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- to deepen our relationship with God
- for the empowerment of the Spirit to be effective in our lives
- for five friends or family to come to faith

Our response, under the leadership of Matt Williamson (Children and Youth Leader), was to set up a trail of different prayer stations around the church. We opened the church every afternoon between Ascension and Pentecost and were encouraged by the nearly 120 people attending, including visitors from far afield. We also set up a prayer walk around the town; this is part of our desire to transform, revive and heal society beyond our church walls.



The feedback on the prayer stations was positive: there was appreciation of the variety of installations and activities; people also appreciated the specially allocated quiet space; the stations were described as thought provoking, imaginative and deeply relevant.

At our recent meeting we felt encouraged to join in with TKC again next year in the hope that we will have greater freedom to expand these ideas further. Please pray with us as we pray 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'.

Sue Walker
Hazel Colebrooke

On behalf of the Prayer Team

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The Rector's Letter

From The Rev'd Jeremy Trew

Jeremy writes...

I've only met the Bishop of St David's once. It was a strange conversation that did not end where I had expected it to: He suggested I should apply for ordination. I didn't. Instead, I decided to get a job, grow up a bit more, and then see. I got a job. Later I was ordained. I'll leave you to decide on the other point.



The current Bishop of St David's, Joanna Penburthy, has caused a row by a recent Twitter comment in which she wrote "never trust a Tory." She later apologised for the comment, but not for the sentiment, based on her reflections of the current administration, and in particular to a suggestion that the Government would attempt to abolish the Senedd, the Welsh devolved authority. The good Bishop has strong political views and believes them to be in harmony with her Christian faith.

"Now, hang on a moment Rector, this is the Summer holiday edition of the magazine. There should be something here about hazy days, sandy beaches and cricket on the village green (how Anglican). We don't want anything more disturbing or controversial than the book we're planning to take on holiday with us to read."

Fair enough. In fact, some people would go on to say that faith and politics should never trespass on one another's territory, and that Bishop Penburthy, let alone a mere Rector, should steer well clear and stick to what they know. Do you think that is true?

So, what is "political" anyway? A helpful definition I was once told was this: Something is political when we agree not to agree to disagree. You might need to read that twice. Agreeing to disagree makes for polite conversation and helps us get along, but it doesn't make our world a better place. It does nothing to right wrongs and fails to challenge injustice. By definition, anything that matters is political. Because, if something matters a great deal to us, we will not simply agree to disagree with others, but will argue it through and seek to provoke change for what we believe to be the better outcome.

Christianity, as I understand it, is political in the sense that it stands against injustice and the abuse of power in all its forms and aims to reform the very relationship between people and between people and God. One of my favourite Desmond Tutu quotes is: 'When people say that religion and

politics don't mix, I wonder which Bible it is they are reading.' He, of course, received much venom for speaking truth to power, but I can think of few Christian leaders who have exemplified Christ-like faith to such an extent.

I think that Bishop Penburthy overstepped in what she said, and I am glad she apologised. But I would rather have as a Church leader someone who occasionally does that than someone whose faith is so meek and mild that it never challenges or provokes anyone. What kind of Church leader would you like, and why? We may have to agree to disagree, but I'd rather we agreed not to agree to disagree and instead worked our differences through. I think we would both be better off for that. How about you?

Yours

Jeremy

Repair to the Chancel Roof

Back in January, Oli King noticed from his vantage point on the organ loft that there appeared to be slight water damage to the plasterwork on the wall high up on the south side of the chancel.

Investigation revealed that the copper on the chancel roof has reached the end of its life and it was holed or ripped in at least 20 places. The photograph on the right shows

some of the areas of damage. When the roof was last inspected by our architect in 2017 he thought that the copper would last for only another 5 years or so. He was right but we didn't expect the copper, which has been loose from the underlying roof timbers for some time, that is what makes the roaring noise in high winds, to fail quite so rapidly and extensively. The holes and rips were all quickly, but temporarily, repaired with roofing tape and we met with the church architect in early March to plan the replacement of the copper.

The architect's advice is that we replace the copper with lead, which lasts longer than copper and is the metal that has been on the roof historically. Copper was installed in 1959 when all the roofs were repaired, there was a



shortage of lead at that time. Lead was re-installed on the south aisle and south chapel roofs when these were repaired in 2000.

The works will start in mid-September, we are not allowed to start until the maternity roost of bats that take residence under the chancel roof each summer have left to go to their autumn and winter home elsewhere. The first thing which we will all notice is the temporary scaffolding roof that will be constructed over the chancel. This will take 3-4 weeks to build and access to the churchyard by car from Museum Street will be restricted during this period. We will ensure that everyone is given more details on this nearer to the time. The work will take approximately 16 weeks to complete and might just be finished by Christmas but even if it is not all of the work will be outside of the church.

We have made a lot of progress since January. The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) have recommended approval of the work and the process to obtain the required Faculty is well underway. If you wish to see any of the documentation submitted to the DAC, you can do so here: <https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org/FAS/ApplicationPublicNotice.aspx?Id=62153>

UDC have been consulted, they can require a planning application for works that change the external character of the building and this will change because lead and copper are different colours. However, they have been persuaded that the chancel roof cannot be seen from the ground even from neighbouring high ground such as Windmill Hill to the north. Historic England have been consulted as required under the Faculty legislation and a new bat survey has been commissioned. Finally, the contract for the work has been awarded to Bakers of Danbury who carried out the work to install the servery and toilet at the back of the church in 2017 and 2018.

If you live in the town and are starting to wonder whether St Mary's will come knocking to collect funds from you for a repair to the chancel roof, you need not be concerned. Following a review in 2010-11, which all parishes were required to carry out to decide whether they would continue to collect funds under the Chancel Repair Liability provisions, St Mary's took the decision not to collect such funds in future and any legal right to do so ended on 13th October 2013.

If you have any questions about the works, please do not hesitate to ask me or the churchwardens. We will keep you updated through The Grapevine, the church website and a display in church.

Steve Hasler

Daughters, from Swards End

At School



St James' Church, as it's now known in Swards End was once used as a school on weekdays. The lovely nave was divided in half by a curtain, with the pews moved behind it, to the front of the altar. This cleared area was known as the 'little room', for the little children, the room beyond the nave arches was known as the 'big room' for the bigger children!

My first recollection of the school was when my sister Cynthia started in January 1937. It was a wet January day and my mother took me to meet her from school. I was in a pram as I was still only 3 years old. That summer there was an outbreak of measles, which my sister caught then passed it on to me then to my mother. Due to this, the school was then closed as adults were also catching it!

When I started school at 5 years old, my mother took me to the big room, where the older students were taught, to meet the head teacher Miss Downham, before going to the little room for lessons. I was given a blackboard and chalk and had to write the letter 'O'. When I finished one side, I was scared to ask to flip my board over to practice more on the other side so I asked my sister if I could!

Each day, before lessons started, we used to go into the big room for prayers and hymns. At lunchtimes we would say grace at 12:00 o'clock before I would go home; school dinners were not introduced until 1945, when they were brought in containers from a visiting van. I would come back for the afternoon where we would again leave the little room and go into the big room for sewing and knitting, we would spend this time knitting things for soldiers (I made a scarf). On Wednesdays we would learn country dancing. Whilst the girls did sewing, the boys went to the little room to do basketwork made from canes. At 4 pm at the end of the school day, we all said the Lord's prayer.

On the weekends we had Sunday school, when the pews were moved back and church services were at 3 pm due to the black out in the evening. Some of us would stay for the church service after Sunday school.

There was a school dentist that would come in a caravan and park outside of school. When I was around 5, I had to have a tooth out; they used gas to put me to sleep and afterwards I got up and went back to school!

In 1939 when the war started, we had to take our gas masks to school

in a little square box over our shoulder. During September 1940 there was an air raid at Debden. It was a sunny afternoon and we were all out in the playground when the siren went off and the girls saw my mother, Mrs Ketteridge, come running up the road to take us home to our shelter. I remember clearly looking up as we went past Campions and saw the German bombers heading towards Debden aerodrome, we got to the shelter before the bombing started, at this point the school had no shelter (it was built later) so the children that were left at school had to hide under the desks. The day after, school started at 9:30 to give us children an extra half an hour in bed!



Yet another of the vicar's money-raising wheezes, I see

I enjoyed being in the little room with Miss Bakler the infant teacher, who lodged at Campions, and was very happy. When I turned 8, I was moved to the big room where I was taught by Miss Downham the head teacher, who was extremely strict! Friday afternoons in the summertime we would go to play games in a field. There were horses and cows but thankfully the cows were not there when we played; the horses would occasionally be there but would stay under the trees!

I remember May the 8th 1945 the soldiers marched past the school during afternoon break and called out that the War was over! We later heard it officially on the radio at 9 pm.

From 1946 the girls went for a day a week to South Road school for cookery lessons. The boys would go to woodwork lessons in town. It was a sad day on November the 17th 1947 as the head teacher had to stay at home looking after her mother; this was when the school officially closed. On November the 20th 1947 we went to school in Saffron Walden, the girls went to Castle Street School (now known as St Mary's Primary School), the little children went to Museum Street School and the boys went to the Boys' British School; this was the start of new chapters in all our lives!

Kathie Lester, nee Ketteridge

The Gospel and Technology (Part 4)

Satellite TV in the Arab World

Those of us of a certain age remember Telstar¹, the world's first satellite capable of broadcasting television. It lasted only six months but was considered to be a technical success and, 59 years later, is still orbiting the earth. Telstar was the forerunner of today's satellite television.

On 6 October 1973, Egypt and Syria launched an all-out attack on Israel, the so-called "Yom Kippur War". Their immediate gains were substantial but short-lived. Before the month was out, Israel, backed by America, had driven Egypt back and recovered its losses. For years, Egypt was able to pretend that they had won the war. Even today in Cairo there is a bridge and a suburb named 6 October, and a huge museum and memorial in Heliopolis, all celebrating the "victory". It was all possible because the Government strictly controlled the media and only permitted military successes to be reported.

Egypt's policies were typical of the Arabic-speaking countries in the Middle East and North Africa region (MENA). They were largely ruled by autocratic families or the military whose leaders controlled the media, but in the 1990's satellite television arrived and everything changed.

Satellite broadcasting by-passed the government censors and provided a new window on the world for their citizens. Lebanon apart, Christians were a persecuted minority across the region but churches and non-denominational groups saw the opportunity to make their voice heard. They started buying airtime and subsequently acquired their own channels. For decades, the church had been denied a voice in these Islamic-majority countries. Now it could declare the gospel and offer a choice, an alternative to Islam. With low levels of literacy across the MENA region, television was the ideal medium for reaching people. SAT-7 is the best-known broadcaster with two Arabic channels. The challenge for SAT-7 and other broadcasters was to secure good quality content. Arab Vision foresaw this challenge and chose to become an independent producer, offering its programmes to all the Christian channels. Since 1997 it has produced many thousands of hours of programmes providing Christian teaching and addressing social issues, underpinned by Christian principles. While Egyptian Arabic is widely understood across the MENA region, Arab Vision wanted to reach people's hearts and regularly produces programmes in other Arabic languages and dialects including Kabyle (Algeria), Kurdish (Syria and Iraq) and Yemeni Arabic. It's all a long way from that first, scratchy black and white transmission from Telstar.

Ian Sutherland

¹Not to mention the Tornados 1962 hit recording, also Telstar, with its distinctive electronic sounds.

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YOUinthe**PEW** interviewed by Chris Bishop**Lynne Ketteridge**

I came to live in Saffron Walden in the early 1970s. I had just left art college and was interviewed for a graphic design post in London. It turned out that the position was in the Saffron Walden studio. I'd never heard of Saffron Walden and didn't intend to stay very long. However, my plans were soon changed. Within a couple of weeks of arriving here I met someone at St Mary's and, as they say, "reader I married him" just a year later.

I was brought up in South Wales as a Methodist and so my early life involved Sunday School, chapel services and, as a teenager,

involvement in a Christian youth group meeting on Sunday evenings. My husband Peter was born in Saffron Walden and attended St Mary's regularly serving at the altar as an acolyte. It made good sense to worship together and so I was confirmed and soon joined him in serving at the altar. At the time there were no females in the altar party. Noel Starr's daughter, Sarah, thought that it was unfair that only her brother could be a server and so was responsible for a small group consisting of Joy Russell-Smith, Caroline Nicholl, Sarah and myself being trained up for altar duties. This led to Peter and I becoming subdeacons.

When we moved to Swards End we attended services at St James' and St Mary's. Later Peter took on the role as one of the Pro-wardens at Swards End. I have continued in the role of subdeacon since Peter's death over twenty years ago. A few years ago I was elected as one of the deputy wardens at Swards End. Our son, Richard was baptised at Swards End, confirmed at St Mary's and married there four years ago.

The majority of my working life has been in teaching. After a few years as a designer I trained as a teacher, starting as an art teacher and then widening my experience across a number of subject areas. I spent my last twenty years in education as the Special Educational Needs Coordinator at a



school in Bishop's Stortford. I've met some amazing children and remarkable teachers. I retired five years ago and now enjoy the freedom of retirement and value the opportunity to spend precious time with my young granddaughter.

Looking back at my childhood I have clear memories of chapel life, Sunday School anniversaries involving singing and recitations, marching out in lines with a big banner in front of each chapel group on Whit Monday and the hymn singing. Teenage involvement brought rousing tunes from the salvationists in our group and the singing of choruses which I still sing to myself at times.

Worshipping at St Mary's introduced a different set of experiences. I have witnessed many changes and developments over the years. I can't believe that it's been nearly fifty years since I first met Eric Raynor one Saturday evening when visiting the church. When I mentioned that I was a bit nervous of what to do in an Anglican service he told me to sit at the back and watch everyone else. So, I did as I was told and what a difference it made to my life. Like many members of St James' congregation I value my connection to St Mary's. It is a privilege for me to serve at the altar. It is such an uplifting experience to be surrounded by that wall of wonderful sound coming from the choir and to be involved in helping celebrate the Eucharist. This is something I have missed over the long months of lockdown and really look forward to "normal service" being resumed in the not too distant future.

I've tried to think of my favourite hymns. Not easy really, something with a bit of "hwyl" probably. I love the line in Great is Thy Faithfulness, "Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow". I hope it's not asking for too much.

Prayer for the months of August and September

provided by the Prayer Team

Lord Jesus Christ, light of this world thank you for the hope you have given us. Help us to give our worries to you and above all, to trust in your unfailing love. For you have promised us 'Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you'. Almighty God, our protector let us trust in you to carry us through this time of uncertainty. Jesus, hear our cries as we mourn those who've left us. Whatever tomorrow will bring, we will praise your name. Amen.

Prayer by Sasha Breakenridge, CAFOD volunteer



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From the Registers

Baptisms

27th June Evelyn Charlotte Rose

Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child

27th June Magdalene Rose Prior

Weddings

26 June David Lockwood and Denise Smith

Funerals

11th May Margaret Rowell

17th May Reginald Chalmers

2nd June Ann Ellis

11th June Albert Wrigley

Joan Gibbs

Daughters: News from St. John's, Little Walden

As with all the churches in our team, activities have been severely curtailed over the past year but our fellowship, ministry and witness has continued to thrive.



When the regulations have allowed we have worshipped in church twice each month but have not live streamed services. A greetings card was sent to everyone in the village during one of the "lock downs" to remind the community of our presence and to assure everyone that we were praying for them. Practical and financial help (from our hardship fund) was offered to anyone who needed it. For the first time in many years a funeral was held at St John's for the late Margaret Howell on 11 May 2021 and we send our love and prayers to that family. At a recent committee meeting Dave and Helen Nash were elected as Deputy Wardens at St John's. We give thanks that they have offered themselves for this important ministry and ask for your prayers for them.

Michael Lovegrove

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Calendar for August 2021

This calendar is provisional and subject to change with government restrictions, see The Grapevine, the church website or weekly bulletin from the Parish Office for the latest information and login details and for services streamed from village churches.

St Mary's, Saffron Walden

One service each Sunday is streamed on YouTube [Y] and some on Zoom [Z] - details from the website. Restricted pre-booked congregations can currently be accommodated in church [C] for some services under compliance with current restrictions - see website or contact Parish Office. The church is currently open daily at least from 10 am to 4 pm.

Sunday 1 August

8am BCP Holy Communion [C]

10am Holy Communion [C] [Y] [Z]

Sunday 8 August

8am BCP Holy Communion [C]

10am Holy Communion [C] [Y] [Z]

Sunday 15 August

8am BCP Holy Communion [C] [Y]

10am Family Service [C]

6.30pm Holy Communion with Prayers for Wholeness and Healing [C]

Sunday 22 August

8am BCP Holy Communion [C]

10am Holy Communion [C] [Y] [Z]

Sunday 29 August

8am BCP Holy Communion [C]

10am Holy Communion [C] [Y] [Z]

Regular weekday August services

See weekly bulletin for Zoom sign-in details

Tuesdays

5pm Evening Prayer [Z]

Wednesdays

9.30am Holy Communion - [C]

St James', Sewards End

Sunday 8 August

9.30am Morning Praise [C]

Sunday 22 August

9.30am Holy Communion [C]

St John's, Little Walden

Sunday 8 August

11.15am Family Service [C]

Sunday 22 August

11:15am Holy Communion [C]

Sunday 12 September

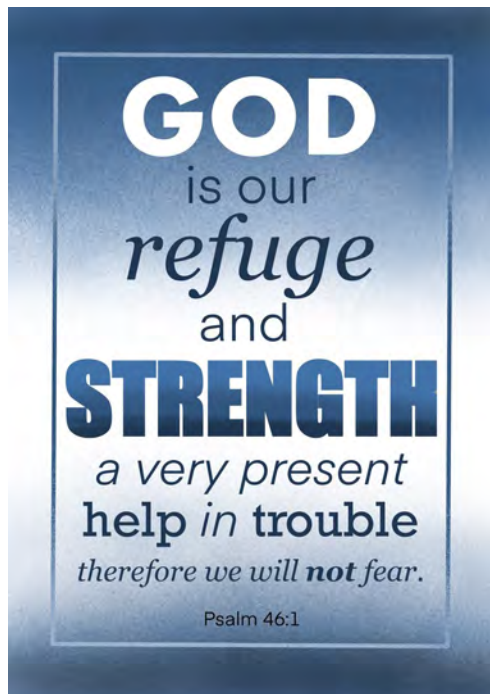
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Sunday 26 September

11:15am Holy Communion [C]

Calendar for September 2021

In the light of the current uncertainties about restrictions at the time of going to print, and while awaiting the outcome of the June survey, we have not published a calendar for September. Please consult The Grapevine and Parish Website for this month's details.



It's time to get excited!

It is time to get excited about the possibilities of a life lived in harmony with God's creation!

The possibilities for happiness, social justice, economic and emotional fulfilment are still available on our precious and delicate planet, if we are only prepared to change now.

A few weeks ago, four graduates from Cambridge were tasked by our district council to produce a report on 'A Green Economy for Uttlesford'. Their presentation was inspirational. In a very short space of time, they researched the scope for new, sustainable technologies, industries and jobs. They discovered that in Thaxted there is a new business developing hemp as a building material. It is amazing! As an insulator, as a rigid board, as building blocks and as a green form of concrete. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our farmers started farming it, our workforce started manufacturing it and our builders started building warm, affordable, carbon-absorbing homes with it!

They had ideas for a 'technology incubator' where research scientists collaborate across a vast range of sciences, networking with entrepreneurs who can see commercial applications, financiers who are looking to invest in the future, green economy and finally transferring to local production sites around Uttlesford. Wow!

We just need to open our eyes and transform our mindset to see that the frightening challenges we face are, in fact, golden, God-given opportunities!

'But who will pay for it all?' you ask. Firstly, we are realising that the cost of failing to transfer to a fossil-free economy is going to cost many times more in financial terms (fire and hurricane destruction, flooded towns and cities and food shortages) and infinitely more in human lives, destabilised societies, mass migration and war.

Secondly, governments can achieve massive change simply by regulation. They just need the courage to upset their lobbyists and big donors! Simply by legislating the cessation of petrol and diesel car production has sparked a massive transition in research, development and investment in the car industry. It was, I imagine, instrumental in Nissan's decision to locate a major battery manufacturing base in Sunderland, creating 6,000 jobs.

Such courage to legislate stimulates industry by providing a new, level playing field on which to compete. The first to change wins the market,



whereas without such legislation, the first to change loses... Imagine what such changes could do to the construction industry!

Thirdly, talking to an old college friend of mine, who made an embarrassing fortune in the City, said that 'a massive wall of money' hits the City every month from pension contributions. They have to invest it somewhere and at long last, pension fund managers (Larry Fink included) have woken up to the fact that their old portfolios have led us into a scenario of ever-increasing disasters and that they should actually be looking towards long term investment in the future: a green future. One Planet Economics.

And in our own lives, especially for time-rich baby boomers, wouldn't it be nice to learn to *travel* again? I mean properly travel. To feel the change in landscape as we pass through it; to observe the changes in culture; to connect with the people we meet; to learn from and enjoy experiences of otherness. Living more slowly, more deeply, more respectfully in an exciting new world! I can't wait!

Edward Gildea, Eco Team Leader

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Update on Lynn Treneary - St Mary's CMS mission Partner

As some of you may remember, Lynn had to come home earlier this year due to a bad back. She is still suffering, but on the advice of a specialist she has had an operation and is recovering well in Ellon, Aberdeenshire near her daughter. In her recent Link Letter she writes that even in the darkness of her pain and unknowing she still has hope and that she feels 'blessed because even waiting, even in darkness, the Lord can use me because he is the way, the truth and the life. He gave me his love to share, his desire for good works and faith to keep walking forward trusting him.....'



If you would like the most recent Link Letter by post or email - ring me on 01799 523007 or email suewalker619@btinternet.com

News from Maridi and Chaima is worth reading about as much has been happening, from wild weather damaging people's roofs with Chaima having lost a veranda. The political situation is still unstable and



Lynn (far right) at her ordination as deacon, with the Bishop of Maridi, the Rt Rev Moses Zungo and his wife Rejoice

means that people are fleeing from the fierce fighting, child abduction, and cattle raids, which are a few things causing them to flee from many regions, including South Sudan and leaving them very vulnerable.

Lynn is convinced that the prayers for Maridi since 1922 are the reason that in these hard times Maridi remains relatively safe. So do PLEASE KEEP PRAYING. In all of this Lynn is excited about a future project being started by the Mothers' Union which helps women start or run existing businesses.

To understand more fully the situation do please read her Link letter, as always, it challenges and inspires as we hear what life in South Sudan is truly like.

Sue Walker



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St Mary's Music News



Friday 11 June was a joyful day. First the Junior Choir, and then the Adults held socially distanced outdoor but, crucially, in person rehearsals outside the West door, with Oli standing on the church steps with microphone at the ready, and Jeremy on trusty portable keyboard.

There was a second outdoor practice later in the month, at which Jeremy and Lorna were presented with a rose, appropriately named "Dawn Chorus", to plant at their new home in Bury St Edmunds. For the moment the choir will be alternating Zoom and outdoor rehearsals, depending on weather and regulations.

In other good news, Eden our head chorister recently passed his grade six violin exam with merit.

Sadly, due to rising C-19 infection levels in our local schools, the planned early July recruitment day for Joyful Noise and the Junior Choir had to be postponed until the autumn. It is very pleasing, however, that there was a lot of interest shown in the advertisements, which we are following up. We hope that this will translate into good attendance at the re-fixed event, and then entry into our choirs. Meanwhile some of our current Juniors will be progressing into the Senior Choir as Choral Scholars.

The next planned event is a "Come and Sing" Fauré Requiem at St Mary's on Sunday 25 July from 2-6pm. Further details will be put on the website, once it is clear what the revised regulations will be after 19 July. There will certainly be a workshop and performance, but at this stage it could be either inside or outside

the church. The musicians are on standby with harp, violin, portable keyboard and organ, depending on final arrangements. As this is a fundraiser for the church, there will be a £15 participant fee for adult singers, with a retiring collection for the audience. Under 18s can participate, or just listen, for free. The performance will be at 5.15pm.

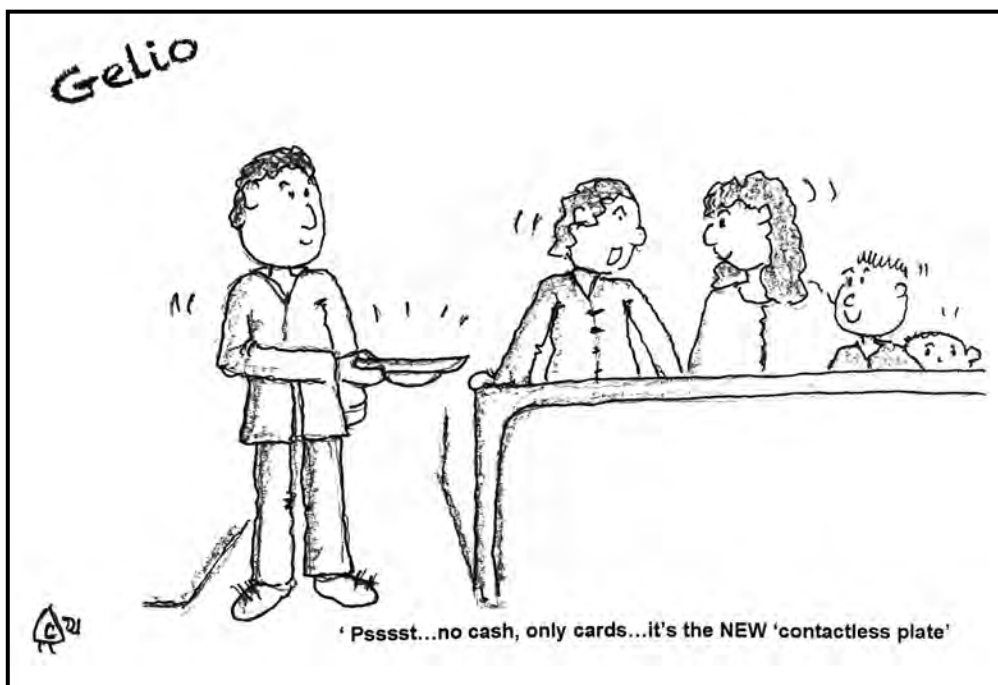
On 6 August the choir will be undertaking one of its favourite roles, ie singing at a choir wedding. We shall be joining Helen and Matt in celebrating their marriage on Friday 6 August at 1pm.

After the summer holidays, the choir will be supporting 2 Memorial Services in September, for Mary Knight at 2.30pm on Saturday 4th and Jeremy Collingwood at noon on Saturday 18th.

Then on 26 September our Director of Music, Oli King, will be giving an afternoon piano duet concert with Martin Huggett in aid of church funds. The programme and exact timing are yet to be finalised, but it will be light and fun, with 2 halves each of around 40 minutes, with the opportunity to drink a glass of Prosecco in the middle. A very happy note on which to end this summer Newsletter.

Otilie Lefever

With thanks to Patrick Li for the photography.



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MOTHERS' UNION UPDATE

O Happy Day

The Mothers' Union Ascension Day Festival Service took place on Thursday 13th May in St Mary's Church at 2pm. The Mothers' Union Deanery Chaplain Rev'd Canon Chris Bishop welcomed everyone and led the Service. Our guest preacher was Rev'd Alex Jeewan. Why was this so unusual? It was the first-time members had met together since March 2020 – 14 months ago!

It was also over a year since both clergy had set foot in St Mary's church! There was no singing but Oli King played the organ for us and undaunted we followed the words of the hymns while he played the music. Rev'd Alex Jeewan gave us an inspiring sermon on the Theme 'Leaving the past behind and facing the future'

Members stood and publicly reaffirmed their baptism promises, their commitment to the aims and objects of the Mothers' Union and promised to include prayer, bible reading and worship as part of their lives.

The retiring collection raised £103.50 for the MU overseas literacy and numeracy project which opens up new possibilities in the lives of women and men in some of the most marginalised countries in the world.

It was not possible to mingle afterwards but it was a very moving occasion and tears came to more than a few eyes.

Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer Meeting

On 17th of June in St Mary's church there was a lovely welcoming atmosphere. It was the Mothers' Union annual Wave of Prayer Meeting and there was lots of hustle and bustle going on, and lots of participation from everyone.

The Wave of Prayer is a daily act of intercession held by the Mothers' Union at midday, creating a continual wave of prayer worldwide. In Chelmsford we have five link dioceses and we appear in the MU prayer diary from 18th – 20th June.

A bowl of water coloured blue was placed on a table at the top of the nave. Six MU members came forward to read, one at a time. As they did so they stirred the water with a spoon to make waves which symbolised our wave of prayer. Each one placed a battery-operated candle in front of the bowl to represent each diocese.

Readings and prayers were then offered as we remembered: Our own diocese of Chelmsford, as we prepare to welcome our new Bishop Guli. We are also preparing to elect a new MU Diocesan President and are beginning to hold our meetings once again.

The Military Episcopate in Kenya which covers the whole country with army barracks as parishes. MU contains members from 42 separate communities. Rejaf in South Sudan which is recovering from a civil war, but violence continues and many people have been displaced. Famine is a constant threat. Doko and Owo which are based in the east and south east of Nigeria, where there are high levels of poverty and inequality among women.

Jamaica and the Caymen Islands in the Caribbean which are regularly struck by hurricanes and despite income from tourists and offshore bank accounts also have areas of poverty and gang violence.

We were also requested to remember MU members in Myanmar, where in 2021 the military seized control of the country and there have been violent clashes between security forces and protestors

It was a joy to listen to six members of our MU choir singing two hymns for us, socially distanced, and accompanied by the grand piano. We were also able to offer some refreshments afterwards seated at a distance. It was wonderful to see members and visitors enjoying a cup of tea and talking to each other. Who would have thought that such a simple thing would bring such great pleasure!

Brenda Sheath

Archive Group *findings...*

August 1890

From parishes within the Deanery

Heydon

Our Parish Festival, so far as the social part of it was concerned, was held on Tuesday, July 1st.....The weather fortunately cleared up to a certain extent, thunderstorms having been somewhat frequent during the day, but the ground was too damp to allow of as much enjoyment as hitherto in races, games, etc.....On the same afternoon a Cricket Match took place between the Married and Single.....the match was much enjoyed, taking all things together, and sufficiently close to make the Single anxious, and they only won by 15 runs. The chief features of the afternoon were one or two thunderstorms with heavy showers, and the presence of a bull in the field, which however contented itself with a solemn visit to the wicket in the absence of



the players, and knocking off the bails. As umpires had left the ground, it is needless to say that the bull had it all his own way.

Littlebury

Before this number of the Magazine appears the sound of the Gleaning Bell will probably have been heard again in the Parish. The proposal to resume this old custom seems to have met with general approval both from those who farm and those who glean.

(Archivists note: to make sure all gleaners had equal access to the grain left in the fields after the harvest, no one was allowed to start gleaning until the church bell was rung.)

The Festival at the Green on August 5th was favoured with beautiful weather..... Most of the races were well contested, but the Tug of War did not produce such a good struggle as last year: the Green men were easily beaten. The Sports came to an end about a quarter to eight, and then the Band played the way to the barn, where an impromptu platform had been erected and the Handbell Ringers from Littlebury were ready to give an entertainmentThe programme was well rendered considering the difficulties of a rather long concert hall, and an audience disposed to rove about - especially its junior part. The assembly seemed pleased, but were not exactly enthusiastic. Mr Jas Thurgood's comic song however called forth rather more pronounced marks of approval than the rest of the performers' efforts, and the last verse of it was repeated.

Canon Chris Bishop. Archivist



The Course in Christian Studies (CCS)

On 7th July the Saffron Walden CCS group went to Chelmsford to collect our certificates. The ‘certified (!)’ group comprising Rebecca Monk; Gillian Hopton; Martin Hugall; Lesley Lancaster; Steph Manning, Gregor Purdie; Janice Rust; Hilary Walker; and myself. Bishop Roger said he was very glad to see us (even though it was the England/Denmark Euro’s football match at the same time). We were encouraged to shout and clap even louder than the crowd across the road at the Saracen’s Head pub, because, he said, we had reached the mountain top after our epic climb. Now we had to climb down the mountain and he was sending us out to use what we had learned to bless others.

The week before, sitting on the Common, our own tutor, Andy, asked us if the course had been the same as we had expected. Well! Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition or Covid. According to our crisp certificates, we had completed a two-year part-time course of study in the following subjects: “The Bible, Church History, Christian Doctrine, Liturgy and Sacraments, Spirituality and Discipleship and Christian Ethics”. And it was true, we did study those things. We studied them first in the delightful St Mark’s College, then down a dark lane in Newport, and then online. It felt like quite a triumph to get our certificates, apart from the shock of seeing each other in smart clothes, with legs!

Just meeting together each week to talk and learn was a sort of touching base in an oasis of sanity as the world got weirder. We all seemed quite different from each other, so we used each other as resources of wisdom and encouragement.

I thought I knew a lot before-hand but it seemed like, the more I thought about things, the less I realised I knew. We were given optional essays to write. You didn’t have to aim to pass the certificate, but in the end we all passed, thanks to the hard work and encouragement of our tutors Andy Colebrooke and Angela Want. It was an experience that I can thoroughly recommend.

Anna Martin

The Course in Christian Studies began in 1987. Since then over 2500 lay people from Essex and East London have joined this course to explore the Christian faith with others. It is open to anyone over 16 and is based on weekly meetings in groups or online; it runs over 2 years starting in September. If interested please contact Judith Hasler who has more information or look on The Chelmsford Diocese website, under Course in Christian Studies.

Paddy McKeown



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Celebration Service and Presentation of Certificates to Students on The Course in Christian Studies 2019 – 2021



The Saffron Walden Centre Students

From left to right: Lesley Lancaster (Saffron Walden), Hilary Walker, (Saffron Walden), Janice Rust (Littlebury), Rebecca Monk (Newport), Anna Martin (Saffron Walden), Stephanie Manning (Steeple Bumpstead), Gregor Purdie (Halstead), Roger Morris (Bishop of Colchester), Martin Hugall (Saffron Walden), Gillian Hopton (Gt Chesterford), Angela Want (Tutor), Caroline Harding (Lay Ministry Advisor), Andy Colebrooke (Tutor).

Whilst England played Denmark in the semi-finals of the Euros, students from nine study centres across the Diocese celebrated their successful completion of The Course in Christian Studies and duly received their certificates. The service was led by The Rt Rev'd Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester, and the preacher was Rev'd Rob Merchant, the new Dean of Mission, Ministry and Education. Due to restrictions, families, friends and supporters joined the service via a live link.

The Course in Christian Studies is a two-year course exploring the Christian Faith, delivered weekly in local centres around the diocese. CCS has a foundational first year and a more flexible second year and leads to the Bishop's Certificate.

For those who desire it, the Course also provides a foundation for further education or training. This could be other local courses; it could be a degree or diploma. Or it could be training for a specific ministry in the Church including the ministry of Licensed Lay Minister, Pastoral Assistant, Lay Evangelist or Priest.

Congratulations to all our students!