



Village

September 2024

Web



Harvest Festivals

15 September: Holy Trinity Chrishall
22 September: St Nicholas Elmdon
6 October: URC Great Chishill
13 October: Holy Trinity Heydon
20 October: Hamlet Church, Duddenhoe End.

Tea on the Lawn

At Holy Trinity, Heydon

Sunday 1 September

2.30pm – 5.00pm

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September Services

Sunday 1

- 9.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **Little Chishill** SG8 8PA
11.00am Family Café Church at **Chrishall Village Hall Chrishall** SG8 8QL
6.00pm **URC** Service led by Revd Sue Fender

Sunday 8

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity **Heydon** SG8 8PW
11.00am Family Worship at St Swithuns **Great Chishill** SG8 8SS

Sunday 15

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Hamlet Church, **Duddenhoe End** CB11 4XN
9.30am **URC** Morning Service led by Revd Sue Fender
11.00am Family Harvest Festival with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Chrishall SG8 8QU

Sunday 22

- 9.00am Holy Communion at St Marys Church **Strethall** CB11 4XJ
11.00am Family Harvest Festival with Holy Communion at St Nicholas
Elmdon CB11 4LT

Sunday 29

- 10.00am Combined Service with Holy Communion at St Swithuns
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Note: Services subject to change.

Service details, diary events and more at www.icknieldwayparish.blogspot.co.uk

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October 12: Parish Walk visiting the 7 churches of our parish.

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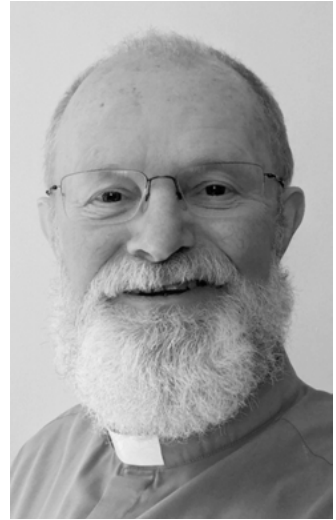
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What makes you angry?



For me, one thing that's pretty much guaranteed to wind me up is other drivers: when they're inconsiderate; selfish; or just plain dangerous. I'm never guilty of such things myself of course!

How do we healthily handle our anger? I'll come on to that in a bit, but I find it particularly challenging that if I call other drivers "fools" or worse, according to Jesus I am effectively guilty of murder.

That seems a bit harsh, but it is what he said in his famous Sermon on the Mount:

'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire.' Matthew 5.21-23

It seems that what Jesus is getting at is that in these scenarios, the other person or persons have violated our moral or social code, perhaps invaded our physical space, and we wished they didn't exist. We want rid of them. In our hearts, we effectively wish they were dead - let's not deceive ourselves.

And yet anger in itself isn't wrong, surely. After all, Jesus was extremely angry when he turned the money lenders' tables over and drove them out of the Temple with a whip he had very deliberately made. Indeed Paul seems to be encouraging the Corinthians to anger when he says "Be angry but do not sin".

Anger, like all emotions, is God given. In its purest form, it's a Godly response to an injustice, intended to spur us into rightful action. Yet often our anger gets distorted, which is what Jesus warns us about. Outbursts of unrestrained, distorted anger are relatively easy to spot.

Suppressed anger is more subtle. William Blake wrote:

I was angry with my friend;
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.
I was angry with my foe;
I told it not, my wrath did grow.

Buried emotions are always buried alive. When we bottle up our anger, it only festers.

And when – not if, but when - the cork pops, we often see violent outbursts, whether in word or deed.

So I'd like to suggest we do three things in order to process anger healthily when we feel it welling up inside us, in order to avoid it erupting unhealthily or being suppressed and festering unhealthily.

Firstly, **pause**. Count to ten, or whatever number is necessary for you to be calm.

Secondly, once we are relatively calm, we have to **analyse** it.

Ask yourself “What is going on here? What’s infuriated me?” This may give a clue as to what can be done about it. Perhaps I’ve said something myself which on reflection I regret - we need to be humble enough to admit that there may be some truth in what the other person said.

Thirdly, articulate it. If it is something I’ve said or done, I need to be honest and brave enough to say I’m sorry. If it’s something the other has said or done, I need to articulate this, and I suggest for the British, generally speaking, this healthy articulation of our anger is a key problem, and we suppress it.

Having lived cross-culturally for decades, I don’t believe any culture on earth handles anger well, but here it is the expression of anger that seems to be unhealthy.

In my former role as a trainer of curates (vicars with ‘L’ plates), I’d focus on this with training by a group called Bridge builders – the clue is in their name.

Their recommendation in any conflict situation - whether or not anger is involved - is to say something like: “**When you ... I felt ... because ...**”

Firstly, “**When you ...**”. This specifically acknowledges the incident as an act the person did. Note, it’s not saying “You are ...”, but

“When you ... did this or said that ...”

Secondly, “**I felt ...**”. This acknowledges and expresses our feeling.

“When you said XYZ, I felt angry, sad, put down etc.”

And thirdly, “**because ...**”. This acknowledges the impact. “When you interrupted me, I felt angry, because I felt as if I didn’t matter”

So **PAUSE, ANALYSE, ARTICULATE**. And in articulation, use a format like “**When you ... I felt ... because ...**”.

I pray we all learn, myself included, to handle our anger better and indeed healthily – it will deepen our relationships with each other.

With love and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James".

James Webster, our new Rector, would love to meet you. Please do get in touch. Details can be found at the back of the Web.

Apology

In our previous issue, we inadvertently omitted the proper credit for the beautiful image on front cover. The image was taken from a painting by Paula Parish of the avenue up to Heydon. We sincerely apologise for this oversight and thank Paula for her valuable contribution to this and previous editions of the Village Web.

Save the Date

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| 4 October | Champing at St Swithun’s |
| 5 October | Saturday Gathering |
| 12 October | Parish Walk |
| 18 October | Artisan Evening |
| 19 October | Choral Evensong at St Swithun’s |
| 20 October | Songs of Praise Style service URC |

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URC News

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No obligation to come to the service but do join afterwards.

Vegetarian option available.

It would be helpful to know numbers! Please contact Tess Gent on 07721 398642.

Chishill Voices

The next outing of the Chishill Voices will take place on **19 and 20 October**. If you would like to be involved please contact Jamie at jwhallbaritone@gmail.com



Garden Tea Party

Profuse thanks to Janice and Bob Rust for organising a lovely afternoon of tea & homemade cakes in their lovely garden at the end of July with superb weather. Thank you to all those who attended and contributed to a donation to Headway of at least £272 on the day plus other later contributions for which we are extremely grateful.

Making Headway: The Autumn Lectures



Two lectures have been organised this autumn to raise funds for Headway Cambridge, our parish charity. This follows in the manner of the Strethall Lectures, which parishioners will recollect as an annual event in Saffron Walden with speakers of the highest calibre and packed houses.

These are unique opportunities to hear two superb speakers on subjects of universal appeal with the opportunity to raise funds for Headway Cambridge, the brain injury charity.

Friday 18th October 2024 at 7:45pm

‘Cambridge University Botanic Garden - a unique role in addressing global challenges’

Professor Beverley Glover, Director of the Cambridge University Botanic Garden. Director of Studies in Natural Sciences, Biological at Queens’ College; Professor of Plant Systematics and Evolution at Cambridge University.

Friday November 22nd 2024 at 7:45pm

‘Art and Architecture in Medieval Burgundy’

Dr Alexandra Gajewski, Reviews Editor of the *Burlington Magazine*, the world’s leading monthly publication devoted to the fine and decorative arts. She is a specialist in medieval architecture with a particular interest in Burgundy and leads study tours in Europe. The venue is the Friends Meeting House in Saffron Walden, on the High Street.

Tickets are available from the Tourist Information Centre, Market Place, Saffron Walden, CB10 1HR. 01799 524002

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Opening hours: 09.30-16.00 Monday to Saturday

Tickets £9 pre-purchased from the TIC, £10 on the door at the FMH. (Note: sales at the TIC will close early on the day of each lecture).

Tickets will be issued when purchased at the counter.

Tickets may be purchased with a credit card by telephoning the TIC during office hours (paper tickets will not be issued).

All proceeds will benefit Headway Cambridge, our parish charity.

Michael Pearson

Bright Future

Web readers may recall our call for used candle stubs, to be deposited in a box located at Heydon Church! Here's a glimpse of the inspiring backstory of local campaign coordinator, Revd Will Lyon-Tupman, dubbed Reverend Candles by the BBC.



Home educated by his flautist mother, Gillian, until shockingly she died, a day before her 47th birthday, Will was orphaned, at the age of 13. Sadly, nine9 years earlier his father, William, a classics teacher, had also died of heart disease.

Foster carers encouraged him to apply to Cambridge, who run open days for children in care.

Generously supported by the college and its benefactors, Will studied Theology and Religious studies at Girton, where he was able to explore his own faith. This greater understanding led him to encourage and guide others in their own Christian journeys.

Will fully embraced the opportunities afforded by university life; a photojournalist for 'The Cambridge Student', a chapel warden and choral scholar. Also a keen runner, he proudly co-captained Girton's team to win the College league in both men's and women's categories. Following a Master's at King's College, London, in Biblical Studies, he worked as a pastoral assistant in Croydon, leading to many and varied experiences in hospital and school chaplaincy, and volunteering in a refugee centre.

Following two years of training at Westcott House, part of the Cambridge Theological Foundation, Will is now spreading his charm, intelligence and energy as a curate in Sawston.

Mary Picton-Turbervill

16th March 1959 - 19th June 2024

On 3rd July, at a funeral service in Chrishall Church attended by over 300 people, we said farewell to Mary, beloved wife of Geoff, adored mother of Harry, Lucy, Tom and Izzy, devoted grandmother to Cam, and cherished friend of many.

Mary grew up in Leicestershire and, after university, lived for 15 years in London, where she had a successful career as a media lawyer. She and Geoff moved to Chrishall 26 years ago, where Mary created a wonderful home and garden, leaving the law behind and devoting her time to bringing up their young family, along with assorted dogs, horses, cats, ducks, chickens, rabbits and much else. Mary died peacefully, after a long and courageous battle against cancer, in the place that she loved, surrounded by her family. She will



be dearly missed, but her spirit will live on and she will be forever in our hearts.

The sonnet below was written for Mary and read at her funeral by her brother in law, Charles Peal:

For Mary

A young eventer clearing a high fence,
A Cambridge student still with time to dream,
A London lawyer full of common sense,
Your pictured walls present a vivid theme.
The lady of the moat at Mayhem Hall,
A busy mother for the paddock dressed,
Four belov'd children, mem'ries of them all,
The holidays abroad you loved the best.
Yet precious glimpses cannot salve our smart
As we recall the way you led your life,
With fears we'd fail this test, we praise your part
As mother, daughter, sister, friend and wife.
Where'er you roam part of us roams with you
To form a shield of love the journey through.

Sporting Prowess

There will be a sporting theme at our next **Saturday Gathering on October 5th!** *Look out for village Facebook sites and posters for more details.*

Did anyone else notice athletes acknowledging their Christian faith during the Olympics, posting Bible verses and clips of Gospel singing, praying and giving thanks?

Many will be familiar with Eric Liddell (Chariots of Fire), who famously declined to run his favoured distance on a Sunday at the 1924 Olympics and amazingly won gold at a longer distance.

100 years later Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, 400m hurdles Gold medal winner, author of: *Far beyond Gold: Running from Fear to Faith*. asserted at the post race press conference:

"I credit all that I do to God. He's given me a gift, he's given me a drive to just want to continue to improve upon myself, and I have a platform and I want to use it to glorify him,"

A little piece of heaven

European churchyards serve the dual purpose as the final resting place of the parishioners who have gone before, and a buffer between the secular world and the sacred. Managing a churchyard requires striking a balance between respect for the families who visit



memorials, and the opportunity to provide a haven for native plants and wildlife of the region to soften the edge of the outside world.



The St Swithun's DCC decided this year to set aside the older parts of the cemetery as a summer meadow, keeping the south lawn, which is relatively free of headstones and kerbs, mown as an open space. Pathways were cut through the meadow so that visitors can feel the peace of creation while moving between gate, crossroads bench, church doors and the lower cemetery. A small group of volunteers

do a wonderful job keeping these areas under control, especially for services. This year the meadow has grown exceptionally, with a brilliant kaleidoscope of grasses, wildflowers, bees, butterflies, swifts and bats.



Another initiative has been to set aside patches of the churchyard for individuals to maintain as their own "little patch of heaven". A few of the participants have provided a summary of their work below. If you would like to look after a selection of graves, the rose garden, the war memorial or another space, please contact Fred Kuenzi (kuenzifred@gmail.com).



Lesley Cannon: Over the past year I have been monitoring and keeping a list of species seen in the churchyard. Thanks to the DCC's maintenance regime this year an astonishing number of wildflowers has now been recorded, with the list approaching 100! These

include many of the chalk grassland specialists and those that favour mature grassland areas, like churchyards. For example, burnet saxifrage, hoary plantain and good friday grass (which so apt for a churchyard!) have all been seen at St Swithun's. The next job will be trying to identify the diverse range of grasses there. Invertebrates have been having an especially difficult year, including some of our precious bees and butterflies, but the churchyard has truly been a little piece of heaven for them.



Additionally, I have been tending to one of the church's flower beds. It is still very much a work in progress; experimenting to find out what does or doesn't work well there. The aim has been to add pollinator friendly perennials and to ensure there is successive flowering throughout as much of the year as possible. Most of the plantings have been kindly donated or sourced from affordable local plant sales (including at Heydon and Barley). Red valerian was already in the flowerbed and provided a mass of colour



earlier on. Currently flowering are verbena bonariensis, betony, hardy geraniums and perennial wallflower 'Bowles's Mauve', with rudbeckia ready to join them. Hopefully as everything matures the bed will become beautiful as well as a boon to pollinators.



Nicki Ashworth: After the church tower was refurbished, the builders cleared their material store, leaving behind a barren patch of ground near the boundary wall. In the following years plants such as red deadnettle and ground ivy grew up, both of which are great for bees. In April I cleared half of this area and planted a cornfield mix, including corn marigolds, corn poppies and cornflowers. We had a particularly wet spring and it has become an impressive display of flowers! I'm pleased to say the patch is frequently visited by a range of pollinators, including those Leslie has identified as resin bees, gatekeeper butterflies, mirid bugs, furrow bees and several types of hover fly. **Fred Kuenzi**



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John's larger choral works, which include Gloria Requiem, Magnificat, Mass of the Children and the Gift of Life and Children, are performed at concert halls worldwide, while his shorter works such as 'The Lord bless you and keep you' are frequently sung at funerals and weddings. In 1983 he formed his own choir, the Cambridge Singers, and together they have produced over 50 recordings using his Collegium record label.

Brought up in London, John has had a long association with Clare College, Cambridge, as student, Director of Music, parent, and Recording Producer for the renowned College choir. He has composed works for the two most recent royal weddings and for the coronation of King Charles III. He was awarded the CBE in 2007.

John is a great supporter of Chrishall Church. He is a member of the Friends of the Church organisation; he sometimes uses the Church for recording; and he ran a hugely successful fundraising musical evening there a few years ago.

We all send John our warmest congratulations. He says that he wanted to be a musician before he could even walk or talk... but nobody could have predicted that his musical career would reach such dizzy heights.

Christopher Tregoning

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Recently we have used the inside back cover to show our appreciation to members of our community. We welcome contributions to this page, a great way to show someone just how special they are.

From The Registers

Funerals

Mary Teresa Picton-Turbervill
3 July at Holy Trinity, Chrishall

Callum James Donaldson,
24 July at Hamlet Church, Duddenhoe End

Douglas Starr
16 August at St Nicholas, Elmdon

Coffee Morning
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Back to School

As the summer holiday comes to an end, children across the country are preparing for the much-anticipated return to school. The transition from carefree summer days to the more structured routine of the school year will no doubt be met with a variety of emotions: excitement, anxiety, joy, or fear. Regardless of age, the first few weeks of school are a time of adjustment, from settling into new routines and getting to know classmates, to navigating the start of a fresh learning journey.



And this year, I find myself in the same position as I was back when I was in school. Except this time, I am the teacher, in charge of 31 year 4 students. Over the summer, I have spent countless hours preparing my classroom, crafting lesson plans, and imagining how my students might react to different activities. But as September approaches, I realise that no amount of planning will truly prepare me for the unpredictability of the classroom. And the nerves start to set in as I think about the challenges ahead. What if my lessons don't go as planned? What if I can't connect with my students?

Yet beneath the nerves is a deep sense of excitement. This is what I have worked so hard for, and I am eager to meet my students and begin this journey with them. I think about the faces I will see on the first day of school, the names I will learn, and the stories I will hear. So while nerves of going back to school can feel overwhelming, for students and teachers, they are a natural part of stepping into new experiences and challenges. Good luck everyone heading back into the classroom, and have a wonderful year!

Aisling Quigley

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