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Little Berkhamsted & Ponsbourne.*

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Rector's Article.

Dear All
In the presence of the Father there is protection and joy. God is our Father.

A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. In Luke 15:11-32 there is a parable of a lost son. In that story God is depicted as a certain Father/ man who had two sons. The younger son is known as a prodigal son. The younger son became tired, weary of his Father and decided to leave the household. In that parable the younger son could not wait for his Father to die so that he could ask for his portion of inheritance, but he went to his Father and asked for his portion - ahead of time. After getting his portion the younger son set off to another far country.

When he reached that country he spent his money freely and in sinful pleasures. He had moved away from the Father's presence and moved to a far away country. As soon as his funds were finished, he went into a severe depression, fear gripped him. There was famine in the land and the younger son became a destitute. In that state, he found himself employment as a feeder of swine, a job that would have been most distasteful even to an average Jew. As he watched the pigs eating, he thought "They even have more to eat than I have". There was no one to help him. He had moved from the presence of his Father back home.

In this far away country, the prodigal son lost everything he had. He lost his joy. When we move away from the presence of the Lord, we lose the joy of salvation. He became open to

vultures. Away from the Father there was no protection or sustenance. We also see that God our Father is the only one who makes us rich.

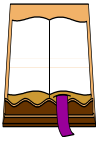
However, in that state of destitute the prodigal son remembered that his Father back home had servants. He remembered that even those servants at his Father's household were living far better than him. He thought that those servants had enough food to eat. As he thought of that he decided to go back to his Father. In repentance he went.

On the other end, the Father was waiting, from when he went away, he kept hoping to see his son coming back one day. God will fulfil our expectations. One day the Father saw his son coming. The Father ran and kissed him. The son made his confession in his Father's presence, acknowledging his sin and seeking pardon. Before he finished, the Father interrupted by asking the slaves to put the best robe on his son, a ring and sandals on his feet. As if that was not enough, the Father ordered a feast to celebrate the return.

The younger son symbolises the repentant person. Let us remain in the presence of God who is our Father. There is protection and peace. David said in Psalm 122: *I was glad when they said me, let us go to the house of the LORD". In His presence there is fullness of joy.* Psalm 16:11.

Revd Theresa Musiwacho

PARISH REGISTER



Baptism

4th August 2024 Billie Blanche ALLIN Ponsbourne

Burials

5th August 2024 John Alan PERETT Brickendon

Deaths

28th July 2024 David MITCHELL Essendon

14th July 2024 Marian BUTTERFIELD Brickendon

Interment of Ashes

7th August 2024 Martin Taylor Ponsbourne

Prayer Share

Almighty God, in your presence, there is fullness of joy, in your presence your mercy endures forever and your love prevails. Our hope and our deliverer. Give us the strength to stay continually in your presence. You are the source of life and light in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday 1st September, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Essendon

9:30 am, Family Service, Ponsbourne

11:00 am, Parish Communion, Brickendon

Sunday 8th September, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Bayford

11:00 am Harvest Service, Little Berkhamsted.

Sunday 15th September, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Harvest Service, Essendon

9:30 am Parish Communion, Ponsbourne

11:00 am Harvest Service, Brickendon.

Sunday 22nd September, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

9:30 am, Parish Communion, Little Berkhamsted

11:00 am Harvest Service, Bayford

6:30 pm Evensong, Essendon

Sunday 29st September, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 am, Group Parish Communion, Essendon

Wednesdays

9:30 am, Holy Communion, Essendon

10:00 am, Wednesday. 11th, 18th, 25th

The Clock is Still Ticking

Despite our best efforts over the past few months in seeking out from within our readership potential volunteers to join the Magazine Team, it would be fair to say we have not been inundated with positive responses to date. Consequently, we are now widening the net by placing postings on social media platforms, majoring on village WhatsApp groups covering the five parishes, in the hope that this change of approach will prove more successful.

Bringing together in this one article an outline of the roles still to be filled, we are looking for:

* Editor: Available c. 12th of every month to receive copy from all contributors; allocate one day over the next five days for production of next month's magazine; use of Word or similar software, with the magazine being produced using MSPublisher; review copy with proof readers, ahead of despatching pdf to printers based in Cambridge; liaise with our c. 40 advertisers on the layout and format of their placements on an ad hoc basis.

* Hon Treasurer: To maintain the magazine's accounting records; responsibility for the two bank accounts; function as a point of contact with our advertisers; prepare annual accounts for independent examination.

* General Distributor: To receive each month 400 copies of the magazine from our printers and arrange for these to be distributed to our six parish distributors.

* Parish Distributor – Essendon: To receive each month c100 copies of the magazine from the General Distributor



and arrange for these, along with assistance from a number of sub-distributors, to be delivered to our subscribers residing in the village.

* Postal Distributor: To receive each month c10 copies of the magazine from the General Distributor and post these to ex-parish residents and interested local bodies.

Whilst some of these functions could potentially be assumed by other members of the Magazine Team, we see little long-term future for this monthly publication without having identified an Editor to take over the role currently performed by Mike Wainwright and a Hon Treasurer to replace myself.

In order to ensure a structured handover of responsibilities and with due regard to copy deadlines, both of these key posts need to be filled by the end of September.

For further details of what performing any of these roles entails, please contact either Mike on 01707 875970 or parishmag@begesford.co.uk, or myself on 01707 642622 or peterchivers53@gmail.com in the first instance.

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No appointment necessary

Bridleway 18 - Modification Order Update. Little Berkhamsted.

The Planning Inspectorate's public local inquiry is set to start on
Tuesday 10th December 2024 at Priory Hall, Ware Priory,
High Street, Ware SG12 9AL at 10 am

Visit <http://www.gov.com> and enter ROW/3311608 the information is under the Hertfordshire tab with relevant dates for any submissions.

For more information please contact the Parish Council via clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk

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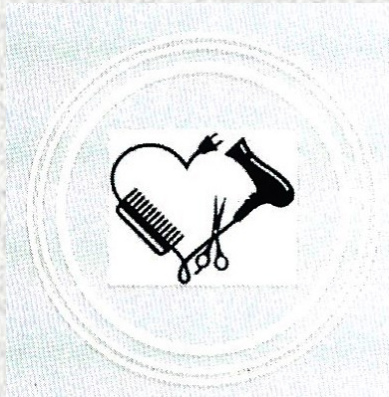
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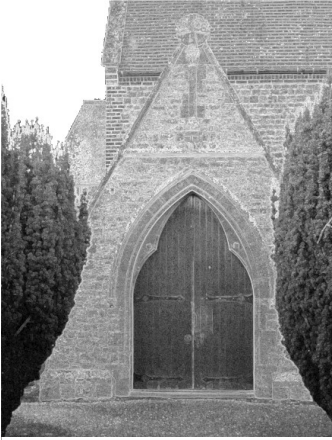
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FLOWERS

8th and 22nd Sept Sarah Heath.

BAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

The Old Playground.

Gavin Nelson continues to update us on the progress as Bonnel Homes. The new house is now well underway

Meetings.

23rd September, 8pm

Please check the web site.

Michael Wainwright (Dr),
Chairman.

pc@begesford.co.uk

01707 875970.

www.begesford.co.uk

New PC email Addresses.

Below are the new email addresses for Bayford Parish Councillors. I have set these up so that Parish Council business and information are kept separate from personal emails. In recent months politicians and others have come under fire for using personal emails and What's App counts etc for Council business.

Whilst we do not handle the level of information that, for example, Hilary Clinton did, we nevertheless would be liable if information gained in the course of carrying out PC business was passed on or used for other purposes.

There is also a new web site under construction:

bayfordparishcouncil.org.uk/

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georgerowley@bayfordparishcouncil.org.uk



Friends of the Baker Arms

McM are likely to submit a planning application for the site. We hope the whole village will support this. None of the parties involved will get 100% of their desired outcome. We hope it will 'please most of the people, most of the time'.

Please follow, like and share on social media for all the latest campaign news.

www.friendsofbakerarms.org
hello@fiendsofbakerarms.org

Friends of Baker Arms

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 6th September 7.30pm.

£5 p/p cash on the door.
Raffle Prizes.

Book ahead for tables of up to 6 with
Gill 01992 511144 or
Sally 07817 298105

From Desne Nicholls

I rehome some hedgehogs ready for release back into a safe habitat from Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital. They have asked if I could pass on this link <https://bighedgehogmap.org> which monitors where hedgehogs are sighted. Currently no hedgehogs from Bayford have been put on this website (I believe it is a fairly new one and probably most people are unaware of it) and obviously it would help the cause if there is a clearer picture of the Bayford hedgehog population.

Place Farm, Bayford Green
01992 511765



James Monaghan

We are saddened to hear of the death of Jim Monaghan, a long time resident of Broad Green Wood.

Jim and his wife Collette, worked at the University for many years and they are the last 'University residents' in BGW.

Knitting

We have made 30 trauma teddies for the Hertford fire service to give to children caught up in traumatic incidents. We are now working on our next project which is jumpers for babies in Kenya, South Africa and Uganda where the nights can be cold.

We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Farmers Boy in Brickendon from 8pm.

For more information please contact Janet Rees on 07795 963531 or Caroline Fletcher on 07919 317212."

Bench FOR SALE

5ft Oak Pew, fitted cushion, needs a polish up. £150. Tel 07941496978



The Medication Appeal



Isabel Hospice calls on local community to help buy vital medication for In-Patient Unit Isabel Hospice, the hospice care charity serving eastern Hertfordshire, has launched an appeal to raise money to help buy essential medication so it can continue to deliver expert care to patients in its In-Patient Unit.

Only 30% of the medication used at the Isabel Hospice In-Patient Unit is funded by the NHS, meaning Isabel Hospice must raise a staggering £70,000 each year to pay for the rest.

The appeal is asking for donations to go towards medications that can provide pain relief, nausea relief, seizure relief, mental distress relief and more.

Manisha, a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Isabel Hospice commented: "A person

could be struggling with a whole range of other symptoms contributing to, or on top of their pain. Suddenly, the simplest of tasks can be overwhelming; things like showering, getting dressed, or taking a walk may be almost impossible."

"But when we manage to get these symptoms under control, it can make an enormous difference. Medication, alongside our incredible team of doctors and nurses, plays a crucial role in that care; without it there's only so much we can do to ease their journey."

Anybody wishing to learn more about how to support the Medication Appeal should visit isabelhospice.org.uk/MedicationAppeal or call Isabel Hospice on 01707 954 850

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BAYFORD

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(The following if you can fit in as well)**

**Saturday 5th October – Little Berkhamsted,
Glass Fusion with Laura Brooks-Payne 10-1pm £65**

**Saturday 19th October – Little Berkhamsted,
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**Saturday 26th October – Little Berkhamsted
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Brickendon

Chapel of the Holy Cross & St. Alban

For enquiries concerning the Chapel, please contact **Virginia Haryott 01992 511575** or email wellpondharyott@gmail.com

Many people will have noticed that the front hedge, fence and noticeboard at the church were destroyed late at night by an out of control driver. We have now had the noticeboard restored and have replaced the shattered fence with a new oak fence. Thanks go to Simon Hedley of Little Berkhamsted who has done an excellent job.

September Services.

Please see page 4 for a full list of services.
Sunday 1st, 11:00 am, Parish Communion, Brickendon
Sunday 15th, 11:00 am Harvest Service, Brickendon.

Flowers

30th August
13th September
20th September
27th September

September

Janet Burger
"
Cathy Gibbens
"

Cleaning

Alison Blakey
"
Amanda Davey

Please consider volunteering for either Church cleaning or flower arranging as it would help lighten the load for all the existing hard workers!
Contact Virginia on 07770944854 or email virginia.haryott@gmail.com

Concern has been raised about the amount of artificial flowers that are being placed on the graves in the churchyard. Please remember that this is not recommended by the Diocese.

Sponsored BIKE 'n HIKE Saturday 14th September 2024

BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

9am to 5pm

This annual event raises much needed funds for our local chapel and helps save other churches in Beds and Herts. There are sponsorship forms in the church and information on the noticeboard.

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

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

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.

Parish Council meetings in 2024
26th September,
28th November

Parish Clerk: Laura Brooks-Payne
Brickendon Liberty Parish Council
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Email clerk@brickendon-liberty.org.uk
Mobile 07803 906291

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Tuesday 5.30pm - 7pm
Thursday 10am - 12noon

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For further information contact our Club Secretary **Janet 01992 51151**



Village Fete and Dog Show

As usual, this will take place on the first Sunday in September (1st) on Brickendon Green. All the usual attractions are being booked, Punch & Judy, Birds of Prey display, Band, Craft Stalls, Refreshments and games for young and old. Please put the date in your diary, we look forward to seeing everyone.



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Bayford CofE Primary School & Nursery

Due to a recent change to their constitution Bayford CofE Primary School & Nursery have a vacancy on their Board of Governors. We would like to appoint a local person with a real interest in young people and their education. There would be between 6 and 12 early evening (5pm) meetings to attend per year. If you are interested in school governance and think you could support this thriving village school please contact the Chair of Governors (01992 511551) for a chat.

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The role is voluntary and includes paying bills, managing bank accounts, and producing the annual accounts which are examined by an independent accountant.

The Treasurer does not have to be experienced as a handover will be provided. The weekly collections and fundraising money are paid into the bank by the churchwarden.

For more information or to arrange a chat with the current Treasurer about the role, please contact:

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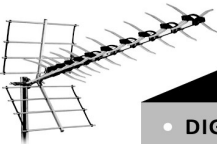
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There is no charge although in the future we may ask for a contribution for tea and coffee! Any questions please message
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ESSENDON W.I.



Wednesday 18th September will be the next WI meeting in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. and the meeting commences at 8.00 p.m. Tea/coffee and biscuits is served following the speaker's presentation.

Kay Ball from Tropic Skin Care company will be talking about a beauty routine that feeds the skin with nature's most nutritious ingredients which are vegan, carbon negative and cruelty-free certified.

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GARDENING in SEPTEMBER

September is somehow the beginning of the gentle end of Summer and the first promise of Autumn and all that that brings. I took the risk this last year of not bringing my Dahlias inside over winter and the earlier summer months seemed sure to make me look a fool until suddenly they started to appear again - their flowering season will be rather late but they look fine and healthy and I won't risk doing that again!

September marks the start of next Spring's bulb season and many will now be available in Nurseries and Garden Centres. Crocus, miniature daffodils and all sorts of new bulbs are coming to the market, are wonderful value and will re-appear and multiply in the years ahead. Order them now from specialist nurseries or visit local Garden Centres. Just check what sort of position they need and start planting. Tulips are best delayed until next month before putting in.

Take some time to tidy up beds, containers and borders and keep an eye open for leaf-spot infections, grey mould, mildews, rusts and other problems so take out your secateurs and clear the worst of that and 'bin' it. The plants themselves will look much better and you will be helping reduce further problems in the months ahead. I am afraid that slugs and snails will be out in force enjoying decomposing plant material and damper weather so keep on top of them.

The best time for planting new 'woody' trees and shrubs and also Roses is fast approaching so take time to look round and see what new climbers, shrubs and trees would look good and exactly where in your garden. Thoroughly weed and clear the areas needed for these 'new arrivals' so that they can go straight in. The ground will still be warm enough and improved by autumn rainfall so get planting!

Germander Speedwell

Essendon Nature Notes

There is perhaps no other bird which so typifies the lazy days of late summer and early autumn than the yellowhammer. The fields and meadows are peaceful now as spring songsters take the opportunity to recover from the rigours of the breeding season, get back in condition to face the winter ahead and possibly squabble over new territories. As the days become shorter the summer visitors are beginning to think about the long journey home but the resident yellowhammer still seems to have its voice.

It is the classic farmland bird and therefore of course less common than in the past but still there seem to be plenty around this year perched atop the hedgerows. A good place to see them is on the long, quiet bridleway from Essendon Hill that accompanies the River Lea and heads on up to West

End Lane. They really can't be mistaken with their 'escaped canary' yellow head and underparts and streaked back. Next year I think I will try and see if I can come across a nest as they have eggs with an abstract pattern like an expressionist painting giving it one of its folk names of 'scribbling lark'.

It is their call though which makes them a memorable addition to a country walk, consisting of a rapid-paced series of phrases with a wheezy, breathless end. Enid Blyton famously christened it as "A little bit of bread and no cheeese" and it encapsulates the song so perfectly that if you can manage to hear the yellowhammer without thinking of this mnemonic then you are a better man than I am.

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ESSENDON PC

The next full council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10th September**, in the Village Hall at 7pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be available during the week before the meeting, on the PC website

www.essendonparishcouncil.gov.uk and on the village noticeboard. The Minutes will be published shortly after the meeting on the website. All members of the public are warmly invited to attend. Serving councillors are, Chairman, Cllr. Ian Venables, Vice-

Chair, Cllr. Tracey Willets, Cllr. Keith Venables, Cllr. Mike Brown, Cllr. Fran Christensen and Cllr. Chris Jenner. The Clerk is Caroline Chapple who you are welcome to email

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Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust

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There will be a group coming from St Mary Church on the same footpath walking to St Andrew's Church. They will leave at the same time. There will be refreshments at both churches. Let's hope for a sunny day everyone.

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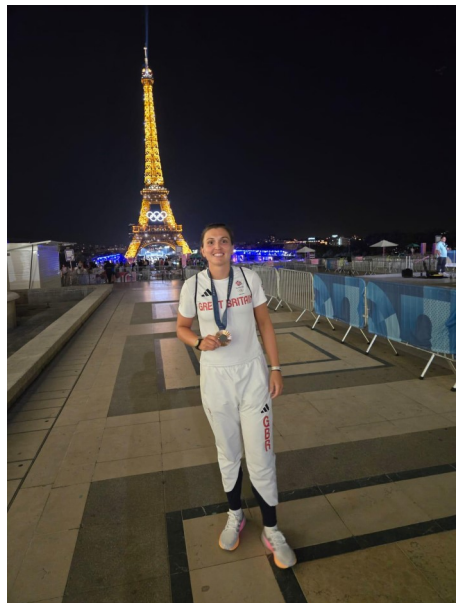
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Rowan McKellar

Wins Bronze in the Women's Eight at the Paris Olympics

Olympic success in the Hartford Hundred

Rowan McKellar of Little Berkhamsted won a Bronze medal for Team GB in the Women's 8 in the Paris Olympics. Rowan, daughter of Quintin and Trish McKellar, learned to row at Broxbourne Rowing Club on the River Lea when she was 10 years old and won many races with the club. She was awarded an athletic scholarship to attend University of California, Berkeley and in 2017 she was invited to join the GB rowing squad training out of Caversham Lake, near Reading. She participated in the Tokyo Olympics where she was a close fourth and continued training to achieve her dream of a medal in Paris. She managed an afternoon off training in January this year when she was married in Little Berkhamsted church. Thank you to all those in our villages who have supported her over the years.



Friday 27th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 27th Sept.

We are holding our coffee morning 10am -12oc. In the church there will be homemade soup and bread and delicious homemade cakes to take home. Come and join us

News from Little Berkhamsted Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 18th September** at 7.30pm in the village hall. The agenda is published on the website and village noticeboard the week before the meeting and residents are welcome to send questions and comments to the clerk beforehand clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk or attend the meeting and ask in person.

Community Clothes Bank

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The Community Café

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Vacancy

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To obtain more information or to apply for the position, please contact the clerk to the council, Laura Brooks Payne by e mail. clerk@littleberkhamsted.org.uk or phone 07803906291.

Dog Bins

We have been having problems with the emptying of the three dog bins in the village. Going forward all bins should now be cleared at the same time. Please encourage dog walkers to use these bins. There are still some people who do not.

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Village Chat - WhatsApp group for people living in the village. To join the group contact 07710 507 215

Village Pub Social - 8pm the second Friday of every month in either The Crown or The Coach & Horses Pubs, come along to meet friends and make new ones. See Village Chat WhatsApp group or Village website for details.

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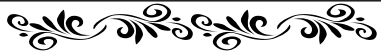
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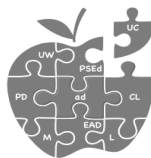
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