

St John's Church

serving Stanborough, Lemsford, Cromer Hyde

Treasure Hunt
Special



Parish Magazine

August/September 2015 £1



Prince Charles
visited Hatfield
House on May
26th.

He was shown the
latest developments
by Lord and Lady
Salisbury, and met
our Team Rector,
Richard Pyke.

*To find the location
of the clock
pictured on the
cover, see page 5.*



August 2015

Sunday 2nd Trinity 9

8am BCP Holy Communion - led by Rev'd Josh Young

11am BCP Morning Prayer—led by Church Wardens

Sunday 9th Trinity 10

8am BCP Holy Communion - led by Rev'd Richard Pyke

11am Parish Communion - led by Rev'd Richard Pyke

Sunday 16th Trinity 11

8am BCP Holy Communion—led by Rev'd Amanda Duncan

11am All-age/Family Service - led by Jo Brooks and Mary Douglas

Sunday 23rd Trinity 12

8am BCP Morning Prayer - led by John Marks

11am Parish Communion - led by Rev'd Martin King

Sunday 30th Trinity 13

8am BCP Holy Communion (Reserved sacrament) - led by John Barnard

11am BCP Morning Prayer led by John Barnard

**** Morning Prayer 10 am every Wednesday ******

Readings *(preacher reads the gospel at Parish Communion)*

2nd Psalm 78: 23-29. Exodus 16: 2-4 , 9-15. John 6: 24-35

9th Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2. John 6: 35, 41-51

16th Ephesians 5: 15-20. John 6: 51-58

23rd Ephesians 6: 10-20. John 6: 56-69

30th Psalm 15 Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9.

Mark7: 1-8,14-15,21-23

Coffee after 11am Services.

Sunday 6th Trinity 14

8am BCP Morning Prayer - Led by John Marks

11am Parish Communion led by Rev'd Martin King

Sunday 13th Trinity 15

8am BCP Holy Communion TBC

11am BCP Morning Prayer - led by Ian Douglas

Sunday 20th Trinity 16

8am BCP Holy Communion led by Rev'd Sue Stilwell

11am All age/Family Service - Led by Jo Brooks and Mary Douglas

Sunday 27th Trinity 17

8am BCP Morning Prayer - led by John Marks

11am Parish Communion - led by Rev'd Josh Young

**** Morning Prayer 10 am every Wednesday ********Readings** (preacher reads the gospel at Parish Communion)**6th** James 2: 1-10, 14-17. Mark 7 : 24-37**13th** Psalm 19 : 1-6 Isaiah 50: 4-9a Mark 8: 27-38**20th** James 3: 13 – 4:3, 7-8a. Mark 9: 30-37**27th** James 5: 13-20. Mark 9: 38-50

Welcome to the August/September edition of our Parish Magazine. As many of you may be aware our Church has been without a vicar for the last year and our Curate Sue Stilwell moved on within the Team at the end of May. However, with a great deal of help from fellow church members and visiting clergy we have continued to offer a warm welcome with services of worship for all ages. We as a church have close connections with the school here in Lemsford and with grateful thanks to our dear friend John Barnard (a reader at St Etheldredas Hatfield) the weekly service held in Church during term times has and will continue.

Whilst we are aware that the summer holidays are for recharging the batteries, we do hope you may find the time to join us for one if not all the services.

At the beginning of the new school year we look forward to our Harvest Festival which celebrates all the good natural things of the world, with the sowing of the seeds in the hope that they will produce healthy plants which feed and sustain us. As we celebrate our good fortune let us never forget those in the world and our own country who have so much less than we do.

At the time of writing we do not have any news of a new vicar, but hopefully and with prayer we may soon be able to welcome him/her to our churches.

With our very best wishes

Jean Stokes



Jackie Spry



St. Mary's Church Buckden

Friday 25th September 7.30pm

Music for a Late Summer Evening

Concert sponsored by **Ron Ingamells**

in memory of **Janet Ingamells**

Members of the Cambridge Chamber Ensemble

*and **David Humphreys** (Asst. Director of Music
Peterborough Cathedral, organ *)*

Violin and Cello Sonatas by Handel and Vivaldi.

Works for Organ by JS Bach.

Interval refreshments including complimentary wine

Palm Court favourites for violin, cello and piano
by Schubert, Paganini, Elgar and Kreisler.

Tickets £10 (Concessions £8) available from Rev Ron
01480811608 rjinghamells@btinternet.com

In aid of St. Mary's Church
and MSA (Multiple System Atrophy) Trust.

* "a gifted and exciting organist" - Church Music Quarterly, the journal of the
Royal School of Church Music, reviewing his latest CD

Baptisms

Leo King 21st June 2015.

Weddings

Simon Barnett & Samantha Funnell 25th July.

Blessing of Marriage

Catrin & Nigel Weyman 17th July.

**Interment of Ashes
- in Family Grave**

William & Doris Lusby 9th July;
Patricia Queenie Younger 18th July.

- in Garden of Remembrance
Gwilym Walker 20th July; **June Fordham** 26th July.

Funeral

Carole Law 11th June.

Singing Lessons



Piano/Keyboard

I have vacancies for pupils
of all ages and abilities.

Tim Armstrong-Taylor GGSM AGSM

email: tim@operaontherun.com

phone: 07796 268 565

Lessons in WGC

Music Theory

Paul Butler

Recently collapsed with a blood clot on the brain, a consequence of a car accident he suffered earlier in the year. He was rushed into hospital for an emergency operation which seemed to work brilliantly but has had to have further surgery because the wound was not healing. He still needs our prayers.

Ron Ingamells

Led our worship on July 26th after Interring **June Fordham's** ashes. See opposite for a concert he has organised with our one time organist **David Humphreys**.

Lemsford Walks

The walk round Ayot St Peter in June went very well, despite a bit of rain. The Wardens of the splendid Church (*clock picture on cover*) have invited us to

Evensong, 6pm August 23rd.

Andy Chapman led the July walk round Lemsford village. £19 in donations were raised which Andy has donated to St Johns— for which many thanks. *See pictures inside back cover, and the box on next page for details of the walks in August and September.*

Parish Magazine copy date for the next issue: **20th September.**

Opportunities

This year the sponsored "Bike 'n Hike" for the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust takes place on **Saturday 12th September**.



It isn't only a sponsored bike ride, but is also open to those wishing to walk between any of the

participating churches in the area. Half of the money raised goes to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust, and half comes back to St John's .

If you are interested in taking part please contact Lucy or Kevin Earl on 01707 390497, or at kevinearl670@btinternet.com for more details and to collect a sponsor form. It is a fun day, and you really don't need to be super-fit to take part!

Lemsford Walks

2nd Saturday in the month at 10.30am, a one—two hour walk and coffee break, for people who live or work in the Parish or attend Lemsford church. Suitable for the family or dog walkers, all ages!



August 8th Panshanger Park, Hertford

September 12th Lemsford Springs

More details **June Copping** Hatfield1357@Outlook.com

A summer treasure hunt

Lemsford Local History Group have produced a treasure hunt based on the history of Lemsford parish. This can be used for a day out with a picnic with the kids, family and friends competition, or as a fund raiser for good causes. (LLHG have made an organiser kit if you wish to raise funds).

This is an edited version. The full version can be found at www.lemsfordhistory.co.uk/TH2015.html. It is printed centrally so that you can remove these pages for ease of use. Accompanying map is at end. All answers for **history** questions can be found on the LLHG website. All **observation** questions are on the outside of the building. If you stop at one of the named pubs to drink or eat they have agreed to donate a small donation to the Church/History Group **so do show them this guide!**

START Long Arm & Short Arm

Q1. Where are the men Standing?

On the bridge

In front of old Beer House

Q2. What year did the Present Long & Short open?

Observation: Q3. How many lamps (not Lights) on the building?



Cross the road & head for the Sun Inn

The Sun Inn

Q4 . What did the animal in the stable (see image) supply the village with?

Q5. Name the first Landlady of the Sun?

Observation: Q6. How many flares on the Sun?



From the Sun walk up the hill to the Mill

Lemsford Mill

Q7. What was the use of the Mill in 1952?

Q8. Name the river the mill is on?

Observation: Q9. Where are Bloom & Cole located in Herts?



From the Mill walk up the hill toward the School and Church

St John's School Lemsford

Q10. Name the year of this image and the name of the school Play?

Q11. Name the 1st head teacher of St John's School.?

Observation: Q12. What entrance do pedestrians use?

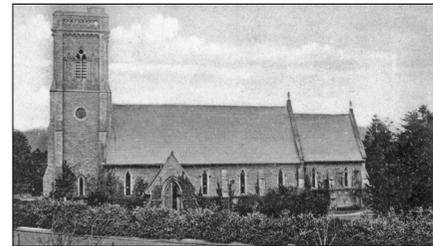


St John's Church Lemsford

Q13. Whats missing in this image?

Q14. When was the Brocket Chapel Built and why?

Observation: Q15. How many stone heads on the outside of the church?



Head towards Brocket Rd and turn right to Crooked Chimney

Crooked Chimney

Q16. The image is from 1956. Who is the Family at the door?

Q17. What was the name of the crooked Chimney pre 1968 and why?

Observation: Q18. Vintages Inns show the Union; George and the Dragon are joined by which Country?



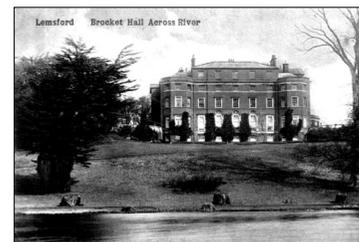
Cross the road, climb the style, head towards Brocket Hall

Brocket Hall

Q19. Image is from 1908. Who lived at Brocket Hall in 1908?

Q20. How many Prime Ministers have lived at the Hall?

Observation: Q21. How many windows at the front of the house?



Cross over the Palladian Bridge and pass the Hall. Walk by the side of the golf course and look for sign to cross the course and head towards The Waggoner's. You cross a second green before following a path through the woods and ending up at a stile opposite The Waggoner's.

The Waggoner's

Q22. From the 1934 image, what drink is in the barrel?

Q23. Name the Infamous brothers, who drank at the Waggoner's?

Observation : Q24 Look for the man with a whip and smock. How much is his house?



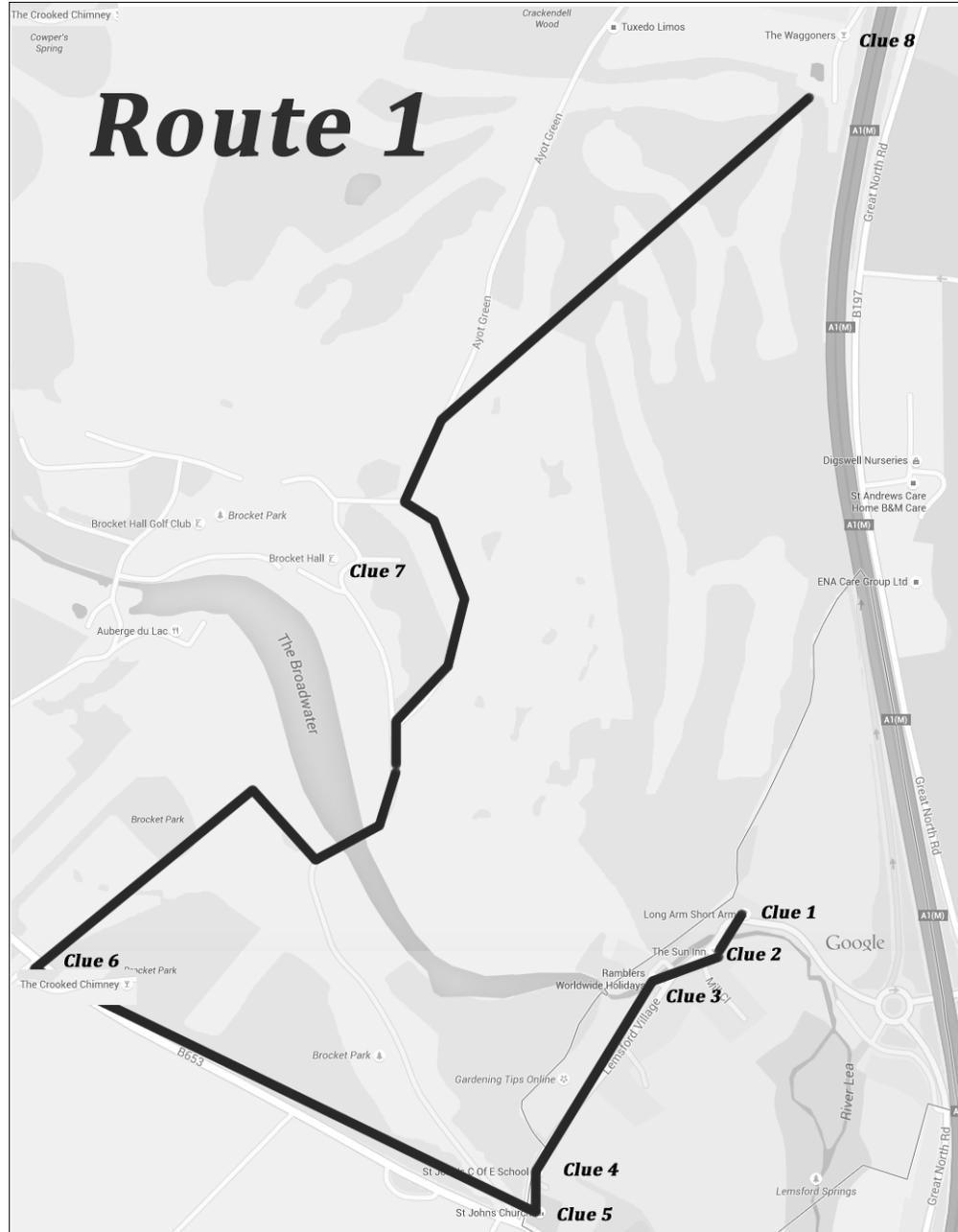
This completes the treasure hunt.

For more routes go to www.lemsfordhistory.co.uk/TH2015.html where there are 8 routes that start and finish at various pubs and inns in more detail with route maps and in PDF format. Print your Treasure Hunt Pack today.

The answers to the questions are available via TH2015@lemsfordhistory.co.uk. When you request an answer sheet we require your name and how you used the treasure hunt, and if it raised funds the name of the good cause.

Use the same email address to ask any questions you have about the treasure Hunt.

Route 1



The PCC agreed in May that it was particularly important during our period of Vacancy to update our lists of those offering their time and talents so as to give those relatively new to the church the opportunity to be involved. A questionnaire prepared by Barbara Taylor was distributed in June/July reminding everyone that St John's is an active community offering a warm welcome to everyone.

Behind the scenes many people are involved in running this church. Indeed our community life and Christian witness together is only possible through the active generosity of people in sharing their time, skills and resources. The Bible tells us that just as one body has many different parts (Corinthians 12.12), it is the combination of many people's different gifts that make the Church function. Our various activities were listed and everyone was asked to consider prayerfully how they could continue to use their time and talents and to make new offers.

Many thanks to all those who have returned forms – the response has been most encouraging and includes many new offers. To date we have 53 forms representing 64 adults. Many areas are very well covered, such as 23 people offering to continue reading the bible at services and as we have 17 offers to make coffee, the commitment is to three Sundays.

Perhaps you have yet to return a form – there are plenty at the back of church and a box to put them in once completed. Alternatively, Barbara will be pleased to email one to you bctaylor@waitrose.com.

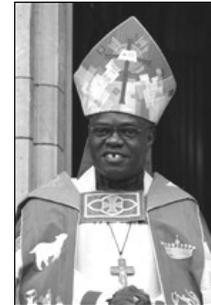
We are particularly in need of more people to lead/support the infants and juniors in **Sunday Club** and young people on Sunday evenings. To enable everyone to be on the **cleaning rota** once a year, we need 8 more offers. If you think you would enjoy arranging **flowers in church**, tuition is given or may be you would like to be involved in **mowing the grass in the churchyard - for one month a year?**

Everyone is being thanked individually for their offers and given the contact number for each co-ordinator. Likewise each co-ordinator is being sent the names and contact details of everyone who has offered.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

May our fellowship and community spirit continue to grow.

For me having grown up in Uganda being Anglican has always been very important. Being Christian came first of course - I came to faith in Christ through the witness of lay people, and immediately became involved in the activities run by a very godly youth leader, Canon Peter Kigozi. My faith grew there and I was nurtured as a Christian surrounded by the liturgy, hymns, preaching and teaching, led by a Catechist - my father.



Even then belonging to the Church gave me a keen sense of both the local and the global. Later as a vicar in South London I knew my responsibility was towards everyone in the parish, not just those who came to church. But the global dimension was always there. Church was for me a window on the wider world. The missionaries and expatriates I knew brought with them qualities of selfless commitment and devotion to duty which I admired and still admire today. They introduced me to the idea of the church as a world-wide family, in St Paul's words, 'the body of Christ', a community of people where all need each other and where everyone is of infinite worth in the sight of God. This has always chimed, for me, with the wisdom of the African proverb: *'if a tiny toe is hurting, the whole body bends low to tend it'*.

Our Anglican heritage is enriched and in many ways defined by the Book of Common Prayer, assembled in 1549 by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. The notion of 'common' worship is important to me. The prayers of the faithful are not individualistic or self-indulgent - they are rooted in Holy Scripture and they rely on the presence of the Holy Spirit to make them live. The Prayer Book itself commits the church to engaging creatively with various times, seasons, and cultures, so it is right that people should worship in 'such a tongue as the people understandeth.' So the wide range of Anglican liturgies used around the world are still 'common prayer'.

Essential to Anglicanism is a sense of magnanimity/'moderation' - a holding together, often in creative tension, of different emphases or points of view, but always in a spirit of charity and appreciative enquiry. In our theology and lived Christian experience revelation and reason are set side by side. Because of God's gracious invitation for 'all sorts and conditions' of men, women and children to come and participate in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, in our spirituality personal devotion and corporate expression are equally vital. In our church structures we prize the self-governing nature of provinces or national churches whilst at the same time treasuring both the level of mutual accountability and support we share, and the leadership exercised by bishops in council with clergy and laity.

We regard it as our calling to engage both with the individual and the corporate, and with the material and the political. As my friend Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said, he wondered which Bible people were reading if they thought religion and politics didn't mix. In fact our Anglican heritage demands of us a particular sense of responsibility, a critical, and at times prophetic solidarity, variously expressed in different contexts, with the political and constitutional life of the nation in which we live. In Cranmer's Prayer Book this is expressed in our regular prayers for Her Majesty the Queen and all those in authority.

With the tensions facing us in the church and in the world today we should rejoice in God's call to us, both in our diversity and in our common life, to remember our primary responsibility 'together to make Christ visible' in word and deed. Central to our Anglican calling are what we call the 'five marks of mission' which define our calling:

- To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise, and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain the life of the earth.

Of course many other church traditions would agree with these priorities.

Distinctive about the Anglican family of churches is what is known as the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral (1888): the four reference points of Anglicanism, namely the Holy Scriptures, the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, the two Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Holy Communion, and the historic episcopate. It would have been good if a fifth had been included: 'lived Christlike experience in his Body, the Church, and in his world.'

I am grateful for the Anglican family's apostolic, catholic, evangelical, and reformed tradition which in its local and international expressions is a spiritual home for so many people. Families often don't eat together these days. By contrast the Anglican family must continue to be one which gathers round the table for conversation, for generous and attentive listening, even at times for argument, but above all for fellowship in shared bread and wine. In doing we seek to look in two directions at the same time: towards God, worshipping him, and towards the world, infecting it with his goodness.

The General Synod of the Church of England in July pledged that urgent action is needed to tackle climate change, acknowledging that global warming is disproportionately affecting the world's poorest. The Synod overwhelmingly backed a call for world leaders to seek to limit the global rise in average temperatures to a maximum of 2 C - widely considered to be the threshold above which the impacts of climate change will be the most severe.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtam, the Church of England's lead bishop on the environment, introducing the motion, said: "In the last 150 years we have burned fossil fuels that took one billion years to lay down in the earth. The earth cannot sustain this level of consumption. This is about our 'reading the signs of the times' and 'seeking the common good'.

"The science, economics and politics all point in the same direction.

"Climate change disproportionately affects the poorest. They are most vulnerable to increased storms, rising sea level, changing patterns of rainfall, floods and drought. We live interconnected lives. What is bad for our neighbours is bad for us."

Speaking during the debate, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby called on the Church to look outwards to tackle climate change.

Archbishop Justin said: "We have unrivalled access to networks around the world. How are we going to use them and look beyond our own boundaries as the Church of England to draw in the resources of the whole Communion? This is a moment not for just looking inwards."

Negotiators from more than 190 nations will gather in Paris in December to discuss a new global agreement on climate change aimed at limiting greenhouse gas emissions from 2020 when current commitments run out.

The Synod also welcomed the new policy adopted by the Church's investing bodies, which will no longer make any direct investments in any company where more than 10% of its revenues are derived from the extraction of thermal coal or the production of oil from tar sands.

Read more about the Church's work on the environment at: www.churchcare.co.uk/shrinking-the-footprint

Each year on 21st September the World Council of Churches calls churches and parishes to observe the International Day of Prayer for Peace. 21st September is also the United Nations-sponsored International Day of Peace.

**God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**
Church of England

And finally Laughter is the best medicine

Two Aerials meet on a roof - fall in love - get married.
The ceremony was rubbish but the Reception was brilliant.

"Doc, I can't stop singing the green green grass of home."
"That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome. "
"Is it common? "
"It's not unusual."

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet.
"My dog's cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?"
"Well," says the vet, "let's have a look at him"
So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth.
Finally, he says "I'm going to have to put him down."
"What? Because he's cross-eyed? "
"No, because he's really heavy"

Two hydrogen atoms walk into a bar.
One says, 'I think I've lost an electron.'
The other says 'Are you sure?'
The first says, 'Yes, I'm positive... '

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Contrasting weather for the Lemsford Walks in June and July, *see page 5*

