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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
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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 (sometimes with Sunday School)
6.00pm Evening Worship on 1st Sunday of the month,
6.00pm Evensong at Nettleden on the 3rd Sunday of the month
5th 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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Dear Friends,

As you read this, the long-awaited Platinum Jubilee Holiday will be upon us. Marking the start of the celebrations, will be the lighting of beacons across the country.

What do you think of when you think of a beacon? Some are semi-permanent structures with big metal baskets on poles, others are huge bonfires, lit at strategic points. We are lucky enough to have just such a situation in Great Gaddesden, just below Gaddesden Place, across the valley from the Vicarage, where there will be a bonfire lit on the evening of the 2nd June.

In recent times, beacons have been lit to mark national celebrations, they were lit for Prince Charles and Lady Diana's wedding and more recently, for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, but lighting beacons is an ancient way of signalling special news placed for obvious reasons at high points on the landscape. For centuries across the world, all sorts of important news has travelled quickly via beacons. It may well be that the site of Little Gaddesden Church with its very tall Scots pines was just such a high point used for sending news of important events.

We might like to think of Jesus' ministry as a single light which lit a beacon of hope for the world, amid the betrayal and disloyalty that surrounded him. The Word of God in human form, shone a light in the darkness of the world centuries ago and is even now the only real hope for a darkened world. For Jesus' disciples that light, that hope, was something to remember and hold on to in the chaos of the days ahead, not only when Jesus would be crucified, but also post resurrection, when all would seem lost and persecution was the order of the day.

It is a light, a single light, that lights a beacon, and that light can be fanned into a blaze. After Jesus had ascended into heaven, the disciples knew they had no time to lose to capture the light and fan the flames of hope and love for the world, there was no point in moping around, there was a job to be done.

God is calling everyone into his kingdom, even those who used to be considered 'outsiders'. There are no outsiders anymore and this is the good news of Jesus Christ, this is the purpose of the beacon. God's love for the world has already been expressed by drawing 'in' all sorts of people, who used to be 'out' and through Jesus, we know that human notions of what is right and proper have been turned upside down.

In the Revelation to St John, the vision of a new heaven and new earth, where God makes his home with all people, where there will be light forever, is the outworking of that flame lit 2000 years ago.

We are called by Jesus Christ, by his beacon call, to *love one another as he has loved us*. The English language does not do the words justice; this is not romantic or sentimental love, it is tough and courageous, committed and sacrificial. Like those first disciples, we are called to light beacons to BE beacons of hope and reconciliation, by our lives, actions, words and prayers. Not easy I know, but what finer example do we have than the person of Queen Elizabeth II?

The challenge therefore is, how might you light a beacon for someone? What could you do, or say, or pray, that might help another person to begin to experience the love of God? This call to pray, is not for the faithful few, it is for absolutely all of us, young or old, rich or poor, of any gender or orientation.

One way to prepare for this, is to ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as to whom or for what you should pray and listen for the answer however it comes. Above all, be reassured that God loves you and is calling you, there are no people 'in' or 'out'.

Let us all pray that at this most difficult and challenging time at home and abroad, that we can be beacons of hope, embracing change and enabling peace and reconciliation; that is our hope, that is our calling.

I am yours in Christ,
John.

THE QUEEN (A day in the life of)

Ambitious politicians and an attention seeking 'Star',
Do – gooders and civic bigwigs (often too well fed by far),
Social climbers, despots, crooks and painted clowns,
Well hatted ladies in M&S or expensive designer gowns.

Business men in suits that are straining at the seams,
Highlighting their charities but not their get rich schemes,
An earnest child with a posy of gaily coloured flowers,
Who ignores the jealous classmate who lurks behind and glowers.

A cheerful bunch of workers who've raised a tidy sum,
To ease the painful days of a colleague's dying Mum,
The dedicated staff in the cosy hospice setting,
And self important policy wonks responsible for vetting.

Crowds of selfie taking Subjects, cheering, smiling, waving,
Joined together in national pride they spill across the paving,
They've been waiting patiently since the early hours,
Wearing paper crowns and anoraks, sporting Union Jacks and flowers.

All are acknowledged graciously with tireless attention,
From loyal and humble citizens to those bent on some dissension,
With endless charm and patience for the shyest to the overweening keen,
It's another working day for our ninety six years young and much beloved
Queen.

Josie Jeffrey. 13/05/2016.
updated. May 2022

Pilgrimage

On 14th June at 7:30pm in the Thomas Field Hall, Annabelle Grassini will talk about her experience of walking the Camino from St Jean Pied de Port in France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain last year. This is a journey of over 500 miles. Roger Bolton will also talk about the background to a mini-pilgrimage to St Margaret's planned for 20th July (see preliminary details on page 8).

ROUGH JUSTICE IN LITTLE GADDESSEN

This is the story of two men, Patrick Bartlett and Daniel Sams. One of them was a criminal, and the other..?

At the beginning of the eighteen hundreds, Patrick Barlet(t), a surgeon born in Banff in Scotland, had taken a long lease on the Manor House in the village, which he called Little Gaddesden Priory, though the house had no religious history. He also had a fine London house at 9, Nottingham Place in Marylebone, north London. The Manor House was his country seat, where he spent much of the spring, summer, and autumn. He was described as a 'gentleman farmer'.

Patrick became a respected member of the community, often invited over to dinner at Ashridge with his friend the Earl of Bridgewater, and visited by the former American Vice president, Aaron Burr (the one who shot Alexander Hamilton), who was staying in a now demolished house next door to Bartlett's country home. Burr was much impressed with his new friend, dined with him frequently, and called Bartlett and his family, "amiable and interesting".

When fears of a Napoleonic invasion grew, the earl formed a troop of volunteer cavalry under his command. Joseph Halsey of Great Gaddesden was appointed Lieutenant, and Patrick Bartlett was cornet. Bartlett also became an overseer of the poor in Little Gaddesden and a churchwarden. The church memorial to his patron says the earl was "a blessing to the country around him....in improving the morals of the poor". Doubtless Patrick assisted him in his noble endeavours.

After a long and successful life Patrick Bartlett died in 1830 aged 78 and was buried in the cemetery of St John's Wood church, close to Regent's Park. There is an admiring memorial to him in that London church.

If Patrick Bartlett was near the top of the social scale, Daniel Sams was near the bottom. He was born in Ivinghoe to a family of poor labourers, who later moved to Frithsden. In 1844, at the age of 27, he stole 6 cock fowls, worth 6 pence, from Emma Peppercorn of Little Gaddesden. He was tried at Michaelmas at Herts Quarter Sessions and sentenced to be transported for 7 years. While waiting for a ship to take him to Australia, he was incarcerated for 6 years in a prison hulk in the Medway before, in 1850, he was taken aboard HMS Neptune destined for Van Diemen's Land, now called Tasmania. All for stealing 6 hens.

(His case was not unusual. Boys as young as 10 were transported, as were two young men, who, late one Saturday night, left an inn in Hertfordshire and went joyriding on 2 donkeys. Another man was arrested and transported for carrying a gun on the land of the local squire. He may well have been a poacher, but he was caught empty handed. No matter.) A year later, according to the 1851 census, Daniel's family members were still labouring on farms in the area, one step away from the workhouse.

In his will, the very respectable Patrick Bartlett left a great deal of money.

Where had it come from?

The good doctor had made it in the Caribbean where he had purchased a large number of the over 3,000 slaves working for the cotton producing estates in Carriacou, a small island to the north of Grenada. Bartlett owned at least 500 slaves. He also had three 'natural' sons there, to whom he left £50 each in his will. These sons would be the result of relationships with his slaves, who doubtless had to do whatever their master demanded. The source of Bartlett's wealth would have been known to the earl and the other churchwardens and overseers of the poor in Little Gaddesden, and indeed to Aaron Burr, but it clearly did not affect Patrick's social standing, or the respect in which he was held as a good Christian gentleman. He seems to have had a long and happy life.

(Four years after his death, in 1834, slavery was abolished in Britain and most of its colonies. Slave owners, not slaves, were compensated.)

Part of his memorial in St John's Wood church reads as follows;-

"Animated by the love of Christian duty,
His life was enabled to prove,
How blessed is the Man,
Whose goings the Lord ordereth...

Not forgotten by the Redeemer,
In whose merits alone he trusted,
And by whom the Righteous
Shall be had in everlasting remembrance".

It was placed there by his grateful heir.

What happened to Daniel Sams after his terrible ordeal in the Medway hulks, the long months of his sea journey to the other side of the world, and his period of confinement in Tasmania?

On the 18th May 1863, aged 48, he married an 18 year old Tasmanian girl, Eliza Horton, in Castlemaine, Victoria, a gold rush boomtown which had been founded 12 years earlier in 1851. They had 15 children in 21 years, the last when Daniel was 69. He was making up for lost time. He died 3 years later in 1887. Eliza lived on until 1921.

New world, new life, new hope.

Modern day critics are sometimes accused of unfairly judging 'good Christian gentlemen' like Patrick Bartlett by present day standards, rather than those of his time, but many of his contemporaries were aware of the evils of slavery. This is what the poet William Cowper (1731-1800), born in Berkhamsted, wrote :-

“ I own I am shock'd at the purchase of slaves,
And fear those who buy and sell them are knaves,
What I hear of their hardships, their tortures, and groans;
Is almost enough to draw pity from stones.

I pity them greatly, but I must be mum,
For how could we do without sugar and rum?
Especially sugar, so needful we see?
What give up our desserts, our coffee, and tea!

ROGER BOLTON

Advance Notice:

On the evening of the feast day of St Margaret of Antioch - Wednesday July 20th at 6pm, there will be a Pilgrimage walk from Little Gaddesden Church to an area near to the site of St Margaret's in Bosco, the Ivinghoe Benedictine Priory, at St Margaret's, Great Gaddesden. There will be opportunities on the way to pause for reflection and an act of worship will be held at the end of the journey. Please join us if you can for the walk or meet us at St Margaret's. For more details contact Heather Tisbury, Heather@greatgaddesdenchurch.com

Platinum Jubilee Fun Day & Summer Fair

Sponsored by Oakleys Estate Agents



Sunday 5th June - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Kids Royal Crown Parade - meet at the Church at 1:30pm

- School Summer Fair
- Bouncy Castle and Inflatable Assault Course
- Soap Box Derby
- Pony Rides
- Village Market stalls
- Café and Cake Stall
- Dog Show
- Maypole Dancing
- Ice Cream Van
- Strawberries & Cream
- Candy Floss
- Bar and Barbeque
- Kids Crafts and Games
- Face Painting
- Special Commemorative Mugs

Art Club Exhibition in the village hall Saturday, Sunday and Monday 4th-6th June

Church Historical Display and teas in the Church on Saturday 4th June

Church bells will ring at 9am on Sunday 5th June to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee



PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND

Saturday 4th June

2.00pm – 5.00pm

The church will be open to view vestments,
silver and historical documents.

Trips up the Tower (last trip 4.30pm).

Refreshments will be available. All welcome.

The Little Gaddesden Charities Report for 2021

The aim of the Charity as defined in the Charity Commissioners' "Scheme" which regulates its activities is to:-

"Relieve either generally or individually, persons resident in the Parish of Little Gaddesden who are in need, hardship or distress, by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to redress the need, hardship or distress of such persons"

The Trustees during 2021 were:

The Team Vicar of Little Gaddesden Church - Reverend John Russell,
(Chairman)

Mrs Jane Murray

Mrs Kathryn Magson as representative of the Parish Council (from May 17th 2021)

Mrs Pat Catchpole

Mr David Willmin nominated by Ashridge College (from May 17th 2021)
(Mrs Pat Catchpole acted as Secretary and Treasurer)

The Accounts were examined by Hillier Hopkins, Chartered Accountants of Watford. The expenditure for the year was £565

The strictest confidentiality is observed in the handling of requests for assistance and details about cases are never made public in any form. Any of the Trustees, however will be glad to answer questions of a general nature on how the charity operates.

Pat Catchpole

**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**

Thank you

Thank you all so much for your kindness, support and prayers during John's illness and since his death. We have both greatly appreciated the messages, phone calls, cards and offers of help which so encouraged John during his "lease extension" and continue to be a great support to me now. His funeral and cremation will be in London on 1st June and there will be a service for him in Little Gaddesden on Wednesday 8th June at 12 noon.

Jane Dickson

BEE HIVE YOURSELF!

I have been amazed to learn that there are 275 types of bee native to the British Isles, many of which are in danger of extinction. They are not aggressive and in fact pollinate far more species than the honey bee which are really not in trouble, but of course, compete for food with the wild bees and also can spread hive based diseases to the wild population. I can think of mason bees (they don't cause any structural damage,) red tailed bumble bees, white tailed bumble bees, solitary bees, but there's another 270 types! Crikey. So, the bottom line is from the point of view of healthy bio diverse countryside, gardens and food production more must be done in order to maintain the survival of the wild bee population which do not swarm and are not aggressive.

Generally, the insect population over recent years has really tanked, 60% lower by some accounts: do you recall when, after a trip in the car the windscreen was covered in kamikaze insects? Now, nothing. This has unexpected knock-ons; less food for birds such as swallows, martins and swifts, wrens, blue tits; so many feed their young on insects, plus bats and other species such as frogs, a whole chain. Some of these insects are, of course, bees and we really do need them. A big problem are badgers, which in addition to annihilating the hedgehog population, also dig up the ground nesting bees as they are partial to the honey.

I have been reading an article in The Daily Telegraph of Saturday 7th May which features the 'Bee Whisperer' Jean Vernon whose recent book, "Attracting Garden Pollinators" (White Owl, £25) contains much important information about our native bees in particular. It is easy to make nesting opportunities by tying together short lengths of bamboo and placing them somewhere in the garden where it is sheltered and dry. Garden Centres sell bee houses; good birthday or Christmas presents?

As for plants, flowering shrubs are so much more effective than using the same ground space growing flowers. Something like privet in a hedge is beloved of bees, if not good for my hayfever (I'll brave it out) and I learn that the ribes shrub, that is, blackcurrant, and I think, the old-fashioned flowering current, weigela (?) supplies many times the pollen than an equivalent patch of primroses (but we need them as well). Another good flower is erysimum the wallflower plant that is perennial, it's lovely, has a scent and flowers early,

what's not to like? It's easy to have flowering and beautifully scented shrubs pretty well year-round and you will see bees on them on winter days too.

Unfortunately, many of the bedding plants bought for summer pots and borders, are sterile, particularly such as petunias and busy lizzies, so are of no use to our buzzy little friends. I note that they take to lobelia, I do like a hanging basket with some light blue lobelia trailing over the edges. Herbs such as thyme (get a supermarket pot and re-pot it) rosemary, lavender and marjoram are really useful and our little friends love herbs and in particular, marjoram: I have some on the allotment (let me know if you want some) and it gets covered in butterflies: tortoiseshells, peacocks, commas, blues, painted ladies, as well as many types of bee. It's amazing. *Verbena bonariensis* is also brilliant.

Why not leave your lawn a little longer? Birdsfoot trefoil is not invasive, is pretty and is beloved of bees and butterflies, as are daisies and clover. Having a pile of bricks or tiles with spaces, and making a habitat pile with prunings, all of which can be tucked away behind a shed or under a hedge, are super places to shelter and to nest. Hedges are brilliant, but not if they are something sterile like laurel. There's lots of information out there and until June 5th you can participate in an interactive programme on encouraging bees to your garden at Wisley RHS Gardens. A good way to interest children in bees and I bet they will soon learn to identify more types than my five!

Josie Jeffrey

From the Registers:

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| 26 th April | Funeral | Daphne Geater |
| 28 th April | Funeral | Joseph Clayton |
| 30 th April | Holy Matrimony | Joshua Waters and Kayleigh Green |
| 7 th May | Burial of Ashes | Dan Graham |
| 8 th May | Holy Baptism | Henry Hopkinson |
| 21 st May | Holy Baptism | Laura McCann |
| 21 st May | Holy Baptism | Freddie Smith |

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Nearly all churches are named after a Saint. Our church is named after two. Find their names by writing down the letter before each letter in the alphabet making the words below:

Saint **Q F U F S** _ _ _ _ _ and Saint **Q B V M** _ _ _ _ _

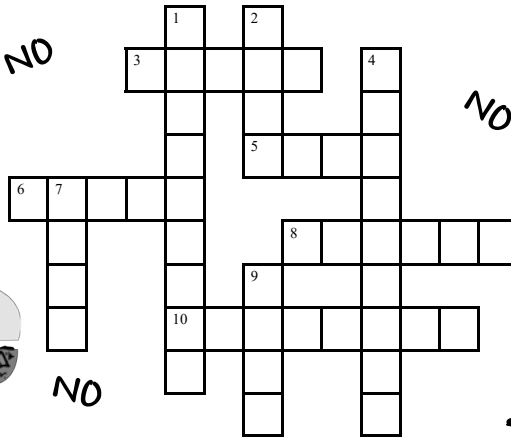
What do you know about the first Saint? Here is a quiz with the answers making a crossword.



NO



NO



NO



CLUES ACROSS

3. This was his other name. (5) (*Matthew ch 4 v. 18*)
5. Jesus said to him, 'I will give you the _____ of the Kingdom of heaven' (4) (*Matthew ch 16 v. 19*)
6. Before the crucifixion, in the courtyard, how many times did he say 'no' he didn't know Jesus? (5) (*John ch 18 v. 27*)
8. See the clue for 7 down.
10. What were the men called whom Jesus had chosen as his special friends to tell everyone about him after he had gone up to heaven? (8) (*Acts ch. 1 v. 2*)

CLUES DOWN

1. What was he before he followed Jesus? (9) (*Luke ch 5 v. 2*)
2. Before the crucifixion, in the courtyard, what bird crowed after he had said 'no' he didn't know Jesus? (4) (*John ch 18 v. 27*)
4. Jesus special friends were called this. (9) (*Mark ch 1 v. 29*)
7. and 8 Across. On the day of Pentecost, what came like a rushing wind and filled everyone, when fire sat on their heads? (4,6) (*Acts Ch. 2 v. 4*)
9. Jesus said to him, 'you are a _____' (4) (*Matthew ch 16 v. 18*)

Use a Good News Bible to find the right words.

STRATFORD, EAST LONDON, Part 3: THE OLYMPIC PARK

The Olympic Park is not like other London Parks. It is split down the middle by the River Lee and the Waterworks River. They are deep and wide. (Think of the wider reaches of the Grand Union Canal in the Watford area.) This barrier is crossed by nine bridges in the park but some are closed and others are hard to access due to steep changes in ground levels.

I will give you a tour starting from the Stratford station north-west exit. We enter the Westfield shopping centre by the upper level mall, "The Street". We go straight on as far as a Y junction, fork left into the open, past all the international restaurants into a wide pedestrian route with the big round stadium visible quite a long way ahead. Then we cross an ordinary road, Westfield Avenue, and soon come to the Aquatic Centre on our left. This is an arena under cover for swimming and diving.

A choice of levels now confronts us with the river below and a bridge ahead. Steps lead down to the near side of the river, from which we can follow the bank to the south but not the north. Toilets and a small snack bar are accessible through the entrance to the Aquatic Centre. The path to the south provides a view to the opposite bank which is quite steep, but attractively planted with terraced flower beds and small shrubs.

We cross the river by the next bridge. This one is level with the river-side walk. Now we are on the west bank where there is much more to explore. Nearby is a tower which looks as though it's built from tangled rusty scrap bent scaffolding, partly wrapped in something made of wood. This is proudly called the Arcelor Mittal Orbit. It is more functional than it looks. Sometimes you can go up it.

If we go north, we can either stay down at riverside level or slant up the bank by the nearest pathway to reach the west side of the bridge which we chose not to cross earlier. This is on the same level as the stadium.

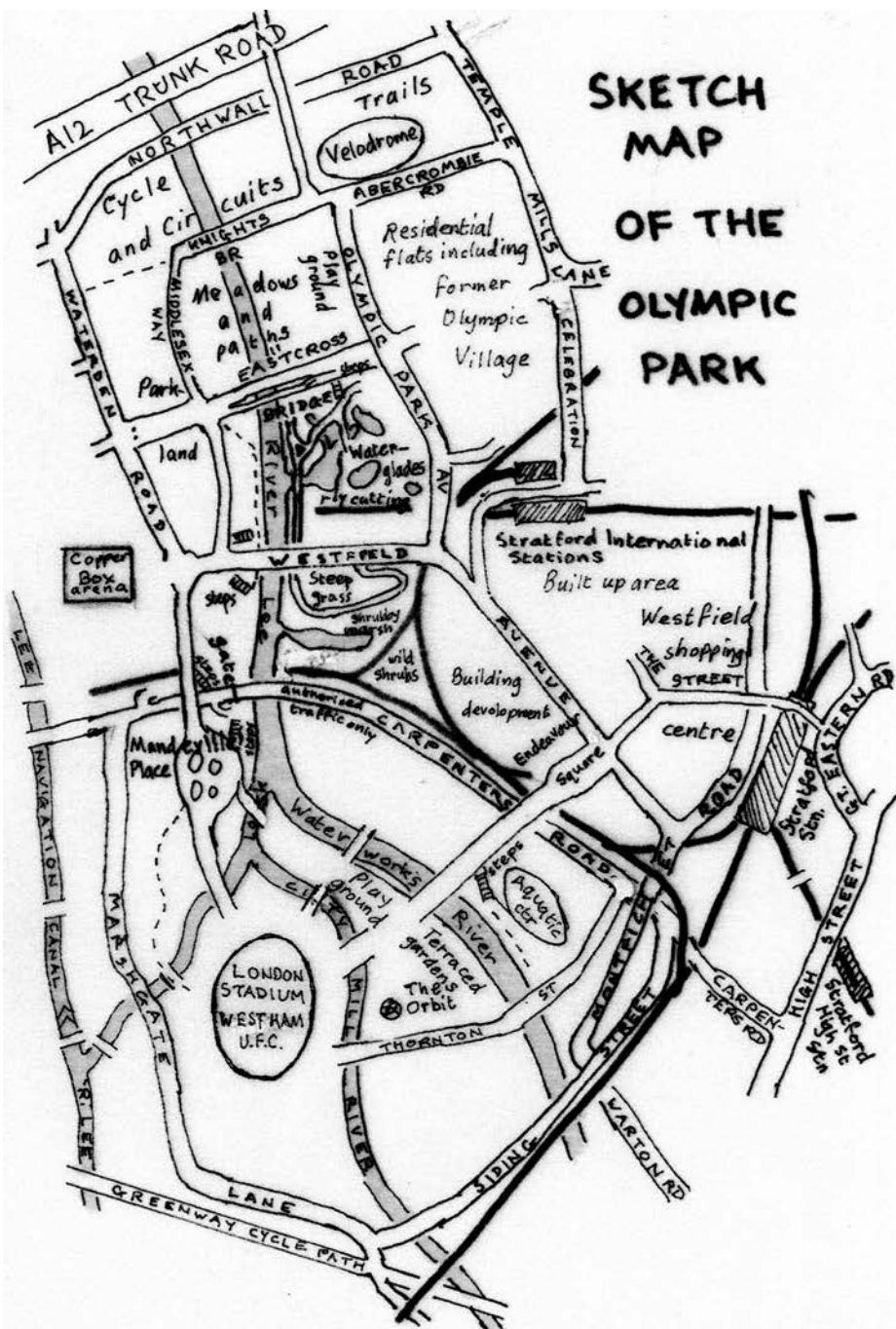
Beware! We are now venturing into a zone where any path, stairway or bridge might be blocked by anything from a simple temporary notice to an immovable fence, or a gate guarded by someone in a high visibility jacket. Building works and redevelopment are the usual cause. Beware also of the cycles which can mingle with the pedestrians. Possible routes include a terrace alongside

decorative flower banks to the children's swings and slides and a view down to the Waterworks River. Alternatively there is a broad smooth walk to the stadium. There is an open way all round it. From the north side we could look out for a wide gentle uphill slope. This would bring us to Mandeville Place. Though we may not see the name, it is recognisable as a very smoothly paved somewhat circular level area in which are set four oval plots planted with fruit trees of various ages. There are a few seats. From some point near the edge we can look right down to Carpenters Lock at the lowest level below us. There is a way down, but what seems to be the nearest route is one of those stairways blocked by a temporary barrier. If we can find an alternative route half way down there will be a final descending stair with a welcome sign put up by British Waterways. I did not have time to see where else it led.

By walking north from Mandeville Place we will find ourselves on a road bridge above another road (Carpenters Road), which in turn leads to a prohibited bridge over the river. There is a stairway down to Carpenters Road, and then across to a cycle way, as yet unexplored by me.

We can instead stay on the high level walking north to a road junction where we will meet Westfield Avenue again, last seen close to the shopping centre. This gives us an opportunity to visit a conserved wet woodland area known as the Waterglades. To do so, we turn right (east) on to Westfield Avenue. We pass by a couple of stairways (leading down to the west bank of the river). We will find we are on a bridge high over the river. Then, behind a railing fence, is a steep bank down to our right to a reedy backwater amongst trees at the foot. We look out for a metal gate beside the road, go through it on to a cycle way leading all the way down via a hairpin bend (with a view of passing trains) until it doubles back under the bridge you have just crossed and so into the wet woodland. The trees are a mixture of alder, aspen, willow and birch – a community known as carr. Their roots are in a mixture of waterlogged ground and pools which vary with the rainfall. These lie across the route of the lost Channelsea River. At a fork marked by two bright red halves of old telephone boxes keep left if we wish to go under the next bridge and explore north. To go over the bridge to the left (west) we must first fork right. The path crosses some streams and ponds by wooden bridges and divides into several routes. It is still a cycle way with a smooth way up to bridge level but there is a short cut up a stairway. Turn left on to Eastcross Bridge. It is very wide and smooth and usually devoid of traffic except for cycles and mobility buggies. Here I must leave you to explore northwards up to the Velodrome or find your way home.

John Leonhardt. This ends this series of articles.



The following members were elected to the PCC at the APCM on Sunday 24th April 2022

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St Peter and St Paul, Little Gaddesden
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The Treasurer, Secretary and the Electoral Roll Officer will be elected officially at the PCC meeting on Monday 13th June 2022, along with the two co-opted members (Vanessa Connor and Helene Hockings).

Prayer Page

Collect for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
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

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which thou hast won for us,
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us.
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Amen

Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

Christ is the morning star who,
when the darkness of the world is past
brings to his saints
the promise of the light of life
and opens everlasting day.

Amen

Venerable Bede (673-735)

CHURCH SERVICES – JUNE

| I Sunday 5th June – Pentecost Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend | | |
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| 9.00am | Joint Parish Communion | Nettleden |
| II Sunday 12th June – Trinity Sunday | | |
| 9.00am | Morning Prayer | Nettleden |
| 9.30am | Café Church | Little Gaddesden |
| 11.00am | Café Church | Great Gaddesden |
| III Sunday 19th June – Trinity 1 | | |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion (with Sunday School) | Little Gaddesden |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion | Great Gaddesden |
| 6.00pm | Evensong | Nettleden |
| IV Sunday 26th June – Trinity 2 / Birth of John the Baptist | | |
| 9.00am | Eucharist celebrating the visit of pupils from the Boutcher School with Michael, Bishop of Hertford | Nettleden |
| 9.30am | NO SERVICE AT LITTLE GADDESSEN | Little Gaddesden |
| 11.00am | Patronal Festival | Great Gaddesden |
| I Sunday 3rd July – Trinity 3 / Festival of St Peter & St Paul | | |
| 9.00am | Morning Prayer | Nettleden |
| 9.30am | Patronal Festival (with Sunday School) | Little Gaddesden |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion | Great Gaddesden |
| 6.00pm | Evening Worship | Little Gaddesden |

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

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