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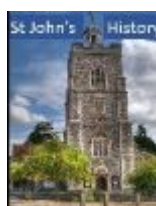
Three weeks after Easter, Rick and I with a couple of friends went to stay for a short break down on the South Coast – near Eastbourne. We were quite lucky with our weather and on the day we went to Beachy Head, it was sunny (albeit windy and quite chilly) and clear. We could see the majesty of the coastline, and the deep colours in the sea for miles around. Being early in the

season it was also quite devoid of a lot of visitors so we were able to stand and just drink in the beauty of God's nature all around us. We finished that day out in Alfriston, visiting the church of St Andrew. The church has a central tower and we were amazed to see that the bell ropes (there are six bells in total) were in the chancel. The oldest bell apparently dates back to the 1400s – there are six in total – and the bellringers are visible to the congregation or anyone within the church when they are ringing. The church itself, is a Grade 1 listed building and was built in the 1370s – it is apparently known as The Cathedral of the Downs, and is built in the shape of a Greek Cross. If you are ever in the area it is a lovely spot to visit – the church is on the village green and overlooks the river – it has a beautiful flowered graveyard around it, and was full of spring flowers when we visited.

I love flowers – they are just so perfect and whilst on my flower theme, we have of course recently had the Chelsea Flower Show, and been able to look at all the amazing gardens which were on display. Rick and I were very lucky in the past to be able to visit the Show “out of hours”. One of Rick's close office colleagues was married to the Matron at the Royal Chelsea Hospital and for a few years we were invited over to see the Show when the public had all gone home. The one thing you can't experience from watching the programme on the television is the overpower smell of all the flowers, which is stunning. My father was a keen gardener, and my sister Ann, inherited his love of gardening. Sadly that gene passed me by, but I know that Rick really enjoys working in our own garden. In fact we bought my father a stone ornament years which had words from a poem entitled “God's Garden” by a lady called Dorothy Gurney (her grandfather was a Bishop of London). It says “*The kiss of the sun for pardon, The song of the birds for mirth,-- One is nearer God's heart in a garden, Than anywhere else on earth*” That plaque is now in our own garden and I can see it every day when I look out of the kitchen window. Dorothy Gurney was a Victorian who also wrote the words to the hymn “O Perfect Love” for her sister's wedding – coincidentally it was one of the hymns my parents chose for their own wedding. So when we look at beautiful gardens, or even “wild gardens” we should never forget this wonderful gift that God has given us – yes we may complain about our wet weather but it is that weather which gives us our green and lush gardens to enjoy.

So when you are next in a beautiful garden, remember that in Genesis God initially placed Adam and Eve into a garden – where they were surrounded by beauty. We can sometimes forget that we too can look on the beauty all around us, as we did some weeks back on Beachy Head and in Alfriston. I am including the text from Dorothy Gurney's poem, which I hope you will enjoy.

THE Lord God planted a garden in the first white days of the world,
And He set there an angel warden in a garment of light enfurled.
So near to the peace of Heaven, that the hawk might nest with the wren,
For there in the cool of the even, God walked with the first of men.
And I dream that these garden-closes with their shade and their sun-flecked sod
And their lilies and bowers of roses, were laid by the hand of God.
The kiss of the sun for pardon, the song of the birds for mirth,--
One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.
For He broke it for us in a garden under the olive-trees
Where the angel of strength was the warden and the soul of the world found ease. **Carol**



The Heming Dynasty

Richard Heming's gravestone is in the south aisle near the café area but it is very badly worn and so the inscription cannot be read. Only two lines remain visible on the stone.

The ()mains of Richard Heming Esq.

Richard Heming was The brother of Thomas Heming and part of the Heming dynasty.

A memorial plaque next to the organ in St John's leads us into the story of the Heming family covering several generations represented by 7 memorial plaques dotted around St John's and one family vault outside in the churchyard. Ken Pearce has kindly provided me with a family tree for the Hemings which has been very helpful.

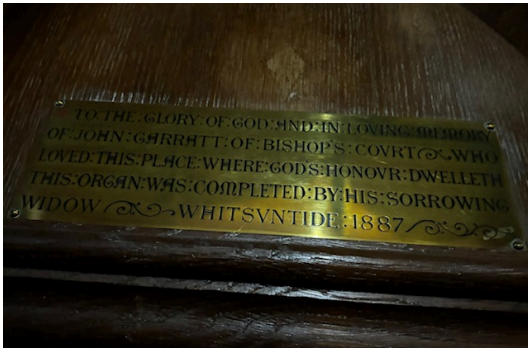
The first Heming to settle in Hillingdon was Thomas Heming. He was a royal Goldsmith, and in fact one of our 17th century chalice's was repaired by him in 1780. Thomas Heming died in 1801 and his memorial is in the South Aisle. Nearby is a memorial to Thomas's son George and his wife Ann.

In the south transept the stained glass window was dedicated to the memory of Richard and Harriett Heming and their son Thomas. Richard was the brother of Thomas mentioned above. Also remembered on a brass plaque in the south transept are the 5 daughters of Richard and Harriett: Mary Ann, Harriett, Eleanor, Henrietta and Ann. Outside in the churchyard just the other side of the south aisle wall is where they are buried. I am particularly fond of this gravestone, the inscription is carved beautifully and snowdrops bloom around it every year in early spring, which are such a joy to see.

A plaque next to it tells us that the organ was purchased in memory of John Garratt. He married into the Heming family who lived at the Manor House (where The Crossway is now). John Garratt's wife Ann (daughter of Richard and Harriett) has her own memorial plaque in the South Aisle near to other members of her family. John and Ann lived at Bishop's Court in Devon. Their son Lt Colonel John Arthur Thomas Garratt inherited the Heming wealth and became the principal landowner in Hillingdon. He was married to Georgina De Salis.

In the nave aisle there is a monument to Mary wife of the first Thomas Heming and it bears this motto in latin which translates as "either do it perfectly or do not attempt it at all" I'm not sure I agree with this sentiment, and I think my motto would be "the most important thing is that you do your best". What would your motto be? *Christine Bartlett*





Reading for Sunday 2nd June 2024

Title: A God- Breathed Penetrating Sword.

Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Reading for Sunday 9th June 2024

Theme: SENT **Title:** Sent by the Sent One.

Reading: John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.

7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.

8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him.

11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become

children of God—

13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' "

16 From the fulness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No-one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.



Themes and Readings for June 2024

2nd June - Title: **A God - Breathed Penetrating Sword.** Reading: **Hebrews 4:12-16**

9th June- Theme: **SENT** Title: **Sent by the Sent One.** Reading: **John 1:1-18**

16th June-Father's Day Theme: **SENT** Title: **Sent Securely** Reading: **Galatians 3:26 & 4: 4-7**

23rd June- Theme: **SENT** Title: **Sent from a Body** Reading: **Romans 12:1-8**

30th June- Theme: **SENT** Title: **Sent to Baptise** Reading: **Mark16:15-20**



Love your Burial Ground Week -Saturday 8 - Sun 16 June

Churches from all denominations are being invited to a week-long 'nature count' to monitor and celebrate the biodiversity in churchyards.

This Churches Count on Nature initiative will see people visiting churchyards to record what they see – from the ancient yews to tiny ladybirds. The data will then be collated on the National Biodiversity Network.

It is jointly run by the conservation charities Caring for God's Acre and A Rocha UK, together with the Church of England and the Church in Wales.

You can access past webinars from the Church of England website.

One which may be of interest is Finding our faith in trees (John Rodwell) A Churches Count on Nature webinar. Chris Rodrigues.



Please include in your prayers;

For all those Living in fear, suffering, injured, bereaved, displaced, caught up in tragedy and disaster around the world.

For those that are in need Beryl Rowles, Bill & Linda White, Gervase Craven, Joyce & Hughie Marshall.

For all students taking exams at this time.

For Jack and Maisie who are both busy preparing for their wedding with us on 8th June 2024.

NOTICES



London Ambulance Service

We are delighted to share with you that the Hillingdon branch of the London Ambulance Service will be using St. John's every Monday from 3rd June- 29th July 2024 timings will be 10am-3pm for much needed training. This will not affect the Monday activities at St. John's we will still be open for Gardening and private prayer.

The London Ambulance Team have offered us some basic first aid training after their training has finished if you would be interested please contact Nikki in the office for more information.



Cleaning St John's

The next big clean will take place on 8th June 2024 at 9:30am all cleaning supplies will be provided.

If you would like to help but are unable to attend on 8th and have some free time during the week please contact Nikki

or use the laminate sheet in the kitchen to look at what area/s may need some attention (Please do record what area you clean so that others are aware)



St. John's will once again be used as a polling station for the Parliamentary General Election taking place on Thursday 4 July 2024. This will mean that the usual activities will not be taking place on this date and the church will not be available for hire.



Art at St John's

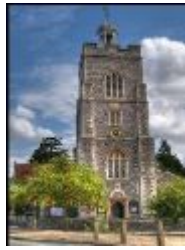
If you get a chance please take a look at the new piece of art work which Chris Rodrigues has kindly displayed in the Cafe area.

This piece is called **Hedgerow**

Using mixed media, paper, paint, printing and other materials. It was inspired by observing a hedgerow in south Devon when visiting a friend who lives in Cullompton. *Chris Rodrigues*



We have some exciting news to share with you we will be holding a Family Fortunes & Friends event in July more information will be added here soon, so watch this space! If you would like to take part please place a note in the Red Box. for more information please speak to Brenda Thomas.



Volunteering at St. John's

We are always looking for volunteers at St John's if you would like to help out, please speak to Nikki. No matter how small even 30 mins can make a huge difference. We are especially looking for individuals to help with our refreshments on Sundays at St. John's.



St John's Prayer

*Father God Almighty, we love you for your Majesty.
We are truly sorry for our thoughtless actions and deeds.
We ask for you to share your wisdom with us and grant us healing, peace and the ability to forgive, however hard it may be.
We promise to listen for you. We will sacrifice for others and accept your desire for us.
Thank you, God for the joy of your love. Amen*



Looking Ahead....

Sunday 2nd 10:30am Service.

Monday - 9:30am Churchyard Clearing, 10am London Ambulance Training, Private Prayer, 7pm Mandolin Monday, 8pm Bellringing Practice.

Tuesday - 9am Private Prayer, 12noon Jazz, 7:30pm Accordion Band.

Wednesday - 9:15am Nikki office, 10am WE Group, 12noon Words and Music, 1pm Knitting, 7pm Prayer Group.

Thursday - 9:15am Nikki Office, 12noon Jazz

Friday - 9am Private Prayer, 12noon Jazz.

Saturday - 9:30am Church Cleaning, 11:30am Music Tuition- Grundon Room. 3pm Wedding.

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- Dial **020 3481 5237** or **020 3051 2874**.

- Enter meeting ID Code **894 8145 2808** then the # key

- You will be asked to enter your participants' ID. Ignore this, and just press # key
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