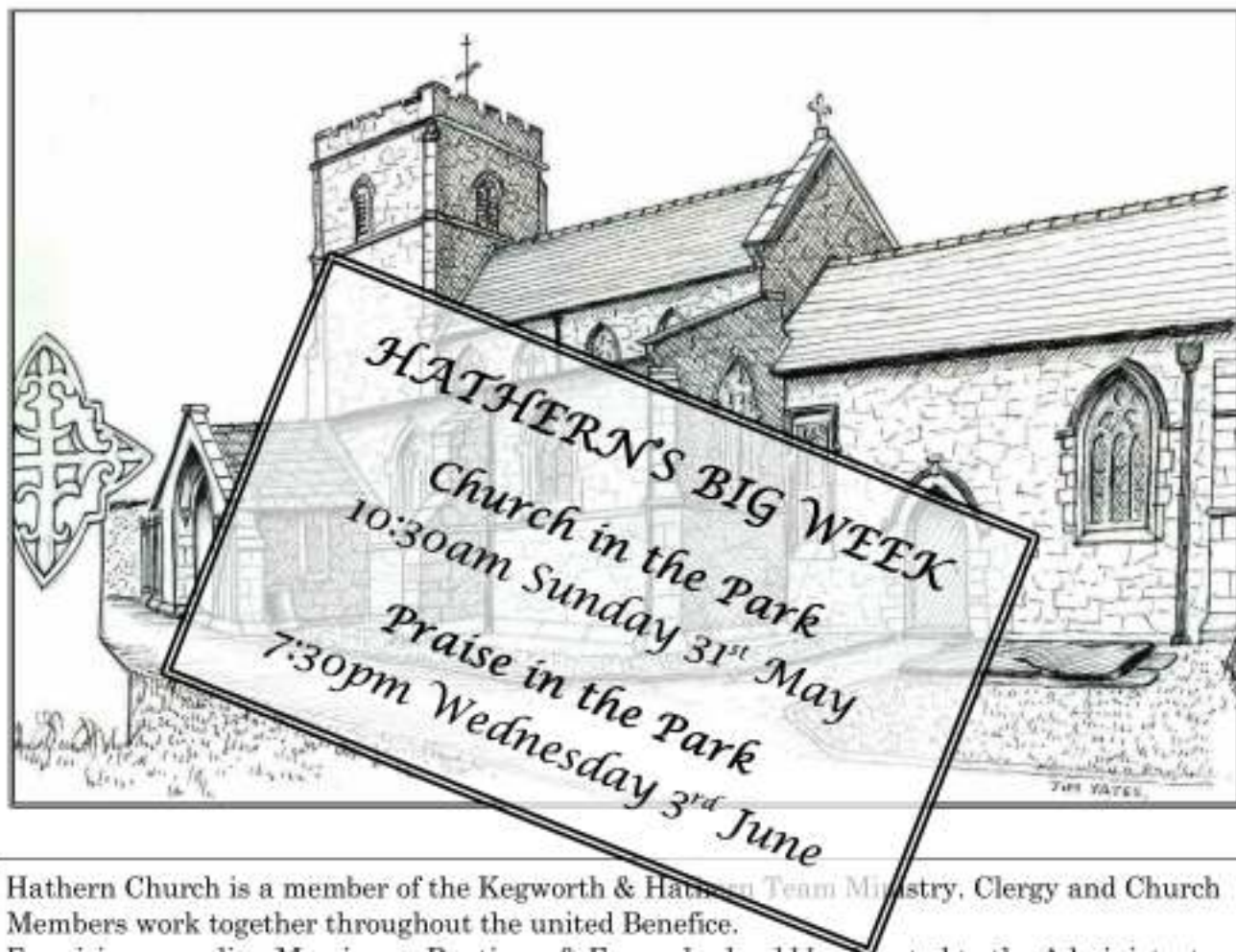


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LETTER FROM THE TEAM

SO WE ARE SIX MONTHS INTO THE YEAR, and I wonder if you even remember what your New Year's resolutions were. I didn't actually set myself any, but strangely I seem to have acquired one anyway.

On New Year's Day I went for a long walk with the family, wearing my watch. At some point it beeped to tell me I had reached my step count. That's happened before, and I've usually ignored it. But the next day we went out again — my in-laws do like a good walk — and then the day after that. Before I knew it, I had a small run going. And now here we are, six months later, and I've managed it every day.

The lesson for me seems to be that if you have a long-term goal, it may be best not to try to do it. Not even to plan to do it. Or perhaps the lesson is to set all your goals retrospectively.

You can imagine how that might sound elsewhere.

"And here we are with the manager, how do you feel after the game tonight?" "Well Motty, I'm glad we've finally achieved our goal for this season of being relegated."

Walking, however, is not something most of us would set as a serious goal. It is just something we do to get from one place to another.

It is also something Jesus did a great deal of. Not to count his steps, and not, as far as we can tell, to meet any kind of target. Often he was simply going from place to place. But in doing so he met people — sometimes expected, often not — and those encounters became moments of teaching, healing and encouragement.

There is something about walking that slows you down enough to notice what is in front of you.

The same may be true of prayer. It can be difficult to know what to pray, and difficult to find the space for it in the middle of everything else. Perhaps prayer does not always begin with a plan either. Perhaps it begins with what we meet along the way.

The conversation you did not expect. The person who needs a moment of your time. The thought that lingers a little longer than the rest.

Perhaps the answer is not always to decide in advance what we will bring to God, but to bring what we find.

On the way.

Rev'd Simon Stevens, Self-Supporting Minister, Kegworth & Hathern Benefice

Life is too short to waste on other people's dreams Oscar Wilde

REGISTERS

Christian Funeral

23rd April

Maureen Elizabeth Exon, d 23rd March, aged 80 years

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

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

Sunday 7th

10:30am FAMILY CHURCH here

9:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Diseworth

10:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Kegworth

6:15pm Evensong @ Kegworth

Sunday 14th

10:30am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION here

Sunday 21st

10:30am Holy Communion @ Long Whatton

5:30pm Evening Prayer @ Belton

Sunday 28^h

10:30am CAFÉ CHURCH here

9:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Osgathorpe

10:30am Holy Communion @ Belton

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 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 9:30am to 10:00am (24th June)
- ★ BENEFICE PRAISE SERVICE + REFRESHMENTS, 7:30pm EVERY 4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (24th June)
AND PRAISE IN THE PARK + REFRESHMENTS, WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE at 7:30pm- HATHERN'S BIG WEEK

An hysterical wife calls her husband at work "Our Angela's done a DNA test and... and... I don't know how to say this... she may not be our daughter!"

"Well, of course she's not!" he replied. "What do you mean?" she said

"Don't you remember that first night in the hospital, when the baby just kept screaming and crying, screaming and crying? Nonstop, and you asked me to change her?"

"I think I chose a good one" he added

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GOOD NEWS FOR HATHERN

THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF BAD NEWS THESE DAYS and it's easy to get depressed. Well, here is a good news story.

The Baptist Church and the Parish Church are joining in a project to distribute a copy of Luke's Gospel to every home in the parish. The word "Gospel" literally means good news. The Gideons, well known for Bibles in hospitals and hotels, are sponsoring this nationwide project, Loughborough has already begun and now it is coming to Hathern.

Copies will be available at the church events in the Big Week and starting in June they will be taken out into the village. Churches genuinely care about the wellbeing of the Hathern Community, we pray regularly in the services, there are groups walking round the village thinking about the needs of the homes in each street and when visited, if you had a particular prayer request, please share it.

We hope this will be a good opportunity for people to read for themselves the words and the stories of Jesus



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WHATEVER NEXT? IT'S ...

LOVE YOUR BURIAL GROUND WEEK / CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE 2026

Churches Count on Nature is part of Love Your Burial Ground Week, Saturday 6th to Sunday 14th June, focusing on the brilliant wildlife to be found in churchyards and chapel yards. It is organised by Caring for God's Acre (a conservation charity for UK burial grounds) in partnership with the Church of England, the Church in Wales and A Rocha UK.

A bloke walks into a shop and asks "Do you sell a small battery like this so that I can tell the time, please?"

"Oh, is it for a clock?"

"No idea, that's why I need the battery."



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HELLO! I'M FUNDRAISING FOR HOPE AGAINST CANCER.

I'm Dave Baker and I'm doing it in memory of a young lady and friend, Alice Greaves, who sadly lost her battle with various cancers earlier in the year (In the three years from diagnosis, she raised over £400k – Google "If anyone can Alice can")

We are cycling from her home near Old Dalby to Sheringham in Norfolk, over 125 miles in one day which is why everyone sees me walking Lester on my bike currently.

Here's my JustGiving page, if you'd like to donate:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/david-baker-1965?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

Thank you

HATHERN CHURCH'S ANNUAL GIFT DAY

Saturday 27th June, 9:00am-12:00noon, at the Cross (Church Porch if wet)

ON THE NEAREST SATURDAY TO ST PETER'S DAY we usually hold our Gift Day when we ask for financial support to keep the church in Hathern in full operation: a warm and dry place for quiet, for private prayer, for services, meetings, marriages, baptisms and funerals. St Peter's Day usually coincides with the Saturday of Hathern's Open Gardens Weekend.

There is an envelope in this magazine for your donation to ensure the church's presence in the village for future generations, please bring it to the Cross on the Saturday, leave it in church at any time (locked donation box inside on the main door) or give it to any church member. Or you can use the QR Code here to donate by card, just scan it and enter your card details!

If you can Gift Aid your donation, please do, it will increase your gift by 25% at no cost to yourself.



As we celebrated our 60th Wedding Anniversary, the waiter asked to what we attributed our long marriage.

*Apparently "Getting married a *** long time ago" was not what my ex-wife wanted to hear!*

JOIN US FOR HATHERN BIG WEEK'S CHURCHES IN THE PARK

WELCOME TO A COUPLE OF RELAXED, WELCOMING COMMUNITY GATHERINGS hosted by Hathern Baptist Church and St. Peter and St. Paul's.

ON SUNDAY 31ST MAY AT 10.30AM, IT'S CHURCH IN THE PARK

Whether you've never been to church before or you're simply looking for a great way to spend a morning with friends, neighbours and family, everyone is invited.

Enjoy a café-style atmosphere with fresh coffee, live music, conversation, and activities for all ages, including a fun Lego competition for children.

AND ON WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE AT 7:30PM, WE HAVE PRAISE IN THE PARK – Songs of Praise new and traditional with a thought for the day, and refreshments to follow with time to meet and chat with others

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I picked up a hitchhiker the other day.

As we drove away, he said "What if I said I'm a serial killer?"

I turned to him and said "I'd say the chances of two serial killers in one car are pretty remote!"

WEATHER REPORT FOR HATHERN

APRIL

Rainfall : **18.6mm (0.73")**

Max temp : 22.3°C, Min temp : 0.1°C

YEAR TOTAL TO DATE

Rainfall : **208.0mm (8.2")**

Max temp : 22.3°C, Min temp : -6.9°C

LAST YEAR TOTAL TO DATE

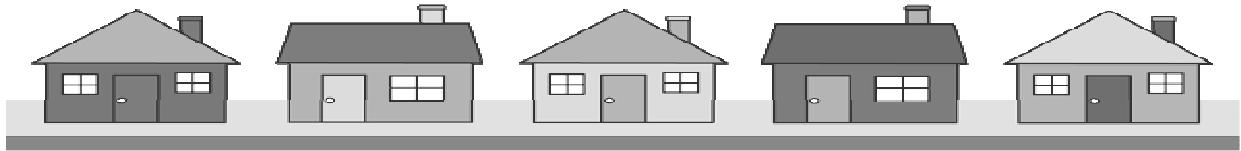
Rainfall : **97.2mm (3.8")**

Max temp : 26.8°C, Min temp : -7.1°C

"If at first you don't succeed, try again" is not a good maxim if you want to be a skydiver

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WHEN I SAY, "I AM A CHRISTIAN"

**by Carol Wimma
Assocⁿ of Church Editors**

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"
I'm whispering, "I get lost!"
That's why I chose this way."

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't speak with human pride;
I'm confessing that I stumble –
Needing God to be my guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong;
I'm professing that I'm weak
And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success;
I'm admitting that I've failed
And cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't think I know it all;
I submit to my confusion
Asking humbly to be taught.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect;
My flaws are all too visible
But God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain
I have my share of heartache,
Which is why I seek His name.