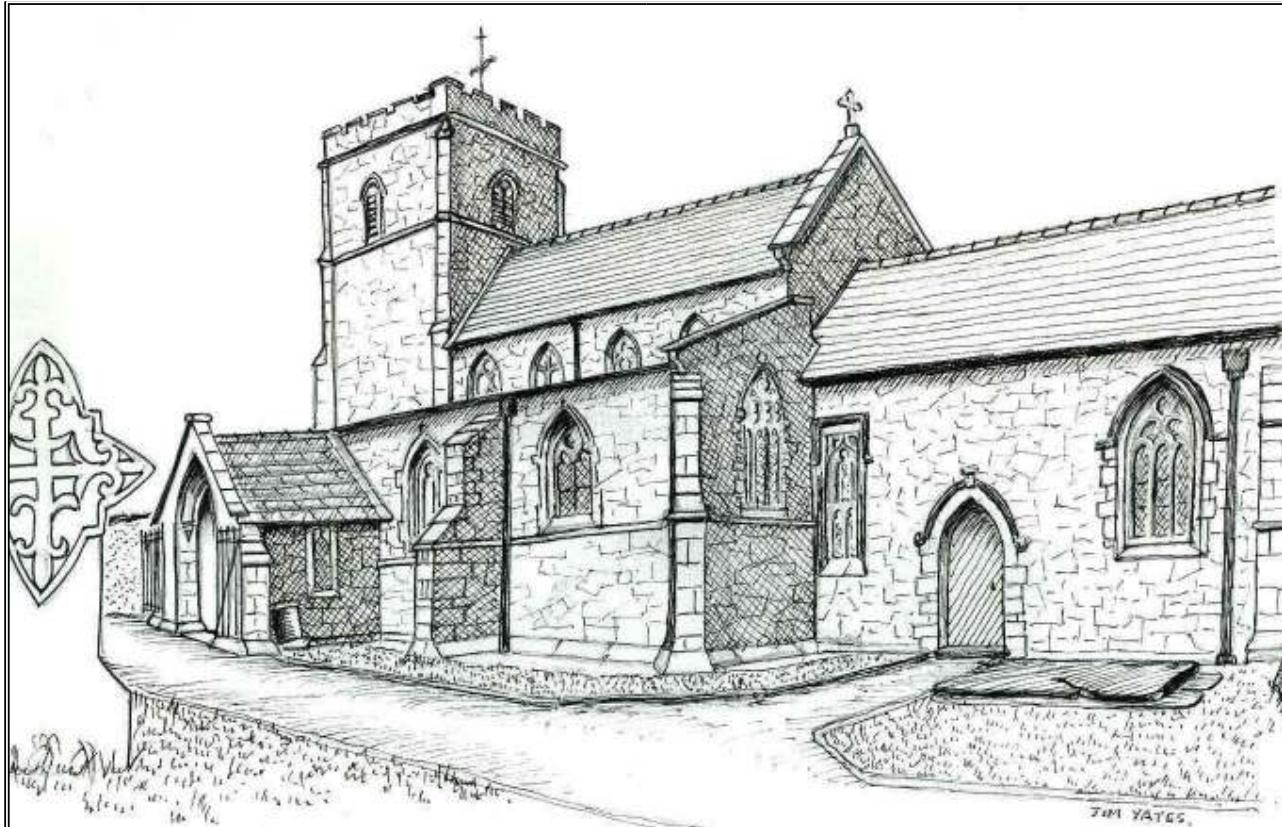


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LETTER FROM THE CLERGY TEAM

HAVE YOU WALKED DOWN PASTURE LANE IN HATHERN RECENTLY? As I write, the snowdrops line the way and herald the hopes of Spring; there are even a few daffodils starting to open and I hope that, by the time you read this, they will be crowding the verges in their turn. It's amazing how resilient Nature is, even with all the rain we have been having the bulbs are still determined to bloom. When we do see the sunshine, we can really appreciate it, and I was very grateful to hear a blackbird singing away yesterday – all hopeful signs that the year is awakening and bringing promise of new possibilities.

New life and new beginnings are all around us. Each flower is a symbol for something new taking shape within us.

Everything blooms in its own time. In our lives, just as in nature, patience forms the most beautiful things that we experience.

Colour and light are vital to life. Spring feels good because it reminds us how deeply we need variety and vividness in our surroundings.

Great things are waiting beneath the surface. Only when the flowers bloom do we realise the potential that lay beneath our feet all the time.

The important things are the simple things. Grass, rainfall, sunlight, a single flower – the smallest things matter still.

Christians are in the middle of the season of Lent, a 40-day preparation for the celebration of Easter through self-denial, personal sacrifice and study. The word 'Lent' comes from the Old English 'lencten' meaning 'Spring season', symbolising both the season and the spiritual renewal that it represents. Easter is, of course, the ultimate story of new life and rebirth with the joy of the resurrection of Christ.

Let us take heart that we will soon be able to abandon our wellies, feel the sun on our faces and the grass beneath our feet again. 'For I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams.' Isaiah 44:3-4

With every blessing, Sue

Sue Hack, Licenced Reader

Swallowing angry words before you say them is better than having to eat them afterwards.

SERVICES IN HATHERN CHURCH (IN BOLD) + OTHER BENEFICE SERVICES

(Sunday morning Communions at 10:30am are streamed on Facebook)

Sunday 1st	10:30am FAMILY WORSHIP here 9:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Diseworth 10:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Kegworth 6:15pm Evensong @ Kegworth
Sunday 8th	10:30am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION here
Sunday 15th	10:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Long Whatton
MOTHERING SUNDAY	5:30pm Evening Prayer @ Belton
Sunday 22nd	10:30am CAFÉ CHURCH here 9:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Osgathorpe 10:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Belton
Sunday 29th PALM SUNDAY	10:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Kegworth

OTHER SERVICES IN HATHERN CHURCH

- ★ HATHERN CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY DAY, 10:00am to 4:00pm, FOR QUIET AND FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
- ★ SONGS OF PRAISE EVERY 4th WEDNESDAY, 7:30pm (25th March)
- ★ SAID HOLY COMMUNION EVERY 4th WEDNESDAY, 9:30am to 10:00am (25th March)

Thomas Edison's Mother: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb, Tom dear.
Now turn it off and get to bed."

WEATHER REPORT FOR HATHERN

JANUARY

Rainfall : **69.5mm (2.7")**
Max temp : 10.9°C, Min temp : -6.9°C

YEAR TOTAL TO DATE

Rainfall : **69.5mm (2.7")**
Max temp : 10.9°C, Min temp : -6.9°C

We're already seeing a return to more "normal" weather, confirming that last year was a hot one!

LAST YEAR TOTAL TO DATE

Rainfall : **60.8mm (2.4")**
Max temp : 13.4°C, Min temp : -3.1°C

This morning a man was walking down the street and was hit by a violin, then a clarinet and then a French horn. I think it was an orchestrated attack.



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Columbus' Mother: "I don't care what you've discovered, Chris dear. You still could have written!"

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A small lad asked his dad "Daddy, where does poo come from?"
Daddy is aghast, but decides he will always be honest with the lad, so tells him simply but accurately.
The lad looks quite puzzled, thinks a bit, then says "and tigger?"



OPEN GARDENS 2026

Saturday & Sunday

27th & 28th June.

Please open YOUR garden!

It's fun and is a great way to welcome folk to Hathern's hidden corners.

DO GET IN TOUCH

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DON'T FORGET THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD BY ONE HOUR AT 1AM ON 29th MARCH.
(Clocks 'spring forward' in the spring and 'fall back' in the autumn).



HAETHERN WI WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO AN OPEN EVENT on Monday 16th March 2026 to hear Andy Neilson from the Wildlife Trust speak about the Butterflies of Leicestershire & Rutland.

This invitation is for both ladies and gentlemen, it is a free event and will be followed by tea/coffee and the WI's legendary cake.

It will be held at Hathern Club, Dovecote Street, Hathern, LE12 5HS. The presentation will start at 7:30pm with doors open from 7:00pm.

We hope that you will join us, for what we think will be a most interesting talk.

Michelangelo's Mother: "Mike dear, why can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

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LADIES' LUNCH

READERS MAY BE AWARE that the church already hosts a monthly Men's Breakfast Group and we have been asked if it would be possible for a church-orientated Ladies Lunch Group to be organised along similar lines.

At this stage, we are looking for expressions of interest in something of this nature. If you would be interested in being part of such a group, which would meet every couple of months on a weekday at a local pub, could you please let either me know, on 01509 843744, or Sandie, on 01509 550374, by the end of March, in order that we can gauge the appetite for this.

We will then add your details to a list of interested parties and contact you again if there is sufficient interest, with details of an inaugural meeting. Thank you.

Linda Wigley

Batman's Mother:

"Yes, it IS a nice car, Bruce dear, but do you realize how much the insurance is going to be?"



MOTHERING SUNDAY GIFT FOR AFTERNOON TEA

WE ARE DOING AFTERNOON TEA IN HATHERN CHURCH on Saturday 25th April from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock, £12.50 per head.
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OUR BENEFICE PRAISE GROUP SINGS "A STARRY NIGHT" every year at the end of the Christmas Tree Festival. It's by the JOYSTRINGS, a group formed in 1963 and all members were in the Salvation Army in the UK. Major Joy Webb (Joy was a Captain at the time) is listed as the founder of the Joystrings.

Their first song, "It's an open Secret", entered the UK charts in 1964 and rose to the dizzy heights of 32. Not bad for a Christian beat group! However, the only other minor hit they had was what they are remembered for - a Christmas song, 'A Starry Night' - which peaked at 34 in the UK charts in 1965

The group disbanded in July 1969. Members of the Joystrings were usually temporary for about six months each, so there are many of them and they have had reunions in 2004 and 2009. But many of their fans were distraught when they disbanded as it was felt that they at their peak.

(continued overleaf)

A compilation album entitled 'Restrung', was released in 2011, and featured a collection of their songs, showcasing their enduring impact on Christian pop music. The album included tracks that reflect the sound of the 1960s, with melodic songs that remain relevant today.

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THE TIME APPROACHES for our annual exchange of COLLECTION BOXES FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.

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A man in a hot air balloon realised he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude."

"You must be a physicist," said the balloonist. "I am," replied the woman, "but how did you know?"

"Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip."

The woman below responded, "You must be a Member of Parliament then." "I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have made a promise which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault."