

Village

May 2024

Web



The Parish of the
Icknield Way Villages

You are invited

by the Parish Wardens
to attend the Institution by the
Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani
Bishop of Chelmsford
and the Induction by
the **Venerable Kate Peacock**,
The Archdeacon of Stansted

of the
Reverend Dr James Webster
as Rector

On
Thursday 23 May 2024 at 7.30pm
At Holy Trinity Church, Chrishall
and afterwards to an informal
reception in the church

Great Chishill Open Gardens



In aid of St Swithun's Church

Sunday 2 June

12pm-5pm

Entrance £5 Per Person (children free). Maps,
Programme and Refreshments available from
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**18 May 2024 - final date for submission of
articles for the June edition**



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May Services

Sunday 5

- 9.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **Little Chishill** SG8 8PA
10.45am Family Café Church at **Chrishall Village Hall** **Chrishall** SG8 8QL
6.00pm **URC** Service led by Revd Sue Fender

Sunday 12

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity **Heydon** SG8 8PW
Led by the Venerable Kate Peacock
10.45am Family Worship St Nicholas **Elmdon** CB11 4LT
Led by Rev'd John Simmons

Sunday 19

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Hamlet Church **Duddenhoe End** CB11 4XN
9.30am **URC** Morning Service led by Revd Sue Fender
10.45am Family Worship at Holy Trinity **Chrishall** SG8 8QU

Thursday 23

- 7.30pm Institution and Induction of Revd James Webster as Rector
at Holy Trinity **Chrishall** SG8 8QU

Sunday 26

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Marys Church **Strethall** CB11 4XJ
10.45am Family Worship at St Swithuns **Great Chishill** SG8 8SS

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New Life

I am sure I am not alone in Spring being my favourite month; the new life and new light, new blooms and blossoms, new energy and new horizons invigorate and arrive out of the depths of a long and very wet winter. There is somehow new hope and new joy in the rebirth of the world. Easter, falling in the northern hemisphere at this time gives us a reminder from God that in the newness of creation there is



newness of life in Christ too; as he breaks free from the tomb and death, creation is breaking free from dormant plants, and a bleak earth. Easter must feel very different if you celebrate in the southern hemisphere surrounded by autumn and a sense of the natural world seeking hibernation and rest after the fruitful endeavours of the height of summer.

But the world moves on and seasons come and go. Just as chapters of life come and go; the book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible tells us ‘For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven’ – it’s a wonderful and welcome reminder that God knows his timings, there is a time for all things. And a new chapter is beginning in the villages too as you prepare to welcome James and Debs Webster as your new Rector and his wife. With me I am sure you are praying for them as they move home and begin work with you and amongst you. James and I worked together in St Albans diocese and I am delighted that we will continue our work for the Gospel together in Essex. James is a warm and kind priest, who has many gifts and strengths. Just ask him about his magic tricks!

With Easter Blessings as you begin this new season.

The Ven. Kate Peacock, Archdeacon of Stansted

Pentecost (19 May) brings the Easter season to an end; recalling the promised gift to the disciples of the Holy Spirit, after Jesus’ ascension (9 May), empowering them to spread the Word to all nations

Save the Date:

Our next Saturday Gathering **22 June at 4.30pm...LOOK UP!!!**

The usual goodies and surprises, great music and an uplifting, inspirational speaker...please come along, church is more fun when you're there!

Upcoming Events

8 May	Watoto Choir, Chrishall
16 May	Lofts Hall Stud Tour
17 May	Piano Recital, Holy Trinity, CHRISHALL
19 May	Heydon Place Open Garden
23 May	Licensing of Rev'd James Webster
26 May	Plant Sale, Heydon.
2 June	Great Chishill Open Gardens
22 June	Saturday Gathering, Chrishall
12 July	Barn Dance at Great Chishill Village Hall
13/14 July	St Swithuns and Scarecrow Festival – Great Chishill

‘Our cup runneth over...’

We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to the Ven. Archdeacon Kate Peacock, who will be leading our 9.00am Holy Communion service on **12 May**. Her wisdom and guidance will surely enrich our worship experience.

Additionally on the 12 May we are delighted to welcome back our former rector, Rev'd John Simmons. In May this year John will be 70 and will be marking that auspicious occasion by walking the Icknield Way (for Diabetes UK) from Thame in Oxfordshire (where he was ordained) through our parish and on to Thetford in Norfolk. It will take two weeks from **May 5-19**. John will be preaching at the 10.45am service in Elmdon and after would love to say something about what he is doing. He sends his warm greetings to all who remember him.

Expect Plan A

Over Easter I attended the five day Christian event week of Spring Harvest at Butlins, Skegness. This annual event, running since 1979, offers excellent teaching, music, prayer, reflection, pastoral care and lots more... all alongside all the jolly Butlin's fun!

This year's theme was 'Up And Alive' - to look up and out of the strains of life, to be fully alive in Christ.

I thoroughly enjoyed my week away, not just the wonderful quality time with my children, but there was plenty of time to learn, reflect and be encouraged.

Being a busy parent can be hard but I was reminded how important it is to make time to step away from the pressures of life and enjoy God's nourishing love. This stuck with me from one of the talks; "God had a plan for you even before he uttered the words "Let there be light" so when life takes unexpected turns remember there is no plan B, trust this is still His plan A for you and it has been all along!

Emily Brown

Welcome James

On **23 May**, in the year of our Lord 2024, the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Revd. Dr Guli Francis Dehqani will conduct the Institution of the Revd Dr James Webster, followed by his Induction by our Ven. Archdeacon, Kate Peacock.

Everyone is warmly invited to come along to Chrishall church to support James as he dedicates himself afresh to his service of God in our community. We shall all have the opportunity to commit to support him in this work. This is an important day for our community, it will mean so much to have the presence of as many parishioners as possible to welcome and support James and his wife Debs.



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Marathon Effort

Thank you for supporting Harry in his endeavour on Sunday 21 April. Many local friends have generously donated to the important work of Khandel light, a charity established by Harry's childhood Family Doctor, Peter Gough. Having trained hard, Harry made a time of 02:58:23. He deeply appreciates the support and encouragement of friends. Together Steph, Joe, Adam, Jaya and Harry raised a grand total well over £8k Thank you to all who supported the Khandel Light team.



Espresso Divas

The Mixing Shed Café at Compass Courtyard

You may have seen signs for Compass Courtyard on your way to Saffron Walden – and if you haven't ventured in yet, you could be missing a treat. It can be found on the B1039 on the way to Saffron Walden, just past the turn off to Littlebury. It is clearly signposted from both directions with an entrance you would be hard pressed not to see. The collection of repurposed and new farm buildings play host to a number of businesses, including The Loaf Tin Bakery, A F Fitness Training, Lily Bay Beauty, Julies Cookery Academy and Catering Company and The Wightman Gallery & Pottery Studio. All are in beautifully appointed barns set in the old farmyard.

Compass Café is situated in one of the larger barns with stunning views across open fields. It has both indoor and outdoor seating and is open Tuesday to Saturday 8am – 4pm and Sundays 9.00am– 3.00pm. The Café serves barista coffee alongside teas and cold drinks and a delicious selection of pastries and cakes. There is a Breakfast and Lunch menu



too – all freshly prepared and cooked in the kitchens. Placing your order at the counter can be difficult – but only because of the selection to choose from! However, I am a confirmed cappuccino and pastry addict and can report that the coffee is served hot in the usual variations and is a well flavoured blend; the pastries are delicious.

An Enduring Gift

The Will of Rebecca Perry and John Fiske Wilkes

In the parish we are beneficiaries of the philanthropic kindness of several local people who have left bequests in their wills for the benefit of local people.

Rebecca Perry (1790-1875), an independent lady, farming 9 acres in Strethall and 23 acres with Poplar Farm (originally Elmdon), generously made provision for a trust to be established upon her death. Her trust has been carefully managed over the ensuing years, the original sum bequeathed continues to help local people.

John Fiske Wilkes was the local squire 200 years ago and he had similar ideas about providing for people less fortunate than he was in this Parish. His bequest and Rebecca Perry's are now combined for the future.

The trustees seek to fulfil their wishes to relieve generally or individually persons resident in the parish who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons.

The trustees are conscious of the pressure on all households today. Applications for support from this trust, for example for school uniform up to £200, towards power bills or the cost of living should be made in confidence to :

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Rebecca's infamous brother, Nehemiah, farmed in Strethall and Elmdon. Look out for his dramatic story in a future Web.

with thanks to David Melford

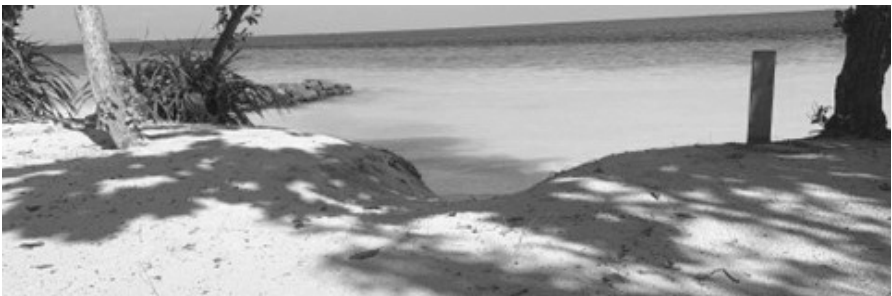
Chrishall School News

Getting outdoors

The summer term has begun, and with it comes, hopefully, more chances for outdoors learning. We love our Forest School sessions at Chrishall, but also enjoy taking any learning outdoors when we can. There is a lot of research available to show that mental health and wellbeing can be boosted by being in nature, and the research certainly backs up what so many of us know to be true. The wonders of a beautiful sunset or spotting a bird on a branch can lift the spirits on even a downcast day. Being outdoors more also links us to each other and to God.

I am reminded of a quote from Anne of Green Gables where she explains her thoughts on prayer: “If I really wanted to pray I’ll tell you what I’d do. I’d go out into a great big field all alone or in the deep, deep woods and I’d look up into the sky—up—up—up—into that lovely blue sky that looks as if there was no end to its blueness. And then I’d just feel a prayer.” I hope that we can feel this kind of spiritual moment this term and all feel lifted by nature.

Treasure Island Tracks



Inspired by the famous BBC R4 programme, we invite our castaway guest to select their choice of favourite tracks. As regular listeners will know castaways may also bring a book, alongside The Bible and the Works of William Shakespeare, with a luxury item....

Treasured Tracks

1. **Rapture** - *Blondie* ... I defy anyone to to max the volume on this iconic band's track and not enjoy the drive!
2. **Starman** - *David Bowie* ... My first ever bought album (Ziggy Stardust) in a Melody Maker competition at school... played until the grooves wore out!
3. **Listen to the Music** - *Doobie Brothers* ... Off to University and the signature tune off the coffee-bar juke-box (yes really...remember those?)
4. **Layla** - *Eric Clapton* ... The master himself ... how many tracks could I have picked. A monster track even when disguised as Derek and the Dominos. It's a MUST to listen to the second half of the original recording being played as a piano solo !
5. **Love is a Losing Game** - *Amy Winehouse* ... A tragic loss of probably the biggest English talent-to-be of the modern times. Any jazz/blues fan reading this and not knowing the name sample her album "Back to Black"
6. **Holding Back the Years** - *Simply Red* ... Not only a favourite band but the first album I bought as a CD. The trumpet solo sound quality heralded a new era in music listening .. sadly diluted a little now as we all listen to downloads.
7. **While my Guitar Gently Weeps** - *George Harrison* (featuring Prince and others on Youtube) The Beatles can't be missed out, but it's not all about Lennon and McCartney. This guitar master's writing, teamed with Prince and more at his commemorative tribute concert is probably some of the best guitar playing you'll ever hear.
8. **Great Gig in the Sky** - *Pink Floyd*.....This band can't be excluded from the choice with any number of tracks, but this one had to be mine for the female solo. Enjoy the ride.

Treasured Book

A Haynes Manual of the Ford Escort RS2000 – to relive every moment of my most treasured competition rebuild.

Treasured Luxury

Bose Noise Cancelling Headphones with an unlimited supply of batteries!

To uncover this castaway guest, please see page 17.

Penelope Gaine

We are sad to report the death, in February, of Penelope Gaine. Penelope left a career in publishing with Wiedenfeld & Nicholson when she and Michael married in 1971 and they then moved to Elmdon in 1972, first into Pump Cottage and then into Crawley House. From the start, Penelope embraced life in the community; she was an active member of our Church serving on the PCC for many years, as well as participating in many aspects of life in Elmdon. She served on the Parish Council and was ultimately elected Chairman. She was a



reading assistant at Chrishall School. She was also a Magistrate sitting in Saffron Walden (until the Court closed) and then in Harlow and Chelmsford.

She wrote four books, worked as PA to the Moore family at The Henry Moore Foundation, ran a successful small business and was active with several charities. She was a wonderful cook and hostess (someone locally, without her knowledge, entered her for MasterChef when it first started in 1990). The focus of her life were her family and friends but beyond that she liked nothing more than to travel which she and Michael did extensively. She loved being at their house in Haut de Cagnes on the Côte d'Azur and entertaining friends there. She showed signs of becoming ill in 2009 and her health started to deteriorate badly in 2017. Penelope's death is a reminder to us all of what a cruel disease vascular dementia is.

Three hundred people attended a Requiem Mass which was held for her at The Catholic Church of St. Theresa of Lisieux on 21st March and her mortal remains were cremated at Cam Valley Crematorium the next day. Her ashes will be interred in Elmdon Churchyard in May. We offer our condolences to Michael as well as to her sons, David and Daniel.

Red Cross Open Garden

Heydon Place, Heydon

Sunday 19 May

Approximately seven acres of gardens, surrounding a historic red brick house built for Lord Braybrook VI in 1853.

There are a variety of interesting trees including a 200 year old copper beech, a fruit orchard, sweeping lawns with planted beds and borders including many rose specimens. There is a pergola with trailing laburnum and wisteria, a Japanese garden, walled kitchen garden and various ponds and part of the garden is left wild.

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Parish Charity

Pets As Therapy

IWP Charity of the Year 2023

The Parish year has come to an end and another Charity will benefit from Parish support in 2024.

On behalf of Pets As Therapy I want thank everyone who supported events or donated directly to Pets As Therapy. The Parish raised an amazing figure just short of £3,500: it will be more as a number of parishioners gave directly to the charity. This is an enormous sum and will really help Pets As Therapy grow and ‘enrich more lives, one visit at a time’.

Many of you will have seen the work of my PAT dogs, Pablo, Baloo, Hattie and now Vengi on Facebook. They are not alone – during the year two other PAT dogs from the Parish, Poppy and Bruno, have started their work. We still need more; there are over 10,000 establishments waiting for a visit from a PAT dog. So if you think you have a suitable dog why not go online to PetsAsTherapy.org and sign up?

Finally can I remind you that if you have a friend or relative in Addenbrookes who might benefit from a visit by a PAT dog then please let me or the Parish office know. Addenbrookes also needs good under six month old magazines. If you could let me or the Parish office have yours rather than putting them in the recycle bin that would be great.

Again a huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated or help organise events for Pets As Therapy. I am so very grateful for the incredible amount raised.

Charles Joint



Headway Cambridge

IWP Charity of the Year 2024

We are delighted to announce our new parish Charity of the Year 2024; **Headway Cambridge**.

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aspects of brain injury and provide information, support and services to survivors, their families and carers.

Headway also campaigns to reduce the incidence of brain injury. Established in 1980 and benefitting from support by patron Diana, Princess of Wales, the work undertaken has helped countless sufferers and families.

Headway has come a long way since its humble origins, when a group of families got together to support each other in helping to improve life after brain injury. Today the number of direct services provided to brain injury survivors continues to grow, as does the network of groups and branches providing vital rehabilitation and support services across the UK.

Headway charity still holds true to the ethos on which it was founded: Together, we are stronger and by working together, we can do more to improve life after brain injury.

*The second of our castaways was **Steve Bucksey**, self confessed motor bike and car addict and long time resident of Heydon. Steve spent most of working life travelling the world with headphones very close to hand – just to keep sane!*

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On the face of it Chishill Voices is a typical village choir, but we're on a fascinating journey of exploration in musical ideas and vocal technique. Great choral singing doesn't rely on having a great voice, but on thoughtfulness, sensitivity and a willingness to try new ways of using our voices, and this is very much the philosophy guiding each of our rehearsals - that and a healthy sense of fun and humour!

In the years since our post-COVID revival, we have gone from strength to strength, gaining confidence with each passing event and aiming for excellence in everything we do. We're supported by our local churches and by our non singing friends, and our audiences and congregations are growing in turn.

Above all we understand that busy lives don't always have room for a permanent commitment, so we run on a project by project basis with a flexible rehearsal schedule with space built in to accommodate absences. If you have a voice and some experience of group singing, you'd be so very welcome to join us for a taster session.

Jamie W Hall

From The Parish Registers

Funerals

John Murgatroyd

9 April 2024

at St Swithun's, Great Chishill

Jacqueline Burling

11 April 2024

at Hamlet Church, Duddenhoe End

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Jon Wayper

We are indebted to the wonderful Wayper Family for caring for our church during the past few years, Liz and Sarah, wonderful musicians, and Jon our solo Church Warden. We would have been lost sheep, during our 18 month interregnum, without his loving ministry.

Jon has led church services, the Parochial Church Council and the Ministry Support Group. He has taken school assemblies and preached thoughtful sermons regularly.

Thank you for being so kind, patient and loving, putting others a long way before yourself and generally being a 'jolly good egg!'





CHRISHALL Spring Concert

Friday 17 May | 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Holy Trinity Church, Chrishall SG8 8QU

Celebrate the season of optimism and new life
with an evening of uplifting music performed by
acclaimed pianist, Edward Picton-Turbervill.

Edward will delight with a programme of
classical and contemporary favourites.

Tickets

£15 adults

£8 under-18s

Includes drink on arrival.

Pay bar during interval.

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Church Office, Crawley End, Chrishall SG8 8QL
(01763 837272)*

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