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RECTOR'S WELCOME

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the June/July edition of the Hutton Parish Link magazine. As we move into the summer months, we hope you are enjoying some warmer weather and brighter days. As I write this, the view from my office is rather more grey than glorious, but we remain hopeful that sunshine is just around the corner and that the season ahead will bring many opportunities to gather together in friendship and celebration.



One of the highlights of the coming weeks will be the **All Saints Summer Fair on 13th June**. This promises to be a wonderful community occasion, with stalls, refreshments, activities, and music for all ages to enjoy. Although our special 700th anniversary celebrations may now be behind us, we continue to give thanks for the life and witness of this remarkable church building and for the many ways it continues to serve our community.

All Saints remains at the heart of parish life, hosting regular worship, weddings, baptisms, school visits, quiet days, concerts, special services, and many other events throughout the year. The church is not simply a historic building, but a living place of faith, prayer, welcome, and community. We are incredibly fortunate to share in its rich history while also continuing to create new memories and traditions together.

We would be delighted to welcome as many people as possible to the Summer Fair. Whether you are a regular member of the congregation, a local resident, or someone who simply enjoys spending time in this beautiful space, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Events such as these are a wonderful reminder of the strength and warmth of our parish community and the importance of coming together in fellowship.

The organising committee would also be very grateful for any offers of help or support in preparation for the day itself. Donations for raffle prizes, offers of musical talent, help with stalls, baking, or refreshments would all be warmly received. If you feel able to contribute in any way, however small, please do speak to a member of the organising team or leave donations at St Peter's Church. Your generosity and willingness to help make these occasions possible and greatly appreciated.

This summer also marks another important milestone as we join with the Mothers' Union in celebrating 150 years of faithful service and support. This anniversary has been commemorated in a variety of ways, including a special service at St Paul's Cathedral, afternoon tea at St Peter's, and further services celebrating the remarkable work of the organisation.

For a century and a half, the Mothers' Union has offered care, encouragement, practical support, and prayer to families and communities both locally and across the world. Its members continue to work quietly and faithfully in many different ways, and I am sure anyone involved with the Mothers' Union would be delighted to share more about the celebrations taking place this year and the many ways the organisation continues to support people today.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our churches and parish community. We hope you enjoy this edition of the magazine and look forward to seeing many of you over the summer months.

With every blessing

Revd Lisa

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear friends,

This is the first reflection I've written for the magazine while Father Andy is on his sabbatical. He is taking time to rest, reflect, and reconnect, and we pray that this will be a really valuable and refreshing time for him.

As we move into June and July, the rhythm of life begins to change for many of us. The days are longer, the weather is warmer, and we naturally spend more time outdoors. The school year is coming to an end, holidays are being planned, and life can feel both busy and full of expectation.

We also mark important transitions. We say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they move on to the exciting new chapter of secondary school. For many families, this brings a mix of pride, excitement, and perhaps a few nerves too. At the same time, we look forward to the summer holidays and a slightly different, often slower, pace of life.

These changes remind us that life comes in seasons. Whether shaped by school terms, the weather, or times like a sabbatical, each season has its own purpose. It's important for us to recognise and value these different times, rather than rushing through them.

In the Church, we are now in the season after Pentecost (**see Acts 2**), when we think about what it means to live each day with God's Spirit guiding us. Easter and Pentecost may feel like they are behind us, but their meaning continues. We are called not just to remember those events, but to live them out in our everyday lives — in our homes, schools, workplaces, and community.

This time of year can bring a mixture of emotions. For some, it is filled with celebrations, weddings, and time with family and friends. For others, it can bring uncertainty or change. Life can feel like it is moving very quickly. The Bible reminds us in **Ecclesiastes 3:1** that "*there is a time for everything.*" The challenge for us is not to rush past these moments, but to notice them and appreciate them for what they are.

Jesus often spoke about growth in ways that connect beautifully with this time of year. He told stories about seeds being planted and growing slowly (**see Mark 4:26–29**). Growth doesn't always happen quickly or in ways we can see. Much of what God is doing in us happens quietly, beneath the surface.

In fact, it is often in the quieter, slower times — the times when we are resting or taking a step back — that the most important growth happens. Yet we can be quick to look ahead to the next busy thing, the next task, or the next deadline.

Over the coming weeks, perhaps we can try to do things a little differently. In a world that values busyness and constant activity, we are reminded that God's kingdom grows through patience and faithfulness. A kind word, an act of forgiveness, or a small moment of generosity can make a real difference. As **Galatians 6:9** encourages us, we should not become tired of doing good.

Summer can also give us space, even if we are not going away. It might be time in the garden, a walk in the countryside, or simply a quieter evening. These moments give us the chance to pause and reconnect — with each other, with the world around us, and with God. Sometimes prayer is simply being still and aware of God's presence, as we are reminded in **Psalms 46:10**: *“Be still, and know that I am God.”*

For those who are travelling, we pray for safe journeys and a time of refreshment. For those staying at home, we pray that there will still be opportunities for rest and renewal. Wherever we are, we can be confident that God is with us, as **Joshua 1:9** reminds us.

As a parish, this is also a good time to give thanks for all that has been shared over recent months, and for the many ways people contribute to our life together. Whether through worship, helping others, or simply being present, everyone plays an important part. Together, we are the body of Christ (**see 1 Corinthians 12**), supporting and encouraging one another.

So as we enter the summer weeks, may we do so with open hearts. May we notice the small signs of growth in our lives and in those around us. And may we know God's peace with us, whatever this season brings.

Revd Lisa

ROOTED

Our Friday gatherings continue, where we are meeting mainly in homes now and then once in every couple of months in the chapel or church hall. We are looking forward to being able to offer communion at some of these gatherings in the near future, too. It will be a welcome addition to soup, coffee and cake - alongside all the conversations and prayer that happens!

The Saturday breakfasts continue, too, albeit a little knocked sideways as there's a Summer Fete going on at All Saints this month. So, the one for that day has been cancelled, and we are encouraging people to either help run a stall at the fete, or at least attend - in what will be a glorious sunshine-y day!!



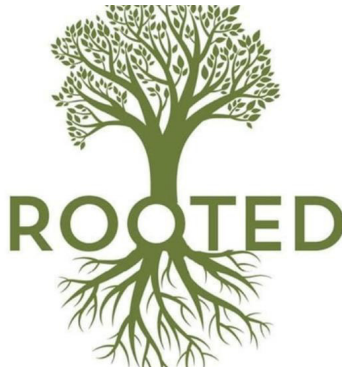
We continue our link with Changing Pathways and look forward to our 'knicker night' in September. Yes, you read that correctly! We will have a speaker from the charity to explain their work and we shall hand over all the new knickers we have collected for both the adults and the children. If anyone wishes to contribute to this, please bring to a member of Rooted at any time. Also, anyone is most welcome to attend, whether part of Rooted or not or whether you attend regularly or not. Look out for the full details in communications coming out soon.

In the autumn, too, some of the leaders are attending the Orchard Women's Conference in London. So, more on that in a subsequent magazine.

Meanwhile, we trust people will have a lovely summer break.

Eve
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - YEAR 6 CAFE

Could you help make a difference to a young person preparing for secondary school?

Following the success of last year's Year 6 Café, we are excited to offer it again this summer – and we need a small team of welcoming volunteers to help create a safe, relaxed space where young people can feel at home.

This is a simple but impactful role: chatting, playing games, offering encouragement, and being a positive, supportive presence. No planning is needed, and you will be fully supported by the Youth Team.

The Café will operate on 2nd June, 16th June, 30th June and 14th July from 3:00 – 4:45pm.

All volunteers will complete our safer recruitment process. If you feel you could help, we would love to hear from you – please contact Sarah on 07427 336372 or youth@huttonparish.com.

Sarah Robbshaw

ANSWERS TO SUDOKU PUZZLES

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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 2026 DATES

*Usually held on the last Saturday
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9am - St Peter's Church

JANUARY 24TH*

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HOLIDAY

This edition's photos feature the Anglican church of St Jude's in Oudtshoorn, South Africa, where Maureen and I attended an Easter Day service during a recent holiday to the country.

Oudtshoorn is a small-ish town of some 60,000 inhabitants in the Western Cape region of South Africa, in the middle of the Klein (Little) Karoo, a vast area of plains and scrubland about the size of Wales. It is mostly famous for being the "ostrich capital of the world".



St Jude's is the oldest church in Oudtshoorn having been completed and consecrated in 1863. It was also the first sand-stone building constructed in the town. The first Rector was the Revd. Alfred Morris, who remained the Minister until his death in 1902. This degree of longevity clearly established a trend, as there have only been a further fourteen Rectors since Revd Morris, the latest of whom is also the first female incumbent, Revd Stephanie Smit who has been in post since 2024, so she has a long way to go yet!

The service we attended was more or less identical to what you would have enjoyed at St Peter's or All Saints, with the one intriguing addition of the weekly raffle, drawn 'live' at the





SNAPS!



end of the service in a solemn ceremony that took some ten minutes and involved just one prize - a giant basket of fresh fruit! Sadly, we were not able to buy tickets! We were, however, given the warmest of welcomes by the ministry team and the congregation.

Oudtshoorn has many churches of various denominations besides Anglican, including Dutch Reformed, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist and Apostolic Faith Mission, typical of a town originally established by settlers enticed by the ostrich boom. It is regarded as a central hub for religious life in the Little Karoo – indeed, our daughter-in-law (a Catholic) was able to attend an Easter Day service at the same time as ours in the Catholic cathedral directly opposite St Jude's.



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Please keep your photos coming. It's fascinating to see and read where fellow parishioners have visited on their travels, whether in this country or in some exotic foreign location.

Email them to me at malcolmofmmwebb@btinternet.com. If you can add a couple of sentences about the church or its surroundings, or your experiences whilst searching for a local church, so much the better!



from the archives

By way of a change, this month's archival feature has not been trawled from an old copy of a church magazine but instead features a number of historical photographs that June Sykes, Churchwarden at All Saints, unearthed recently.

The first two photos show the interior of the church in 1906 and 1930 respectively.

Both pictures are conspicuous by the number of candles in view, and reminds us that in those days there was no electricity connected to the church, which must have made it even colder on a January Sunday morning than it is nowadays! In point of fact, way back in 1873 the then Minister, Revd Henry Holme Westmore, who had moved to Hutton from a larger, more modern church in Manchester,



and who was apparently rather wealthy and mixed in similarly well-to-do circles, gave some of his own money, along with generous donations from his friends, to the church in order to have a new vestry built on its north side and which included a small fireplace. And at the same time he arranged for a coal-fuelled boiler to be

installed in the body of the church for the benefit of the congregation. The boiler was situated in the cellar, and the grating that still exists and runs down either side of the main aisle allowed warm air to filter through. An aisle seat was clearly advantageous!



Incidentally, you can see that the candles shown in both pictures are atop of long poles. If you look on the floor of some of the pews today you will see small square blocks of wood with a circular hole in the middle of them. These originally housed the poles and the candles, with the poles being secured to another block

on the back of the pew in front for extra support.



from the archives

The third photo of the interior of the church shows how it looks today and how it compares to a century ago. Not a lot has changed.

The final two pictures depict features of the exterior. The first of these shows the Bier Path taken from the Warren looking along the path to the church. It was straight back then (don't know the date) and started in Hutton Village giving a straight path avoiding the road.



The fencing on the right belongs to Hutton

Hall. Bier paths were always a straight direct route for dead bodies to be carried from villages to church for burial. When June moved to the village 30 years ago she could see the footpath and that it was indeed straight but now it is overgrown with badger setts along the route and young oaks taking over.

The last picture shows the Dedication of the new church gates and fencing by the Archdeacon of Southend on the 24 September 1933. The original fence has of course been replaced recently, but the gates look no different today. Not bad considering they are nearly 100 years old . Unless, that is, they have been replaced at some stage. Maybe someone can enlighten us on that point.



MY HUTTON PARISH PLACEMENT

HOLY WEEK 2026

It may sound surprising, but until 2026 I had never spent any meaningful time in a Church of England church. For that reason, ordinands from the Diocese in Europe are often told it is “well worth a look”— a characteristically understated British way of saying that, on pain of death, one should spend the most important period of the Church’s calendar in a Church of England parish.

On the recommendation of Revd Deacon Alice, followed by a conversation with Fr Andy, (and after a few glances at Hutton Parish’s website !), I became increasingly convinced that this was the right place. By the time arrangements were made, I felt certain I had found exactly where I wanted to be for Holy Week.

The welcome I received from the whole community felt as though I had stepped into a parish I had belonged to for years. While I do not doubt that people may have been on their best behaviour for a guest (perhaps the Churchwardens had given prior warning), the genuine sincerity in everyone’s manner quickly put me at ease and made me feel comfortable. The way people approached me, whether for a brief greeting or to launch into theological reflections, felt entirely natural, open, and deeply reassuring.

There were challenges I expected to face, and rightly so: this placement was designed to stretch me, particularly during one of the busiest times of the year for clergy. I was encouraged that Fr Andy gave me the space to shadow him closely, which brought to light a different yet deeply effective approach to parish leadership and pastoral care, one that I had not previously encountered.



As a natural introvert, I often find tasks such as speaking in public, challenging, which is perhaps an unusual trait for someone entering public ministry. At times, this required a conscious effort to step forward rather than hold back. What I especially appreciated in Andy, Alice, Lisa, and Tony was their attentiveness and sensitivity, and their ability to gently support and guide me. In doing so, they helped me navigate both the apprehensions I openly expressed and those I tried, less successfully, to conceal.

In the Church of England, as exemplified in Revd Alice, a Distinctive Deacon is ordained to a lifelong ministry of service, acting as a bridge between the Church and the world. It is important to remember that priests and bishops are also ordained as deacons first, and remain deacons throughout their ministry, carrying that call to service into their priestly and episcopal roles. This reflects the understanding that all ordained ministry is rooted in servanthood and expressed in different ways.

I was incredibly honoured to participate in some small way in the life of Hutton Parish through the series of services, including The Daily Bread Café, Men's Breakfast, and of course the breadth of Holy Week. I particularly found the Tenebrae service extremely moving and poignant. As the candles are gradually extinguished, the liturgy embodies the desolation of abandonment, loss, and human fragility before God. Yet this darkness is not empty. It becomes a space of watchful waiting, where faith is purified and hope is sustained even when light seems withdrawn.



Fr Andy and Revd Alice, as well as the entire Hutton Parish community, not only opened their homes but also their hearts. I am eternally grateful for this short but intense time that I was fortunate to share with so many people, including Andy and Alice's wonderful children, Isaac and Tilly, and many others too numerous to mention here.

And yes, I can testify with absolute certainty that I thoroughly enjoyed pie and mash and will return with great enthusiasm for my next "2 & 1"!

Rest assured that I will keep you all in my prayers.

Every blessing,

Eddie



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LITTLE FISHES

The Summer term has started well, - the warmer weather makes it easier to get out with young children.

Sadly, we've had to say goodbye to a couple of children, as places have become available for them to start preschool. Often these places are like gold dust and so an offer can't be refused. But we have also welcomed some new families who are getting used to the routines and settling in well.

In the next few weeks two babies are being baptised, one at St Peter's and one at All Saints. We pray that as the extended families and friends of Etta and Rose join us for the baptisms they will experience the warmth of God's love. We pray that they will feel welcome in our churches and that it will be a day of great blessing for all involved.

We are looking forward to the Summer Fair on June 13th and hope that some of our families are able to attend. Looking further ahead we will be finishing our term with a farewell party for those children who will be starting school in September.

Please pray for:

- The families of Etta and Rose as the babies are baptised.
- Current families that they will continue to build relationships with one another and the team.
- New parents and carers that they will feel welcomed and will experience the love of God.

Sue and the Little Fishes Team

A GO-BETWEEN MINISTRY

On Sunday, 19th April, during the 9:30am service at St Peter's, I was formally licensed as Distinctive Deacon by the Archdeacon of Chelmsford, Rev. Jonathan Croucher.

The word “diakonos” – from which we get the word deacon – is often translated as “servant” or “minister”. Yet within the New Testament it also carries this meaning: “one who is sent”. A messenger, or ambassador. To be a deacon is to inhabit this “in-between” space: between Church and world, gathered worship and daily life, word and action.

The first time I met a ‘distinctive’ deacon – someone called to remain in this order rather than move towards ordination to the priesthood – was in 2018. Until then, no one had ever asked me “Are you called to be a deacon?” There are still only about 300 distinctive or permanent deacons in the Church of England.

Deacons are called to cross boundaries, to be in places and with people the Church has found harder to reach. This often means we prefer the edges – yet these edges are not secondary; they are central to the Church's calling. A deacon's ministry moves outward towards the overlooked, the unseen, and the unheard, and back again, bringing those stories and gifts into the heart of the Church's worship and life, calling others to those edges too. For me, this has been expressed particularly through ministry with young people and those who serve them.

I became a Christian at 14, finding my place in the Church through my local Anglican youth group. Jesus' love and grace has transformed by life in so many ways. My sense of call to ordination began to take clearer shape as we settled into life in Hutton Parish in 2017, Leading within Rooted Community and our children's and youth ministry formed those early years. Entering training during the Covid pandemic in 2021 and these past three years of curacy have deepened my sense of being both rooted in the Church's sacramental life and sent beyond it. My work with Youthscape nationally since 2023 continues to be fed by, and remain grounded in, this local context.

Please pray for me, as I pray for you





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YOUTH MINISTRY



Hello, my name is Laura Coe, and over the past year, I've been taking part in the Catalyst 30K course, which is a course designed to support and encourage those working with children and young people.

Throughout it, I've learned so much about discipleship, relationships, and the importance of creating spaces where young people feel genuinely welcomed, valued, and part of church

life. One of the biggest things I've taken away from Catalyst is learning to be more observant and intentional in ministry — really listening to what our young people need and recognising the gifts, ideas, and potential they already have. It's definitely encouraged me to step back a little more at times, give them space to lead, and trust them with responsibility.

The course has also really shaped the way I approach ministry and my relationship with God, especially around hospitality, community, and helping people feel like they truly belong.

As part of the course, I developed a youth-led Half Term Drop-In Café project, which operated at St Peter's during the recent May half-term. The café included simple food and drinks, creative activities, and prayer and reflection spaces, all led by our young people themselves. It's honestly been so lovely seeing how excited they've been about helping to shape the project and sharing their ideas for how they wanted it to run.

I'd like to say a really huge thank you to our youth team for all of their support, encouragement, and patience throughout the course, and of course to our amazing young people, who constantly inspire me with their creativity, energy, and willingness to get involved.

Finally, thank you to the wider church community for all of your support and encouragement in my calling to work with young people — it really does mean such a lot.

Laura Coe

My Favourite Prayer

In the absence of any other contributions from, arguably, more interesting members of our congregations, I'm afraid you'll have to put up with my favourite prayer this time. It is:-

***Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee o Lord,
and by Thy great mercy, defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night.
For the love of Thy only son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen***

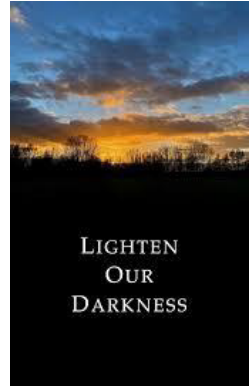
As a young child, this prayer was said, originally to me and later with me, by my mother when she came up to say goodnight to me every night.

No matter what sort of day she'd had – and they were frequently pretty difficult days - she would kneel down by the side of my bed and recite the prayer. Even at that tender age I could sense her mood and feel the stress leaving her as she said the words, always with maximum emotion and sensitivity. She was a very devout woman, my Mum, and had unshakeable faith in God's ability to make things better, which she tried hard to instil in me. She was right, of course, but sadly I didn't really appreciate that until it was too late to tell her.

In more recent times I have maintained the tradition with my grandchildren when they were young.

The prayer itself, I have since discovered, is a collect in the service for Evening Prayer (Evensong) and is found in the Book of Common Prayer (1662).

Please let me have your favourite prayer to share with everyone, along with a few words as to why it resonates with you. It might be a prayer taught to you by your parents when you were young, or one that you first came across at a particularly memorable – or difficult – time in your life. It might be solemn or intense, or it might be amusing. One thing is certain: if it means a lot to you, for whatever reason, it will be worth sharing with the rest of us. Email it to me – my contact details are on the back page.



Malcolm Webb

WALKING WITH GOD – MY SABBATICAL PILGRIMAGE

From 1st May to 31st July, I will be away from parish ministry on sabbatical. I am hugely grateful to the PCC, Churchwardens, ministry team, office team, and congregations for making this possible, and for their encouragement and support as I take this time away.



The main focus of my sabbatical will be pilgrimage. I have always found that walking gives space for prayer, reflection, and renewal. There is something wonderfully simple about putting one foot in front of the other, leaving behind the usual noise of daily life, and becoming more attentive to God in the world around us. Christian pilgrimage has always been about more than arriving at a destination. It is about the journey itself: the prayers offered along the way, the silence, the conversations, the aching feet, the unexpected encounters, and the slow work God does in us as we travel.



During the sabbatical, I hope to undertake a number of walking days and pilgrimages. The first is a return to my family home in Northumberland to make my way along the coastline and Scottish Borders on the way to Lindisfarne, otherwise known as Holy Island. It is a place rich in history, prayer, and northern Christianity, following in the footsteps of a number of the great saints of these islands. I am especially looking forward to the final approach to Lindisfarne, crossing to Holy Island and spending time in a place so deeply shaped by prayer, mission, and monastic life.

The second pilgrimage in my sights is St Peter's Way, much closer to home. This pilgrimage runs through Essex towards Bradwell-on-Sea, ending near the ancient Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall. That route feels especially significant because it belongs to our own diocesan landscape. It connects the ordinary countryside of Essex with one of the oldest Christian sites in England. I hope it will help me reflect more deeply on the places, people, and communities that have shaped my vocation and ministry here. Depending on weather and some other circumstances, I hope to time this to conclude this journey in sync with the Bradwell Pilgrimage on the 4th July. I would be happy to have some of you join me for sections of this route if you'd like to – stay tuned!

Alongside these pilgrimages, I am also working towards the Lowland Leader Award through Mountain Training England. This is a practical qualification which trains people to lead groups safely on walks in lowland countryside. It involves navigation, route planning, risk awareness, group care, weather, emergencies, and an understanding of the environment. My hope is that this will not simply be a personal achievement, but something that can serve the church in the future.

I would love to be able to offer guided prayer walks, day pilgrimages, and reflective walking retreats for people in the parish and perhaps more widely. For some people, sitting in a formal setting and talking about faith or prayer can feel difficult. Walking side by side can open up a different kind of conversation. It can create space for honesty, companionship, silence, and noticing God's presence in creation.

I am also hoping to develop this further through training in spiritual companionship, so that walking and prayer can become part of a wider ministry of listening, encouragement, and discernment.

So this sabbatical is not just time away. It is a time to walk, pray, learn, and listen. I am excited to see what God will do with it, and I look forward to sharing something of the journey with you when I return.

With every blessing,

Fr Andy



12 years ordained



9 years as
Rector of Hutton



Time for a Rest!



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FR ANDY'S SABBATICAL 1ST MAY - 31ST JULY 2026

During a sabbatical, it is our Church Wardens who take on day to day leadership of the Parish and ensure its work continues smoothly, alongside the Leadership team and with the support of the Parish Office.

**Fr. Andy will not be ministering
in the Parish during this time.**

He will not be available by email or telephone.

**Please direct any queries to the Parish Office in the first instance
to help everything run clearly and efficiently.**

Sunday services and wider Parish activities will take place as usual and be led by Fr Tony, Revd Lisa, Revd Alice and Tino, along with visiting clergy and our volunteer teams.

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TEA BREAK

We're back to Sudokus this month. A hard one, for those whose combination of numerical literacy and logic are in the awesome category, and a slightly less difficult one for us ordinary mortals. Answers are, as usual, tucked away elsewhere in the magazine.

Good luck!

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YEAR 6 CAFE

BUILD INDEPENDANCE READY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

28TH APRIL, 12TH MAY, 2ND JUNE,
16TH JUNE, 30TH JUNE & 14TH JULY
3:15-4:30PM

ARE YOU WELCOMING, FRIENDLY AND WANT
TO SEE YOUNG PEOPLE FLOURISH?

LAST YEAR WE PILOTED A YEAR 6 YOUTH CAFE & THE FEEDBACK
WAS REALLY POSITIVE!

WE'D LOVE TO OPEN AGAIN THS YEAR, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WE NEED PEOPLE TO OFFER A LISTENING EAR & PLAY BOARDS GAMES.
YOU WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE YOUTH TEAM & THERE WILL BE NO PLANNING
INVOLVED.

ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL NEED TO GO THROUGH OUR SAFER RECRUITMENT
-PROCESS

IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION & ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT US WITH ANY OF THE DATES
ABOVE, PLEASE CONTACT SARAH ON 07427336372 OR YOUTH@HUTTONPARISH.COM



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Bible Study

Three more parables for us to dissect:

The Ten Virgins – Matthew 25:1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise.



When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, Lord, open for us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Ten Virgins parable tells us the critical importance of preparedness and vigilance for the return of Christ. It emphasises the need for an enduring and personal faith, symbolised by the extra oil, and warns against complacency or relying on the preparedness of others.

The Parables Unpacked





‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the .

goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

The sheep and the goats parable teaches about the inseparable connection between genuine faith and compassionate actions. It highlights the ethical dimension of Christianity, emphasising that true disciples of Christ actively care for and serve those in need, recognising the presence of Christ in the vulnerable and marginalised. The parable concludes with a powerful message about the eternal consequences of our actions and attitudes toward others.

The Pharisee & the Tax Collector – Luke 18:9-14

Bible

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."

But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

The parable conveys a powerful message about the importance of humility, repentance, and the recognition of our dependence on God's mercy for justification. It challenges conventional notions of righteousness and highlights the transformative power of a humble and contrite heart.



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Sisters and brothers, it is such a blessing that we can know more about God through the Bible – His Word! I strongly encourage everyone to read a passage from the Bible every day and if you have time, please join us to explore the richness God Has given us through the Bible. We have four groups which you could choose to attend: -

Monday group – the first Monday of each month - 2pm held in church hall.

Tuesday group – every Tuesday in the chapel alongside with people from the café - 10:30am.

Wednesday group – the first and third Wednesday of each month - 10am at West Horndon.

Wednesday evening group – the first and third Wednesday of each month in the chapel - 7pm

Everyone is welcome to come long to share the Word of God through fellowship and learning from each other and building each other up in our faith journey.

Tino



The Mothers' Union



Lighting the way for generations to come



We continue to celebrate 150 years of Mothers' Union and all are invited to join us at our celebratory events throughout the year. At our April meeting we welcomed our Diocesan President, Maxine Paul, who came to give a presentation on **Mothers' Union over the last 150 years**. We learned about Mothers' Union past and present and were encouraged to continue 'lighting the way for generations to come'. After the talk Maxine presented us with a special book of prayers and poems from MU members across the world.



Our May meeting was cancelled so that Hutton MU members could attend the memorial service for Molly Hoyle, former Diocesan President and long-time branch leader at Shenfield Mothers' Union. Molly gave many dedicated years of service to Mothers' Union in various roles and was well known and loved across the diocese. We pray for her family at this time.

Upcoming events:

On **10th June** MU members from across the diocese, including some of our Hutton MU members, will be attending the 150th anniversary service at St Paul's Cathedral. As this coincides with our usual monthly meeting time, we have moved our June meeting to 17th June. We will be meeting for Holy Communion at 1:30pm followed by a special afternoon tea. All are welcome so please let Margaret Morris know if you would like to attend.

On **4th July**, our diocesan trustees will be at the Bradwell Pilgrimage where they will be promoting our RISE UP against domestic abuse campaign. Anyone joining the pilgrimage will be most welcome to visit our stall and pick up some campaign materials and free give aways.

On **Sunday 23rd August** we will be celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union and honouring our founder Mary Sumner at the Sunday service at St Peter's. Everyone is invited to join us afterwards in the hall for tea and cake.

This seems like a good opportunity to remind – or perhaps enlighten – you of what Mothers' Union stands for and aims to do, both nationally and internationally and in our diocese of Chelmsford as well as in our own branch here at St Peter's.

The core value of M.U. is Christian Care for Families, and we aim to:

- Encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- Promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and protection of children
- Help those whose family life has met with adversity
- Promote and support married life

The movement supports many initiatives locally, nationally and internationally aimed at fighting for gender justice, building self-reliance, and promoting a peaceful and safe environment for all.

In our diocese the main projects include "Away From it All" holidays and days out for families under stress; Trinity Child Contact Centre which provides a safe, neutral, space for families to meet after divorce or separation, and "English for Women" which helps those who experience language barriers in their everyday lives to reduce their isolation.

Our branch is small, numerically, but we are a happy band that meets regularly on the 2nd Wednesday afternoon of every month for communion followed by a social gathering, often with a guest speaker, or undertaking projects that all can assist with.

We would love to have more members at our branch here. Despite our name, not all members are mothers, - or even women. They can be single, married, parents, grandparents, or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience. Our annual subscription is £34.00 which covers all meetings.

Why not come along to our next meeting and give it a try? You're under no obligation to attend every meeting, or even to come back a second time if you find it's not for you. The afternoons usually commence with Holy Communion in the chapel at 1.30pm followed by the meeting at 2pm. If for any reason you prefer not to come to Communion you are welcome just to come along at 2pm for the meeting. But whatever you choose, we can guarantee you a warm welcome, the opportunity to make new friends, and plenty of cups of tea and cakes.

Please get in touch with Margaret Morris on 01277 217398 or margaretmorris1945@outlook.com if you would like more information.

Kathryn Booth



HUTTON EAST ASIAN COMMUNITY (HEAC)

Hello Friends of Hutton East Asian Community,

We have been a busy community, making connections and enabling friendships in Hutton.

We warmly welcomed 90 people to our big Lunar New Year celebration – the year of the Horse. It was a wonderful opportunity to start the year with great food, learning to write blessings with Chinese brushes, trying our hands at Mahjong, making horse origami and arts and crafts. The Lion dancers and drummer dazzled us with their energetic moves, making it especially memorable, and celebrating Tino's 70th birthday with a special lion lettuce dance!

Our well-being yoga classes and family badminton sessions have now concluded, and we will be starting an introduction to Tai Chi movement classes in June.

Our next event will be on **Saturday 27th June**, with a church service at 2pm, followed by refreshments. Please contact Tino for more information.

Thank you for supporting our community.

**Hutton
East Asian
Community**



Hutton East Asian Community Committee

huttonukeasian@gmail.com





Summer Social

Come and join us for a summer social.



Church service 2pm

Cakes and refreshments 2.30pm



Play Mahjong

Learn Embroidery with Bee



Saturday 27th June
2 to 4pm



St Peter's Church,
Cloughton Way, Hutton, CM13 1JS

Supported by:

You are welcome to drop in anytime between 2 - 4pm.
Photos will be taken at the event.



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SUMMER FAIR

Last year's Summer Fair, held at All Saints as part of the celebrations for its 700th anniversary was such a resounding success that we have decided to repeat it this year!



The date is **Saturday, 13th June** and the event will take place from **11:00am until 3:00pm**.



There will be something for everyone, including a tombola, raffle, young church activities, refreshments, BBQ, ice cream van, and many more stalls.



It's not too late to donate gifts (new items only, please) and bottles for the bottle tombola, all of which can be left in the donation trolley at the back of the church. . And if you could spare an hour or two to help us, either by assisting with the physical preparation – putting up stalls and gazebos or bunting, or by making cakes or doing a shift on one of the stalls on the day, we should be delighted to hear from you – especially anyone who has a talent for face painting! Please speak to Christine, Michelle or Lynn if you can help.



But whatever else you do, please save the date and come along to support us!



Thank you.

The Summer Fair Team



We have had a great time this month raising much needed funds for Daily Bread.

We ran a bingo evening at the end of April which was very popular. Nearly 80 people attended the evening and enjoyed different games of bingo – from normal number bingo to reverse bingo, music bingo and even Hoy with playing cards. Everyone had a great time and we raised over £800 including the raffle money.



We are hoping this money is matched through a match funding scheme offered by Barclays to their employees who help organise fundraising. We know that lots of other companies offer this to their employees as well.

We will hopefully be running another evening as so many people have asked for a repeat of the event – keep your eyes peeled for the next bingo evening.



In addition to this fundraising evening we have also received some funding that we had bid for. Every couple of months new funds become available that we can apply for. These have funded different projects over the last few years. The most recent fund we have been successful for was the arts and crafts project. We were able to pay for materials, equipment and a tutor to lead sessions in arts and crafts to support people's mental health, improve well-being and give participants much needed skills and confidence.

We can only run these projects with support from funds that we apply to or through fundraising we organise. These events and bids take much time and effort to complete but when we are successful they really help what we do. If you have any skills in applying for funds, or you are able to match fund through your employer or have any other ideas for supporting the work we do at Daily Bread we would love to hear from you.

Revd. Lisa



COMMUNION CARDS

Small cards are now available at both St Peter's and All Saints', following their introduction last month. They can be used to indicate if you require a gluten-free wafer or alcohol-free communion wine.

The initiative has been well received, and is intended to support inclusivity while helping to maintain a quiet and reverent atmosphere during communion.

Cards can be collected from a sidesperson on entry, or during the offertory hymn if needed. When you come forward for communion, please present your card; those administering the bread and wine will take it from you so your hands are free to receive.



Baptisms

5th April - Daniel Webber
5th April - Victoria Bennett
12th April - Freddie O'Sullivan
3rd May - Maxson Reeves
24th May - Etta Chambers
24th May - Martha Rosenwoud

Weddings

19th April - Lewis Ilsley and Anna Pengilly

Funerals

7th April - Reginald Hart - Funeral at St Peters followed by cremation
17th April - Jean Alexander – Funeral at Bentley Crematorium
5th May - Susan West – Funeral at All Saints
15th May - Norman Hill – Funeral at Bentley Crematorium
27th May - Colin Perkins – Funeral at All Saints followed by cremation

Funeral Arrangements

Should you need to book a funeral for someone, please contact a member of the Ministry Team, and they will arrange for you to be talked through what needs to be dealt with. In normal circumstances this would include funeral arrangements, pastoral care, a visit from a member of the Bereavement Visiting Team, if appropriate, and information about interment of ashes, plaques on the Memorial Wall, Book of Remembrance, and anything else that you would like to know.

Baptisms

Any child or adult who lives in the Parish may be baptised in our churches during an appropriate Sunday service at either All Saints or St Peters church.

For a child, baptism is the beginning of an exciting journey of faith. In choosing to have their child baptised, parents are saying that he or she is precious to them and precious to God. For some parents – or other adults, for that matter – they themselves didn't have the opportunity for whatever reason to be baptised as a child. We want to encourage them to be baptised as adults and to enjoy the same feelings towards God as their children will.

In the first instance please contact the Parish Office. The Parish Administrator will liaise with the Clergy to establish a date suitable to all parties and you will be sent an application form and information leaflets about the baptism itself and the other facilities available for you and/or your child to become involved with, all of which are mentioned elsewhere in this magazine.

Weddings

All information about getting married in our churches can be obtained by contacting the Parish Office by email to weddings@huttonparish.com. Contact details for help with any of these services can be found on the "Useful Contacts" page at the back of the magazine.



SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY

Date	Day	Time	Service	Church	Preacher
7th Jun	Trinity 1	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Revd Lisa
		11.15	Holy Communion/Baptism	All Saints	Revd Lisa
14th Jun	Trinity 2	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Eve Byles
		11.15	Holy Communiion	All Saints	Eve Byles
21st Jun	Trinity 3	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Revd Adrian
		11.15	Holy Communion	All Saints	McConnaughie
28th Jun	St Peter's Day	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Revd Lisa
		11.15	Morning Worship	All Saints	Tino
5th Jul	Trinity 5	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Rev Mark Pape
		11.15	Morning Worship	All Saints	Tino
12th Jul	Trinity 6	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	A'deacon
		11.15	Holy Communion	All Saints	Jonathan
19th Jul	Trinity 7	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Fr Tony
		11.15	Holy Communion	All Saints	Fr Tony
26th Jul	Trinity 8	9.30	Holy Communion	St Peters	Revd Lisa
		11.15	Holy Communion	All Saints	Revd Lisa



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This magazine that you are reading has been produced in its current form since April 2020. It has always been completely free of charge to anyone who wants a copy.

We produce 130 copies of each issue. Some are taken to All Saints for its regular worshippers to pick up, whilst the majority are placed in the foyer of St Peter's where there is naturally a far greater footfall from all the various daily activities and larger congregations.

All copies regularly go, but if you do struggle to get your hands on one, or you know of any local residents who would like one but are unable to get to church, and to whom you would be happy to deliver a copy, please let me know and I'll make sure you get what you need.

I said at the start that the magazine is and will remain free to all who want a copy. But of course there are costs involved in the production - paper, ink and the 'per sheet' rental charge from the company from whom we hire the printer. We need to try to cover some if not all of our production costs, and the best way to achieve that is to sell a small amount of advertising space in the magazine. To that end.....

- **Do you have your own business, or know of someone who does, and would you or they consider advertising in future editions?**
- **Would you be prepared to approach local shops - particularly those where you are well-known - and enquire whether they would be prepared to support us by way of advertising in the magazine?**

We charge £120 (full page) or £70 (half page) per year (six copies) for full colour adverts. All the advertiser has to do is present us with his preferred artwork and we'll do the rest. And the "year" can start at any time - usually from the date of the first edition published after we receive the advertiser's copy.

These rates are incredibly cheap for the amount of exposure that the advertiser will get, but it is not our desire to make a profit, just to cover our costs so that we never have to even consider charging for the magazine.

If you think you can help, or know of someone who might be able to, or just want more information about advertising, please get in touch with me. My contact details are on the back page.

Thank you.

Malcolm



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