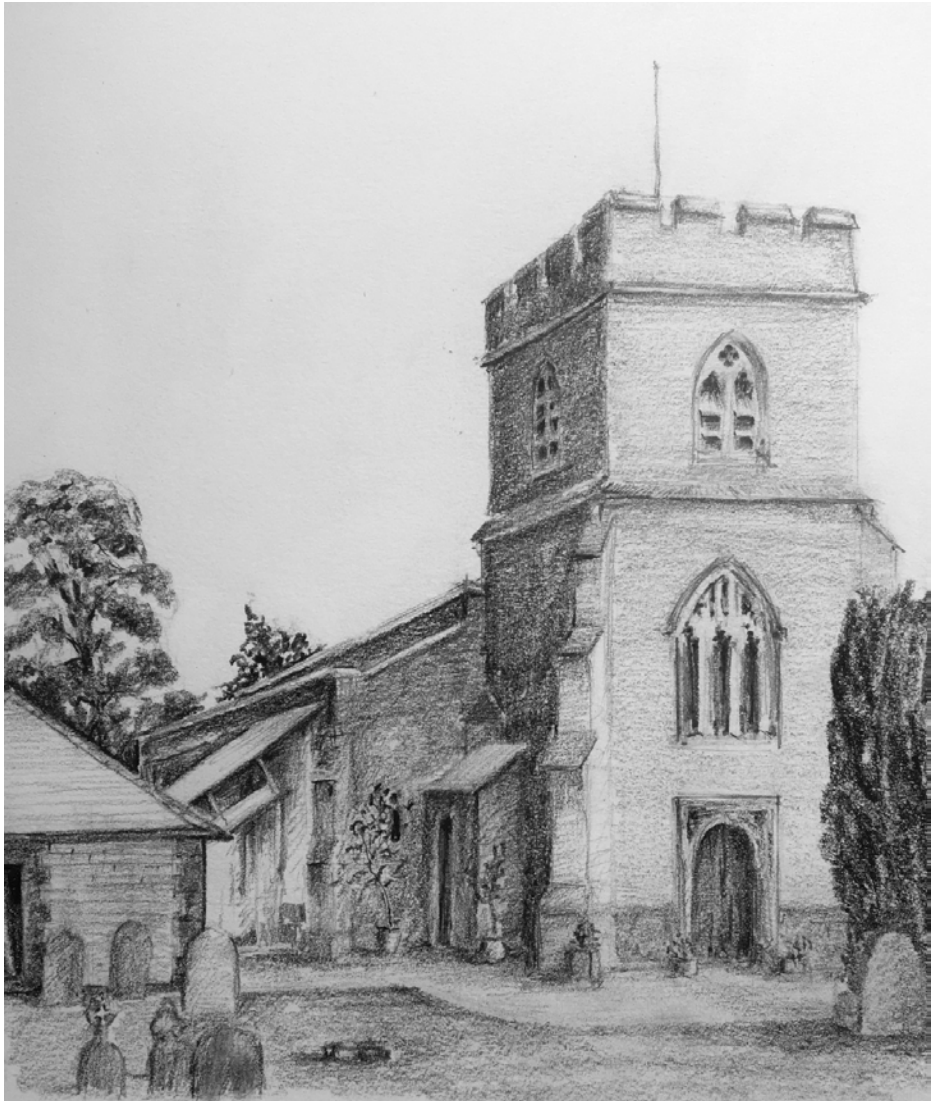


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Dear Friends,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 2nd March this year; it's as if no sooner is Christmas over, than preparations start again for the greatest festival in the Christian calendar.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

Those words are from Psalm 51 and are said on Ash Wednesday.

So often we intend to make a fresh start in our lives; to begin again, to wipe the slate clean. It's the reason so many of us begin the New Year with fresh resolutions. Our relationship with God may be tenuous at times, but despite the things we do wrong and our failings, we may take comfort knowing that God will not cast us aside, but will encourage us and strengthen us to do better if we're truly sincere.

Both Advent and Lent are so-called 'penitential seasons', but Lent is the more sombre and serious of the two because it's the season in which we prepare for Easter and lasts 40 days. During Advent, as we prepare for Christmas, the time is marked by hope, love, peace and joy, but in Lent we are called to make preparations of a different nature.

We know that the end of our Lenten journey brings the celebration of Easter, a time of great joy, but we also know that before Easter arrives, the denials of Jesus by Peter, the betrayal, the trial, the mocking, the beating and the crucifixion all have to be endured. So, this Lent, as we set out on our journey together once again, we begin knowing that the path we take is going to be difficult, full of emotions, subdued and as I say, sombre.

Wherever this Lenten journey will take us, we begin on Ash Wednesday. If you come to church that evening and if you so choose, ashes will be 'imposed' on your forehead.

They have two meanings:

Firstly, ashes in the Old Testament symbolise mourning, as well as repentance. In the book of Job, Job puts on 'sackcloth and ashes' and sits in the dust, as he attempts to repent of sins he mistakenly believes he must have committed, which have brought misfortune as well as the wrath of God upon him. (*See Job 2: 7*).

Secondly, ashes are a symbol of mortality. At every funeral service, as a person's mortal remains enter the ground the words '*earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust*' are said. The ashes remind us that however we behave, our life on earth is finite - we have a beginning and an ending, both of which are in God's hands.

Traditionally, ashes for Ash Wednesday are the burnt remains of the palm crosses distributed at last year's Palm Sunday service. The palms that symbolized the joy with which Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem on a donkey, quickly turned to anger when he didn't fulfil long held expectations of the Messiah for God's people. The people who roared their approval, were also those who condemned him.

The palms that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem in joy, as ash begin our journey this Lent, as they're imposed on our faces, reminding us of our own inconsistency. Palms to ashes symbolises the nature of humanity, the cycle in which we seem to be permanently caught, a cycle from which it's so hard to break.

Imagine two teams working on a social function: there's a setting-up team and a cleaning-up team. The setting up team comes in before the guests arrive and get the tables ready, the plates and the cutlery sorted – we might call them the Advent Team. The other team comes in at the end of the night, they're the clean-up team who wash the dishes, clean the tables and set things back to right. They are the Lent Team, except from Ash Wednesday, the order is changed. Instead of cleaning up at the end of the season, after Easter comes, the clean-up starts now, before we do any celebrating. That's the team we need to join to begin the clean-up of ourselves. Now is the time to clean up the messes that we have made of our own lives.

Certainly, 40 days are not long enough to sort out some of the problems in our lives, but it is long enough to come to God and say,

'Have mercy on me, O God! ... Wash me thoroughly ... cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.' as the Psalmist does.

Ash Wednesday is a day to begin being honest with ourselves and with God about who we are, what we've done, what we have failed to do, and more importantly, what we plan to do about it. It may be painful, but it will bring joy and ultimate peace in our lives.

So, don't allow this Lent to pass without doing something to begin that process, to wipe the slate clean with God and begin again - ready for resurrection.

I am yours in Christ, John.

Parish News Subscription

As mentioned in the February Parish News, we requested that you did not pay your annual subscription for the magazine as we were unsure of its future. We have received several emails and phone calls regarding this and it has become clear that you would like it to continue. Some of you have already paid your £10.00 subscription, so thank you for your support.

However, it has been confirmed that the subscription will have to increase to the £10.00 as mentioned in the February edition and this will help us to cover the additional costs of printing. The PCC of Little Gaddesden Church has also said that they will keep underwriting the cost of the printing if the subscription collected does not totally cover this.

We could start to have advertisements in the magazine to help with costs as well, but we would need someone to come forward to take that on. If you would like to assist, please do not hesitate to contact the Editors.

The Subscription Form is on the following page – please do help us by paying this, either on-line, via your distributor or by dropping off your form and money to Helene Hockings, Marian Lodge, HP4 1PH (half-way along The Green) or call Helene (01442 842493) to arrange collection. Please also let us know if you no longer wish to take the magazine. Many thanks.

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The Berkhamsted Annual Deanery Lecture – October 2021

Celtic Wisdom for a Post COVID Church

The annual lecture was presented by the Rev Simon Reed who has a parish in West London, but is deeply involved with the community of St Aidan and St Hilda located in the North East.

He started by reflecting on the difficulties in everyday life and in faith - the decline in active worshippers, COVID affecting activities and outreach, the impact on youth, particularly with respect to faith in the community. Like many he has had to move to a hybrid church operating in person and online - which can be a blessing and a burden. It also creates different demands on our leaders and there is fatigue generally.

His challenge for the lecture was - can we take up the message of the New Testament and turn congregations into genuine communities with committed responsible adult disciples?

Even before Covid, many seeking faith have turned to the ancient traditions of Celtic worship and he wanted to look at Celtic spirituality; from our traditions of the past. This is the Christianity of the British Isles starting outside of the Roman influence. The community of St Aidan and St Hilda is a dispersed group of around 300 followers worldwide with specific interest in Celtic spirituality. Its roots are in the 7th century. St Aidan came from Scotland to the border regions and ended up on Lindisfarne, also known as Holy Island.

At the same time, St Hilda lead a double monastery (men and women) within a larger community - a village of God. It was a community with the monks in the centre, but had no grand buildings. It produced 4 bishops and became a well-known centre for prayer, study and reading of the word.

Like most successful communities it had a shared way of life, a network of soul friends and the rhythm of prayer.

Simon also used the power of 10 matching the 10 commandments with 10 waymarks to guide the Christian journey through life. Unfortunately, I didn't manage to write them all down so you will have to follow up directly with the community of St Aidan and St Hilda if you visit the North East. Or you can look at their website – www.aidanandhilda.org.uk

Beeny Cliff (March 1870 – March 1913)
Thomas Hardy (1840-1928)

O the opal and the sapphire of that wandering western sea,
And the woman riding high above with bright hair flapping free -
The woman whom I loved so, and who loyally loved me.

The pale mews plained below us, and the waves seemed far away
In a nether sky, engrossed in saying their ceaseless babbling say,
As we laughed light-heartedly aloft on that clear-sunned March day.

A little cloud then cloaked us, and there flew an irised rain,
And the Atlantic dyed its levels with a dull misfeatured stain,
And then the sun burst out again, and purples prinked the main.

- Still in all its chasmal beauty bulks old Beeny to the sky,
And shall she and I not go there once again now March is nigh,
And the sweet things said in that March say anew there by and by?

What if still in chasmal beauty looms that wild weird western shore,
The woman now is – elsewhere – whom the ambling pony bore,
And nor knows nor cares for Beeny, and will laugh there nevermore.

This is one of the poems in the collection 'Poems of 1912-13', composed after the death of Hardy's first wife, Emma. Although they been estranged for many years, her death in November 1912 brought back many memories of happier times together. Hardy returned to Beeny, a hamlet a couple of miles north-east of Boscastle in Cornwall, on the 43rd anniversary of their first meeting there.

His biography describes how they rode together above the steep cliffs, she on her favourite horse and he on a bicycle, on a March day of bright sun and showers. In the poem, the tempo of the first three stanzas seems to catch the fun and excitement of the start of their relationship, with a distinct slowing later, when we move to the time of writing. The word 'chasmal' in those last stanzas seems to be of Hardy's own making, reflecting the great cliff of Beeny and perhaps also the eventual chasm in their marriage.

Hardy remarried in 1914 but left strict instructions in his will that he should be buried with Emma in the village where he was born, in his beloved Wessex. However, his executor was determined that Hardy be buried in Westminster Abbey – eventually the matter was settled by Hardy's heart being buried with Emma and his ashes in Poets' Corner.

Nick Murray

Sponsored Bike 'n Hike – A Big Thank You!

I am pleased to report that Little Gaddesden Church raised £420 for the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust, with 50% of this money returning to our church where it is earmarked for use for the upkeep of our own beautiful, historic church. The three participants were Barbara Sheard, John Leonhardt and myself, and between us we visited over 100 churches. When our money was submitted to the trust, the organiser was delighted as our contribution tipped the balance of the whole event to over £100,000 which is an amazing collective result! As always, a huge thank you to the participants, helpers and sponsors. I hope this year in September, we will have more bikers and hikers to participate in this very enjoyable event!

Peter Leonhardt

Chiltern Ladies Choir

This is a friendly group of ladies who enjoy singing together and for the entertainment of groups of people who are unable to get out and about. They generally sing at senior citizen care homes, Heather Clubs, Evergreen Clubs or Over Sixties groups in the Chiltern area. The group meets on Thursday evenings for practice between 7.30 – 9.30pm at Leverstock Green Village Hall. However, they don't meet on the second Thursday of the month as the Hall is used by another group. Anyone would be welcome to join them – please just turn up.

HAS IT SPRUNG?

Spring has sprung, the grass is ris,
I wonder where the birdies is?
The birdies are upon the wing
Da da da da de da de da.

Can any-one recall the last line, or where the irritating ear worm rhyme came from? In fact, it's that time of year when we are all looking forward hopefully, to the signs of spring. The birds are getting busy, snowdrops were early and aconites have been glowing like gold amongst the leaf litter. Hazel catkins are shaking their stuff along hedgerows. Any minute now, the two little prunus trees outside the Village shop look as if they are about to burst into glowing pink blossom.

But what do we know? The seasons in recent years have not gone exactly to the expected plan. Last year there was virtually no Spring, but Winter carried on regardless until June. (But at least I was freed from being the usual embarrassing courgette and runner bean Fairy, but that's just me - always looking on the bright side). This Winter until mid-February at least, has been relatively mild and mostly dry but remember the old saws: February fill dyke; March, in like a lion out like a lamb. (Last March was in like a lion, out like a lion). April showers; May blossoms and so on.

It seems that the seasons are in constant flux and evolving differently from the long-accepted norm. This is something we can adjust to, but nature is caught out by. Thus hibernating animals, mammals and reptiles get fooled into waking up too early, then perishing when winter re-visits. Birds start nesting too early then also fall victim when unproductive wintry weather strikes again in the form of a polar vortex, easterly beast or storm vlad. What can we do? Batten down the hatches, delay the casting of clouts, keep the wellies primed and ready to go, delay seed sowing, planting out, cancel picnics, break out the ice pick, etc. etc. Of course, we carry on feeding the birds (but not the grey squirrels). Keep an eye out for hungry hedgehogs (more rare than pandas). They do like a nice bowl of dog food, not bread & milk like we used to believe - that will poison them. A bowl of water, if it's freezing; remember also that the lovely St.Tiggywinkles isn't far away and they will take our little friends in need.

In the meantime, I'm enjoying watching out for the signs of spring, especially the way that trees start to show a green blush, but that's not the correct adjective; a sort of green haze of buds breaking through catches my breath, so delicate, so tough. Birch trees from a distance sort of glow with a pale purple-ish haze, beautiful, and best of all, weeping willow glows golden green. Early bulbs, such as daffodils can stop developing and hold fast without harm until the weather starts behaving. So, hold steady Chaps, chins up (I'm missing the masks* as it's where I like to keep mine when not inside places). Lots to look forward to, onwards and upwards!

* Not really.

Josie Jeffrey



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 let me know on 842780 or email me on **anneisherwood@btinternet.com** as the lilies have to be ordered in good time for

Easter. The cost is £3 per lily. If possible, we hope this can be paid directly into our Bank Account. Details are:

Account Name:	PCC of Little Gaddesden Parish
Account Number:	00296015
Sort Code:	30 94 08
Reference:	Easter Lilies + your surname

If direct payment is not possible, please give cash or a cheque (payable to PCC of Little Gaddesden Parish) to me or Virginia Westmacott. The book for your dedication will be in the Church on the cross aisle during Lent. Thank you.

Anne Isherwood

Sunday School

Sunday School is taking place during the morning 9.30am service. This will happen mostly in school term times. All children under 11 years old are welcome to attend and those under 5 should be accompanied by a parent please. There will be crafts and fun in the Thomas Field Hall whilst the service is going on in church.

This month, the dates are:

Sunday 6th March

Sunday 20th March

For more details or to see how you could help, please contact Claire Beard on **clairerdonovan@googlemail.com**

From the Registers:

30 th January	Holy Baptism	Kingsley Gater-Dawe
6 th February	Holy Baptism	Victoria Walker

The Thomas Field Hall

You probably know the TFH as we like to call it is not just finished but is being busily used throughout for the week, just as we hoped it would be. It's proving suitably versatile - several village groups are already using it regularly and it's very popular for family receptions.

If you're interested in hiring it, take a look at the TFH page on the website at **<https://littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk/thomas-field-hall/>**

or you can email **tfh.bookings@littlegaddesdenchurch.org.uk**

David Scriven, Churchwarden



LENT LUNCHES

These are held every **Friday** in the
Thomas Field Hall
from 4th March and continue until 8th April.
12.30pm – 1.30pm

For the small sum of £5.00 you can enjoy a bowl (or two) of delicious soup,
bread and cheese, fruit, tea or coffee.

Come and chat with old friends and meet new ones.
Any surplus money (after expenses) will go to a local charity.
If you can help, please do ring Virginia to offer your services.

Virginia (842428)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 24th April 2022
in the Church
following on from the 9.30am service

All parishioners on the Electoral Roll are very welcome to attend this meeting
to find out what has been happening during the last year and to ask questions
of the Vicar, the Churchwardens and other members of the PCC.



Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 27th March
9.30am Family Service in the Church

All welcome



RNLI SOS DAY

Thank you to all who came and supported us on
22nd January for our SOS Soup and Crumble
lunch. Thank you to everyone who gave so
generously. We sent £324.03 to the RNLI. Thank you again for coming and
supporting us.

The End of the World – AD 70

Growing up in the evangelical tradition, I understood that Jesus's message was for the whole world, and that Saint Peter was the rock on which the world-wide church was built. Somehow, I missed the fact that Our Lord also had brothers and sisters, and that one of them, James, became the leader, with Peter, of the Jerusalem Christians, and that both continued to worship at the Temple until decades after Jesus's crucifixion. (A strange decision - if you accept the story that the Jews were responsible for Jesus's death.)

It was, of course, St Paul who took the message to the wider world, apparently to the irritation of some in Jerusalem, who seemed to think the Message was for Jews alone. Indeed, Peter had to broker a sort of peace deal between Paul and James at the Council of Jerusalem some 15-20 years after Jesus's Resurrection, when it was conceded that circumcision was not an essential requirement for becoming a Christian. James was stoned to death near the Temple in AD 62, but his fellow believers seemed to have continued to worship there.

What happened to the Jerusalem Christians, initially so dominant?

They seemed to have largely disappeared from history, like the Sadducees, the Essenes and the Zealots. The answer lies in the terrible events of AD 70 when a Jewish Revolt was ended in the most bloodthirsty manner possible, by the Roman General Titus, who desecrated and destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem and much of the city. The Zealots, who led the revolt that brought disaster in its wake, were totally discredited, and many of them committed suicide at Masada rather than being taken prisoner.

The Sadducees, the ruling religious elite who cooperated with the Romans, and led the worship at the Temple, no longer had a Temple, and disappear from history, as do the Essenes who placed the Dead Sea Scrolls in their caves above the Dead Sea at Qumran.

Some Jerusalem Christians may have survived, but a further revolt in 132-135 led to the total destruction of the city and the establishment, on its ruins, of Aelia Capitolina. A sanctuary to Jupiter was built on the Temple Mount, and statues of Roman deities were erected in the city, in intentional violation of Old Testament law. The area was walled, a large foreign population imported, and Jews were generally forbidden entrance to the city. (The Roman name was used until Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire in the 4th century.)

Christianity, founded in the Middle East, then became a largely western faith, headquartered in Rome, and, in Judaism, the Pharisees were left largely unchallenged, as worship became concentrated on synagogues and the interpretation of the Torah.

The destruction of Jerusalem was a truly seismic event for Christians and Jews.

Roger Bolton

DAMP MARCH

Well, dry February didn't seem to go too well,
Good intentions, so they say, pave the road to hell,
So now I'm thinking about a mildly damp(ish) March,
Sipping just a teeny sherry, cutting sugar, fat and starch.

They say a little of what you fancy does you good,
A miniscule prosecco non? Just a sliver of rhubarb pud?
But do eschew the cream, the jam, the lumpy custard,
Deny pork pie, try Ryvita spread with English mustard.

Then we'll welcome April feeling somewhat smug,
Having caught the healthy living, slimming bug,
So, just another month of carbohydrate deprivation,
And all those tasty treats? Probably best in moderation.

Josie Jeffrey

CHILDREN'S PAGE



Here is a parable Jesus told:

A certain rich man had a big farm with big, fertile fields. One year there was plenty of rain and sunshine and his crops grew better than he had ever known. He had such a huge harvest that his barns weren't big enough to store all the grain, to say nothing of his olives, dates, oil and wine. So he tore the barns down and built more and bigger ones and filled them with all his harvest and other goods.



Then he said to himself, "I have plenty of good things laid up for many years. I'll take life easy—eat, drink and be merry."

But God said to him, "You fool, this very night you will die, then who will get what you have stored up for yourself?" This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich towards God."



I'M GIVING UP.....

Just now lots of people are saying they are giving up something they like. Why?

It's because the weeks in March are most of the weeks of **KDMS** _ _ _ _ , the 40 days before **EASTER**.

We give up something nice partly because it makes us realise that we can manage to live without it after all, and partly because it makes us say 'NO' to ourselves and that means that we can say:

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WORDSEARCH

(Find the words underlined in the story)

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TO PRAY

Heavenly Father,
Help me to think more about
other people this Lent. To
give, and not to count the
cost.

If the rich man in the story above had heard about Lent, do you think he would have behaved differently?



? ? ? SPRING QUIZ ?

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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 24 April 2022. We 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 your details are correct. If you have changed your address since the last revision took place in March 2021 please let me know so I can update our records.

If you are not already listed and would like to join the roll, please consider the following requirements:

You should be baptised, aged 16 years or over and:

1. be a member of the Church of England or of a church in communion with it and
 - (a) you should live in the parish
 - or
 - (b) if you live outside the parish, you should be a regular member of the congregation at St Peter and St Paul
 - or
2. be a member in good standing of a church which is not in communion with the Church of England, but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, a member of the Church of England and a regular member of the congregation at St Peter and St Paul.

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.

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 27th March to Monday 4th April and registration forms for new members will also be available in the church. The deadline for revisions is Monday 4th April to prepare for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 24th April 2022. If you would like to discuss this further, please talk to John Russell, our churchwardens Barbara Sheard and David Scriven, or to me, the Electoral Roll Officer. Annabelle Grassini, Electoral Roll Officer

PRAYER PAGE

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

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

CHURCH SERVICES – MARCH

Wednesday 2nd March, Ash Wednesday		
8.00 pm	Sung Eucharist with imposition of Ashes	Great Gaddesden
I Sunday 6th March – Lent 1		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Nettleden
9.30am	Parish Communion (with Sunday School)	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evening Worship	Little Gaddesden
II Sunday 13th March – Lent 2		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Nettleden
9.30am	Café Church	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Café Church	Great Gaddesden
III Sunday 20th March – Lent 3		
9.30am	Parish Communion (with Sunday School)	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Nettleden
IV Sunday 27th March – Mothering Sunday		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Nettleden
9.30am	Family Service	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Family Service	Great Gaddesden
I Sunday 3rd April – Lent 5 / Passiontide begins		
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		
Tuesdays	9.00am Holy Communion	Great Gaddesden
Thursdays	10.00am Holy Communion	Little Gaddesden

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