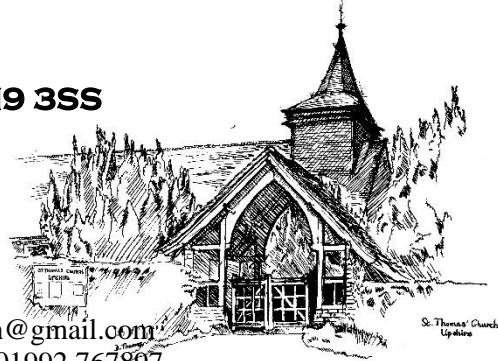


ST THOMAS' CHURCH, UPSHIRE EN9 3SS

NEWSLETTER

June 2024



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We are committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC has adopted the Church of England's policies and best practice on safeguarding which may be found on the Church of England website and also on the Diocese of Chelmsford website.

SERVICES AND DIARY FOR JUNE

Saturday 1 st	3-4pm	SEEDLINGS meet in the church	
Sunday 2 nd	First Sunday after Trinity 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Mark 2:23 – 3:6	
Sunday 9 th	Second Sunday after Trinity 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Genesis 3:8-15	Mark 3:20-end	
	2.30-4.30pm AFTERNOON TEAS		
Sunday 16 th	Third Sunday after Trinity 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-end	Mark 4:26-34	
Wednesday 19 th	11.30am for 12 noon-2pm COMMUNITY LUNCH in the church – 07899 846711 to book Please let us know if you have to cancel. Thank you.		
Sunday 23 rd	Fourth Sunday after Trinity 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Job 38:1-11	Mark 4:35-end	
	2.30-4.30pm SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAS		
Sunday 30 th	Fifth Sunday after Trinity 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24	Mark 5:21-end	
Sunday 7 th July	Sixth Sunday after Trinity 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Ezekiel 2:1-5	Mark 6:1-13	

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER:

Our mailing list to receive the electronic version is now in excess of 100 participants so if you are not one of those and wish to be included please send your email address to Kate at dalek16@btinternet.com or phone 02085083942. We are looking to reduce our 'paper footprint' for climate change by printing fewer copies – your contribution will help. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Thank you to the people who have sent in articles to be included in the Newsletter. Please keep them coming! Anything: maybe a poem you have written, what you have been doing in the garden, childhood memories, something that happened to make you smile, it all makes for interesting reading.

Church Flowers

Each month we can create memorial dedications, wedding, anniversary or special occasion flowers - Contact Kate Dale email: dalek16@btinternet.com or 02085083942

PRAYER REQUESTS

You are invited to offer names to be added to our prayer diary to remember those who are unwell or unhappy. First names only are required as God will know who we are praying for.

Contact Lyn Wackett on 01992 711573 or email lynanddavewackett@hotmail.co.uk

This month we pray for Laura, Alan & Pam, Lesley, Charlie & John, Anne, Pam & John, Barbara, Vernon, Mal, Louise, Sue, Ann & Cyril, Rosalind, Doreen, Maureen, Carol & George, Beverly, Terry, Jackie, Andrea & her Mum & Dad, Nina, Carmel & the Price family, Dave, Pat, Nigel, Lola, Steve, Val, Pearl, Susan & Alan, Jackie & Linda, Eleanor & Peter.

THE VICAR WRITES:

Each Sunday in the church year has a name. Some are named after the events that happened on that day – like Easter Sunday and Pentecost, some are named after the time and season they are in – the 2nd Sunday of Christmas or the 3rd Sunday of Advent and one is even named for a theological concept – Trinity Sunday.

And it is Trinity Sunday, this year on 26th May, that heralds the longest uninterrupted season of the church year, Ordinary time.

Ordinary time is marked by the colour green and by the seemingly endless number of Sundays that are titled as being after Trinity Sunday.

Probably because of its length and because it is called ordinary it can be easy to not pay much attention to this season of the church year. Indeed Ordinary Time may seem unremarkable at first glance, lacking the dramatic flair of Advent or the solemnity of Lent. Its name itself might suggest a mundane stretch of days, devoid of significance. However, to dismiss Ordinary Time as merely ordinary is to miss its true essence and the treasures it holds for those who embrace it.

So, what exactly is Ordinary Time? In the liturgical calendar, Ordinary Time consists of two segments: the period between Epiphany and Lent, and the period we have just entered between Pentecost, at the beginning of June and Advent, at the end of November. Rather than signifying ordinariness in the sense of mundane or unremarkable, "ordinary" here is derived from the Latin word "ordinalis," meaning counted time. It is a time of growth, indeed the use of the colour green for this season leads many to call it growing time and a time for learning, and living out the teachings of God in our daily lives.

One of the beautiful aspects of Ordinary Time is its invitation to find the extraordinary in the seemingly ordinary moments of our lives. It's in the rhythm of our daily routines, the time spent with our families and communities, and the quiet moments of reflection that we discover the presence of the God. In the midst of our ordinary lives, God is at work, shaping and transforming us into people full of His love and grace.

In a world marked by busyness, noise, and distractions, Ordinary Time offers a counter-cultural invitation to slow down, be present, and attend to the sacredness of each moment. It's a time to savour the beauty of creation, cultivate gratitude for the blessings in our lives, and build a spirit of generosity and hospitality towards others. So as we begin our journey this month through Ordinary Time, let us embrace the extraordinary grace that surrounds us, hidden in the midst of our ordinary lives. May we open our hearts to the presence of God in the everyday moments, allowing His love to transform us from within. And may we, as a community of faith, bear witness to the power of God's kingdom breaking forth in the here and now, making all things new.

In this season of Ordinary Time, may we be reminded that there is nothing ordinary about the life of faith. It is a journey filled with wonder, mystery, and endless possibilities, guided by the One who makes all things extraordinary in His time.

Blessings,

Revd Jane Yeadon

Team Vicar St Thomas, Upshire and Holy Innocents, High Beech

Benefice Youth Missioner



ST THOMAS' SEEDLINGS

1st Saturdays of each month (unless otherwise stated)

A free Stay and Play church group for children and those who care for them

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ST THOMAS' CHURCH COMMUNITY LUNCHES 2024

Wednesdays, 11.30 for 12noon-2pm

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Please book your place to confirm attendance: 07899 846711

If after booking you are unable to come, please phone to cancel, we can then offer a place to people on the waiting list.

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AFTERNOON TEAS

2nd & 4th Sundays, 2.30-4.30pm in the church

Come along to our lovely little church for home made cakes and a welcome cup of tea or coffee. You can either sit in the church and enjoy the occasional organ music or sit outside in the churchyard and admire the view from both the front and back of the church. Dogs on leads welcome!

50/50 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 Club Draw in April who were:

1st: £35 No. 87 Brenda Pennison of Waltham Abbey
2nd: £25 No. 13 John Atkinson of Waltham Abbey
3rd: £15 No. 67 Maureen Smith of Waltham Abbey

It's not too late to become a member of the 50/50 Club. There are monthly draws and the entry fee is £12.00 every six months (or £2 for every month of membership). Contact Lyn Wackett on 01992 711573 for further information.

STAMPS Please continue to save your postage stamps and foreign or out of circulation coins as the charities we support can use them to raise funds. At present we collect the coins for Essex and Herts Air Ambulance and The British Legion and stamps for St Clare Hospice. Stamps and coins can be left with Lyn & Dave at 94 Upshire Road – please leave in the porch if no reply. Please leave about ½“ of envelope around the stamps. Thank you.

ANAGRAM Unscramble this 11 letter anagram: TENAILMENTS. The answer will be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

COMING UP AT ST THOMAS'

Afternoon Teas 2nd & 4th Sundays until the end of September, 2.30-4.30pm

Sunday 14th July SUMMER FAYRE in the churchyard 1.30-5.00pm

Sunday 22nd September HARVEST FESTIVAL and LAST AFTERNOON TEAS

Friday 27th September MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING/CAKE COMPETITION 10am-2pm

Saturday 12th October QUIZ NIGHT 7pm

Saturday 23rd November CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in Village Hall, 10.30am-2.30pm

Sunday 8th December ENFIELD BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 3.30pm

Community lunches every month from February to December – see separate article.

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SUMMER FAIR

SUNDAY 14th JULY, 1.30-5.00pm

A wide variety of stalls including preserves, cakes, produce, cards, jewellery, tombola, bric-a-brac and much more

Refreshments available throughout the day

FUN DOG SHOW – bring your dogs along to win a prize!
Judging starts at 2.30pm, registration from 2pm

Upshire Mothers' Union

In April Rose Gorton, Vice President Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union, gave us an interesting insight to 'Rose' and update on the Mothers' Union, locally and nationally. Rose was born and brought up as a Catholic. It wasn't until after she met her husband, who was a church goer, moved to Kelvedon Hatch, and had her son that she joined the Church of England. Prior to having her son, she had worked as a secretary. The Mothers' Union at her local church were looking for a secretary and asked her if she would take it on. Having given up work to raise her family she decided to she had the time to do it. She later took on the role of Deanery Chair. Whilst in this role she had a disagreement with the Diocese President over pickled onions. Through showing her 'not afraid to speak' side, she was asked if she would like to go on the Trustee Board as an Observer for a year. This entailed visiting branches to see how they worked. After 2 years Rose decided to stay on the Trustee Board. This led to Rose being asked to become a Trustee Vice President. Rose looks after 16 branches. They all work so differently. One branch goes to the cinema on a Friday once a month. Another meet up and do jigsaws. Another branch goes to Wetherspoons once a month. Some branches meet up in churches, some in church halls and some in pubs. One small branch has become an MU Light branch where they do not have a leader or treasurer or MU Bank account. They meet up for meetings and prayers.

The update locally:

AFIA (Away From It All) – Because of COVID there were no holidays for 2 years. Now people prefer to go for Days out rather than a holiday. A larger number of people are now enjoying days out.

English For Women – This project is going well, they have received a Lottery Grant to help run it.

Contact Centres – They are not used so much now but are still running. Maxine, Diocese President raised over £1000 from making Pom Poms for The Summer of Hope appeal.

The National update:

Last year Mothers' Union made changes to the constitution, disbanding Deaneries and stopped holding council. Back in the day Diocese Presidents had to get 51% of the vote to get elected even if only one candidate. Now if only one candidate there is no vote. Only leaders were allowed to vote at council before, now there is no council, each member gets a vote. 2 meetings are held each year now and open to all members. Last September there was a meeting for all members in York, this was led by the Mothers' Union World Wide Leader Sheran Harper.

There will be more awareness of the RISE UP campaign, it is reported the domestic abuse is 18% of overall crime.

A big issue in England is the drop in membership numbers. Mothers' Union is 150 years old next year, expanding is key.

If you have been affected by domestic abuse or any form of violence, or are concerned for someone else who has, please contact:

the **National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247**

There is no meeting in June. Further information contact Eleanor Huxter on 01992 892869

A little-known gem

Mention Epping Forest and, probably, most people in the locality will be aware of the area and its conservation status; on the other hand nearby Hainault Forest is not so well known but is still an important conservation area nonetheless. Nestled between the two areas is somewhere considerably less known but still of conservation importance such that much of the site is designated a Site of Special Scientific Importance. At only 167 acres the Roding Valley Meadows, whilst dwarfed by its two neighbours, is of considerable importance and interest. Owned mainly by Epping Council and in part by the Grange Farm Trust it is managed by the Essex Wildlife Trust.

The land which runs roughly north/south lies alongside the River Roding is prone to flooding at times of heavy rain and it is this unique feature which makes the area so important. Crossing the land is an ancient drovers' route running from Epping through to the once livestock market at Romford. The cattle would have been rested in the flood meadows where they could feed on quality grazing whilst being able to drink from the river. This mixture of grazing and flooding has given rise to species specific to the area such Water Mint, Cuckoo-pint, Red Clover, Stitchwort, Red Campion, Meadow Vetchling, Red Deadnettle, Bugle, Bluebells, Snowdrops, Meadow Sweet, Knapweed, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Ox-eyed Daisy and Devil's-bit Scabious and in one area known as the Fen, Brown Sedge is of importance. Nowadays grazing is still undertaken but usually by visiting traditional breeds of cattle, their stay is determined by the weather and ground conditions but generally they arrive in the spring and then leave in time for a cut of hay to be taken in summer. This grazing and the variety of flora attract a wealth of invertebrates that can be spotted with a bit of careful observation; regularly reported are various species of dragonflies, spiders, ants, and butterflies (including meadow brown, green veined white, comma, and gatekeeper). Along with this plethora of insect life comes the larger species of creatures which are attracted by all this namely Grass Snakes, Common Shrews, Voles, Common Frogs, and Muntjac deer. Bird life is also prolific and often Great Tits, Kingfishers, Herons, Green Woodpeckers, Buzzards, and Egrets can be seen flying over the meadows and along the river.

The site became a Local Nature Reserve in 1968 following the occupation of the RAF who left in 1964 having occupied much of the site since 1938, their story being related in the small book 'Not all Airmen flew'. Signs of their occupation can be found in various areas of the site in the balloon rotundas used to tether barrage balloons which were used to protect North London from enemy raids. The RAF's concrete tracks also still exist and enable walkers to traverse parts of the area with no difficulty despite any inclement weather.

Like many other country parks people who visit regularly often want some form of commemoration upon their passing, usually in the form of the typical wooden bench, placed perhaps in a favourite spot. The Essex Wildlife Trust mindful that the area is held very fondly in many regular visitors' hearts but also concerned that the area could become a sea of benches have come up with a novel solution that is being adopted by many other conservation areas which is to substitute the benches for remembrance owl and bat boxes and even bug hotels all of which are of great importance to the welfare and furtherance of the fauna that exists at the site.

Access to the site which is available all year round can be made either on foot from Grange Farm Lane which runs past Jubilee Lodge in Chigwell or from South View Road in Loughton from where one would have to follow the footpath down to and across the river. Alternatively, by car, access is via the car park next door to the David Lloyd Centre in the access road from Roding Lane. Generally the car park does not get too busy so finding a parking space should not be a problem. Apart from the concrete tracks left by the RAF there are plenty of other tracks through the area, some of hardcore whilst others are typical country tracks so one is advised to wear suitable footwear; unfortunately the site is not suitable for buggies or pushchairs, remember, the land can get very wet and in places extremely muddy. Dogs are welcome but must be under control and, obviously, their little piles need to be removed to the bins provided around about!

As we frequently drive through Hornchurch, well Adrian does, this allows me to look around and I was surprised as I was not sure I was seeing things right at first as it looked like a cow with horns at the top of a church. I have seen angels, saints and even gargoyles but not horns. Next time we passed we slowed for a closer look and yes there is a bulls head complete with horns.

It is at the east end of the roof. In 1222 there is the first written reference of a horned church in Havering. There are plenty of legends and theories about horns but the truth remains obscure. In 1610 the horns were thought to be made of lead but when they were repaired in 1824 they were found to be made of copper but these were stolen in 1999.

However did the thieves get up so high and manage this? These were never recovered and new ones replaced them in 2001.

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It is possible the horned church gave Hornchurch its name..
I apologize to all the folk that already knew about this church, and perhaps I am the only

TRAVELLING LOCALLY

The deer population is about to double in the next few weeks. The young deer are hidden by their mothers within patches of ferns and stinging nettles and feed every few hours, allowing the mothers to graze nearby. All dogs must be on a lead at this time of year in the forest as a dog savaging a young deer is not a nice sight and it causes panic in the herd causing them to run blind across roads leading to death and destruction as they go.

Please drive slowly on our local roads, well below the speed limits for your own safety and it could save damage to your car, with all the problems of getting it repaired, etc.

Beware potholes and puddles in our area as many still have not been dealt with, as these too can damage your car. Steve.

GROWERS' CORNER

Summer is here and that means a large number of tasks must be completed every day before lunch time.

The early bird catches the worm comes to mind!

TASKS BEFORE BREAKFAST:

1. Open all the vents to the greenhouse and polytunnel and open the cold frame.
2. Water any seedlings.

TASKS AFTER BREAKFAST:

1. If you need to go to your local nursery or garden centre go no later than 9/10am on Sundays to get parked and to get back for your morning coffee.

2. Water hanging baskets, arrangements in pots, greenhouse, polytunnel and cold frame as required.

Other plants may require watering but remember the plants' leaves must be dry before the sun comes out to avoid scorching, so some gardeners water in the evening to overcome this problem.

3. Dead heading and Dutch hoeing the weeds in borders and the veg plot are best done in the morning before lunch. That leaves the whole afternoon for a nap, reading, shopping, visiting friends or relatives, or entertaining guests for a picnic. The hoed weeds having wilted in the sun can be raked up the following day (to stop them seeding) and put on the compost heap.

HINTS AND TASKS to get the best from your sweet peas:

If you sowed your sweet peas in late summer last year, as they bloom now you will get blooms with long stalks, these make ideal exhibition blooms for competitions.

To get the best from your sweet peas pick as many blooms as possible before they go to seed and when the plants reach the top of the trellis/plant support you now have the task of detaching the plants from the trellis and laying them on the ground before re-attaching them to the trellis/plant support horizontally from left to right at the bottom of the trellis and round the back of the trellis. Do not nip out the top of each plant. Remove all the blooms from the plants while re-attaching them. Water well and attach new shoots vertically and wait for a second crop of blooms. These will have shorter stems but the colours and scent will be the same.

TO TAKE WOODY CUTTINGS you will require some deep plastic pots and their plastic trays, a sharp knife and a cutting board, a quantity of sharp sand and F1 seed compost.

Mix equal amounts of sand and compost, fill your pots to the top then gently tamp down. Water each post with a fine rose until the water runs out of the bottom and leave to drain.

Always collect your cutting material approx. 6"-8" (150mm-180mm) long and place in a plastic bag, seal the bag and return to base as soon as possible.

Take each cutting one at a time, strip the lower leaves off leaving two to three pairs at the top plus the growing tip (you do not want a flowering tip). Place the cutting on the cutting board and with a sharp knife cut through the stem just below the node where the leaves have been removed. Make a hole with a fine dibber (a pencil will do) in the compost mixture down the side of a prepared pot; you should get three cutting per pot.

Place the tray of cuttings in a shady spot keeping the compost damp at all times. A ventilated cold frame would be ideal. Tap out one pot after four weeks to check root progress then repot. Winter jasmine, salvias, rosemary, sage are all good candidates for this type of propagation.

By the way, it is best to dip your knife into an antifungal dip between cuttings.

Steve

LOCAL HONEY FOR SALE: Upshire, Essex. 07783 413622

The Church of the Holy Innocents, High Beach

Sunday Afternoon Teas every Sunday from 28th April until 29th September between 2.00 to 5.30pm.

£2.50 a slice of cake and 50p for tea/coffee. Whole cake £12.

Everyone is welcome to come and sit in church or in our churchyard and enjoy home-made cake with tea or coffee every Sunday throughout the summer. We are hoping for nice sunny days! There will be the opportunity to ring the carillon and some Sundays there will be various forms of entertainment. Please be careful where you park – you must NOT park on any single or double red line between 8.00am and 10.00pm otherwise you will receive a penalty notice.

Music to Refresh the Soul

High Beach Church, Epping Forest (near the junction of Avey Lane & Mott Street, High Beach, Essex)

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16th June: Flute & Harp – Ken & Rachel Bartels

21st July: David & Nicola Hooke & friends

18th August – An afternoon of musical theatre with Katy Treharne & David Gibson

15th September – The Asaph Ensemble – Mary Young, Elaine Patience, Gill Townsend, Anna Frazer, Geraldine Warner, David & Nicola Hooke

ANAGRAM

The answer to the anagram is **SENTIMENTAL**.

WALTHAM ABBEY FLOWER CLUB 2024

We meet on the 4th Tuesday in the month except January, June, August and December at Waltham Abbey Community Centre, Crooked Mile, EN9 1QD. Door open 1.30pm for 2pm start. All are welcome, raffle, sales table, tea, coffee and homemade cake. Further details from Chris on 07792 594443.

Tuesday 18th June: Outing to Copped Hall with a tour

Tuesday 23rd July: Social afternoon – homemade scones and cakes, quiz, fun. Visitors £7

Tuesday 24th September: Demonstration by Lisa Morgan, title to be arranged. Visitors £8

Tuesday 22nd October: AGM approx. 20 minutes. The workshop by Chris. Visitors £7

Tuesday 26th November: Demonstration by Gill McGregor entitled “Festive Flowers and Fantasy. Visitors £8

MUSIC FOR LUNCH AT THE ABBEY CHURCH

Saturdays at a new time of 12 noon for approximately 40 minutes. Tea and coffee served from 11.30am.

No charge but donations appreciated.

1st June Sin Long Li *piano*

8th June Krassimira Jeliazkova-Jones *violin* and Elizabeth Mucha *piano*

15th June Chenqige Zhang *piano* - the final recital of the current season, and we start again on September 7th.

Concert in the Abbey Church not to be missed

Saturday 15th June, 7.00pm The brilliant **Holst Singers** present a programme of 20th century music for choir and organ including William Walton's *The Twelve*. Under conductor Stephen Layton they are at their absolute best in this repertoire which is beyond the scope of most choirs – and will be all the more enhanced by the Abbey's acoustic and organ. More information and tickets from www.holstsingers.com

RODING VALLEY MEADOWS CONSULTATIVE GROUP EVENTS

The following events are open to all ages but pushchairs and buggies are not acceptable due to the terrain. The cost is £2.50 per person and children must be 5+ and accompanied by an adult. All events must be pre-booked by a booking form available on the Epping Forest Council website.

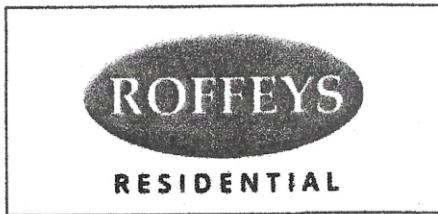
Butterfly Walk 1pm-2.30pm Monday 8th July

Pond Dipping 10am-11.30am Monday 12th August.

Bat Walk 7.15pm-8.45pm Friday 13th September

Meet at the car park, Grange Farm Centre, High Road, Chigwell, IG7 6DP

For more information and to book for any of these please telephone Damien Weller on 07895 208432. For booking support please call 01992 564226.



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WEDDING DAY WORDSEARCH

All the words in the list are hidden in the diagram below. Words are printed across, up, down or diagonally, but always in straight lines. Letters may be used more than once.

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ALTAR	KISS
AND IN HEALTH	LIMOUSINE
BANNS	LOVE
BEST MAN	MARQUEE
BLUE	MARRIAGE
BORROWED	NERVES
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FOR RICHER	SERVICE SHARE
FORSAKING ALL OTHERS	SPEECH
FOR WORSE	TAILS
FROM THIS DAY/ FORWARD	TILL DEATH US DO PART
GOD	TOAST
GROOM	TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH
GUESTS	TOP HATS
HAPPINESS	USHERS
HERE COMES THE BRIDE	VEIL
HONEYMOON	VICAR
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just in case they weren't quite as fresh smelling as they hoped, brides would carry a bouquet of flowers to disguise their body odour. Which is why today's brides carry on the custom of having a bouquet of flowers with them on their wedding day!

With June weddings in mind

"If we did become engaged, would you give me a ring?" she said.

"Yes, of course!" he replied. "What is your number again?"

Weight

Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work. "Put you weight on it," said the vicar. So the groom complied: 'John Smith (twelve stone, four pounds)'

Love

They say he married her because her aunt left her a fortune. He hotly denies it, saying that he would have married her whomever left her the fortune.

Notices outside a church:

Worn out? Come in for a Service!

This church is not just four weddings and a funeral.

Events

In April and May we have hosted 3 special events. On 21 April we held a St George's Day concert with Enfield Brass Band, which raised £339. Thanks to the band for an enjoyable afternoon and to our team of caterers for the lovely refreshments in the interval.

On 4 May there was a quiz evening which raised £758. Thanks to Gwen who set the questions and Jose who kept the scores.

On 12 May we had the first teas of the summer combined with a plant sale. It was good to see so many people enjoying the warm sunshine. We raised £1200. Thank you to all those who helped make this event so successful and especially thank you to Matthew's

Plants who donated many of the plants for sale.

Finally thank you to everyone who attended these events and helped make them a success. We hope you enjoyed them. All the money raised goes to church funds to help with the day-to-day running of the church.

Our Summer Fair will be on 14th July in the churchyard, with refreshments in the church. Help would be appreciated with preparations for the Fair, also to man the stalls. Please speak to any member of the church if you would like to help. Donations for stalls, i.e. tombola prizes, raffle, etc. would be appreciated. Thank you.

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DID YOU KNOW...back in the 16th century, people would often get married in June. This was because they would have their annual bath in May and believed that they would still smell fine in June. However,