

# SS PETER & PAUL, HATHERN

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## LETTER FROM THE CLERGY

**H**OW I LOVE A BOOK WHICH MAKES ME SEE DIFFERENTLY. I'm reading the account of historian David Grange, who decided to journey down the western coastline of the British Isles and Ireland in a kayak.

He travelled from the Shetland Isles, down the west coast of Scotland, then Ireland, Wales and Cornwall, in the company of swirling gannets and arching dolphins, with the spectacle of the sea cliffs and the drama of the Atlantic weather. In long evening discussions with coastal communities on his journey, he learned to rethink the shape of our history, seeing it much more from the perspective of the edges, not just the dominant inland cities. So, for example, what was once referred to as the Dark Ages were in fact eras of great coastal strength and enlightenment, when the intellectual traditions of the Irish Atlantic were some of the most advanced in Europe. David Grange is reminding me of the significance of those people whose 'roads' are on the outside: the water channels and oceans which connect to Reykjavik, Bilbao, or Safi more than to London.

On a much smaller scale, we might find unexpected treasure in getting close to the edges of our life maps, being curious to listen to folk whose lives, pressures and joys are very different from our own but just as important, just as significant.

The story is told of Jesus visiting the town of Jericho, with little planned itinerary and an open hospitality of heart. The townsfolk just assumed that he would meet with the 'central' people: leaders, scribes, influencers. He took a chance when he saw Zacchaeus (tax collector, small of stature, judged by many) and spent his first afternoon at his house. He found more generosity there than the crowd could ever have imagined. How surprising.

*Louise Corke*

"One of the most cowardly things ordinary people do  
is to shut their eyes to facts."

C.S. Lewis, Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

### **SUNDAY SERVICES IN HATHERN CHURCH (IN BOLD) + OTHER BENEFICE SUNDAY SERVICES (STREAMED ON FACEBOOK)**

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30am Welcome Church here</b> <b>12:30pm Baptism</b> 6:15pm Evensong @ Kegworth
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30am Benefice service with Holy Communion @ Kegworth 6:30pm Lammas @Long Whatton
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30am Benefice service with Holy Communion here</b> 5:30pm Evening Prayer @ Belton
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30am Benefice Service with Holy Communion @ Diseworth <b>6:15pm Holy Communion with prayers for peace here</b>

### **OTHER SERVICES IN HATHERN CHURCH**

- ★ HATHERN CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY DAY, 10:00am to 4:00pm, FOR QUIET AND FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
- ★ SAID HOLY COMMUNION EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY, 9:30am to 10:00am (2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August)
- ★ BENEFICE PRAISE SERVICE + REFRESHMENTS, EVERY 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (23<sup>rd</sup> August)

### **... AND ONLINE IN THE BENEFICE**

- ★ MORNING PRAYER (WEEKDAYS AT 8:30am) IS STREAMED ON FACEBOOK
- ★ ZOOM MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT 8:30pm FOR EVENING PRAYER  
(Please contact Revd Louise Corke for easy joining instructions)

**WE HAVE SECOND HAND BOOKS,  
PRE-OWNED JIGSAWS AND  
NEVER-OWNED MARMALADE  
ON SALE IN CHURCH**

**WE'RE OPEN EVERY  
DAY FROM 10 to 4**

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in church  
or just scan the QR code &  
enter your card details**



### **A CELTIC BLESSING**

You are the peace of all things calm  
You are the place to hide from harm  
You are the light that shines in dark  
You are the heart's eternal spark  
You are the door that's open wide  
You are the guest who waits inside  
You are the stranger at the door  
You are the calling of the poor  
You are my Lord and with me still  
You are my love, keep me from ill  
You are the light, the truth, the way  
You are my Saviour this very day.

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An eminent English doctor is visiting an Edinburgh hospital. He is escorted around and eventually enters a ward full of patients with no obvious sign of injury or illness

He asks the first patient how he feels. The patient replies:

*"Fair fa your honest sonsie face, Great chieftain o the puddin race,*

*Aboon them a ye take yer place, Painch, tripe or thairm, As lang my airm."*

The Englishman is confused, so he just smiles and moves on to the next patient. The patient responds:

*"Some hae meat an canna eat, And some wad eat that want it, But we hae meat an we can eat, So let the Lord be thankit."*

Even more confused, he moves on again and the next patient immediately begins to chant:

*"Wee sleekit, cowerin, timrous beastie, O the panic in thy breastie,*

*Thou needna start awa sae hastie, Wi bickering brattle."*

Seriously confused, the doctor turns to his guide and asks, "I didn't think you had a psychiatric ward?"

"Nay," replies the doctor, "This is the serious Burns unit."

## WEATHER REPORT FOR HATHERN

### JUNE

Rainfall : 62.6mm (2.5")  
Max temp : 30.0°C, Min temp : 6.6°C

### MAY

Rainfall : 41.4mm (1.6")  
Max temp : 23.4°C, Min temp : 4.4°C

A surprisingly large rain fall in June.  
Sunday-Monday 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June saw  
27mm (nearly 1.1") of rain in 24 hours

### 2023 so far

Rainfall : 312.1mm (12.3")  
Max temp : 30.0°C, Min temp : -5.2°C

### 2022

Rainfall : 559.3mm (22.0")  
Max temp : 39.4°C, Min temp : -8.2°C

*MAGAZINE ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER TO  
JOHN WORSFOLD BY FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST*  
*You can send details as an attachment by email to  
JHW.Hathern@gmail.com*

Our thanks to John Boyes for his generous  
gift of reams of paper for the magazine –  
"Very much appreciated, John, thank you"

## HOCC 200 CLUB

July 2023 Draw

£20 - Nr 127 - Ian Swift  
£5 - Nr 1 - Bob Leeson

*Last Sunday, after the service, the priest said to  
the verger "I think that I ought to put more fire  
into my sermons? What do you think?"  
"I think you should put more sermons into the  
fire, Vicar!"*

## KEWS LYKELEIGH

**THERE HAS BEEN AN INITIATIVE IN THE VILLAGE.** Two business partners, Ben Dover and Will Power, respectively a Yoga expert and Personal Trainer, have made contact with Anne Ville. You will remember that Anne is the blacksmith's wife and chair of the village hall committee, involving herself in most of the community events in the village. They are offering to improve the health and well-being of the inhabitants.

Ben is suggesting day and evening classes in the hall for anyone interested. Meanwhile, Will is prepared to visit people in their own homes to suggest a fitness regime and oversee it. Anne thinks it a great idea, but the villagers, ever sceptical, need to be won over. It remains to be seen what the outcome will be!

Meanwhile, at the Surgery, there is a new GP, Anna Tomey. One of her early patients was Ivor Chestikov. Poor Ivor isn't well. He suffers with severe bronchitis but, thankfully, Anna has been able to prescribe the appropriate medication and has asked Molly Cules the Pharmacist to make it up.

The village also boasts its own garage to serve the needs of local motorists, owned and operated by an able mechanic, Alan Key, assisted by a petrol pump attendant, Jerry Canne (yes! they are a bit old-fashioned in this respect!).

So, that's the up-to-date news from Kews Lykeleigh - look out for more news in the coming months.  
Dave Dunkerley

## GO TO WORK ON YOUR BIKE DAY! 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

**CYCLE TO WORK DAY ON FRIDAY 4 AUGUST IS THE UK'S BIGGEST ANNUAL CYCLING COMMUTING EVENT.** This year it is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday! The idea behind it is simple: to encourage workers everywhere in the UK to go to work on two wheels, not only for their own health and wellbeing, but for the world itself.

The organisers, [cyclescheme.co.uk](https://www.cyclescheme.co.uk), said: 'It's an event for everyone, from people who haven't hopped on a bike since their school days to committed cycle commuters. What matters is jumping on a bike, giving it a go, and joining a

community of cyclists sharing all that's good about cycling to work".

Since 2019 participants have clocked over 38 million miles and have saved over 6 million pounds of Carbon Dioxide. If you join <https://www.lovetoride.net/cyclescheme> you can log your ride, set a cycling goal, share photos and shout about your reason for riding.

To find out more about the day, go to <https://www.cyclescheme.co.uk/cycletoworkday> and if you don't go to work, or if it's too far to cycle there, but you would like to join in the spirit of the event, why not go to church on your bike!

# HATHERN CHURCH ON WEDNESDAYS

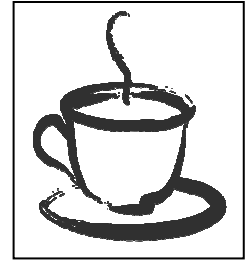
SAID HOLY  
COMMUNION  
EVERY OTHER  
WEDNESDAY

9:30am-10:00am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August



COFFEE  
MORNING  
EVERY  
WEDNESDAY

10:00am-12:00noon



"My wife and I are getting new glasses tomorrow" "And after that?" "We'll see!"

## ANCHORITES AND ANCHORESSES

**F**ROM EARLY CHRISTIAN TIMES many people were attracted to a solitary life in caves and deserts. The desire to worship God in such bleak conditions became popular in medieval England. It was not uncommon for holy men or women to wall themselves up entirely in small stone-built cells attached to the north walls of churches. From there they were able to observe the consecration of bread and wine and receive the sacrament through narrow squints.

Such men were known as anchorites and the women were called anchoresses. They depended entirely on members of their communities for food, water and other bodily needs. Many totally avoided communication with living souls in the outside world, while others gave spiritual guidance to visitors. Occasionally some escaped from their solitary existence but many, if not most, lived in lifelong isolation. The most famous anchoress was Julian of Norwich. She wrote extensively about divine love, and her works have survived to the present day.

Parish churches generally welcomed visitors as they were a good source of income. Hathern had its own anchoress in 1353. She underwent a church service similar to a funeral mass and was then walled up. Unfortunately she did not receive sufficient support from the village to provide for her bodily needs and complained to the bishop. She eventually moved to another church with his permission. We know of no other anchoresses attached to our church.

During the Middle Ages the numbers of men and women who embraced this kind of solitary life increased. By the 1350s numbers had increased to around 200 souls, and females outnumbered males. Not all individuals were able to continue this kind of existence, however, and left their squalid existence with or without permission from their bishops. Eventually the Reformation wiped out the phenomenon of anchorites and anchoresses in England.

*Andrée Bagley*

## OPEN GARDENS 2023

A wonderful weekend in Hathern, the streets were alive with Hatherners and visitors from further afield.

There were lots of lovely comments about both the quality of the gardens and the welcome received in each garden.



Hathern Church wants to thank you all:

organisers, our sponsor, gardeners, stall holders, refreshment servers and, of course, everybody who visited.

This year the £1450 raised is to be used towards the cost of a replacement heater needed in church

**We're looking forward to 2024 already, the dates are Saturday & Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

## OPEN GARDENS IS OVER - GET READY FOR OUR

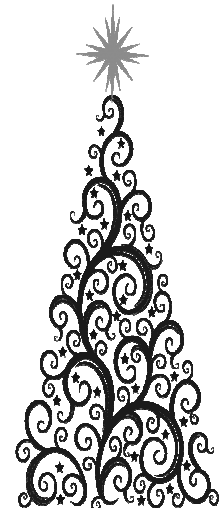
## 19<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Make a date in your diary,  
don't miss it

- 10:00-8:00 Friday 8<sup>th</sup>
- 10:00-8:00 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>
- 10:00-5:00 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>
- 7:30 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
"Songs of Xmas Praise"

**Why not do a tree? It's  
great fun!**

**Contact us now!**  
John Worsfold  
Terry Cox  
Tony Croff



# Summer Reading Challenge at Hathern Community Library



Do you have children aged from 4 to 12? Do they enjoy reading? Why not sign them up to the Summer Reading Challenge at HCL? This year's Reading Challenge runs from **1st July to 2nd September** and in keeping with its theme of "**Ready, Set, Read!**" we will be running a "Sports Challenge afternoon."

We would like to invite all children who have signed up to the Summer Reading Challenge with us to our very own "**Mini Sports Challenge**" at **2.30 pm on Sunday 20th August**. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and games. We will be starting with a story in the library followed by a series of sports-related challenges and finishing with a final fun activity.

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Each year we also hold a special event at the library for every child who completes the Summer Reading Challenge. Everyone who manages to read six or more books will be awarded a medal at a special ceremony to be held at the library on **Sunday 17th September at 2.30 pm**.

[www.hatherncommunitylibrary.org](http://www.hatherncommunitylibrary.org)



*"How much does a rainbow weigh?" "Not much - it's pretty light!"*

## QUIZ 'N' CHIPS

**Hathern Church**

**7:00pm**

**Friday 6th September**

**£12.50**



**Enjoy a quiz with a Georges' Fish and Chips supper at the interval**

**Supper order taken as you come in  
Tea & Coffee provided, Bring your own wine**

**It's fun, friendly (and that's about it, really)**

**DO JOIN US**