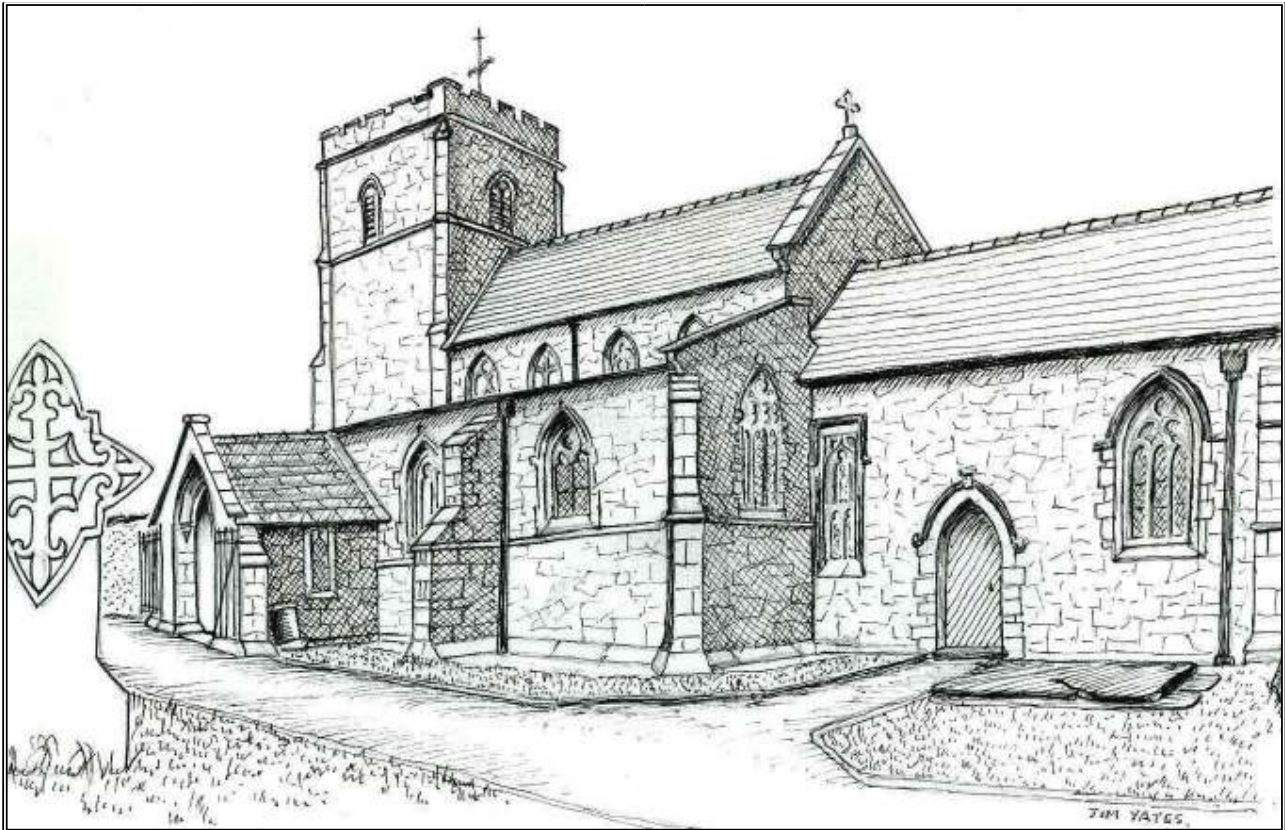


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A LETTER FROM LOUISE

WELCOME BACK!' 'HAVE YOU BEEN ON HOLIDAY?' 'What did you do on your sabbatical?' 'Where did you go?' 'You missed the rain; it's been so wet.'

You may or may not have noticed, but I've been away for two months – and Emily has done a magnificent job of covering the work in the parishes in my absence. My time away from the commitments of work was certainly a privilege and to be honest, I didn't have a long list of expectations or achievements to accomplish in the eight weeks, just three things. I wanted to renew and strengthen important relationships with friends and members of the family who live overseas (happily all in the Southern Hemisphere where it is nice and warm at the moment); there was some stuff I needed to prayerfully untangle and sort out with God; and I hoped to have time to listen to people whose lives are culturally and ethnically different from my own. All of it was about connection in one way or another: connecting to my personal network, connecting to God, connecting to strangers unlike me. I was blessed with all three things, it has been a precious time.

We can't all take massive chunks of time off work to renew our relationships or review our priorities, but it's healthy to build in time in our lives for the best things. Isn't it essential that they don't get lost or left behind?

'Teach us to number our days,' it says in Psalm 90, 'that we may gain a heart of wisdom.' There are things in your life and mine which are not urgent but they are important and we do well to invest in them. I hope you can!

Rev Louise Corke

Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes

REGISTERS

Christian Funeral 23rd February

Shirley Henderson, d 25th January, aged 88 years

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

MARCH

Sunday 31st 10:30am EASTER FAMILY SERVICE – CAFÉ STYLE here

APRIL

Sunday 7th 10:30am FAMILY SERVICE here

6:15pm Evensong @ Kegworth

Sunday 14th 10:30am Benefice Service with Holy Communion @ Kegworth

6:00pm Lambing Service @ Long Whatton

Sunday 21st 10:30am BENEFICE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION here

6:15pm Evening Prayer @ Belton

Sunday 28th 10:30am Benefice Service with Holy Communion @ Diseworth

6.15pm HOLY COMMUNION WITH PRAYERS FOR PEACE here

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 (17th April)

★ BENEFICE PRAISE SERVICE + REFRESHMENTS, EVERY 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (24th April)

... AND ONLINE IN THE BENEFICE

★ MORNING PRAYER, 8:30am DAILY (except Sundays) IS STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

Justice is a dish best served cold. If it were to be served warm, it would be Justwater.

ST PETER AND ST PAUL APCM (aka AGM) AND THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

OUR YEARLY CHURCH MEETING (the Annual Parochial Church Meeting) takes place on Tuesday 23rd April at 7:30pm in church. Do join us to hear what we've been up to in 2023 and how we financed it all, our charitable giving, what our future plans are and how they fit in with the Diocesan plans. You will be welcome to join us.

Every 6 years, we need to completely revise the electoral roll of the church (not the Parish which is for your being able to vote in the civil elections but the Church which lets you vote at the APCM) and this is the year we need to start again from scratch!

Even if you are already registered and you wish to remain on the roll, you will need to re-register, using one of the forms that are available in the Church. Anyone else who would like to register should use the same form.

Applications should be submitted to any member of the Church Council (details on front page) by Sunday April 7th or left in the donations box on the back of the main church door.

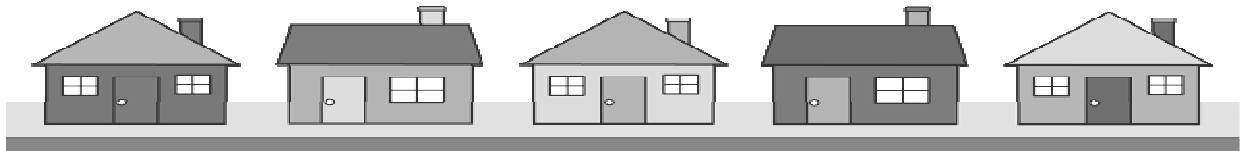
A full form of notice of revision will be posted on the Church door - qualifications for registration are detailed on this notice and on the application forms.

MAGAZINE ITEMS FOR **MAY** TO JOHN WORSFOLD BY **FRIDAY 19th APRIL**
You can send details as an attachment by email to JHW.Hathern@gmail.com

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HATHERN OLD CRICKET CLUB 200 CLUB

March 2024 Draw

£20 - Nr 163 - Paul Blanchard

£5 - Nr 92 - R Freer

A friend said to me "What rhymes with orange?" I said "No it doesn't!"

Hathern Garden Club

We are now enjoying our summer programme of

GARDEN VISITS

April: Bardill's Garden Centre

If you are interested in joining our varied and friendly outings contact:

hatherngardenclub@gmail.com

Visitors very welcome (£3)



WEATHER REPORT FOR HATHERN

FEBRUARY

Rainfall : 90mm (3.5")

Max temp : 16.6°C, Min temp : -2.3°C

JANUARY

Rainfall : 45mm (1.8")

Max temp : 13.4°C, Min temp : -7.0°C

The Met Office has just announced that the rainfall in February was the worst for that month since records began in 1836!

2024 SO FAR

Rainfall : 135mm (5.3")

Max temp : 16.6°C, Min temp : -7.0°C

2023 – A VERY WET YEAR

Rainfall : 801mm (31.5")

Max temp : 31.9°C, Min temp : -5.2°C

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION BOXES

THE ANNUAL EXCHANGE OF COLLECTION BOXES for the Children's Society was held in March.

The Children's Society fight for the hope and happiness of young people in Britain when they're threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect.

If you've been unable to get to church, ring the Worsfolds and we'll collect. It's never too late!!

THIS YEAR YOU HAVE RAISED £546.76 – a record for Hathern.
THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!



A man's walking into the supermarket, a woman's just parking her empty trolley.

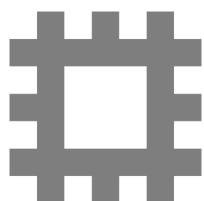
"Do you want this trolley?" she says.

"No, I'm only after one thing!"

"Typical man!" she snorts

ENGLISH HERITAGE, <https://english-heritage.org.uk>

ENGLISH HERITAGE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS RECORD, a public archive containing 10 million photographs, plans, database records and other information on England's architecture and archaeology, and experience of using their service recently is excellent.



As an example, one of the churchwardens of Charvil in Berkshire has in his possession a set of aerial photographs of part of his parish. They date from 1945 to the 1970s. They show how an area that was primarily farmland with one or two isolated homesteads, has gradually been developed into a large, mainly residential community. The photographs were taken by the RAF and were originally classed as secret – probably because

the area is to the west of London and close to places such as Heathrow Airport, Windsor Castle and other Government buildings that were used, for example for code-breaking during World War II. These photographs are now part of the National Monuments Record.

The editor of the Charvil Church Magazine says "I'm pleased to report that the service English Heritage have provided has been excellent. They have been quick to respond to my request and the fee for being granted permission to publish them in my magazine is a very reasonable £10 per photograph. When I saw the photographs, the first thing I did was look for my house, and I am sure that many of my readers will be doing exactly the same thing!"

So this might be another avenue for people researching old Hathern, who knows? English Heritage could become a great source of information.

OPEN GARDENS 2024

Saturday & Sunday 29th & 30th June.



PLEASE open YOUR garden!

We need you! Get in touch!

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ABITE WITH ME

IN THE 1980S, A LITTLE KNOWN PUBLICATION HIT THE STREETS OF HATHERN. It was "*Abite with me*" and was a "selection of recipes collected from members and friends of Hathern Church", sold to raise funds for Hathern Church. About 35 recipes were included with various descriptions including Freddie Flockhart's Pudding, Scrumptious Squares and Golden Foam Sauce.

When Ron Price was going through his late Mum Blanche's books, he found a copy, inside of which was a hand-written note about food rationing during the Second World War. We thought it would make good reading for the 80th anniversary year of D-Day and also make us realise how well off we are today. Blanche wrote:

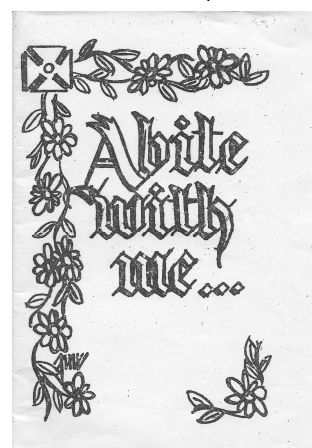
Allowances fluctuated throughout World War II and rationing lasted for 14 years. However, on average, an individual adult would be entitled to a weekly allowance of:

2 oz butter, 4oz margarine, 2oz cheese, 4oz lard, 3 pints milk, 8oz sugar, 2oz tea, 1 egg (plus 1 pack of dried egg every month), 4oz ham, and other meats to the value of 1/6d, .

Preserves were also rationed to 1lb every 2 months, and 12oz sweets every month.

Certain workers such as the Women's Land Army and Armed Forces were entitled to more allowance due to the manual nature of their jobs.

We don't know how well off we are, do we?



[Note: 1oz(ounce) = 28g(grams), 1lb(pound)= 454g, 1/6d = 7½p]



QUIZ 'N' CHIPS

Hathern Church

7:00pm Friday 5th April

entry : £13

**Enjoy a quiz (teams of up to 4)
with a Fish and Chip supper**

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

My cousin failed to get into the Guards. He was a fit, well-built young man so I asked him what was wrong. He said he failed because of his eyes.

"But you've got great eyes, you go hunting game. What was wrong with them?" I exclaimed

"They're too near the ground!"

23rd APRIL - ST GEORGE'S DAY

ACCORDING TO WIKIPEDIA, Saint George's Day is the feast day of Saint George, notably England's patron saint, but celebrated also by Christian churches, countries, and regions of which he is the patron saint, including Bulgaria, Ethiopia, Greece, Georgia, Portugal, Romania, Syria, Lebanon, Catalonia, Alcoi, Aragon, and Rio de Janeiro.

The strange thing about St George is that no-one knows who he was, where he came from, or why he was made a saint, and there is no authenticated record of him ever visiting England! It seems that he was not even English, but then, only the English would choose such an unknown entity to be our patron saint! There is the mythical tale about him saving a village somewhere in Europe from a dragon. Bob Peters (Chair of ACE) was taught this story when he was a Boy Scout – his troop met in St George's Church in Tarpots, Essex.

An 18th Century Georgian geographer and historian Vakhushti Bagrationi once claimed that there are 365 Orthodox churches in Georgia named after Saint George, that's one for every day of the year.

In the UK there are 243 churches dedicated to St George, that's 15th in the list of church names which is led by St Mary with 2,368 dedications!

Probably the best known church in the world that is named after St George is St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle which is privately owned by King Charles III.



... AND IT'S ALSO ASPARAGUS DAY (apparently!)

THE BRITISH ASPARAGUS SEASON runs from St George's Day on 23rd April (Asparagus Day) to the Summer Solstice on 21st June. Asparagus is one of the earliest of ancient, annual vegetables and is like Marmite – you either love it or you hate it.

Although there is evidence of it being grown in the ancient world since Biblical times, it is never mentioned by name in the Bible and theologians seem to be divided as to whether it is classed as a good or a forbidden food. There have been times when the first crops of asparagus have been blessed in church, although some bishops have declared it sinful to do so.

In the UK there are some local events such as the British Asparagus Festival on 23 April in Evesham and the Asparagus Harvest Festival on 27 May in Deeside that celebrate asparagus.

There are several different varieties, but four general types: green, white, purple, and wild. Within these four types there are many varieties with various colours, tastes, textures, and hardiness. Some varieties of asparagus plants can live up to 30 years. There are some that are also grown for aesthetics and should not be consumed because they are toxic.

To say the least, asparagus is controversial and if you look online you will find lots more about this much loved – and sometimes much hated – vegetable.

A young lad was in the local shop, and picked up a large box of laundry detergent.

The shopkeeper said "You must have a lot of laundry, young man!"

"Nah" says the lad "It's to wash my dog with!"

"You shouldn't use that, it's very powerful and could kill your dog, try something milder!"

"But my dog's very dirty" says the lad.

He pays up and goes out.

A week later he's back buying some sweets

"How's your dog?" enquires the shopkeeper

"He died" said the lad

"Well, I did warn you"

"Oh, it wasn't the detergent"

"What was it then?"

"It was the spin cycle!"