



St Mary's Northchurch Newsletter



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Summer Fete and Good Causes

One of the challenges of arranging a church event is there is a high chance it will clash with something else that is going on in the locality. The Summer Fete always takes place on the first Saturday in July and we normally have to hope that we don't clash with Chilfest or a school summer event. This year was the added excitement of the World Cup and with England making progress, the Quarter-Final with Sweden took place on the day of the fete. Thanks to the technical skills of Paul Chambers we were able to show the game in the Parish Room and watch Stones, Walker, Sterling and Co lead England to success. Outside the sun was shining as the Hemel Hempstead Brass Band played and we were really pleased that Ben and Georgina who were married in St Mary's last May were able to open the fete and introduce the country dancing provided by the children from St Mary's School.

The organisation of the fete is done by a group of volunteers who work incredibly hard as a committee through the year putting all the different components together. A key part of the fete is raising money for the international charities that St Mary's supports. This year the focus was on Phakamisa that is based in Pinetown, South Africa. Phakamisa comes from a Zulu word meaning to "lift up" and the charity operating through Pinetown Methodist Church is focused on supporting children who have been orphaned through HIV/AIDS and helping through various schemes the carers who look after them. Although it is difficult to have a precise number of the children helped, it is

estimated to be over 10,000.

A few weeks ago there was a trustee meeting of Phakamisa in Nottingham and a few people spoke who had recently been with the church community in Pinetown. One of them said that at the grassroots level there was a problem with crime. It was mentioned that some of the people who go to the church when they return home after the service make a point of saying thank you to God that they have got home safely. The point was also made that Phakamisa seeks to support the most destitute and disadvantaged children that made me appreciate the faith and courage of those who work in the field and be glad that St Mary's can provide some support through money that had been raised at the fete.

It was as always a great community event and thank you to everyone who came along and supported the day in what was a record amount for money raised for charitable causes.

Rev Jonathan Gordon

**The Harvest Festival will be on Sunday
October 7th and the main service will be at
10.00am.**

**On Saturday October 6th there will be a
Harvest Supper Quiz Night in the Parish
Room. See Page 3 for more information.**

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**"Sometimes I sits and thinks, but sometimes I just sits!!"
So, A Point of View from Sunnybank Road**

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Yes, a part of what I once looked upon.
"Northchurch" is the word I tell to you
"North" is still there, but Church has gone from view
Yes, North I can see, and the "VANE" tells me wind direction
But that will soon be "no longer", 'less someone takes action.
It's 'cos of them "willers" is it six of 'em, there, side by side?
Whatever would Miss East say, now her legacy has been denied?
'Cos she thought "Us folk", Southbank side of the Church
Deserved to see a clock, not be left in the lurch
The words above "her clock face", (correctly called I believe a Dial)
Are, (take a look) "Honour thy Parents", it was her gift
To the village, surely of that, no denial.

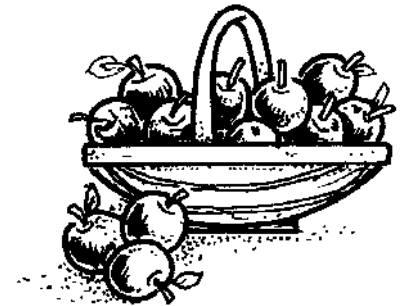
Bert (Hedgehog) Hosier

P.S. Spelling and dialect is intentional.

The Monday Club

Monday 1st October
Harvest Tea followed by short
service in church.

For more information please
contact: Joan Downhill on
865821 or Barbara Lloyd on
865059.



Harvest Supper Quiz Night

Saturday, 6th October 2018 In The Parish Room (6.15pm for 6.30pm start)

Price is £10 per person to include supper.

Please BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

Tables/Teams of 6 players Individuals / couples welcome (organised into teams on the night)
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Every year St Mary's Northchurch, like many other churches across the country, organised what was called a 'Sunday School Treat' for the children from the parish who attended the weekly Sunday School. In Northchurch, the event normally took place on a weekday in August, but for some reason in 1891 it was held in the middle of September. Maybe the weather caused its postponement. The venue, subject to weather conditions, was normally the Rectory meadow, part of the large grounds of the old rectory which lay between the High Street and the river Bulbourne on which the houses in The Meads now stand.

Well over 250 children from the parish normally attended these events, Sunday School in those days

being seen as a key part of children's education when most of the people from the village came to church on a Sunday. There were slightly less children attending in 1891 than in previous years (there were some 300 the year before apparently), possibly holding the event a month later meant that some children could not come. In 1891, they were entertained by music played by the St Peter's Band from Berkhamsted and various games and activities were arranged by members of the congregation. Tea was supplied by the local village store with lady members of the congregation helping out.

How times change.

Richard North



St Mary's Summer Fete a big success

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you, whether you helped with the organisation, the setting up of the stalls, clearing up after the fete, manned stalls, donated items, baked cakes, raised plants, put puzzles together, or simply came and enjoyed yourself, you all contributed to the success of the fete. With your help we raised a record amount of £ 4,287.30 (after deduction of all expenses), which will be shared between Phakamisa, Northchurch United Charities, the Swan Youth Project and our own church roof fund. A detailed breakdown of the takings per

stall is displayed on the notice board at the back of the church.

Following our church's tradition the date for next year's fete has already been set for **Saturday 6th of July 2019**. Please put the date in your diaries and if you feel you could help with the organisation or running a stall, please speak to Linda, Rachel, Evelyn or Margit.

The Fete Organising Committee
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9th September *Trinity 15*

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am All-Age Service
6.00pm Evening Prayer

16th September *Trinity 16*

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

23rd September *Trinity 17*

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

30th September *Trinity 18*

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able to raise enough funds themselves. Last year St Mary's was one of the highest fund raising churches, raising £1558, and since 2002 we have raised a stunning £22,647 to protect our heritage for future generations.

Please help us by joining in, or if you cannot come on the day, please sponsor someone else to go.

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Thank you. Evelyn Hodgson

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