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Rambling Rector

Dear Friends,

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury in the 1930s, was intelligent, well-educated and well-informed and passionate about social justice at home and peace founded on justice in the world, not someone whose religion could be described as light weight or flimsy. It makes a quote attributed to him particularly charming. It goes something like, 'the more I pray, the more the coincidences seem to happen.'

The 70th anniversary of our faithful and beloved Queen happened to fall on a Sunday, 6th February, the fourth Sunday before Lent when the set reading from the Old Testament is a passage from chapter 6 of the book of the prophet Isaiah...

'In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly. And one cried to

another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.'

It was a most appropriate passage as we recalled the moment when King George 6th died, and the young Princess Elizabeth acceded to the throne, bringing with her a Christian faith which has sustained her and become more and more true with the passing of the years.

We now look forward to the celebration of the 70th anniversary of HM Queen's coronation which will be marked with a double bank holiday and events over the four days from 2nd to 5th June. The church will be open and there will be a large book full of empty pages in which we hope that you will write.

You may wish to recall a particular memory or something for which you are grateful from the Queen's long reign, or as her Majesty herself puts it, rather charmingly, 'to celebrate some of the many positive things that have happily coincided with my reign'. You may wish to offer your greeting or perhaps a prayer or poem. We hope that the book will serve as a fitting memorial of this unique event in our nation's history.

There will also of course be a service in church on Sunday 5th June to mark the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee. Do please join us.

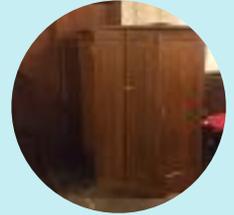
*Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are set in authority under her;
that they may order all things*

*in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.*

With love and prayers

Geoff

GLANCING BACK



Oak Cabinet



**The Lantern
Seat**

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**Tree Planting to
commemorate
the Queen's
Platinum Jubilee**



April 2022 Money Matters

The Church receives no grants or financial support from the Diocese or anywhere else – all our income is raised locally by Direct Giving or from Other Income.

The 2021 Accounts have been signed off by David Ebdale, our Independent Examiner and approved by the PCC. In Summary the 2021 Accounts report:

Income: £65,025

Expenditure: £65,076

Deficit: £51

Total Bank Funds: £56,562

The deficit of £51 against a budgeted deficit of £6,235 for 2021 is remarkable particularly in the context of the ongoing effect of the Covid pandemic.

The 2021 Accounts can be viewed on the Church Website on the Home Page – select 2021 Report & Accounts, where the Treasurer's Report gives a full explanation of the accounts.

Moving forward into 2022

We are budgeting a deficit of £2,265 for 2022 which if needed can be funded from reserves. At the start of 2022 we were expecting a much greater level of normality compared with the last two years when we experienced the effects on the Covid pandemic on our income. However, that was before the terrible and tragic invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

With the turbulence this has caused on the world financial markets, it will be unlikely to see any capital growth in our Investment Fund in 2022. The war will also have other effects on our finances including Direct Giving and the cost of energy and other commodities. During the year we are hoping to sell the Grazing Land, and the proceeds of this sale will enable us to invest the money which will provide a far greater return than the current Rental Income.

1st January to 28th February

Income: £8,265

Expenditure: £8,476

Deficit: £211

Total Bank Funds: £50,921

Forecast Deficit for 2022: £2,177

Our goal is to achieve a balanced outcome for the year and minimise any deficit. Currently the forecast deficit is £2,177 against a budget of £2,265 for the year.

Paul Fearon

Church Treasurer

The Hartford Chronicles

Hartford Chronicles - keeping you in touch with Church Life and all the social events for the next three months.



Seeing all the beautiful spring bulbs in our gardens and the hedgerows does lift our hearts and we begin to look forward to all the gifts of nature to come. Though at this moment in time many of our thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Ukraine and other things take second place.

On a Sunday in early February, we welcomed a lovely family to our church service. It was an absolute joy to see young children in our congregation with their parents. Little did we know that we would be seeing the family quite regularly. Sam Perez was to become our Curate and with warm hearts we all welcome Sam, Bekah and their three children. In a short space of time Sam has become part of our church life and we all look forward to his taking part in our services and church planning.

By the time you read this newsletter the first of our Lent Lunches will have taken place. The second one is on Wednesday 6th April in the church room between 12.30pm and 2pm. This has been well advertised on our website and Weekly Sheet.

On Saturday 7th May we are holding a coffee morning to raise funds for flowers for the Jubilee and also our Flower and Harvest Festival. The Coffee Morning will have the usual coffee, tea, biscuits, and cakes. There will be stalls selling cards, books, and jigsaws and hopefully cakes. The Coffee Morning is being held in the church room between 10am and 12pm.

The Platinum Jubilee is being held over 4 days: Thursday 2nd June – Sunday 5th June. The Church will be decorated in flowers, flags and various other arrangements and we hope it will look quite stunning. In the church there will be a book for people to write memories and messages in commemorating such a very special event. A display of photographs from the Queen's reign is being prepared for display in church for the celebration. The church will be open on Thursday 2nd June between 11am and 4pm. Friday 3rd June there is a wedding taking place so

we will open the church from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Saturday 4th June again the church will be open from 11am and 4p.m. Sunday 5th June will be a service of celebration. During the times the church is open we will be serving tea, coffee, biscuits, and cake. We hope many people will come into Church to see the colourful arrangements and enjoy refreshments and of course to write in or sign the Jubilee Book.

Huntingdon Male Voice Choir are giving a concert in church on Saturday 18th June – further details to follow. This should be a very enjoyable evening of music and singing. Tickets for the evening will be on sale at Church and refreshments will be served during the interval.

These events take us up to the end of June and we hope you will find time to come along and enjoy each event and support our church. Further events for July, August and September will be in the next newsletter, there will be posters and leaflets reminding us of the dates.

With the many social events that have been arranged we also have our A.P.C.M. on Tuesday 26th April at 7p.m. in Church. We do need your support for this special Church meeting where the Church Year will be reflected on. Please make that special effort and come along.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Church Services and meeting you at the social events we have arranged.

Until next time,

Pam Fearon - PCC Secretary.

Our new Curate Sam reading the prayer of dedication for the planting of the new rowan tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
22/03/2022



FEATURE PAGE

Oak Cabinet

It was decided to move the PA System and Music Equipment from its place by the side of the organ where they had been for many years to the rear of the church. The PCC agreed that as the final piece of the organ restoration that the equipment should be housed in an Oak Cabinet.

We contacted Peter Graham of Jacowe Joinery in Godmanchester to commission a bespoke Oak Cabinet. During the conversation with Peter when he came to the church last summer, he explained that just after completing his apprenticeship some thirty years ago he had designed and installed the oak frame for the windows above the screen of the choir vestry. It's not surprising that several local churches have some very beautiful pieces of wooden furniture which have been made by Peter.

The Oak Cabinet, which is freestanding was delivered at the end of February. It really looks beautiful and blends in so well with the screen of the Choir Vestry although the photos of the unit including a view inside don't fully do it justice.

The PA System and Music Equipment have now been installed in the Oak Cabinet by Gregg from AVexpert, who have recently fitted our new Lectern and Pulpit microphones.



Lantern Seat – Before and After!

One of the much-loved features of All Saints Churchyard is the Lantern Seat by the main church door. So many people have enjoyed just sitting there, reflecting, and enjoying the wonderful views up the river especially on a beautiful sunny day. It's featured in many wedding photos too.

The seat has been there for so many years that no one could exactly remember when it was first put there! Sadly, last year time and rot caught up with it and it finally fell apart! It was totally beyond repair and so the PCC decided to replace it.

The new seat is made from Iroko, a large hardwood tree from the west coast of tropical Africa. Due to the Covid pandemic the cost of wood along with many building materials has more than doubled in price in the last year. We obtained two quotes for the seat, both of which were almost the same at £1,600. We decided to use J & D Ward, a local firm of carpenters who replaced the Lantern Seat in December.

It is a joy to hear so many positive comments and much delight that the seat has been replaced.



Before



After

All Saints Diary

APRIL 2022

Mondays April 4th, 11th, 25th
Crafty Saints 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Mondays April 4th
Chatty Saints 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Wednesday 6th April 12.30pm – 2pm
Lent Lunch

Holy Week Services

Sunday 10th April - Palm Sunday Service 11.00 am

Thursday 14th April - Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7.00 pm

Friday 15th April - Good Friday Meditation Service 12 noon

Sunday 17th April - Easter Day service - 11.00 am

Wednesday 20th April at 7pm - Service of Healing and Wholeness with Communion
- resumption of this regular service on the third Wednesday evening of every month

Tuesday 26th April at 7pm - APCM
- please come and support our clergy / PCC team at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting

All Saints Diary

MAY 2022

Mondays 2nd 9th 16th 23rd and 30th May

Crafty Saints 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Mondays 2nd 16th and 30th May

Chatty Saints 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Saturday 7th May 10am – 12pm

Coffee Morning to raise funds for Flower Festival

Wednesday 18th May at 7pm -

Service of Healing and Wholeness with Communion

All Saints Diary

JUNE 2022

Mondays 6th 13th 20th and 27th June

Crafty Saints 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Mondays 6th and 20th June

Chatty Saints 2.00 pm- 4.00 pm

Thursday 2nd June – Sunday 5th June

Platinum Jubilee Open Church
with refreshment

Saturday 18th June

Huntingdon Male Voice Choir Concert

Wednesday 15th June at 7pm

Service of Healing and Wholeness with Communion



I would like thank everyone who contributed to our collection to help the people of Ukraine. There were so many items from both Church and White Swan Members that we were able to deliver several car loads to both Diamond Hampers and Dunelm collection centre in Huntingdon. I understand that everything has been packed and is now on its way to help those who have been displaced from the Ukraine.

It has been such a delight to see spring arrive! The emergence of the beautiful flowers, the little birds foraging for nesting material and when the children spy the squirrel, all dancing stops as they rush to the window to watch for a moment or two.

Thank you to all of you who support the dancing at Hartford Church.

Amanda