attested for the King's Royal Rifle Corps at Tonbridge on 27th May 1915, to serve for the duration of the War. They arrived in France on 3rd November 1915 and were posted to the 12th (Service) Battalion K.R.R.C. On 31st July 1916, aged 24, Bertram was killed in action in a night time bombing raid at Guillemont on the Somme. His brother Oliver was by his side but survived and was later awarded the Military Medal. Bertram is buried in Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, Somme, France.

Private Edward Groom – The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment)

Husband of Alice née Bliss and father of Ella, born 28th February 1911 and Marjorie, born 28th May 1912, he had been brought up in Little Gaddesden. He enlisted in Luton while resident in Eaton Bray. Aged 31, he died of disease in France on 22nd March 1917 leaving a widow and two daughters aged 4 and 6. He is buried at La Neuville Communal Cemetery, Corbie, Somme, France.

Private George Hoar – Hertfordshire Regiment

Son of Edward and Sophia Hoar of Hudnall Farm, he enlisted at Ashridge and served in 1st Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment. On 31st July 1917, the first day of the 3rd Battle of Ypres, he was killed in action near St Julien, aged 26. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, together with his first cousin Lance Serjeant Arthur Whitman, who died on the same day. Another first cousin, Samuel Oakins, was killed in action at Ypres on 11th November 1917.

Lance Serjeant Walter Holland – The Rifle Brigade

Son of William and Elizabeth Holland and brought up in Ringshall, he joined the Rifle Brigade in 1904 and was in the Reserve when he emigrated to Canada before the War. He returned to England for War Service, enlisting in Hemel Hempstead. Aged 29, he was killed in action at Neuve Chapelle on 14th March 1915, leaving a widow, Ada, and two young children, Thomas and Irene. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Corporal Alexander Johnson – Royal Engineers

Son of Walter and Bessie Johnson of 38 Little Gaddesden, he enlisted into the Royal Engineers aged 14, on 28th January 1903, for a period of 12 years' service. He was following in the footsteps of his father and two older brothers. On 27th June 1914, he re-engaged for the Royal Engineers at Malta to complete 21 years' service; he was promoted Corporal on 1st August 1914. He remained with the Expeditionary Force in Malta until 29th December 1914 but was by then seriously ill. He returned to England and was discharged on 31st July 1915, no longer physically fit for War Service. He died on 6th September 1915 and was buried in Little Gaddesden churchyard three days later.

Private Frank Johnson – Royal Berkshire Regiment

Son of Thomas Arthur and the late Jane Johnson of 18 Ringshall, he enlisted at Wokingham, whilst resident in Berkhamsted and first served overseas in France on 7th August 1915. Aged 22, he was killed in action on the Somme on 13th November 1916. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Private William Mayling – Hertfordshire Regiment

Son of Frank and Sarah Ann Mayling of 24 Ringshall, he enlisted at Hertford and served in the 3rd Battalion Hertfordshire Regiment before being posted to the 1st Battalion. On 3rd September 1916, he died aged 20 in the 3rd Southern General Hospital, Oxford following active service overseas; no cause of death is given. 4 days later, he was buried in Little Gaddesden churchyard.

Private Alfred Mead – Bedfordshire Regiment

Husband of Isabella Jane née Vickers and father of 4 daughters: Doris, born 2nd June 1908, Winifred, born 22nd March 1910, Cissie, born 10th March 1912 and Florence,

born 7th June 1914, he lived at 1 Little Gaddesden. He enlisted into the Bedfordshire Regiment at Hertford, first serving overseas in France on 27th July 1915. On 3rd May 1917, aged 32, he was killed in action during the Battle of Arras (3rd Battle of the Scarpe), leaving a widow and four daughters under 9 years old. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Sapper Samuel Oakins – Royal Engineers

Son of John Thomas and Emma Oakins of 36 Little Gaddesden, husband of Ethel Emily née Lee and father of Pelham, born 15th March 1912 and Violet, born 8th April 1915, he enlisted in Berkhamsted while resident in Little Gaddesden. He served in the Royal Engineers, the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Labour Corps. On 11th November 1917, aged 34, he was killed in action at Ypres, leaving a widow and two children aged 5 and 2. His third child, Samuel George, born on 22nd November 1917, was named after his father.

Ordinary Seaman George Pinnock – Royal Navy, H.M.S. Black Prince

Son of Edward Henry and Ruth Pinnock of The Gardens, Little Gaddesden House, he joined the Royal Navy as a 15 year old Boy Sailor on 11th June 1914. He served aboard HMS Black Prince from 8th January 1915 and, aged 17½ on 19th April 1916, was promoted to Ordinary Seaman. He had already signed up for 12 years' Naval Service from his 18th Birthday but that was not to be. On 31st May 1916 at the Battle of Jutland, HMS Black Prince was sunk with all hands. The youngest man from Little Gaddesden to die during the First World War, he is commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial.

Private Frederick Purton – Bedfordshire Regiment and Royal Engineers

Son of Heber and Elizabeth Purton of 5 Hudnall, he enlisted at Hertford, serving first in 6th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment, with which he arrived in France on 31st July 1915. He was later transferred to the 5th (Mortar) Battalion Special Brigade, Royal Engineers, in which he was serving as a Pioneer at the time of his death. Aged 21, he died from accidental injuries – burns and shock – following an explosion at the ammunition depot at Audruicq, France. He is buried in Calais Southern Cemetery, France.

Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Talbot – Royal Naval Air Service

Son of the late Hon. Alfred and Emily Talbot of Little Gaddesden House, he volunteered for the R.N.A.S. in 1915. From 2nd May 1915, he served as a Flight Sub-Lieutenant at HMS Fisgard, Portsmouth before being posted to Chingford Air Station, where, on 27th June 1915, he took his Royal Aero Club Aviators' Certificate. Later posted to No. 5 Squadron, R.N.A.S. Dover, he was promoted to Flight Lieutenant on 1st April 1916. On 29th June 1916, he was killed whilst flying, due to engine-failure on take-off. The plane was caught by a gust of wind, stalled on the turn, side-slipped, crashed and was completely wrecked. On 4th July 1916, he was buried in Little Gaddesden churchyard.

Private William White – Royal Fusiliers and Durham Light Infantry

Son of Samuel and the late Elizabeth White of Covetous Corner, he married Elizabeth Ann née Woodhams in 1905 and had 5 children: Wesley, born 10th May 1906, Mary, born 6th December 1907, William, born 1st December 1909, Florence, born 23rd August 1911 and Francis born 24th August 1914. He attested at Berkhamsted on 6th December 1915 and was mobilised on 29th May 1916. Posted to the Royal Fusiliers, he served in France with 32nd Battalion between 15th October 1916 and 21st September 1917, when he was severely wounded in action. On 30th March 1918 he re-joined the B.E.F. and was transferred to the 15th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. On 9th September 1918, aged 38, he was killed in action at Gouzeaucourt, France during the 100 Days Offensive, leaving a widow and 5 children aged 4 to 12. He is buried in Gouzeaucourt New British Cemetery, Nord, France.

Lance Serjeant Arthur Whitman – Hertfordshire Regiment

Son of Joseph and Susan Whitman of 40 Little Gaddesden, he attested for the Hertfordshire Regiment at Hemel Hempstead on 2nd November 1912, while living in Little Gaddesden. Called up on 4th August 1914, he served in France from 6th November 1914. On 31st July 1917, the first day of the 3rd Battle of Ypres, he was wounded and later recorded killed in action near St Julien. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, together with his first cousin Private George Hoar, who died on the same day. Their cousin Samuel Oakins was killed at Ypres on 11th November 1917.

1939 – 1945

Lieutenant Henry Gordon – Gordon Highlanders

Son of Harry and Kathleen Gordon of Ashridge, where his father was the first College Secretary of the Bonar Law Memorial College, he joined the Gordon Highlanders in September 1940, aged nearly 19½. He was appointed 2nd Lieutenant on 31st May 1941 and, by June 1944, was attached to the 10th Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment in Burma (Myanmar). Aged 23, he was killed in action on 18th November 1944 during a patrol near Pinwe in Burma. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Rangoon Memorial, Tauckyan War Cemetery, Myanmar.

Lieutenant Duncan Gray – Rifle Brigade

Son of James Neville and Hildegard Grey of the Red House, he joined the Army from Oxford University in 1942. He served in the 10th Battalion Rifle Brigade in Tunisia in 1943 and in the Italian Campaign from May 1944, when he was wounded in action. Recently returned to his battalion, he was killed in action, aged 21 while out on patrol on 4th September 1944. He is buried in Florence War Cemetery, Italy.

Lance Bombardier Leonard Hing – Royal Artillery

Son of Lewis and Annie Hing of 17 Little Gaddesden, he attested for the Royal Artillery in 1941 and was called up in 1942. He went to France two days after D Day, serving in Normandy in 59 (6th Battalion the Hampshire Regiment) Anti-Tank

Regiment, Royal Artillery. On 1st August 1944 he was wounded in action at Caen. He was then evacuated to England and sent to the Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. 24 year old Leonard died of his wounds in the Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford on 23rd September 1944; four days later, he was buried in Little Gaddesden churchyard.

Flight Sergeant William Newman – Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Son of William and Alice Newman of 61 Little Gaddesden, he volunteered for the R.A.F. aged 18 in 1941. He trained first at the Cadet University, Southampton and later in Canada, where he was promoted to Sergeant Bomb Aimer and later Flight Sergeant. He completed 32 sorties over enemy territory but, on 15th October 1944, aged 20, was killed in a flying accident over Oxfordshire. His funeral took place on Saturday 21st October at Hudnall Methodist Church, following which he was buried in Little Gaddesden churchyard.

Major Ian Patterson – Royal Artillery, Army Air Corps and Special Boat Service

Son of Norman and Winifred Patterson of Nob's Crook, Golf Club Road, he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery Supplementary Reserve on 14th October 1936. Called up at the beginning of the War, he went to France; he was evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940. After transferring to the Parachute Regiment, Army Air Corps in early 1943, he transferred to the Special Boat Squadron that November, commanding L Detachment S.B.S in the Aegean from early 1944. In July 1944, he was awarded the Military Cross. In September 1944, L Detachment, led by Ian, turned their attention to the Peloponnese and on October 11th they entered Athens. On 21st December 1944 he was accidentally killed aged 30, when the plane in which he was a passenger crashed while flying into Bari, Italy. He is buried in Bari War Cemetery, Puglia, Italy.

Private Edward Rogers – Suffolk Regiment

Son of Frank and the late Lily Rogers, he and his father lived at 3 Little Gaddesden when he enlisted into the Suffolk Regiment in 1939; he served in the 5th Battalion, a Territorial unit. On 27th October 1941, the Battalion sailed for India for further training and, on 15th January 1942, they embarked for Singapore. Disembarking on 29th January 1942, they fought a rear-guard action until Singapore surrendered to the Japanese on 15th February 1942. Edward became a Prisoner of War and was moved to Thailand, working on the Thai/Burma Railway. On 25th July 1943, aged 23, he died of Beri-Beri whilst a Prisoner of War in Thailand. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial.

***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.***

For fuller biographies of these men see
<https://littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk/war-remembrance/>

British Humanitarian Aid – an update

Due to obvious reasons, we have not been in a position to provide regular reports of the activities of the BHA; COVID restrictions have prevented us from holding our monthly stall at the Community Markets and as you will appreciate, the transportation of goods to the Ukraine has been impossible.

Thanks to a few regular, loyal 'customers' we have been able to raise some money for the BHA but by no means as much as in previous years. We have also been unable to hold our annual fund-raising sale prior to Christmas but, having said that, we are keen to do as much as possible to continue helping BHA with their fantastic efforts.

As we approach Christmas, whether we are thinking about our outward giving or simply planning our Christmas meals, we are keen to make sure no-one misses out on their traditional seasonal foodstuffs: jams, pickles and/or chutneys. So, we have a stock of preserves which we are happy to supply should anyone wish to place their order(s) in the coming weeks – either to collect or we are happy to deliver locally.

We have the following, on a 'first come first serve' basis:

Jams:

Apricot, Blackberry, Blackcurrant, Blueberry, Bramble jelly, Damson, Gooseberry, Thick or thin cut marmalade, Quince jelly, Plum, Raspberry, Strawberry, Summer Fruits.

Chutneys and pickles:

Pickled Onions, Pickled Beetroot, Beetroot chutney, Tomato chutney

Please just call or send a message if you wish to take up the offer, all jams and chutneys are £2.00 per jar or three jars for £5.50 (mix and match!) If you are leaving a message please make it clear how we can reply by leaving your name and a contact number.

Pat & Ian (01442 842544 or email: ian.catchpole2@btinternet.com)

BHA Collection

Saturday 14th November, 9.00am – 12.00 pm at Little Gaddesden Church. Collection for impoverished families in the Ukraine. Clothing, footwear and bedding. Please see posters around the village for more goods required.

The following people were voted onto the PCC at the delayed Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Monday 21st September 2020.

The Berkhamsted Team Ministry
St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL – October 2020

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Helene Hockings (Co-opted)		
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AUTUMN DRAWS ON

I noticed that the leaves started to turn, imperceptibly (N.B. I was going to write 'gradually' as I didn't think I could spell, 'imperceptibly', aktsheily,) during October, heading towards the kaleidoscope of last ditch colour which lights up November. And the acorns! Have you seen them, absolutely whopping; the jays and grey squirrels are having their work cut out trying to hide them (Jays plant the most oak trees). I have collected loads of conkers, to stab and throw in corners and dark places as apparently, spiders dislike them. Just don't let them get swallowed by your Henry vac. as they quite comprehensively block the pipes (known from bitter experience). I heard somewhere that oaks produce a good acorn crop on alternate years in order to starve out the mice and voles who scoff them, get too matey, over-breed and eat up each year's crop, thus not leaving sufficient to keep up oak tree production. Or could it be that the earlier rain made the difference? N.B. I have just been out to collect sloes and wow! Absolutely masses of big fat purple berries, the branches are hanging heavy, laden with whoppers. So, no sloe gin shortage this winter.... It also looks to be a good holly year, if only the wood pigeons could be diverted by all the juicy sloes and other abundant fruit on offer.

Most gardens seem to have a resident robin, reserving their winter territory with their sweet-sounding song (which, if translatable, is more likely saying, "Get outta my aspace, or I maka you an offer youa cannot refuse") - something like that. I haven't seen many blackbirds since they lit up the spring and summer with their lovely song. Probably also aggressive male boasting. Now I've just ruined the morning chorus for myself. The wren (most populous bird apparently) sings some winter days, and, usually during November/December a lonely songthrush will start practising his repertoire, lighting up dark winter days. Goldfinches did well again; we do spoil them with the sunflower hearts, if only the chaffinches and greenfinches could catch up again. I did hear a chiffchaff the other day; some do stay over winter along with some blackcaps. I would like to think that it is part of a learned survival strategy as they are most prized as an amuse-bouche in places such as Cyprus where so many migrant species are wantonly slaughtered to satisfy Russian and local Mafias greed and vanity.

There are far fewer deer rushing about due to effective culling as the over populous herds were getting crowded out and unhealthy not to mention

dead under vehicles wheels. (Road kill index: squirrels and badgers plus some game birds including a snipe, sadly.) I feel nervous saying this, but a deer's body is happily more rare now and hopefully, now the rut has started, none will meet a messy end on the local roads.

As the woods and footpaths have been heaving with new walkers this year due to lockdown and working from home, it won't be as much fun heading out to spot all the rut photographers, bobble hats a quiver and telescopic lens peeking out of each and every shrub around the prime gathering areas. I know I say this every year, but do try to remember to have a pee before leaving home as all bushes will likely be occupied.

Josie Jeffrey

P.S. Searching for something to cheer us up in these strange times, I noticed that Swampy is back in the news. Yea! Swampy of 'tunnelling under the A30 in Devon' fame back in the nineties, and noted for also occupying trees in locations as far apart as Heathrow and Faslane. Swampy, now a middle aged respectably employed (Forestry Commission, natch) father of three has still got it and I am comforted to know that he is up a tree in the way of the HS2 line. Way to go, Swamp, you've still got It kid!

Note from Julie

Dear John, Michael, Barbara and friends,
Thank you for the lovely little red cyclamen which was a gift from the Harvest Festival and is giving much pleasure. Thank you also for the message of love and good wishes from many friends during my illness. I am so sorry not to be able to come to Sunday services now except occasionally. Thanks to my John, Peter and Jane Dickson I am beginning to use an i-Pad so it is good to be able to watch the service and talks on line. Do telephone 843550 for a chat. (I haven't mastered e-mail yet) or call at the garden door if you are passing by.

Julie Leonhardt

NOVEMORIES

They say that if you catch ten falling autumn leaves,
good luck will come your way,
With their woodland home emblazened,
their fireworks on display,
they flutter down, light as air and twirl
a capricious dance,
Imagine that they are memories,
that you may catch by chance.

Or that they represent those scarlet poppies
as they tumble down,
Remembered each November
in every city, village, town.
But to catch the lucky ten
is not as simple as it seems,
And the leaves will nestle in the wood
and dream their winter dreams.

Josie Jeffrey

From the Registers:

28 th September	Interring of Ashes	Kathleen Hughes
6 th October	Funeral	Arthur Wooster
20 th October	Funeral	Alistair Mclean

The Thomas Field Hall

The work is progressing very well. The main roof to the Hall has been finished to the point where it is ready for the slates to be fixed to it. It has been impossible to obtain the large sized extra Delabole slates for the extended roof as the quarry won't start making them available until well into next year. Also, the sample of the new slate is a very different colour to the existing slate. This, of course, has been weathered for 50 years and the contrast is very marked. So, with those two problems we decided to select a new slate for the entire roof and have chosen Spanish slate which is the closest colour to the Delabole. The slating is programmed to be finished by the end of October.

The glazing of the Ambulatory roof has been successfully completed and it is looking very good, even though the steelwork is not yet painted. Installing the glass was a delicate job and the crane driver was very skilled, lifting the glass panels held on suction pads into place, to be bolted down, with very little room for accommodating mistakes. The next stage is for the joints to be sealed up.

The walls are now lined out with insulation and the floor insulation has been laid. The panels holding the underfloor heating pipework are on site ready to be laid by the plumber. All the first fixing of the electric cables has been done - there seems to be miles of it!

The builders have done very well in getting supplies on time despite possible delays due to the Covid-19 restrictions, although there is a bit of a hold up with the windows which they are trying to resolve so that the building can be made weathertight and allow for the plasterboard to be installed. We are just evaluating and selecting flooring materials, then we will be on the home straight!

Barbara Sheard

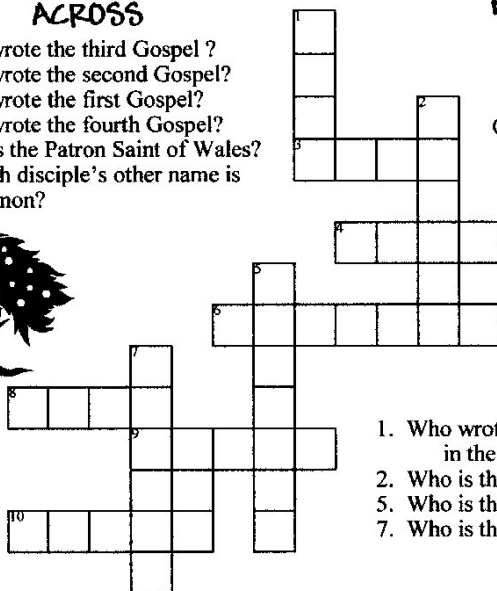
CHILDREN'S PAGE

HALLOW is an old word meaning 'Holy'. Hallowe-en is the evening before the day when we remember all holy people, or Saints, on **ALL SAINTS DAY**

The Lord's Prayer starts: *Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,*

ACROSS

- Who wrote the third Gospel ?
- Who wrote the second Gospel?
- Who wrote the first Gospel?
- Who wrote the fourth Gospel?
- Who is the Patron Saint of Wales?
- Which disciple's other name is Simon?



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR SAINTS ?

Can you solve the crossword ?



DOWN

- Who wrote the Letter to the Romans in the New Testament?
- Who is the Patron Saint of England?
- Who is the Patron Saint of Ireland?
- Who is the Patron Saint of Scotland?

The Story of SAINT CHRISTOPHER

Christopher was a very big, strong man. He wanted to work for the most powerful person in the world. He thought it would be a king, but he discovered the king was frightened of the devil, who had power over him, so he went to the devil, but he discovered that the devil was frightened of God. God was more powerful than anyone. So Christopher wanted to serve God but didn't know how. A holy man told him to help others, and said he should live by a ford on a fast flowing river and carry people safely across to the other side. One dark night he heard a child calling to him. Taking his staff, he started to carry him across the river.

Halfway across, the child got heavier and heavier and the water got deeper and deeper.

Christopher struggled on until he finally reached the bank, where he put the child down. Then he heard a voice saying, "Christopher, you have carried God tonight. Put your staff into the ground." He did as he was told, and in the morning his staff had turned into a tree, covered in flowers and fruit. Then he knew he had been with God.

Prayer Page

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
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

The Peace of the World

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

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support,
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.
Eternal Pity, have mercy on us;
that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek thy face and be brought by thine infinite mercy to thy holy
presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

CHURCH SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2020

I Sunday 1 st November – All Saints’ and All Souls’ Day		
9.30am	Joint Parish Worship	Great Gaddesden
From 3.00pm	All Souls’ Service will be pre-recorded and available via the church websites from 3.00pm	
II Sunday 8 th November - Remembrance		
9.30am	Holy Communion	Nettleden
Pre-recorded Remembrance Services from Great Gaddesden and Little Gaddesden will be available to view on-line from 10.45am through the church websites		
III Sunday 15 th November – 2 nd Sunday before Advent		
9.30am	Joint Parish Worship	Little Gaddesden
IV Sunday 22 nd November – Sunday next before Advent / Christ the King		
9.30am	Joint Parish Worship	Great Gaddesden
IV Sunday 29 th November – Advent Sunday		
9.30am	Joint Parish Worship	Little Gaddesden
I Sunday 6 th December – Advent 2 / St Nicholas		
9.30am	Children’s Service	Great Gaddesden
Mid-Week Service		
Wednesday	10.00am on-line Podcast	

Please do tune in to the Podcast which is available through the Little Gaddesden church website from 10.00am on a Wednesday morning. The theme of each programme is centred on festivals and saints’ days in the church calendar. Available through the Services page on the website (littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk) or later in the week on the Services Archive page.

**Please check our church website for the most up-to-date information.
We apologise if we have to change services with little or no notice.**

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