

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

Hatfield

including Dunscroft, Dunsville,

Woodhouse and Lindholme



The truth behind the egg...

April 2024 50p

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ST LAWRENCE
CHURCH @

Easter

Pet Palm Sunday

24th March 10am

Maundy Thursday Communion

28th March 6:30pm

Good Friday Reflections

29th March 1pm

Easter Sunday Communion

31st March 10am

All welcome at any of these services

The Editor apologises for the relative lateness of this month's magazine, my computer had a virus, which Glenys Mashford and Stephen Rivers transported and the wonderful Steve at IT-TO-GO zapped very efficiently! And then the distributor team RAN  round the parish distributing! Thanks everyone.

FREE CRAFTS



in church for families

Tuesday 9th April 2024

10-12noon @ St Lawrence

Drop in and spend an hour crafting!

Refreshments available

Contact rachel.ridler@centenaryproject.org.uk

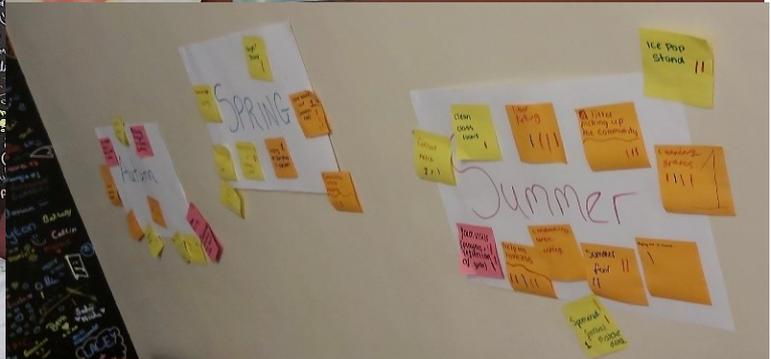
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Sharing Best Practice

by
Carol Rashid
Ordinand



Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to bring you an update relating to my journey of faith and training. By the time you read this, God willingly, I will have completed a 40 hour placement at McAuley Catholic High School, Cantley Lane, Doncaster. This has been one of the most enlightening experiences that I've engaged with so far. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Headteacher Mr James Tucker and all of the staff and students for their warm welcome. Most of all, my heartfelt thanks to Lay Chaplain Polly Witter who has allowed me to shadow her by way of facilitating my placement.

To say that I was impressed by all of the work and pastoral engagement with students that Polly is involved with is an understatement. She is a full time Lay Chaplain covering both upper and lower sites of the school. It's a non-selective Roman Catholic academy that offers education for about 1,420 boys and girls aged between 11 and 18.

Polly makes herself available to students throughout the day. Many may drop in to see her with a range of pastoral needs. It was a privilege to witness her engaging with students, sometimes during breaks and over lunch. She is actively involved in group work that focusses on 'Faith in Action' which includes a programme towards raising young leaders along with collaborative work with other Catholic Schools and their chaplains across the diocese. For example:– CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) – Climate Issues – CYMFED (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation) which is a National Catholic Award Scheme. Polly facilitates Catholic Mass by organising visiting priests at least once per week – she encourages students to participate in visiting primary schools in the area. She also organises school retreats and is currently involved with preparations towards taking some students to France on a Lourdes Pilgrimage in June.

It was a great blessing for me to be given the opportunity of joining Polly and some of her students at St. Vincent's Mission Hub in Sheffield for a 'Faith in Action' event which included students from different schools accompanied by the respective chaplains. Again, I was welcomed and embraced by the chaplains as sister-in-Christ. The priest there was called Father Lee. He gave me a particular warm welcome, especially

during Candle Mass, (all those attending were given a candle that was lighted during the service) – where he announced that those who weren't Catholic would be welcome to come forward during the Eucharist for a blessing. I did just that, and as he lay his hand upon my head for the blessing, I found it very moving, so much so that I was reduced to tears during the following hymn.

Polly willingly shared lots of her valuable insights and experiences with me. She also encouraged me to get involved with a number of prayerful activities relating to the Season of Lent leading up to Holy Week. I've only really scratched the surface here in respect of all of the activities that Polly facilitates and is involved with. She is also a brilliant listener. I was able to share a lot about the ministerial activities that we as Anglicans are involved with, such as the Centenary Project, in particular I explained about all of the work that our very own CPW Rachel Ridler is actively involved with. I also took some of my scripture inspired art work to share with Polly and the students.

The list of shared best practices goes on and on. Even though Polly and I are from different denominations, it was very apparent that we share the same loving God, and that we are followers of the same loving Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ. I know in my heart that Polly and I will remain kindred spirits and sisters-in-Christ. May God continue to bless you Polly, and all those whom he gives you to love.

Loving prayers,

Carol

It also gives me great pleasure to share that, following a really successful placement at St. John's Church in Goole last year, it has been formally announced that I shall be serving my curacy with Rev'sd Hannah Patton and the ministry team there. God willingly, following my Ordination Service where I become a Deacon, (10am on Sunday the 30th of June in Sheffield Cathedral), I shall begin my curacy on the 7th of July in Goole. Naturally, I shall miss everyone, but will stay in touch. Again, God willingly, I trust that I shall be ordained priest in 2025.

Our prayers are with you Carol, now and in the future.

SAVE THE DATE!

Lights for Christ workshop learning all about

- Our baptismal calling
- Applying faith to everyday life
- Adopting a Personal Rule of Life

Tuesday 7th May 19:00-21:00

Hatfield St Lawrence Church

We're famous again, look it up!!

Bronze Eco Church Awarded to St Lawrence Church –
Hatfield St Lawrence Church

<https://hatfieldstlawrencechurch.com/2024/01/09/bronze-eco-church-awarded-to-st-lawrence-church/>

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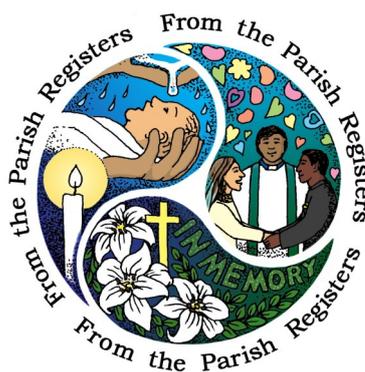


Baptisms

Lenny Higgins
Grace Harper
Autumn Connell

Funerals

Valerie Barnes



100 Club and Vera's chatter

1st prize John Chaplin

2nd prize Hilary Dinsdale

3rd prize Tim Sweed

Congratulations all of you ,just in time to purchase an Easter bonnet , perhaps not John or Tim ?

I am so glad to see the spring flowers breaking through they are so cheerful, this morning the sun was hitting a pot of tulips I had planted in hope last Autumn and there they were in full bloom looking beautiful, it amazes me that they know what to do despite my poor skill and without resorting to YouTube or Alexa, my son and grandchildren's answer to everything I ask about. I suppose technical things do save time, I expect other readers are like me and look in books and suddenly the day is gone and I have done nothing! Of course if it was a recipe I was searching for it's beans on toast again with a promise of better tomorrow.

Easter is fast approaching. The Lent course has been very thought provoking and we hope we are more prepared to celebrate Easter, the greatest celebration. Before that of course we will have had Pet Palm Sunday I have my disinfectant and rubber gloves at the ready just in case! I am looking forward to meeting some furry friends but do hope no reptiles visit! This is obviously one of the things I need to tackle at my unconscious bias training. [The wardens attended this later in March.]

Seriously have you had time to read our Parish Profile, there are two paper copies in Church, and it is online. We pray that a suitable candidate will be called forward to come and join us.

Things to look forward to in April, a coffee morning to raise funds to support the youth work in the Barn Saturday 13th 10-12.

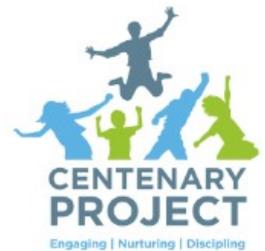
20th The Spring Fayre 11-3 in Church with visiting stall holders, refreshments, Church cake stall and more.

Friday 3rd May 7pm in Church The W heatsheaf Singers are coming to entertain us, they are always a good listen .

By the time I write next I will have been to Spring Harvest and will be full of what I have seen and heard . It is so refreshing to be with other Christians and chat about what they do and gather ideas to bring back to Hatfield .

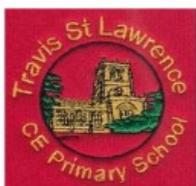
Keep on praying for each other, the world, a new Vicar and the safe transition of Rev'd Liz ,Philippe and Max to their new home.

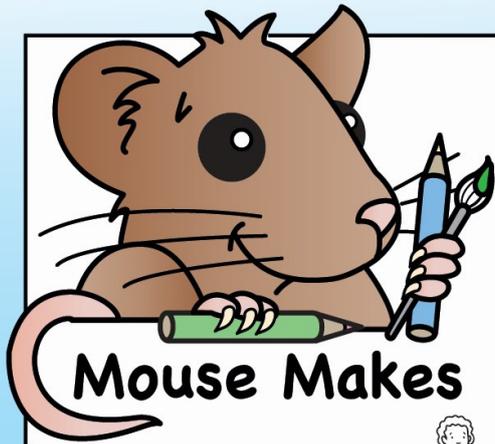
Vera x



Has your child had a growth spurt? We need your pre-loved.....

- **summer dresses**
- **shorts**
- **logo items from any local school:**





Mouse Makes

Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing. They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked; "Have you caught anything?" "Not a thing" they answered.



He said to them "Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some."

So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net.

Then John recognised the man, "It is the Lord!"



READ

the story in **John 21**

How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?



Read John 21:14



How many disciples were there? Who were they?

Read John 21: 11

How many fish did they catch? Read John 21: 11

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Colour in all the fish

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The APCM for Hatfield St Lawrence Church ...

....is fast approaching!

(APCM is a short way of writing 'Annual Parochial Church Meeting' -a real bonus for people such as myself whose typing speed and accuracy leave a lot to be desired!!)

When is it? :- **Wednesday 24th April 7.00pm for 7.30pm in church**

Why is it worth coming?

Hopefully beforehand, you will have had chance to nip into church and pick up a copy of the booklet which is produced each year to highlight what has been achieved and where the money has been spent both in maintaining our beautiful building and in bringing the message of the love and peace of God into the community

SO.....

There will be light refreshments from 7.00pm and a chance to chat with friends.

The first part of the meeting is open to all who live in the parish, as the churchwardens are elected and they are **your** representatives on the PCC.

Many of you are on the electoral roll for St Lawrence Church and you will be eligible to stay and vote in the next part of the meeting, when other PCC members will be elected . (Most PCC members stay on for 3 years, and then they can apply for re-election.)

The minutes of last year's meeting will be verified, (hopefully there will be someone present who remembers what took place at last year's meeting !)

Vera, as chair, will take us through the procedure (she has been the PCC chair since September when Rev'd Liz began her retirement and we would like to thank her for doing such an amazing job and still managing to keep her famous smile.)

There will be a time for questions or comments at the end.

We hope to see you there

Glenys PCC Secretary

**Hatfield St Lawrence Church
proudly presents its**

Spring Fayre

**Saturday 20th April
in church
11-3pm**

*Cakes, raffle, tombola, preserves,
refreshments, gifts and more*

50p entry on the day

All proceeds to church funds (charity no. 1127942)

Register stalls at <https://bit.ly/4bJFM6U>



“Let us not take ourselves too seriously. None of us has a monopoly on wisdom, and we must always be ready to listen and respect other points of view”

Queen Elizabeth II

A call out for footballers, contact Graham Worrall on 07725 980356



Lions Five-a-Side Football Tournament 2024 at the 44th Lions International Fun & Sports Day for People with Disabilities

We are reaching out to seek teams to take part in our annual five-a-side football tournament at our Fun & Sports Day for People with Disabilities.

We are aware teams will be planning their football season now, so it is time to put this great, fun packed, event in your team's calendar.

Five-a-side teams can register up to 8 players per team, all male or all female, or mixed gender groups, all ages and all abilities welcome.

All games will be officiated by an independent referee, experienced in football for those with disabilities.

For further information and to register your interest in taking part

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Wednesday morning coffee, come and join us!

Of course the communion service at 10:00 is fundamental to many of us for our enjoyment of coffee socialisation, we are sharing food and drink. But many people who aren't regular members of services are just as important members of St Lawrence by being there for Wednesday coffee! This includes—during term time—sixth form students from Coppice School on Ash Hill Road. In theory they come for some experience of work, and work they do, our carpet is regularly swept, we've never had such a dust-free chancel (the top bit up the steps), and coffee is served, tables cleared and washing-up done with such pleasant helpfulness. The school website says "Coppice School is a specialist setting which educates 134 children and young people from ages 3 to 19. We are a School for pupils with Severe Learning Disabilities (SLD)."

These lovely young people do so much more than experience work, we



learn about how it is to be disabled and a young person, about their communication, about the school ethos of "We are kind", and so much more. They spread the word too, we recently even had a Granddad visit, in theory to act as a

one-off taxi, but to be curious too I expect. (OK Gordon, we all know you only came for the coffee really! 😊)

The students also give us real treats, special moments, somehow far more than we would ever give each other. David has always enjoyed standing at the front as if speaking to a large crowd. He has given a notice out, and I must say it was as clear as anyone who takes a service

or preaches. At school he wrote a poem, and wanted to read it to us. The pupils use a form of symbol supported written words, you literally read the words with the support of a picture in case the written word is forgotten.



David wanted to read it to us. Thank you David, we really enjoyed it, your school must be very proud of you.



 Spring is here!
 

 Spring is here!
 

 Winter is gone
  and
  two
  flowers
  appear.

3    

 Three little robins begin to sing.

4    

 Four bicycle bells begin to ring.

5   + 

 Five children come out and jump the



 rope.

 Spring is here now!
 


 I  hope
  I  hope!

The Doncaster Wheatsheaf Singers



present an evening of musical entertainment

St Lawrence Church

Station Rd, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6HN

7pm Friday 3rd May 2024

Tickets: £6

Includes light refreshments

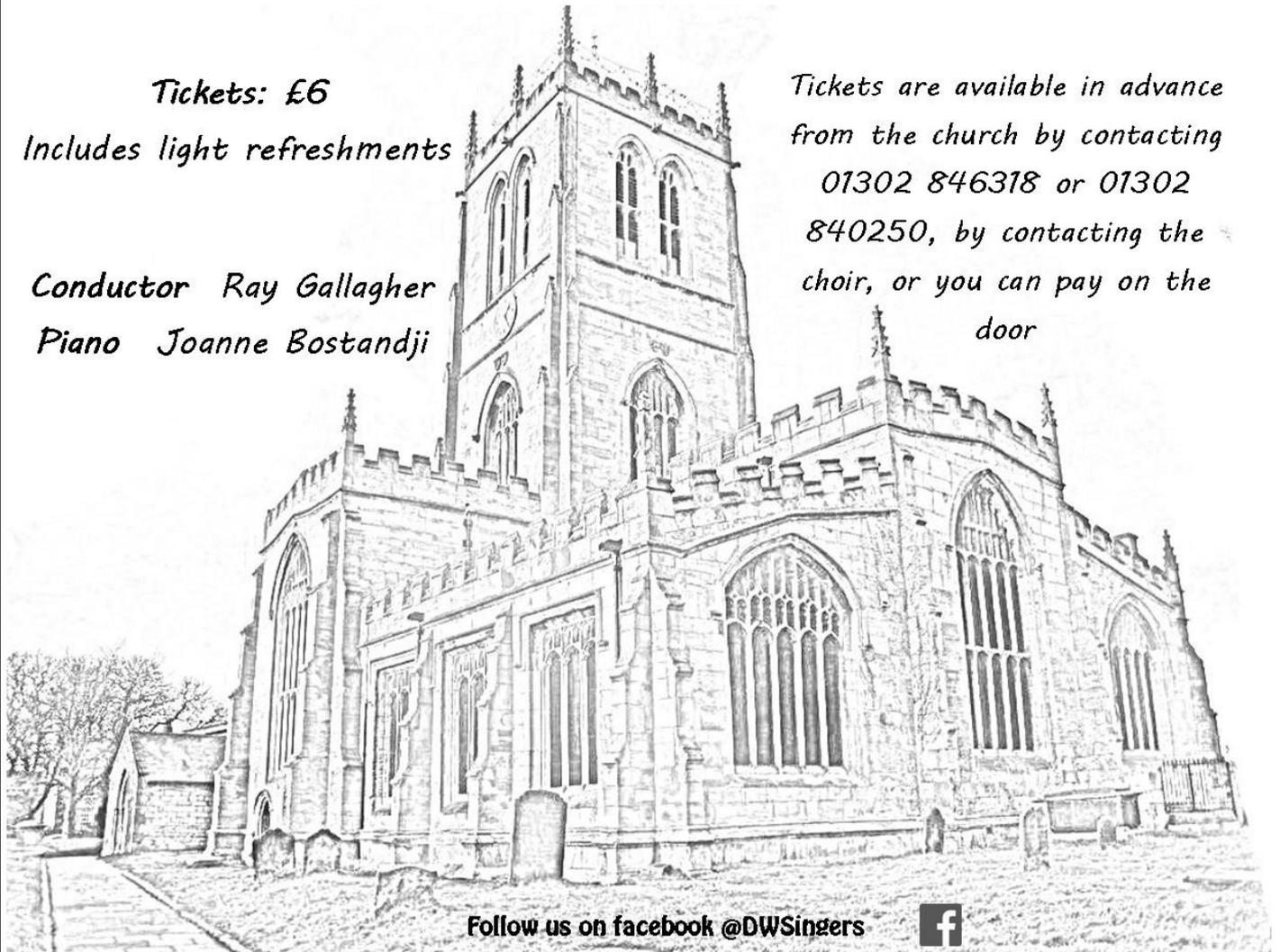
Conductor Ray Gallagher

Piano Joanne Bostandji

*Tickets are available in advance
from the church by contacting*

01302 846318 or 01302

*840250, by contacting the
choir, or you can pay on the
door*



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Dates, dates, dates

Each MONDAY coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30 Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist

Each WEDNESDAY coffee after church at St Lawrence, Holy Communion at 10, coffee 11-12:30

Each WEDNESDAY coffee morning 10-11:30 at Stainforth Methodist

Each THURSDAY coffee morning 10-11:30 at Dunsville Methodist, Greens Road.

Each THURSDAY chair exercise group 14:00-15:00 at Victoria Hall

Each SATURDAY 10-11:30 coffee morning Hatfield Woodhouse Methodist church

2nd Tuesday Garden Club, 19:30 Working Men's Club at Hatfield Woodhouse (every first Tuesday)

4th Thursday Stainforth History Group 19:00 Stainforth Methodist Church (every first Thursday) Jenny Howarth "Wonkey Donkey"

8th Monday HATFIELD HEROES litter pick 11:00

9th Tuesday **FREE CRAFTS** for families, 10-12, refreshments available

14th Saturday coffee morning in the Barn, with a very warm welcome for you and friends

14th Saturday coffee afternoon 14:00-15:30 Methodist Church Greens Road Dunsville

20th **SPRING FAYRE in church 11-3, cakes, raffle, tombola, stalls, gifts and more**

27th Thorne Rural Lions next coffee morning is in the library. Home baking would be appreciated

To look forward to in May...

3rd Wheatsheaf Singers

7th Tuesday Lights for Christ Workshop Hannah Sandoval 7-9pm.

12th Sunday Thorne Rural Lions Walk for Alzheimer's Society

Chrissy did this
and now feels
"ashamed" ...

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT 11-17 MARCH

And I thought I was commendably ECO-minded! I counted my use of plastic over one week, I know Glenys Mashford did too, and if you didn't do it look for the logo next year! The purpose of it all is to inform Governments and supermarkets. It simply isn't enough to think and say we use too much.

In one week I used 22 pieces of plastic, over a year that's equivalent to 1,144 pieces of plastic in a year. More than a thousand!!! And I'm very careful, I **never** buy apples, pears, or bananas in plastic wrapping, and try very carefully for all other shopping too. (Neither do I buy clothing that isn't biodegradable, unless it's second-hand, that counts as RE-USE to me.)

Of what I counted - on the sheet that was in church for you to use too - 77% was food and drink, 0% toiletries and cleaning—but of course I use those, just didn't finish a bottle or container the week I was counting - 23% everything else, mostly pet food pouches.

Then what happens to my plastic so carefully put out for recycling? 11% was recycled in the UK, 9% exported, 13% landfilled, 67% incinerated. And Glenys wasn't much better, 14% recycled, 12% exported, 12% landfilled, 62% incinerated, and she's more careful than me!

So I feel ashamed, and that wasn't the purpose of it all. And not because I'm not trying, I certainly do try. But "ashamed" that as a country we're not careful enough to sell, for instance, mushrooms ALWAYS in paper bags, we should *refuse* to buy in plastic. Don't feel helpless, but do please feel just bad enough to always look carefully at what you buy.
Chrissy Grindle

General Synod: Presidential Address by the Archbishop of Canterbury

In his Presidential Address at the February sessions of the General Synod, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, spoke of the suffering across the world. The following are some short extracts from his address:

“In September 2023, Antonio Guterres, Secretary General the United Nations declared the world is coming off its hinges. How should we the followers of Jesus Christ respond?

“Church of England Bishops at consecration commit to all sorts of things, some probable, some improbable, but they don't commit to suffer. By contrast, the Chaldean Church tells its Bishops that they will be the first to suffer...

“And to add to what the Secretary General of the United Nations said, as Lord Cameron said recently, when he looks around at the world today as Foreign Secretary, all the lights are flashing red. We live in a world of suffering. And unlike in the past, it is a world where we are aware of the suffering.

“In Europe, the Ukrainian Russian war is frozen. [And St Lawrence sent only 4 cards to the church we know in Kiev.] And the suffering of the people in Ukraine has increased, not least because it has been replaced as the principal concern by the havoc and horror of the Levant and all that is going on in that area. But there is much more. Sudan... Myanmar... northeast India... the South Pacific... the Philippines... Korea... Pakistan...

“Like all such periods, minorities are blamed for uncertainties, conspiracies are assumed where there is uncontrollability and leaders are criticised where the future is hard to see.

“In 1939, George Bell wrote an article on the behaviour of the Church in a time of war. 'What should the Church do in a time of war?' it was entitled.

“His simple conclusion was that the right strategy... is to be even more the Church. We must be even more the Church with all our challenges and difficulties ...

“At the end of April, we will have a meeting of primates of the Anglican Communion in Rome. There we will look at what the Communion could do to remain in a variable geometry of unity, but also an unvarying commitment of love in Christ.

“God is our refuge. God is our refuge, not our politics and our organisations. They are realities of any structured life, of any institution, they're not evils, but God is our refuge, they never will be.

“God is greater than our fears, than our enemies and in our failures. God is unbreakably faithful to covenant and promise. When that is our comfort and peace, then in this world, at this time, off its hinges, we can in all our troubles, be truly the Church we should be, truly God's Church in God's world.”

From Parish Pump

The Friends of Hatfield Church Building Trust

We have been invited back to Thorne Library to their Spring Fayre so we'll be there with our Pre-Loved Jewellery on Friday 22nd March from 10am to 12pm and the day after, it will be our Coffee Morning in Hatfield Community Library, Saturday 23rd March, so we'll let you know how those two events went in the next issue.

We will be at the St Lawrence Church Spring Fayre on Saturday 20th April from 11.00 till 3.00pm selling more pretty, sparkly things so come along and have a browse. There's bound to be a bit of bling that you just can't live without for a ridiculously bargain price!

The date of our Coach Trip to Wollaton Hall near Nottingham, will be Tuesday 21st May. Tickets are £17 each, self-guided and available soon. Pick up at St Lawrence Church 09.30am then Hatfield Woodhouse WMC at 09.40am, depart at 4pm. Wollaton Hall now houses an interesting natural history collection, has a large deer park, a camellia house, lake, cafe and shop. There's also an Industrial Museum in the grounds with additional £5 entry. Guided tours are available, bookable on the day for an extra charge. We have started a booking list so if you are interested, please let us know, 07873 340307 Tina or 849377 Janet.

Information – You can become a 'Friend' for a minimum donation of £5 per year. These subscriptions are the backbone of our fundraising efforts with all funds raised going only to maintain, conserve and restore our wonderful Grade 1 Listed building and grounds. Anyone can join us. For more information and to pay Membership renewal fees please contact Jean Singleton, Eastby, Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield, Doncaster, DN7 6QE. Tel 01302 842363.

Tina O'Halloran



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COACH TRIP TO WOLLATON HALL NEAR NOTTINGHAM TUES 21st MAY



NATURAL HISTORY COLLECTION
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INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM
(EXTRA)



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Diary of a Youth, Children's and Families Worker

This month has been an interesting mix of things finishing their course and lots of training. Maybe these winter months are seen as quieter, as we spent time reflectively in Lent, as so a perfect time for training and taking stock of things. I have particularly taken advantage of zoom training courses offered by Christian charities to inform me of current issues and new resources coming out. One course I attended was about eating disorders, and how/why they affect teens more than others. There's an exciting new resource called "Food, Feelings and Faith" that I have bought from them to be run at our youth group next year which explores these topics in a positive way. Do pray this goes down well.

I also completed unconscious bias training with my Centenary Project colleagues – my second time doing this but a course written by the Diocese and delivered by two excellent trainers. It was positive, affirming, with all guilt left at the door, whilst being challenging and encouraging that we can stop and change our unconscious thoughts to include those who might be left out. Finally I attended the launch of "Parenting Teens for a Life of Faith" – a 6-part course to be run in small groups. I would love to be able to offer this and the original parenting for faith course here, so do get in touch with me if this interests you!

In terms of things finishing, we celebrated completing the Youth Alpha Course with our Hatfield Heroes, a course we have been doing since September. Many of these young people have moved along in their faith journey over that time which is so encouraging. Some of them have started attending Café Church too – so do say hello to them if they are around! In Café Church we finished our look at the Lord's Prayer. The highlight of this for me has been learning it in British Sign Language, something that will help us be more inclusive to our deaf friends.

Whilst it has been lovely to see the completion of these things, there is still lots to look forward to. I have lots of Easter activities lined up (although fewer than in previous years due to the way the school holidays have fallen). I will be back at Ash Hill Academy running the Easter themed escape room for Year 7's, both Travis St Lawrence and Crookesbroom Primary Schools will be visiting church for Easter services, and there is a free crafts session to run in the holidays after Easter too.

All of these things are absolutely fantastic, and I thank God daily for the doors he has opened here in Hatfield and the many ways in which we are able to share the good news of Jesus with our children, youth and families. As we look to double the numbers of active young disciples alongside the national Church of England, do consider whether you can offer to help at any of our groups or activities. I am always around to chat about this more – see my contact details below.

Rachel Ridler

Youth, Children's and Families Worker at St Lawrence Church,

Hatfield | [The Diocese of Sheffield](#)

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Note from the Editor..

I really wasn't looking for another job to do in church so I was surprised to find myself offering to make hot chocolate on Hatfield Heroes nights. It's a real delight! The young people are lively, interesting, INTERESTED, and there's usually another adult with Rachel to chat to. I loved the Alpha Youth Course and wanted to be there for every session! The young people influence the whole church, they take part in Café Church, and when we have any refreshments in church now the hot chocolate with marshmallows and squirty cream is an essential!!



Do think about volunteering to help in some way, you might be surprised at what a joy it is.

Oh yes, I nearly forgot, please don't tell Hatfield heroes about the possibility of chocolate drizzle ON TOP of marshmallows and squirty cream , PLEASE DON'T!

Liturgical colours of the Christian Year

The liturgical colours have been used for centuries to help congregations understand and track the seasons of the church year. At St Lawrence we show them on the large Lord's Table at the east end of church, at the smaller Lord's Table at the foot of the chancel steps, on the hanging on the pulpit and the stoles that clergy wear.

Liturgical Colours & What They Mean				
Purple	Red	Green	Gold	White
				
Penance & Preparation	Sacrifice	Hope, Life & Growth	Joy & Celebration	Purity
Used during Advent and Lent	Used during Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost and for the Apostles and martyrs	Used throughout Ordinary Time	Used for special days of celebration, such as Easter Sunday and Christmas day	Used in the seasons of Easter & Christmas, and for saints who were not martyrs

So we've had purple signifying penance and preparation through Lent, Easter will be gold for joy and celebration, and we wait for red sacrifice at Pentecost Sunday on May 19th. Then we go into a long time of green which is "ordinary" time, with no festivals until Advent. We do celebrate harvest, but not as a formal festival, it's up to us when and how we celebrate !



The new open baptism policy worked, up to a point....

A prayer for peacefulness

God of our wilderness and despair, when our chaos is too loud to hear you, lead us to the quiet place. Open the ears of our hearts to hear you in the deepest of ways. Amen

From the Church of England's Lent 2024 booklet "Watch and Pray"
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Go to the St Lawrence Hatfield page and try it out!



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Each Wednesday

10.00 Holy Communion followed by Open Church from 11.00 – 12.00 in a warm space, turn your heating off and join us for coffee, chat, quiet prayer.....

*By agreement and because of enjoyment and valuing our meeting together the Lent Group on Wednesday mornings at 12:00 will continue!
Come and find out!*

Sunday 7th April **Easter 2**

10:00 Café Church

18:30 Holy Communion Acts 4: 32-35; John 20: 19-31

Sunday 14th April **Easter 3**

10:00 Holy Communion Acts 3: 12-19; Luke 24: 36-48

Sunday 21st April **Easter 4**

10:00 Café Church

18:30 Not necessarily Songs of Praise! Acts 4: 5-12; John 10: 11-18

Sunday 28th April **Easter 5**



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