# St Peter & St Paul

Little Horkesley

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# The Rectory with Revd Heather Wilcox

It seems hard to believe, that the midway point of the year is approaching, our days are so much longer now, as we enter June and summer begins, but still time seems to rush on and there is never enough time to get things done.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> June we will celebrate the longest day of the year. I always feel there is something a little disappointing in the fact that no sooner has summer begun than the days begin to get shorter! But then I take heart in the fact that, for a while at least, the evenings continue to lengthen, it's just that it gets light later in the morning ... when most of us are fast asleep anyway and so, for a time we hardly notice.

We also celebrate Father's Day in June. This year, I am treating my father, to something I don't think either of us in our wildest imagination ever thought would happen, I still can't quite believe it! I will be preaching at Evensong in St. Pauls Cathedral. My dad is rather proud and looking forward to being there, I am incredibly nervous and just praying I don't make a complete fool of myself.

Whilst it is of course a privilege to be able to preach, or indeed to do anything in such an amazing place as St. Pauls Cathedral, it is so far out of my comfort zone it all seems rather crazy.

But I take comfort in the fact it is happening on Father's Day. Although Father's Day is not a church festival, it is a good day to be reminded of the father love of God. And I am reminded of a conversation with my father just a few weeks ago, when talking about the St. Pauls service, I was saying how I felt far too inadequate to be doing this, I was saying how I am just a rural parish priest, and he said, but you are far more than that, you are my daughter.

Whatever our experience of earthly fathers, to our heavenly father, we are always far more than the sum of what we believe we are, be it parish priest, company director, or hospital cleaner. We are sons and daughters of God, we are loved more than we can ever comprehend, by the one who created the heavens and earth.

As a beloved child of God, and of my own earthly father, I will stand in St. Pauls Cathedral on the 18<sup>th</sup> June, my knees will be knocking, but I will remember that all I do is in the service of my heavenly father who strengthens me.

That same heavenly Father is there for each one of us.

May God bless you Heather



Heavenly Father,
We are all known and loved by you.
When we are afraid of the unknown
Uncertain of the future,
In need of comfort
Help us to depend on you
To give us the strength and courage we need
Remembering that we are your beloved
children
Amen



St Paul's Cathedral 1675-1710 by Sir Christopher Wren

	Month	Date	Arranger
	June	4	Julia Orme
		11	Julia Orme
		18	Julia Orme
		25	Julia Orme
	July	2	TBA
		9	TBA
		16	TBA
L L		23	TBA
		30	TBA
	August	6	TBA

### **MERIEL'S REPORT**



### **LENT**

As was reported in the last Magazine Soup Lunches were held each week during Lent at each of the parishes. There was no charge, but donations were made for Mary's Meals, a charity which provides school meals for children in various countries where there is great poverty. It is then hoped that the children will attend school and consequently get an education. The magnificent sum of £800 was raised which was a very good result. Donations were also made to the Food Bank which were gratefully received.

### PALM SUNDAY AND EMMA BARR

On Palm Sunday our service was taken by our ordinand, Emma Barr, who is at the very end of her training. She donned Donkey ears for the sermon in which she spoke on behalf of the donkey who carried our Lord. It was really quite moving. Will Pavry took this photo.

On the subject of Emma, we all wish her well as she proceeds towards her ordination on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Chelmsford Cathedral.





She was also recently appointed Chaplain to the new Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Charles Bishop. In his speech he referred to her as 'Charlie's Chaplain' which seems very apt.

Please remember Emma in your prayers.

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

Holy week and Easter followed their usual pattern, Mount Bures and Wormingford hosted Maundy Thursday and Easter Eve and we had our usual Last Hour at the Cross on Good Friday. I am always surprised that there is not more support for these services which are, after all, commemorating the most important time in the life of Jesus. Our Good Friday Service was quiet and lovely and the readers and choir played their parts beautifully.

On Easter Day we only had one service, a service of Holy Communion in the evening.

The church looked absolutely beautiful, and I hope that the photos taken by Sally and Suzanne will show it off. Unfortunately, the church was not opened regularly during the next two weeks, so visitors were not able to appreciate how lovely it looked.



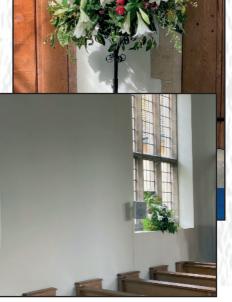
The Easter arrangement in the church porch.













During the past few weeks, we have lost two long-standing members of our church.

### **HELEN EILOART**

Helen died, at the age of 95, on Easter Day. She had lived at Vinesse Farm for many years until she moved to Keepers Green Braiswick in 1998. John and I moved there 9 years ago and knew her well.

She continued to attend our church until her early nineties when she could no longer drive. She was a very independent lady who did not like to accept lifts. She always supported any church appeals and made contributions to church funds. She made loaves, without fail, for the Village Hall Cake Stall. She had two sons, Tom, who lives in France and Nicholas, who lives in America. Nicholas is an Anglican priest and he officiated at the loving, warm and affectionate service at our church on April 25<sup>th</sup> which was attended by many of her friend and family.

### PETER MORRISON

Although some of us knew that Peter was suffering from leukaemia, it came as a real shock to hear that he had died on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Fionna had done all her beautiful arrangements in the church for Easter and attended church on Easter Day. Peter was a regular attender at our 8 am Holy Communion Service. He loved the quiet simplicity of that service. He did not enjoy, as much, the services that had music although he sometimes came on Remembrance Sunday.

We send our love, thoughts and prayers to the families of both of these long-time members of our church.

### ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL JUNE 18th 3.00 pm

On 18th June Heather will be preaching at Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral, followed by a tour with the Dean. A coach has been booked and the cost is £13.70 if it is filled. To book please contact the Parish Coordinator, Donna, in the Office. Her details can be found on the inside front page. We send our best wishes to Heather on his very important occasion.

### CORONATION

I had already arranged the service for May 7<sup>th</sup> the day after the Coronation. It was not until I watched Songs of Praise from Highgrove on the previous Sunday that it dawned on me that we ought to make the service a bit more special. I had noted the hymns from that programme so contacted the Officiant, Phyll Wood and said I was thinking of using these hymns. She said she was in agreement and would prepare appropriate prayers. At the Coronation the Te Deum and Jubilate were included which we have anyway, and we also included Ps 47, also in the Coronation Service. It did make the service feel a little more special.

On the afternoon of the Coronation our loyal and dedicated ringers rang at both Wormingford and Little Horkesley. At our church the band consisted of Brian Lord (our Tower Captain) Barry Gibbons, Evelyn Reeve, Peter Perkins and Linda and David Lee, all regular ringers at Bures, Wormingford and Little Horkesley.

They rang 240 changes of Grandsire Doubles and 120 changes of Plain Bob Doubles.



#### ROGATION

On 14<sup>th</sup> May we did our short walk through the Hall Gardens, above the lovely lake, back to the church and then on to The War Memorial. After that we proceeded through the farmyard, through more beautiful gardens at the Priory and back to the church. I am so grateful to those who allowed us to do this and for the readers along the way. Unfortunately, I, and a few others, only did a short part of the walk. However, we were all so lucky as it was the most beautiful day, we have had so far this year.

After that we had a sumptuous tea followed by a special Rogation Service which we all enjoyed.

I had forgotten to take a camera, but Brenda stepped in.



### CHURCHYARD - RICHARD HAY

For many years Richard has diligently looked after our churchyard. I have always been so pleased with what he has done. He has helped in so many ways, with small maintenance jobs, emptying the bins and putting out the bags and getting all the Christmas decoration paraphernalia out – quite a heavy job. For a number of years, he even decorated the tree!

This year has not been easy for him as his young son has been unwell and when he is off school Richard has frequently had to take time off work. He was really only able to deal with the church during the week as neighbours were not happy with the noise of machinery at weekends.

With the increasing wish for churchyards to become wild areas we have decided now is the time for him to give this particular job up. As he is also my gardener, I am hoping he will still look after the area where my family graves are situated. I'm sure he will.

I would like to thank him for his work, kindness and help over so many years.

**MERIEL** 







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Mrs Julia Orme Tel: 01206 271841 As I sit and write this article the sun is shining giving us the hope that perhaps spring has sprung, and that summer is at long last on its way. The clematis and wisteria are flowering, and the smell of cow parsley (Anthriscus Sylvestris) follows you as you walk around the lanes of the village.

After the long cold and wet winter, I am definitely looking forward to feeling the warmth of the sun on my face whilst sitting outside with a good book and a cold drink.

The one sound that truly means that spring/summer has arrived is the cheerful noise of children playing in the garden running around and having fun. If you don't have a garden, then the playpark in the village is the place to take the children and the Parish Council knows that ours needs some work doing to it. Some of the equipment has been removed as it was in need of replacing and the rest of it looks tired and uninviting of late. The Parish Council is in the process of rejuvenating it and having it updated and they are obtaining quotes from different companies to achieve this.

They have applied for grants to help them reach their objective and they would value your ideas and any comment that you have on this matter. If you have any spare time and would like to get out into the fresh air, then the Parish Council are on the lookout for volunteers to help them with the weeding and upkeep of the play park as this can be very time consuming but on the other hand can be very satisfying. You can contact the council via their email clerk@littlehorkeslevpc.com

The Parish Council would like to say how much they enjoyed putting together the Coronation Lunch for King Charles on Sunday 7th May.

It was wonderful that so many residents from the village attended and even better to hear the sound of everyone talking and enjoying themselves whilst feasting on the amazing coronation chicken, rice, sandwiches and cakes.

A big thank you goes to the people that entered the 'Cake Decorating Competition', the 'Human Bingo' and the Royal Quiz.

Rubbish appears on a daily basis all around the village and I do my best to do a litter pick as often as possible up and down Water Lane and I know that Jo (Parish Clerk) and her family do litter picks up Fishponds Hill. Do you have any spare time, maybe just a couple of hours once a month for us to all join forces and do a Community Litter pick? Or do you have any ideas how we can

put a stop on the amount of rubbish that gets left around the village? If you do, please let us know on the email <a href="mailto:clerk@littlehorkesleypc.com">clerk@littlehorkesleypc.com</a> or please come along in person to the next Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall in Little Horkesley on July 17th @ 19.30pm.

Tracy Le Grys - Parish Councillor



### Pet Of The Month

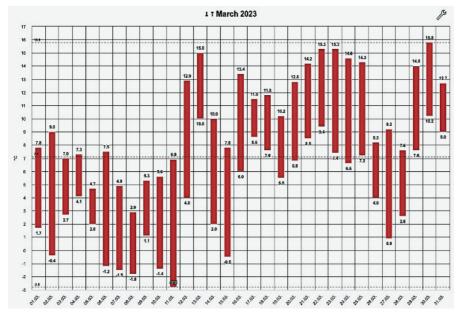


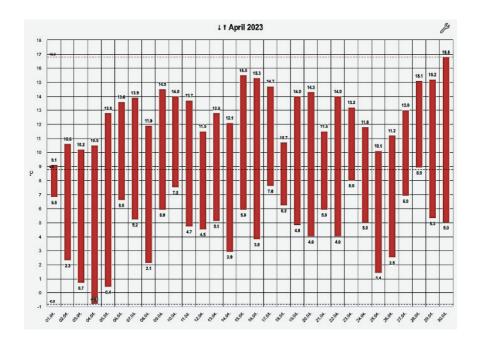
Gorgeous Luna. Such a cutie. Thank you Aimee Ashworth for the photo

### LITTLE HORKESLEY WEATHER March-April 2023

The weather in our village for the first two months of spring has been the usual "rather disappointing" although the spring so far has seen temperatures generally close to average (7.1°C in March, 8.6°C in April), with an alternation between colder and milder spells of weather. There was a notable cold spell in early March (minimum temperature -2.8°, 11<sup>th</sup> March), and it was chilly for a time in late April (but a maximum of 16.8° on 30 April). The big contrast with previous years has been the large amount of rainfall in March (121mm,four times our monthly average) and April (58mm, double the multiannual average) which made it provisionally the sixth wettest March in a series back to 1836 and possibly the wettest in the past 40 years for the whole of the UK according to the Met Office (the overall UK rainfall total was 155% of average). Sunshine was in relatively short supply for our area during March but closer to the average in April. Winds were predominantly south-westerly in March but with a significant northerly and easterly component the following month which were responsible for some chilly days of April.

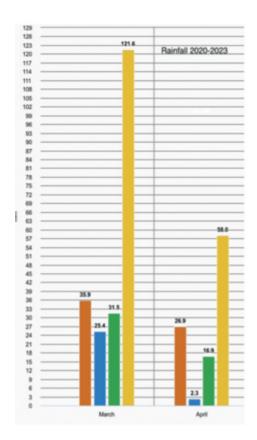
The graphs below show the usual daily maximum/minimum temperatures (apologies for the printing quality if temperatures are difficult to read), total rainfall and comparisons with the previous three years (mean temperatures and rainfall).

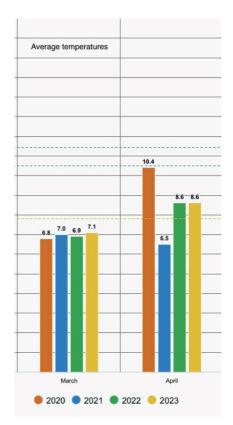












### **CHURCHYARD**

Our gardener has recently decided to move on so we are looking for a replacement. If anyone in the village is interested, please either give David Lewis a call on 07785 954200, or send an email to dmglewis@hotmail.com.

We would also be interested if anyone has any views on how we should maintain the churchyard. Suffolk Wildlife Trust has a long piece on management of rural churchyards which you might like to read suffolkwildlifetrust.org

### The Darkness

By Chris Peaskin

I had to ask the darkness Why it didn't like the light Hiding from the daytime Behind its cover of the night.

Why it used the moonlight And the stars to guide its way Would it answer my question Why it didn't like the day.

I thought I heard a whisper Although it wasn't clear It sounded like a feather That was tickling in my ear.

The voice said it was lonely It didn't have many friends Only the moon and stars And the time that never ends.

That people didn't like it Telling tales that made it sad About all kinds of monsters And everything that's bad.

I had a dawning realisation. It's the things we do and say That help create a darkness Where people hide away.

# WORD SEARCH

# **Astronomy**

All the words listed are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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### **Protecting your Cycle**





From: Stephen Armson-Smith Crime Prevention Advisor

Cycles are stolen from many locations including the town centres, transport hubs. residential areas, educational establishments. Commonly cycles are not secured properly, don't make it easy for thieves: - 1. Double lock it - using two locks slows thieves down and makes your bike less of a target. Use two quality locks, at least one of which is a D-lock. Thieves are less likely to carry multiple tools, so use two different types of lock if possible. 2. Lock the lot - lock the frame and both wheels to a secure cycle stand. 3. Secure it - secure your bike as close to the stand as possible to give any little thieves or no room to manoeuvre. 4. Take removable parts with you - Take parts that are easy to remove with you, such as wheels, lights, baskets, or the saddle. Or use locking skewers or nuts which can increase security by securing the bike's components to the frame permanently. 5. Park securely - Lock your bike at recognised secure cycle parking. It should be well lit, overlooked and covered by CCTV.

Where do stolen cycles go? A number of places: - some are sold locally, end

up in a container abroad, go to another part of the country, or stored in premises for later sale or sold as either a cycle or cycle parts via the internet or third parties.

By taking some appropriate precautions, using good quality security products and using them well, should help you to keep your property safe. Use the best security you can afford. Don't secure a £2,000 bicycle with a £10 lock! As a guide look to spend 10-15% of the value of the item on its security. Look for a "Sold Secure" certified chain and padlock or "D - Lock" preferably 'Gold' rated but certainly not below 'Silver'.

Make a note of the frame number, security mark the cycle; there are a number of different methods available such as www.datatag.co.uk, www.bikeregister.com, (others are available and can be found on the Secured by Design website below) and you can register property including cycles free of charge at www.immobilise.com. Take photograph of the cycle and any areas of damage or marks of identification, some insurance companies

Require a photograph with the cycle owner in the picture with the cycle.

Don't forget security at home: 1. don't leave garage doors open for long periods showing your expensive cycle and other property, 2. consider a "Ground anchor" or "Shed shackle" within your shed or garage to secure your cycle to, 3. look at your shed or garages security and ensure you have good locks and that the hinges are protected, 4. consider a shed alarm.

Check with your insurance company to see what security standards they

require for your insurance cover to be valid.

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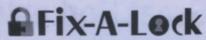
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# Sidesmen & Readers: June 2023

4 <sup>th</sup> June				
Morning	Will Pavry	Will Pavry	2 Corinthians 13: 11-end	
	Brian Lord	Sally Bramall	Matthew 28: 16-end	
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE			
11 <sup>th</sup> June		,		
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE			
Evening	Margaret Thomas	Margaret Thomas	Romans 4: 13-end	
	Harold Thomas	Harold Thomas	Matthew 9: 9-13; 18-26	
	Intercessor:	Margaret Thomas		
18 <sup>th</sup> June			·	
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE			
Evening	HOLY COMMUNION			
	Sue Carbutt	Sue Carbutt	Romans 5:1-8	
	David Lewis	David Lewis	Matthew 9: 35-10:8	
25 <sup>th</sup> June				
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE			
Evening	Ann Garnett	Ann Garnett	Romans 6: 1b-11	
	John Sparkes	John Sparkes	Matthew 10: 24-39	
	Intercessor:	Brian Lord		



# Sidesmen & Readers : July 2023

Date	Sidesmen	Readers	Readings	
2 <sup>nd</sup> July				
Morning	PATRONAL FESTIVAL David Lewis Vicky Minet	ТВА	ТВА	
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE			
<b>9</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>July</b> Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE			
Evening	Christopher Orme Sue Carbutt <i>Intercessor:</i>	Christopher Orme Sue Carbutt <i>Brenda Green</i>	Romans 7: 15 – 25a Matthew 11: 16-19; 25-end	
16 <sup>th</sup> July				
Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE			
Evening	HOLY COMMUNION Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Margaret Thomas Harold Thomas	Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23	
23 <sup>rd</sup> July Morning	NO MORNING SERVICE			
Evening	John Sparkes Ann Garnett Intercessor:	John Sparkes Ann Garnett <i>Brian Lord</i>	Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30; 36-43	
30 <sup>th</sup> July	NO SERVICES AT LITTLE HORKESLEY			
6 <sup>th</sup> August				
Morning	Brian Lord Will Pavry	Brian Lord Sally Bramall	2 Peter 1: 16-19 Luke 9: 28-36	
Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE			



# Church Calendar: June 2023

June 4<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday 11.00 am Morning Service

June 11th Trinity 1

6.30 pm Evening Sevice

June 18<sup>th</sup> Trinity 2

6.30 pm Holy Communion

June 25<sup>th</sup> Trinity 3

6.30 pm Evening Service

# Church Calendar: July 2023

July 2<sup>nd</sup> St Peter Patronal Festival Trinity 4

11.00 am Patronal Morning Service

July 9<sup>th</sup> Trinity 5

6.30 pm Evening Service

July 16<sup>th</sup> Trinity 6

6.30 pm Holy Communion

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Trinity 7

6.30 pm Evening Service

July 30<sup>th</sup> Trinity 8

10.30 am United Holy Communion Service at

Wormingford followed by lunch

August 1st

11.00am Morning Service