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ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH WITH ST LUKE'S CHURCH



BISHOP'S HATFIELD

Letter to the Parish commemorating the 125th anniversary of St Luke's Church—from Alison Churchouse and Michelle Jervis, Deputy Church Wardens at St Etheldreda with St Luke

St Luke's was originally designed as a cemetery chapel and was opened by the Bishop of St Albans in January 1878. However, due to the growth in population of the New Town, it became apparent that there was a need for a place of worship in the New Town and so regular services were started. They proved so popular that more space was needed for the congregation. As a result, in 1893 the building was cleverly extended by adding a chancel and two transepts which turned it into a cruciform church.

Today, St Luke's continues to open at weekends and provides a quiet place to just sit or pray and is often used by visitors to the cemetery for this reason. Our Sunday Service at 11.30am is warm, welcoming and fully inclusive and our small congregation ably fills this small but perfectly formed church with song!

Following are some recollections from Eve Lloyd who acted as Church Warden at St Luke's from 1996 - 2016

We moved to our present house in 1986 when we needed the space for my husband's parents to come and live with us. I had previously attended St John's Church when we lived in South Hatfield, then St Etheldreda's—where my daughter became a bell ringer and a choir member.

At this time St Luke's held a service on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month and a Thursday morning service at which the Mothers Union service was used. There were a few, stalwart congregation members, mostly women. Usually Bob Boyce would celebrate, we would not sing and we sometimes had a short address. The church was very grey and brown. The walls were grubby with age and light bulbs were not being replaced. Frank Grey, Henry's brother, prepared for the service and would bank the collection. As Frank's health declined—I offered to assist, This was the start of my becoming called 'Treasurer'.

I wanted to cheer the place up so I persuaded Malcolm Stewart, the Parish Treasurer, to allow me to spend some of the money in St Luke's account to have the walls painted. An unemployed local man agreed to do this for £100 plus paint – a bargain. Years later I discovered that we should have used quite a different quality paint from the cheapest that B & Q could offer!

Once a month we would be joined by the late Lord Salisbury as he enjoyed the Book of Common Prayer form of service. His chauffeur would wait outside in the car. During Richard Pyke's time as Rector we were joined for two years by Izzy, who became Mrs Munchin, as she was training for the priesthood. Izzy brought a breath of fresh air into church and was followed by Susan Marsh who joined the team at St Michael's and St Luke's churches.

Susan brought us, reluctantly, into the 21st century. She introduced us to the idea of opening the church, unmanned, on Saturdays and Sundays and also started an informal service on Saturday afternoons. Children were brought into the church to celebrate Christmas with the Follow the Star event, harvest with a Scarecrow Festival and Countess Anne, to this day, continue to hold their Easter Service with us. We also began fundraising—making the roof sound, the porch rain-proofed, the lychgate repaired, the windows protected from stone throwing and the car park resurfaced.

After 20 years as Church Warden at St Luke's I was happy to hand over the main responsibilities into the capable hands of Alison and Michelle in 2016. The following year we were approached by organisations wanting to help the homeless in Hatfield, and it was humbling to offer the church as a night shelter during the winter of 2017/2018.



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

St Etheldreda's Church

Sunday: 8am Holy Communion

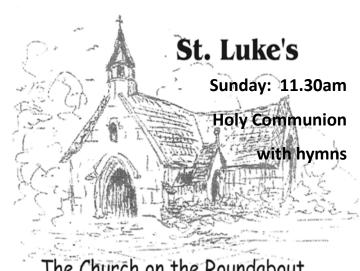
9.30am Holy Communion with Sunday School

3rd Sunday of month: 9.30am All age Eucharist

Tuesday: 9am Morning Prayers

Wednesday: 10am Holy Communion

Thursday: 7pm Holy Communion or Compline



The Church on the Roundabout

Children's Sunday School: meets at 9.20am on Sundays in term time at 12 Fore Street (STEPS office)

Weddings in October

13th October—Rebecca Vogt and Charles Riddle

Baptisms in October

28th October—Primrose Florence Eves

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

What's on in October at St Etheldreda's & St Luke's Churches

7th October 6.00pm Burghley Sermon 12-14th October St Etheldreda with St Luke's Parish Weekend at St Mary's Church, North Mymms 21st October School Songs of Praise 27th October 11.10-12.10 Bell Ringing fund raising 27th October 7.30 pm Concert – Gamay Ensemble

What's on in the Bishops Hatfield Team

6th October 8.00 am Men's Breakfast at St Michael & All Angels Church 6th October 10.00 am Ramble leaving St Michael & All Angels Church 6th October 7.00pm Harvest Supper at St Marys Church, North Mymms 9th October 2.30pm Friendship Teas in The Annexe St John's Church, Lemsford 19th October 2.30-4.00pm Poetry Group at St Mary's Church, North Mymms 19th October Quiz Night at St Michael & All Angels Church

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What's On at Hatfield House in October

6 OCTOBER @ 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM DEATH UNDER THE BIG TOP- MURDER MYSTERY DINING EXPERIENCE

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7 OCTOBER 10TH ANNIVERSARY – WILLOW 10K 2018 will mark the 10th anniversary of the Willow 10K



10 OCTOBER @ 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM MEN'S VOICES UNITED, IN CONCERT WITH THE WELWYN GARDEN CITY MALE VOICE CHOIR.

13 OCTOBER @ 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM GUIDE DOGS FEST FUN DAY

13 OCTOBER @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM MOZART'S DON GIOVANNI PERFORMED BY FELICI OPERA-SOLD OUT

Mozart's well-beloved dramatic opera Don Giovanni will come to the Marble Hall within Hatfield House.

14 OCTOBER @ 9:30 AM ISABEL HOSPICE AND HAD (HERTFORDSHIRE ACTION ON DISABILITY) HALF MARATHON & 10K

20 OCTOBER @ 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM STABLE YARD ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES MARKET

21 OCTOBER @ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM STABLE YARD FARMERS' MARKET

More Info: www.hatfield-house.co.uk/events/ 01707 287010 e: visitors@hatfield-house.co.uk/events/

Harvest at St Luke's by Jo Roscoe

'.....But, look, I tell you, look around at the fields: they are already white, ripe for harvesting' (John 4, 35)

The words quoted above are not ones which we usually associate with harvest time – that wonderful festival when our churches are decked with fruit and vegetables and flowers, and we give thanks for the wondrous bounty of our gardens, fields and orchards. But I thought them very appropriate for this particular harvest time when we celebrate 125 years of St Luke's "the Church on the roundabout", a witness to the hope of the Christian message.

In the passage from which the words are taken (John 4, 5 - 42) Jesus has been talking to the Samaritan woman at the well – shocking his disciples because this is not what Jews were supposed to do! But Jesus is nothing if not unconventional – especially when obeying the rules leads to rejection and the loss of his message of hope and salvation.

St Luke's too has not been afraid of being unconventional, resisting the modernists by holding to the old prayer book for a longer time, and leaving the church open during the weekend for anyone who needed a place of quiet contemplation and peace. It has certainly been used in this way by churchgoers and non-churchgoers, by believers and non-believers.

This is the harvest Jesus was talking about; and who can tell what harvest has been reaped over the years in this small simple building, made beautiful by love and years of service from a small but special band of people.

NB: Harvest offerings at St Luke's will be donated to the Gracemead Food Bank—details on page 8.

Eve Lloyd – A Tribute by Jo Roscoe

Eve's 20 years of being churchwarden at St Luke's came to an end in 2016.

No fanfare, no public tributes, typical of the understated way in which Eve goes about her work for the church.

Her presence at St Luke's continues and she should know that she has the deepest affection, respect and gratitude of our whole parish.

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

Remembering those WW1 soldiers from Hatfield who died in service to their country in September

As we approach the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1 there are many community events arranged throughout the country to remember and say 'thank you' to not only those in the British and Commonwealth Armed Forces who lost their lives in the war, but also those who played their part on the home front, and those who returned to build a better life for the benefit of generations to come—that includes our generation. We at St Eth's and St Luke's will be saying thankyou to all these people in two parts. Firstly, at the memorial gardens opposite Hatfield Station, commencing 10.45am on Sunday 11th November. Then straight after that we will take the short walk to the North Front of Hatfield House to recreate the service which was given there the day after the signing of the armistice on 11th November 1918— this will be (as best we are able to) as was reported in the December 1918 Parish magazine, which you can view an extract of on page 7. All are invited to both services— please join us as we express our deep gratitude for the generation of WW1.

We will never forget the sacrifice they made for our freedom. Father Darren

Birch, Sydney James Age: 23

Rank: Private

Regiment: Royal Fusiliers

Date/Memorial: 2nd October 1915/Loos Memorial

Butterworth, Albert Age: Approx. 37

Rank: Rifleman

Regiment: Royal Irish Engineers

Date/Memorial: 26th October 1917/Nottingham General Cemetery

Chandler, Charles Age: 30

Rank: Sergeant

Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment 2nd Bn.

Date/Memorial: 12th October 1916/Warlencourt British Cemetery

Featherstone, Walter Age: Approx. 27

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Regiment: Royal Flying Corps and General List

Date/Memorial: 3rd October 1918/Beaconsfield Cemetery Bucks.

Franks, Gordon A Age: Approx. 21

Rank: Leading Seaman Regiment: Royal Navy

Date/Cemetery: 2nd October 1920/Lemsford (St John) Churchyard

Kitchener, Cecil Age: Approx. 35

Rank: Lieutenant

Regiment: Royal Garrison Artillery

Date/Memorial: 10th October 1918/Rawalpindi War Cemetery

Osborn or Osborne, Stephen Harold DCM Age: Approx. 28

Rank: Sergeant

Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment 1st Battalion
Date/Memorial: 28th October 1917/Tyne Cot Cemetery

Parrott, Frederick Arthur Age: 26

Rank: Private

Regiment: Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment)
Date/Memorial: 4th Oct 1916/Bellacourt Military Cemetery, Rivere

Perkings, William Joseph Age: 27

Rank: Lance Corporal

Regiment: Middlesex Regiment 1st Battalion

Date/Memorial: 24th October 1918/Montay-Neuville Road Cemetery

Phillips, Hubert H Age: Approx. 21

Rank: Lieutenant

Regiment: Leicestershire Regiment 7th Bn. attd 3rd Bn.

Date/Memorial: 4th October 1915/Merville Communal Cemetery

Plume, Frederick W Age: 27

Rank: Private

Regiment: Machine Gun corps (Infantry) 54th Coy.

Date/Cemetery: 12th October 1917/Tyne Cot Memorial

Scott, Leonard William Age: 36

Rank: Lance Corporal

Regiment: Machine Gun Corps.

Date/Memorial: 12th October 1918/Mont Huon Military Cemetery

Speller, Augustus Charles Age: Approx. 36

Rank: Private

Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment 2nd Bn.

Date/Memorial: 26th October 1914/Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial

Speller, Walter John Age: Approx. 22

Rank: Corporal

Regiment: Bedfordshire Regiment 4th Bn.

Date/Cemetery: 30th October 1917/Tyne Cot Memorial

Spriggs, George Age: Approx. 24

Rank: Private

Regiment: Hertfordshire Regiment 1st Bn.

Date/Memorial: 29th October 1917/Zantvoorde British Cemetery

Stallon or Stallan, Albert Thomas Age: 19

Rank: Private

Regiment: Lincolnshire Regiment 8th Bn.

Date/Memorial: 11th October 1917/Wimereux Communal Cemetery

Taylor, Christopher, G Age: Approx. 19

Rank: Private

Regiment: Machine Gun corps 36 Coy.

Date/Cemetery: 17th Oct 1918/Terlincthun British Cemetery Wimille

Tyler, Bertie (Albert) Age: Approx. 19

Rank: Private

Regiment: Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) 1st/6th Bn.

Date/Memorial: 11th October 1918/Wellington Cemetery



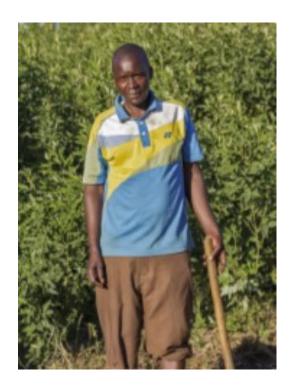
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Thoughts on a visit to St Luke's Church on 18th March 2018 by John Holmwood

This summer's heatwave seems to have eclipsed the other weather event of 2018. The 'beast from the east', with its snow and biting cold wind in March, was the talking point of the day, but now may have faded, at least partially, from the collective memory. But, for me, the 'beast from the east' was the cause of a memorable visit to our own St Luke's Church. After another snowy freezing night, on the morning of Sunday the 18th March, I convinced myself—rather feebly—that St Luke's for 11.30am was perhaps more 'sensible' than St Eth's for 9.30am. So thus it was that I went to St Luke's for the first time.

I had walked or driven, past St Luke's many times without all that much thought of more focused attention. It has a strong presence beside the roundabout where it is regularly seen by all those commuters, shoppers, school runners, walkers, cyclists and bus passengers; but I suspect, like me, most hurry by on their way elsewhere, and rather take St Luke's for granted as part of Hatfield's townscape. Having said that, St Luke's had not completely passed me by unnoticed. Its unusual bellcote (a small framework and shelter for bells) for instance, is

an enjoyable feature that had often caught me eye as I passed. Although not quite the same it always reminds me of the so called birdcage bellcotes found in parts of Scotland. I don't recall seeing anything similar in England, but there will doubtless be other examples.

So as I approached St Luke's on that snowy, but by then sunny March morning, it was with a sense of anticipation; of encountering something previously undiscovered. After passing through the somewhat weathered gate, I was greeted by one of the very able Church Wardens who was fixing a notice about forthcoming Easter services to a brand new noticeboard. I have a particular fondness for noticeboards—they come in all shapes and sizes and are a means of expression as well as information—and I was glad to see this one, fresh and new, in active service. A well tended noticeboard is a clear sign of life.

Inside St Luke's all is subdued. There are some striking architectural ele-

> ments derived from the 13th century precedents, roof structure which is worthy of an upward glance. There are also ed metal lamp brackets in the nave, and polychrome floor tiling in the sanctuary. It is the stained glass most prominently comes into view upon entering, and it was the inscription

above and below the window's image that particularly caught my eye. It reads 'God so loved the world' and below, 'thanking God for those who rest nearby'. I was heartened by this inscription which is clear about the value of the lives of those interred in the neighbouring cemetery.

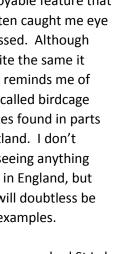
St Luke's bellcote. Bellcotes are a small framework

and shelter for one or more bells

There will be stories worth telling about many of the lives of those 'who rest nearby' to St Luke's. It is fitting that the few memorial plagues inside St Luke's are small and plain; that is apart from one that is rightly more visible and noteworthy, namely a very distinctive war memorial.

These observations are necessarily concerned with the physical environment of St Luke's, but St Luke's is more than its physical components; it and there is a considerable is also the home to a community with a spiritual life—a life that was abundantly evident during my visit. On that Sunday morning the church had been some enjoyable decorative made ready following its use as a night details such as wall mount- shelter for the homeless, and a meaningful service of worship took place. The 'beast from the east' may have chilled to the core with unseasonably cold air, but a warm hand was extendeast window however that ed to me, and I should like to give St Luke's a warm hand in return.

Thank you St Luke's Church.





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The Enlargement of the Newtown Chapel

Extract from Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine Nov. 1893

The Chapel at Newtown (now St Luke's Church) was originally built solely for the purpose of serving as a Cemetery Chapel and though from the first, services of a mission character were held in it during Lent and Advent, yet it was not till a few years ago that the growth of Hatfield seemed to justify any regular service. The services have been so regularly and so fully attended that Lord Salisbury, to whom the chapel belongs, kindly offered to enlarge it. Mr H T Shillito, to whom the task was entrusted, acted on a plan whereby the little Chapel of Newtown was converted into a cruciform Church, the original part serving as the nave, to which a chancel and two transepts were added. The work, which is done in the early English style, has been admirably and tastefully executed; perhaps the most noticeable features inside are the dignity of the somewhat short chancel and the open timber roof, which in the centre is carried by curved principals resting on corbels of carved stone. Outside the work has been so well done that there is absolute uniformity between the old and new portions. The dressings are of wrought Bath stone, the ashlar being of the same stone rock-faced. The building is heated throughout by an apparatus supplied by Messrs. Musgrave, of London.

On the occasion of the re-opening, the sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon of St Albans. He dwelt upon the permanent character of the Church as typified by the substantial structure that he saw around him. Then in a few simple but telling words, he pointed out that the Christianity that was taught by Christ always regarded Christians as forming a permanent society bound together by love. We must not omit to mention that the first service said in the Chapel was that service resplendent with our redeemers love, which forms the chief act of worship of all true Christians.

The Harvest Festival was held on October 21st, the Sunday immediately following the re-opening of the Chapel. The services consisted of an Early Celebration of the Holy Communion and Evening Prayer with Sermon. Both were well attended. The sermon was preached by the Rev N S Hodson from the text, St John V35 'I am the Bread of Life'. The service was very hearty, the thoroughly congregational character of the singing being especially noticeable.

The Armistice Celebrations Extract from Bishop's Hatfield Parish Magazine Dec. 1918. We will be recreating this service on 11th Nov. this year. More details on page 4.

We will not easily forget the signing of the Armistice, of which we received the news about 11am on November 11th. Forthwith we streamed into the streets and little more can have been done in work throughout the day. During the dinner hour an informal meeting was held at St Audrey's to suggest how we should celebrate the good news in the quickest and most fitting way. It was resolved that a Celebration of the Holy Communion be held at 8am on 12th inst., and that every society and body in the place be invited to attend a Great Thanksgiving Service to be held on the North Front of Hatfield House at 1.30pm, the same day.

Willing helpers took the invitation far and wide and by 1pm, there was gathered on the Square an assembly which thoroughly represented the life of the place. The Fire Brigade, the Railway, the Brewer, the Friendly Societies, the Cadets, the Workers, the Girl Guides, the Scouts and possibly other bodies, were all represented and marshalled by Mr Peter Bassett and well up to time the procession moved up Fore Street to the music of the bells, which rang as they had never rang for four years, headed by the Choir and Churchwarden, the procession defiled through the Town Gate and on to the broad space in front of the House where the Choir and Clergy took their stand on the steps, fronting a crowd which seemed to fill the whole area, and of which the front ranks were fittingly composed of the V.A.D. (Voluntary Aid Department, ed) and discharged soldiers.

Some 2000 people may well have been present and never have the well known hymns 'All people that on earth do dwell', 'O God our help' and 'Now thank we all our God', sounded grander than in the great open space, their volume carrying so far, that it was distinctly audible up at The Old Rectory. A short address was given by the Rector and 'Rule Britannia' and 'God Save the King' brought a most impressive service to a close.

At the conclusion a few words were spoken by Lady Salisbury to express her regret that Lord Salisbury had not arrived in time to join in the Thanksgivings in his own home, and it seemed fitting the last words should have come from the mouth of one who has been the inspiration of all in Hatfield, and the comforter of many, during these past four years of stress and strain.

Tail End.....news from the bell ringers— 1400 bell ringers required...

...to commemorate the 1400 bell ringers who died in the First World War, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers have launched a campaign to recruit 1400 new bell ringers. This is a call out to all of us and an opportunity for everyone, a chance to make this wonderful ancient tradition open to all.

If you would like to be one of the 1,400, we can teach you how to ring. Please contact: Mary and Rob Goss t: 01438-718038 e: mary.rob.goss@gmail.com

St Eth's Prize Draw

Could you help us to sell tickets?

We will be doing this in teams at the Farmers and Antique markets in Stable Yard as well as various concerts in church and at Hatfield House. If you can help us at these events, then there is a sign up sheet at the back of church.

Taste & See our Parish Weekend 12–14 Oct St Mary's Church

St Mary's is a lovely church that has good meeting facilities and is an ideal place to hold our Parish Weekend.

It would be wonderful if you could envisage attending the whole weekend as there are many exciting activities planned from country walks, to flower decorating, to glass painting, as well as teaching sessions on prayer and studying the Bible.

There is a full programme planned, the details of which are on a leaflet at the back of church. We will be asking for a small contribution to the cost of the weekend from everyone and are suggesting £20 each with children under 16 free. This donation however is not set in stone. We ask that you contribute whatever you are comfortable with and no-one will know what you have 'put in'.

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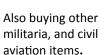
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Music Concert on 27th October 7.30pm at St Etheldreda's Church with The Gamay Ensemble in support of the fundraising appeal for the West End of St Eth's



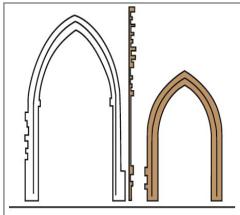
The Gamay Ensemble are six local musicians, five winds and a piano and will be playing a mixture of compositions aiming to demonstrate the wide range of chamber music available to them. This will include pieces from composers such as, Beethoven to a wild Hornpipe by Patterson, as well as Mendelssohn, Debussy, and Saint Saens.

Entrance to the concert is free, though there will be a retiring collection in aid of the project to reform the West end of the Church.

Refreshments will be offered in the interval and the finish is aimed to be 9pm. Further information from Chris Goward on 07768 867953

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