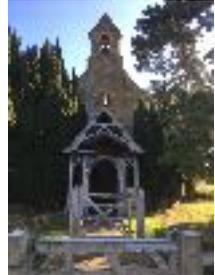


# The Parish News

of Catesby, Hellidon and Staverton



June - July 2019

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## Canon Mary writes

I have been spending some of my spare time recently sorting out photographs that for a number of years have been sitting in boxes. It has been great to revisit photographs of holidays that Bob and I have enjoyed in the past. In doing so I came across a photograph I took of the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome. In 2010 I took some people from our group of churches to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau. The visit was part of a longer holiday on which we visited a number of places en-route - places like Pizza, Assisi, Florence and Rome. We had a wonderful time. The Passion Play was an incredible experience and was the highlight of the holiday. But one of the other highlights was having the opportunity to see the wonderful painting by Michelangelo Buonarroti of God and Adam, painted on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Looking carefully at the painting you can't help but notice that God extends his finger to Adam with great vigour, twisting his body so that he can move it as close as possible to Adam. His head is turned towards Adam and his gaze is fixed on him. God's arm is stretched out, with every muscle taut and his index

finger is extended straight forward, towards Adam's.

Traditionally, the title of the painting is 'The Creation of Adam' but some scholars say that it should be called 'The Endowment of Adam'. Adam is already alive - his eyes are open. What is being offered here is life with God.

Adam, on the other hand, has his arm only partially extended towards God, his elbow resting on his knee and his body relaxed. Apparently, one of the messages Michelangelo wanted to convey through this painting was God's determination to reach out to Adam, then having come close he allows just a little space so that Adam can choose. All Adam has to do is lift his finger.

I am very blessed that most of my children and their families live reasonable close to me and even our eldest daughter who lives in South Wales, can be with us in around three hours of motorway driving, but our youngest son lives with his wife and children right up in the north of Scotland. We try to visit as often as we are able and although between visits we can phone or face-time one another, it is not the same as being with them.

By the time you receive this magazine we will just have celebrated the Ascension of Jesus into heaven to be with his Father, remembering that just before he left this earth he promised his followers that he would be with them 'even to the end of the age'.

God loves us with the love of a perfect Father and he wants to be with us and have us be with him, but he allows that little gap which means we get to choose. Sometimes life is so hectic that we forget that God is there. We speak to him when we are in desperate need and want his help, but then for many people, for the rest of the time he becomes just an after-thought or for some, not even thought of at all. We forget to close that gap between the fingers, or even decide not to bother at all.

Our lives move so fast these days that we need to remember to slow down sometimes and let our souls catch up with our bodies - not literally but figuratively. God gave us the sabbath day for rest and if we want to live healthy lives mentally, physically and spiritually, we ignore that rest day at our peril. According to tradition, when the apostle John

was bishop in Ephesus, his hobby was raising pigeons.

On one occasion an Ephesian elder passed his house as he returned from hunting. When he saw John playing with one of his birds, he gently criticised the old apostle for spending time so frivolously. John looked at his critic's hunting bow and remarked that the string was loosened. "Yes," said the huntsman, "I always loosen the string of my bow when it's not in use. If it always stayed tight, it would lose its rebounding quality and fail me in the hunt."

"And I," said John, "am now relaxing the bow of my mind, so that I may better be able to shoot the arrows of divine truth."

We all need times of relaxation and rest. So take time out from the busyness of life to be with God and remember, whether you are aware of it or not, God is always there - waiting - finger outstretched. That meeting with God can happen anywhere, at anytime, for anyone. Whatever your age, season of life, temperament or job - there are no obstacles at all. All you have to do is lift a finger. God is closer than you think!

# The Smile Page

## Miscellaneous observations

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

Try Jesus. If you don't like Him, the devil will always take you back.

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

As long as there are exams, there will be prayer in schools.

## With school-days in mind...

A little girl after her geography exam: "Please God make Copenhagen the capital of Japan – at least for this month."

## Trouble

The minister's son had just received a bad report from school. Seeking to distract his father, he asked: "Dad,

what do you think is the trouble with me? Heredity, environment or just plain original sin?"

## Cheers

The restaurant where I took my two sons for a meal was crowded with fans watching a sporting event on

TV. The harried waitress took our order, but more than half an hour passed with no sign of her return.

I was trying to keep my children from becoming restless when suddenly shouts of victory came from the bar.

"Hey," commented my 11-year-old, "it sounds as if someone just got



With the congregation depleted by the bug that was going around, it suddenly dawned on Roy that he wouldn't be able to get away with just miming to the hymns this week.

his food."

## Crowd

The new minister, encouraged by the numbers in church for his first sermon, began: "I have never had the pleasure of preaching to such a dense crowd before."

# Sponsored Bible Read

Mary completed her sponsored read from the King James Version bible in 55 hours. She started at about 11:00 am on Sunday the 14th April and finished at about

9:30 pm on Wednesday evening. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday she started reading about 7:30 am and finished each day between 9:00 and 10:00 pm.

For most of the time she had people listening to her in church with some coming on two or three occasions to listen to her at different venues.



At Hellidon Church she had a captive audience of workmen carrying out work which needed to be finished in time for the evening service at

Hellidon on Maundy Thursday. She and they completed their tasks in time.

Mary would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported her both by listening to her reading and by generous giving. The sponsor money has now been collected,

counted and distributed to the treasurers of the three churches and a summary is set out below.

Church	Amount	Gift Aid (GASDS) to claim	Grand Total
Hellidon	£365.95	£91.49	£457.44
Catesby	£386.95	£96.74	£483.69
Staverton	£571.89	£142.97	£714.86
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£1324.79</b>	<b>£331.20</b>	<b>£1655.99</b>

# The tale of the Lost Sheep

Fun!  
Easy!

JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
-EDDGEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ALL ABOUT  
A GOOD SHEPHERD.



WHO TOOK GREAT CARE OF ALL  
HIS SHEEP

THE SHEPHERD WOULD  
ALWAYS MAKE SURE EACH  
SHEEP WAS SAFE



HE WOULD COUNT THEM AT  
THE END OF EVERY DAY

BUT ONE NIGHT HE  
REALIZED A SHEEP HAD  
GONE MISSING



THE SHEPHERD SET OUT TO SEARCH FOR  
THE LOST SHEEP

HE SEARCHED HIGH  
AND LOW



AT LAST THE LOST SHEEP  
WAS FOUND!



THE SHEPHERD COULD NOT  
HAVE BEEN HAPPIER!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT GOD  
LOVES US IN THE SAME WAY  
THAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
LOVES HIS SHEEP.

## My dear nephew Darren

Never, ever feel aggrieved that your summer strawberry tea has to be held in the church hall rather than on a lawn, since there is hardly a single blade of grass to be found in your entire parish. You have no idea of the potential calamities you are avoiding.

Here, during the previous week, the organisers will be desperately asking the opinion of local farmers about the weather. In doing so, they forget that for the farming community, it is always the wrong sort of weather anyway. I once received a heartfelt plea from the staff at Heathrow Airport for our ladies to stop calling them at hourly intervals to find out if hurricanes may be imminent.

Naturally, the day will start out warm and sunny and so all the tables will be arranged on the vicarage lawn. By 10am, tablecloths will have been laid. By 10.10am, a brisk breeze will have sprung up and someone will be delegated to retrieve them all from deep within the nettle patch. By 11am, clouds will gather, and a decision will be made to transfer everything into the church hall.

Once that is completed, just when it is almost too late to change, the sun will re-emerge and there will be a frantic dash to put everything back on the lawn. This ensures that by

2pm when teas start, the ladies will already be in a state of collapse.

Last year, the Dowager Duchess of Trilby graced us with her presence. As she sat with her entourage, elegantly sipping tea under a giant parasol over the table, the thing – equally elegantly – closed around her, leaving her looking like one of those unfortunate insects trapped by a carnivorous plant. To emerge from its depths looking entirely unflustered was beyond even her social skills.

Fortunately, attention was diverted from her predicament by the wife of one of our farmers. This substantial lady had been sitting in a chair with slightly too thin legs for the damp lawn. The rear two slowly sank into the grass, eventually catapulting the dear lady backwards into the lap of the local mayor. Disentangling red flannelette from mayoral chains took some time, and delicacy.

At least when I have had enough, the lawn can be cleared in minutes by drawing the raffle. The moment the last plastic shower cap and set of Christmas doilies has been awarded, there will be a dash to get home, giving my dog the opportunity to retrieve remnants of cream cakes from the flower beds.

**Your loving uncle, Eustace**

# Advertising in the Parish News

The Parish News goes into every home in Catesby, Hellidon and Staverton. If you want to take out an advert in the Parish News please contact Robert Garbutt by:

Email [rcgarbutt@gmail.com](mailto:rcgarbutt@gmail.com)  
or phone 01327 700050

## Charges for advertising are as follows:

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Half page	£10 per issue
Quarter page	£8 per issue

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*There was a hold up while they looked  
for the pin.*

## Submission of articles, publicity material and adverts

The deadline for all material to be included in the next issue of the Parish News is Monday the 22nd July 2019. Please send by email to: [rcgarbutt@gmail.com](mailto:rcgarbutt@gmail.com) or in type by post or hand delivered to: The Vicarage, Church Street, Staverton NN11 6JJ. Thank you.

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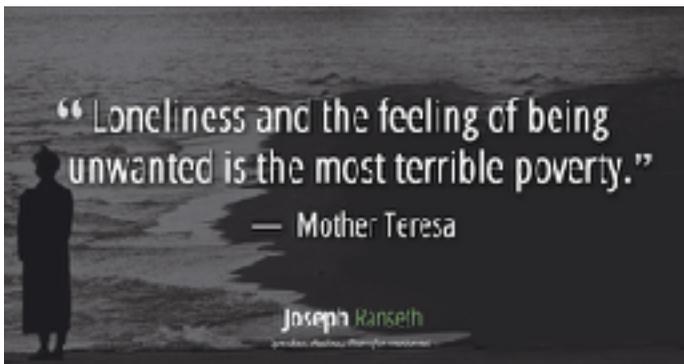
## Loneliness week – 17th to 21st June

Britain is in the midst of a loneliness epidemic. A survey by the Jo Cox Commission in 2017 revealed that nine million of us in the UK are affected by it.

So, no wonder that last year the Government appointed the world's first loneliness minister, Tracey Crouch. And no wonder that the Marmalade Trust aims to raise

touch. One health expert said, "We're getting out of the habit of actual conversations."

People who work from home and who also live alone can go days without speaking to anyone. No wonder that the millennial generation, for whom technology accounts for an increasing percentage of their interaction, are



awareness of isolation in the UK.

Loneliness hurts you physically as well as mentally. It has even been said that it can be as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. It can raise blood pressure, and cause diabetes and obesity.

Technology is a big factor: we send emails rather than talk, we have virtual team workspaces rather than speaking in person. We use LinkedIn and Facebook to keep in

reporting high levels of anxiety.

Experts advise that you simply try and make as many social connections as you can, however brief. Make tea for someone at work, or chat to your neighbour or invite them into your home for "Tea and Cake"

# News from the villages



**Hellidon  
History Trail**

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
From 2pm**

**& Afternoon  
Tea**

Start at the church, then follow the trail around the village, to discover for yourselves, the hidden history of Hellidon, followed by delicious tea and cake in the village hall.

On the afternoon of Saturday 22nd June we will have a Hellidon History Trail for you to explore around the village to discover more about Hellidon's hidden history. There will be a booklet and map to guide you.

## **A date for your diary**

Quizzers take note. This popular quiz returns to Hellidon Church on Friday 11th October. Please diarise.....more details in the next Parish News.

Afterward, why not pop into the village hall, where afternoon tea and refreshments will also be available

It will be a great opportunity to explore and find out more about our wonderful village

# Staverton

## Litter Pick



Just to report that the village litter pick went well.

12 people turned up on the day and collected 25 bags of rubbish including 1 front car bumper, two car head lights, a garden parasol and a fish tank (amongst other things).

The Parish Council has been given 7 full sets of litter picking equipment of its own which residents can now borrow. Please contact the Parish Clark for details.

## Churchyard

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR CHURCHYARD SPICK & SPAN.

A couple of new volunteers would be welcome to help keep Staverton churchyard neat and tidy over the summer and autumn.

We have a rota system so you would only need to help for a few weeks

every year with the mowing, strimming and general tidiness.

Benefits include a suntan and the smell of freshly cut grass.....



Please contact David Tunbridge - e-mail [dsjnt@btinternet.com](mailto:dsjnt@btinternet.com), or call 01327 879298.

## Women's Institute

Meetings start at 19:30 in the village hall on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

20th June - Riding for the disabled and carriage horse driving.  
Speaker: Olive Belcher.

18th July - Me Myself and I....  
Speaker: Alison Armitage.

## Parish Council

The Parish Council meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. The public are welcome to attend as observers.

For further details contact Tony Glover on 01327 311449.

Mary the Virgin, Staverton on the 18th May 2019.

## From the Registers

The wedding of Lee Holliman and Samantha Wharton took place at St

The baptism of Henrietta May Morgan took place at St Mary the Virgin, Staverton on the 7th April 2019.

## Art in Dunchurch

As part of the Warwickshire Open Studios a group of 26 local artists and makers are exhibiting their work at the Fosse House Gallery, The Old Post Office and Inglenook, Coventry Road. Dunchurch CV22 6NH.

Philippa Powell and Isy Shackleton who live in the village have crept across the county boundary to join this group and if anyone is interested to come and see theirs, and the other artists work, watch demonstrations and drink tea and eat cake, it is open from 10-30am - 4-30 pm on Saturdays : 15th, 22nd, 29th

June, Sunday's: 16th, 23rd June and Wednesdays: 19th, 26th June. Entry is free.

This is part of a much larger event all over Warwickshire and booklets detailing other venues can be obtained from Philippa or Isy. And there are some at the Countryman. Or you can look on line at [www.warwickshireopenstudios.org](http://www.warwickshireopenstudios.org)

Hopefully we'll see you there. We are in a marquee on the lawn at Inglenook - so praying for good weather! Isy Shackleton.

## In the month of June

40 years ago, on 7th June 1979 that the first elections for the European Parliament were held.

30 years ago, on 5th June 1989 that the Unknown Rebel ('Tank Man') of Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China, made world headlines. He temporarily halted a column of tanks

by standing in front of them on the morning after the massacre.

20 years ago, on 11th June 1999 that the Kosovo War ended when the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and NATO signed a peace treaty.

# I forgot to get some fertiliser

Once again those dratted weeds can help. Make a nettle soup. Pick or pull out nettle weeds you have growing in your borders, or wherever they are growing. Cut into suitable lengths to fill a bucket, pour on a kettle-full of hot water, then top up with cold water and leave to stand for 48 hrs. then strain off the, by now green water, store in used milk containers and to water your hanging baskets and patio pots with a dilution of a cupful in a gallon watering can.

Nettles absorb lots of nutrients and trace elements from the soil, which stay in their leaves all summer and then disperse down to the root system in winter. This is why nettles appear to grow so much more strongly so much earlier than your cosseted plants. So make use of this, the nettle soup will be high in nitrogen, potassium and trace elements which are so important for plant growth.

Summer is now officially here, and prime growth time, so plants like

delphinium, lupin and other tall growing plants will need support if your garden is at all exposed to the prevailing wind, in this area, south/west. It is so annoying to see a tall spike that had so much promise of beauty, lying broken on its side. Three canes and some raffia can save lots of regret.

However, if the worst happens, cut the stem beyond damaged area, put into a tall vase of water, and it will continue to develop for you indoors.

We seem to be in a pattern of wind and gales at the moment.

In the veg garden runner beans usually twine themselves round their stakes, but it pays to check and give them a helping tie if they are growing too quickly to twine themselves properly. The new shoot curls itself by following the sunlight, which is what makes it curl round its stake, but a cloudy day can upset the pattern.

**Happy midsummer gardening Doreen Hillier-Bird, Hellidon**

# An invitation to the communities of Staverton, Hellidon and Catesby



**Mary and Bob invite you to:**

## **Songs of Praise and BBQ**

**On Sunday 11th August 2019**

**Starting at 16:00**

**In the Vicarage garden in Staverton**

The event is free, but we would ask you to bring something to barbecue and something to sit on. Rolls, salads, puddings, soft drinks and wine will all be provided. There will be a bouncy castle for the children.

The afternoon will start with the BBQ and the chance to meet, chat and get to know one another better. Songs of Praise will follow and will be led by my son, Philip and his wife Debbie who are worship leaders at St Mary's Church Wollaston. If you have a favourite hymn, please let us know so it can be included.

If you intend to come, please let us know numbers (adults and children) so we can cater for you. We would love to see as many of you as possible. For more details, or if you want to request a hymn please contact me by:

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	Rupert Frost	01327 700198
<b>Hellidon:</b>	Paul Goudime	01327 262817

## Services during June and July

Date	Where	Time	Service
02 Jun	Catesby	09:30	Holy Communion
09 Jun	Staverton	09:30	Holy Communion
			with commissioning of PCC and Joint Council Members
16 Jun	Hellidon	09:30	Holy Communion
23 Jun	Staverton	09:30	Worship for All
30 Jun	Hellidon	09:30	Pet Service
07 Jul	Catesby	09:30	Holy Communion
14 Jul	Staverton	09:30	Holy Communion
21 Jul	Hellidon	09:30	Holy Communion
28 Jul	Staverton	09:30	Worship for All
04 Aug	Catesby	09:30	Holy Communion

**Contact Mary Garbutt for information about all services**



## All creatures great and small

(along with their owners)

are invited to a family pet service at St John the Baptist Church in Hellidon on Sunday 30th June 2019 starting at 09:30 am.

So bring along your dogs, cats, guinea pigs, gerbil, hamsters et al to celebrate God's creatures and give thanks to the way they enrich our lives.