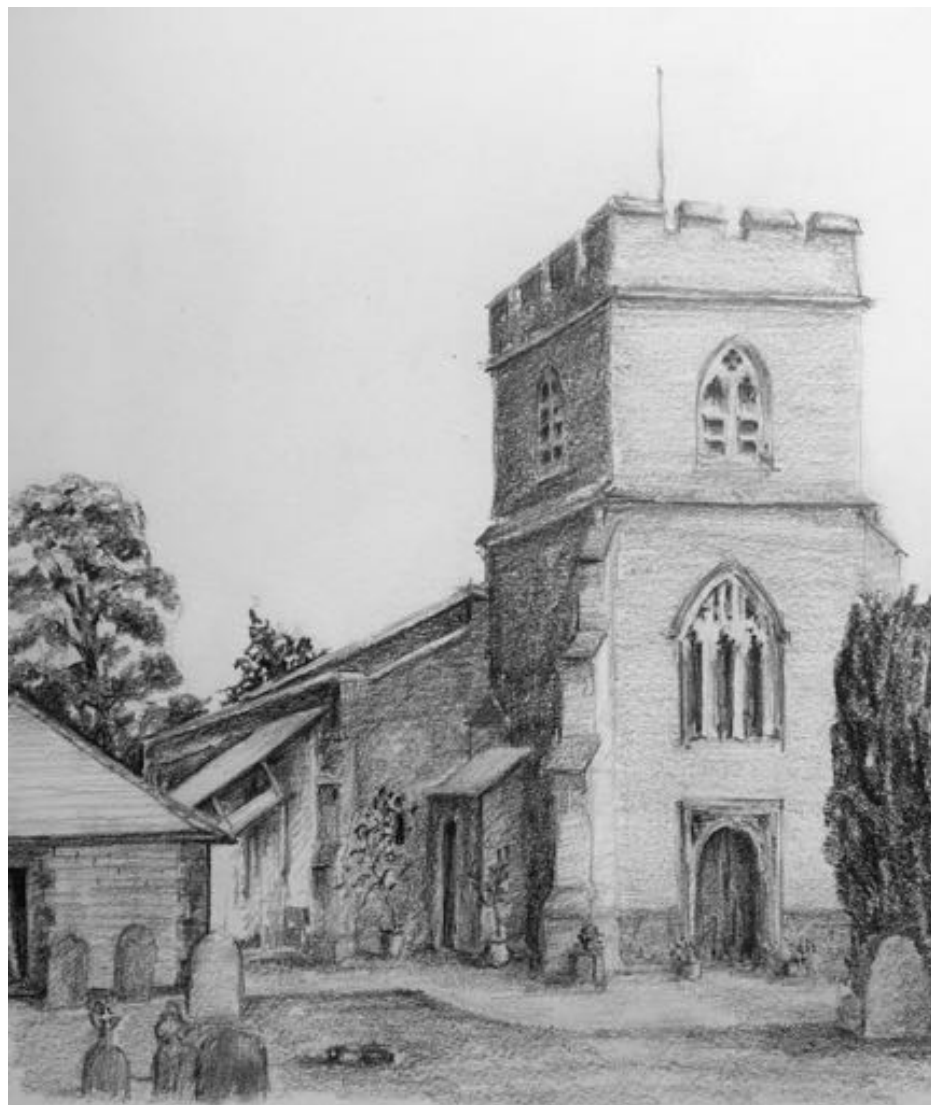


Parish News

St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden

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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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	6.00pm Evensong at Nettleden on the 3 rd Sunday of the month	
	5 th Sunday in the month – Joint Eucharist at 9.00am at	
	Nettleden Church	

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

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Letter taken from the Easter Day Sermon

Dear Friends,

I was reminded recently of the time I went to Sunday School as a child and of the lessons about Moses when he was negotiating the release of the people of Israel from the clutches of Pharaoh in Egypt, centuries before Jesus.

One of the various plagues inflicted by God on the Egyptians was darkness. It's all in chapter 10 of the book of Exodus. The darkness is described as "*a darkness that can be felt*". It is difficult in our over lit, urbanized world, even here, in what passes for rural countryside, to experience real darkness. I am told that if you go caving and you turn off your helmet-light deep underground, the darkness is total and even though disorientating, it is not "a darkness that can be felt".

The darkness that can be felt is a different matter. It is the darkness of nightmares, like the darkness experienced on that first Good Friday between Noon and 3 in the afternoon. The darkness in the depths of our very being, a darkness of soul, of intense uncertainty. It is the sort of darkness being experienced by the people of Ukraine.

On that first Easter morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb; she was in despair, her world was shattered. It was she who had been with Jesus to the bitter end. She had stood at the foot of Jesus' cross and she had watched as the body of Jesus was taken down from the cross, then wrapped and interred in the garden tomb.

Mary's darkness can be felt, creeping, suffocating, and eroding hope. The darkness of death holds her in its grip, her world is over. Whilst darkness apparently dominates, we know that light will dawn, a light like no other, an unearthly light.

In these dark times, the persistence of the Covid epidemic and the dreadful war in Ukraine, we may take comfort in the fact that with God, the dawn always comes. Yes, the night hours are long, but nothing can stop God's daybreak.

As the events described in John 18 unfold, the light gradually brightens and with it the dawning reality of what has happened to Jesus. Almost unnoticed, the light of dawn increases incrementally.

Mary summoned two disciples, having discovered that the stone in front of the tomb where Jesus' body had been placed, had been rolled away and furthermore, his body had disappeared.

Peter and probably John (the beloved disciple) between them begin to understand what has happened on that first Easter morning. The beloved disciple experiences the grey light of dawning realization first, knowing that something significant has happened, without putting it into words.

The two men leave, and Mary weeps alone by the grave. She doesn't know what to believe, except that the body of Jesus is gone and those she ran to for help, have gone home and abandoned her. She's alone. The disciples had run away all too often in the recent past and fear and betrayal had won out again. For Mary, home is Jesus, his death leaves her dislocated, miserable, bereft and alone, even reaching out to the others has failed and lest we forget, it is always darkest just before dawn.

The story moves up a gear with John introducing two angels. They are signposts, messengers and their presence proves that any earthly explanation of what has happened, simply won't do. Mary has watched Jesus die and with his body now missing, the only logical explanation is that someone has stolen it. God though, is not bound by human logic, his kingdom turns things upside down. The last become the first, the outcast becomes the wedding guest and the dead will become the living.

For Mary, this realization has yet to dawn. When she turns and sees Jesus standing behind her, she fits him into her framework of logical understanding - she was in the Garden of Gethsemane, he must be the gardener, of course. There is a delicious irony about this case of mistaken identity, given the many biblical references to God as the gardener. "You're right, Mary, you just don't yet know how right you are."

One word changes it all, as he calls her by name. Suddenly, out of all the darkness, the Light of the World pierces her gloom. Sunlight bathes her. 'Rabboni!', she cries.

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it".

Light has come again, as the Risen Lord breaks through, as he does again and again, piercing the gloom of unbelief, with the searchlight of hope for those first disciples and for us. Jesus calls each of us by name into deeper degrees of trust in his resurrecting light. John chapter 20 beckons us to look again at this

light, meditate on it, basking in it. It shines into the bleakest of places, suffusing, surprising, subverting.

Even for those who try to follow Christ, there are moments of deep darkness, an emptiness, a barrenness of soul, an absence that is like a presence. Unable to feel our way forward, we are reduced to doing nothing. Kneeling in a darkness so dense it can be felt, all we can do is await the light of grace.

As we seek to make sense of this incredibly broken world, in this series of crises of our time; of death and destruction of the innocent, let us hope and pray in the words of the Benedictus that through

“the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us”.

Upon you, and upon me. Happy Easter!

John.

Christian Aid Week 15th – 21st May 2022

Helping to fight the Climate Crisis

The climate crisis is causing hunger for families in Zimbabwe. The combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict and drought have robbed families of the power to provide for their children.

The war in Ukraine is likely to drive food prices up in Zimbabwe and around the globe. Without fertilizer and food – like wheat and cooking oil, that Ukraine and Russia produce - vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger.

Christian Aid is hoping to help set up water taps on farms in Zimbabwe, help the population to grow their own food and provide seeds that thrive in drought conditions.

With every gift, every action, and every prayer, Christian Aid can share hope with those in Zimbabwe, Ukraine and others facing crises around the world.

For more information, visit the Christian Aid website on www.christianaid.org.uk. Funds are being raised in Little Gaddesden with a Strawberry Cream Tea in the Thomas Field Hall. Details on p. 9. Please also see how to donate through the Little Gaddesden e-envelope on page 14.

St PETER AND ST PAUL

Our church in Little Gaddesden is, of course, dedicated to these two saints, and I have often wondered about their relationship.

It can't have got off to a very good start.

Paul, then called Saul, was a Pharisee and, by his own admission, a persecutor of the early Christians in Jerusalem. In around AD35, a few years after the Crucifixion, he assisted at the murder or martyrdom of St Stephen, when he guarded the clothes of those who stoned him. (Acts 7:58) Stephen was part of the leadership of the Jerusalem church which was headed by Peter and by Jesus's brother James.

When, later, Saul became Paul, and proclaimed his conversion on the road to Damascus, it would not be surprising if Peter regarded him with deep wariness.

Yet some years later, at the Council of Jerusalem, it was Peter who brokered the agreement between Paul and the Jerusalem Church which established that circumcision was not an essential requirement for being a Christian. This was the crucial decision which ensured that Christianity became a world-wide faith.

Both saints met their death in Rome, though probably not on the same day, as some traditions suggest. Though the New Testament does not make this clear, it is likely that Peter and Paul were joint leaders of the Church in Rome, which was, of course, the centre of the Empire.

For much of this period Paul was awaiting trial, but it is thought unlikely that he spent all of that time in prison, and there are some suggestions that he went on more missionary journeys, to Spain for example.

Saint Peter was probably executed in the persecution of AD 64, instigated by the then Emperor, Nero. One tradition has it that he was crucified head downwards at his own request. Some scholars believe that Peter's memoirs lie behind the Gospel of St Mark and it is almost certain that St Peter is indeed buried in the great Roman church of that name.

St Paul was executed a little later, possibly in AD 67.

Were the two saints rivals?

The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church calls St Paul “the most powerful human personality in the history of the church”, yet it is St Peter who was called to be the ‘Rock’ on which the church was founded.

Perhaps they were a little like Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, yoked together in a joint mission for change, colleagues but not close friends!

Roger Bolton

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 – please just turn up. For more information, please call Gillian Mullens on 07743 320898.

LENT LUNCHESES

What a joy it was to be doing Lent Lunches in our new Thomas Field Hall! It was a bit of a challenge with several going down with covid, but all went well in the end.

Lots of space in the hall, and the kitchen works very well once everyone got the hang of the switches and whereabouts of all the kit! Thank you to everyone who helped: making soup, washing up, setting up and clearing the hall of tables and chairs.

We do need 3 people at a time, I think, so we need more people to come forward and offer their services. Thank you to all those who came and sampled our soups and gave generously. This year we collected £479 which will go to the Community First Responders. This is a bit up on last year.

Thank you all again.

Virginia Westmacott

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
CALLING ALL CHILDREN
PAINT or DRAW A
PORTRAIT OF OUR
QUEEN



(On A4 paper please, no larger)



TO BE DISPLAYED at the
ART CLUB SUMMER EXHIBITION
on the JUBILEE WEEKEND

Saturday 4th June to Monday 6th June



Please deliver your pictures to Virginia Westmacott at
2 Hudnall Common HP4 1QL by Friday 13th May



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STRAWBERRY



CREAM TEA & CAKE!

SATURDAY 28th MAY



3.00pm – 5.00pm

in THOMAS FIELD HALL

£5

Children under 5 free



Raffle:

Win a Hamper
of goodies

Another Spring, Another Wish List

Whatever else is happening, nature just carries on regardless. Around and about the Easter holidays, kindly zephyrs from the south brought swallows and welcome warmth, allotmenters emerged, blinking, from their dusty sheds and started planting their potatoes. Gardeners flocked to the Garden Centres to stock up with colourful bedding plants..... No! don't be seduced! April and May can still have stings in their tails, hopefully not as cruel as last year, but perhaps best not to cast that clout, or plant that hanging basket out?

Growing more of your own veg this year does look like a plan: geo-political conditions and climate change will affect production and costs of supermarket food more this year (the future?) from King Edwards to cucumbers, forecasters are predicting shortages and higher prices. This is just as nutritionists are now recommending, not just 5 (veg) a day, now updated to 10 a day, but to have different colours and thirty different types of plant matter a WEEK! This does include herbs and spices, of which not a lot is usually needed; who wants a ton of basil on your baked spud and ratatouille? Including the potato, that could be thirteen items, including salt & pepper, say, followed by rhubarb crumble, rhubarb, ginger, orange juice, don't know if sugar counts, best avoid the crumble. And the custard, but that is three more plants. So, do-able.

Much of what vegans eat comes from different regions of the planet: take soya, the only plant which is composed of all of the amino acids comprising complete protein, otherwise only obtainable via animal products. It is transported by cargo ships, mainly from the Americas, a natural and versatile product which lends itself to many and various processes. So, a very profitable crop for the multi nationals benefiting from its cultivation over tens of thousands of single crop acres, having displaced jungle, rainforest, grazing land and otherwise mixed farming. This is how dust bowls are made and bio-diversity is made extinct. Unless soya products are specifically organic, 2% of GM raised crop can be mixed in without any obvious documentation and to my certain knowledge can cause allergic responses in some people. Soya is so ubiquitous, from milk, via edamame beans through to tofu and much more besides that it's not hard to realise just what a massive international commodity it is.

Looking at the (very long) ingredient lists on all convenience food items, I note that most vegan dishes contain yeast and I wonder if this might not be a problem. Whilst it would be great for adding flavour and discouraging mosquitoes, it occurs to me that, for example, if taking antibiotics this might create an imbalance of yeasts in the gut? Obviously sorted with the plethora of pro-biotic sugary dairy desserts also available. Win, win for those companies. Just asking. Pizzas usually are high in yeast, (even when sporting some tomato paste and an olive towards your daily veg tally) as is supermarket cut bread mainly manufactured using the Chorleywood method which continues to ferment in the gut, thus creating more yeasts. A good reason to try sourdough I guess.

Our beautiful countryside has developed organically over centuries of arable and livestock farming around villages which provided the workers and ancillary trades. Along with hunting, shooting and fishing, everything had a purpose: hedgerows, meadows, footpaths, coppices (copses) charcoal making, wheelwrights, forges and farriers amongst others. Animals are a necessary part of that inheritance and without them none of the above would exist, just a land infested by thorny scrub which would be as impenetrable as any jungle and rather less productive, unless you have a particular hawthorn hip habit. Grass retains carbon, as grazed by animals and it's all beautifully balanced out by nature, so, a few sheep farting really won't be the end of the world, that's more likely to be influenced by the moving around the world of massive carriers of soya, avocado etc. Balance is the byword!

Josie Jeffrey

A Special Thank You

I was quite overwhelmed by the kind wishes for my 90th birthday and the card and magnificent cake, given to me on Easter Sunday. Thank you all very much indeed. It is a great privilege to belong to the church family of St Peter and St Paul, L.G.

Barbara Day



The Parish Church of
St Peter Great Berkhamsted



PILGRIMAGE

As part of the 800th anniversary celebrations at St Peter's, three events are being organised around the theme of 'Pilgrimage'. As pilgrims walk together, they interact with other pilgrims, sharing life stories and experiences, and hopefully in some way become changed people. The three events below are really one, and if possible, though not essential, it is best to take part in all three to experience something of the deep meaning of pilgrimage.

Fr David is organising these events. All the events are open to anyone interested in exploring what lies behind Christian pilgrimage.

- Event 1:** *Viewing* - Film 'The Way', starring Martin Sheen and James Nesbitt to be screened at St Peter's. This is the story of a number of men who embark on the famous Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage route in Spain.
- Event 2:** *Walking* - A mini pilgrimage from St Peter's Church to the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden.
- Event 3:** *Reflecting* - A day's reflection on the theme of pilgrimage.
The venue to be announced.

The first event, the film 'The Way' is scheduled to be shown in the Court House of St Peter's on Friday 20th May 2022 in the evening. Seating is limited. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.org.uk or call 07506 072 883 and leave a message with your contact details.

If you are unable to attend Event 1 but are interested in the other 2 events, please contact the Parish Office confirming your interest and details:

- E) churchoffice@greatberkhamsted.co.uk
M) 07506 072 883

**LITTLE GADDESSEN
ART CLUB**

EXHIBITION

SAT 4th JUNE 10.30am – 6.00pm

SUN 5th JUNE 10.30am – 6.00pm

and

MON 6th JUNE 11.00am – 6.00pm

**LITTLE GADDESSEN
VILLAGE HALL**

Refreshments

**Display of portraits of our Queen painted by
the children of the Village**

My Secret Place

I have a place, a secret place, it's hidden, not far away,
I go there when I'm troubled, or just on a sunny day,
It's near an oak, a hollow oak, its branches gnarled and old,
So many years it's watched this place, its secrets to unfold,
And here stands a holly, her skirts just skimming ground,
You could hide in there for always and you would not be found,
But that's not the secret, you have to leave the path and walk
A little further, past a secret glade where silent creatures stalk,
And sun kissed butterflies and honeysuckle tease
And tall spikes of purple foxglove stand stately in the breeze.

Here's a glade with butter coloured and silver silken leaves,
That shimmer in the scented air where a bee its magic weaves,
As I find a grassy bank, just to sit and stare,
See the lilies in the pond, the trees reflected there,
My secret place, I share with dragon flies and deer,
Where yellow iris gleam and glow, their golden hour is here,
A swallow skims the surface, hunts so gracefully
And, it seems, a tiny frog wants to share the grass with me,
Not far away, the ramblers pass, rushing back to base,
They do not see me here, for I am in my secret place.

Josie Jeffrey July 2010

Christian Aid Week 15th-21st May

This year we will again be raising funds through an online e-envelope rather than house to house collections. Last year over £1,400 was donated through Little Gaddesden's e-envelope and we are very much hoping to exceed that figure this year.

If you would like to donate, please go
to: <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/littlegaddesdenchurch>.

We will also have collections in Church on 15th and 21st May.

Annabelle Grassini

CHILDREN'S PAGE

SPRING IS HERE !



Have you noticed the birds? All of a sudden they seem to be everywhere, picking up food, busy looking for nesting places. They have their smartest feathers now, at the beginning of a new season and they flash bright colours in the sunshine.

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How many birds can you identify? Here are four you can find in any garden, all about the same size, but looking very different. Unscramble the letters to find their names, then colour them in and see how beautiful they are.



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There are a great many different birds which we can see in our village because we are so close to woods and fields. Keep your eyes open over the next few weeks because you will also see other birds who only come here in the summer months—swallows, warblers, cuckoos and flycatchers are some of

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There are 3 important places in the Bible where a special bird is named.

Look at Genesis Ch.8, verses 8-12,
St Matthew Ch.3 verse 16 and St Luke
Ch.3 verse 22. What is the bird?

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STRATFORD, EAST LONDON, Part 2: THE STATION NOW AND ITS ENVIRONS

Stratford railway station has a layout like no other. It is worth seeing from the glass-walled broad pedestrian bridge which flies over eleven upper-level platforms. For my diagram to show their function I have lined the platforms up, equalized lengths, squared off ends and straightened curves. If we regard Liverpool Street direction as south, then platforms 3, 4a and 4b extend the furthest south, platform 12 extends furthest north, and the others are staggered in various degrees. The southern end of platform 10a is roughly level with the northern end of platform 8. There are eight more platforms which you may not be able to see from the bridge, six being down at ground level like the southeast entrance and ticket hall.

The footbridge described above does not give access to any platforms but enables pedestrians to get from one side of the station to the other without entering it. The two entrances to the station are near to each end of this bridge.

Last month I described Stratford railways as they were in 1902 (and some history of Stratford Marsh). In 2020 most of those lines are still in use, with variations and changed companies.

New Trains on Old Paths

2022	1902
Transport for London: Liverpool St – Stratford – Shenfield	Great Eastern (G.E.)
London Overground: Stratford – Gospel Oak etc	North London Rly
Docklands Lt Rly: Stratford – Poplar	Mainly N. London Rly
Docklands Lt Rly: Stratford – Canning Town	G.E: N.Woolwich Rly
Jubilee Line: Stratford – Canning Town	G.E: N.Woolwich Rly
Central Line: Stratford – Epping	G.E: Ongar branch
Greater Anglia: Liverpool St – Stratford – most other stations in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex	Great Eastern
Goods trains: Various routes	Using most parts of the 1902 routes
Central Line: Stratford – Liverpool St	NEW (1946) tunnel via Mile End

The station has two other curious features:

Southbound Central line trains arrive on a single track between platforms 3 and 3a, and the doors are opened on both sides at once. and,

Platform 10 has a track which takes trains in both directions. Shortly after watching a long slow container train trundle through from the Harwich direction, a Greater Anglia passenger train came in from the opposite direction and stopped on its way to Braintree or Harwich. Then another goods train came in from the east. The points and loops in the tracks make it possible for goods trains to travel on in several directions including via Camden onto the line through Berkhamsted, where we often see such trains.

If you arrive at one of the upper-level platforms, you will find the exit indicated via stairways and a lift down to a circuit of subways which give access to all the other platforms and to both exits, where you reach the only ticket barriers. Step-free access to the street is advertised for all platforms, but not always through the train doors.

The north-west exit

This is the way to the Westfield shopping malls, plenty of eating places, and to the Olympic Park with its various sports venues and gardens. The shopping centre has two levels linked by an escalator and lift: the station exit leads into the lower level as well as Montfichet Road, and the high footbridge leads directly into the upper level, which in turn leads through many of the shops and out into the Olympic Park.

The south-east exit

This is the way into the town. The main road here is Great Eastern Road. Right next to the railway station is the bus station. Across the road is the entrance to another shopping mall, the Stratford Centre. A walk straight through this arcade brings you to the old town centre called Broadway. You will immediately see a very tall obelisk put up in memory of local martyrs of the Tudor period. To your left Broadway widens into a long triangle with the traffic to the right side and a pedestrian area to the left, with shops (but watch out for speeding bicycles).

At the far end where the triangle is widest the parish church of St John stands in the middle. It is a large yellow-brick building with a complex skyline including a spire. The outside is mostly protected by fencing and locked gates, except for an area of garden, but there is one accessible entrance on the north side. There is a door with a window and a bell-push to the side inviting your entrance. I tried this, and was quickly let in and welcomed to look around. The interior is very beautiful, clean, light and spacious. A weekly newsletter showed this to be a very active church. On the fourth Sunday of Lent there was an 11 am and a 6.30 pm Communion. The morning one was described as a Service, and the evening one as a "Fellowship". Also a Thursday Communion at 12.40 pm. Evening Prayer is held every weekday at 6 pm. There are groups for children divided into four age ranges. A church café is used as a "Healing Café" on certain Sundays for free tea, coffee, chat, prayer and mentoring. Upcoming events included a Lent Course on Zoom, an Evangelism Outreach on alternate Saturdays in the churchyard, and a "Prayer Walk". This latter appeared to be a way of bringing the neighbourhoods of the parish to the attention of the congregation, as it specified April 27th (a Wednesday) for five specific local streets which comprise a convenient block.

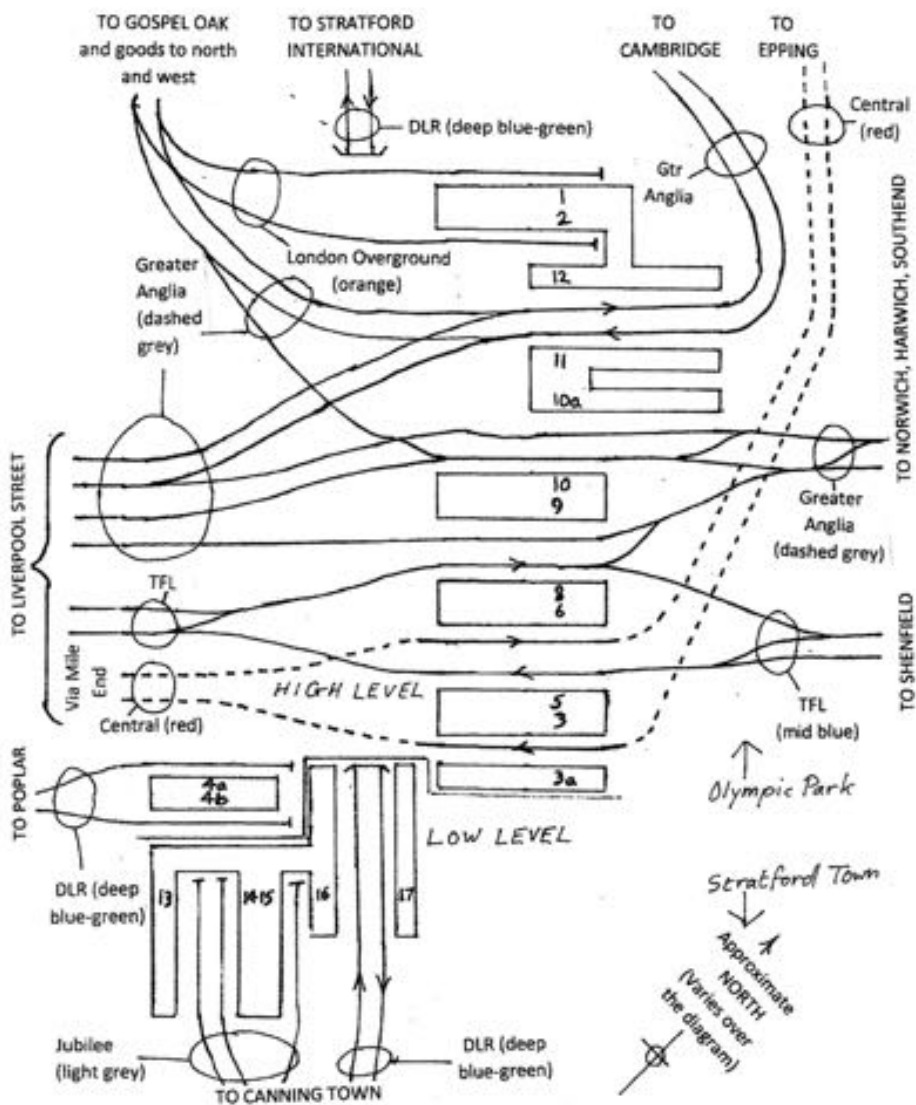
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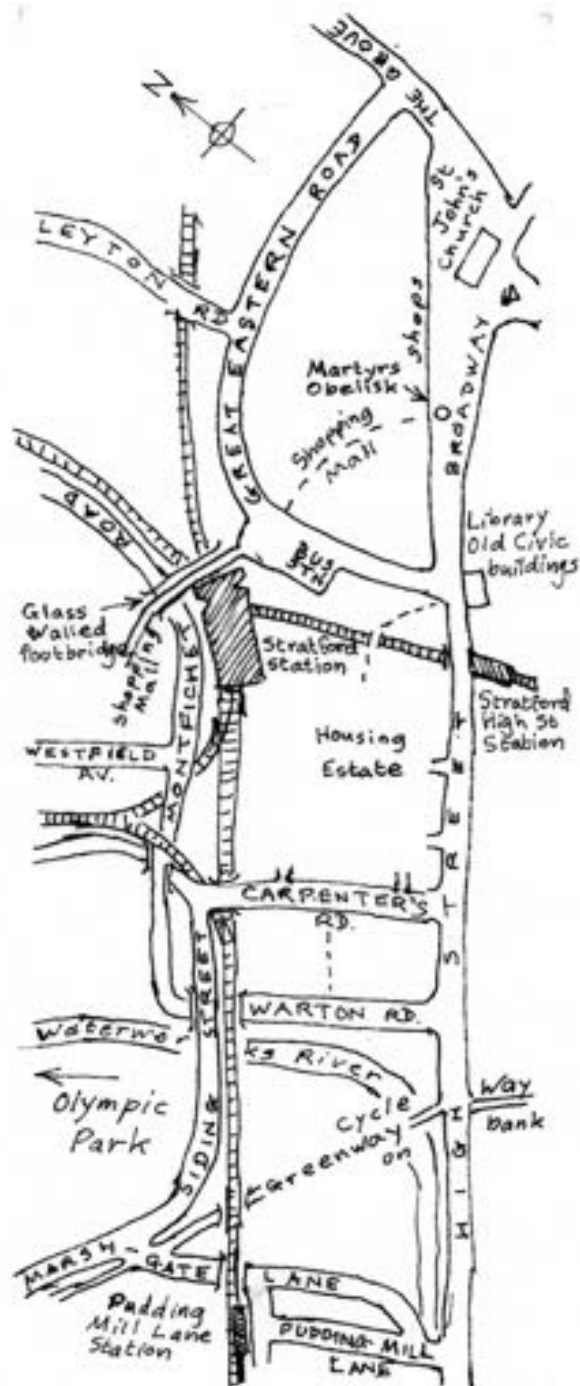
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1 st April	Funeral and burial	Brenda Ferguson
13 th April	Memorial Service	Martin Bryant
23 rd April	Holy Matrimony	Daniel Boot-Handford and Laura Roberts

SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF STRATFORD STATION

This diagram is improved if you go over the tracks with the conventional colours suggested





THE SIEGE OF TROY

Paris son of Priam, affronts great Sparta's pride,
Abducts the fairest Helen, Menelaus' bride,
Agamemnon, Mycenae's king, Atreus' warlike son,
Gathers many heroes, thus the Trojan Wars begun.

Odysseus rallied, for the call was always fated,
And for so many years, faithful Penelope waited.
Then bold Achilles, both blessed and bitterly cursed,
Mourned the death of Patroclus, warrior and lover first.

But while Trojans drank and tossed the dice,
The siege was broken by cunning Greek device,
Troy was sacked, a city burned, the besieged all lying dead,
So, 'Beware of Greeks, even bearing gifts',
As the Poet said.

Over centuries the myths and legends grew,
Until modern archaeology proved that myth as true.
Still true today, civilizations lie pillaged, raped and burned,
And year on year we mourn those lost, the lesson not yet learned.

Josie Jeffrey. 8/9/13



PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND

2nd – 5th June 2022

Details of what is planned in the village will be
given in the June edition of the magazine
and advertised around the village.

Events will mostly take place on the playing fields
on Sunday afternoon from 2.00pm.

The church will be open to view vestments, silver
and historical documents on Saturday afternoon, 2.00-5.00pm.

Refreshments will be available.



Berkhamsted Walk

Raising funds for The Children's Society

Sunday 8th May 2022



Choose the walk that suits you
for a great day out in the beautiful
Chiltern countryside around Berkhamsted

6, 12 and 18 mile walk options



#berkhamstedwalk

For details and to register online:

www.berkhamstedwalk.com

Prayer Page

I weave a silence on to my lips my mine my heart.

Calm me, O Lord,
as you stilled the storm.

Still me, O Lord,
keep me from harm.

Let all the tumult within me cease.

Enfold me, Lord, in your peace

Amen

The Vision for Action Prayer

Almighty God and heavenly Father,
open our eye to see you at work in our world:
grant us wisdom in using our gifts,
grace to enliven our churches,
and courage to transform our communities.

By your Holy Spirit,
equip us for the challenge ahead,
excite us to follow your vision and empower us in witness and service.
To you be the glory through Jesus our Saviour and mighty Redeemer.

Amen

Call to worship from Christian Aid

Let us come to the river
and be like trees planted by streams of water,
putting our roots down deep into God's word,
bearing good fruit that will last
not withering from fatigue,
stretching out to receive
and be a source of healing.

Amen

CHURCH SERVICES – MAY

I Sunday 1st May, Easter 3		
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 8th May, Easter 4		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Nettleden
9.30am	Café Church	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Café Church	Great Gaddesden
III Sunday 15th May, Easter 5		
9.30am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
6.00pm	Evensong	Nettleden
IV Sunday 22nd May, Easter 6		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Nettleden
9.30am	Parish Communion (with Sunday School)	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden
IV Sunday 29th May, Easter 7 / Sunday after Ascension		
9.00am	Joint Parish Communion with Jonathan Smith, The Ven former Archdeacon of St Albans	Nettleden
I Sunday 5th June, Pentecost Platinum Jubilee Weekend Celebration		
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Nettleden
9.30am	Parish Communion	Little Gaddesden
11.00am	Parish Communion	Great Gaddesden

Mid-Week Services		
Tuesdays	9.00am Holy Communion	Great Gaddesden
Thursdays	10.00am Holy Communion	Little Gaddesden

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