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November 2021

The Parish Walk 2021











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November Services

Sunday 7

9.00am Holy Communion at Hamlet Church **Duddenhoe End** CB11 4XN
10.45am Family Worship at Holy Trinity **Chrishall** SG8 8QU

Thursday 11

10.45am Act of Remembrance at **Chrishall** War Memorial with Chrishall School
10.50am Service of Remembrance at Holy Trinity **Heydon** SG8 8PW
10.50am Act of Remembrance at **Elmdon** War Memorial

Sunday 14

10.50am United Service of Remembrance at Great Chishill War Memorial followed by a service at St Swithuns **Great Chishill** SG8 8SS

Sunday 21

9.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **Elmdon** CB11 4LT
10.45am Family Café Church at Holy Trinity **Chrishall** SG8 8QU
6.00pm Evensong at St Marys **Strethall** CB11 4XJ

Sunday 28 Advent Sunday

9.00am Carol Service with Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **Little Chishill** SG8 8PA
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

Although we are excited to see life returning to "normal" with the start of the new academic year, the current covid infection rates are still rising. Some parish members have expressed their concern about our church services. Some children are suffering from covid infection within our parish. The roll out of the covid booster vaccine is slow and is yet to reach all vulnerable people.

We encourage those attending church services and other church events to maintain social distancing, keep to family bubbles and to use masks and hand sanitisers. Let's hope and pray that all these restrictions will end soon.

Please follow our parish website for information and calendar events, including the monthly magazine and weekly bulletins. Please be generous in donations using the online link on our website, as the parish is now running in deficit.

With thanks for all your cooperation and help in church life



Anand Sodadasi

A Reflection from Anand

The UK was shocked on Friday 15 October to hear the news of the brutal killing of Sir David Amess. A person has now been charged with his murder and also charged with the preparation of terrorist acts.

Sir David was much loved and appreciated by the community and for his dedication to his constituency for over 40 years. He was a devout catholic and stood without compromise for his moral principles. Many MPs paid emotional tributes saying that the killing was a tragic and senseless death of one of the gentlest individuals to serve in Parliament. Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the bereaved family and may God console and comfort them in their loss.

In the modern world, any religion that promotes killing of another human being in the name of religious faith should be condemned. Indeed, in the Bible *(Exodus 20:13)*, it is the sixth commandment of God which prohibits any human murder. However, when it comes to the New Testament teachings, Jesus radically redefined what 'murder' means. To Jesus, it means hating someone in our hearts. Jesus said *(Matthew 5:21,22)*,

"*You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment'. But I say, if you are even angry with someone without cause, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone you are in danger of the fires of hell*". Jesus explained the sixth commandment from God's perspective. In God's sight, even unrighteous anger or verbal abuse against someone was subject to the same judgment as taking that person's life.

The Bible says, '*the heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve'(Jeremiah 17:9,10).*

The killer's motivation may come from a deceitful interpretation of his religious ideologies and I hope and pray that he will repent for what he has done and reflect on his heinous crime.

Yours ever **Anand Sodadasi**

URC News

Sunday 3 October, Harvest Tea

We changed our Village Harvest Supper, which was to follow our Harvest Festival Service, to a Harvest Tea before the service.

We felt that with the current covid climate it was safer and more appropriate. As the weather was very kind we were able to be outside comfortably. The Chapel looked very pretty, the window sills were decorated in orange, reds, yellows and greens and the fruits and vegetables corresponded. A healthy collection of dry foods were collected for Jimmy's and we were also able to send a very generous contribution to them as well. A beautiful service was led by Revd Sue Fender who thoughtfully included Arabella, 6, and Rupert,4, to be helpers during her sermon and who did the collection.

Services

Sunday 7 November, 6 pm. Led by Ben Palmer.

Sunday 21 November, 9.30. Led by Revd. Sue Fender.

Sadly still no Scottish Dancing, Film Nights or Whist Drives due to the current covid climate and restrictions.

Well Done

Congratulations to all the intrepid walkers who braved the wind and rain to complete the 2021 Parish Walk. Many people joined and left along the route with some brave souls completing the whole 17 mile walk. Many enjoyed a talk on bees during lunch at Hamlet church that linked to our environmental theme this year. Thank you to all the organisers for a wonderful event.

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Please to Remember the Fifth of November



The Conspirators.

"Please to remember the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot. We know of no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot."

This traditional rhyme appeared soon after the failed plot to ignite barrels of gunpowder beneath the House of Lords on the occasion of the state opening of Parliament by King James I on 5 November 1605.

The man found with the gunpowder was Guy Fawkes, one of a group of English catholics whose intention was to assassinate the protestant King James so that one of his young catholic children could assume the throne, thereby restoring a catholic monarchy.

Some 400 years later, the preservation of the monarchy and parliament is still celebrated by many with a bonfire and the burning of a guy.

Like other major events in British history, there is a link with The Hundred Parishes. In this case, the primary link is Sir William Waad (pronounced Wade) of 17th-century Battles Hall in the parish of Manuden.



Manuden Church

Waad, who lived from 1546 to 1623, had pursued a distinguished career in the service of the Crown and in 1605 held the position of Lieutenant of the Tower of London, responsible for those held prisoner there and specifically for the interrogation of prisoners. The king gave permission for the use of torture, including the rack, to assist in this questioning. It was not long before most of the plotters were rounded up, interrogated, tried and executed by being publicly hung, drawn and quartered for their involvement in the Gunpowder Plot.

Manuden's most famous former resident is remembered on a tablet inside the parish church.

There is a second local link to the Gunpowder Plot. It is believed that Tiptofts, a 14th-century house in Wimbish, may have been used as a meeting place by the conspirators.

Ken McDonald

Secretary, The Hundred Parish Society

The Cenotaph Salesmen

And why Heydon does not have a War Memorial.

Great Chishill and Heydon are ancient settlements a mile apart, both remote villages high up on the chalk downland. The soil has always been poor but neolithic man settled here because of the springs from the aquifer that collects in between the chalk and the Gault clay. Great Chishill comprises about 600 people and Heydon smaller at about 250.

The Great War took its toll on both agricultural parishes. Twelve dead in Great Chishill and six in Heydon. In Great Chishill, three were from the same family and the same in Heydon - half their losses. In the days when harvesting was by hand, this created severe economic hardship amongst the bereaved families. Farmers were not charities and with tied cottages this could mean a bereaved family were 'out on the streets'.

Monumental masons had lean pickings during the Great War, as dead bodies were not, unlike in the US, repatriated to their homeland. The War Graves Commission buried them in communal graves with the headstones centrally sourced.

When the war ended the masons took their opportunity and employed commission-only cenotaph salesmen who visited the outlying villages. Cenotaphs were favoured by the government of the time, but it was left to the bereaved families to fund them. The cenotaph salesmen visited Great Chishill, harassing the bereaved families to pay for a cenotaph, 'to remember your fallen'. The 'guilt' caused paid off, with the erection of an obelisk. It remains at the crossroads, visible from my front windows, and a magnet on Remembrance Sunday for villagers and others choosing to remember the war.

The jungle drums worked swiftly between the two villages and Heydon was forewarned of the arrival of the cenotaph salesmen. Mrs Negus who had lost three able bodied sons was ready for them. As a small farmer she had more resources than her labourers. The salesman opened his sample book and said that, 'undoubtedly with her great loss and apparently in funds she would want to contribute 50% for a Heydon cenotaph'.

I paraphrase her reply. She said that, 'she would have nothing to do with


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BY DEATH IS TRIED
LIVE THOU FOR ENGLAND
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a cenotaph. That they were ugly and just reminded one of death. She would construct her own memorial inside the church, celebrating life - and he, the salesman, should get lost'. I think she used a ruder word!

Heydon has a small medieval church with a replacement tower replacing an ancient one which was bombed during the last war. However, inside at the back of the altar is a beautiful Tree of Life mosaic, in gold and with green mirrored tiles. It comes alive by candlelight. At its base is has a very small dedication, 'To all those fallen between 1914-19'. It is without doubt, the most beautiful memorial I have ever witnessed!

This is why, alone amongst our seven parish churches, Heydon does not have a war memorial.

Robin Dibblee

(There is no memorial at Strethall. Little Chishill's dead are included in the Great Chishill memorial and there is a memorial plaque at Hamlet - Ed.)

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These ladies have carried out their last decoration, which was for the Harvest service on 17 October 2021, and have now retired.

The Hamlet Church is very small but an attractive and important building for the village of Duddenhoe End. It is enjoyed by all in the village, not only those who attend church services.

The main requirement for a new team, rather than being an experienced flower arranger, is a wish to give a little of your time to make the church look attractive. Please would anyone willing to take over these duties, perhaps with a group of like-minded people, contact Sarah Westerhuis on 07739 550061 .
Thanks. **Susan Perks**

Crafts on the Hill

Gt. Chishill Village Hall. 10.00 - 4.30 pm, Saturday 4 December. Local Crafts and Teas.

Defibrillator Training

Community Heatbeat will be giving defibrillator training on Saturday 6 November in Heydon. Time to be confirmed but most likely 10.00am.

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Contact Bex on 07776424592 for more information.

Helping Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have a really long snout to help them hunt. It is even ahead of their mouths as it makes it easier to forage for their staple diet of insects, worms, caterpillars and berries.

As the colder weather takes hold, mature hedgehogs will continue to feed as much as possible and begin building their nests in preparation for hibernation. It is crucial for them to gain enough weight to survive hibernation (650g). We can continue to help them by leaving food and water out for them. For help and advice on hedgehogs contact Liz Dams on 07912 988898 or Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital 07505 651968.

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If your energy supplier goes out of business, you'll still have gas and electricity. Don't switch tariff or supplier until your account is automatically moved to the new supplier as you might find it harder to get any money you're owed if you switch before this happens. In the meantime, take regular meter readings (keeping dated photos, if you can). If you have an online account, log into it, check your balance and download any bills, or keep paper bills instead.

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Wednesday 6	**Heydon Hedgehogs** Holy Trinity Church, Heydon 10.00am Parent and toddler coffee morning . See Facebook page for more info
Wednesday 10 & 24	**Church Mice** Chrishall Village Hall – 10.30am Contact Church Office 837272
Wednesday 24	**Men's Group** The Red Cow, Chrishall – 8pm
Tuesdays	**Gt Chishill Youth Club** Great Chishill Village Hall 6.30-8.00pm in term time Contact Emily 07900 243491
Thursdays	**Chishill Chimps** Great Chishill Village Hall – 10-11.45am

Many thanks to all our contributors. The Village Web continues to seek a wide range of articles and pictures for publication. Please continue to submit your articles.

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Coffee Morning



On

Tuesday 2 November from 10.30am

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Coffee Morning

Wednesday 17 November



10am

St Swithun's

Great Chishill



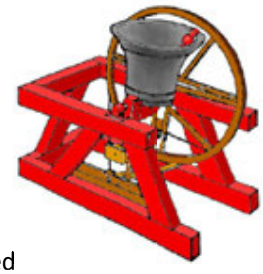
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