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Rector's Article.

Dear All

According to the gospel of Matthew chapter 28, the risen Lord appeared to his disciples at a mountain. His sufferings were over, because He lived, they too would live. In His glorious body he stood before them. They worshipped Him, though some doubted.

I quite like what Jesus explained to them that all authority in heaven and earth had been given to Him. (Matt 28:18) This is after He had suffered and conquered death, Most of us agree that He always had authority, but here He was speaking of the authority of the head of the new creation since His death and resurrection. He had now completed the work of redemption.

Jesus, the Head of the new creation as the gospel unfolds in chapter 28, issued the Great Commission, containing Standing Orders for all believers:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. By preaching the gospels the disciples were seeing others becoming learners or followers of Christ from every nation, tribe and tongue.

- Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Here the responsibility rests with the disciples to teach and baptism. In baptism believers identifies themselves with the Trinity. They acknowledge God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit publicly.

- Teach them to observe all things I

have commanded you.

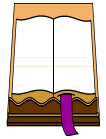
The Commission is about Evangelism. It is about going out, proclaiming the good news that He is alive. Telling our stories to others and encouraging them. Most assuredly Jesus added a promise of His Presence with His disciples until the end of the age. I take comfort in the words. They would not go forth unaided. In all our services we have the companionship of the Holy Spirit.

For the disciples to be endued and filled by the Spirit of God, Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem. Yes, the fulfilment would occur in Jerusalem (Acts 1:4) the very city where the Saviour had been crucified. The presence of the Spirit bears witness. Let us not give up no matter what happens to us. His presence is with us. Paul charges Timothy his son in Christ to "*do the work of an evangelist*". (Tim 4:5).

Inspired by the Holy Spirit may we continue to live God's love through the five marks of mission: proclaiming the Good News of the gospel; teaching, baptising, nurturing new believers, seeking to transform unjust structures of society, challenging violence of every kind pursuing peace and reconciliation, lastly striving to safeguard the integrity of creation.

Revd Theresa Musiwacho

PARISH REGISTER



Deaths

30th January 2024 Eamonn Martin O'DOHERTY, Little Berkhamsted

Prayer Share

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



“The further decline in the Church is something that, in the end, even if I am not — and I’m not saying I’m not — even if I were not responsible for, I am certainly accountable for. So, that, personally, I count as failure. Lots of people tell me I shouldn’t have said that. . . It’s what I feel personally. I am not sure I know what else could have been done. Because, in the end, . . . the future of the Church, and its survival or otherwise, does not depend on archbishops: it depends on God and the providence of God.”
Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

When I read this, I was concerned that ‘the providence of God’ may be a necessary but not a sufficient precursor to fix this. In Theresa’s words on page 3, should the Church be ‘going out, proclaiming the good news’. Let the Group know what you think. MW

Situation Vacant

For the past couple of years, Mike and Sue Wainwright have been carrying out the duties of General Distributor, in addition to Mike’s principal role as Editor of our Parish Magazine. This was only intended to be an interim arrangement, until such time that another of our readers stepped forward to assume this role.

To this end, we are looking for somebody to assume the role of General Distributor, with immediate effect. The monthly duties include:

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APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday 7th April Second Sunday of Easter

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Essendon
9:30 am, Family Service, Ponsbourne
11:00 am, Parish Communion, Brickendon

Sunday 14th April, Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Bayford
11:00 am, Family Service, Little Berkhamsted

Sunday 21st April, Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Ponsbourne
9:30 am, Family Service, Essendon
11:00 am, Family Service, Brickendon

Sunday 28th April, Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Little Berkhamsted
11:00 am, Family Service, Bayford
6:30 pm, Evensong, Essendon

Sunday 5th May, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Essendon
9:30 am, Family Service, Ponsbourne
11:15 am, Parish Communion, Brickendon

Wednesdays

9:30 am, Holy Communion, Essendon
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Essendon Village Day. Another village institution closes down. Essendon has already lost it's Youth Club and Carpet Bowls. Is this just how things are? Is COVID to blame? Is social media the problem? See page 6.

2024 APCMs

LITTLE BERKHAMSTED	18 th April at 7:30 pm
PONSBOURNE	22 nd April at 7:30 pm
ESSENDON APCM	25 th April at 7:30 pm
BAYFORD & BRICKENDON	30 th April at 7:30 pm

Weddings, Baptisms and other matters.

Saturday Registration is held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 10.00 am to 11.30 am in Little Berkhamsted Church.

No appointment necessary

Essendon Village Day.

It has been decided that the village day is unlikely to attract visitors as it once did and given the work involved both in planning and setting up over the August bank holiday weekend, much of which has always fallen to the same people, who now believe it is time to step back.

For that reason, open public meetings have been held recently for the organisations, people to have their say and response is such that clearly, there is not much village feeling towards this event to continue and the event committee was wound up at an AGM meeting on the 4th March.

The equipment will be held in store for villagers to use should younger members come forward wishing to consider relaunching an event or for the use of organisations mounting events. They may be accessed by email only to ian@newlandconstruction.co.uk Cash in hand will be shared by the main organisations participating who respond to the chairman.

At the sad demise of a village event which lasted over 60 years, our huge thanks to all those who served on the committee over the years and those who helped on stalls and other duties. I would personally like to thank Simon Christensen who worked hard every year getting sponsors, Ann Piggott who got all the stalls staffed, and lastly my right hand man Colin Rees who was secretary and more, always pushing the village day forward, bigger better, who can forget the parachute jump, his baby, what an achievement a small rural village hosting that. But all good things come to an end and for me this is it. Again space means I cannot thank everyone who contributed by name, but thank you to one and all who made the Essendon village day so successful.

Ian Venables, Chairman.

Footnote: Without the direction and participation of Ian, our chair and especially his early starts on the day pegging out parking areas before the sun came up, and then clearing up finishing after dusk, and especially keeping the committee so active, a lesson on teambuilding and effective meeting leadership no less, the event also would never have been the success it was. The village I am sure, would want thanks to him and his family over the years to be recorded in the magazine. Thank you to Ian.



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now aged 90, he and his friends returned to celebrate his 80 years of ringing on the bells where he first learned this ancient art. Before ringing they joined the regular coffee morning in the village hall where there are still old friends whom Gordon knew years ago, and after the ringing they returned to the hall for lunch and a specially made cake in the shape of a bell tower decorated with bells and ringers.



Gordon with Essendon ringer Sue Rees



Bayford Knitters

We have knitted over 30 dementia “twiddle muffs” which will be distributed to local nursing homes for their patients with dementia. Our next project will be baby bonding squares. If anyone would like to join us (no prior experience needed) we meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 8pm at the Farmers Boy in Brickendon. Please call Caroline Fletcher on 07919 317212 for more information.



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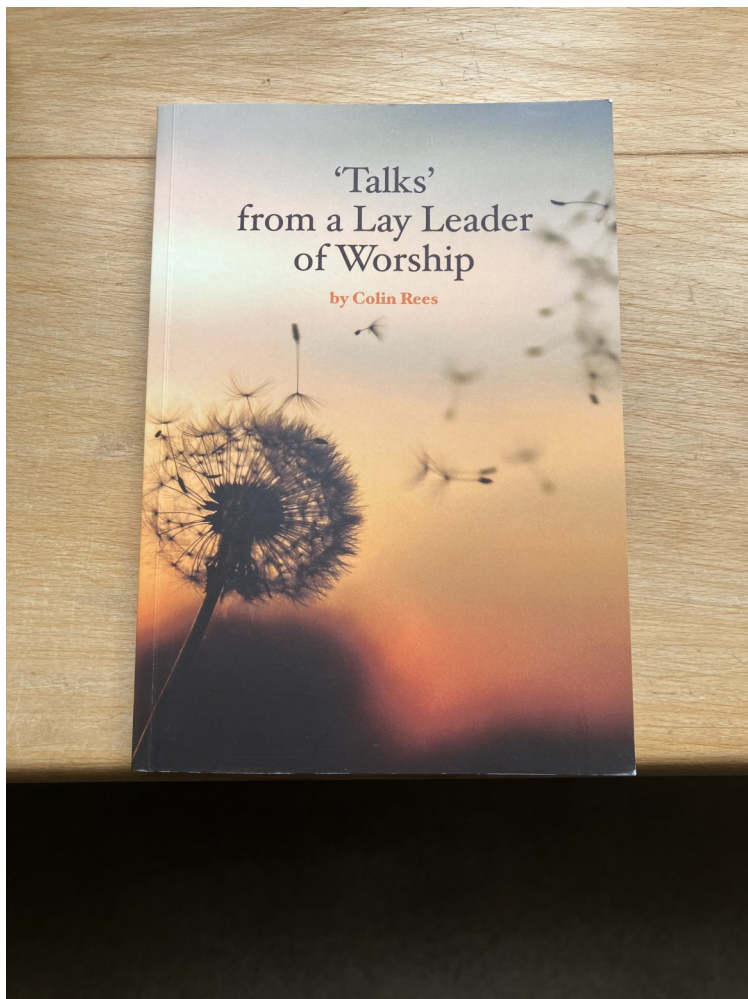
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Following year-on-year price increases and misleading 'special offers', we decided to bite the bullet and, not without some trepidation, switch our ISP (broadband supplier).

When looking at broadband deals take note of the contract length. This is usually 18 months. To leave early you will have to pay a fee, related to the lost revenue. You also have to be careful as many deals will increase in price during the contract. The special deal may only last a few months.

You don't have to change mobile and broadband supplier. You can each with a separate company.

If you switch your mobile, in order to keep your mobile number you need to get a PAC code from your present supplier. This is fairly straightforward. You just follow an online link and sometime later, an email appears with the code. (numbers and letters). Keep this in a safe place as you will need it later. This code however has an expiry date, so don't request it until you are ready. The request will notify your supplier that you intend to switch so you may get offers from them, to entice you to stay.

Next decide which ISP you are going to switch to for broadband and landline. In fact, you don't really need a landline. We decided to include a landline as so many people had the number. You will be able to keep your old landline number. The present landline system (analogue) will close down in December 2025. After that all

telephone conversations will go via the internet. Some people already have internet (VOIP/DECT) telephones. They connect (by WIFI) to your Hub (the box your telephone line is connected to), so they can be anywhere in the house. The disadvantage is that they don't work in a power cut.

The speech is transmitted via the internet, just like Zoom calls. If you don't have broadband, most suppliers will install it and give you an adapter for your current handsets. This might be free or charged.

I worry where the swallows will assemble in Autumn before flying south, if there are no telephone wires!

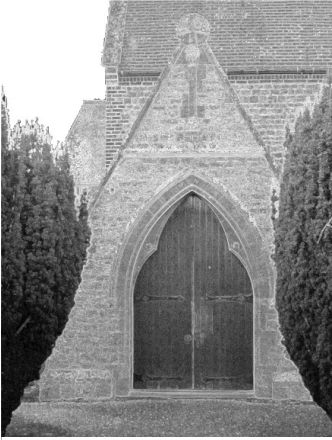
Prior to the date of the switch, you will received a new Hub. Just plug it into the wall phone line using the small filter (matchbox sized box) you used with the old Hub.

The new WIFI Hub will have a new name and password, usually written on the back and printed on the handbook. You will have to enter this into your mobile phone, tablet, television etc to connect them to the internet..

In conclusion I can report it all went fairly smoothly. By mistake I plugged in the new hub before the given date, so I had to plug the old hub back in.

On the day the new broadband was up and running in a couple of hours. MW





Bayford

St. Mary's Church

Bayford Church is open Wednesday and Saturday.

CHURCH CLEANING

FLOWERS

14th and 28th April.

Sandra Maniez and Andrea Trendler

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

To read the minutes and agendas just Google '*Bayford Parish Council*' and follow the link to '*Minutes*'.

The Old Playground.

Gavin Nelson continues to update us on the progress as Bonnel Homes negotiates its way through the red tape of EHDC Planning Department.. Piling will be the next part of the project.

Meetings.

Annual Meeting 29th April, Monday
This is the start of the new parish council year.

Please check the web site.

Michael Wainwright (Dr),
Chairman.

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Friends of the Baker Arms

A number of meetings and emails have been exchanged between FOBA and Tom McMullen. There is much common ground and McMs seem to be committed to retaining a public house in Bayford.

There are still issues to sort out, not least the division of the building and car park between possible development and pub.

Our COF (*Community Ownership Fund*) EOI (*Expression of Interest*,) has been accepted. The COF will allow us to obtain government funding both for capital and revenue.

We have also completed the forms to set up a Community Benefit Society, provisionally entitled '*The Bayford Community Benefit Society Limited*' (A catchy title you will agree), including the form specifying the rules under which the CBS will operate.

We also need to join the Plunkett Foundation as this will (already has) provided us with guidance and save

The Baker Arms

us money.

We now need to complete the COF application. This is a much more involved process, and a number of decisions will have to be made beforehand.

Please follow, like and share on social media for all the latest campaign news.

www.friendsofbakerarms.org
hello@fiendsofbakerarms.org

The Right of Way Issue.

In September (a few months after the closure of the pub), large planters were placed across the entry/exit to the car park to prevent vehicle access. Although a gap was left so walkers could still pass through, large signs were fixed to the planters stating 'No Public Right of Way'. The route via the car park provides the only safe way between Ashdene Road and Brickendon Lane because it avoids the very dangerous bend in the road where there is no footpath. Andrea Trendler on 01992 511588.





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Fanshaws Room

(The Village Hall)

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Parish Council

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Please advise dietary requirements

Ladies of the WI will be entertaining Mary Smith on **Wednesday 17th April at 8.00 p.m.** in the Village Hall. Mary will be recalling to us that her aunt and uncle, Tony and Ray Jones, used to live in Essendon at a house called Northfield and a school friend's father, Mr. Crowley, farmed at Cucumber Hall Farm.

She will be travelling from Maidstone and talking about "A Schoolgirl's War", an account of how girls attending Maidstone Girls Grammar School had to deal with the challenges of their schooling during the Second World War. The talk will also feature illustrations of a unique set of paintings which reveal school life during the Battle of Britain and the doodlebug attacks.

There will be no speaker at **Essendon WI in the Village Hall** on Wednesday 8th May, as the Annual General Meeting is being held. However, after the business side of the meeting, at around 8.30 pm, some board games will be organised and hotly contested by a bunch of competitive ladies. The regular raffle table will also be open. Please do come along for a fun evening, as a guest, or if you are interested in joining for the coming year, call Lyn McCash on 07971 90954

GARDENING in APRIL

As I write this after a very wet, early and mainly mild start to Spring, it is difficult to plan too far ahead in case we are later 'tripped up' by this advance! Particularly, we must make sure that we don't 'trample' our gardens if it remains so wet.

Trim frost-damaged or untidy lavender plants avoiding cutting into old wood as it won't re-grow and 'dead-head' faded Daffodil and Tulip flowers, both the heads and seedpods. Remove unwanted suckers from the base of trees and shrubs such as Magnolias and Roses, tearing them off if you can as close to the ground as possible. Remove faded blooms on Primroses, Pansies and other Spring-flowering plants to encourage more blooms.

First and second early seed potatoes can be planted from early to mid-April and just hope that there won't be any nasty late frosts. Get on top of the weeds now and it will be a big help later in the year and thoroughly dig out perennial weeds wherever you can. Continue sowing all your usual favourite vegetables in well-prepared soil. Among any of your perennial plants which have been overrun by weeds, dig them up carefully taking plenty of soil, tease out the weeds, sometimes from the bottom, then return the plant to its original position and give it a good soak! This is a good time to buy and plant out young perennial plants which can be bought quite cheaply as small plants and will quickly fill out and flourish so keep an eye open for them!

Start sowing vegetables outdoors and plant early potatoes. When it happens remember to open the vents in your greenhouses on warm days and to shut them if there are overnight frost warnings!

Happy Gardening—Germander Speedwell

Essendon Nature Notes

The spring before last I planted some bluebell bulbs in the garden. Not a single one emerged and maybe that is as it should be. The wildness of this beautiful species should not be tamed and domesticated but left to the mysterious and unpredictable vagaries of the soil. The species I planted was, of course, the English bluebell as we are warned off increasing the numbers of the Spanish version which is spreading far and wide. Invasive species are usually bolder, brasher and more bullish but in this case it is not as blue and we should sniffily look down on it as this foreign invader has no scent. Another way to tell it apart is the English bluebell has drooping 'shepherd's crook' stems unlike the upright habit of its continental rival.

A single bluebell is a poor soldier, its glory coming when in battalions. Their massed ranks produce a dazzling

display of violet-blue iridescence, taking advantage of the early spring light before the emerging leaf canopy dapples the forest floor. The species is closely associated with ancient woodland and we have some good places to see them locally including the tiny wood at the bottom of the valley behind the Candlestick on West End Lane and, further afield, Post Wood in Ware. However the true delight comes when chancing on their lilac light-show unexpectedly, as you blink and stare in surprise that such colour can really exist in nature's palette.

Now is the time to admire them as April is the month of the bluebell. Is there a more gorgeous sight than when they are at the height of their powers in woodland ride, glade and dell?

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Essendon Tennis Club Committee

ESSENDON

Our next full Council Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April and the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will be on Tuesday 23rd April. The venue and start time for both meetings are Essendon Village Hall, at 7pm. Matters for discussion will be on the meeting Agendas, which are available on the Parish Council website, at www.essendonparishcouncil.gov.uk and on noticeboards in the village, during the week before meetings. Minutes are also published on the website. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings and can email the Clerk at clerk@essendonparishcouncil.gov.uk with questions or comments. We also have a new contact mobile phone number 07984 876 229, where you can leave a message for the Clerk

Essendon Cricket Club

We are looking for a scorer ideally Saturday and Sunday, but if someone only wanted to do Saturdays or Sundays that works. Saturday is the day we are struggling with as having your own scorer in a league game is very important. If anyone is interested please contact me.

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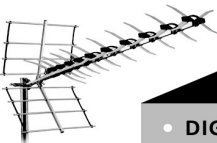
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The Church is open every day. So, pop in and see what is going on.

Church spring tidy-up

Saturday 13th April 10am – 2pm

Please come along and join us if you can spare an hour or more, we have hot drinks and good company. If possible, bring your own tools, if not we can share.

The Family Service is held once a month.

We use the screen and it usually lasts about half an hour. It is suitable for the whole family.

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Timothy Winters

By Charles Causley

Timothy Winters comes to school
With eyes as wide as a football pool,
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A blitz of a boy is Timothy Winters.

His belly is white, his neck is dark,
And his hair is an exclamation mark.
His clothes are enough to scare a crow
And through his britches the blue
winds blow.

When teacher talks he won't hear a
word
And he shoots down dead the
arithmetic-bird,
He licks the patterns off his plate
And he's not even heard of the Welfare
State.

Timothy Winters has bloody feet
And he lives in a house on Suez Street,
He sleeps in a sack on the kitchen floor
And they say there aren't boys like him
any more.

Old Man Winters likes his beer
And his missus ran off with a
bombardier,
Grandma sits in the grate with a gin
And Timothy's dosed with an aspirin.

The Welfare Worker lies awake
But the law's as tricky as a ten-foot
snake,
So Timothy Winters drinks his cup
And slowly goes on growing up.

O come one angel, come on ten:
Timothy Winters says 'Amen
Amen amen amen amen.'
Timothy Winters, Lord. Amen.

News from Little Berkhamsted Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 15th May 2024** at 7.30pm in the village hall. The agenda is published on the website and village noticeboard the week before the meeting and residents are welcome to send questions and comments to the clerk beforehand, clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk or attend the meeting and ask in person.



We are hoping to celebrate this in the village with a community event involving the lighting of our beacon! Volunteers to help organise the evening **WANTED**.

The Community Café

Friday morning in the Cricket and Community Pavilion from 10.00am to 12.00. Come along and enjoy coffee, cake and conversation!

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The funds raised are going towards the refurbishment of the village hall. Thank you for your support and good luck with your numbers!

Date for your Diary

**Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall**

VACANCY

Little Berkhamsted Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. This is a rewarding voluntary role in which you can really can make a difference in your village.

To obtain more information or to apply for the position, please contact: Clerk to the Council, Laura Brooks-Payne by email clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk or phone 07803 906291

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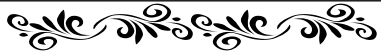
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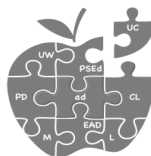
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