



THE CHURCH
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ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH
WITH ST LUKE'S CHURCH

May 2018 letter to the Parish
Mind the Gap



Dear readers now that Easter and Holy Week are past for another year, we turn our sights from the glory and wonder of Christ's resurrection to time, talents and money as we start a Stewardship Renewal Campaign for St Etheldreda's and St Luke's Churches.

These two churches belong, not only to the Church of England (CofE) and its local congregations, but also to the wider community (the Parish), whether they attend our churches or not. This is part of the wonderful fabric and structure of the CofE, which breaks England down into approximately 10,000 geographical Parishes, in which each local CofE church serves all who live within its boundaries. At a priest's Institution & Induction Service to a new church they commit to a duty of care to 'all souls' within that Parish.

So we endeavour to serve our Parish. You may be aware of a new initiative this past winter, the Night Shelter project embarked upon at St Luke's Church, this made a valuable contribution to those less fortunate, during one of the longest and coldest winters most of us can remember.

But we need your help! There are all sorts of things we wish to do to make our churches more welcoming and available for more community use. But, at the moment, we don't pay our way. Our annual running costs are of the order of £85,000 and our committed regular giving totals £42,000 per annum, a shortfall of £43,000. This doesn't allow any margin for exceptional items.

We are asking our church members and community to bridge the gap with a commitment to start or increase their committed regular giving. To put this request into context, take as an example, the purchase of a daily coffee, which at £2.80 a day will add up to £20 per week. Or your paper bill which with delivery and your favourite magazine will come to a similar figure. Looked at in this light, a commitment of £20 per week to the collection plate does not seem unreasonable does it?

We have special envelopes to receive these gifts, which are available in church, or you can register to have your own supply. One for each week of the year.

Better still would be a Standing Order, straight to church funds. This could be weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. It saves so much in administration and enables us to plan for our expenditure more effectively.

There is also the opportunity to Gift Aid these donations so that we recover 25% of what you give from the Taxman. That would make his contribution far higher than anyone else's—which is enough to warm anybody's heart. So if 66 people gave £20 per week, with Gift Aid we could pay our day to day bills. Are you prepared to be one of the 66? Or can you at least help us towards the target.

If you are a higher rate taxpayer there is a further bonus doubling the contribution from the Taxman, and reducing the cost to you, by that amount. You could then even give that bonus with further Gift Aid and go round the circle again!

Funding for the future: In addition to our day to day running costs, there is also a need to support significant developments to enhance the facilities we offer for community events. These include plans to; develop the area at the back of St Etheldreda's; accommodate new areas for meetings, toilets and kitchen facility; install a toilet and kitchenette at St Luke's.

There are clearly considerable costs to such projects, and specific giving for these would be a great help. You may wish to provide for a gift in memory of a loved one, or there may be something which you feel we need and are interested in, which would improve the church experience.

If you would like to discuss your giving or ways in which you might contribute contact our Stewardship Officer, Chris Stratton by email at: chris.stratton@mhlip.co.uk *Continued on pg. 7*

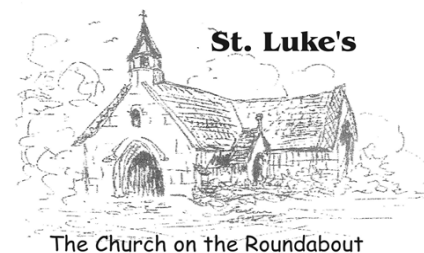
Parish of Bishop's Hatfield St Etheldreda with St Luke—Regular Services

St Etheldreda's Church

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with Sunday School
3rd Sunday of month: 9.30am All age Eucharist
Tuesday: 9am Morning Prayers
Wednesday: 10am Holy Communion
Thursday: 7pm Holy Communion or Compline

St Luke's Church

Sunday:
11.30am
Holy Communion
with hymns



Weddings in May

5th May—Harriett Freeman and Robert Gray
12th May—Pamela Motongo and Michael Otolorin
20th May—Stephanie Kristie and Martin Smith

Please contact Fr. Darren —t: 01707 256638 —e: frdarren@yahoo.co.uk to book your wedding or baptism

What is on in May at St Eth's unless stated otherwise

10th May—7.30pm

Hatfield Team Ascension Day Service

St John's Church Lemsford

13th May—8am 9.30am & (11.30am at St Luke's Church)

Ascension Sunday Services

20th May —8am 9.30am & (11.30am at St Luke's Church)

Pentecost Sunday Services

27th May —8am 9.30am & (11.30am at St Luke's Church)

Trinity Sunday Services

May Fair at St Luke's Church

Saturday 19 May
9.30am – 12.30pm
more details
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Sunday School

Meets at 9.20am in St Eth's Church

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What's On at Hatfield House

10 MAY @ 10:00 AM - 13 MAY @ 5:00 PM

LIVING CRAFTS

Established for over forty years, you can meet literally hundreds of designer-makers from across the UK at this annual extravaganza.



19 MAY @ 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

STABLE YARD ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES MARKET

Our FREE monthly antiques market features a huge range of antiques and collectibles.

20 MAY @ 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

STABLE YARD FARMERS' MARKET

Our regular Farmers' Market held in Stable Yard selling Cakes, crafts, beers, breads, baskets and honey are often part of the market.

27 MAY @ 12:00 PM - 11:00 PM

SLAM DUNK

Since starting in 2006 the Slam Dunk all-day festival has grown into a rite of passage for lovers of pop-punk and rock music. alike. With 8 stages and over 40 bands Slam Dunk Festival is now a key date in the summer festival calendar, be part of it!



More Info: www.hatfield-house.co.uk/events/
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What's on in the Bishops Hatfield Team

5th May—8.00 am

Men's Breakfast Group St Michael's & All Angels Church

5th May—10.00 am

Ramble leaving St Michael's & All Angels Church

8th May—2.30pm

Friendship Teas The Annexe, St John's Church, Lemsford

10th May—7.30pm

Team Ascension Day Service, St John's Church, Lemsford

18th May—7 for 7.30pm

Quiz St Michael's & All Angels Church

19th May—10.00-1.00

May Fair at St Luke's Church

24th May 3.30-5.30pm

Messy Church at St Michael's & All Angels Church

*Countess Anne School
Summer Fete*

Saturday 23rd June

1-4pm

Entrance: Adults £1

under 16 free

St Eth's &

St Luke's Churches

Invite all to join us for our :

Afternoon Tea/Coffee Break

(cost from £1.80 per cup)

every Thursday at 2-3pm in

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Just come along, we will be there.

So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. Mark 16:19



Ascension Sunday 13th May by Mary Rathbone

I remember my childhood Sunday School as clearly as if it were yesterday, seated cross legged on the parquet floor of our school assembly hall, around our teacher on her chair in the centre.

On Ascension Sunday, she told us how Christ had ascended from earth to heaven in a great cloud of glory and that he was now seated at the right hand of God. I remember all the children listening in awe and wonder, and of having a vivid picture in my mind of God the father on a throne and Jesus on a smaller throne to the right. Over time I remember thinking, but what does it actually mean to be seated at God's right hand? I eventually came to understand that it means that Christ is uniquely special to God and has his authority – the thrones were just symbolic.

To sit at the right hand of an earthly king in biblical times was a place of great honour (and still is today, of course). In those times if you were seated at the right hand of the King, it signalled to all that you could act with the King's full authority – you could speak in his name—you were the King's 'right hand man', a term still used today for someone who is authorised to act in a leader's name. So Jesus being seated at the right hand of God is a figure of speech (a metaphor), it means that he now has 'angels, authorities, and powers subject to him' (1 Peter 3:22). It means that Jesus is authorised to act in the name of God the father.

This is not to say that Christ's ascension was also a metaphor, it was a very real visionary experience in which Jesus ascended to heaven in a cloud of God's glory. It was most important that the disciples had this vision to complete their experience of Christ being physically here on earth. It was even accompanied by two angels, perhaps just to be certain that the disciples really understood that Jesus was the son of God, had lived on earth, preached the terms for redemption, was crucified and arose from the dead. This Jesus, had personally tutored them and was now gone, was taken away in the cloud. It was now their turn to respond to their heavenly calling—which was firstly not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for baptism by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4).

Pentecost Sunday 20th May

What is Pentecost? By Natasha Quinn-Thomas

Pentecost or in the Greek 'Pentekoste' means fiftieth and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. It celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the other followers of Jesus after His Ascension. This was a tremendous event. Acts 2;1-31 describes a 'violent blowing of wind', this being the Holy Spirit which allowed them to speak with 'tongues of fire' enabling them to speak in different languages. This being proof that the Holy Spirit had worked through them allowing them to spread the word of Christ across the world.

The men who were bestowed with the gifts of language from The Spirit became the first to work as Priests of Jesus Christ. This sacred moment of The Spirit ordaining these men laid the foundation for the Christian message to spread.

Pentecost is the day when The Church came into being and in today's Church it is the same power which was given to the Apostles to spread the word of God through The Spirit that is still at work.

Note to Self:

Wonderful opportunity to learn more about Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity at these services in May. I can easily fit this into my schedule too, as there are three services each

Sunday:

8am (St Eth's)

9.30am (St Eth's)

11.30am (St Luke's)

Trinity Sunday 27th May by Jo Roscoe

The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the hardest to understand of all church doctrines. Not all the Christian denominations hold to it but Anglicans and Roman Catholics do.

Following Pentecost, the enlivened and inspired disciples spread the Gospel of Good News to a dark and pagan world. Once lit, the fire spread rapidly. By the time the early church was 300 years old, people were beginning to question the deeper meanings of their faith. The belief in One God was firmly established and deeply entrenched. But was Jesus also God? How could he be both man and God? And what level of 'Godship' did the Holy Spirit have?

The bishops of the various churches met together in a series of Councils to pray, debate and ponder these questions. Their conclusions are encapsulated in the familiar creeds that we say each Sunday.

Theologians today will support those findings in chapter and verse from the Old and New Testaments. As a lay-person, I will simply say: When did you wonder at the glory of the earth from the smallest seed to the stars in the sky, and not see God the Creator? When did you meet the kindness in a stranger's eyes, and not see Jesus? And when were you stirred to action to comfort a distressed child, feed the hungry, house the homeless, tend the sick, and not know the power of the Holy Spirit? Thus we have: God the Creator, God in human form, God in action.

As the old hymn says;

'God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity'



Thy Kingdom Come 2018



Thursday 10th May

7:30pm Ascension Service - St John's Church, Lemsford AL8 7TR

Friday 11th May

9am Morning Prayer - Costa, The Galleria AL10 0XR

6pm Prayer and a Pint - St Etheldreda's Church then on to The Eight Bells AL9 5AN

Saturday 12th May

8:30am Thy Kingdom Come Breakfast - Harpsfield Hall, Weatherspoons AL10 9RQ

Monday 14th May

9am Morning Prayer and Breakfast - St Mary's Church AL9 7TN

Tuesday 15th May

6pm Evening Prayer and Pizza - St Michael's & All Angels Church AL10 0PS

Wednesday 16th May

10am Morning Prayer - St John's Church, Lemsford AL8 7TR

10am Eucharist - St Etheldreda's Church AL9 5AN

2pm - Team Worship - St Michael's & All Angels Church AL10 0PS

5:30pm Contemporary Prayer and Pizza - University Chaplaincy Building AL10 9AB

Friday 18th May

6pm Prayer and a Pint - St John's Church, Hilltop then on to The Harrier AL10 9BZ

Saturday 19th May

9.30am—12.30pm Pentecost Fair - St Luke's Church AL10 0EJ

6:30pm Beacon Event - St Alban's Abbey AL1 1BY

St Luke's Annual May Fair Saturday 19th May 9.30—12.30

Do you have a blank space in your diary?

No invitation to St George's Chapel, Windsor for the nuptials of Prince Harry & Meghan Markel?

No ticket for a high-profile sporting fixture?

Whilst we can't offer regal glamour or footballing thrills at our May Fair you will receive a warm welcome; a chance to buy homemade cakes, plants & books; to browse our stalls, or take your chances with our tombola, raffle & water into wine game.

All this and you can still get home and watch the regal/sporting event of choice in the comfort of your own home!

Perhaps you have suddenly discovered some charming but sadly unwanted gifts which you would like to re-home.

Perhaps a spring clean of your bookshelves has revealed a number of books which you don't want to read again.

Maybe you have been dividing garden plants or have an excessive number of seedlings.

St Luke's would be very glad to receive any donations of these items for the May Fair.

More info: e: Eve Lloyd: eve.lloyd2@ntlworld.com m: 01707 884981

The Great War — Hatfield Roll of Honour — WW1 1914—1918

Remembering those soldiers from Hatfield who died in service to their country in May 1914—1918

Whilst our Hatfield men were fighting on the front lines, the home front at Hatfield was of vital importance, and the home front never ceased with their support in any way they could, for those on the front lines.

A trawl through the 1914—18 Parish Magazines is incredibly sad, but also joyful. The harrowing 'Hatfield Roll of Honour' each month listed the fallen. Special personal words, written when it was an only son—or perhaps the third of three boys from the same family, are painful to read. But there is fun and laughter imagined with schoolchildren competing to gather the most blackberries, or collect the most spare eggs, as well as card parties and whist drives to raise money for 'Parcels for Hatfield Boys', St John Ambulance and the Red Cross. What comes across really strongly though is the sense of community pulling together, with the church at the centre alongside the Salisbury family, and especially the hands on support of Lady Salisbury.

The article below appears in the Parish Magazine, May 1918, and perfectly captures the mood of the time. One hundred years later and Hatfield still responds from the heart to the memory of tremendous suffering and sacrifice on the front lines and home front in our town. In March this year, Lord Salisbury opened a Field of Remembrance (see back page) to mark the Armistice signed in November 1918. The memorial allows quiet reflection during this remembrance year, for all, on what has gone before us in Hatfield. It is an opportunity to give thanks to all who gave their lives on the front lines, and all those who worked tirelessly to support them on the home front. Let us keep praying to God for all wars and associated suffering to end. *Father Darren*

RED CROSS AND HERTS REGIMENT COMFORT FUND—Parish Magazine May 1918

We are informed by Lady Salisbury that the Balance in these two indispensable funds is now only £6. The Committee have therefore decided to hold a 'Hertfordshire or Forget-me-not Day' on Whit Monday May 20th. We are not certain whether a collection will be made, as is urged in many places, as most of us are giving regularly, but instead of a Flag Day, little sprigs of Forget-me-nots will be on sale. There will probably be a Sale of vegetables as in previous years. 20,000 children's handkerchiefs at 3d. and 10,000 pencils at 2d. will also be for sale. We have every confidence that Hatfield will respond as well as before.

(Note: The Parish Magazine, June 1918, reported that the day raised £153 which would be equivalent to around £8,000 today)

Cyril J Austin, Age: 25

Rank: Second Lieutenant
Regiment: King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment)
Date/Cemetery: 16th May 1918/Mont-Bernanchon, Gonnehem

James Frost, Age: Approx. 31

Rank: Driver
Regiment: Army Service Corps
Date/Cemetery: 18th May 1917/St Luke's Churchyard

William Marshall Goodman, Age: 18

Rank: Private
Regiment: Suffolk Regiment
Date/Memorial: 25th May 1915/Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial

Frederick George Halsey, Age: 19

Rank: Private
Regiment: 14th Northumberland Fusiliers
Date/Memorial: 27th May 1918/Soissons Memorial

George William Johnson, Age: Approx. 23

Rank: Private
Regiment: Machine Gun Corps
Date/Memorial: 5th May 1918/Boulogne Eastern Cemetery

William Cecil Parker, Age: 28

Rank: Leading Signalman
Regiment: Royal Navy HMS Defence
Date/Memorial: 31st May 1916/Plymouth Naval Memorial

Geoffrey Percy Neville Reid, Age: 27

Rank: Lieutenant
Regiment: Essex Yeomanry
Date/Memorial: 13th May 1915/Ypres (Menin Gate)

Walter Robert William Risebero, Age: 22

Rank: Private
Regiment: 14th Northumberland Fusiliers
Date/Memorial: 25th May 191/Aubigny Communal Cemetery

Sidney James Selway, Age: Approx. 21

Rank: Gunner
Regiment: Royal Marine Artillery
Date/Memorial: 31st May 1916/Portsmouth Naval Memorial

Alfred G Smith, Age: Approx. 19

Rank: Gunner
Regiment: Royal Garrison Artillery
Date/Memorial: 16th May 1917/St Nicholas British Cemetery

Alan Abel Stockbridge, Age: 19

Rank: Private
Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment H Coy
Date/Memorial: 18th May 1915/Le Touret Memorial

Cedric Gordon Stockbridge, Age: 18

Rank: Private
Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment H Coy
Date/Memorial: 18th May 1915/Le Touret Memorial

Harry Webb, Age: 22

Rank: Corporal
Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment 4th Bn.
Date/Memorial: 25th May 1918/Bagneux British Cemetery

George Arthur Wright, Age: 22

Rank: Private
Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment 1st Bn.
Date/Memorial: 21st May 1915/Boulogne Eastern Cemetery

First game of lawn tennis at Hatfield House

By Jonathan Fisher

In 1868 or thereabouts, Lord Salisbury wished to play real tennis on his court at Hatfield House. On being told that Lady Salisbury had already booked the court then, he told Charles Lambert - the real tennis professional at Hatfield House – to make up an alternative suitable game for Lady Salisbury and her friends.

Consequently, with his brother, George Lambert who was real tennis professional at Lord's and was staying with him at the time, they devised a game of 'lawn' tennis for the ladies to play on the lawn at Hatfield House. They hooked up a real tennis net on the lawn, provided real tennis rackets and balls, devised rules and taught the ladies to play. This shows the considerable enthusiasm and inventiveness of the real tennis professionals at Hatfield House which continues to this day.

This event was probably not the actual origins of lawn tennis which possibly started before then – perhaps in about 1859, when Augurio Perera (who played rackets at Birmingham) devised a game on his lawn in Edgbaston which combined elements of rackets and the Basque game pelota. Perera subsequently developed this game of lawn tennis with Thomas Henry Gem at Leamington where they established the world's first lawn tennis club in 1872.

While Charles and George Lambert's interesting initiative at Hatfield House might not have been the actual origins of "lawn" tennis, they still played a major part in its development. It was followed by lawn tennis being played on the lawn outside the real tennis court at Lord's. The MCC set up a Lawn Tennis Sub-Committee to form rules for this game at Lord's.



Moreover, when the rules of lawn tennis were formally instituted for the Wimbledon Championship in 1877, they included the traditional real tennis scoring of 15, 30, 40 and game - based on a clock's 4 quarter hours - which presumably Charles and George Lambert used for their game at Hatfield House; rather than the up to 15 individual points scoring which Perera used for his original game from his rackets background. 60 was for centuries a magic number; which is demonstrated by the fact that the French have had to invent special words for 70, 80, and 90.

Mind the Gap *continued from front page ...*

There are other ways in which you can help us:

Time

Do you have a spare few hours a week, or a month, to help with the regular tasks?

- Printing or delivering our Parish Magazine— Refocused
- Providing a welcome to our visitors
- Serving tea and coffee after the services
- Setting up for concerts and events
- Repair and redecoration

Talents

Do you have special skills or abilities?

- Singing or playing a musical instrument
- Teaching
- Skills in law, accountancy, surveying or graphic design.
- Practical skills in flower arranging, textiles, catering or property repairs

Whatever your specialism we have need of your services. Do you perhaps have an idea of something we could do to encourage people to join us, or help us reach out to the local community? If so would you be prepared to lead an initiative on this?

If you can help us in any way, please complete the slip below and drop it in to the Rectory at 1 Fore Street? Please give this request serious thought and help us to make a step change in the way we serve the Parish, your Parish. We look forward to hearing from you.

Name:

Contact details: (address, telephone or email please)

I would like to help St Etheldreda's and St Luke's in response to their Stewardship Campaign with my:

Time:

Talents:

Money:

Please contact me

A Grand Day Out or A Right Royal Do! Maundy Thursday at Windsor Castle

By Jo Roscoe

Please forgive the flippant title for what was a serious and solemn occasion – but the day which started with not a little trepidation became suffused with such pride, joy and sheer delight that Bryan and Janet Owen are still smiling. To recap a little: in October we wrote a piece about Bryan's approaching 80th birthday and his long years of service at St Etheldreda's, from choir boy to Crucifer with other regular routine tasks of care of the communion vessels, ensuring the supply of wine as well as candles and with helpmeet wife Janet the altar linen.

The article caught the eye of Bishop Alan and he was so impressed that he put forward Bryan's name to be considered for the Maundy ceremony. And so it was that Bryan received an invitation with guest (who other than Janet?) to receive the Maundy money from the Queen at Windsor Castle.

Great excitement, and then the inevitable words from Janet: 'What am I going to wear?' A trip to John Lewis sorted that and a most beautiful hat was procured from a very select establishment – which shall be nameless unless you ask us!

The couple stayed overnight in Windsor and arrived promptly as instructed at the entrance gates together with the other recipients (a total of 92 men and 92 women with their accompanying guests). They were shown to their places in the wonderful St George's Chapel. The splendour of the building was breath taking and a solemn hush fell as the Yeomen of the Guard took up their positions.



The great organ sounded and the procession started led by the Dean of St George's with the lesser clergy, the dignitaries of the town, and then the Queen looking radiant and relaxed in a lovely blue outfit. Her Majesty was followed by two attendants, each bearing huge gold platters heaped high with red and white pouches.

The procession completed, the Queen paused at each of the 184 recipients placing one white and one red pouch into the cupped hands outstretched before her. When that too was completed, the formal Maundy service began.



The wonder and splendour of it all was over whelming, and you can imagine the excited but relaxed chatter as everyone moved to the State Apartments for an elegant buffet and drinks. What a day!

In a way we would like to feel that St Etheldreda's was sharing the honour with Bryan and Janet; but in truth they were representing the many unsung individuals in our diocese who go about their, often mundane, daily tasks with faithful and open hearts.

***Ye are the salt of the earth ...
and a light that shines in the darkness.
(Matthew 5)***

Maundy Thursday

The word 'Maundy' is a corruption of the *Mandatum* or commandment; and the ceremony is the Church's formal remembrance of Jesus's command to love one another, given when he washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper.

Traditionally it became a day on which money, food and clothing would be distributed to the poor by the highest in the land. Over the years, food and clothing were replaced by an additional gift of money, hence the two pouches: the white containing the specially minted Maundy money and the red a small amount in currency (£5.50 in recent years).

Chosen recipients, the number equivalent to the Monarch's age, are nominated by Christian Churches of all denominations for their service to their church or community. The service is held in an Anglican cathedral, not always in London. In recent years the service has been held in Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales – and Gibraltar!

The tradition and the form has altered little over the years, at its heart remaining in obedience to Christ's command to love one another and honouring those whose lives have reflected obedience to that command.

**The Bishops Hatfield pilgrimage to
The Holy Land with Father Darren
on 4th—13th June 2018**

**This is the last call now for those who
may wish to join us, there are just three
spaces left!!**

Travel with us to the Holy Land and let the Bible come alive as we meet the people and see the places of the gospel stories.

The Holy Land is unique in offering so many highlights and contrasts in a compact area. On our journey, we will visit places of pilgrimage and also meet the local Christian community, offering them our encouragement as we hear of the challenges they face. Our pilgrimage is planned for June when the weather is warm and sunny.

Visits include Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethany, Nazareth and Capernaum, with a chance to float in the Dead Sea.

As with any pilgrimage there will be a reasonable amount of walking involved. If you are concerned about this aspect, or to find out more, please contact Fr Darren.

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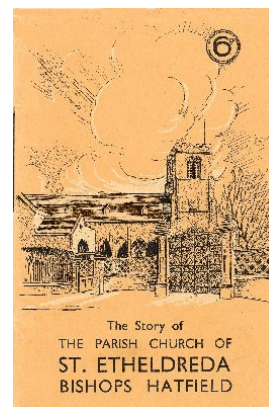
Not a lot of people know this !

It was on the 17th May 1918 (Ascension Day 1918) that the Rev. JJ Antrobus was Instituted and Inducted at St Etheldreda's Church to the Parish of Bishops Hatfield. The Bishop of St Albans led the service. As part of the service Rev. Antrobus toiled the church bells to signify to all that he had taken possession.

Rev. Antrobus is particularly important to us as he was a great historian and wrote a book all about the history of St Etheldreda's Church called 'The Story of the Parish Church, St Etheldreda, Bishops Hatfield'.

The book is hard to get hold of today, but Hatfield Library does have a copy and this link offers a key to memorials and monuments taken from the book:

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Blessing and Remembrance Service—15th March 2018



A Blessing and Remembrance Service was held at Hatfield House on the 15th March to open a Field of Remembrance, which is in place to mark the centenary of the 1918 Armistice. Rector Darren Collins and the Bishop of Hertford Michael Beasley conducted the service. Members of the Royal Navy, the Army, the RAF and the British Legion joined Lord and Lady Salisbury for this poignant occasion.

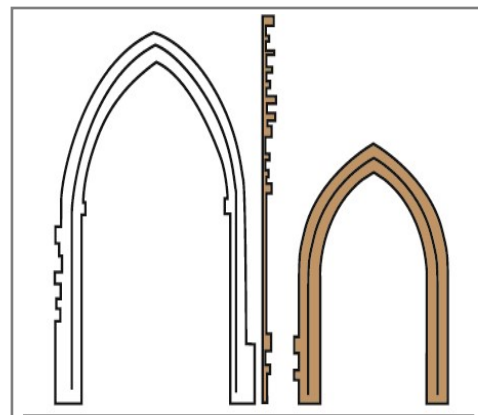
Over 200 children from six local schools joined the blessing, each planting a cross with a poppy affixed to it in the field. As shown in the photo the area has been established next to

the North Front of Hatfield House, those who wish to join in an act of remembrance are invited to plant a cross in memory of a friend or family member, or to mark the Armistice more generally. The cost of a cross is £2.50 and the proceeds will be distributed between the Royal Navy, the Army, the RAF Benevolent Funds, and the British Legion.

The design of the field itself is a four petal poppy; the outline of each petal is a walkway to enable visitors to go amongst the crosses that are planted.

Like every part of the United Kingdom, Hatfield lost many sons during the Great War and many more suffered its effects for the rest of their lives. Five of Prime Minister Salisbury's grandsons were killed and 140 from the town of Hatfield and from the Hatfield Estate also lost their lives.

Read all about Bryan & Janet Owen's visit to Windsor Castle inside on page 8



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