



## St. MARY'S CHURCH NORTH MYMMS



*Columba of Iona*

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**June 2006**

## Parish Diary for June

<b>Sun 4th</b>		<b>Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</b>
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	11.00am	Home Communion for the Sick
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)
Mon 5th	9.30 am 10am – 1pm	Team Communion at St. Luke's, Hatfield Bushey Bellringers to ring a Peal
Wed 7th	10.00am - 12 noon	Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning in St. Michael's Room
Sat 10th	1.00pm 3.00pm	Wedding of Jason Rusbridge to Michelle Baker Wedding of Ian Clark to Tippy Elgar
<b>Sun 11th</b>		<b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>Barnabas, the Apostle</b>
	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW*)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist (CW)
	6.00pm	Evensong at St Eltheldreda's, Hatfield. Guest preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr Jeffrey John, Dean of St Albans Cathedral
		<b>NB: No evensong at St Mary's</b>
Mon 12th	9.30 am 7-10pm	Team Communion - St John's, Hatfield Vision for Action Seminar: 'Use of Church buildings' - St Michael's Room
<b>Thurs 15th</b>		<b>Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion</b> <b>Corpus Christi</b>
Sat 17th	All day	Alpha Awayday – St Luke's, Barnes Lane In St Michael's Room
<b>Sun 18th</b>		<b>First Sunday after Trinity</b>
	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist (CW)
	2.30pm - 5.00pm at 6.15pm	Worship Workshop (from Iona Community) followed by Evening Service

CW - Common Worship

\* - Traditional Language

BCP - Book of Common Prayer

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# **Worship Works**

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“Christians encouraged to boycott showing of the Da Vinci code” ran a headline this week. The legal obstacles having been removed, the eagerly anticipated film (well, for some) based on Dan Brown’s book, the Da Vinci Code is now on general release. It is one of those films whose subject matter is guaranteed to stir up controversy; for the storyline is that Jesus married Mary Magdalene and their bloodline survives to this day. The ‘truth’ has been suppressed by the Catholic Church but the ‘facts’ have been preserved, encrypted and passed down through individuals connected with the elite Knights Templar. It’s thrilling stuff! I enjoyed reading the book and marvelled at Dan’s Brown gift for detailed research and creating such an intricately woven conspiracy. The film I’ve yet to see!

How we love a good conspiracy! There’s nearly always some theory or other flying around to get us speculating. There’s something quite satisfying about speculating on the demise of a long-established institution – so why not the Church?! This one about Jesus’ bloodline has been around for as long as the new community established in his name. For those who have ever been hurt, or even perceived themselves spurned by the Church in some way, such a theory could appeal. On the other hand, for those who try to be faithful to the beliefs taught in the Church, such conspiracy theories can be undermining and unsettling – hence the controversy.

Some years ago I watched a film with a different conspiracy angle where a skeleton was discovered and the evidence seemed to point to it being Jesus of Nazareth. This was, I hasten to emphasise, a work of fiction! However, at the time I did find it unsettling and it caused me to re-examine the basis of my belief in Christianity; how I would react if this were a true story? I can’t recall the outcome of the film but I well remember the course of my own deliberations that it provoked. At the end of his first letter to the Corinthians when discussing faith in the resurrection of Christ, the apostle Paul wrote “If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” Well, pitied or not, many have found sufficient evidence for the faith to follow Christ and his teaching and to go on to discover the meaning of new life for themselves. They have lived out their faith honestly, openly and in turn been an inspiration for others.

We always have a choice – to withdraw or to engage with our culture, its values and ideas. Jesus did a lot of the latter and some of the former. There are many potentially positive results of The Code: people are asking questions about the basis for the Christian faith, maybe even returning to the scriptures to study them for clues themselves; churches are organising discussions and more books

are being written! There's been a boost to tourism for Lincoln – whose Cathedral features in the film – and Holy Grail tourists are already turning up in Llangollen, North Wales, where, according to the myth, the Grail spent some time there at the Dinas Bran Castle.

None of us have the whole truth and there's always more we can learn from each other – often provoked from the most surprising sources. So, let's enjoy our discussions, have a look at the web links as directed below and who knows what new insights we may discover!

With love and prayers

Sally

### Da Vinci Code: making your mind up.

A new section of the Church of England website invites people to consider the facts and fiction of the Da Vinci Code for themselves.

More information: [www.cofe.anglican.org/info/davinci](http://www.cofe.anglican.org/info/davinci)

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Maritza lives in Nuevo Amanecer, an hour’s drive from Matagalpa. Her community is in a mountainous region, with a river winding through it. The single hillside road wends its way through a harsh landscape. Deforestation and drought have devastated what was once lush, dense forest.

When the river breaks its banks, as it often does, the community here at Nuevo Amanecer can find themselves stranded for weeks, as happened during Hurricane Mitch in 1998.

In response to this vulnerability MCM, with help from the local people, built a

community centre where people could meet and learn how to protect themselves better from the vagaries of unpredictable weather. In the absence of emergency services it’s vital that local communities take action themselves. And so the community elected Maritza, along with Lilian Mercado and Lucila Castro to the Emergency Committee, who have been responsible for devising and implementing the community contingency plan. The women drew up maps of Nuevo Amanecer illustrating the danger zones. These carefully hand-painted maps, with evacuation routes clearly marked, hang in the busy community centre.

‘...we feel safe’ says Lilian, whose house was almost washed away in last year’s flood. ‘Before we weren’t prepared but now we’re ready for rains.’

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Like Maritza, Lilian and Lucila most Nicaraguans were unprepared for it. Then a drought in 2002 dealt a further cruel blow, halting much of the progress made in the years after the hurricane.

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This year's Christian Aid Week has received support from David Tennant, the current Doctor Who, who has signed a personal script from episode one of the new series which was broadcast on Easter Saturday.

The script, which has also been signed by co-star Billie Piper, is to be given to the Christian Aid book sale at St Andrew's and St George's Church in Edinburgh's George Street, where David's father, the Very Reverend Dr Sandy McDonald, now retired, was once a minister and subsequently Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

The sale, now in its 33rd year, is now the biggest single fundraising event for Christian Aid and has raised more than £1m. The 2005 sale raised £104,000.

Other items on sale this year include an 1857 first edition of David Livingstone's Missionary Travels and Researches in South Africa. and a copy of Muriel Spark's last novel, signed by the late author.

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## 9th June: Saint Columba of Iona ( 521 - 597 A.D.)

Columba was born in Donegal in Ireland of the royal Ui Neill clan, and trained as a monk. Until the age of about 40 Columba travelled throughout Ireland setting up monastic centres of learning and evangelism, including those at Kells and Derry. But in about 563 he is alleged to have been engaged in a dispute over the copyright of a manuscript which led to the slaughter of thousands of soldiers. Overwhelmed by remorse, Columba left Ireland determined to atone for his actions by winning as many souls for Christ as had been lost in battle. Legend records that he chose Iona because from its shores he could not see his homeland.

The ordered way of life that Columba developed for the monastery on Iona became a model for other Celtic monasteries. It required that the monks lived only for God, praying constantly, offering hospitality to all centring their conversations on God and the scriptures, owning no luxuries, eating only when hungry and sleeping only when tired.

The monks shared in the heavy labour of the community, but the more senior of their number were required to lead worship, study and copy the scriptures. Working brothers concentrated on farming and fishing, while novices studied in preparation for taking their monastic vows. The Venerable Bede wrote that the Iona community was

characterized by 'their purity of life, love of God and loyalty to the monastic rule'

As the community grew, so did its influence, and kings and princes sought Columba for his wise counsel. The sons of royalty and the nobility were sent to Iona for education in the scriptures and the arts. And Columba and his monks travelled widely spreading the Christian message and founding churches and monasteries.

When Columba died in 597AD he left a rich heritage of peace previously unknown to the kingdoms of Scotland. Civil peace was not to last, for Iona, in common with other communities in Ireland, Northumbria and Scotland were soon ravaged by Viking invaders. Gradually life on Iona became untenable, and most of the community returned to Ireland, taking their library with them.

*From 'Celtic Saints' the Pitkin Guide*

SEE YOU ARE AT PEACE  
AMONG YOURSELVES,  
MY CHILDREN, AND LOVE ONE  
ANOTHER.  
FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF  
GOOD MEN OF OLD,  
AND GOD WILL COMFORT  
YOU AND HELP YOU,  
BOTH IN THIS WORLD AND IN  
THE WORLD WHICH IS TO  
COME.

*Prayer written by St Columba on his deathbed in 597AD*

**St Albans Festival Pilgrimage 2006**

St Albans has been a place of pilgrimage for over 1700 years. In the 3rd century AD a Roman citizen called Alban was put to death because of his faith in Christ on a hill above the town of Verulamium (present day St. Albans). He is remembered as Britain's first martyr.

This year the Archbishop of Canterbury is coming to lead the Pilgrimage, and it is hope to be the biggest and best ever.

The procession starts at 10.30 with the trial of St Alban at Verulamium Museum, the site of the old Roman forum. It then passes through the park and ends with Alban's execution at the West End of the cathedral.

**Event Schedule**

**10.30**

Pilgrimage Procession  
*Roman Verulamium*

**11.30**

Solemn concelebrated Eucharist of Saint Alban  
*The Cathedral and Abbey Church of Saint Alban*  
President: The Archbishop of Canterbury  
Preacher : The Bishop of St Albans

**13.00,14.00 and 1500**

Shrine Prayers held in the shrine of Saint Alban

**14.30**

Chariot Racing and Lion Taming  
*The Abbey Orchard*

**16.00**

Solemn Evensong and procession to the Shrine  
*The Cathedral and Abbey Church of Saint Alban*

Preacher: The Archbishop of Canterbury

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## Mr. Castro's beautiful birds

Cuba's diverse variety of 354 species of birds was one of the main reasons why my wife Rosalind and myself chose to visit Cuba in January 2006.

Little did I think, while soaking up the many vibrant sounds and sights of Havana, would I see the world's smallest bird in the area of the swimming pool at the elegant Sevilla Hotel. This hotel is alongside the busy main Prado with its classic American cars belching black smoke and oil. To claim that the bee-humming bird is a guest, if not a resident, would surpass the hotel's photographs of the Great Caruso and Graham Greene, as their most famous visitor.

After five days embracing the music, dancing and other delights of the capital city, we nervously began our rented car journey along Cuba's notorious roads, heading west towards the tranquillity of Las Terrezas. On route, the ubiquitous turkey buzzards were hovering above, eagle-eyed for casualties of the endless potholes, puncturing the main road to Pinar del Rio.

Las Terrezas, a reforestation project in the mountains was a haven for birds. The contrast in size between the large black Cuban crow and the little house wren testified to an abundance of vegetation. Whilst emerging from a swim beneath a waterfall, three rows of bullet holes caught my eye midway up a tree trunk.

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Below these was a busy juvenile yellow-bellied sapsucker, sipping the exuded nectar and gorging on the insects attracted to it.

After two wonderful days, we said goodbye to the Pinar del Rio province and began our journey southeast, but unfortunately had to detour via the nightmarish sign-less 'roads' around Havana. We were heading for the Bay of Pigs and the mangrove swamps of La Salinas.

Due partly to help with navigation, as well as more altruistic motives, we picked up several Cuban hitchhikers. Nearing the end of our journey, we picked up a young man. As we approached the checkpoint into the La Salinas wild life refuge, he told me that there was no need to stop. However, the vigilant guard whistled loudly and we pulled up in trepidation. Our passenger was hauled out of the car unceremoniously and we were waved on. We wondered why.

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Playa Larga, a resort in the wild life park, proved to be an absolute jewel. We picked up our guide at 8-30 a.m. on the following morning and drove into the restricted area. Within a few minutes the guide pointed out the common black hawk that had settled on a branch above us. We saw a yellow warbler and also saw a blue-grey gnatcatcher in the bordering woods. This was followed by sightings of an array of woodland birds of all colours, shape and song. The guide's English was limited but he was able to refer to the appropriate picture in the Field Guide. He mimicked the bird songs and this drew them into view. The highlight was the endemic Cuban Tody, who raised its beak upwards and out of its rosy red throat, rendered us a superb solo from a distance of a few feet.

On reaching the swamps the most beautiful waders displayed their myriad colours. Of the four different species of heron, which vied for our attention, the little blue heron just shaded the beauty contest. The elegance of the Great, Reddish and Snowy Egrets continually attracted our gaze. The Roseate Spoonbill, sweeping its bill through the water was a magnificent sight in its full plumage. This was followed by the graceful flight of the Glossy Ibis directly overhead and a solitary stork. Last, but by no means least, was the memorable sight of large flocks of blazing red Greater Flamingos, wading in unison, emitting loud goose-like honking sounds. This was a fitting finale to a wonderful three hours that seemed to have flashed by. All for the princely sum of 12 pesos (£8)

On the return to our chalet, the guide pointed out a wreck on the beach that

was one of the landing crafts used in the abortive U.S. Bay of Pigs invasion.

He then took us to a 'Palmares', which is a new concession by the government to allow people to serve meals in their houses for payment. That evening, we dined there in style with a typical, friendly and warm Cuban family.

Reluctantly saying goodbye to the Zapata Peninsula, we travelled east through large sugar cane and banana plantations via Cienfuegos where we stayed for two nights, met the Irish and danced with the Cubans!

*Craig Rees*

*(The journey continues next month)*



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## Parish Profile - Lynda Aldred

This month, Lynda Aldred, who owns the ladies boutique, *Linaria*, in Brookmans Park has kindly agreed to be interviewed.

Lynda is a local lady. She was born in Enfield and grew up in Cuffley. Lynda attended Cuffley Primary School and as a child was involved in the tennis club there. She went on to a comprehensive school in Cheshunt (which is now Riversmead). Cliff Richard was a famous ex-pupil of the school and Lynda recalls Cliff and also Tommy Steele returning to school to star in school plays. She was taught Religious Education there by Bill Latham who was instrumental in bringing Christianity into Cliff Richard's life and also setting up the Tearfund charity.

From a very early age, Lynda was determined to become a fashion designer. As a child she spent all her time dressing up and scribbling designs on bits of paper. After school, Lynda went to Harrow school of Art to study fashion design. Other students there included Elizabeth and David Emmanuel (who designed the Princess of Wales' wedding dress). Lynda recalls working on a wedding dress project with them.

Lynda's first job was designing coats and suits for Wallis. This involved travelling to Paris, looking at collections, coming back and getting the key pieces in the shops within a few weeks. Lynda spent the next thirty years in the industry. She worked as a

supplier for Marks and Spencers, a buyer for Littlewoods and the last ten years in the commercial side of High Street fashion. Her work entailed lots of travelling particularly to the Far East putting collections together. Littlewoods were very strict about ethical trading and Lynda recalls that the factories had to adhere to UN standards i.e. no children under the age of fourteen, proper tea breaks, correct holiday entitlement etc.

After thirty years in the business, Lynda had the opportunity to take voluntary redundancy. At this time her friend gave her the opportunity to take over her shop (which was Silver Apple). As a result Lynda decided to start up her own business. *Linaria* opened in February 2004 and is doing well. Lynda feels that the personal service she offers is the most important thing. She feels that clothing should be fun and gets lots of pleasure in encouraging people to try things which they wouldn't normally do. Lynda likes unique and unusual clothing and is very honest to her customers regarding what does and doesn't suit them.

Lynda also sees work as a hobby. In her words she wants to put the 'passion back into fashion'. She enjoys sourcing new stock in Paris as well as travelling generally. Lynda also enjoys theatre, visiting National Trust properties and keeping fit by walking and going to the gym.

## The Revd. Terry Ranson

Lynda now lives near Capel Manor and can be at work in fifteen minutes, which has improved the quality of her life. She has got to know lots of local people and finds the other shopkeepers very supportive.

Lynda finds it very rewarding to see people looking good and happy in the clothes she has sold to them. She also enjoys the personal contact with her customers which gives her a lift and makes it all worthwhile.

*Sara Boothby*

*This continues the series of profiles of people who work in the local community by Sara Boothby.*

*If you know of someone whom you would like to see profiled, please let us know.*

*Editor*

In June of this year Terry will be celebrating 40 years since his ordination. A service to mark this occasion will be held on Sunday 16th July at the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Weobley, Herefordshire, where he is now serving as an honorary assistant priest.

Terry writes that in June he will be in Cadenabbia, Northern Italy, working as a locum chaplain. He and Joyce also have just returned from an Easter cruise where Terry had been working as chaplain on the MV Oceania.

All of us at North Mymms would like to send our congratulations and prayers to Terry and Joyce on this special occasion.

*Jean Hockings*

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## Points of interest from the recent PCC meeting held on 8th May 2006

All PCC officers and committee chairpersons were re-elected.

Harry Fordham, Harry Donnelly, Martin Wiggs and Geoff Boothby were welcomed on to the PCC.

Sara Smith and Sam Elgar were re-elected as members of the PCC, Sara Boothby was welcomed as Deanery Synod representative.

The need for more servers was noted and this was an opportunity for our younger members to be involved in the Sunday morning services.

The Fabric Committee reported that there is now a replacement for the diocesan flag which would be blessed on Sunday morning and flown on Ascension Day. The gift will be recorded in the Book of Gifts.

### Dates to note:

On the 16th May there is to be an Archdeaconry Study Day from 10.00am - 4.30pm.

Team Service on Ascension Day, 25 May at 8.00pm at St. Mary's.

There is an opportunity to hear the Very Revd. Dr. Jeffrey John, Dean of St Albans Cathedral, preaching at Evensong at St. Etheldreda's Church in Hatfield on 11 June.

The Churches together in North Mymms report drew attention to 'Worship Works' on June 18 from 2.30 - 7.00pm (Service at 6.15 pm) at St. Mary's. This is spirituality in worship in Iona/Celtic style, with singing and meditative reflection.

### Team Confirmation dates:

20 November 2006 at St. Etheldreda's with The Rt Rev'd Christopher Herbert.  
2 June 2007 at St. Mary's North Mymms with The Rt. Revd. Christopher Foster

### Dates of the next three PCC meetings:

10 July, 11 September, 13 November


### General interest

Fabric Committee were asked to provide a sign alerting people when the disabled ramp was in use before services.

The steps into the church were also to be re-painted white to aid visibility.

Robes to be provided for two of the younger choristers from the choir budget

*Jean Hockings - PCC Secretary*



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## Women's Fellowship

Our scheduled speaker for April was unable to appear but once again we were fortunate to find an excellent replacement from within our own ranks. Janet Burbridge entertained us with 'What's Cooking', a history of what and how people ate from earliest times to the present day.

To begin with, of course, ingredients were limited to what lay readily to hand and the means of cooking, to what could be done with hot stones, spits and open fires. As communities formed, agriculture improved with a cycle of seasonal foods and as explorers opened up the world, such things as potatoes and tea were introduced. Similarly

each wave of invaders - Romans, Saxons, Norman/French etc. brought fresh ideas on dishes and ways of cooking them, a trend that continues to this day with the alternative of French, Italian, Chinese and Indian cuisine.

Inventors too played their part with chimney, cast iron stove, gas oven and microwave transforming the smoke-filled kitchen-cum-general room of Saxon times to the aseptic operation rooms shown in today's glossy magazines.

We are indebted to Janet for an interesting and well researched talk which painted a vivid picture of times past and which brought home to us how fortunate we are, in this sphere at least, compared with our ancestors, particularly among the poorer classes.

Please support our 'Coffee Morning' on Wednesday 7th June in St Michaels's Room from 10.00am to 12noon.

*Muriel Norman*

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You will be pleased to know that we made £100 at our coffee morning on April 29th. Thank you to all who came and helped, those who supported the raffle, and to the neighbours and friends who could not come but sent donations and raffle prizes. About thirty people came and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

*Rhoda & Colin Brutey*

## Bishop welcomes English Heritage Inspired!

The Bishop of London, Dr Richard Chartres, has welcomed Inspired!, the English Heritage five point plan to assist historic places of worship. The plan was launched on 10th May at St Mary Magdalene Paddington by Simon Thurley, CEO English Heritage and the Bishop of London.

Speaking at the event, the Bishop stated:

‘This has been a valuable exercise providing confirmation of the current picture while acknowledging the huge achievements by congregations and volunteers throughout the country. In many ways, it is a success story but the question for the Church of England, with 13,000 listed buildings, is whether it is sustainable.

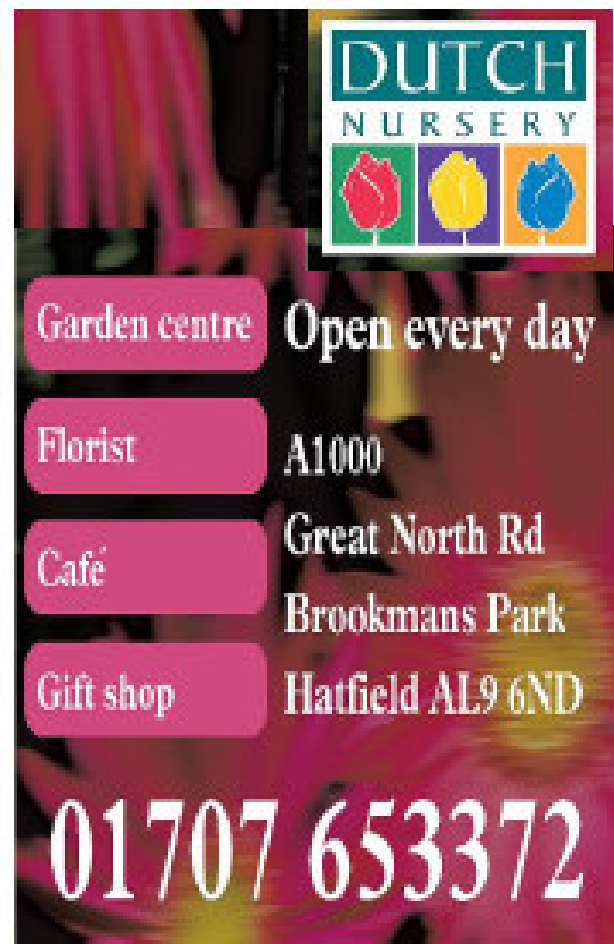
‘The places where churches are vulnerable include obvious candidates like rural Norfolk but, more surprisingly, some centrally located churches are also at risk.

‘The funds being requested are very modest but Inspired! has set out some important principles. There is no need for any new bureaucracy to administer these funds, rather the theme is capacity building amongst those already caring for the churches. This distribution of funds through networks on the ground is an important principle and is a key part of this stitch in time approach.

‘We also welcome the proposals to re-examine the Grade 1 category. If we

can define more clearly what it is in the case of each church that is worth preserving, then there will be greater flexibility in providing additional facilities which are needed to ensure churches serve communities in the 21st century.

‘Heritage, however, is only one way of looking at churches. Churches deal so much in what is essential in our local communities, education, tourism and social regeneration, all adding much to the local economy. In looking to the long term, it is necessary to consolidate the help and expertise already being offered by heritage bodies and build up relationships with other funders based on renewed appreciation of the potential of



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churches, not only for worship and community memory, but also for regeneration in the wider sense.'

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Forty-five per cent of the country's Grade I listed buildings are maintained by the Church of England. These churches and cathedrals are largely supported by the efforts and financial support of local communities. Often, they are the focus of community life and service.

In total, some 12,200 of the Church of England's 16,200 buildings are listed by the government as being of special architectural or historic interest.

Three cathedrals are World Heritage Sites: Durham Castle and Cathedral; Canterbury Cathedral, St Augustine's Abbey & St Martin's Church, and Westminster Abbey and St Margaret's Church.

*Church of England Website at:*

<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/news/>

*English Heritage website at:*

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/>

### A Christian's Vegetable Garden

First plant five rows of *peas*:

Preparedness,  
Promptness,  
Perseverance,  
Politeness and  
Prayer.

Next to them, plant three rows of

*squash*  
Squash gossip,  
Squash criticism,  
Squash indifference.

Then put in five rows of *lettuce*:

Let us be Faithful.  
Let us be Unselfish.  
Let us be Loyal.  
Let us Love One Another.  
Let us be Truthful.

There is no garden without *turnips*:

Turn up for Church.  
Turn up with a Smile.  
Turn up with a New Idea.  
Turn up with Anticipation.

*Source: unknown*

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## 18th June: Father's Day

The third Sunday in June is Father's Day. Ever wonder how the idea of Father's Day came about? Well...

It all started way back in 1909 because of a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard

Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day - a permanent, national holiday.

Today, Father's Day is a great time to celebrate any sort of male role models, like uncles or grandfathers, as well as dads. Certainly Father's Day has become a day for greeting card companies to rejoice, and sales of the most popular gifts for Dad (shirts, ties, and electric razors) increase considerably. Perhaps most telling of all, though, is how children continue to see their fathers: more 'reverse-charge calls' to home are recorded on Father's Day in America than on any other day of the year!

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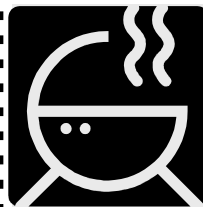
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**Saturday 24th June**

**At the school  
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Raffle**

**Wide range of stalls**



**Parish BBQ**

**Everything is on line for this year's Bar B Q. We hope to see folks on the Parish Room Patio on Friday July 14th from 7pm. We will supply plenty of good food and drink - you will provide the guests and God will choose the weather!**

**All this for £6! See you!**

**Diana, Joyce and Kay**

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## From the Parish Church Registers

### Baptisms:

We welcome into the Lord's family:

Amelia Marie Bonner-Davies	28th May 2006
Lauren Elizabeth Hooper	28th May 2006



### Weddings:

We congratulate:

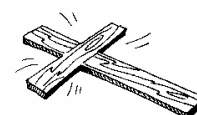
Richard Brooks to Sarah Burbridge	6th May 2006
Juan Pablo Kaski to Victoria Jowett	20th May 2006



### Funerals:

Our sympathy to the relatives and friends of:

Ivan William Davies	3rd May 2006
John (Jack) Thomas Ridge	18th May 2006



### Interment of ashes:

David Edmund Smith	13th May 2006
Kathleen Margaret Game	13th May 2006

The following is a correction to the Church register as shown in the May 2006 issue. We apologize for any distress caused to the families concerned.

### Interment of ashes:

Ann Farmer	25th March 2006
Anne Louisa Pinner	1st April 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.

## Parish Directory

<b>Vicar</b>	The Revd. Sally Davenport The Vicarage, North Mymms Park Hatfield, AL9 7TN	01727 822062
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<b>Associate Priest</b>	The Revd. Mary Robins	01707 656670
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<b>Churchwardens</b>	Diana Glanfield Russell Perkins	01707 658448 01727 841881
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	Stephen Boulton	01707 655999
	Mildred Compton	01727 825433
	Kay Dawson	01707 659829
	John Heskins	01707 272966
	Byron Hopkins	01707 654150
	Di Lee	01707 654435
	Graham Nicholas	01707 653048
	Henry Rickeard	01707 654890

## Parish Directory continued

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Children under Five	Carole Lawrence	01707 655316
Children under Ten	Linda Wilson	01707 269732
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	Peter Dalling	01707 655212
	Diana Glanfield	01707 658448
	Di Lee	01707 654435
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	Jean Holford	01707 656640
	Di Lee	01707 654435
Deanery Pastoral Committee	Peter Dalling	01707 655212
Deanery Synod	Peter Dalling	01707 655212
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St. Mary's C of E Primary School	Office	01707 690500
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Welcomers	Jenny Dean	01707 655669
Women's Fellowship	Muriel Norman	01707 642139

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*/Parish diary continued from inside front cover*

Mon 19th 9.30am Team Communion - St Etheldreda's, Hatfield

**Sat 24th**  
12-3.30pm **The Birth of John the Baptist**  
St Mary's Church School Fair

**Sun 25th**  
8.00am **Second Sunday after Trinity**  
Holy Communion (CW\*)  
9.30am Parish Eucharist  
11.30am Holy Baptisms  
6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Mon 26th 9.30am Team Communion - St Michael's, Hatfield

**Thurs 29th** **Peter and Paul, Apostles**



### 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

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### Monthly

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