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Almost three weeks ago Rick and I were lucky to go for a week's break in East Sussex. Although the weather wasn't brilliant we did have some sunny, warm days as well as a couple of rather wet ones. Armed with our National Trust and English Heritage membership cards we were able to find

plenty of things to do, even when the weather was less than kind to us. We had a wonderful journey back in time, taking a trip on the Tenterden Steam Railway. It was a lovely way to spend a couple of hours and imagine being back in the Age of Steam – one of the lovely things on the journey was that anyone who happened to back on to the railway, or to be stopped at a level crossing to allow us across waved – it was like being in the Railway Children! In the station grounds is a fascinating carriage – the Cavell Van, which is a type of luggage van that started being used in 1919. The van we saw is number No. 132 and it was used to convey the body of Nurse Edith Cavell, who was executed by the Germans during the 1st World War, on its return from Belgium. These type of luggage vans became known as "Cavells". The 132 van was also used to repatriate the body of Captain Charles Fryatt – a naval captain who had also been executed in WW1. The following year the carriage again carried an important body – that of The Unknown Warrior - to Victoria Station on its way to Westminster Abbey. A replica of that coffin is contained within Van 132 at Tenterden. As you can see from the photo there is a small altar in the carriage so it stands as a chapel to events in WW1. It was a very moving place to visit and a very peaceful place to spend some minutes with God.



Another fascinating place we visited was Smallhythe – the home of the Victorian actress Ellen Terry. After her death in 1928, her daughter Edith turned the house (an Elizabethan cottage) into a museum, and it contains many items of acting memorabilia as well as costumes that Ellen Terry wore in various stage productions. I was very surprised when we were looking around her bedroom/study and I saw a photograph of a building entitled "Audrey Arms, Uxbridge". When I asked the NT guide she explained that Ellen Terry had seen the building (it was at that time the revery Tap for Colne Brewery) when she was performing in London. She rented a room there, before taking up residence of the whole building (but being obliged to keep one room for the sale of beer!) Apparently on the reverse of the photo Ellen had written "My darling Cottage, Uxbridge Arms, Uxbridge" – she renamed it the Audrey Arms after her theatrical dresser. When we went back to our hotel we did some further research and discovered the cottage was located at 85 High Street, Uxbridge. Sadly the building is no longer there but would have been opposite Windsor Street. It reminded me that life is full of unexpected things – who would have thought we would have found a connection with home in a small town in Sussex!

We also visited Battle Abbey – and saw the spot where King Harold is said to have been killed (whether by an arrow in the eye or not is still in dispute!). Hopefully 1066 is still a date remembered by almost every school child! In the visitor centre I read a notice that said The Battle of Hastings is probably the most famous battle in England's history. In popular imagination 1066 is the date of the last successful invasion of England, the year in which William, Duke of Normandy, defeated England's Saxon army, killed the king, Harold, and seized the throne. It went on to say the outcome of the battle changed the course of English history forever, imposing a Norman ruling class on the inhabitants of England, and leading to the introduction of Common Law. A huge building campaign led to the construction of many castles, cathedrals, abbeys and churches. This reminded me that Jesus all those centuries ago changed the course of the world history – not in the same way as William the Conqueror, fighting a physical battle, but through love and sacrifice. Jesus died to save us and bring us closer to God, through the love of the Holy Trinity. In the same way that life under William changed for everyone in England in 1066, so life

for each and ever one of us every since changed on that Good Friday when Jesus offered up the supreme sacrifice. We need to ensure that single fact is never forgotten. *Carol Williams*

**Thank You**

*Thank you loving Father for the blessings you give to us every day; for the joy of your wonderful creation; for giving us the strength to carry on when life seems hard for us; for the gift of your Son and for the promise of your salvation. Amen*





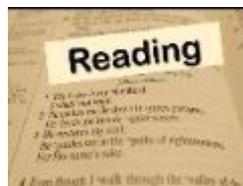
#### FAYRE NEWS LATEST!

St John's Summer Fayre will be held on **24th July** from **1pm**, **The Worshipful the Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Roy Chamdal** will be opening the event.

**Please help by continuing to donate bottles for our bottle stall and plants** - wine, spirits, fizzy bottled drinks, etc. Please bring bottles to church during the week on Tuesday or Thursday's 9am- 12pm (wear a mask) or on a Sunday if you have pre-booked and are coming to church in person. The plants can be brought in the day before the fayre.

Thank you, everyone. **Alan**

Please [Click here](#) for an image of the Flyer (page 1) so that you can share with Friends and Family.



## New Teaching Series Book of Colossians Week 1: Letter from a Superfan Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6 that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

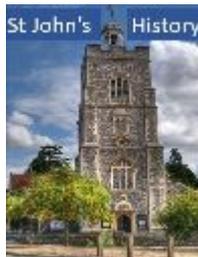
9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



**Creation Care Champions Event on Saturday 26th June**

Here are some Ideas and suggestions which came from the attendees of the event. There were many, this is a list of 16 to look at for this week. I have selected the actions that we could include at St Johns If you have an idea of your own ,do send to the group via email or in person It's great and important to have more churches signing up for the Eco Church award and keeping Creation Care high up on the agenda. We are also creating links with other churches and the people involved.

1. Find out about sponsoring a tree
2. Measure your carbon footprint using CofE tool
3. Cycle rack
4. Climate pilgrimage
5. Pray regularly for COP at monthly meetings
6. Discuss and decide a project with the junior/youth church
7. Take a couple of children to the Harrow Green Fest
8. Establish an allotment = management of church land
9. Start a community garden,grow vegetables to share
10. Get £100.00 for the project, local grants?
11. Have compost bins in churchyard to return nutrients to the soil.
12. Widen membership of creation care team/group and get different members to chair a meeting.
13. Review environment/creation care policy using 5 Eco- church areas as basis.
14. Encouraging all churches to have an eco policy. Eco template set up WhatsApp/Facebook group or other.
15. Maintain connections with other eco churches, provide encouragement.
16. Ideas and information on how to better the church in being eco friendly and in widening the community. **Christine Rodrigues**



### Newdigate

The Newdigate (also spelt Newdegate) family are best known by their connections with Harefield, having lived at the Manor House known as Harefield Place for many generations but in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries one branch of the family was resident in the Hillingdon parish and were very much involved in village life. They had a house just south of Uxbridge Common.

Around the café area in church, there are 5 Hillingdon Newdigate memorials and we presume that they had a family vault underneath the floor in this area:

1. George Newdegate: described as a serjeant at law, in other words he was a barrister. He was born in 1687, son of Robert & Juliana and baptised at St John's. He married Sarah Jenkyn in 1714 and they had 6 children but only one lived longer than George. George is described on the monument as an endearing husband, a tender parent, a beneficent neighbour and a generous friend. George died in 1735 aged 48.
2. Sarah, George's wife. After George died, she married Samuel Nicoll, also a lawyer and whose monument is near the organ. Sarah died in 1766, aged 80. The wording on the monument points out that both husbands were grandsons of Robert Beale.
3. Robert Beale, George's grandfather on his mother's side. Robert was also a barrister. Robert and wife Margaret had one son and 12 daughters!! Robert died on Christmas day in 1711. Also on this memorial, are remembered 5 children of George & Sarah.
4. Jenkyn Newdegate, son of George & Juliana. He died from smallpox at the age of 18 in 1748 whilst he was a student at Trinity College Oxford.
5. Catherine Barradall, George's sister. She lived with her husband Henry at Little Hillingdon (where the junction of Blossom Way and Vine Lane is now).

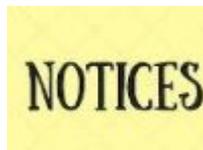
I referred above to the Newdegates of Harefield Place. It's incredible to think that July 1602, during one of Elizabeth 1's 'Royal progress' tours outside London, the Queen visited Harefield Place and watched a performance of Shakespeare's Othello performed by the King's Men acting company. The house is no longer standing but the walled garden remains and is now being restored. The owners open their garden gates regularly for tours with the next tour on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like to go, you do need to book online [www.churchgardens.co.uk](http://www.churchgardens.co.uk). I visited in 2019 and I was not disappointed. A really interesting garden which just oozes history. The gardens are next to St Mary's Church. Highly Recommended!! **Christine Bartlett**



Newdigate/Newdegate Memorial.



The friends and family of the late Margaret Buckingham who went to be with God on Thursday 24th June. Margaret's funeral will be held on **Friday 16th July at 11am** followed by a **12:30** service at Breakspear Crematorium.



#### **A40 Road Closure**

Rick Williams has brought to our attention some important information about planned road work that will affect Uxbridge/Hillingdon and surrounding areas. Please [Click Here](#) for more information.

#### **St John's is Open**

We are now open for Services on Sunday 9am and 10:30am we still have restrictions in place. We have recently increased the space available for those wishing to book and we now have **36** stations. book via Telephone on 07972 618584 or email [stjohnshillingdon@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshillingdon@gmail.com).

During the week we are open for private prayer and reflection on Tuesday's and Thursday's 9am-12pm. (no booking required).

We have also welcomed back our Bellringers, Knitting Group and Accordion Band. Our Jazz

groups will be returning after 19th July. If you are interested in joining any of the groups please email or call me. **Nikki**

**Please remember to wear your face masks.**

Face masks are currently mandatory in many settings including places of worship, (while there are some exemptions) this is a legal requirement. If you do forget to bring yours we have some disposable masks available at both entrances for you to use and take away.

If you have any further questions please contact me. - *Nikki*

**Hands, Face, Space.**

*Please continue to protect each other by following the government guidelines.*



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- Dial **020 3481 5237** or **020 3051 2874**.
- Enter meeting ID Code **894 8145 2808** then the # key
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