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JUNE DIARY

Sunday	4	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	6	10.00am	Midweek Communion
Saturday	10	11.00am - 2.00pm	SUMMER FAIR
Sunday	11	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	13	10.00am	Midweek Communion
Saturday	17	10.00am -12noon	Craft Church
Sunday	18	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	20	10.00am	Midweek Communion
Sunday	25	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	27	10.00am	Midweek Communion

JULY DIARY

Sunday	2	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	4	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	9	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	9	3.00 pm	CTM Tea & Songs of Praise
Saturday	15	10.00am -12noon	Craft Church



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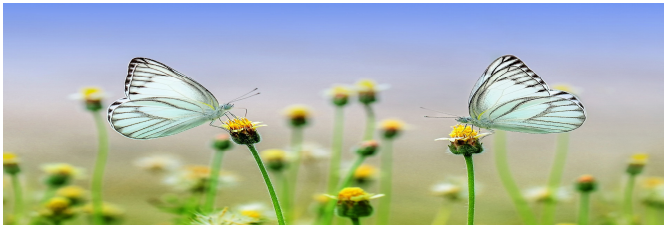
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Dear Friends

You will, I'm sure, remember the hot spell we had last summer. The gardeners amongst us are now seeing how many plants we lost due to the excessive, prolonged heat. One casualty has been the vicarage lawn. If you have been to the vicarage, you will know there is a fair amount of grass - or there used to be. Quite a bit of it died last summer, revealing bare earth. I left it, hoping it might recover. Lawns are usually quite hardy.



What I've got instead is a patchwork of plants, many of them flowering. The bees have been having a lovely time and actually it looks really pretty. From what looked like desolation has come abundant life. It's not the life I expected or planned for, but is something different and wonderful.



My lawn is a metaphor for our lives and for the Christian message of Easter hope and resurrection. When all seems barren and without hope, then the passage of time can allow new life and hope to seed itself. What seems dead, can spring to life. Jesus told us that he came to bring us life, abundant life. My lawn is full of abundant life. This includes, as I write, a fox whose head is sticking up through the wild flowers. I didn't plan for this, yet this is what I have been gifted.

I pray that your lives are full of hope and new life. But if that isn't where you are currently, then I pray that any bare patches will soon bloom into life.

Every blessing. *Revd Wendy Sellers, Vicar of St Leonard's, Sandridge*

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**The church is open daily from 10.00am until at least 3.00pm
Services: Sunday 10.00-11.15am and Tuesday 10.00-10.30am**

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

On the evening of the Coronation, we held a social event we called *Hymns and Pimm's*. There were indeed a few hymns, there was certainly Pimm's (including non-alcoholic Pimm's) and also some chatting, singing and snacks. Over 40 people gathered for this lovely event, at the end of which the room under the tower was formally named the Roland King Room, in memory and appreciation of our much-missed Churchwarden Emeritus.



Coronation Day street party in Langley Grove, Sandridge

Bell ringing news

The Coronation weekend was very busy, as we tried to ensure that there was ringing at all the local towers. On the day itself, we rang at Sandridge a quarter peal of 1260 Plain Bob Doubles in 42 minutes: Christine Nutton 1; Judith Titmus 2; Dianne Crowder 3; Rob Goss 4; Vivian Nutton (conductor) 5; and Ron Titmus 6. The ringers of 2 and 6 are from Lemsford, 3 and 4 are from Hatfield. Christine and Vivian were joined for ringing on the Sunday by Trevor Hawkins and Pat O'Brien, one of our learners. Other members were active much further afield. Callum and Richard Hayes rang at Lancaster Cathedral, while Hana Booth rang in Sheffield, including her first peal, at Walkley. Well done, Hana.

Vivian Nutton

CHURCH TEAS IN AUGUST

Put the dates in your diary for our afternoon teas which will be served on all the **Sundays in August** from 3.00 to 5.00pm: **on 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.**

Featuring delicious homemade cakes, **afternoon tea is free** but donations are always welcome, in aid of the church.

CRAFT CHURCH

Craft Church will next be held at St Leonard's on **Saturdays 17 June, 15 July and 16 September from 10.00am to 12.00noon.**

Craft Church features family friendly crafts, activities and refreshments. All are welcome, no need to book, and it's free!

Most suitable for children up to 12 and their families.

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms:

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| 25 March | Teddy Joseph Elbourne-Cload |
| 16 April | Minnie Eloise van Roundsburg |
| 30 April | Isabelle Grace Lye |

Burial of ashes:

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| 22 April | Beryl Mavis Avory |
| 24 April | Idwal Vincent Pearson and Constance Edith Pearson |
| 14 May | Benjamin Robin Leonard |

FLOWER FESTIVAL

The theme of this year's Flower Festival in October will be **Weddings**. If anyone is willing to lend us photographs of weddings that took place at St Leonard's, or of any other village weddings, we would be delighted to display them during the Flower Festival. Many thanks.

Christine Nutton

Village Voices and Fleetville Harmony concert

Village Voices, along with Fleetville Harmony, held a very successful concert on 29 April to raise money for St Leonard's and for the St Albans Food Bank, the charity supported by Fleetville Harmony. The large audience enjoyed a variety of items, ranging from gospel and folk songs to madrigals and pop.

Village Voices also said farewell to its conductor, Anna Bosatta, who has had to leave in order to concentrate on her other activities. While the choir looks for a successor, during the summer we will be meeting at 7.30pm in St Leonard's Church on the last Thursday in the month for a sing-along, beginning on 29 June. No experience necessary, just come and join in and, if you'd like to, bring a disc with something you would like to sing with us and have fun.

Vivian Nutton



Village Voices, conducted by Anna Bosatta



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Building works at St Leonard's

We have been busy at St Leonard's gathering permissions for various things which need doing inside and outside our church.

A sound system and hearing loop will be fitted between 31 May and 2 June and the church will be closed on those days. The hearing loop is being funded by a grant from the Benefact Trust.

We have permission to repair and restore the Lychgate and are now applying for further grants to pay for this. Both church and parish council are already committed to contributing. Please do consider donating towards this worthy cause too.

We also have planning permission for new notice boards in both churchyards.

We are awaiting a date from the contractor to start work on rewiring and decorating the chancel of the church (the end you access through the arch). All of this is being funded by a generous donation from the family of some former parishioners, legacy money and other grants, and we are grateful for the generosity of those which enables us to maintain our beautiful listed building and its churchyards.



Donations for the restoration of the Lychgate

Cash or cheque: please put your donation in a blue envelope marked 'Lychgate' and put it in the donations jar in church.

For **Gift Aid**, please add your name and address.

Cheques made payable to: Sandridge PCC – St Leonard's

Credit card reader in church: to add Gift Aid, please use a blue envelope, adding 'Lychgate', the amount, and your name and address, and put it in the donations jar.

The 'Lychgate' QR code is in the church porch or as above.

Gift Aid may be included. Thank you.

Sandridge Summer Market!

Picture this... it's a beautiful summer's day in Sandridge, you're enjoying a barbeque as you browse locally produced gifts and products. Perhaps you've joined a workshop to make something of your own, or maybe you've found the perfect treat for your four-legged friend.

My name is Chloe Servodio and I'm the founder of the Sandridge Market. I'm an artist in my free time and I started to attend craft markets a couple of years ago. As the costs of participating in these markets rose, I noticed that it was becoming more difficult for local creatives to showcase their work and talents.

I wanted to support small businesses by giving them a space to share their work, whilst also encouraging others to shop small and local. I grew up in Sandridge and I wanted the market to benefit the local community. As such, the market has already established a close relationship with the 1st Sandridge Scout and Guide Group, supporting one another through these events, as well as with St Leonard's Church. Where possible, food and drink are provided by local suppliers. The next event is the Sandridge Summer Market at Sandridge Scout Hut, Sandridgebury Lane, AL3 6JB on:

Saturday 8 July from 11.00am to 5.00pm.

There will be 30 small businesses in attendance, based both indoors and outdoors. We will have a barbeque, summer snacks and beverages. Activities include creative workshops and self-led activities, facepainting, glitter hair and make-up and even an ice cream van! Who knows? You could also win amazing raffle prizes provided by our stallholders as we fundraise for the Scout Hut Extension Project. Entry to the market is free and we welcome well-behaved dogs on a lead to join in the family fun!

Please follow 'The Sandridge Market' on Facebook or @thesandridgemarket on Instagram for the latest updates. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

thesandridgemarket@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing you there.

Chloe Servodio, Founder of the Sandridge Market





In Full Flower The Bishop's Garden

This is a dahlia called 'The Bishop of St Albans' which I grow in my garden.

Bishop Alan

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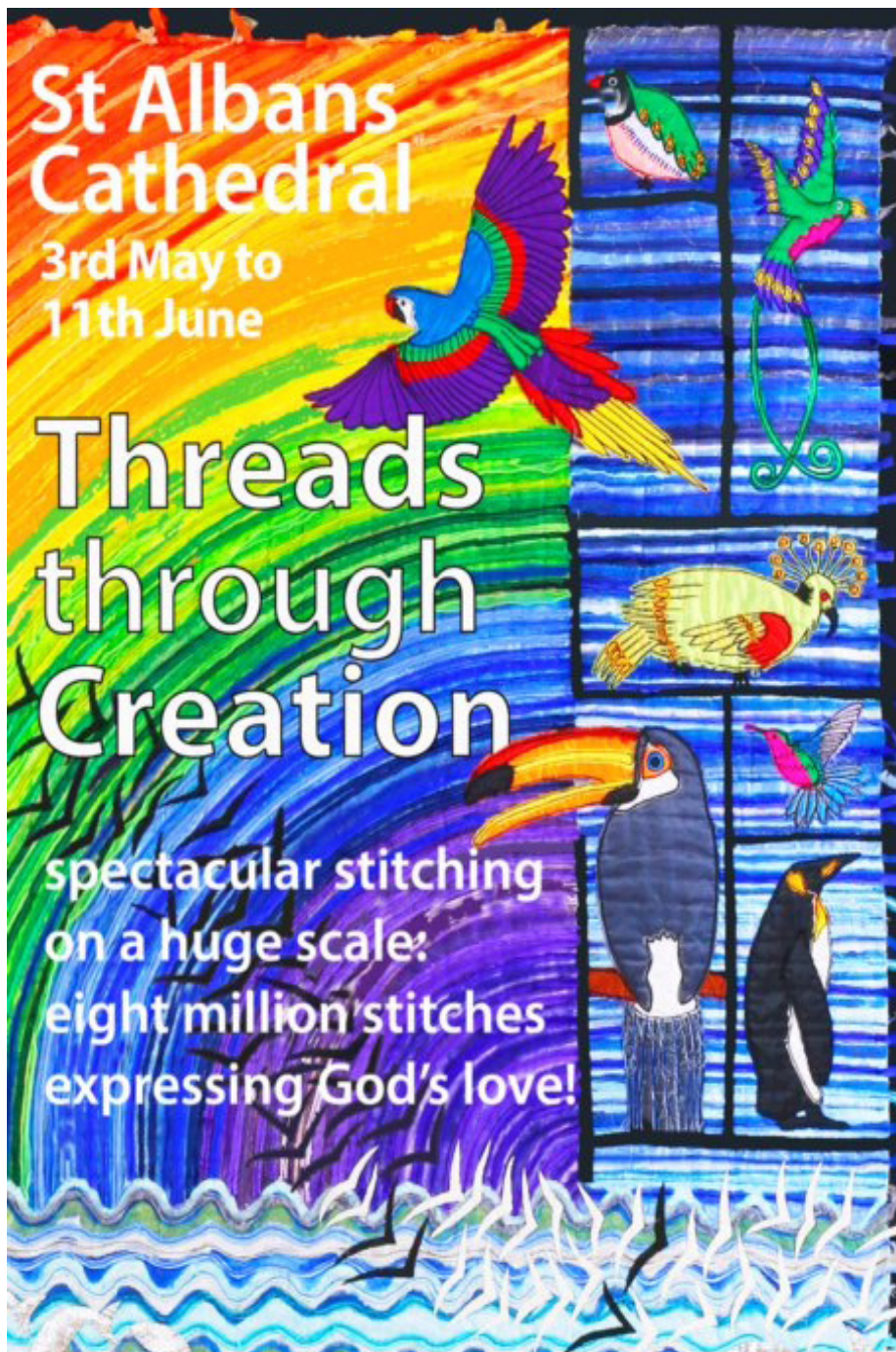


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At each session we serve morning coffee/tea, a cooked two-course lunch, and afternoon tea, in addition to which we arrange a lunch and a tea outing by minibus each term to cafes, pubs or garden centres in the area. We offer a wide-ranging programme of activities and entertainment to suit all tastes, including visits from musical groups and solo artists, talks on subjects of particular interest, seated exercise and games, singalong and reminiscence sessions, bingo, quizzes and art/crafts.

The all-inclusive cost per session is **£10**, with a small additional cost on those occasions when we go out for lunch or afternoon tea.

We are also able to provide the services of a qualified chiropodist (at a much reduced rate) and periodic hearing aid servicing/battery replacement.

For those clients who are unable to make their way to the Day Centre independently, we operate a free minibus pick-up and drop-off service. The minibus is equipped with a wheelchair lift and is crewed by two volunteers plus the driver.

Please contact our Coordinator, Lyn Bolton, on **01727 834699**
or by email: lynbol@ntlworld.com for further details.

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Bluebells in Chalkdell Wood, near Coleman Green



Communiqué from Kandale

Long-standing members of the congregation will remember Colette and Greg Ramm who, with their two daughters, lived in Sandridge for a few years and worshipped at St Leonard's. Our toilet facilities at the back of the church are twinned with two toilets in the new school at Kandale, DRC.



Greg Ramm is Vice President of Humanitarian Response for Save the Children, based in Washington, DC. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, when the country was known as Zaire.

His wife, Colette Madishi Ramm, grew up in Kandale, DRC. Colette worked with the United Nations in Kosovo, Kenya and Senegal. In 2010, she cofounded REVE Kandale with her husband.

REVE is an acronym in French that stands for *Rehabilitation of Green Space and Schools* and is also the French word for dream. REVE Kandale supports reforestation, education, empowering girls and women, clean water and youth sports in Kandale.

Ros Adlard



Arrival of the drill – 30 April

Colette writes: “The training for the grinding mills and solar panels is going very well. The technician from Burkina Faso is excellent. There is high self-esteem among the staff being trained. They have learned how to disassemble and reassemble the grinder as well as operate it efficiently. It is beautiful to see.”



“It has been very busy. The roads are very bad so the truck with the drilling equipment was delayed. Thankfully, it arrived yesterday and work has begun this morning.”



“The environment team is also doing well. They are preparing the soil and site for composting. There are many moving pieces. I have loads of photos to send but the internet is slow. Everyone needs water but rain hasn’t fallen.”

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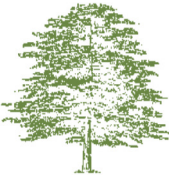
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