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Rector's Article.

Dear All

Planning for the future is paramount. Most people who are 'organised' plan for their future, for example: holidays, homes, retirement etc.

In John 14:6 Jesus is having a conversation with his disciples about where Jesus was going, why the disciples could not follow him and what will happen in the future. The discussion happens before the crucifixion. Of course in the previous chapter he had predicted his betrayal, denial and going away. The conversations worried the disciples and prompted questions because they wanted to know the next turn, step and their final destination—where their journey of faith was taking them. Jesus said to them, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"

One interpretation can be that Jesus wants us to know where we are going before we start a journey. When one wants to go on a long journey, it is normal to turn on the GPS and have an idea of how long the journey takes. A general knowledge of the route before starting our long journeys is inevitable. Sometimes we determine the fastest way. In his answer Jesus referred to himself as the Way to the Father. Giving us a better way of living our lives through him. Calling his followers to abide in him, trusting that Jesus will lead us exactly where we need to go.

We can not talk about the Way without talking about salvation too. As Jesus is the way to heaven or to the

Father, it means that salvation is in a Person. Accepting that Person means one is saved. Does it mean that Christianity is one of many ways? He is the only way! "No one comes to the Father except through me" John 14:6b. Some people may say: it does not matter what one believes as long as one is sincere, another one may say: as long as one observes the ten commandments, ordinances or church membership. The response given in the text is that the way to God is through Christ and Christ alone.

Once more Jesus taught the mysterious union between the Father and Himself. He made it clear that He is the source of life. This is a strong encouragement to most people.

Revd Theresa Musiwacho

Prayer Share

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life: may your people, illuminated by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen



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PARISH REGISTER

Ordination to Distinctive Deacon

1st July 2023 Heather Ross Brickendon

Weddings

24th June 2023 Hannah Mary CLARKE Essendon
Nicholas Mark REEKS

1st July 2023 Constance Emma BARRETT Ponsbourne
George Richard IOANNOU

3rd July 2023 Olwyn Lynden ORR Essendon
Roger Michael OLIVA

Memorial Service

4th July 2023 Fred Burdett Little Berkhamsted



AUGUST CALENDAR

Sunday 6th August, The Transfiguration

10:15 am, Group Parish Communion, Essendon

Sunday 13th August, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 am, Group Parish Communion, Bayford

Sunday 20th August, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 am, Group Parish Communion, Ponsbourne

Sunday 27th August, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 am, Group Parish Communion, Little Berkhamsted

Wednesdays

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Essendon

10:00 am, Telephone Service Free

For Joining instructions see

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Mea culpa

Last month some of the services were labelled June, although the dates were correct for July. Previously the heading stated MARCH for several months!

If you notice any errors please contact me. MW



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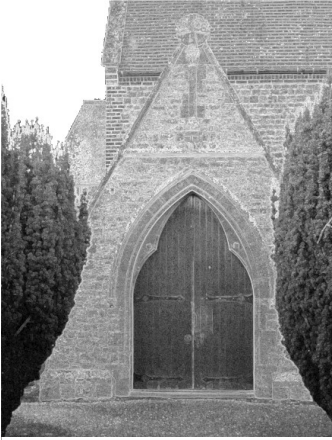
These are the headstones of the graves of a Catholic woman and her Protestant husband, who were not allowed to be buried together.

On the Protestant part of this cemetery J.W.C van Gorkum, colonel of the Dutch Cavalry and militia commissioner in Limburg is buried. His wife, lady J.C.P.H van Aefferden is buried in the Catholic part. They were married in 1842, he was a protestant and didn't belong to the nobility.

This caused quite a commotion in Roermond. After being married for 38 years the colonel died in 1880 and was buried on the protestant part of the cemetery against the wall. His wife died in 1888 and had decided not to be buried in the family tomb but on the other side of the wall, the closest she could get to her husband. Two clasped hands connect the graves across the wall.

Summer Scenes





Bayford

St. Mary's Church

Bayford Church is open Mondays Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

CHURCH CLEANING AUGUST

Charli Caleb

FLOWERS

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

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

Baker Arms

Beverley and Martin are to be congratulated for their many months of hard work. We send them our very best wishes.

We had expected McMullens to offer them a new contract in October, at which time, we intended to re-access the situation. The new situation will be discussed at the PC meeting next week (as I write on 12th July) when we hope to explore the various options.

Co-option.

Following the elections in May, we had a vacancy for one or more Parish Councillors. This situation is unprecedented in the history of Bayford PC. We are very pleased to announce that both Christopher Orme and Oliver Riley have applied, and will

be formally voted in by the Council on the 19th July.

Road Safety

We have finally managed to get a meeting with Herts Highways about the options for improving road safety and traffic calming in Bayford. Fingers crossed!

Meetings.

20th September Wednesday

Please check the web site.

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The Baker Arms.

Beverley, and I have had to make a very difficult decision regarding the future of the Baker Arms.

It is with GREAT sadness that, due to family commitments up in North Yorkshire, we have given notice to McMullen's. The pub will be closing effective 30th June 2023.

God bless you all.

Martin & Bev signing off.



The Knitting Group

Following the closure of the Baker Arms, the knitting group is meeting at The Farmer's Boy in Brickendon.

We continue to meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8pm. All knitters and crocheters from beginners to experts welcome.

Please call **Caroline Fletcher on 07919 317212** for more details.



The Annual Church Spring Clean

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Church spring clean, it is much appreciated. In addition to those pictured, we also benefited from the efforts of Jooles Crone, Jane Honeyman and Stephen Fletcher.

The church was sparkling by the time we finished!

Please see page 7.



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August Sunday Services. All at 10:15am.

- 6th Group Communion at Essendon
- 13th Group Communion at Bayford
- 20th Group Communion at Ponsbourne
- 27th Group Communion at Little Berkhamsted

3rd September – Family Communion at Brickendon at 11.00am

Richard Haryott

There will be a service to celebrate Richard's life on Saturday 21st October at 2.00pm. This will be held at the Leys School Chapel, Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 7AD. There will be parking available at the School.

You will be most welcome to join Virginia and her family at this service but it would be appreciated if you could let her know in advance for catering purposes. wellpondharyott@gmail.com

Flowers

Cathy Gibbens
Virginia Haryott

August

4th & 11th
18th & 25th

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Janie Corbisiero
Virginia Haryott

Brickendon Clubs:

We have some excellent clubs in Brickendon which are always happy to welcome new members.

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

Pilates - Every Tuesday morning in Fanshaws Room (the village hall) at 9.15am, to register contact **Harriet Barton, 07944 500504 or pilateswithharriet@hotmail.com**

Fanshaws Room

(the Village Hall)

The Village Hall in Brickendon is a lovely space for meetings, children's parties and other gatherings. More details and photos can be found on the village website www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk

Hire charge for non-residents is £15 per hour (£10 per hour for residents of Brickendon Liberty parish)

Phone **01992 511551** for further information or to make a booking.

90 years celebration at the Chapel - 21st May 2023

Many people gathered in the church for a service of thanksgiving to celebrate 90 years since the consecration of the Chapel in 1933.

We gave thanks to the wonderful generosity of **Constance Demain Saunders** and her mother who gave the land and funds to build the church.

It was a happy occasion with a short history of the Chapel read by Richard Haryott, hymns and poems ending off with a slice of chocolate cake, baked by Joyce Mentern, and a glass of prosecco!



Parish Council

Meetings

Meetings are normally held in the Fanshaws Room at 7.30pm and all parishioners are welcome to attend and to raise any issues of concern. Agendas are posted on noticeboards at least 3 days before the meeting.

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Brickendon Liberty Parish Council
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Minutes: Brickendon website
www.brickendon-liberty.org.uk for .

Meetings:

27th July
28th September
23rd November

Brickendon Petanque Boules Club

Play at The Farmer's Boy

Summer Play Times

Sunday 9.30am - 12 noon

Tuesday 5.30pm - 7pm

Thursday 10am - 12 noon

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Brickendon Fete & Dog Show 2023

will be held on **Sunday 3rd September**

11.30am - 3.30pm -

Save The Date!!



Tennis Courts.

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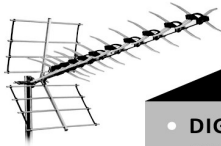
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Essendon Tennis Club Committee

Essendon Cricket Club

We are looking for a scorer for the 2023 season and beyond, 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.

Ian Venables 07764777343
Essendon CC Captain

ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL

ALL MEETINGS AT
ESSENDON VILLAGE HALL, @ 7PM
12th September

Agendas will be available on the PC website,

(<https://www.essendonpc.org.uk/>)
and on noticeboards in the village.

Minutes of all meetings are also available on the website.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings.

Ian Venables (Chair)
Rex Jones (Vice-Chair)
Keith Venables
Fran Christensen
Mike Brown
Tracey Willetts

Clerk: Nerine Chalmers
essendonparishcouncil@gmail.com

Progressive Supper

It was a warm and muggy night and the rain did come, but it didn't put off the villagers who had the most fantastic evening on 8th July. Essendon held a progressive supper starting in the village hall. We were treated to some beautiful canapés and a glass of bubbly with everyone in good spirits. Hosts were primed and guests allocated to a table in houses in the village. We had six hosts and about 70 guests. The hosts were absolutely fantastic giving their guests a lovely evening. The food had been cooked by the extended committee to whom we are extremely grateful. Judy had selected a wonderful dish from Mary Berry and it went down a treat. At 9:30, we all returned to the Village Hall for deconstructed Eton mess, a cheeseboard and port. It was wonderful to see new and old faces at the event, and to hear the tales of all the talk that had been going on at the host's houses. Lyn and Peter did a sterling job on the bar and the committee as usual fantastic in arranging. However, the event wouldn't have been possible without all the additional helpers, cooks setter uppers and many hands to clear away. We had had some very generous donations of wine, which were greatly appreciated. It really was a lovely event, and one we will hopefully repeat in the near future. Particular thanks to Hilary and Nick as well as Judy - without all their help the event could not have happened. And a final thanks to all the villagers and friends who supported the event and who made it such an enjoyable evening.

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Angela Venables

Angela Venables was presented with a large flowering shrub, a decorative patio pot and garden centre vouchers by Essendon W.I. in July when it was recorded that she had held the position of President for over 25 years.

Angela has worked tirelessly in this role and has seen membership grow and develop during her guardianship.

ESSENDON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The September meeting of Essendon W.I. will be held on

Wednesday 20th September.

Elizabeth Hamilton, a geographer and ecologist, has been invited to give a talk on the subject "A Walk of Discovery Down The Lea Valley".

A DATE FOR THE DIARY

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Gardening

What a very strange gardening season we seem to be having this Summer but, as always, 'Seedtime and Harvest' will take their proper places once again. The high temperatures and the lack of moisture at different points have caused problems but all gardeners will tell you that 'it was ever so! The days are still warm but getting shorter and there is still a great deal to see to. Keep feeding aubergines, cucumbers and tomatoes with high potassium plant food and pick regularly. As soon as rambler roses have finished flowering, give them a prune using sharp secateurs to prune out any damaged, dead or diseased stems, cutting back into healthy growth to encourage new buds, ideally to an outward facing bud, and tie in new vigorous stems. Be sure to clear up what you are discarding as rubbish. Keep harvesting your beans, peas and courgettes and more will 'set'. As soon as Lavenders have finished flowering give them a 'hair cut', again using sharp secateurs, and this will all

ensure good compact plants. If you are going to be away and have time, mow the lawn and do the edges so it looks tidy and doesn't encourage burglars! Also try and get a friend or neighbour to call in occasionally and water precious pots! Cut back perennial hardy Geraniums which will not only look much tidier but prolong flowering. Remove straw and old leaves from strawberry plants after fruiting and pot up runners to produce healthy new plants for next year.

Wait until the end of the month to prune hedges to avoid disturbing any late-nesting birds and stop 'dead heading' your roses as the hips will provide valuable winter bird food.

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Essendon Nature Notes

Spain has bears and Italy has boars but the most dangerous adversary you are likely to come across on a walk in England is a stinging nettle. Lately I have envied those continental walkers their wilder companions as I searched for a dock leaf having being stung again on one of Essendon's more overgrown footpaths.

However, maybe we are doing it a disservice given that the humble nettle has hidden talents. Many of us spend a good deal of our time fighting slugs and snails to provide a meagre crop on our vegetable patch whilst grubbing up a plant which grows without any care or nurturing from ourselves. Nettles are packed with goodness and I have used them to make a fertiliser tea for the garden but they also have culinary properties and are rich in vitamins and minerals. Fresh young growth can be used in a wide variety of ways including risotto and even as a topping for pizza in place of rocket. You have

probably eaten some already if you like one of my favourite cheeses, Cornish Yarg, the leaves providing the edible rind.

As well as good eating it is also excellent for wildlife with forty different species of insect making it home and it is particularly favoured by the red admiral butterfly. Indeed perhaps nettles hold the secret to the return of the once common Corncrake, which hasn't bred in Hertfordshire regularly for nearly a century. Nettles provide good cover for this elusive iconic bird and are being grown to attract it in conservation efforts elsewhere.

Next time you are stung, don't curse but take your revenge by making soup or nettle pesto. It might be some comfort as, guess what, dock leaves don't work...

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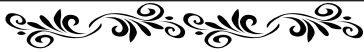
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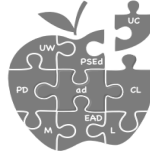
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