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Dear All,

The phrase “the joy of the Lord is your strength” comes from Book of Nehemiah, specifically **Nehemiah 8:10**. The setting matters a lot for understanding its meaning.

The people of Israel had just heard God's law read aloud after years of exile and hardship. They began to weep because they realized how far they had drifted. But instead of leaving them in sorrow, Nehemiah told them not to mourn endlessly “Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

This wasn't shallow happiness or pretending life was easy. It was a deeper kind of joy rooted in God's presence, faithfulness, mercy, and covenant love even after failure and suffering. So what does “joy” mean here. Biblical joy is more like a steady inner confidence that: God has not abandoned you, suffering is not the end of the story, your identity is not destroyed by the valley and hope can exist alongside grief.

Strength, in this verse, is not mainly physical power or emotional excitement. It is endurance, stability. The ability to keep walking when circumstances are heavy. Many people discover this kind of joy most clearly *in* difficult seasons, not outside them.

In **1 Samuel 30:6** David encouraged himself in the Lord during a crisis at Ziklag, when his city was burned, families were taken captive by Amalelites, and his own men talked of stoning him. Distressed and losing support, David drew strength from his relationship with God to recover everything he had lost. David had grown a relationship with God since childhood. From the days of leading sheep from pasture to pasture, there was a prayer life of complete dependency. He did everything to honour God with his being. His worship/prayer life was his place of **coming to rest** in someone bigger than himself. Having a relationship with God strengthens our soul during times when the wild storms hit. I believe David also strengthened himself by recalling those times when God met and helped him through challenges. Confidence grows through experiences that put faith and trust to the test. He would recall the stories of his ancestors. He would then overlay his own stories of life and faithfulness. It could be some verses on a fridge magnet or a poster on the wall or words of a song. Keep on reading or listening to the words. Do not desert the place or room of prayer or abandon trust. These things help us be strong. The ability to get through the toughest of times comes from strengthening ourselves daily. Resilience grows day by day through relational dependency on someone bigger than the problems we face.

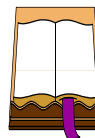
*The Reverend Theresa Musiwacho*

**Prayer share** - Almighty God, strength, ability and power comes from you. Give us the inner joy, which is beyond what we see for what we see is temporary but what is unseen is permanent. We pray all this through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**



## PARISH REGISTER

Name	Date	Community
<b>Baptism</b>		
George Andrew WOOD	19 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Ponsbourne
<b>Death</b>		
Derek TITCHNER	11th May 2026	Essendon
<b>Interment of ashes</b>		
Peter SMITH	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Essendon



## June 2026 Calendar

### Sunday 7th June

09.30	Parish Communion	Essendon
09.30	Family Service	Ponsbourne
11.00	Parish Communion	Brickendon

### Sunday 14th June

09.30	Parish Communion	Bayford
11.00	Family Service	Little Berkhamsted

### Sunday 21st June

09,30	Family Service	Essendon
09,30	Parish Communion	Ponsbourne
11.00	Family Service	Brickendon

### Sunday 28th June

09.30	Parish Communion	Little Berkhamsted
11.00	Family Service	Bayford
18.30	Evensong	Essendon

### Sunday 5th July

09.30	Parish Communion	Essendon
09.30	Family Service	Ponsbourne
11.00	Parish Communion	Brickendon

### Sunday 12th July

09.30	Parish Communion	Bayford
11.00	Family Service	Little Berkhamsted

### Wednesdays

09.30 Holy Communion, Essendon, followed by coffee

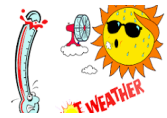
## Notes From the Editor

### ***A service with an African Flavour - 28th June 9.30am***

*Come and worship with us at St. Andrews Little Berkhamsted Church at the 9:30 am Holy communion Service. We will be hosting the **Shona Mother's Union group**. The Service will be led by the Shona/ M.U  
You are all welcome.*

### **Staying Safe in Hot weather— a few simple hints**

**Stay Hydrated** - Drink plenty of water or diluted squash throughout the day even if not feeling thirsty. Avoid excessive alcohol, caffeine and hot drinks.



**Keep Homes Cool** – Close blinds and curtains in rooms that face the sun during the day. Open windows early in the morning or at night when it is cooler outside.

**Avoid the Midday Sun** – Stay indoors or in the shade, particularly between 11.00am and 3.00pm. Restrict outdoor activities for cooler mornings or evenings.

**Dress for the Heat** – Wear lightweight, loose fitting, light coloured cotton clothing if indoors and apply SPF 30+ sunscreen if going outdoors, remember to reapply regularly and also wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.

**Manage Medication** – Store below 25° C (77°F) consider keeping it in the fridge during severe heat. Speak to your GP about how medication may affect heat tolerance.

**Know the Symptoms** – of heat exhaustion and heatstroke and what to do if you or someone else has them.

For more information go to: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/beat-the-heat-hot-weather-advice](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beat-the-heat-hot-weather-advice). **For hot weather advice for pets see page 35**

### **Events..... dates for your diary**

- ◆ **Coffee morning to celebrate the life of Rita Pallett 6th June**  
9.30– 1230 Essendon Village Hall
- ◆ **Celtic Harmony Camp 26th June** Summer Weekends: Faery Trails & Disc Golf Adventures -see page 29
- ◆ **Just Friends Summer Concert 27th June 7.30—FREE—** Mary's Church Essendon see page 19St
- ◆ **Shona Mother's Union group communion service**  
**28th June 9.30am** St. Andrews Church Little Berkhamsted
- **Family Fun Day 12 July** from 12pm, Little Berkhamsted see page 26

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## Garden Notes June

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Hopefully also, the regular 'vegetable experts' have been able to sow their seeds and carefully plant out their early potatoes etc. where they want them and where they will do really well. Also with sufficient rain one can carefully move plants where and when this is necessary. As I write this we could do with a lovely gentle warm rain for several hours as long as it knows when to stop! Keep an eye on any new plants you have recently put in and carefully remove any damaged leaves etc. It is remarkable how quickly they will grow away!



Happy Summer Gardening!

Germander Speedwell



***June is a time for nurturing your garden and preparing for hot weather. Key tasks include***

- ⇒ ***Watering deeply***
- ⇒ ***Planting tender crops***
- ⇒ ***Keeping on top of weeds***
- ⇒ ***Staking tall or floppy plants***
- ⇒ ***Feeding regularly hanging baskets and containers***
- ⇒ ***Harvest lettuce, radish salads and early potatoes***
- ⇒ ***Pinch out side shoots of tomatoes***
- ⇒ ***Shade greenhouses to prevent scorching***



# Bayford

## St. Mary's Church

June cleaning rota  
Jooles Crone  
Annie Willoughby Richards

### BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

#### **Meetings.**

Please check the website.

The next meeting is 6<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm in Memorial Hall.

Michael Wainwright, Chairman. 01707 875970.

[clerk@bayfordparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bayfordparishcouncil.org.uk)

#### **Bell's Wood**

The Team's meeting with Sara Saunders Head of Planning at EHC on 15<sup>th</sup> April was much more positive than previously. They appear to be closer to discovering a way forward on the central issue of 'How many'.

#### **Friends of the Baker Arms.**

A revised planning application submitted by McM is due to be declined. We now need to wait and see what McM will do next: update the plans or appeal.

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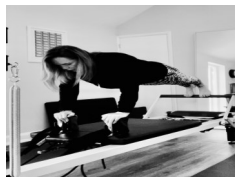
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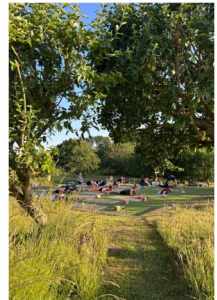
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## Essendon Nature Notes

Finding nests in the spring is always one of those joys to look forward to, the thrill of not quite knowing whether it is a disappointing leftover from last year or a new residence full of chirping chicks eager for a feed. As I watched a whitethroat dive again into the brambles on the other side of the garden wall, I was sure that I would be able to find its secret nursery. But no, the wild growth proved too dense and impenetrable and the whitethroat builds its nest close to the ground making it even more difficult to find. I could, of course, have hacked away at the prickly vegetation and eventually discovered the treasure but to do such harm and risk desertion of the nest would defeat the object of the exercise which is to revel in this miracle of life, not disturb the cycle of nature. I admitted defeat.



The whitethroat is a relatively common summer migrant and fairly easy to recognise from the distinguishing feature which gives it its name. The male has a greyish head and both sexes have reddish brown backs. It has a rather lovely scratchy jangly song which is quite distinctive and it will often perch at the top of a bush or on a telegraph wire so you can get a good look



despite its small size. I always listen out for the first one of the year with anticipation and they are a constant voice in the scrubby undergrowth of the neighbouring field. This sylvine warbler has an even smaller cousin, the lesser whitethroat, but this is less well-known and you will have to go further afield beyond the village to come across one.

I guess this year I will have to be satisfied with the whitethroat's song and its presence rather than its nest. Well, maybe I will go out for just one more look...

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# Brickendon

## Chapel of Holy Cross & St. Alban

### Services

7<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am Parish Communion  
21<sup>st</sup> June 11.00am Family Service

For enquiries concerning the Chapel, please contact  
**Virginia Haryott**  
01992 511575 or email  
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*We do our best to keep the churchyard looking tidy, but there are a few dead flowers on some graves, and we would appreciate it if the families involved could remove them.*

### Altar Flowers

Maureen Reid	4 <sup>th</sup> June
Maureen Reid	11 <sup>th</sup> June
Cathy Gibbens	18 <sup>th</sup> June
Cathy Gibbens	25 <sup>th</sup> June

### Church Cleaning

Virginia Haryott
Amanda Davey

Grateful thanks go to so many friends who help to keep our church looking so beautiful. New members would be very welcome, so please consider helping. Phone or message Virginia on 07770 944854 or email [virginia.haryott@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.haryott@gmail.com)

### **Parish Council Meetings**

**Next meeting : 23 July 2026**

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**Book Club** - meets first Tuesday of the month at 8pm, contact **Andrea Trendler** - 01992 511588

**Pilates** Tuesdays 9.15 am in  
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## HHW local history series

### St Andrew, Little Berkhamsted part 2

By Ian Bailey

Last month we traced the origins of the church, probably from Saxon times. The Domesday Book in 1085 records a priest named Semar but with no mention of a church. In 1225, the Manor of Little Berkhamsted was forfeited to the king (Henry III), and the Sheriff was ordered to demolish certain buildings, but the “Old Church” was excluded from this demolition. Just how old this “Old Church” was is not explained.



There have been some interesting Rectors since starting in 1227. In 1646 the serving Rector was forcibly evicted from the parish by “constables, trained bands and other officers”. This may account for the bullet hole in the main door. Allegedly, the hole in the right-hand door was caused by a bullet or musket ball! The doors date from the 17th century but were removed in 1857 and returned to the church during restoration work in 1962.



The north aisle was added in Victorian times in 1831 and was built in red brick. It must have looked rather odd attached to the old mellow stone church, but in 1857, the whole of the outside of the church was clad in the Kentish ragstone which is there to this day.

The floor tiling and pews were installed during restoration work in 1897. The brighter colours in the stained glass are typical of the Victorian era. The altar, which was in the north aisle, dates from the 16th century, and, after it was replaced in the chancel in about 1711, acted as a table in the vestry. It was restored as an altar in 1962 when the north aisle became the “Chapel of the Holy Family”, but this has now been removed and the pews were sold off. The altar is now at the west end of the nave.

The choir stalls in the chancel were installed during the 1897 restoration. In 1962, the west window was lowered by 2ft and clear glass was installed. This must have given a lot more light to the west end of the building. The east window was installed in 1919 in memory of Percival Bosanquet (1831-1915).





# Essendon, Woodhill, Wild Hill & Woodside

St. Mary the Virgin

Flower Rota

6th June

13th & 20th June

27th June

Sian & John Hackett

Paula Marshall

Lesley Reith



## Essendon Parish Council

“The next meeting of Essendon Parish Council is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 9th June**. Residents are always welcome to attend, listen in, and raise matters of local interest during the public forum. If you would like to contact the clerk for any reason, please email

[clerk@essendonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@essendonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

We would also like to thank everyone who joined us for the **Annual Parish Meeting**. This annual gathering is an important opportunity for the community to hear updates from local groups, reflect on the past year’s achievements and challenges, and share ideas for the months ahead. The minutes for this meeting will be available on the parish council website at

<http://www.essendonparishcouncil.gov.uk>“

## ESSENDON WI

Wednesday 17th June Village Hall 8pm

the WI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

Hatfield Aerodrome was a private airfield and aircraft factory from 1930 until its closure and development in the 1990s.

Essendon WI will be welcoming the **Curator of The Bunker at Hatfield Police Station** to their meeting in June. **Alistair Hodgson**, will be talking about **“The de Havilland Aircraft Company – Hertfordshire’s Contribution to the Aviation History**

Please call Lyn McCash, 07971 909540, for information, to visit as a guest or to consider joining the WI.

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**Essendon Connect** We are open every Friday morning in the Village Hall from 9.30-11.30 for free tea, coffee, cake and lots of chat. All residents welcome. Give us a try!



## JUST FRIENDS SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Essendon, AL9 6AS

Free entrance

Light refreshments

Retiring collection for charity

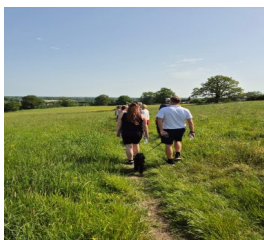
Please join us for an evening of varied music sung by an excellent choir of female voices



### Guided circular nature walk

Friends of St Mary's Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

The walk was well attended and enjoyed-despite the heat. Thanks go to David Carter who was an excellent and well informed guide and the back up team providing support and a splendid brunch and gallons of tea for the thirsty wanderers. Thank you Sharon, Julie, Chris, Nikki Can we do it again next year please?



### Derek Titchner

We regret to inform you of the death of a much loved and respected Essendon resident, Derek Titchner, who died in May after a short illness. Derek celebrated his 95th birthday last December. He gave a talk at the WI earlier in the year about his wood carving hobby. He had a wicked sense of humour and made many of us laugh at Essendon Connect coffee mornings. He will be much missed.





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# Cooking Ideas by Ruth Newton

## Pistachio and Lemon Cupcakes

A sweet treat to brighten up a lunch or enjoy with friends. I have used some pistachio crème or paste (a bit like smooth peanut butter – available in most supermarkets) in the icing, but you could leave this out and use a drop of green food colouring instead to give a pretty colour to the icing.



### Ingredients.

150gr/5.5oz butter at room temperature	3 eggs, at room temperature
150gr/5.5oz caster sugar	1 lemon zest
150gr/5.5oz self raising flour	50ml milk
½ tsp baking powder	
65gr/2.3oz finely chopped pistachio nuts (best done in a mini chopper or food processor)	

### For the buttercream icing:

115gr/4oz butter at room temperature	50gr/1.8oz pistachio crème
225gr/8oz icing sugar	Lemon curd (optional).

### Method:

Pre-heat the oven to 160 ° C fan/180°C/G4 and line a muffin tin (you may need two) with cupcake cases.

Using a handheld electric whisk or equivalent, cream the butter and sugar together, then add the eggs one at a time. Fold in a spoonful of flour after each egg.

Add the remaining flour and baking powder, then tip in the chopped pistachios and lemon zest. Mix well and finally add the milk to give a dropping consistency.

Spoon the mixture into the cupcake cases, about two thirds full (each one will weigh about 45grams) and bake in the oven for 15 to 20 minutes - in my oven they took 18 minutes, until just golden brown. Remove from the oven and leave to cool before icing and decorating.

To make the icing, cream all the ingredients together and spoon into an icing bag fitted with a star shaped nozzle. Pipe onto the top of each cake and decorate with a handful of chopped pistachios or any other sprinkles of your choice.

For extra lemony flavour, you can spread a thin layer of lemon curd onto the top of each cake before adding the buttercream.

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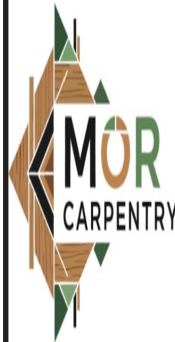
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### **Church cleaning**

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26 <sup>th</sup> June	Tony & Penny Tyndale

### **News from Little Berkhamsted Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 22nd July 2026** 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](mailto:clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk) or attend the meeting and ask in person.

### **LITTLE BERKHAMSTED FUN DAY 12 July**

Families across Hertfordshire are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun, laughter, and community spirit as a Family Fun Day arrives at Little Berkhamsted this July.



Taking place on Sunday 12 July 2026 from 12pm until 4pm on the village green, the event promises something for everyone, designed to bring local residents, families, and visitors together for a memorable summer day out. At the heart of the event will be a lively dog show, expected to attract proud owners and four-legged friends from across the local area. Alongside the canine competition, children can enjoy a large bouncy castle and inflatable slide, while adults browse a variety of local trade stalls showcasing small businesses and handmade products, and refreshments.

The event is all about celebrating village life and creating an opportunity for neighbours and families to connect in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. With free entry and activities suitable for all ages. The picturesque village green will provide the perfect setting for visitors to picnic, socialise, and enjoy the summer weather while children make the most of the event.

For enquiries, organisers can be contacted on 07947 931 631

## Annual Parish Meeting Highlights

In 2025-2026, Little Berkhamsted Parish Council has focused on improving village facilities, strengthening community wellbeing, and tackling long-standing local issues across the parish. Some key points are included below but please visit our website for a full overview of this meeting.

One of the year's key achievements was the installation of a second village defibrillator at the Beehive Pub, funded through a grant and supported by the pub's generosity in hosting the lifesaving equipment.

Community spirit was highlighted through a successful village litter pick, where residents collected numerous bags of rubbish in a single morning. with refreshments provided afterwards at the Five Horseshoes pub. Thank you to Dave and his team.

Significant investment was made in local amenities and recreation areas. Play-ground improvements included a new waste bin and repairs to climbing and swing equipment. The old pathway slabs were repurposed into a new hard-standing area.

Planning and highways remained major priorities throughout the year. The council worked alongside police and landowners to address issues involving heavy vehicles using restricted rural roads, while also dealing with several contentious planning matters, appeals, and enforcement cases.

The parish council also launched a new website, helping improve communication and accessibility for residents.

Overall, 2025-2026 review reflects a year of practical improvements, community involvement, and ongoing commitment to protecting and enhancing village life in Little Berkhamsted.

**Wellbeing Class** Mondays at 10am.  
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**Weddings, Baptisms and other matters.**  
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**June Quiz ...**  
**Brain teaser -**

**Answers on page 38**

Answer next month.

1. Name the only 2 stations on the London underground which end with an "O".
2. Is the Tasmanian Devil an insect, reptile or mammal?
3. Which artery is used to take a person's pulse at the wrist?
4. How many sides does the £1 coin have?
5. What was the currency of Monaco before it adopted the euro?
6. How many bones are there in an adult human body?
7. On a standard QWERTY keyboard which vowel is on a different row from the other vowels? (no peeping!)
8. Who voiced Woody on the Toy story film?
9. Which fruit is used to make guacamole?
10. Who said "You cannot be serious" to a Wimbledon umpire in 1981?

**Brain Teaser**—answer next month

Can you name 10 cities (not towns) in Great Britain whose name includes consecutive double letters ?



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involved this summer.

The campaign brings people together over tea, coffee and cake to raise vital funds for the hospice. Supporters are invited to host their own tea party, afternoon tea or coffee morning, where guests make donations in exchange for refreshments. Last year's successful campaign, raised £15,000 to support Isabel Hospice's essential services.

Both first-time hosts and returning supporters are encouraged to take part, with events able to be held at home, at work or within local communities.

Running until 30 September, the campaign offers plenty of flexibility for people to get involved in a way that suits them.

Everyone who signs up will receive a free fundraising pack with ideas and resources, including hosting tips from volunteer Ann, a recipe from supporter Gillian, and



a Care for a Cuppa-themed quiz. Grace May, Community Fundraiser at Isabel Hospice, said "Every cup of tea shared helped us bring comfort, care and dignity to people and their families when they needed it most. This year, we'd love to see even more people getting involved."

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## Answers to June quiz from page 31 and May Brain Teaser

1. Pimlico and Waterloo
2. Mammal – more specifically the world's largest surviving carnivorous marsupial.
3. Radial artery.
4. 12 sides.
5. Franc
6. 206 (a baby has 270-300 but some fuse with growth)
7. A
8. Tom Hanks
9. Avocado
10. John McEnroe

### May Brain Teaser

Can you name the colours in book titles by the following authors?

Anthony Burgess *A clockwork orange*; Thomas Harris *The Red Dragon*;

E L James *50 shades of grey*; Judith Kerr *When Hitler stole Pink Rabbit*;

Stephen King *The green mile*; Emmuska Orczy *The scarlet pimpernel*;

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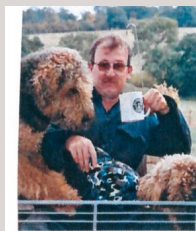
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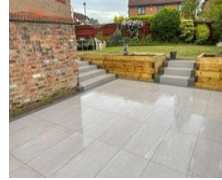
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