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Sun 3rd Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion
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 11.00am Home Communion for the Sick
 6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Mon 4th Thomas the Apostle

9.30am Team Communion at St. Etheldreda's

Tues 5th 7.30-9.30pm 'Getting Connected' course

Sat 9th 10am - 6pm Historic Churches Sponsored Bike Ride
 3.30pm Wedding of Mark Dibden and Megan Pepper

Sun 10th Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, Patronal Festival

8.00am Holy Communion (CW*)
 9.30am Parish Eucharist (CW) with Junior Church
 6.30pm Churches Together Songs of Praise at St. Mary's

Mon 11th 9.30am Team Communion
 8.00pm PCC Meeting

Thur 14th Holy Cross Day

Sat 16th 12.30pm Wedding of Robert Biddulf and Alison Oliver

Sun 17th Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (CW)
 9.30am Parish Eucharist (CW) with Junior Church
 11.30am Holy Baptisms
 6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Mon 18th 9.30am Team Communion

Tues 19th 7.30-9.30pm 'Getting Connected' course

Thur 21st Matthew the Apostle

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CW - Common Worship
 * - Traditional Language
 BCP - Book of Common Prayer

front cover - interior of church towards the chancel
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Reflections on a Unique Community

“One passes through Taize as one passes close to a spring of water. The traveller stops, quenches his thirst and continues on his way.”

Pope Jean-Paul II

Until a couple of weeks ago, the above quote was just an intriguing impression of the late Pope about the Taize Community, based near Cluny, in the Burgundy region of France. Now, it's an experience in which I have shared! I had heard much about this community and indeed we sometimes sing in church some Taize songs which are part of the community's 'trademark'.

The Taize Community was founded by Brother Roger in 1944 because he had a vision for community living of simplicity and kind-heartedness that would lead to overcoming divisions, particularly between Christians after the 2nd world war. He believed that through the reconciliation experienced in the community would come the energy to work to overcome some of the wider conflicts among the human family. In 1940 he had bought a large house and lot of land in the German-occupied territory at a time when prices were low. Several years later, Brother Roger was joined by a few other young men and together the Order was formed. There are now over 100 brothers from 25 nations; when we were there, another was added to their number, and who originated from Bolivia.

We joined a group of young people from the Diocese – in fact, without them we would not have been able to go for the brothers give priority during the summer weeks to those in the 16-30 year age groups! That week, over 5,000 young people from more than 70 countries made their way to Taize by coach, plane, train and quite possibly bicycle! They mostly camped (I confess we didn't!) and facilities were basic yet they had the most amazing fun. The day centred around 3 prayer meetings: morning, midday and evening, in the Church of Reconciliation. There we all sat on the floor, whatever our age, for nearly an hour each time. The liturgy was simple, easy to follow and inclusive as we sang and heard scripture and prayers in several languages. Simultaneous translation was available for many other languages – but you often saw people translating informally for others.

Imagine a large space occupied by more than 5,000 people! The singing was harmonious, drawing us together but the silence was deafening and profound. Whoever says that young people can't 'do' silence, needs to experience the Church of Reconciliation. It rolled over us – a blanket of peace, enveloping

us all. Here was a true sense of the living God, transcendent yet close. Here we offered our prayers for the world, ourselves and our loved ones. In that place of peace, one became so conscious of the suffering of all people - Muslim, Jew, Christian, and others, elsewhere, and the desire to draw them into our peace.

Simplicity, silence and solidarity are words to describe my experience of Taize. Outside of the church, there was much fun to be enjoyed sharing with others one's own culture – in dance, music, songs, experiences, opinions and fashion! All were valid, all were to be respected.

Almost a year has passed since the death of Brother Roger in tragic circumstances but the simple life of the Community he founded rolls on in solidarity with the world that comes to visit for a week. I believe that each person takes away with them a little of the gift of peace that the Community gives – and, in the vision of its founder, passes that on in the world.

It was truly a thirst quenching experience.....

And so on we move onwards into the Autumn, with trust in God renewed and hope refreshed for our world.

With love and prayers
Sally

Litany of praise from Taize

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, you visit every human being to reveal the Father's love.

Jesus, goodness without end, you liberate captives, you pardon our sins.

Jesus, our rest and our refuge, your yoke is easy and your burden light.

Jesus, sent by the Father, you heal our blindness.

Jesus, living bread, you nourish our hearts by your words.

Jesus, you came to light a fire on the earth.

Jesus, risen from the dead, you share with us your joy.

Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Some thoughts on why we should go to Church

Sermons, like people, vary from the utterly boring to the very interesting. Those which fall in the latter group deserve attention from a much wider audience than is often found in our churches. Written articles can be classified similarly - but be tolerant... force yourself and read on!

In North Mymms many of the 'I believe in God but don't need to go to Church to be a Christian' brigade miss out on some interesting stuff. As a non-theological ordinary guy, I recently suggested to Sally that some of her sermons should be précised and written up in the Parish Magazine.

Apparently unaware of my lack of literary skills, she rashly suggested that I should give a reaction and comment on issues raised by her. I don't claim to know much, but of one thing I am certain, namely that none of us knows everything. Each day we learn and are influenced by good and bad things involving those around us. Without exception the good things are learned from people we respect, love and emulate as role models.

Some of these people are quite remarkable, seeming to exude a special strength and peace, and frequently turn out to be active Christians with a firm faith in God and followers of Jesus.

Our commitment to and involvement with such people is part of our daily life and such folk really do influence and/or support us, particularly in

times of real need when we're in crisis, or considering and facing important issues.

Such commitment shows in marriage, civil partnerships, and friendships. It is about joining forces with one another, loving, sharing and caring. Although it's costly, time consuming, frustrating, and can be painful to the individual, it is a natural part of life. It is an interesting fact and I would even suggest, no coincidence, that at times of personal disaster, anguish or grief we also try to join forces with and call directly on God for help or support.

These comments may sound rather pious and in sharp contrast to what we tend to regard as the important material things in life which surround us constantly. I, like most people in the developed countries, am a great lover of the material goodies which science and nature have provided to give comfort and instant pleasure.

However at various times, even as a passing thought, particularly when we are lonely or bored, we ask ourselves what they contribute in fulfilling lasting happiness or giving real meaning to our life, however short or long that may be? Despite our outward confidence, we are somehow aware that things are not quite right or that something is missing. What if ???...

A belief in Christianity, however frail, must lead one to consider and accept the possibility of the reality of Jesus Christ having lived. This whole concept is either the biggest hoax in human history, or it is true. It beggars belief that such a story could survive as a 'fairy tale' supported by not only many authentic accounts of his life in the Bible, but also by the multitude of inexplicable things that occur in our individual lives. Who can deny having had such experiences?

That being so, it makes more sense to believe than not to do so. We may say that this requires faith, which is not only the substance of the unseen but is a feature of our life in relation to the vast array of things we don't understand. Many of the most eminent scientists and engineers are practicing Christians, and if any group in society can be cynical and require evidence, this group tops the list.

Accordingly it is more logical to go along with the Christian faith than to reject it and we should show commitment to our belief. Praying on one's own can be hard work for many of us, so corporate worship can be very helpful and rewarding as a means of recharging our battery each week. The sermons and fellowship elements and the peace within our Church can be both enjoyable and add a new and different perspective to daily living.

Some folks think that 'churchgoers are so intent on heaven that they are no earthly use to anyone'. This is generally not so at St Mary's where a warm welcome awaits everyone from first age children to those in their second childhood! The clergy are committed, switched on and really involved with the tie up between commitment to God and us!

Give it a whirl and test it out for three or six months. You could find it unexpectedly more satisfying and refreshing than you might expect. Remember that when one joins any organisation it can take a while to get the feeling of knowing people and being a part of the setup. Hence try to beware of making any judgements too hastily.

You may even get the Parish Magazine to print your comments and opinions of God, his house and his tenants. Who knows, Sally as one of God's ambassadors, may then express views on our opinions?

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Junior church is led by Robin Elgar (01707 261810) with Chris Willis and Karen Hopkins assisting her. There will also be several helpers on hand if needed.

3rd September
10th September
17th September
24th September

Family Service with Baptism
Patronal Festival - St. Mary
preparing for Harvest Festival
preparing for Harvest Festival

1st October
8th October
15th October
22nd October
29th October

Harvest Festival
making bread
St. George and St. Andrew
St. Patrick and St. David
St. Alban

5th November
12th November
19th November
26th November

All Souls, All Saints and heroes
no Junior Church - Remembrance Sunday
King David – a hero
no Junior church
**‘Christ the King’ Children’s Special 3-5pm,
4 to 10 years, to prepare the Christmas frieze**

3rd December
10th December
17th December
24th December

preparing the frieze
preparing the frieze (frieze hung on 15th Dec)
preparing for the Crib Service
no Junior church

25th December

Crib Service starting at 4pm.
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no Junior Church - Christmas Day

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St Michael and All Angels - September 29th

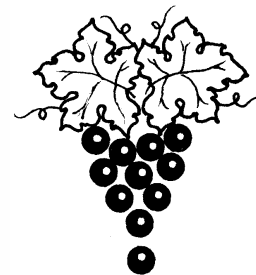
Country people have given thanks for a good harvest since time began. In earlier centuries, our forefathers used to give the first ripe corn to the Church on August 1st - Lammas. This was used in making the Communion bread for a special Mass of Thanksgiving. Hence the word 'Lammas' - a corruption of 'mass' and 'loaf'.

The end of harvesting as September drew to a close coincided with Michaelmas, the feast of the Archangel Michael, on September 29th. From 1969 this festival has included the other Archangels, Gabriel and Raphael, and is a day for special thanksgiving for all the fruits

of the land.

St. Michael was the angel God used to drive Satan out of Heaven. In the Book of Revelation he is the principle fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil. Christians have always honoured Michael, the great archangel, who did the actual job of turning Satan out. By tradition Michael holds a flaming sword in his hand. He is there to defend the right against evil, and to be a defender of God's name and the protector of his church.

It is a tradition that blackberries are no good to eat after September 29th because 'the Devil spat on them when he was cast out of Heaven and Hell on Michaelmas'.



It was also traditional on Michaelmas to eat a roasted goose, stuffed with apples. Fed on the gleanings from the harvest, the bird was plump and tasty. There are still a few 'goose fairs' around at the end of September, the best known being that at Nottingham, although geese are no longer sold at them.

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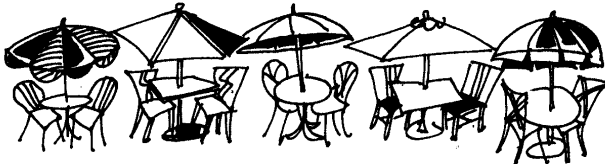
.Diana, Joyce and I hope all who came to the Parish Barbecue in July had a good time. We would like to record our thanks to the cooks, Adrian, Derek, Howard and Maurice, who did a great job with their barbecues providing food, properly cooked - well prepared with smiles and joviality.

Our thanks go to the ladies who put the salads together and all who were there to help wash up and clear way chairs, etc. at the end of the evening. We served just over 100 meals, and yes, we made a profit!

St Michael's room will benefit from beautiful new green cloths for the tables and the kitchen has 2 new electric kettles.

Thanks to all who shared the evening of July 14th with us. I would like to add a special 'thank you' to Diana and Joyce for their unstinting help in making the evening possible.

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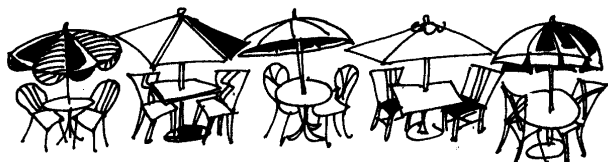
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Women's Fellowship

I would like to thank all those who so kindly supported our 'Coffee Morning' in June - those who cooked and came, those who baked and bought. Special thanks go to those who furnished and manned the tables and supplied the splendid prizes - to David, as ever indefatigable in dealing with the raffle. Last, but not least, thank you ladies who toiled in the kitchen and plied us with refreshments.

It was a magnificent effort which realized £445, including £40 in anonymous gifts, all of which will be used wisely for the benefit of those less fortunate than ourselves.

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What matters in Life

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day is not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and two glasses of wine.....

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course the sand filled up everything else. He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'Yes'.

The professor then produced two glasses of wine from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now', said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things – your God, family, your children. Your health, your friends, and your favourite passions – things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else – the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have time for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18 holes of golf. There will always be time to clean the house. Take care of the golf balls first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and enquired what the wine represented. The professor smiled. 'I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of glasses of wine with a friend'.

Diana Glanfield writes that she found this in a newsletter from the charity 'Let's Face It' run by Christine Piff. Christine is a remarkable person who single-handedly started a support group after she was diagnosed in 1976 with a malignant tumour in her left cheek which led to the loss of her eye. Christine is a survivor, has a great Christian faith and now, still on her own, has support groups all over the world. By her example she encourages and inspires others.

Read more about 'Let's Face It' at

<http://www.lets-face-it.org.uk>

Terry's 40th Anniversary

Terry recently celebrated his 40th year in the Priesthood and to mark the occasion he took a service at Weobley Church in the beautiful 'black and white village'.

As a surprise, Gill and I decided to attend the service, staying the Saturday night at Worcester and driving to Weobley on the Sunday morning. We arrived in plenty of time and while wandering around the Church before the service we saw Joyce coming down the path. She didn't see us at first, but then as recognition dawned there was great excitement as she rushed us in to tell Terry we were there.

The service was very well attended with many of their new friends as well as old ones like us!! Terry's sermon reflected on his years in the ministry, some stories of which we at North Mymms are familiar, culminating in the fact that as a boy of 13 years he made the right decision in following the path he had been given.

After the service in true Terry form, we had wine and cake and met some very welcoming parishioners. Much to our delight, the Rev'd Bob King and his wife Pat invited Gill and myself to join their luncheon party at the Vicarage where we had the most delicious local lamb and champagne in the garden overlooking the beautiful Herefordshire countryside.

Terry and Joyce asked about us all at North Mymms and sent their love. All in all a most enjoyable weekend.

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Angkor What?

4.30 a.m. and hot. Why else get up so early other than to do the tourist thing and see the sun rise over Angkor Wat ('the city which became a pagoda').




Walk through the main gate and, shock, see 1000 other tourists with the same idea. Our guide (who had a permit that took him 6 months to acquire) suggested that we move half way down the magnificent walkway towards the towers. Look back on so many well-behaved people! Who dares to get in the way of the photographers? Then a stroke of brilliance. Why not forgo the sunrise and see the temple virtually empty? So we did.

The complex at Angkor, near Siem Reap in Cambodia, consists of some 250 temples spread over a huge area. They were built in the tropical jungle and, having housed several million people between 800 and the late sixteenth century, were not seen again by European eyes (except for a few sightings that went largely

unpublished) until the mid-nineteenth century when a French team discovered them. They are so simply kept - just space, earth and grass around them. Bling sellers yes but all have to be licensed. At night there is complete peace.

Angkor is a World Heritage site. It has taken at least 100 years to reclaim and work still goes on. Perhaps to raise much-needed funds, Ta Prohm (where the French had cleverly left the huge tree trunks growing around and supporting the stone) was used in the film Tomb Raiders. It is all too huge to convey the magnitude and variety and we spent a day and a half seeing just some of the main sites. We did venture out of the complex some 20



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miles to see Banteay Srei ('Citadel of Beauty') which is different from most of the other temples in that it is pink in colour, very small and most intricately decorated. Many people make the journey, some in tuk tuks (we hired a car and driver for the 2 days!)

Khmer temples were palaces for the Gods. Not just one God- many deities could be given shrines with a main divinity in the centre. Towers abound, connected by galleries with bathing pools (to cleanse the faithful) and libraries for records. Some became virtual towns. Most intricately adorned, Angkor Wat itself has beautiful bas-reliefs running around its huge outer wall- nearly 600 metres long- mostly from the Hindu Ramayana and Mahabharata epics depicting battles, heaven and hell and other aspects.

Hinduism from India dominated the Khmer empire until the end of the 12th century, when Mahayana Buddhism gained prominence. Khmer Hinduism had two sects- Vishnu (the Protector) and Shiva (the Destroyer but in the way of ensuring the cyclical nature of the universe) - making, with Brahma (the Creator), the Hindu Trinity. Buddhism played a more important role in Thailand than in Cambodia but when one wanders among the temples the guide indicates the Hindu temple next to the Buddhist. There is even a new Buddhist monastery next door!

There are still small shrines in the larger temples - with their monks

keeping a watchful eye over the gods. There is no hard sell, just peace in the worship of the chosen deity. Colour abounds in these shrines which is so different from the rest of the buildings where brick, sandstone, laterite and wood create a somewhat sombre setting.

Cambodia itself has survived remarkably well. The Pol Pot regime apparently approved of conservation and this, combined with strict planning laws and a natural sense for nature has meant that there is no litter and no high-rise buildings. Seam Reap itself must have 10 5-star hotels but none higher than 3 storeys. On our trip into the country we saw simple living but no real poverty, no slums. It contrasted dramatically with our Le Meridien hotel but not in a depressing way (for that go to Bangkok!). At Angkor Wat many were employed just to sweep away the water (we were caught in one glorious deluge).

The town has its own Village of Culture where 15 set pieces show beliefs, dancing, pageantry and even a mock wedding. We thought that it was real at first until Martin was asked to be the father of the bridegroom. His main task was to pretend to cut his 'sons' hair to signify breaking the family ties. With a little 'hamming up' a good time seemed to be had by all. Didn't think much of the bridegroom's mother though!

Angkor What? contd.

The temples of Angkor Wat are like an oasis of culture in an otherwise painfully simple land. Most people have few needs and fewer possessions but are so very friendly and fun. We sandwiched this visit between Kho Samui (very attractive away from the crowds) and Bangkok (not many plusses in our view) and Cambodia was so different, largely due to the legacy of the ancient temples. At the moment it is not overrun by tourists and long may that be the case.

Heather and Martin Soley

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The things children say

A little boy sat through a Sunday School class and learned about the time Jesus went to a wedding and changed the water into wine.

‘And what did you learn from that story?’ asked his father afterwards.

The boy thought for a moment and answered, ‘If you're having a wedding, make sure Jesus is there.’

* * * * *

Granddad often talked about the ‘good old days’, when the cost of living was much lower. ‘When I was a lad,’ he exclaimed, ‘my mother could send me to the local shop and I’d get some mince, two pints of milk, some bread, some tinned rice and a

magazine – all for less than a pound!’ His young grandson protested: ‘Well, you couldn’t do that now. They've got those video cameras everywhere you look!’

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A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: ‘They couldn't get a babysitter.’

* * * * *

A teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to ‘honour thy father and thy mother’, she asked ‘Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?’ Without missing a beat one little boy answered, ‘Thou shalt not kill.’

* * * * *

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Charles seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, ‘Charles, what is the matter?’ Charles responded solemnly, ‘I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.’

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Summary of General Synod – July 2006

Women bishops

Two extensive debates on the subject of women and the episcopate formed a significant part of the agenda of the recent group of sessions of the General Synod, held in York. Firstly, Synod decided that admitting women to the episcopate in the Church of England is theologically justified. In the second, Synod agreed that a legislative drafting group be established, with a view to preparing a range of specific options for enabling women to be consecrated as bishops whilst maintaining the highest possible degree of unity within the Church. These options will then be considered by the House of Bishops before a further debate in Synod, ahead of draft legislation on the issue.

Faithful Cities

Synod studied the report of the Commission on Urban Life and Faith, Faithful Cities, which argues that, for a just and equitable society to flourish, the gap between the poor and the very wealthy must be reduced. Synod spent an afternoon discussing the report in small groups before a wider debate that committed the Church to taking forward the recommendations of the Commission.

Further education

Synod approved an ambitious programme of growth in the provision of chaplaincies in Further Education colleges, providing a major opportunity for the Church to engage,

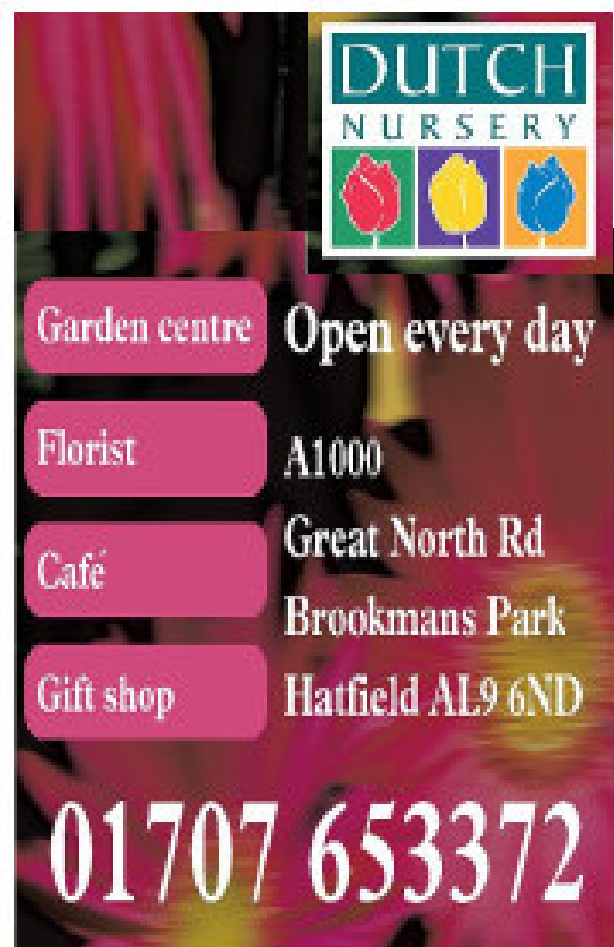
alongside ecumenical and multi-faith partners, with more young people.

Legislation

The Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure aims to improve the Church's structures and processes in a way that will enable it to further its mission. Following constructive debate at Synod, the Measure will now be referred back to a committee to consider whether any final drafting changes are required before it is brought back to the Synod for final approval.

Weddings

The Synod approved a draft measure that aims to make it easier for people



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to get married in church, by relaxing current rules that stipulate the right to be married only in the church of the parish in which they are resident or entered on the church electoral roll. The Measure will now be considered by a revision committee before further discussion at a future group of sessions.

Other business

The Archbishops each made keynote speeches to the Synod: the Archbishop of York's Presidential Address focused on the concept of 'gracious magnanimity' – the distinction between 'justice' and what is 'morally right' – while the Archbishop of Canterbury made a Presidential

Statement to the Synod on the situation within the Anglican Communion.

There were also debates on issues of concern about the wider world – on the issue of carbon dioxide emissions and on the subject of Government support for married couples. The Synod briefly discussed the current situation regarding Christian education programmes within prisons.

Background papers for each debate, alongside links to an audio archive of each session, are available at: <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/about/gensynod/agendas/july2006.html>

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From the Parish Church Registers

Baptisms:

We welcome into the Lord's family:

Lillie Amber Smith
Samuel Charlie Whitworth

23rd July 2006
23rd July 2006



Morgan Paige Kirby
Spencer Jay Kirby
Lily Jane Louise Chetwood

20th August 2006
20th August 2006
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Weddings:

We congratulate:

Kieran Wright to Emma Wood
Philippe Mercier to Louise Tant

1st July 2006
29th July 2006

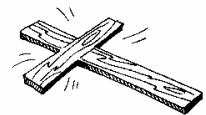


Funerals:

Our sympathy to the relatives and friends of:

Joan Margaret Elizabeth Hughes
John Raymond Innocenti
Robert John Batter
Jean Selina Capsey

25th July 2006
27th July 2006
4th August 2006
14th August 2006



Interment of ashes:

Dennis Frederick Elston
Jonathan Frederick Sulman
Kathleen Bartlett

1st August 2006
22nd August 2006
26th August 2006

Only the current registers, (Baptisms from March 1980; Weddings from January 1999, Burials from March 1984 and Services from July 1996) are stored at the church. All previous church registers, and parish magazines, are stored at the Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, County Hall, Hertford, SG13 8EJ. (01992) 555105, to ensure they are adequately preserved.

Sat 23rd 1.30pm Wedding of Simon Pratt and Claire McGlew

Sun 24th Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (CW*)
9.30am Parish Eucharist with Junior Church
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Mon 25th 9.30am Team Communion

Fri 29th St Michael and All Angels

Sat 30th 1.30pm Wedding of Gareth Jones and Alexandra Lawrence
3.30 pm Wedding of James Arding and Penelope Fielding



Weekly

Wednesday	12noon-2pm	Oasis (tea, coffee, biscuits)
	8.00 pm	Bell ringers' Practice
Thursday	10.00am	Carers' Support Group meet in St. Michael's Room
Friday		Vicar's Day off
	10.00 am	Pramsters meet in St. Michael's Room
	7.00 pm	Choir practice

Monthly

First Monday in month	6.30 pm -7.30 pm	Vicar's Office Hour at Vicarage
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