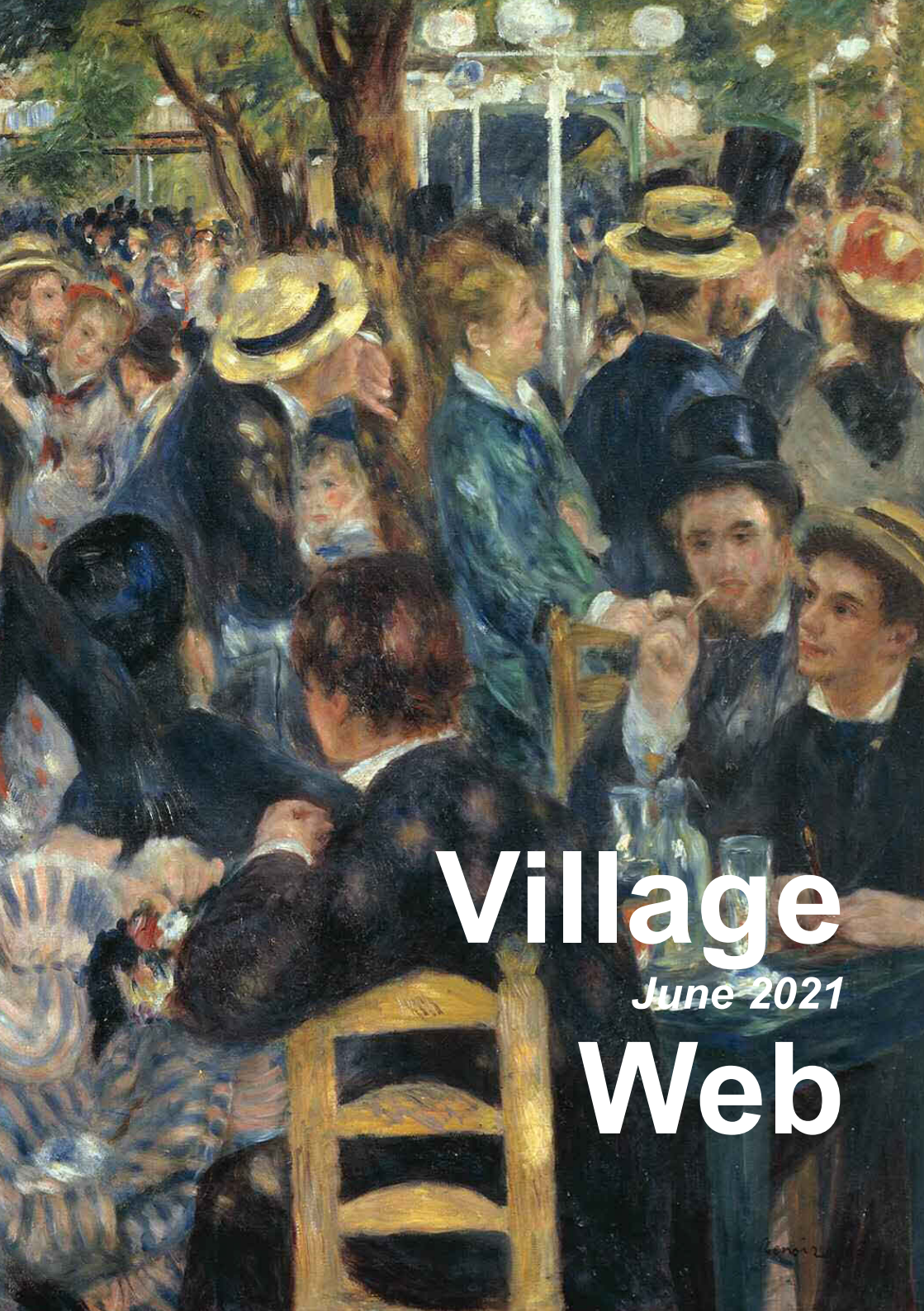


Village Web

June 2021

Front / back covers . *Bal du moulin de la Galette*, 1876, by Auguste Renoir. This picture seems to depict a fitting scene, as we emerge out of lockdown, and are able to enjoy getting together again with friends and family.

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June Services

Sunday 6

9.00am Mattins at St Nicholas Church **Little Chishill** SG8 8PA
10.45am Family Worship at Holy Trinity **Chrishall** SG8 8QU

Sunday 13

9.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **Elmdon** CB 4LT
10.45am Family Service at St Swithuns **Great Chishill** SG8 8SS

Sunday 20

9.00 am Mattins St Marys Church **Strethall** CB11 4XJ
10.45am Family Café Church at Holy Trinity Chrishall SG8 8QU

Sunday 27

9.00am Mattins at Hamlet Church **Duddenhoe End** CB11 4XN
10.45am Family Worship with Holy Communion at St Swithuns **Great Chishill** SG8 8SS

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Parish News from Anand, our Rector



Dear All

As I write this article, I am very much looking forward to be able to move around freely and to meet people again. Of course, we will be cautious, maintaining social distancing and wearing masks indoors.

As we slowly come out of lockdown we shall return to our routine of two services on a Sunday from June onwards. However, during August we normally have only one Sunday service as people tend to go on holiday.

By 25 May the PCC members will have discussed what our post lockdown life will look like. Meanwhile, if you have any suggestions, please do feel free to talk to the PCC members. The Focus Group, mentioned in last month's magazine, have some proposals on changes to the Family Services which will be discussed at the PCC meeting this month. There's still time if you would like to suggest anything for discussion.

We sincerely hope and pray that the ministry for children and young people will soon be reinstated with activities in village halls, where rules permit.

Meanwhile, have a blessed time in June.



Yours in Christ **Anand Sodadasi**

Men's Group to return with a meeting on 28 July

A Reflection from Anand

Many people in the Parish have asked Shaila and myself about our family in India during India's second wave of Coronavirus.

We are very thankful for your kind concern, prayers and your heartwarming letters and emails. I must admit it has been overwhelming at times to see our mobile phones in the mornings thinking that we may have to hear news of someone who we know or of a distant relative dying. Many of our siblings and other family members have suffered from Covid but thankfully they have all survived except for a couple of relatives who have passed away. The media reports that in Northern India alone the death rate is too high and some unofficial figures are even saying it is as much as 20,000 people a day.

In the UK we are so blessed that we have been able to come out of the full lockdown and begin to move about more freely albeit that the Indian variant in the UK is now causing some concern. God forbid that there is another spike.

The news concerning the Israel and Gaza conflict is also very sad where people are dying, especially innocent civilians.

Given this news, what spiritual thoughts come to us? Perhaps we may ask God for help and pray for his mercy to help humanity with these challenges and changes. A friend of mine, Revd. Paul Gill, who had an article published in this magazine three years ago wrote about 'Christian hope' and concluded it like this, 'Hope is based on an expectation of positive outcomes related to events and circumstances of one's life'. Apostle Peter writes that, 'God's people are those whom He has given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead' (1 Peter 1:3).

This year, over all seven Sundays of Easter, we have meditated on Jesus' resurrection and the hope we have in Him for eternal life. Apostle Paul says, "let us rejoice in suffering knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us". Therefore, our hope in God is never a waste but helps us to see life

differently and that is, seeing things from a spiritual perspective.
As we journey through our earthly life of sufferings, trials and challenges let us hope and pray for a positive future and that the world will come out of this pandemic soon and that peace in the Middle East may be restored. Amen.
Yours in Christ **Anand Sodadasi**

Allan Moule

My husband, Allan, passed away on 23 March and I wanted to thank all our friends and neighbours for their kindness and support during his illness.
The family will all miss Allan's wonderful cheeky smile, his naughty and funny sense of humour, his never ending support and kindness and most of all him, just being there for them all - no matter what.
Sue Moule

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Ding Dong

A few months ago a note was found about Chrishall church and was printed in the Village Web but unfortunately some of it was illegible. I have transcribed it here:

Note on Church Tower, Spirelet and Bells

The spirelet, being found past repair, was removed, and the tower restored, at the expense of Max Crossman Esq. of Cockenach, Royston, in summer of 1914. Net amount paid Messrs Rattee and Kett, Builders, Cambridge, £256.12.4; Architect, Mr Wykeham Chancellor, Chelmsford £26.1.3. This included the regilding of vane and repairing and testing of lightning conductor.

At the same time the 4 bells were restored and 2 new bells added by Mr A Bowell, Ipswich at a cost of £165, raised by subscriptions, sale of work, fete. The 2 new bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Colchester on Dec 21st 1914.

W L May Vicar

H S Drage Churchwarden

T C Pigg Churchwarden

This note sparked my curiosity and to my surprise I found that there was so much available online that I had been unaware of, especially the 'Chrishall at War' document available on the chrishallessex.co.uk website.

I found it fascinating that the proposed work at Great Chishill to refurbish and augment to six bells (from five) is nearly the same price (allowing for inflation) as that in 1914, although the Great Chishill tower work was considerably more.

With the easing of Covid19 restrictions we will soon be able to return to bellringing and it would be amazing if we could recruit some people to learn to ring and continue this wonderful art. Bellringing can make a glorious sound, is friendly, all-age, exhilarating, helps with fitness, mind and body, de-stressing, creative, enjoyment for you. We are so lucky in this parish to have four sets of bells but unfortunately only enough ringers to ring at one.

If you are at all interested and want to find out more do please contact the church office on 837272. **Andrea Quigley**

St Swithun's Church Update

We want to make our church more user friendly for the community and look forward to welcoming you all into our space for social and spiritual gatherings.We have repaired the tower, now have a toilet and baby changing facilities and have some more work to do in the future.

The work is nearly finished on the reordering at the back of the church, the kitchen provision and the chancel repair.

It has taken a lot longer than expected because of the damp winter conditions. The chancel is looking great and at last it's completely safe from the ceiling plaster faults.

The kitchen has been installed and there are just a few minor details to finish. The stone slabs have been laid at the back and look great, all that needs doing now is the sealing and the grouting, which at time of writing is due to be completed at the end of May.

If anyone is interested in joining a working party or a cleaning group which meet fortnightly please contact,

Angela Patrick Sutcliffe

07712444303 or 01764 837353 email: Angela.patrick@btinternet.com

The work has cost money and we have a loan to pay back so we will be fundraising. I am running a half marathon in June and have a just giving page if you would like to donate towards the church building work at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/angela-patrick2

Angela Patrick

Great Chishill URC News

On Sunday 16 May the first service, led by Ben Palmer, was held since Christmas and it was so good to meet up again after so long.

Our services will continue, as before, on the first Sunday of the month, in the evening at 6.00pm and the third Sunday at 9.30 am.

We welcome a new minister, The Rev'd Sue Fender, who will be looking after Buntingford, Melbourn, Bassingbourn, Fowlmere and Gt Chishill. Her Induction Service, which is by invitation only, due to Covid-19 restrictions, will be held in Melbourn at 3 pm 26 June.

New faces are always most welcomed. **Angus Gent**

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A Church Warden's Diary

Saturday 5 June. World Environment Day.
Saturday 5 June to 13 June. Cherishing churchyards week.
Sunday 6 June. Environment Sunday.
Friday 11 June. St Barnabas' Day.

World Environment Day, established by the UN in 1972, promotes a greener, cleaner world. Local activities include tree planting and clean up campaigns.

Barnabas was not one of the original twelve apostles but he became a leader of the early Christian Church and accompanied Paul on several of his journeys.

St Barnabas' Day traditionally coincides with haymaking and in some rural parishes churchgoers, carrying bouquets of wild flowers and grasses, assemble to pray for fine weather.

The Barnabas Charity Fund is the Parish' 2021 charity.

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10.5.2021

Dear Anand,

After I returned home from church on Sunday, I opened the gift you gave me – it was a complete surprise and I could hardly believe my eyes!

My sincere thanks to you, Anand, and the Parish of the Icknield Way Villages for the most exquisite silver wine-coaster, engraved on one side, "With deepest gratitude for 46 years of service", and on the other side, "Parish of the Icknield Way Villages". I shall always treasure it, and most importantly, it will be in constant use – as it already has been!

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I hope I shall be about to help in any way I can, both at St. Nicholas Church, Little Chishill, as well as the Parish at large.

Once again my thanks to all, for your kindness and generosity towards me.

Yours

Peter Lupton.

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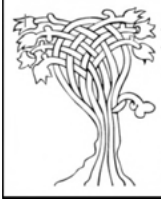
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A Message from the New Bishop of Chelmsford

Dear Brothers and Sisters

It is a great privilege to write to you today, on the first day of my ministry as Bishop of Chelmsford. I want to start by thanking you again for the warm welcome I've received since my appointment in December. In particular, I want to thank Bishop Peter and members of the Bishop's Staff Team who have done so much to help me prepare for today and the months ahead.

I mentioned in my Ad Clerum last month my ministry will start in two distinct stages. Today I want to share some more detail about my plans for the coming months.

My priorities for the first stage will be to meet with people, to listen, learn and develop a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. At the start of this stage, I will work from Loughborough whilst our two youngest children finish their GCSE year at school. However, I will visit the Diocese from time to time as the situation allows. Indeed, I am particularly looking forward to joining in some of the activities from the Cathedral as part of this year's Thy Kingdom Come, the season from Ascension to Pentecost, 13 May to 23 May. During these 10 days we will wait on God in prayer and stillness – a time of renewal in our commitment to our shared mission and a time to pray for the life of our diocese.

In mid-July, I will move into Bishopscourt with my husband Lee and our children. I'm delighted to confirm that the service of Welcome and Installation marking the start of my public ministry will take place on 4 September. This is a highly symbolic moment when I am formally placed in the Bishop's seat in the east end of the Cathedral, the sign of the Bishop's ministry of service and teaching. The service will also mark the start of the second stage of my ministry as Bishop of Chelmsford. From this time, I will start to lead worship, visit churches and worshipping communities and become more rooted and visible in the life of the Diocese. There will be further information about the service in the coming weeks.

If you need to contact me, you can do so via Bishopscourt where my Secretary Jane Carter has been joined by Jo Bluck who has become the Acting Senior Executive Assistant to myself as well as Bishop Peter. I'm

delighted Jo has been able to take up this role ahead of the recruitment of a permanent PA to the Bishop of Chelmsford following Mary Kersys' move to Ripon earlier in the year.

You can contact Jo and Jane at bishop.chelmsford@chelmsford.anglican .org or by calling 01277 352001.

I have said before that I have no doubt about the scale of the challenges we face, but as I look to the future, I do so with great faith and a tremendous sense of hopefulness that comes in no small part from the people I have met with since December and the stories I've heard about our churches and worshipping communities and their service during this most difficult of times.

I look forward to meeting you all in the months ahead as we begin our ministry together.

Yours in Christ



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We are looking for volunteers within the Uttlesford area to join our new online volunteer preparation training course, which consists of 8 sessions held from 10-12.30 once per week on Zoom. If you are looking for a volunteering opportunity and would like to make a difference to the lives of children and families, then please get in touch. You do not need to be a parent to volunteer, any experience of working or volunteering with children is welcome also.

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Thank you. **Madi Wilki**

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June 1890

General Notes
During this month two days of special interest to the people occur: theanniversaries of Her Majesty's Accession on Friday 20 June and Her Coronation on Saturday 28 June. On the latter day there is to be a great constitutional demonstration at the Crystal Palace, and it has been suggested that either or both of those days might be observed by some special Services, and opportunities for rejoicing. Such an observance of them would be welcomed as a means of showing affection for the Queen and Royal Family, and as a protest against any tendency to disloyalty.
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As St Peter's Day falls this year on a Sunday, it is proposed to hold our Festival on the Tuesday following, 1 June. The Rev. R.P Pelly, Vicar of Saffron Walden, will be the preacher . One very unsatisfactory part of the festival has always been the small attendance of the parishioners at the Service: it will be better perhaps to have simply a service in the evening, and do away with the social enjoyment afterwards, than continue them both as hitherto, unless it can be understood that the best way to enjoy a holiday is to begin it by prayer and praise to God.

St Mission Room

We are glad to notice an improvement in the Congregations here, and more heartiness in the Responses. On Sunday afternoon, 11 May, after the Service the Rector distributed prizes of Books to the Sunday Scholars, who, although the School has not been opened during the winter as often as he had expected, have been on the whole fairly diligent in attendance. The lads seem anxious to get some Cricket things: well, those things perhaps will come, if they learn all of them to be respectful and well behaved. There is an old saying that " Civility costs nothing": and we may add that "Civility often gains a good deal."

Wendens Ambo

The church looked very pretty with the Whitsuntide decorations: many of thepoor kindly sending flowers.

The Services were well attended throughout the day, although so many are holiday making about this time.

Canon Chris Bishop. Archivist

Thank You

As many of you know I stepped down from the post of Deputy Parish Warden atthe APCM after quite a few years . I would like to thank you all for your gifts.

The beautiful flowers have been enjoyed, the chocolates are no longer due to quick consumption and I still look forward to spending the token. Many, manythanks again and see you all soon.

Mel Chandler

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Movie on the Meadow **4 September**
Quiet Day **3 July (at Chrishall Church)**
Parish Walk **2 October**



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