

St John's Church

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**Pilgrimage Group, Rafael Davé's Baptism, and Fete (back cover too)
Front cover Pentecost from French 15th C window**

Thy Kingdom Come...

Jesus in the gospel of John gives us the most wonderful expression of prayer: he prays for himself as he faces the cross; he then prays for his disciples who will face the consequences of his death and resurrection; and finally he prays for all believers that they may know the love of the Father and the work of his Son.



Prayer is at the heart of the Christian Journey. For the last three years the Church of England has asked Christian Communities to pray for the 'Coming of the Holy Spirit' during the days between Ascension Day (May 30th) and Pentecost (June 9th). This campaign has become known as '*Thy Kingdom Come*', and the results have been remarkable.

We tend to think of the Church of England as something that really only affects England but in truth it is a global church. Basically wherever the commonwealth is there is an Anglican representation. The call to prayer of 'Thy Kingdom Come' has spread far wider than the Church of England. In the U.K. all the major denominations are taking part, each with their unique ways of praying. It is the same story right across Europe, America, Africa, Australasia, India, South America and Canada. You can see more detail of where Prayer will be taking place at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/lightuptheworld>



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It has really become the worlds biggest Ecumenical (many different denominations) endeavour and as one of our diocesan Ecumenical officers it brings great joy to me to be involved in this amazing event. The Archbishop of Canterbury has again invited all of us to participate by praying that God's Spirit might work in the lives of five chosen friends ... and that that prayer would be answered as they say 'Yes' to God's call. This is something we can do from our own homes but how much better to do it from our churches.

St Johns will be open for prayer all day Wednesday 5th June.
9am School Service; 10am Morning Prayer
10:40 to 12 noon there will be a prayer station
12 noon To 12:30 midday prayer
12:30 to 5pm there will be a prayer station.
5pm to 5:30pm Evening Prayer; 7:30 Compline

In addition to this there are other events across Hatfield ***which are detailed in the poster on page 17.***

The Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world needs to be shared! Pray that the work of the Holy Spirit will inspire us and equip us to share that news with others among our families, friends, communities and other networks.

Paul

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Tea & cake at the Mill
(courtesy Ramblers Walking Holidays)
Saturday 15th June
2.00 – 4.00pm

Relax and enjoy a beautiful garden! Everyone welcome!
Car parking available on site

Admission free

Donations to St John's Church



Sunday 2nd Easter 7

8 am BCP Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour

11 am Family Service led by Paul Seymour & Jo Brooks

***** Wednesday 5th Day of Prayer see Vicar's Message****Sunday 9th Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

8 am BCP Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour

11 am Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour

Tuesday 11th 2.30 pm Friendship Tea**Sunday 16th Trinity Sunday**

8 am BCP Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour

11 am Morning Prayer led by Paul Seymour

Sunday 23rd Trinity 1

8am BCP Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour

11 am Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour

Sunday 30th Trinity 2

8am BCP Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour

11 am Morning Prayer led by Paul Seymour

***** Morning Prayer 10 am every Wednesday, except first of month when shortened Communion Service *********Readings** (preacher reads the gospel at Parish Communion)**2nd** Acts 16: 16-34 John 17-20-26**9th** Acts 2: 1-21 John 14: 8-17 (22-27)**16th** Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 John 16:12-15 Psalm 8**23rd** 1 Kings 19: 1-4, (5-7) 8-51a Luke 8: 26-39**30th** 2 Kings: 1-2, 6-14 Luke 9: 51-62 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Sunday 7th Trinity 3

8am BCP Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour
11am Family Service led by Paul Seymour & Jo Brooks

Tuesday 9th 2.30 pm Friendship Tea

Sunday 14th Trinity 4

8am BCP Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour
11 am Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour

***** Saturday 20th War Memorial Centenary see page 16**

Sunday 21st Trinity 5

8am BCP Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour
11am Morning Prayer led by Paul Seymour

Sunday 28th Trinity 6

8am BCP Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour
11 am Holy Communion led by Paul Seymour

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Readings (preacher reads the gospel at Parish Communion)

7th	2 Kings 5: 1-14	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	
14th	Amos 7: 7-17	Luke 10: 25-37	
21st	Amos 8: 1-12	Luke 10: 38-42	Psalm 52
28th	Hosea 1: 2-10	Luke 11: 1-13	

Baptism

On 12th May, **Rafael Davé**—see a picture of him with **Kiran and Faye** inside front cover.

New Churchwarden

Well done to **Nigel Johnson** for taking on the role of Church



Warden. He with Jenny Roden, and several other church wardens, were 'sworn in' by the Archdeacon's at a service at St Mary's North Mymms on May 9th.

Fete

Congratulations to everyone who helped at the fete, which raised over £12, 000. Read comments from **Paul Butler** and **Richard Cuthbert**—heroic organisers—on page 13. See also pictures inside the front and back covers, by **June Copping, Lorraine Puranik,** and **Richard.**

Bank Holiday Pilgrimage

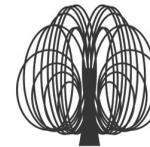
See inside front cover for **Ian Douglas'** picture of the happy band of walkers from St John's who took part in the Annual Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey. Ian walked too!

Tea at the Mill

Don't miss the afternoon Tea at the Mill on Saturday 15th June, thanks to the courtesy of **Ramblers Walking Holidays.** Their gardens are splendid in summer.

Willow Foundation Teas

Willow, based in Welwyn Garden, is the only national charity working with seriously ill 16 to 40 year olds to fulfil uplifting and unforgettable Special Days. They are inviting supporters to host a Tea during June so look out for them.



APPEAL

You will find an envelope enclosed with this issue. If you have enjoyed reading these magazines we would greatly appreciate a donation towards their cost. An annual sub is £5—but any amount would be good! We try to cover all aspects of life locally, not just Church ones. If you have ideas for inclusion, or any comments, do let us know.

Parish Magazine copy date for the next issue: **21st July**

How quickly the year turns and brings us round to the summer, the end of term, and holidays. More endings and beginnings. In our Bible stories for June and July in Sunday Club we will be learning about Jesus returning to heaven, and ending his time on earth, and then sending the Holy Spirit and so beginning a new life in us. These are exciting stories, because they are as real for us today as they were 2000 years ago – everyone can experience new life in Jesus!



We'd love to see you in Sunday Club or for one of our Family services. Family services are on **Sunday 2nd June** and on **Sunday 7th July** when the whole church family meets together at 11.00 for a service of songs, Bible readings, activities and prayers. Everyone is welcome.

On **July 7th** we'll be holding our usual end of term church family picnic, on the school field. This is great opportunity to meet together as a whole church, to share a picnic lunch and play some games together. We'll be on the school field after the family service (from around 12.30). It would be lovely to see you there, whether you worship at St John's Church regularly or not. Bring your own picnic, and maybe something to share, and something to sit on.

Sunday Club breaks for the summer holidays and our last meeting of term will be on Sunday 14th July, and we'll resume on Sunday 8th September. Please note there will be no family service in August.

Sunday Club meets each Sunday in term time during the morning service for Bible stories, games, crafts, music and prayer. Everyone welcome to join us and share in God's love, from toddlers to Year 6.

Contact me at joholifield@gmail.com for more information about these events or our children's activities at St John's.

On Monday 13th May I went up to church to have a quiet little bonfire to be ready for the second Garden Work Party on the 18th. I warned the school but not the car drivers along the village road, so I was visited by a concerned motorist. I thanked her for caring for our church; then one of the teachers who had not heard from the office walked round to check and then the Vicar came, having been alerted about the smoke. I was barely an hour at my conflagrations! It is good to know that there are folk keeping a watch over our Church. This reminds me of Psalm 17 where the writer asks God to “Watch over me like the apple of your eye, in the shadow of your wings hide me”.



The Work Party went well, so many thanks to the people who helped. One of the tasks was to clear rubbish dumped in the hedge by the road down to the Village. The result was considerable as can be seen from the photo.



The 5 year plan to improve the gardens has started, focussed on the Diocesan Quinquennial Report. The Holly Trees at the front of the graveyard have been removed and some other shrubs have been controlled. We are approaching the Western Red Cedar hedge gently, and the base was cleared by the Work Party. The wild flower meadows are starting to look lovely.

The Diocese has a ‘Living Churchyard Day’ on Saturday 13th July at Potton Church. It would be good if someone who cannot do hard work were to attend and become our expert. Please contact me if this would interest you. **Mary Douglas** 07850527050.

For some time we have been collecting provisions in a box at the back of Church, which **Marion Cleveland** takes to a weekly Food Bank. This is run by **New Zion Christian Fellowship** in Cole Green Lane, Welwyn Garden. **Ian Matthews** from the Fellowship tells us what happens there.

The Food Bank exists to provide food to those in need. Each Wednesday morning we set up five tables, with different types of food on them – carbohydrates, proteins, fruit and veg, drinks, and miscellaneous. Our customers are referred to us by Care professionals (health visitors, schools and social workers) who give them vouchers after proof of need. They can take three items from each table. We also have bread and some items from local supermarkets, so they normally go away with at least twenty items.

We are seeing a number of “regulars”. At the same time, some drop off the radar, and a few new faces appear each week. This gives us the opportunity of developing relationships with quite a number of people. This is part of what we believe is the Lord’s desire for us; we give them time, and wish to show the Lord’s love for them.



As we continue in this work, we are increasingly aware that the Lord has put on our hearts a greater purpose than that of providing tins, jars, packets and cartons to those in physical need; He wants to redeem souls as well as vouchers, and we find ourselves praying and caring for the spiritual wellbeing of those who come for help.

In order to fulfil the Lord’s command to us, we need food. In this respect, we never cease to be amazed by the Lord’s ingenuity. He supplies us with food and funding from an amazing variety of places: other churches, (like St John’s), schools, local companies, individuals, to name but a few.

Without workers, our task would be impossible. For a fellowship of 70-80, we have an amazing number of volunteers. We have roughly 12-15 helpers per week, which is 15-20% of our number. In school holidays, that figure often rises even higher. To me, this shows how important this area of the church’s life is to its members. We are a body of people who clearly care for each other, and want to reach out to those around with the message of God’s love for them.

Paul Butler writes:

We can again think ourselves very fortunate with the weather we had on fete day. It may have been considerably cooler than last year's scorcher, but the day was dry which was most important.

This year we had a number of new musical offerings, with three bands, a brass band and 'Jive Swing' a local dance group. This alongside our more familiar performances in the church and the school children's singing and maypole dancing there was hopefully a lot to keep everyone entertained and warm.



Whilst we were unavoidably let down by several attractions at the last moment hopefully our inflatables, crockery smash, coconut shy and archery kept everyone active. Alongside this the home baked cakes and jam stalls did a roaring trade. The BBQ, with new vegetarian options, was always busy and I know it takes a lot of effort by those who volunteer to run those stalls

As a result of the generosity of the public, our sponsors and the hard work of our volunteers and helpers we have again been able to raise in excess **£12,000** for the school PTA, church and our other charitable causes locally. Thank you to everyone involved.

If you have any opinions or suggestions on the event please let us know. It is always good to know if we are getting it right,



Richard Cuthbert adds:

After all the meetings, prep, shopping, cooking, baking, setup and last minute cancellations...! This is what it's all about... And the sun shone a little too. Massive thanks to all the committee, staff, parents and volunteers who worked so hard to make this happen so successfully. Well done to all, an amazing team as always.

Since its inception in 2003, Lemsford Local History group have produced a display for nearly every Lemsford Fete. We have explored, 'The Great North Road', 'Lemsford Church', 'Brocket Hall', 'Lemsford Village', 'WW1' and many more. For this year's Fete we decided that the subject should be the **Graveyard**, partly because the War Memorial was unveiled on 20th July 1919, one hundred years ago.

We had a small display in the hall showing information about the graveyard's history and records of the twenty men who gave their lives in WW1 and whose names are on the memorial. There was also a Power Point presentation and an outlet for selling our publications.

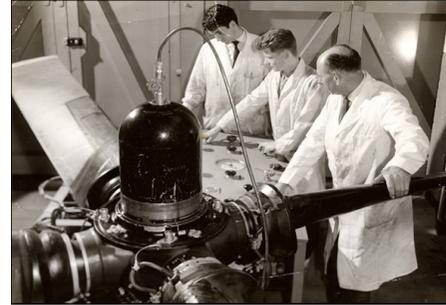
We were lucky the day was dry as our main display was in the graveyard. We had asked the local community to contribute memories of relatives in the graveyard, and members of the group to research well known graves. This produced twenty-four articles. In the graveyard we had double sided display boards erected next to each of the 24 graves. On the front of these was basic information and a QR link to the website article, while the back showed a brief history. A team of guides were on hand to show the public around.

The response from the public was positive and the combination of hard copy display boards and links to the website made relaying information an enjoyable experience.

All the articles were interesting. For personal reasons three resonated with me: one about **Brenda Lines**, a 6 year old girl who was knocked down by a car in 1922 outside the house I live in; another on the **Brocket Babies**, who died between 1939 and 1949 at the Brocket Hall maternity hospital, and for whom the group had campaigned successfully for a permanent memorial; and that for **Stan Borrie** a founding member of LLHG, one of life's true gents and greatly missed.

After 16 years its quite hard to find new aspects of Lemsford. to research. We have a large archive and website with over a 1000 images. This project though produced further memories.

I learnt about families that moved to the area like **Bill & Lily Curtis**, whose daughter Alison had some wonderful memories about her parents who lived in Brocket Road from 1980. 'When Bill died in 1985 it was a great comfort to Lily that his resting place was just up the road in the village church'. I loved a photo of Bill working at De Havilland.



Bernard Wallis, who helped to build Mill Close in the village, was researched by Marion Cleveland. She produced a fascinating article about him creating one of the biggest poultry farms in Hertfordshire opposite the village hall. During the late 1920's or early 1930's, Bernard (known as "Bunny" to his family and friends) decided to take up poultry farming and moved to a council farm at Brocket Road, Lemsford. (The house is now named Meadowcroft.) The chickens were initially kept in large wooden "houses" but he later expanded by acquiring army style "Nissan" huts. One of these housed two incubators to facilitate egg hatching.

The piece on **Charlie Wager** was not only interesting but had the best image of the display. Charlie was a churchwarden at St. John's for 16 years (1977-1993) and will always be known as the man who put the gardens into the Garden City. He joined the WGC Co., which was constructing New Town, early in his life, and spent the rest of his long career there, becoming head gardener.



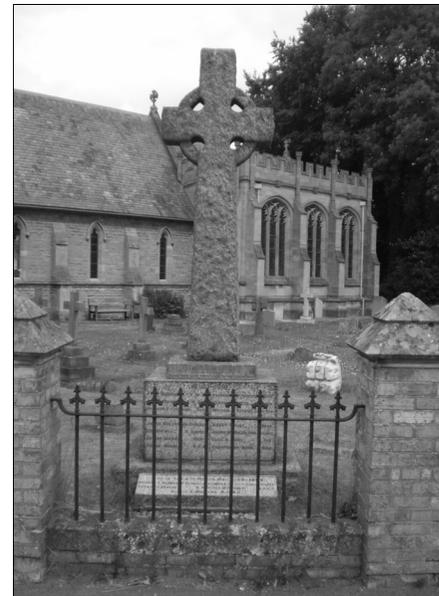
The article on *Cyril Roden*, Churchwarden at St John's for 26 years (1965 - 91) - and who helped to install the Church bells— showed the development of Brocket Road, a subject I want the group to research for 2020 as part of the WGC centenary celebrations. In 1933, when he and Edith moved as newlyweds into 32 Brocket Road, fields surrounded the few houses along this country road and New Road was just a dirt track.



All 24 articles may be read in full on our website via a link on the Home Page. These will be updated as more information comes in.

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If you missed this event it will be repeated on **Saturday July 20th** from 11 am with an open day in St John's. **One hundred years ago on this date the War Memorial was unveiled** and we will remember the 20 men who died in WW1 and are listed on it with a special event. Details of this are still being settled, but it is hoped to involve descendents of some of them. The graves of their relatives may also be highlighted. More information will be put on the website as soon as possible.



In September we have our **AGM**, if you want to know more about the group join us then; details will be on the website www.lemsfordhistorynews.co.uk

Thy Kingdom come

Thursday 30th May

3.30 pm Messy Church **St. Michael's Church Hall**
7:00pm Team Ascension Service - **St Etheldreda's Church**

Saturday 1st June

10.00 am Coffee and Croissants
10.30– 12 noon. "How to Share your Faith"
12.15–1.15 Bring and Share Lunch

St. Mary's N. Mymms

7.00pm Compline **St. Luke's Church**

Monday 3rd June

7.00-8.00pm Pilgrimage Walk in **Grounds of Hatfield House**

Tuesday 4th June

9.00 am Morning Prayer at **St. Etheldreda's**
9.30 am Coffee at Angie's
10.00am Eucharist at **St. Michael's**
8.00pm Bible Study Group venue TBC

Wednesday 5th June

10am Eucharist - **St Etheldreda's**
10am Morning Prayer at **St. John's S. Hatfield**
9.00 am School Service, 10am Morning Prayer 10.20 Prayer station, 12.00pm Midday prayer
12.30-5.00 prayer station at **St John's Lemsford**

Thursday 6th June

10am Morning Prayer, 10:40 prayer station , 12 noon midday prayer
12:30 to 5pm prayer station 5pm Evening Prayer, 7:30 Compline at **St. Michael's**
2.00-3.00pm Tea-Break at Angie's
7.30pm Songs of Praise at **St. Etheldreda's**
followed by bring and share Pimms or your choice of beverage in the Churchyard

Friday 7th June

9.00 am Morning prayer , 9.30 Prayer Retreat 11.45 am Eucharist **St. Etheldreda's**

Saturday 8th June

9.00 Morning Prayer at **St. Etheldreda's**
10.00 am Coffee Morning The Stable Yard

Sunday 9th June

6.30pm Beacon Event at **St. Albans Abbey**

There will be prayer stations in St. Etheldreda's, St. Luke's and St. Michael's
during the day throughout this time

Plans for the **Family Fun Afternoon** on the **13th July** are proceeding well. The venue has changed to Bridge House, 29 Lemsford Village, which means all the events will now be in one place. Our thanks to Jane and Nigel for generously offering their garden. The afternoon will start at 2.30 with games for all the family then at 4.30 we will have the picnic. Everyone should bring their own food and drink and something to sit on. We have no worries about the weather as there will be a marquee to shelter under if it rains or is too hot. Looking forward to a fun packed afternoon.

We have continued our arrangement with Digswell Nurseries for the twice yearly supply of plants for the three village planters. New plants were put in in March which do look very nice.

The committee are currently reviewing options for the village notice board and hope to have this installed by the Autumn.

The next two **Meet and Greet** sessions will be on **Thursday 27th June** and **Thursday 25th July** at The Sun from 6-8pm. Hope to see you there.

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Ramblers Walking Holidays Part III *A pioneer of Package Holidays*

In 1955 the company set up an air holiday subsidiary 'Wings' and the easier walking grades and sightseeing tours migrated to the new product. The early flights were on the twin engined Vickers Viking, a post war civilian passenger aircraft based on the Wellington bomber and carrying up to 38 passengers, flying from either London Airport (before it became what is now London Heathrow) or the now largely forgotten Blackbushe Airport (near Camberley).

Air travel was then exotic enough for our brochures to advertise the inclusion of the services of an air hostess aboard the flight as well as of 'our resident Wings representative' for the tour itself. Between 1957 and 1958 the size of the programme had doubled, a fortnight visiting Austria and Switzerland cost 36 guineas and the first regional flights from Manchester appeared.

Within 20 years, following the rapid development of package holidays by air, the RAS walking holiday operation had effectively become a subsidiary of Wings and in 1974 changed its name to the more familiar Ramblers Holidays Ltd.

*God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit
be our goal and our strength,
now and always.
Amen.*

Presbyterian Book of Common Worship

And finally ...



More Fete Pictures

