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July/August 2021

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Parish of the Icknield Way Villages

QUIET DAY

at Chrishall Church

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July Services

Sunday 4

- 9.00am Mattins at St Nicholas Church **Little Chishill** SG8 8PA
10.45am Family Worship at Holy Trinity **Chrishall** SG8 8QU

Sunday 11

- 9.00am Mattins at Holy Trinity **Heydon** SG8 8PW
10.45am Family Worship at St Swithuns **Great Chishill** SG8 8SS

Sunday 18

- 9.00 am Holy Communion at St Marys Church **Strethall** CB11 4XJ
10.45am Family Café Church at Holy Trinity Chrishall SG8 8QU

Sunday 25

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Hamlet Church **Duddenhoe End**
CB11 4XN
10.45am Family Worship with Holy Communion at St Swithuns
Great Chishill SG8 8SS

T Induction loop at this service

Service details, diary events and more at www.icknieldwayparish.blogspot.co.uk



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August Services

Sunday 1

10.00am Common Worship with Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **Elmdon** CB 4LT

Sunday 8

10.00am Common Worship with Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **Little Chishill** SG8 8PA

Sunday 15

10.00am Common Worship with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity **Heydon** SG8 8PW

Sunday 22

10.00am Common Worship with Holy Communion at St Marys Church **Strethall** CB11 4XJ

Sunday 29

10.00am Common Worship with Holy Communion at Hamlet Church **Duddenhoe End** CB11 4XN

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Parish News from Anand, our Rector



Dear Friends

You may be aware that a consultation process has been underway by a newly formed Parish Focus Group with the objective to develop proposals about how worship within the parish could resume after the current Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. Jon Wayper wrote a brief article last month describing the proposals produced.

A strong conviction has emerged that the church needs to reach out afresh to those in our villages with the Good News of Jesus for a society shaken by a worldwide pandemic. Reinvigorating the informal 10.45 service is seen as a crucial part of this aim. As part of the 'reinvigoration' the informal service will be alternated between the Great Chishill and Chrishall churches. These two venues are large enough and with all the necessary facilities to host the service in a way we hope will be attractive to newcomers.

We are very pleased to note that initial feedback suggests that many in our parish are sympathetic to this vision and that the PCC, at its May meeting, formally adopted the proposal.

The implementation of this proposal has several implications. As the Great Chishill and Chrishall churches will be hosting the informal 10.45 service, the traditional 9 am BCP service will be hosted alternatively in each of the other five parish churches. This means that these five churches will have a Sunday morning service once every five weeks, rather than every calendar month. We understand that this represents a disruption

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to previous patterns and we hope and pray that those people who prefer to attend the BCP services might accept this major change to see if it helps in the mission of drawing new people in. Indeed, Anand is so concerned about the change that, if need be, he and Shaila will offer to provide an Evensong service in each church which ‘misses out’ in any given month as well as hosting special services (eg Maundy Thursday).

To maintain consistency in the informal services we want Baptisms to be held on a Sunday or Saturday in their local church without interrupting the regular informal or formal service at 10.45 or 9.00 am. However, the child and the parents will be introduced to the congregations in our regular services before and after baptism. Hence, the baptisms will be held in their local churches wherever the parents request for the service.

There are many challenges with this approach, including the equitable distribution of the weekly plate collections; acknowledging that people have strong emotional ties to their home church; how to bring the informal service back out to the other churches and what to do about festival services. But our prayer is that God will guide us through this and show us the way he thinks we should go.

It is an experiment. Results will need to be evaluated. We propose to run the new pattern for a year and aim to conduct a review during July 2022, with a decision to be made for the future at the first PCC meeting after the summer break.

Friends, we ask for your prayers and patience as we enter this trial period, returning from a time where all people and nations have been so shaken.

God bless you all

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anand', enclosed within a hand-drawn circle. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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A Reflection from Anand

The hope of restoration

In light of the new proposals for the 10.45 am family services and the changes to the pattern of the 9.00 am traditional services in our parish, I want to be optimistic and look forward with hope to a post covid future where the Parish of the Icknield Way Villages brings hope and restoration of life to its full. I look forward to growing together in faith and commitment to God.

A pessimist might say, "If history teaches us anything, it teaches us that it doesn't teach us anything!" Depending on how we view this statement, it could be a statement of condemnation of all history and it is to be thrown in the garbage. We cannot accept such an extreme view. The entire Bible is past history. History can teach us many insights. Apostle Paul said, "*For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the scriptures and encouragement they provide we might have hope.*" (Romans 15:4).

People who believe in God also believe that God is active in human affairs. It is God's story. God, as a Creator and Redeemer has acted, intervened and worked for his purposes throughout history and by which, we understand how God reveals himself in the present. The Psalmist who wrote Psalm 85 was an optimist and wrote about God saying, "*you have poured out amazing blessings on your land. You have restored the fortunes of Israel and you have forgiven the guilt of your people*".

God's historical dealings with the people of Israel is a great lesson for the future. Israel had a very dark history, they had lost their land to the Assyrians and the Babylonians. The prophets of the Old Testament lamented asking people to turn to the Lord in repentance, but their deliberate rejection of God led to a very negative history. Paul also warned the Corinthians to look at the history of Israel and learn the lessons (I Corinthians 10:1-6). Yet, the Psalmist strongly believed in God's restoration of his people. He was confident of the future and believed that God was God of Salvation and would revive and restore his people (Psalm 85:4,6).

The God of history is the God of today and of tomorrow. God's unfailing love and truth will prevail and His righteousness and peace will come to

His people (Psalm 85:10). The psalmist was confident that his prayers would be answered (verse 12). He had learned God's ways from history and he could see what was coming. Therefore history is not an endless succession of meaningless events nor is it a continuous cycle of empty repetitions, it is the story of the God of heaven at work on earth and it is a treasure trove of wisdom for those who learn its lessons! Hence, we pray *'thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven'* (Matthew 6:10)

Let us hope that we recover from the negative impact of covid and look forward with a hope of full restoration of life in the community and the life of the church.

Yours in Christ **Anand Sodadasi**

From the Archives

Heydon August 1890

Our Parish Festival, so far as the social part of it was concerned, was held on Tuesday, 1 July... 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

Heydon August 1891. North Hall

A return cricket match was played here on Wednesday 15 July between our boys and those at Heydon, only 10 on each side, and was very closely contested, the latter winning by only 4 runs.

We are very glad to see that the interest in cricket is increasing, and we hope the play will improve; at present there is a great deal too much talking, and everyone seems to think he can do what he likes: this is fatal to good

cricket, which requires discipline. Again everyone thinks he is umpire, and gives his opinion without being asked – and once more bats are used as if they were scythes to mow with, instead of being held straight, with the left hand well forward; and lastly legs and shins and ankles are used instead of hands to stop the ball, which is a very awkward and stupid way of picking it up, to say nothing of the pain it causes, unless those parts of the body are, as we sometimes are inclined to think, made of wood or cast iron. Try in future what hands can do.

Sept 1891

The older members of the Choir, Ringers and others to the number of 17 had a most enjoyable day at the Naval Exhibition on Tuesday 11 August. Starting from home at 8 am. They went from Royston to Kings Cross and thence by omnibus to Victoria, and thence again by a similar conveyance to the exhibition. The sight of London from the top of those vehicles was not the least enjoyable part of the day, especially to those who had never seen the Metropolis before (here follows all the details of what they saw that day...). It may be added that the Company took the party at a single fare and a quarter; also that refreshments are somewhat dear at the Exhibition, and we got a substantial hot dinner for 1s.1d a head, well served, at Harvey's, 136 Victoria Street, and tea at 4d, including roll and butter, at Lockhart's, opposite King's Cross Metropolitan Station. The party reached home about 11, well pleased with their outing

Heydon October 1891

On Monday and Tuesday last, 28 and 29 Sept, a most important sale took place at Heydon Grange, in consequence of the approaching departure of Mr William Jonas from the parish.

The first day's sale included the valuable flock of sheep and lambs, together with farming implements etc. On the second day a large company assembled at luncheon, previous to the sale of the pedigree cart horses and others, numbering sixty in all, and many of which fetched high prices... Mr Gifford from Dorsetshire, has taken the farm, but will probably not reside amongst us before November.

Canon Chris Bishop
Archivist St Mary's, Saffron Walden

A Conservator's Guide to looking after Churches



Keeping the church clean

Cleaning a historic church is a large and complex task. There are hard-to-reach places, different materials that need different approaches and historically significant artefacts to be cautious around and at the moment, there is the added pressure to clean and sanitise to make our buildings 'covid-safe'. All of these things coupled with a distinct lack of cleaning volunteers at many churches nationwide, puts our historic church interiors at risk of harm and makes cleaning a burden.

This is the first in a series of cleaning themed articles. It is a short introduction on what to think about when cleaning historic interiors and the things that can cause damage to historic interiors. In future issues I will focus in more detail on different materials found in church buildings that need extra special care.

What damages church interiors?

Natural environmental conditions and human intervention can damage our church interiors. They include the following:

- Damp - which can lead to higher humidity that will cause water staining, mould and rot
- Mould - is chemically aggressive and bad for human health
- Pest activity - is encouraged by damp and dust. Pests can eat furnishings and woodwork and cause structural damage in buildings
- Chemicals - chemical cleaning products like bleach and soap soak into porous materials like stone and wood and cause staining and other lasting damage like flaking surfaces. When used on metals chemical reactions can occur which can cause etching, staining and rusting
- Abrasive products and techniques - abrade the surfaces of metals, stone and wood. Surfaces can become scratched and layers of the historic surface are lost resulting in loss of inscriptions or painted details and exposure of the underlying, more vulnerable surfaces underneath
- Dust, dirt and other debris - when these are left on surfaces, especially in a damp environment they can stain surfaces and even cause chemical reactions.



Protective plastic cover on a church floor that has trapped moisture and will lead to mould and decay

What is conservation cleaning?

Conservation cleaning aims to prevent damage from occurring to historic materials. This is done using various approaches:

- Cleaning using sensitive techniques and equipment
- Removing dirt, dust and debris that can damage historic fabric
- Keeping a record of cleaning so it is not done too frequently and easier to keep on top of
- Monitoring the other agents of decay; damp, mould, pest activity,
- Altering the temperature or ventilation to reduce the impact of those agents of decay

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- Noting changes in the appearance of artefacts and furnishings in your church.

By caring for your historic church in this way it is possible to minimise the need for costly conservation and repair bills: prevention is better than the cure, after all.

Brass plaque scratched and inscription worn away by over-enthusiastic cleaning



Tips

Clean as little, but as regularly as possible.

Light vacuuming and dusting on a regular basis will reduce the need for more in-depth cleaning and costly conservation work in the future. Removing excess dust will reduce the risk of staining in the future and even deter pest activity and mould.

Water is the enemy!

Churches are often damp buildings and increased damp levels create water staining, mould and rot. An easy way to avoid damage associated with damp is to reduce the moisture used in church cleaning. Use water and detergents sparingly and if possible, soak up excess moisture from floors with a dry mop after washing the floor, or dry cloth after washing surfaces.

It's all in the planning.

Having a rota system and knowing when you last waxed the pews or dusted high level areas can be really beneficial. It can draw attention to areas that regularly get missed, or pinpoint areas that get cleaned too frequently. Pews can go for many years without waxing but regularly checking brasses under carpets will help to identify trapped moisture that is causing decay.

In the next few instalments I will focus on specific materials found in churches and how we can protect and clean them sensitively and effectively.

Rachel Arnold

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When does Cricket become Baseball?

Did that catch your attention?

It is said that you cannot take sport out of the context of the norms and expectations of society, whether we are discussing the ever-growing pressures on our time or the competition for ways to spend our precious leisure time.

Cricket has always had to move with the times. Some 60 years ago, in the face of declining attendance figures, domestic professional cricket saw the birth of its first one-day competition. At the time it was a bold move away from what was then a diet of 3 and 5-day cricket.

Although the new one-day format was tweaked and adapted over the ensuing years the next major change was the advent of the 20-over format in 2003, generally now known as the 'T20'. That too was in response to a perceived need for the game to remain relevant and to appeal to a new, wider audience. Matches could now be completed in a mere three hours, with a guaranteed result; a far cry from sixty years earlier when it was three or five days and quite possibly still no winner.

Fast forward to 2021 and after market research showed that there is a 'gap in the market' for an even shorter all-action format we have the launch this summer of 'The Hundred'. For 'The Hundred' form we say goodbye to the six-ball over; it will now be just 100 deliveries in either 10 10-ball overs, 20 5-ball overs or something in between.

The game of cricket has been built around a (mostly) fair contest between bat and ball but arguably we have now lost that in the shortest forms of the game. Now batsmen, sorry 'batters' (I always associated that with making pancakes, but there you go), have much heavier bats and the bowlers are penalised if they don't bowl the ball into an area where the batter can 'whack' it.

On the plus side we have seen a remarkable improvement in the standards of fielding and innovative batting. Oh, and cricket is back on terrestrial TV. So, we reach the title of this short piece: are The Hundred and T20 closer to baseball than our traditional understanding of cricket? Answers, as they say, on a postcard.

Peter Hinstridge

Volunteering with Animals

I am walking down a corridor at Addenbrookes Hospital and nearly everyone is smiling at me and coming up to me...

Oh no, they are smiling at my Pets As Therapy dog and want a quick stroke or cuddle before going about their business. My dog and I are CUH Pets As Therapy volunteers. On up into the wards and first to the staff station to clock in. Can we get away? All the staff want to say hello and have a break from their busy work and to have a few minutes with Pablo. A stroke, a cuddle, a soft head in their lap is all it takes to remove the stress and strains of the day. At last into one of the bays - it might be paediatric, hearts, general surgery, or even out patients but the reaction is the same. "Please bring the dog here", "reminds me of my dog who I am missing", "what a lovely fellow can I have a cuddle?" and so forth. So, from bed to bed we go, both Pablo or Baloo instinctively knowing how to behave, bringing joy and comfort and some relief to each patient in their own ways. Once again they are proving the therapeutic value of human and animal interaction, be it for the patient, the staff or the visitors.

Addenbrooke's is not alone in my Pets As Therapy dog outings. They also bring the same comfort and tears of joy and smiles to residents in two care homes and often at sessions with university students during stressful exam times. My reward, if I need one, is to see the comfort my dogs bring to others who are suffering in their own ways. It is one way I can repay the NHS and others for the brilliant and caring service they provide to us all.

When not doing Pets As Therapy I also volunteer with a small Riding For the Disabled group. We meet at an equestrian centre twice a week and provide up to six ponies for children from two schools with physical and mental disabilities. Seeing a child arrive for the first time and being frightened of the pony to several months later when sitting on the pony and perhaps for the first time realizing that they are in charge. It's them that makes the pony stop, start, turn or trot and it always brings a lump to my throat. It gives them a confidence in



themselves that was perhaps missing and helps with all aspects of their life.

So, I have ended up in retirement involved with two charities whose aims are quite similar but delivered in different ways. The therapeutic value of animals whether its dogs, cats, horses, rabbits, alpacas or even, dare I say it, pet rats has long been recognised.

Charles Joint

From The Parish Registers

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Great Chishill URC News

URC Services

Sunday 4 July Evensong 6.30 led by Revd Sue Fender.

No Morning Service Sunday 18 July.

We were delighted to welcome Revd. Sue Fender to conduct her first service in the chapel on 'Listening to Snakes' and even more delighted to see so many in the congregation especially Janet and Brian Crouch and other new faces. This was a most encouraging start for Sue and we were able to enjoy an Evening Tipple outside together, to celebrate a new beginning.

Tess Gent

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