

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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9.30am Eucharist Service (new time for the moment)

6.00pm Evening Worship or Evening Prayer

3rd Sunday 6.00pm Evensong at Nettleden

5th Sunday – 9.00am Joint Eucharist at Nettleden

However, please do still check the website for up-to-date details

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Dear Friends,

As I write this, the COP26 Conference is on-going, and I thought it might be right and proper to take a little time to think about the Christian response to the changes in our climate in the context of the pandemic and other seismic challenges that we face in our own country. What can we usefully do?

A little background, in case you're not aware, the climate summit, so called COP26, because it's the 26th "Conference of the Parties", is the gathering of the many countries who signed up to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Climate Agreement. Governments from around the world are gathered in Glasgow at what has been called the 'Last Chance Saloon' - the "last best chance" to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement and prevent the worsening effects of climate change.

The prayer: God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven, offers a vision of God's Kingdom here on earth. If we think about it, we can see in all our prayers, our intercessions and aspirations, that sorting out the climate would go a long way to solving many of the problems of the world.

In Genesis 1 - The story of Creation - holds in it an order of things in which there would be no over pollution, no misuse of the earth's resources, it would indeed be a world of peace and harmony. Whatever you feel about the accuracy of the detail in Genesis 1, it does contain the one truth Christians believe, which is that God created the world

In August, The Bishop of St Albans was among those who welcomed some of those on the Young Christian Climate Network relay pilgrimage to COP26 to the Cathedral. People gathered to hear leaders from YCCN speak about their inspiration and to pray together for wider awareness of the environmental crisis and for a greater commitment for action from global leaders.

Fortunately, it appears that many young people are taking the lead, even if you find some of the ways things are expressed unpleasant. They need to take the lead, because (I know it's a cliché,) they are the future.

Sadly they have little power to change things and protest groups such as Insulate Britain and Extinction Rebellion don't help their case by causing anger and antagonism.

Caring for creation is a theme that runs through the entire Bible, from start to finish, so this must mean we are called to be good stewards of the planet and to care about the environment. But we find ourselves between a rock and a hard place. We need to stay warm, we need clean water, food, clothing, a roof over our heads. Our need to work and to live our lives, means that it's extremely hard to manage, for example, without a car, and virtually every way we try to reduce our consumption means that somewhere back down the line, there is a high hidden environmental cost.

This is a precise of something I read the other day, written by a young Australian woman:

As a Christian, I am extremely concerned with the apathy of many people particularly Christians. As such, I write chiefly to my Christian brothers and sisters who do not consider climate change a matter of worship.

What, I hear you say, worship? Climate change is a matter of worship? But it is my firm belief that it is, for two reasons.

Firstly, the way we treat the earth reflects our respect, (or lack thereof) for the Almighty Creator, God, who made this world.

Secondly, and more significantly, climate change is an issue impacting people, God asks us to show our love for Him by loving other people. If we think climate change isn't an issue worth addressing, it's like 'passing by on the other side', leaving our fellow brothers and sisters and neighbours in distress to struggle and failing to treat Christ himself with love and respect.

Whilst climate change exists as an environmental issue and carries with it the challenge of creating sustainable energy, it is also true that it is a natural phenomenon; the world has gone through ice ages and the seas have risen and fallen without human intervention.

Indeed, El Niño and La Niña are natural processes regulating weather patterns around the earth, and they impact weather, rainfall and ocean levels. Yet at the same time, to deny that human greed and arrogance have not had an impact upon natural processes is incredible.

The Bible shows us that humanity has a responsibility for, and a level of power and agency over, nature. As Genesis tells us, God makes humans in His image to rule over the world, which surely means that human beings have a special awareness and responsibility, because we have dominion over creation and may either exercise it for good or ill? Why? Because of the freewill God has given us, Christians should be living by the values of the Kingdom of God even in this day and age, which means we should be living our lives with God at the centre, to see His glory reflected perfectly in all things.

Perhaps even more significant than all this is the fact that climate change is also a human issue. It cannot be denied that the citizens of the poorer nations are suffering far worse than us and will continue to suffer the most, because of it. To address climate change in its entirety is to address the impacts it has upon people, not only environmental practice; it means we must attempt to re-enfranchise those who will be disenfranchised.

Jesus reveals in his parable of the sheep and the goats, that the way we show our love for God is by showing love to one another: *“Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”* (Matthew 25: 40). Therefore, love should be our motivating factor in addressing climate change, for climate change impacts not only the environment, but our fellow human beings.

As Christians we know that God has given us a unique responsibility to care for the earth, and through His Son has charged us with the command to love one another. If we fail to respond to climate change then surely we, as Christians, have failed not only to respect God’s creation and to love His people, but we have failed to give due glory to the loving creator?

May this be a time when Christians take the lead in addressing climate change so that we may act in love and grace for the glory of God.

For those who do not particularly believe, I still hope that some of these words will resonate with you and that you too can pray for the whole world and its future.

At Morning Prayer each morning, the opening words are:

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all, to you be glory and praise for ever. You founded the earth in the beginning and the heavens are the work of your hands.

I am yours in Christ, John.

A Christmas Letter

Dear All,

I feel that Community Spirit has been even more evident in the villages over the last twenty months or so, given the extraordinary times we have been living through. As we look ahead to Christmas our thoughts again dwell on community and in particular the involvement of the community when Jesus was born.

We are told that the local innkeeper found room for the young family to shelter and give the baby a safe place to be born. Shepherds, the local farmers, were the first to hear the news and the first to hurry and visit that tiny baby in his humble surroundings. Christmas has continued to be a community affair and hopefully this year a time when families can meet together and when communities celebrate with Carol Services and Nativities. It is also a time when some in our communities can feel isolated, alone and marginalised.

This Christmastide, this season of goodwill and festivity, let us continue to consider those in our communities who may be isolated by illness, who may be dreading Christmas for many different reasons, who may be worrying about the cost of the season.

In reaching out in welcome and understanding, let us share with each other in the way that the local community in Bethlehem welcomed Jesus on that very first Christmas. For by finding room and a safe place in our hearts for others, is finding room for Jesus too.

Wishing you all a very meaningful, joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Heather Tisbury, Reader



Children's Advent Workshop Christmas Creations and Advent Wreaths

Saturday 4th December
3.00 – 5.30pm

in the Church

Christmas arts and crafts for children, fun and laughter

Wreath making for adults

Come and join us to celebrate the start of Advent.

Make some lovely presents and share a Christmas tea and friendship

Please let Sarah Gall know if you are able to attend

(07717 068280 or Sarahgaddesden@aol.com)



Followed on Sunday morning

by

Café Church at 9.30am

All welcome



Decorating the Church for Christmas

We shall be decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday 18th December from 9.30am and everyone is encouraged to come and help. It is always a lovely morning, meeting others from the Church family and villagers. If you haven't been before and are worried about having no experience, 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 and/or holly for the arrangements plus secateurs. Please do let me know if you are coming so that we know how many people to expect. We look forward to seeing you.

Anne Isherwood (01442 842780)



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 Hannah Gibson know on email:

travelling-crib@littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk if you would like to take them in. Many thanks.



BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID (BHA)

GIFT SERVICE

SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER

AT 9.30am

**Followed by Advent Breakfast. Delicious produce
Including croissants, bread, preserves,
tea and coffee**

EVERYONE WELCOME

BHA have a very limited requirement this year as they have a great deal of stock waiting to be distributed. Please only provide the following if you are able to donate:

**Clothing and shoes for all age groups, bedding and toiletries.
Please label bags clearly. Many thanks.**

Labelled bags may be left by the front from Friday 10th December.

Children's Page

In the New Testament the story of Jesus' birth is only told by St Matthew and St Luke. St Mark and St John's gospels start with his cousin meeting him when he is grown up.

Write out the answers to the questions in the stars in the spaces beneath, take the letter in the blacked out square and write it in the numbered square at the bottom of the picture to spell out the name which the prophet Isaiah gave to Jesus. The number of the star is the number of the square. Colour in the stars and picture.

1
Who was Mary's husband?
St Luke ch.1 v.27

7
What was the name of the angel?
St Matthew ch.1 v.26

4
Where did his parents live?
St Luke ch.1 v.26

6
In what country was Jesus born?
St Luke ch.1 v.36

3
Where was baby Jesus laid?
St Luke ch.2 v.7

5
What was his cousin's name?
St Luke ch.1 v.63

2
Who was Jesus' mother?
St Luke ch.1 v.27

8
Where was Jesus born?
St Matthew ch.2 v.1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Which means:
AGROWDY WRISTCH MURS

(Take every second letter)

Carols on The Green

Tuesday 14th December at 6.00pm

**Carol Singing round the
Village Christmas Tree**



Mulled Wine

All welcome

**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.

Parish Magazine Subscriptions for 2022

In a normal year, subscriptions for 2022 would now be due and the new Subscription form would be in this edition of the magazine. However, it is felt that to keep the magazine going, we may need to increase the price of the annual subscription. The price has not been increased for over a decade and printing costs have also increased this year. This issue needs to be discussed at a PCC meeting which is due to take place after the editorial deadline for printing. Please bear with us whilst this is addressed.

The Editors

Opera Concert in October

After a gap of a year, it was a great pleasure to welcome an audience of some 120 to the Church to listen to and enjoy an evening of a live Concert of Opera and music.

It was a splendid evening which did not disappoint. Janet Fairlie (Soprano), Jeanette Ager (Mezzo Soprano), George Freeburn (Tenor), Jochem von Ast (Baritone) and Viv Mclean (Piano) entertained the audience with a programme ranging from Handel and Mozart to Lehar in the first half, to Offenbach and the Beatles in the second, culminating in Puccini's *Nessun Dorma* as an encore.

Apart from the evening being a great success the generosity of all enabled a cheque for over £1750 to be sent to the Royal Society of Musicians which has been so supportive to artists particularly over the pandemic period. A contribution to the Church Funds of over £900 was also made.

Michael Roberts

A few little light-hearted snippets:

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on Water'. The sermon tonight is: 'Searching for Jesus'.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang: 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be: 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practise.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon. Mike Walsham

RNLI SOS DAY

“SAMPLE OUR SOUP DAY”

Plus a “crumble” pudding
on

SATURDAY 22nd JANUARY
12 noon – 2.00pm
in

THE VILLAGE HALL

Donations to RNLI please

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 19th December for the carol service at 6.00pm and come to a reasonable number of Friday evening practices (Friday evenings at 7.00pm in the church). Any singer is welcome, whether you can sing descants, alto, tenor or bass parts or “just sing the tune”. Children over the age of 8 years are also welcome but parents will need to stay for the rehearsal. Please don’t wait to be asked – do come along. You can come to a practice unannounced, or contact me, John Leonhardt on 01442 843550.

From the Registers:

22 nd October	Memorial Service	Dan Washington Graham
23 rd October	Memorial Service	Julie Leonhardt
6 th November	Holy Matrimony	David Peacock and Heidi Cook

Sunday School Restarts

We are pleased to announce that Sunday School will restart on Sunday 16th January 2022 during the morning 9.30am service. All children are welcome to attend. There will be crafts and fun in the Thomas Field Hall whilst the service is going on in church. Parents are welcome to accompany their children if preferred.

For more details or to see how you could help, please contact Claire Beard on [**clairerdonovan@googlemail.com**](mailto:clairerdonovan@googlemail.com)

LITTLE GADDESSEN BRAINS TRUST
Parish News Bumper Quiz

1. Road kill: most susceptible mammal?

- a. Badger
- b. Grey squirrel
- c. Woolly mammoth

Answer: b. 1 point.

2. Favourite glue used by 'Insult Britain'?

- a. Loctite
- b. Lock-me-up
- c. Corbyn no.5

Answer: c. 2 points.

3. COP26 question. How many private jets went to Glasgow?

- a. More than 200
- b. More than 100
- c. Just Boris's

Answer: a. I'm annoyed now, no points.

4. French fishermen's favourite fish?

- a. Mackerel
- b. Macronal
- c. Great white shark

Answer: b. no points. It all went on his make-up and hair do.

5. Which of the following is a native of Britain?

- a. Sika deer
- b. Muntjac deer
- c. Old dear

Answer: c. That'll be me.

6. What have we lost 97% of since the 1960s?

- a. Flower meadows
- b. Grey squirrels
- c. Bingo halls

Answer: a. 1 point. (you can take a point for c but deduct 2 for b)

7. Which is Led Zeppelin's greatest hit?
- a. Stairway to heaven
 - b. Up the stairs to Bedfordshire
 - c. Stairlift to heaven (updated version)

Answer: a. 1 point.

8. Where does Greta Thunberg get her clothes from?
- a. Amazon
 - b. ASOS
 - c. Hand knitted by Swedish elves

Answer: Sorry, trick question – Swedish elves are striking for more comfortable furniture.

9. What was the first tree to colonise Britain after the last ice age?
- a. Beech
 - b. Birch
 - c. Spruce

Answer: b. 1 point.

10. 'Flamboyance' is a collective noun for which group?
- a. Beyonce tribute act
 - b. Ru Paul's Drag Racers
 - c. Flamingoes

Answer: c. 1 point.

11. Collective nouns are brilliant! Which is correct of the following?
- a. A wake of buzzards
 - b. An asylum of cuckoos
 - c. A prayer of godwits

Answer: Trick question! All correct.
Take several points if you got them.

12. Who wrote these lines? 'Another Cynthia her journey runs, and other planets circle other suns.'
- a. Pope Alexander
 - b. Alexander Pope
 - c. William McGonagall

Answer: b. (Dunciad 111). 1 point.

13. New category: 'Check the net'. Norm Macdonald's Saturday Night Live moth joke. Who tells it?
- a. Norm Macdonald
 - b. Ronald Macdonald
 - c. Donald Duck

Answer: a. Check it out and gain 10 points!

14. Which of the following are edible?
- a. Death cap mushroom
 - b. Wood blewit mushroom
 - c. Field mushroom

Answer: b. 2points. c. 1 point.

15. What is the best modern pop song? (health warning! This question is possibly subjective.)
- a. Uptown funk, Mark Ronson & Bruno Mar
 - b. Tiptoe thru the tulips, Tiny Tim
 - c. Shuddup ya face, Some Italian bloke

Answer: a. 1 big point. Yeah!

16. Best modern Latino song?
- a. Despacito, Luis Fonsi & Justin Beiber
 - b. Despacito. Ditto
 - c. Despacito. Ditto

Answer: Oh go on then! Tres puntos.

17. Translate Despacito?
- a. Spanish for 'bank account'
 - b. Spanish for 'suppository'
 - c. Spanish for 'slowly'

Answer: c. Obviamente! Un punto.

18. From where did the expression "Beware Greeks bearing gifts" originate?
- a. Happy hour at Stavros Taverna
 - b. Virgil's Aeneid - re: The wooden horse of Troy
 - c. Homer's Odyssey – re: Calypso

Answer: b. 1 point.

19. Where did the expression "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey" originate?
- a. Ancient Chinese proverb featuring 3 wise monkeys
 - b. Frozen pawn shop hanging sign
 - c. Royal navy. Cannon balls were stored on a tray known as a brass monkey - they fell off when it became frozen

Answer: c. 1 point (bet you didn't know that).

20. Jane Austen question. Which character appeared in Pride & Prejudice?
- a. Old Mr Wickham
 - b. Mrs Clarke
 - c. Edward Wentworth

Answer: a. (father of Mr Wickham) 1 point.

21. BONUS QUESTION! What is the county flower of Hertfordshire?
- a. Gilly flower
 - b. Heather
 - c. Pasque flower

Answer: c. Pasque flower. 1 point. Quite rare - try Dancers End nature reserve. Spring flowering (clue in name)

Points: Add up your points, I don't have a clue, but give yourself a pat on the back anyway.

Josie Jeffrey



Village Produce Market
Saturday, 4th December
from 9.30am to 12.30pm
In the
Little Gaddesden Village Hall

A selection of stalls selling locally produced fruit and vegetables,
cakes, soups, bread, preserves and pies;
Local artists selling quality gifts and cards;
Healthcare products;
Charity stalls including British Humanitarian Aid;

Breakfast baps available all morning, plus tea and coffee
Free Entry
Please support this local initiative

COLOURS OF CHRISTMAS

Picture it, a Victorian Christmas, the Great Frost sparkling white,
Dickens Old curiosity Shop, snowflakes flutter by the window's light,
A majestic conifer bears baubles, glittering gold and red,
A rosy cheeked Santa, parcels piled on his reindeer powered sled,
The woods are carpeted with fallen leaf bronze and glowing gold,
Here Robin Redbreast sweetly sings, all defiance, brave and bold,
But nostalgia isn't what it used to be, spending's at a peak,
Welcome to black Friday and coming soon, big black week.

Josie Jeffrey

III 16 th January – Epiphany 2		
9.30am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Nettleden
IV 23 rd January – Epiphany 3		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Nettleden
9.30am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
11.00m	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Little Gaddesden
V 30 th January – Candlemas		
9.00am	Joint Parish Communion	Nettleden
I 6 th February – 4 th Sunday Before Lent		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Nettleden
9.30am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evening Worship	Little Gaddesden
Mid-Week Services		
Tuesday	9.00am Holy Communion	Great Gaddesden
Thursday	10.00am Holy Communion	Little Gaddesden
Please note, there will be no mid-week services between Christmas and New Year		

Sweet Child of Bethlehem,
grant that we may share with all our hearts
in this profound mystery of Christmas.
Pour into the hearts of men and women,
the peace which they sometimes seek so desperately,
and which you alone can give them.
Help them to know one another better and to live as brothers and sisters,
children of the same Father.
Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness,
Join them together in your love; and give us all your heavenly peace.

Amen

Pope John XXIII, 1881-1963

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CHURCH SERVICES – DECEMBER 2021 and JANUARY 2022

IV 28 th November – Advent Sunday		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Nettleden
9.30am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Advent Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Advent Service of Light	Little Gaddesden
I 5 th December – Advent 2		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Nettleden
9.30am	Café Church	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evening Worship	Little Gaddesden
II 12 th December – Advent 3		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Nettleden
9.30am	British Humanitarian Aid Gift Service followed by Advent Breakfast	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Gift Service	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Little Gaddesden
Tuesday, 14 th December		
6.00pm	Carols on The Green	Little Gaddesden
III 19 th December – Advent 4		
9.30am	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
Friday, 24 th December – Christmas Eve		
3.00pm	Crib Service	Great Gaddesden
5.00pm	Crib Service	Little Gaddesden
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Little Gaddesden
Saturday, 25 th December – Christmas Day		
8.00am	Holy Communion with Carols	Nettleden
9.30am	Family Communion	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Family Communion	Great Gaddesden
IV 26 th December – Boxing Day / Christmas 1		
9.30am	Joint Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
I 2 nd January 2022 – Christmas 2		
11.00am	Joint Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
II 9 th January – Epiphany		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Nettleden
9.30am	Café Church	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Café Church	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Little Gaddesden