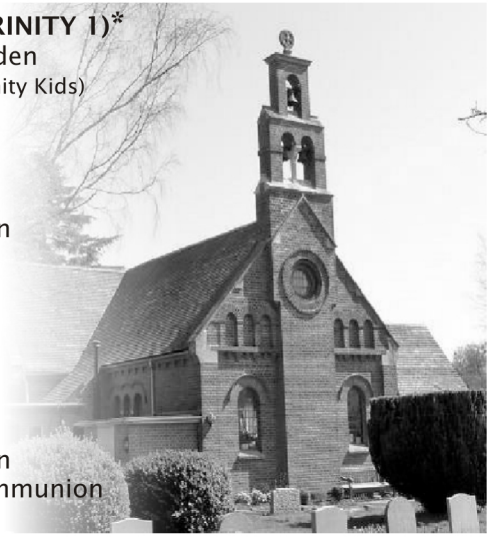
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6th JUNE	**PATRONAL FESTIVAL (TRINITY 1)***
8.00am	Holy Communion - Nettleden
10.30am	Holy Communion (with Trinity Kids)
6.00pm	BCP Evensong
10th JUNE	
7.30pm	Compline
13th JUNE	**TRINITY 2**
9.00am	Morning Prayer - Nettleden
10.30am	Second Sunday Praise
6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion
20th JUNE	**TRINTY 3**
10.30am	Holy Communion
6.00pm	Evensong - Nettleden
6.00pm	BCP Evensong
27th JUNE	**TRINITY 4**
9.00am	Morning Prayer - Nettleden
10.30am	Fourth Sunday Family Communion
6.00pm	Celtic Worship

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday there is a Service of Morning Prayer at 8am and Evening Prayer at 5.30pm at Holy Trinity, Potten End.

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9am Tuesday at GG and 10am Thursday at LG

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Whirlwind Spirit of God,
Roar through our timidities and fears,
Shake the foundations of our ill-placed securities,
Sweep away the cobwebs of our apathy,
Blow down the walls that separate us,
one from another.

Then into all our empty spaces, breathe
re-strengthened courage to challenge injustice,
renewed belief in the urgency of our vocation,
revitalised passion to change our lifestyles,
re-dedication to speak only words that build and unite.

Let gentle breeze and still small voice
become in us today
mighty wind and loud proclamation.
Make of us a Pentecost people!
Amen

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FROM Rev. JOE ROBERTS

Team Vicar of Holy Trinity, Potten End and Director of Schools' Ministry (Associate Priest) for St Peter's Berkhamsted. 01442 865217 / vicar@holytrinitypottenend.org.uk

Albert Einstein famously said, "You can't use an old map to explore a new world". Now while I don't want to disagree with such a wise mind, I am somewhat hesitant to jettison the past because it seemingly looks so different from the present. We lamentably too often fail to learn from history and so often end up repeating it. Yes, we might not want to have our head stuck in an old map as we move forward, but they are good groundings as to where we've already travelled and can help us work out the lay of the land as we discover the way ahead. And yet we must remember that while maps may show us a destination and the various routes we can take, we ourselves must set the direction, guided by what is going on around us.

I don't know about you, but the pandemic seems to be an opportune time in which to reflect, refocus and reorientate our priorities, identity and direction. We have been so focussed on rushing headlong through life, running the rat race that has been set before us, that we might have not had the time or energy to properly stop and think. And as we ease out of lockdown again (hopefully for the last time), while the pace of life is no doubt building back up, it would be foolish to simply go back to the way things were. Sure, we might need that familiar rhythm but we find ourselves exploring a new world so it shouldn't necessarily set the pace going onward.

We have undertaken various metaphorical map reading exercises at Holy Trinity over these last few months. Together we've reflected and prayed upon what our church life can look like in striving for our vision to be the church 'at the heart of the community' in this new world. And this is now permeating through all aspects of our mission, worship, outreach and engagement in moving forward over the rest of this year and beyond.

You will find in this issue various adverts and a roadmap (everyone seems to love these nowadays!) of Holy Trinity's various plans as we strive for a 'new normal' that is both faithful to our identity and history, whilst also being fresh and creative.



Our worship pattern introduces new services on Sundays at 10.30am to be open and engaging for all: On the Second Sunday Praise and on the Fourth Sunday Family Communion. Trinity Kids is starting back on the first Sundays of the month, Wild Church on the third Sundays, and refreshments resumes in the Church Room after the morning services. We are launching a new young person's group (Rooted) and men's social (the Mad Squirreler's), and Tuesday Gathering (stay & play and social) is back very soon. Please come along and join us - it will be great to welcome you. ➡



EDITORIAL

Hopefully and with God in our hearts, we are almost there and life can return to at least a new normal, whatever that may be. Travel restrictions are easing and we can now visit family and friends, who we maybe haven't seen in person or more importantly, hugged for many months. Socialising in pubs and restaurants is slowly coming back and with a bit of luck warmer weather will soon be with us.

This month we celebrate, although not actually on Trinity Sunday, our Church's Patronal Festival. although not actually on Trinity Sunday, but we do so on the following Sunday 6th June. Our Service that day is Holy Communion. It will be a real festive occasion, and as always, you are all most welcome to join us.

Now that Covid 19 resitrictions are easing our Social Committee are working hard planning future events for the whole Community. Please watch this space for further details.

Our Newsletter is also getting back to normality with the regular pattern of issues starting this month. As usual it is filled with information about what we as a Church are planning for the future. It includes two new events in 'Rooted' and 'Mad Squirreler's' (see page 40) together with contributions from The Beekeeper's Diary, Book Review, French Connections, Parish Council News, Village Recipe, Fred's Tips from the Potting Shed and an update from High Five for Ollie.

As always, a huge thanks to all our contributors, advertisers and distributors who continue to support our Newsletter, as well as to all our readers.

A big thanks also to those who have sent us donations to help with the production costs of this valued community publication. If you haven't done so already but would like to, we would be most grateful. More details on page 34.

Enjoy the easing of restrictions but always stay safe, we are not totally out of the woods just yet!

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FROM REV JOE ROBERTS - cont'd

It is a really exciting time - and this isn't even including the various social events that we have lined up!
Indeed, we must be mindful and remember that we are not out of the woods yet. That this pandemic has (and continues to be) a difficult and trying time for so many. At the time of writing our thoughts and prayers must really go out to the people of India. Yet through all of this we must try and look forward to see the light and new life around us, and to gently lead one another in love, care and support.

After the fear, worry and lament of Jesus' death, his disciples inevitably wondered what's next, locking themselves behind closed doors, not wanting to contemplate the way forward. Yet all this changes when the risen Jesus appears. A new world begins and things are not the same again. However, Jesus does not stay with them and let things remain static, for he leaves them to plot their own course ahead. With the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (which the Church celebrates on 23rd May) this new emerging Church is now equipped to spread the Good News of God's love through word, service, relationship and action. And combined with the map that Christ created through his life, teaching, death and resurrection, a route can be created on the values of love, forgiveness, reconciliation, and a striving for justice and peace.

At Holy Trinity we're re-plotting and setting out on that path. And we'd love it if you'd travel with us. As individuals, as a community, as a church - let us all journey and discover this new world together. Here's to the future, mindful of the road already travelled.

Prayers and blessings, Rev Joe.



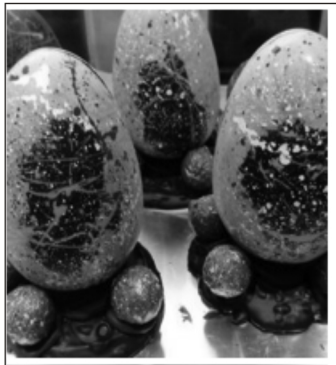
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SWIFTS IN POTTEN END?

Some years ago a friend, Patrick, told me he was installing swift nesting boxes on his house in Berkhamsted. Sadly he died shortly thereafter and I never knew the outcome of his scheme. Nevertheless I was intrigued but also daunted by the fact that swifts like nests some five metres above the ground. Further, that these need to be north facing (to keep cool) and are typically under the eaves of houses. At the time I did nothing beyond learning something of these fast flying creatures:-

* Their population in the UK has apparently fallen by half since 1995, the year we moved to Potten End.
* Swifts mate for life and will return to the same nest site each year. Historically, swifts would have nested in holes in large trees, cliffs and crevices. However, today's UK population depends almost entirely on buildings for nest sites and many have perhaps unwittingly been destroyed as houses are refurbished and new houses built.



* They are summer migrants, flying to the UK each summer to breed, spending the rest of the year in sub-Saharan Africa. The first birds tend to arrive in April before departing in August and September.(See Photo)
* Swifts use their speed and agility to catch flying insects on the wing. They can take a range of prey, but avoid stinging insects like bees and wasps.
* It's possible that the behaviour of migratory birds like swifts is being affected by climate change and also by the number of insects on the wing as the result of pesticide use.
* Except for when on the nest, swifts spend their entire life in flight. They never come to the ground and even sleep on the wing.



This year we decided to rearrange our own “nest box” and incorporate an ensuite shower room into our bedroom. In the process we installed another window, facing roughly north which involved erecting a tower and - hey presto- I had access to those eaves! We have now installed a swift nest box, together with a mini speaker wired up to a tiny circuit board, which will play swift calls from late April through to August with the hope that this will attract one or more pairs to set up home.

I should love to hear if there are other swifts in the Village.

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While the pandemic has held us back in terms of what we have been able to do as a Church and how we engage with one another, now as things begin to ease further, we are ready to hit the ground running with a varied and exciting selection of activities for children, young people and families. We hope that in this offering you will find fun, inclusive and spiritually deepening opportunities for people of all ages, so you can join in and see what's great about being a part of the ***'Church at the heart of the Village'.***

Below is a brief list of those endeavours which are occurring over the next month or so:

Second Sunday Praise (10.30am) - an informal Service for all, where we hear God's word, reflect on it in creative ways and sing praises to God.

Fourth Sunday Family Communion (10.30am) - a Service of Holy Communion for everyone to engage with and to participate in. We especially encourage our younger members to be involved in as much of the Service as possible, from the welcome, the reading, the setting up of the altar and engagement with God's word.

Trinity Kids (first Sunday of the month) - our Children's Church for children aged 10 and under and taking place in the Church Room. This is a fun-packed age-appropriate time of worship. See page 30 for more details.

Wild Church (third Sunday of the month, 3.30pm) - an outside, creative, hands on time of fellowship, as we explore God's world through his creation. See page 34 for more details.

Rooted (second Thursday of the month, 5.30-7pm) - an exciting new youth gathering taking place in the Vicarage, where we will engage, reflect and think about various issues in an informal setting over food and games. See page 40 for more details.

Tuesday Gathering (10am-12noon) - 'stay & play and social' for all (young and old), to spend time together; to socialise; relax; enjoy refreshments; play games; and make friends. See page 34 for more details.



To relaunch this Autumn - **Messy Church!** Watch this space for further news on this time of fun, food, faith and fellowship, hopefully taking place back in the school.

If you would like further information about any of these activities, please contact Rev Joe: vicar@holytrinitypottenend.org.uk / 01442 865217. Please join us as we all discover and journey together in faith and live in God's love.

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We will continue to stream our services to our website and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/holytrinitypottenend) and there is no pressure to come back to church - only do so if you feel comfortable.
While I ask that you try and book to attend our weekend services, you are welcome to join me in person when I say Morning and Evening Prayer during the week. If you are having difficulty in booking or don't have access to the internet, please contact me direct: vicar@holytrinitypottenend.org.uk or 01442 865217.

Dependent on government guidelines and the easing of restrictions it might be that we stop our booking system for worship in person towards the end of June. However, this is unknown at the time of writing so please continue to use this method until we know more details and sign up to our weekly email or follow our Facebook page to be kept up to date.

HOLY TRINITY e-NEWS

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In April, some of our members enjoyed a walk through Frithsden Woods, admiring the bluebells and stopping for refreshments at the Alford Arms. Another walk was planned in May plus small tea parties in members gardens before our first big meet up after Covid restrictions: in the open air on Potten End Green on **16th June** at 2.30pm.

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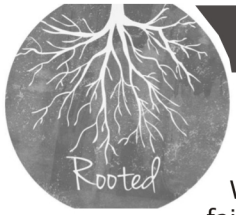
INTRODUCING 'MAD SQUIRRELERS'



Introducing 'Mad Squirrelers' a men's social group.

Would you be interested in getting together to chat, get to know one another and share in fellowship. This will be a very informal gathering usually in the pub and guided by those who come along.

Dependent on lockdown restrictions easing (we're hoping our first meeting will be **Thursday 1st July at 7.30pm** at The Plough. If you are interested in joining us on that date, please contact Rev Joe (vicar@holytrinitypottenend.org.uk/ 865 217).



INTRODUCING ROOTED

Introducing 'Rooted' - youth gathering (school years 5-9)
Starting on the second Thursdays of the month, 5.30-7pm from 10th June at the Vicarage.

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If you're interested or know of a young person who might be, or would simply like to have more information, please let me know in advance (vicar@holytrinitypottenend.org.uk/ 01442 865 217) so we can send out a consent form which you can return beforehand or bring along on your first visit.

PRAYER BOX



When the Church is open for private and corporate prayer you are most welcome to write your own personnal prayer and place it in the box in the porch. Next to the box are some slips of paper, pens and hand sanitiser, or you can write it at home and drop it in.

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FRENCH CONNECTIONS

A BIT OF A BOAR

Until last week we were in "lockdown lite" - non-essential shops closed, 10 km freedom of movement (better than one), masks obligatory and, most importantly, bars closed including terraces. All winter we have supported the local café, freezing with a coffee outside in the morning and, in my case, a beer taken at the picnic tables opposite before the 7p.m. curfew. Strictly speaking, it's illegal to drink alcohol in a public place. Nanny knows best.

One positive result of the 10 km restriction has been that we have explored our immediate hinterland rather more assiduously than before, including our local forest of Lanouée which is at its most beautiful now. The fresh green of the canopy creeps further each day and the ferns unfold almost before your eyes, once again concealing the forest floor and its secrets, which are many.

I've been on the track of one of those secrets in particular. The History Association has been asked by the Local Authority to compile an inventory of historic sites in an effort to build up a comprehensive picture across all 32 communes. However, this was not as simple as just listing them, which I had already done some years ago, they also wanted photos and GPS references.

The early cartographers mapping the forest discovered at least three defensive earthworks, two circular and one a huge ellipse. Bureaucratic shorthand described these as "former Roman Camps", though in fact, they probably date from the iron age, somewhere over 2600 years ago. It is also probable that they were used by the Romans and then continued to be used on and off by various groups until the early 19th century, when the counterrevolutionary "Chouans" took to the woods.

What the cartographers failed to notice - but then I suppose they were not really looking - was that not one but two Roman roads traversed the forest. One ran south-north from the port of Vannes to Corseul, a Gallo-Roman settlement with the remarkable remains of a shopping centre, and the other east-west from Rennes to Quimper. It is easy to spot the Vannes-Corseul route beneath the leaves and decaying branches, but of the Rennes-Quimper there is no trace. We know its probable entry and exit points but can only guess its likely route.

In the late 1880s, the forest was carved up into manageable parcels, generally of about 50 to 60 hectares, separated by broad rides on a north-south/east-west grid. I think a side-effect of this environmental vandalism was to obliterate all trace of the Rennes-Quimper road. Yet I have always found it hard to believe that there is nothing, so for the last three weeks we have been systematically exploring the certain parcels at their likely intersection point. Typically, I walk through the undergrowth about 20 yards from the ride where Mrs. V shadows me with the dog. Yesterday, for the first time I found a raised section which might just have been the trace I have been seeking. But I found something else as well.

I was crunching my way through the dry leaves and cracking sticks, when suddenly there was a crash and a brown furry rocket a bit larger than a Labrador shot across in front of me heading for Mrs. V until mercifully it veered right and disappeared once again into the undergrowth. I guess it lost its nerve and broke cover because in the 21 years we have been coming here, it is the first time I have raised one. And as a hunting friend observed, we were lucky that it was not a mother nursing its young or we might have been in trouble. All in all, a salutary if stimulating experience. **Vagabond**



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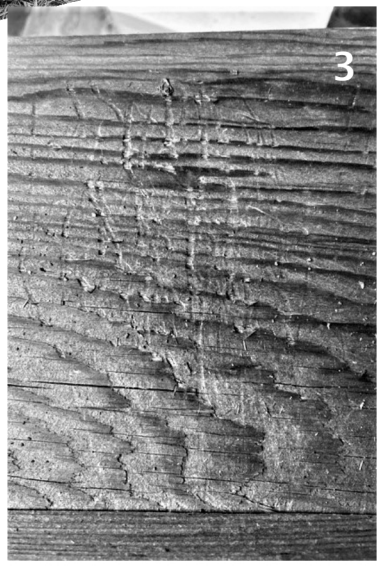
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BEES AND BADGERS.

On a Sunday morning in late April I was met by a scene of devastation in my apiary. (Photo 1). A badger had knocked over one of my remaining hives in order to eat the grubs (pupae) and the honey stores. The bees, having survived the winter, had flown into the cold night and perished - another colony down. The badger attempted to enter another hive, pulling out the mesh floor and breaking the comb.



Later that day I related this tale of woe to fellow Potten End beekeepers who had just taken delivery of a lovely new nucleus colony of bees and young mated queen. Luckily, they were no slouches and took evasive action that very day- strapping down the new hive (Photo 2), only to report six days later, that their hive had also been attacked, leaving heavy scratch marks as evidence, but the intruder had been foiled by the defences (Photo 3).



Badgers are a protected species but their numbers in England and Wales have risen to over 485,000 an 80% + increase since the 1980s.
As a beekeeper I have to accept - however many or few there are, they pose a threat to my hives.

As a sometime dairy farm worker I am aware that some 35,000 otherwise healthy cattle are slaughtered each year to combat tuberculosis (TB) which is thought to be spread in part by badgers. (Hence the controlled culls).

As a Christian I accept that badgers and bees are all part of God's glorious creation but have to confess that I am finding it harder to love the beasts! I do however believe in the evolution and recognise that we have removed any badger predators beyond that of the motor car and that we beekeepers and garden lawn cultivators are having to live with the consequences.

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TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday (this year 30th May) is the first Sunday after Pentecost and celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The Athanasian Creed, although not often used, is recited in certain Anglican churches, particularly thouse of High church tendency. Its use is prescribed in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) of the Church of England for use on certain Sundays at Morning Prayer, including Trinity Sunday.

Trinity Sunday has the status of a Principal Feast in the Church of England. Thomas a Beckett (1118-70) was consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury on Trinity Sunday and his first act was to ordain that the day of his consecration should be held as a new festival in honour of the Holy Trinity. This observance spread from Canterbury throughout the whole of western Christendom.

Churches are often dedicated/named in honour of a Saint, like St Peter's in Berkhamsted or St Lawrence in Nettleden. Here in Potten End our Church was dedicated to the Holy Trinity which is why on that Sunday or a Sunday close to that day we celebrate our Patronal Festival - this year its on 6th June.

CHURCH VISION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

During this pandemic, while we have been limited in terms of what we can do (for instance we've been unable to host a fete two years running), I would like to think that as a church we have in fact widened our engagement with the local community. This has been seen in our foodbank box situated outside the shop, chalking of the Church wall, toilet-roll amnesty, Remembrance Memorial, prayer stations in the Churchyard, School engagement, Pastoral network, online streaming of Services and events, the Community Christmas Tree and this very Newsletter to name but a few. However, as our vision is to be 'the Church at the heart of the Village' it means that we do need to undertake a rain-check every now and then to see how we're doing and whether our vision meets the expectations of others.

Therefore, we would really love to hear your thoughts and views on the Church here in Potten End and what you might suggest should be our focus? We would really like your opinions, whether it's just a few words as to how you would describe Holy Trinity (both positive and negative) or a more comprehensive answer. If you would like to either write an email (vicar@holytrinitypottenend.org.uk) call Rev Joe (865 217) or drop a note through the Vicarage door, that would be fantastic!

Please be assured that we would take your views seriously, as Holy Trinity strives to be the ***'Church for the whole Community at the heart of the Village'.***

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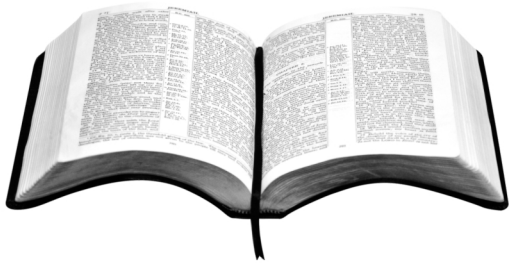
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BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE

If you are unable to attend or view our Sunday worship online and you would still like to follow our appointed readings, then please find them listed below. If you don't possess a Bible but have easy access to the internet, please visit www.biblegateway.com to view many different versions to suit your reading style. At Holy Trinity, for our public worship, we tend to use the New International Version (NIV).

6th June Trinity Sunday	Romans 8.14-17 John 3.1-17
13th June	2 Corinthians 5.6-17 Mark 4.26-34
20th June	Job 38.1-11 Mark 4.35-41
27th June	2 Corinthians 8.7-15 Mark 5.21-43





PARISH REGISTER

Internment of Ashes - 31st March Pamela Hale

Holy Trinity strives to be present offering comfort, care and love through the various rhythms of life, from birth to death, to letting go, so please let us journey with you in good times and in bad, in sorrow and in joy. If you have an enquiry concerning Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and would like to know how they 'look' during this tightening of gatherings, please contact Rev Joe: 01442 865217 / vicar@holytrinitypottenend.org.uk.

For Jesus said, "And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

THE CHURCH ROOM



The Church Room will now be gradually re-opening to groups and bookings. It is a popular venue for Church events. It is also available for clubs, children's parties, meetings, quiz nights and other social activities. All users must comply with Government advice and restrictions in force at the time.

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STAMP OUT HOMELESSNESS

Margaret Smith has written to thank us on behalf of Dens for the support Holy Trinity and the Community have given the Food Bank. It is much valued and appreciated. Margaret also informs us that Dens are now collecting stamps to help 'Stamp Out Homelessness'. Therefore, please don't throw your used postage stamps away. Dens would be delighted to receive them as they can raise money for every kilo collected and as our School is no longer collecting them, Dens would be only too pleased to receive them.

Please send or deliver them to Dens, The Hub, Paradise, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4TF. All stamps must be cut or torn from envelopes leaving approx 1/4 inch of paper around them. If possible please send foreign stamps seperately.

REGULAR COMPLINE SERVICE



Please note our regular Compline Service is held on the **second Thursday** of the month at 7.30pm (new time) in Church. The next services will be on **10th June** or on-line. The ancient office of Compline derives its name from the Latin word *completorium* meaning 'completion'. It is above all a Service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise.

All are welcome to this peaceful and reflective Service or watch on-line.



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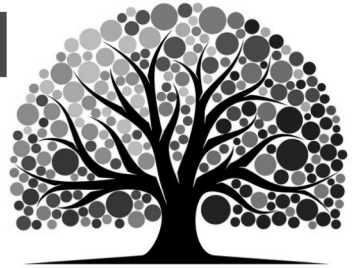
From Tuesday 6th July onwards, between 10am-12noon, Tuesday Gathering will take place in the Church Room. Tuesday Gathering is a free safe-space for all (young and old), to spend time together; to socialise; relax; enjoy refreshments; play games; and make friends.

This 'stay & play and social' will be shorter than usual until September but we know that as so many people have longed to come together to share in fellowship with one another and as restrictions have ease, now is the time to gently begin again this community gathering.

Everyone is welcome to come to this gathering and please feel free to drop-in at any time. We look forward to welcoming you!

If you would like any more information or would like to help volunteer (this is the only way the Tuesday Gathering can be sustainable) please contact Rev Joe.

WILD CHURCH IS BACK!



Every third Sunday of the month @ 3.30pm (meet outside the Church building).
Our next gathering will be **Sunday 20th June.**

Join us as we explore God's word through his creation undertaking outdoor activities and craft, having a short act of worship and ending with refreshments.

If you would like to come along we would advise that you wear suitable footwear and clothing. Please join us come rain or shine! We are looking forward to seeing you and discovering God in the world around us.

If you would like further information, please contact Rev Joe: vicar@holytrinitypottenend.org.uk / 01442 865217.



DONATIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

A big thank you to all those who have already made donations to the Newsletter it really is appreciated. Slowly but surely, things are beginning to return to a new kind of normality but if you wish to donate to our Newsletter then we would be only too happy to receive it.

Please send your valued donations to Rev Joe at the Vicarage - every penny helps.
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Once again a big thank you to those who have sent donations.

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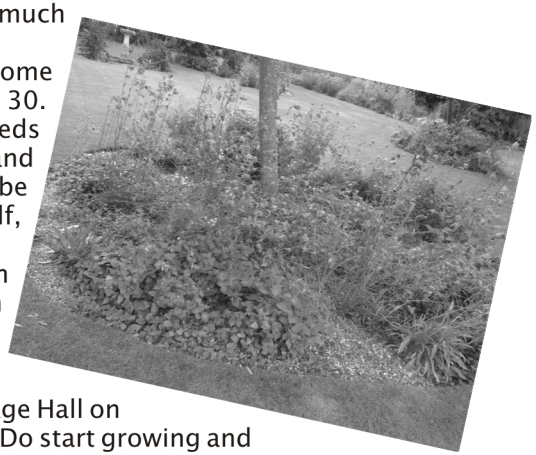
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POTTEN END GARDENING CLUB

Events are back!

A visit to Prof. Sandy Primrose's Low-maintenance Garden in High Wycombe on **Friday, 18th June at 7pm**. Sandy Primrose has designed a garden and planting schemes that will enable you to enjoy your garden without so much work.



This garden is at its best in June, so do come along. The maximum group size is 30. The cost is £7.50 per person (proceeds donated to Rennie Groves Hospice) and includes tea and cake. Transport will be by car and if you can't drive yourself, please ask for a lift.
To save your place, please get in touch with Melanie Llewellyn melanie.llewellyn42@gmail.com or 01442 865019.

The Village Show will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 4th September** 2.30 - 4pm. Do start growing and planting your flowers, fruit and vegetables for this annual event. A copy of the Show Schedule has already been sent to PEGC Members, but it is open to all villagers, adults and children, and electronic copies can be obtained from pottenendgardeningclub@gmail.com.

In addition, there are extensive craft and domestic sections, open to anyone who can paint, design, cook or infuse spirits. There is something for everyone. Or just come along to enjoy the exhibits, the raffle and cake! A printed Show Schedule will be available soon in the Village Shop and Rumblers Farm Shop.



A talk by Gardening Writer, Geoff Hodge, on **Thursday 7th October** in the Church Room at 7pm for 7.30 start. Geoff is an engaging speaker and works as a freelance gardening and horticultural writer, author, editor and radio broadcaster. His topic is "Weeds & the Weed-free Garden".

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

In the last Church Newsletter we talked about Dacorum's Draft Local Plan and the possible impact on the Parish of an additional 16,500 houses, particularly in terms of increased traffic. As yet there has been very limited feedback from Dacorum on the outcome of the consultation, and confusingly some of that feedback has been informal and hasn't been ratified. We believe that the plan may be reconsidered, that the government's housing target for the borough may be challenged, that more housing may be located in central Hemel rather than in the Green Belt, and that there may be another consultation - but please read all of those 'mays' with a heavy emphasis! More news when we get it.

The Parish Council is continuing to roll out its programme of surveys to find out what's important to you. Last time it was about the sort of events you would like to see. Most people thought there should be more events, and most people wanted a Summer Fete of some sort, so ..... **HOLD THE DATE! 3rd - 5th June 2022**
The Potten End Festival - a celebration of our Queen's Platinum Anniversary with fun for all at venues across the Village - more details to follow.

There were lots of other ideas, particularly around Christmas on The Green, and we'll be looking to see how those might work. For more feedback see the Council's website.

The next survey is all about highways - are the speed limits right, what do you think about traffic calming measures, what can be put on the verges? You can complete the paper version included with this Newsletter and return it via the shop, or the online version on the Council website.

Traffic signs have consumed a lot of time over the past six weeks. One day we had signs warning drivers of the risks posed by deer, the next day they'd been removed by Highways along with the 20mph signs outside the School. After a lot of effort behind the scenes most have now been replaced and a number of other long outstanding highways-related issues have been resolved.

Planning Applications reached what might be an all-time high with fourteen in one month - is there no end to the number of extensions that can be built in the Village? If you are having work done could we re-iterate the plea for your builders to park responsibly? If they block pavements so wheelchair users and children in buggies are unable to pass, or create chicanes in the road so traffic is disrupted, it only leads to frustration for everyone.

Elsewhere work is progressing on replacing the area in front of the goalmouth on Spencer Holland with an artificial surface, and we're looking at some short-term remedial maintenance around the play equipment, as well as longer term plans to expand the range of equipment, particularly with an eye on our younger residents. More details to follow.

The days of remote meetings should now be behind us and assuming everything goes to plan the next Council meeting will be held in person in the Church Rooms at 7.30pm on Thursday 24th June.

If you want to receive regular updates of new planning applications, advance warning of road closures and news of what the Council will be discussing, you can sign up to our newsletter on the website at https://nettledenpottenendpc.org.uk, where you can also find contact details of the councillors and Clerk if you have any questions or issues you'd like to raise.

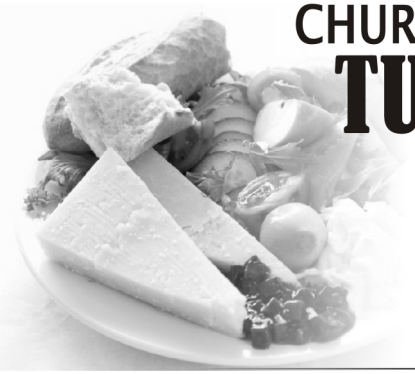


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NEW LIFE & HOPE PHOTO COMPETITION

We were blessed with a wonderful selection of photos for our 'new life and hope' photo competition, from flowers poking out of the snow, chickens waiting to go outside and our Andy hoping to get his head unstuck (don't ask!). The Church looked wonderful decorated for Easter, with the pictures on the window ledges and the winners taking pride of place on our Easter new life cross (made from our Church Christmas tree).



Thank you to all those who entered, especially to our winners: Alexander King Smith, Noah and Isaac Harris, Lydia Sayle and Mike Wallis, and to local artist Debbie Shrimpton for having the hard job of judging them.

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To support DENS financially, visit www.dens.org.uk and read about all the various things that they do for those who are facing homelessness, poverty and social



PRAYER MEETING

Our monthly Prayer Meeting takes place on the third Thursday of the month at 10am (17th June). You are welcome to join me in church for an informal time of praying for various situations, people and places that are on our hearts.

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TEA ROOM & CAKE SALE

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We are asking those who visit the Church to sanitise their hands upon entry and exit, wear a face covering (this is in accordance with the law), put your details on a post-it note and place in the Track and Trace Envelope or scan the QR code if you have the NHS Covid-19 app, adhere to social distancing and if you do sit in a pew please place a cushion (found at the back) where you were so we can clean down at the close of day. We continue to reiterate, do not come if you are feeling unwell and use common sense!

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Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

It is exciting because after a long absence we are relaunching Trinity Kids!
Trinity Kids is our Children's Church for children aged 10 and under and takes place in the Church Room at 10.30am on the 1st Sunday on the month. Our first session will be Sunday 6th June.

We offer a fun-packed age-appropriate time of worship based around the Bible Reading or Liturgical Theme of the day, and parents/carers are welcome to attend the Morning Service or stay with the children. We bring the children into Church to share in the Peace and the rest of the Service, reflecting as one congregation at the end together as to what we've been thinking about.

If you would like any more information or would be able to help volunteer at one of the sessions, please contact Jaime Roberts (robertsjaime0@gmail.com / 01442 865217).
We look forward to welcoming our young people back and hope that others would like to join in!

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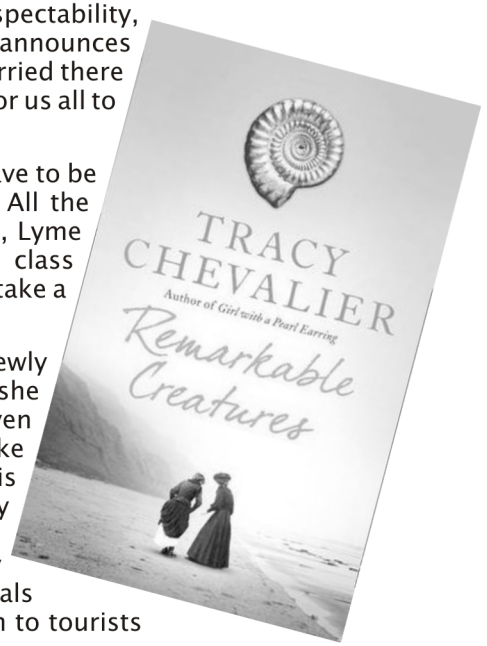
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BOOK REVIEW

REMARKABLE CREATURES by Tracy Chevalier

This is a story about two women. Elizabeth Philpot is that derided nineteenth-century figure: a spinster. Born at a time when women should have no aim but marriage, dependant on a male relative for support, social standing, and respectability, Elizabeth's life changes when her brother announces his engagement, and 'once our brother married there would be neither the place nor the money for us all to live at Red Lion Square.'



Elizabeth and her two unmarried sisters have to be moved on, and, according to A Guide to All the Watering and Sea-Bathing Places for 1804, Lyme Regis is a suitable location for middle class people with little money. The three sisters take a cottage and find a new life.

For Elizabeth the new life focuses on the newly fashionable hobby of finding fossils, and she becomes an expert in fish fossils, even though fossil hunting is 'an unladylike pursuit, dirty and mysterious'. But this unladylike pursuit is how she meets Mary Anning. Mary, a working-class girl, scratches a living for herself and her family by hunting for curiosities - or what the locals call curies - on the beach and selling them to tourists and collectors.

But what were the remarkable creatures? In the nineteenth-century mind, fossils are collectible, sometimes valuable - but a mystery. And to suggest that they are the petrified remains of now extinct creatures challenges religious belief: 'if He was willing to sit back and let creatures die out, what did that mean for us?'

Mary's brother, Joe, has been somewhat written out of history, but it is he who finds 'something different - long jaw, lots of teeth' like an odd-looking crocodile, but eighteen feet long with paddles rather than feet. An ichthyosaur, in fact. Part of the novel tells of the struggles to get the ichthyosaur, and Anning's later discovery of a plesiosaur, recognised and attributed to her. The problem seems to be only partly due to her sex - after all, Elizabeth Philipot's donation to the British Museum was accepted - but is, perhaps, connected to her class. Uneducated, lacking social status and money, Mary Anning becomes a scientist against the odds.

Mary Anning has been rather popular recently, and a somewhat imaginative movie has been released. Remarkable Creatures, though, gives a flavour of early palaeontology, as well as an insight into the lives of two remarkable women who were early palaeontologists, collaborators and friends. Oh, and it makes you long to visit the Jurassic Coast, too! *LuChic*

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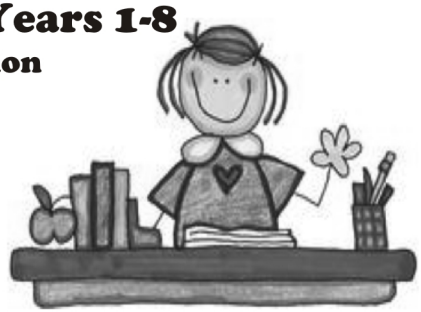
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FRED'S TIPS FROM THE POTTING SHED

Gardening therapy?
The benefits of gardening are seemingly endless, both mentally and physically. During the various lockdowns, keeping allotments open has been a lifeline to many and a recent study has found that 88% of people find that physical and mental wellbeing is a key benefit from spending time in the garden.

So, it's time to roll up your sleeves, get your hands dirty and experience the full benefits of gardening therapy.

Summer arrives
21st June is the longest day of the year, and the extra light and warmth encourages the garden to put on an exuberant burst of growth.

Top 5 jobs for June

1. Stake tall perennials such as Delphiniums to prevent wind damage.
2. Continue to hoe when it's dry and sunny to keep on top of germinating weed seedlings.
3. Lift and store Spring bulbs for next year and divide clumps of primulas.
4. Harvest early potatoes and peas and sow succession crops of lettuce and radish.
5. Plant out tender vegetables such as tomatoes, runner beans and keep them well watered.

Father's Day - Sunday 20th June
Whilst the date varies around the world, Father's Day is celebrated in over 100 countries. In the US Grace Golden Clayton proposed the day to honour those men who lost their lives in a mining accident in 1908. But the idea wasn't accepted until 1909.Then Sonora Smart Dodd of Washington State was inspired to propose the idea again, after attending a church Mother's Day. She thought it would be a good idea to honour her father, a civil war veteran who as a widower raised five children on his own and persuaded the Spokane Ministerial Association to celebrate Father's Day worldwide. The idea caught on and later spread to this country.

Time for Cringey Dad Jokes?
"I asked my dog what's two minus two? He said nothing."
What happens to illegally parked frogs? They get toad away.
How do you clean ice off tall buildings? With sky scrapers!
Why do dragons sleep during the day? So they can fight knights.
A mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has been discovered in Eqypt - Archaeologists believe it may be Pharaoh Roche.

Interested in gardening?
Why not join Potten End Gardening Club?
For more information please contact Melanie Llewellyn on 01442 865019



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

Instead of playing Nintendo or Ps4, why not take time out to do this Bible Word Search? Have fun!!

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VILLAGE RECIPE

PRAWNS IN TOMATO RED PEPPER SAUCE with Orzo pasta and Goats Cheese

I discovered Orzo pasta a couple of years agao and love it! Orzo is a form of short-cut pasta, shaped lke large grains of rice, it tastes lighter and fluffier than rice and is delicious with your favourite pasta sauce. But do try my recipe below, I hope you enjoy it.

INGREDIENTS (Serves 2)
1 tbsp oil to fry, rapeseed or vegetable
1 Onion, finely diced
1 Red pepper, de-seeded and cut into small chunks
2 cloves of garlic, chopped
Half tsp Chilli flakes (optional)
400g Tomatoes, roughly chopped
1 tbsp Tomato Puree
200ml vegetable stock
1 tsp sugar
Small bunch of basil, chopped
1 pack Goats Cheese (I use Waitrose Lemon Goat Cheese, this is soft and perfect)
200g raw prawns (I use frozen and defrost first)
180g Orzo pasta (available at most supermarkets)

METHOD
Make your tomato and pepper sauce. This can be done in advance, it also freezes very well.
Gently fry the chopped onion in oil for 5 to 7 mins until soft, but not coloured.
Add the chopped garlic, chilli flakes and chopped red pepper, fry for a couple of minutes.
Add chopped tomatoes, vegetable stock and 1 tbsp of tomtato puree.
Season with salt and pepper to taste.
Add 1tsp of sugar and simmer for up to an hour for a richer flavour.
Add chooped basil - sauce done!

Cook the Orzo as per packet instructions.
Reheat your sauce (if made ahead)
Add the raw prawns into the piping hot sauce and cook for a few minutes till they turn pink. Be careful not to overcook them as they go rubbery.

On a plate serve the orzo, pour the suace over the top and add chunks of goats cheese. Garnish with basil leaves if you fancy. The goats cheese will melt into the sauce. Yummy!!

Bon appétit
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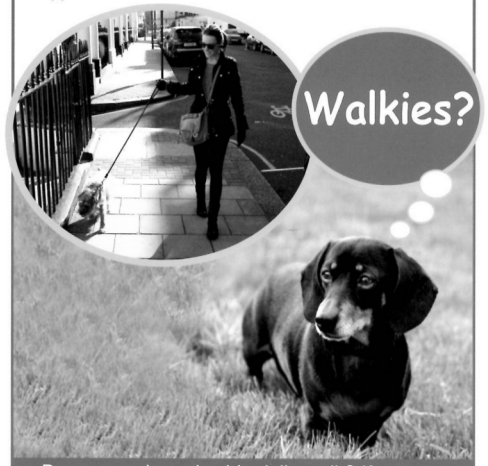
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HOLY TRINITY ROADMAP

As with the Government unveiling a roadmap for the easing of lockdown, at Holy Trinity we too have been thinking about our next steps. If everything eases gradually, we can plan for a new exciting and engaging future. Our biggest change takes place from Pentecost (23rd May) onwards with various initiatives resuming and others starting for the very first time!

STEP 3 (from Pentecost - 23rd May)
Launch a new monthly worship pattern:

1st Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion (with Trinity Kids), 6pm BCP Evensong
2nd Sunday	10.30am Second Sunday Praise (All-Age Worship), 6pm BCP Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion 6pm BCP Evensong
4th Sunday	10.30am Fourth Sunday Family Communion 6pm Celtic Worship or BCP Evensong
5th Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion 6pm Team service or BCP Evensong

Our last 6pm Zoom BCP evening service will be on Sunday 30th May. From Trinity Sunday (6th June) we will be back in Church fully in person. Our 10.30am Services on Sunday will continue to be 'live' streamed to our Facebook and website.

Resume in-person post-service refreshments in the Vicarage front garden until Step 4 of the Government Roadmap (not before 21st June) when after that date we will return to the Church Room.

Re-establish Trinity Kids on the first Sunday of the month and Wild Church (third Sunday of the month).

Begin 'Rooted' - a new young persons gathering around games, food and fellowship. (See page 40)

Start up a monthly men's social group called 'Mad Squirrelers' and probably involving the pub! (See page 40)

STEP 4 (from Autumn onwards)
Relaunch Messy Church in the School.

Potentially introduce a new contemporary evening worship service once a month.

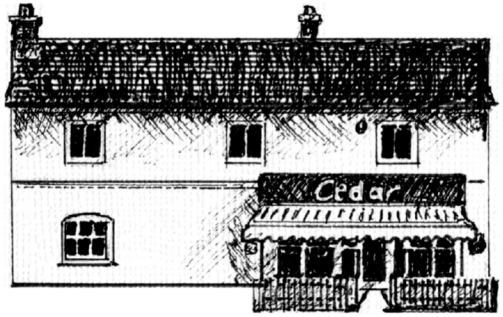
Offer an Enquirer's Course such as Alpha.

As of yet we have no idea when singing in church will be permitted. But please be assured that as soon as guidance is issued, we will slot it into the Holy Trinity Roadmap. We aim to have 'live' singing from one or two singers from 23rd June.

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GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE UPDATE

You may have continued to notice that landscaping work on the Garden of Remembrance hasn't started. The project began with a fantastic response for donations from those in the community and beyond, for which we continue to express our thanks. Although just when materials were being sought, lockdown occurred and the impending work stopped. However, when we were hoping to commence the work earlier this year, a survey conducted by specialists tasked by our insurers, and a separate survey through the Church Quinquennial Inspection found that the roots of the nearby large cypress tree are causing stability issues to the Church where they are around the drain at the base of the nave wall. Both reports recommend the removal of said tree, and until then, we can't go ahead with the landscaping as it is just too nearby.

The tree is not protected, although as it is in a conservation area, we have ensured that we are following the require procedures. An application has been submitted to Dacourm Borough Council and the Parish Council has raised no objections. At the time of writing the determination deadline is Wednesday 26th May. We have also applied for a Faculty from the Diocese.

While we lament that the tree has to be cut down, we really have no other option. We just cannot ignore both reports, especially the one from our insurers. If the tree is not removed and the damage to the building gets worse, then it could raise significant insurance issues. We are now looking to plant another tree as a replacement, but this will not be in the same location.

This is clearly not the situation we were hoping to be in and even our revised deadline to have the Garden complete by Pentecost (23rd May) will now not be met. Yet be assured that once the application is approved and the tree removed, work will finally begin in earnest.

The Garden is already 'open' for internments, therefore if you have cremated remains of a loved one(s) and would like to place them at rest in the Garden, please contact me (vicar@holytrinitypottenend.org.uk / 01442 865217) in the first instance. We can sort out all the arrangements and, if you wish, I can undertake a short service of remembrance for the deceased (as a continuation and conclusion of the funeral) before committing their mortal remains to the goodness of the earth. The ashes of anyone who is a resident (or who has lived) in the parish; anyone whose name is on the Church Electoral Roll (or has been in the past); anyone who has died in the parish; or as a strong connection to Holy Trinity and/or Potten End (subject to approval of the Vicar), can be interred in the Garden of Remembrance.
I hope to update you with further news in the July/August edition, and hopefully you will begin to see work take place. Thank you for your understanding, **Rev Joe.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS



Meetings of the Nettleden with Potten End Parish Council are held in the Church Room at 7.30pm on the third Thursday in the month.

For more information, including Agendas and Minutes please see the new PC Website at www.nettledenpottenendpc.org.uk

HIGH FIVE FOR OLLIE — UPDATE

What a year 2020 was (2021 has so far been a challenge for everyone too!).
Ollie's fight against Neuroblastoma has been as challenging. In case any of you don't know, Ollie's year-long treatments to clear his little body of the cancer was declared a success and he was confirmed to be in remission in April 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, any ideas of travelling to New York for the Bivalent Vaccine trial (which we had all been fundraising for since March 2019) were put on hold. We all had to just keep our fingers crossed that the cancer didn't return in the meantime.

In July 2020, our nightmares came true, the neuroblastoma had returned but this time the tumour was in his head just behind his ear. Ollie's medical team prepared Lucy and Gary for the worst ever outcome possible. The chemotherapy did not seem to be working and Ollie was not expected to live more than 10 days. Lucy, Gary, Ollie and little brother Jake were given a lovely family room at Keech Children's Hospice where treatment continued to be given. In the midst of the pandemic the rest of the family were allowed to visit (no more than two at a time) by prior appointment only to see Ollie for what we thought would be the last time. Words cannot describe the pain and distress of this time.

Thankfully, Ollie is a fighter and he proved everyone wrong. He defied the odds and started responding to the treatment. In January 2021 the tumour had gone and once again Ollie was back in remission.



The statistics for the aggressive High Risk Neuroblastoma to return again are very high. Ollie's chances of survival more than five years are less than 5%. There is no treatment available in the UK or on the NHS to stop the cancer returning. The medical team at Addenbrookes, along with the Neuroblastoma specialists in New York, believe that Ollie would benefit from two other treatments before he participates in the bivalent vaccine trial. The first is an antibodies treatment called 8h9 protocol and the second is an immunotherapy treatment. Like the vaccine trial, these treatments are only available overseas and have to be paid for. We were initially told that the cost for all three treatments would be £600,000. But we, as a family, agreed we would keep on fundraising to get however much money we needed to give Ollie every possible chance to have a life. Organising travel overseas, for Ollie to

receive the first of the treatments (8h9), during lockdown was another huge hurdle. Whilst this was happening Ollie continued to receive maintenance chemotherapy which wasn't ideal but necessary. Eventually, after a few months of trying to arrange the travel to New York, Lucy & Gary were informed that the treatment was now available in Barcelona. The permissions to travel to Spain for medical treatment were easier to obtain and the cost of the treatment was far less. On Saturday 24th April Ollie (and family) flew to Barcelona.The fundraising target, to cover the cost of all three treatments has been reduced by £100,000!

As I write this update we have just received great news - the results of lots of tests and scans that Ollie had done during the last week of April have come back clear and the hospital has confirmed he is eligible to start the 8h9 treatment. This treatment will take around 8 weeks and then the immunotherapy treatment can begin soon after (also from the hospital in Barcelona). These two treatments will take pretty much all of the rest of 2021. Ollie will then, hopefully, start the bivalent vaccine trial which will span most of 2022.

The Covid-19 pandemic caused our fundraising activities to slow down considerably. We had to cancel several events that were booked to happen last year. However, from March 2020 to March 2021 we raised £100,000! To date, our fundraising total is just over £290,000.
Thank you so much for all your support in our fundraising efforts. With the lockdown easing we are stepping up our efforts with fundraising events again.

HIGH FIVE FOR OLLIE

Our first event is a Pop-Up Tea Room on **Saturday 26th June** at Potten End Church Room & the Vicarage Garden. As before, there will be lots of home-made cakes and biscuits to have with a cup of tea or coffee and/or cakes to buy and take home. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Pop-Up Tea Room. If anyone would like to bake us a cake (or two) and/or biscuits and other yummy goodies we would be very grateful. These can be dropped off at the Church Room before 10.30am on 26th June.



THANK YOU - Jane Healy