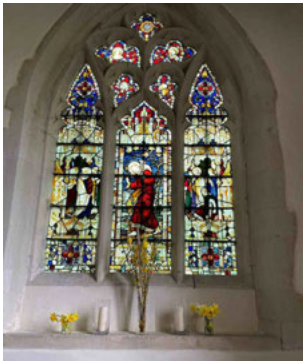
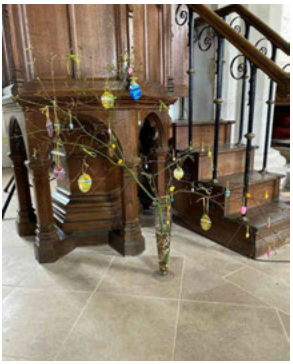
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May Services

Sunday 2
10.00am Mattins at St Nicholas Church Little Chishill SG8 8PA

Sunday 9
10.30am Family Service at Holy Trinity Church Chrishall SG8 8QU

Thursday 13 Ascension Day
7.00am Ascension Day service with Holy Communion
Holy Trinity Churchyard Chrishall SG8 8QU

Sunday 16
10.00am Mattins at Hamlet Church Duddenhoe End CB11 4XN

Sunday 23 Pentecost
10.30am Family Service at Holy Trinity Church Chrishall SG8 8QU

Sunday 30
10.30am Common Worship with Holy Communion at Holy Triniity Church
Heydon SG8 8PW

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Parish News from Anand, our Rector



Dear All

By the time you get this magazine we will have finished the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Thanks to all those who came to the meeting.

We are hoping to start two church services on Sundays. The current single service on Sundays may continue until June and then we will reassess the situation.

Our sincere thanks to all the bell ringers, Andrea Quigley at Elmdon; Peter Wiseman at Great Chishill; Patrick Draper at Heydon and Rachel Arnold at Chrishall who rung the bells 99 times in honour of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, at 2.00 pm on 17 April 2021, just before his funeral.

In honour of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, I have written the article below as a tribute on behalf of our parish.

Jon Wayper has written about a Focus Group that has been set up by the Parochial Church Council to discuss how the Parish can move forward in a post covid situation, particularly with regards to Family Services and to bring some consistency in our approach.

Any thoughts would be welcome. Please contact our Parish Warden, Jon Wayper, or any member of the Focus Group with your suggestions.



Yours in Christ **Anand Sodadasi**

Our Parish Tribute to Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh

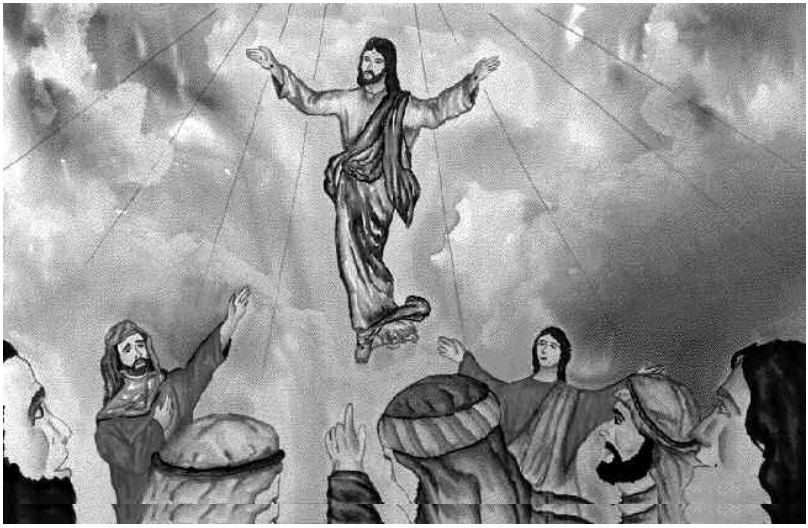
His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh's passing away has led the nation, the Commonwealth and the world into a state of sadness. His life was one of sacrificial service and support for his wife her Majesty the Queen. As a man of great talent, with gifts in leadership but always standing two steps behind the Queen he saw her success with her constitutional duties. Only after his death has the media presented the Duke's talents and his enormous contributions to the nation, young people and the environment.

Members of the Royal Family have reflected on who and what he was to them. Each one has reflected to the media on their wonderful experiences and memories of the Duke. For Prince Charles, he was his "dear papa…. and a very very special person". For Princess Anne, he was her "teacher, supporter and critic ….but mostly an exemplary man". For Prince Andrew, he was a "remarkable man, calm and a person who he could always go to". Prince Edward said, his father's death was a "dreadful shock' and was very very sad". For Prince William, he was an "extraordinary man and an example and a guide both in good times and hardest times" and for Prince Harry he was "a legend of banter and a man of service, honour and great humour".

For the Queen, the loss of her husband has left a huge void in her life. The Queen said about her husband at their 50th Anniversary "He has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years, and I, and his whole family…..owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim, or we shall ever know". What a testimony to her husband.

However, what has struck me was Prince Philip's words about the secret to their happy marriage in a speech he gave on their 50th wedding anniversary and I quote, "The main lesson that we have learned is that tolerance is the one essential ingredient of any happy

marriage" and then went on with "It may not be quite so important when things are going well, but it is absolutely vital when things get difficult - you can take it from me that the Queen has the quality of tolerance in abundance". As husband and wife, they lived a life according to their marriage vows made before God 73 years ago. They held on to each other for 73 years in love, for better for worse, in happiness and in challenges, in sickness and in health. Only death has parted them, thus fulfilling God's holy law in their marriage.
What an extraordinary and exemplary Christian couple they are. May Prince Philip's soul rest in peace and may the merciful Lord be with our gracious Queen.
Yours in Christ **Anand Sodadasi**



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Prioritising Churches

I was dismayed to read Emma Thompson's article in April's Village Web and imagined that she must be wrong. After doing quite a lot of research it is apparent that she has made some excellent points which the Diocese should be addressing.

We must start by understanding that by far the largest part – 75% or £13.5m of diocesan income arises from parishes, even after the ravages of Covid have reduced it by over £3m. It seems because the income raised from parishes is so reduced that the Diocese thinks the right solution is to hack back at the costs of the parishes, which means fewer vicars.

My first reaction was to speak to a few people in the Diocese (I was, for my sins, Parish Treasurer for 9 years) and the response was opaque – which rang alarm bells and made for more research.

It is correct that the Discussion Paper by the Interim Chief Executive (Canon Dr Rogers) presented to the Diocesan Synod on 21 November records on page 3 that 61 Vicars will need to be "closed" by 2025 to keep the Diocese solvent.

The Diocesan Budget for 2021 shows a reduction of 3.7% in spend on the direct cost of vicars at £13.56m. In the expenditure budget this is the only cost which is reduced. The remaining items, which most would call overheads, totalling £8.1m show a slight increase of just under 1%. This includes;

- Training & Curates £4.3m
- Services to "Mission and Ministry Units" (=Parishes) £2.3m
- Other Expenditure. £1.5m

One wonders why the Diocese devotes so much to "Future Ministry Training & Curates" for £4.3m at a time when existing vicars will be getting "closed". This training requires over 53 priests when the vicars on the front line total 257 possibly reducing to 166 "if giving does not increase".

My instinct would be that the overheads as I have called them above need to be slashed by a drastic amount – and pleading that if there are fewer vicars the burden of managing the diocese will be greater seems difficult to justify.

But the central point is that only a failing organisation would plan to cut

off its front line staff – its vicars in the parishes. If these people go then the giving that support them will wither and a vicious spiral will result. Sadly in the real world, against such a backdrop, pious wishes about increased giving are likely to fall on deaf ears. Is this a moment when we realise that the management of the diocese lacks the courage to 'close' members of its own senior team?

Ned Tozer

Dr Young's Charity

Do you know anyone who lives in Heydon and who is in need of a small amountof financial help?

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Today the land, two pieces, is rented by local farmers and the income is distributed by the Trustees in May, as directed, in commemoration of Dr Young's death.

Up to now, the Charity's income has been given to pensioners who do not own property. However, the criteria now need to be revised. Any suggestions for future suitable criteria would be very welcome.

The Trustees would like to know if there is anyone who lives within Heydon, who meet the charity's criteria for help, who might be eligible for a small amount of financial help, then the trustees would be pleased to hear from you.

All information will be treated as strictly confidential.

Contact the Trustees at dr.youngscharityheydon@gmail.com

Elizabeth Livingstone

14 May - final date for submission of articles for the June edition

RDCT

Good News – we hope

By the time you read this, Community Transport should be back to normal. Barring any last minute Government change of mind of course!
We are once again available for hairdresser, shopping trips, gym, social visits (as long as they are meeting up outdoors or at a garden centre) and similar appointments. BUT we will keep our precautions as before – our rules are for one household per car remain and preferably with one person in the back although we are flexible to take carers or allow sitting in a front seat if the back seat is too difficult, and of course, don't forget your face mask.
As usual we will try our best to meet your needs, please ring the office on (01763) 245228 between 9:00am and 3:00pm Monday to Friday.
We look forward to seeing you again…
The Royston and District Community Transport Team
Ron Comben

Hold the dates

It's time to start getting creative - **Chrishall Scarecrow Festival** returns to Chrishall gardens on **Sunday 27 June**.

Chrishall Movies on the Meadow returns - **Saturday 4 September** - with Bar,
BBQ and a big screen. Tickets on sale soon.

Heydon are planning an outside event on **Saturday 26 June**. Details in the next Web.



My 22 year love affair with a special ‘Royal’ Lady!

Royal Scandal in the Web? Well, sorry to disappoint you but the ‘lady’ concerned is in fact the iconic Boeing 747 Jumbo Jet, known by its crews as ‘The Queen of the Skies’. Since its first flight in February 1969 it was a game changer and transformed long haul travel. A total of 1562 were built and between them 3.5 billion people have flown in one (approx. half of the population of the earth).

When I left the RAF back in 1988 all that was available to fly was the Royal Mail at night, low level oil surveys in China and parachute dropping and instructing. These opportunities helped fulfil my dream of becoming a pilot and I truly loved every minute of it, but, whenever I heard or saw a 747 I thought “Wow, imagine flying one of those!”

Incredibly, 10 years later British Airways must have been desperately short of pilots because I found myself joining them as a First Officer on the 747-400! To say I was gobsmacked would be an understatement! On 24 May 1998 I undertook my first adrenalin packed take off from Gatwick on a 10 and a half hour flight to Phoenix, Arizona. (Interesting fact that most people don’t know (thankfully!) is that the quality of the simulator training is deemed so realistic by the authorities that the first time the pilot gets to touch the aircraft for real is on his/her first flight with 400



passengers aboard!) As we staggered into the air my expression must have said it all because the Training Captain looked across and asked “Andy, are you okay?” Covered in sweat and with the world’s biggest grin on my face I replied “I just can’t believe I’m actually flying a 747!” He burst outlaughing, took control and told me to just sit back, look out the window and enjoy the moment!



That was it, I was hooked and so began my 22 year relationship with the Jumbo. She was a delight to fly and was the only one in BA where you were allowed to take out all the automatics and fly it manually as you would a light aircraft, a pilots dream! The numbers involved on the 747 were and are still staggering to me. The Wright brother’s first powered flight back in 1903 could have all taken place within the economy cabin of a 747! Average take off and landing speeds were in the region of 175 mph, max take off weight was approx 400 Tons, she used 10 tons fuel/hour so after a 12 hour flight you would be 120 tons lighter for landing than when you took off! At the time BA had approx 60 747’s and our route network was literally all over the world. With 18 cabin crew and

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During my 22 years I totalled 18,000 hours in the 747 (approx 2 years in the air, including 3500 hours in the bunks). In 2015 I was promoted to Captain which was the icing, for me, on an already beautiful cake. In early 2020 I remember thinking how fantastic life was, I was so content, loving my job, loving the jet and had a plan to do another 3-4 years and then gracefully retire – what could possibly go wrong?!

23 March last year saw me flying back through the night from Dallas. We sensed things weren't quite right, a normal night over the North Atlantic has approx. 1000 long haul aircraft slogging back to Europe, that night we must have been 1 of 5. All of the radio frequencies were eerily quiet and no aircraft were showing on our radar. After landing at a very quiet Heathrow, I said "Goodbye and good luck" to the crew and without as much as a backward glance, got off the jet and drove home. Unbeknown to me I had just done my last flight on the 747.

As the economic crisis worsened, BA made the decision to retire the 747 fleet early. It was with tears in my eyes that I watched the BBC that December morning as the last BA 747 took off for the last time – to make it worse it was the actual aircraft I had had my last trip on several months before! Initially, I felt robbed that I never had the chance to 'celebrate' my last jumbo trip and all the emotions and photos that would go along with it, but as my wife pointed out, I am such a "soppy old emotional Hector" that if I had planned and known about my last 747 trip I would have been an emotional wreck and probably in no fit state to fly!

But what of the future? Spring is in the air, vaccine rollout is going well, new adventures ahead and hopefully a course date to re train later this year. What of the 747? Well, like a jilted lover, I will miss her so so much, I think of her most days but with so many fantastic memories to cherish she will always be 'The Queen of the Skies' to me.

Andy Rogers

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What is our church community to learn from Covid?

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We've been thinking about lots of things, but very particularly how to connect with the many people in our communities who don't come to church, and to whom we have not yet been able to communicate our gospel of hope.

Questions such as...

- Are we meeting the right needs in our services, in particular, with the 10:45 Family Service? Do we advertise well enough what happens in them?
- Do people who rarely come to church feel at home when they do come, especially young families, young people on their own or people just seeking answers?
- Are we aware enough of the needs of people generally in our villages and can the church community be of more help in meeting those needs?
- Are our online services helpful?

To address these and many other similar questions the PCC has set up a small working group of its members to look into the detail at these questions. The group is known as the Parish Focus Group and it meets via Zoom.

Our motivation is in the two great commandments of Jesus Christ. Firstly, to love God with heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbour as ourselves. We believe God is at work!

Help us to reach you. Listed below are the members of the Focus Group. We would welcome any comments or questions you may have.

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This year Harriet has around 400 plants which been grown from seed, here in Great Chishill. Once ready, there will be a stall outside our house on Hall Lane.

Harriet has chosen the Brain Tumour Trust this year as her charity; past recipients have been FOCS, EACH, Young Minds and Barkways Cubs.

We hope that you will be able to buy some plants when they are ready!

Sarah Scott

(Plants should be ready by May, depending on the weather etc.)



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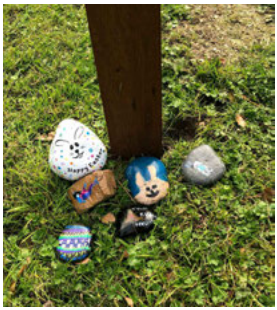
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Some people in Heydon have been wondering where the painted pebbles have been coming from that we keep finding at our front gates. At last we have found the answer. A big thank you to Sarah and Chloe in Heydon who have been lifting the spirits with their little messages and pictures. They have painted some pebbles especially for Easter too.
A big thank you also to Mark Donagain who made some of the crosses.







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