

This month is a significant milestone for me and my family. It marks a whole year since we moved to Arbury (where has the time gone?!) and it will also be our first experience of the Arbury Carnival.

Carnivals are a wonderful celebration of life. They provide a chance for everyone to let their hair down and join in the party with music and dancing, colour and movement.

They bring to the fore all the amazing groups that are so central to the life of a community, many of which would not happen without the quiet commitment of a whole army of volunteers. The carnival can also be our way to give thanks for their generosity with their time and skills which bring life and joy to so many.

What struck me when I went along to join in the carnival preparations at Orchard Park was not just the amazing talent and dedication that lies undiscovered or unnoticed within our community but also what fun can be had in the preparations alone. As we grappled to make a horn out of bits of rubbish and my rubber band pinged off around the room for the seventh time, there was certainly a lot of laughter!

I like to think it might have been like this in the early church. The Holy Spirit came in dramatic fashion, bringing all sorts of different people together from across the known world. The result was a new community of people who had known the love and power of God and were ready to let it flow through them to others. People brought whatever they had to share and each person did whatever he or she could do to help in the building of God's kingdom on earth, making sure no one was in need. It must have been hard work, but the Bible tells us that

they did it with 'glad and generous hearts' (Acts 2.46).

Has it ever struck you that some of the most joyful people we meet are also the most generous with their time and their gifts, as well as with their material possessions? Could this really be just a coincidence?

As we celebrate this year's Arbury Carnival together, may we also be blessed with 'glad and generous hearts' so that others might be drawn to praise God, the giver of all good gifts.

Anthony

A Prayer from India

Great Giver of all good gifts,
we offer you back our talents, our time
and all that we possess.

Transform them, along with our lives,
into means of your life-giving freedom
for all. Amen.



A new name?

David has quite rightly pointed out that what you have in front of you is not a Newsletter, it is more than that. If we change the name, what shall we call it? *Good Shepherd Magazine* is really boring – does anyone have a bright idea of a good name? Perhaps something to do with sheep?

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Sidesmen & Sideswomen	Rhodri James	357607
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READINGS FOR JUNE

Sundays and holy days

- 6 **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Galatians 1: 11-24
Luke 7: 11-17
- 13 **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Galatians 2: 15-21
Luke 7: 36 – 8: 3
- 20 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Galatians 3: 23-29
Luke 8: 26-39
- 27 **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
Luke 9: 51-62

Wednesdays

- 2 2 Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12
Mark 12: 18-27
- 9 1 Kings 18: 20-39
Matthew 5: 17-19
- 16 2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
- 23 2 Kings 22: 8-13; 23: 1-3
Matthew 7: 15-20
- 30 Amos 5: 14-15, 21-24
Matthew 8: 28 - end



"Does God really know
where I'm going?"

REGULAR SERVICES IN JUNE

- Sundays 8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion
(first Sunday in the month is an All-Age service)
- Mondays 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Tuesdays 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion
- Thursdays 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayer

Family Worship at Orchard Park will be every Sunday at 4pm in the Orchard Park Community Centre on Central Avenue. Light refreshments. All welcome. For further details see the weekly bulletin.

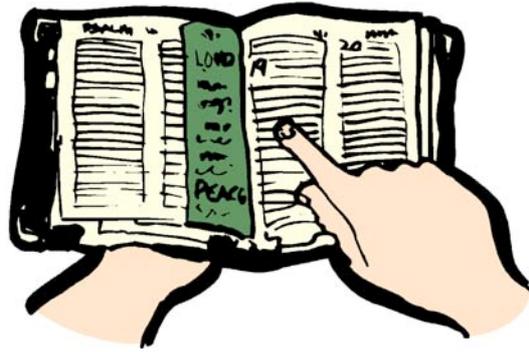
EVENTS IN JUNE

- Sunday June 6** at 12 noon Sunday Lunch Club meets in the Church Hall.
- Saturday June 12** Arbury Carnival
- Saturday June 19** at 5pm Concert with Bring and Share Tea
- Sunday June 27** at 8pm Social Evening in the Carlton Arms

MEETINGS IN JUNE

- Monday June 21** at 9.30am Standing Committee meets at the Vicarage.
- Sunday June 27** at 11.30am Open Meeting to discuss the redevelopment of the Church Office area.





Christian Bookshops in Cambridge

Once upon a time we had two Christian bookshops in Cambridge. Going back some time there was Mowbrays on King's Parade. They moved as part of the redevelopment of that area and opened up a new shop in Sussex Street and became SPCK. Sadly SPCK shops have failed nationally and our one in Cambridge closed.

Less convenient for the centre of town (and more difficult for parking!) there was also Wesley Owen in Regent Street, down near Our Lady and English Martyrs (usually known as the Catholic Church). We had a church account with Wesley Owen and I bought the first batch of Advent books there last year. Sadly their central group, STL, had severe financial problems and I had to go elsewhere for extra supplies of our Advent books as Wesley Owen were not in a financial position to purchase any new stock.

The good news is that six of Wesley Owen bookshops (including Cambridge) were bought by CLC at the end of last year so we still have a Christian bookshop in Cambridge. What is CLC? I knew it as a girl in London as Christian Literature Crusade and I remember going with my father to their shop in Ludgate Hill every year to buy Sunday School prizes – that seems a lifetime ago! (We also went to what was then CSSM – eventually Wesley Owen – in Wigmore Street). Whatever, CLC have the old Wesley Owen shop and we should make every effort to support them and maintain their Christian presence in Cambridge. Like a lot of things, it will be a question of USE IT OR LOSE IT!

You can find out more about CLC from their website www.clc.org.uk





Can you help *Daily Bread*?

I recently had this sent to me from a friend at another local church. I'm sure most of you will recognise the pictures of the Daily Bread store – inside and out. If you can respond to the appeal, great. If you can't respond, do pray for the staff there, they need your support.

Daily Bread is a Christian wholefood co-operative, at Unit 3, Kilmaine Close, CB4 2PH off King's Hedges Road. Its mission is not only to provide healthy food at reasonable prices but to foster a sense of Christian community, both in the way it receives its customers and also in providing employment for a certain number of local people with learning difficulties or who are looking to get back into the workforce after a period of ill health. Daily Bread is currently rather short-staffed and they are looking for volunteers to help them run the Cooperative, packing, helping with the cafe, sorting deliveries and pricing. It is a lovely environment in which to work; I love taking the children there to do shopping as we inevitably end up chatting to the staff or meeting up with people we know. The cakes they sell are delicious and it is a treat to spend a while in the cafe after shopping with a drink and a flapjack. If you have a couple of hours per week or per month to spare and could help out in supporting this vital local Christian project, please email cambridge@dailybread.co.uk or phone 423177 and speak to Lyn or Gabi.



ARBURY CARNIVAL 2010

This year's Arbury Carnival will take place on Saturday 12th June 2010 from 11am to 5.00pm on the Town Park, Campkin Road, Cambridge. The Carnival is a great family day out with a procession, arena and children's entertainment, stalls and fairground rides. Entry is free and the theme for this year is the World of Sport. The theme was influenced by the World Cup (and England's game the same evening) but the organisers hope that participants will consider the wider world of sport and come up with some original ideas for costumes in the procession and that stallholders will embrace the theme and decorate stalls accordingly.

For the first time in over twenty years, the procession will take a different route this year. Departing from Kirkwood Close at midday, the procession will make its way down Kings Hedges Road and Northfield Avenue and will finish in the Arbury Carnival Arena. The organisers hope that people living on this route will come out and support the procession as in previous years.

The organisers are always looking for local talent to showcase in the arena and on the procession and encourage local groups to book a stall for fundraising or promotional purposes.

About the Arbury Carnival:

The Arbury Carnival, currently in its 33rd year, is a free Carnival originally created to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 and currently includes a procession and stalls. The Carnival itself is non-profit making but instead allows local groups and charities to raise funds.

About the Arbury Carnival Organising Committee:

The current committee is chaired by Alan Soer, community worker and trustee of the King's Hedges Neighbourhood Partnership and includes; Tracy Parr, Tracy Partridge, Marie Cassidy, Petra Pellew and Andy Pellew. The Committee meets at the Arbury Community Centre and can be contacted via the website www.arburycarnival.org.uk.

For all the latest information and full contact details, please go to the website www.arburycarnival.org.uk or contact Alan Soer at the Arbury Community Centre on: 01223 712038.

ENHANCING THE CONSERVATION VALUE OF THE CHURCH GARDEN

People have been asking why the north-east corner of the church garden is not being mown. This is because the PCC voted to try to increase the biodiversity of the church garden for the benefit of our native wildlife.

What is biodiversity? It is a combination of a variety of species and a variety of life styles. It is obvious that a list of 10 species of beetle is more biodiverse than a list of 7 species. What is not so obvious is that a list of 7 species that all feed on grass roots is less diverse than a list of 7 species, 3 of which feed on grass roots, 2 on dead wood, 1 on a fungus and 1 on clover leaves.

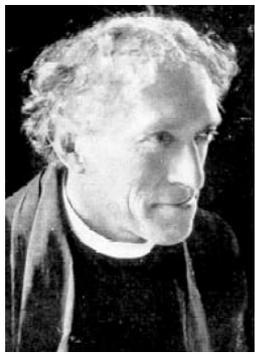
How can we enhance biodiversity? By diversifying the way we manage the different parts of a situation such as our church garden. This is because every change of management favours some species but at the expense of others. For example mowing favours daisies but inhibits Queen Anne's Lace. Likewise diversifying potential resources creates opportunities for species.

The action taken. It was decided to cease mowing the north-east corner of the church garden. This area is being bounded on the south side by a narrow strip of a new garden divided into two portions by a tree halfway. The Brownies are going to care for the upper section, and will be adding a variety of flowers, and the Cubs are going to do the same for the lower section. The increased variety of flowers will attract a range of insects seeking nectar and pollen. The northern boundary wall of the unmown area already has a good growth of ivy. Ivy flowers late in the season and is well known as one of the best sources of nectar for native insects in the autumn. In addition fallen branches, etc., are being accumulated in a pile in the north-east corner of the unmown area to provide a permanent supply of wood in various stages of rot to encourage some fungi and also invertebrates that feed on these fungi or else exploit dead wood direct.

We are most grateful to Colin Forbes for the notice at the car park end of the unmown area.

Henry Disney





A Visit to Thaxted Church

During the Easter holidays Rex and I decided that it would be interesting to revisit Thaxted with its lovely church. The last time we were there Rowan was a baby (he's now 30!). We set off early and arrived in Thaxted at 9am. It was a beautifully sunny day, but quite chilly and unfortunately nowhere was open for coffee until 10.30, so, having wandered down the high street, we decided to go straight to the church.

It is such a beautiful church – very light and airy with some ancient stained glass and also two windows by Kempe, a well known Victorian glazier. However, the building itself is not the only point of interest. Thaxted church is also famous for its 'Red Vicar', Conrad Noel - a fascinating character!

Conrad Noel was appointed to the living in 1910. He was a Christian Socialist and became a founding member of the British Socialist Party. He famously hung the red flag and the flag of Sinn Fein, along with the flag of St George, in the church. This caused some dismay, as you may imagine! This led to the 'Battle of the Flags' which disrupted Thaxted for several years.

Conrad Noel's insistence that Christianity was about beauty and ritual, too, attracted many well-known artists and musicians to Thaxted. For several years the composer Gustav Holst, who also lived in Thaxted, collaborated with him on musical events. It is thought that Holst was inspired to write his 'Four Songs for Voice and Violin' when he came across a lady wandering round the church singing and accompanying herself on the violin. Conrad Noel's wife, Miriam, was very keen on folk dancing and revived this in the parish. Musical festivals, folkloric gatherings, maypole and Morris dancing were all part of their life. The Noels were experts in these traditions and encouraged everyone to be part of these activities.

Conrad Noel is buried in the churchyard near the High Altar. On his tombstone are the words: "He loved justice and hated oppression". Outside the church is displayed the current mission statement:

"In the light of God's call and our situation here, our vision is to celebrate the love of Christ in Sacrament, Word and Music through our worship, our care and love for each another and our service to the wider community. We will try to achieve this through education and in identifying the talents, skills and gifts of our congregation to enable them to play a full part in the mission of the Church in the wider community." I am sure Conrad Noel would totally agree!

Liz Collinson





Pictures of our young people at their first Communion on April 18. Thank you to Tom Ambrose who took them – they are in colour on the website!

DODO TEXTS ARE OUT OF TUNE

Selections culled from Pentateuch
For children under ten is all
We need to know of myths and spin,
The pointless laws and treating fall
As real event. The Gospel's light
Is what we need to walk the way
Of Christ, who taught that God is love
That's unconstrained. I cannot say
I see the point of spending time
In sifting through accounts of wars
And nasty crimes to glean a grain
Of true insight. If one ignores
These ancient texts it frees the time
To relish books that speak to place
And times we now endure. Our call's
To live our lives by letting grace
Of Holy Spirit's fire provide

The means to live as part of team
That seeks to build the Kingdom Christ
Desires today. Embrace the dream
Of peace, of justice, true respect
For all, whatever colour, creed
Or race, or straight or gay, they be.
Dissecting ancient texts, that need
A scholar's years of toil to grasp
Their sense, is mere escape from call
To walk the way of Christ today
And cope with ills that will befall.
The Holy Spirit can't be chained,
But ranges where it will. Our rites
And creeds cannot restrain its fire
That daily diverse souls ignites.

Henry Disney

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

April 11

Natalie-Asa Grace McLaughlin

May 9

Isaac Jonathan Britton

Funeral

April 22

Sandra Joy Thrower (née Sutcliffe)

Real Examples of Bad Poetry

1. Her face was a perfect oval, like a circle that had its two other sides gently compressed by a Thigh Master.
2. His thoughts tumbled in his head, making and breaking alliance like underpants in a tumble dryer.
3. The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.
4. McMurphy fell 12 stories, hitting the pavement like a paper bag filled with vegetable soup.
5. Her hair glistened in the rain like nose hair after a sneeze.
6. Her eyes were like two brown circles with big black dots in the centre.
7. Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.
8. He was as tall as a six-foot-three-inch tree.
9. The hailstones leaped from the pavement, just like maggots when you fry them in hot grease.
10. Long separated by cruel fate, the star-crossed lovers raced across the grassy field toward each other like two freight trains, one having left York at 6:36 p.m. travelling at 55 mph, the other from Peterborough at 4:19 p.m. at a speed of 35 mph.

IN THE CHURCH HALL

THE MONDAY CLUB Monday 2.30 - 4pm	Eva Hutson	574070
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
LINE DANCING Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Mrs B Wright	426517
KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Mrs V Ford	870711
THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
CARERS & SUFFERERS OF DEMENTIA Wednesday 10 – 12 noon	The Manager	884031
THE 18th & 25th GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
THE CAMERA CLUB Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm	C.N. Hall	350516
GUILDHALL RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB 2 nd Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm	Yvonne Wisbey	523549
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 3 rd Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.30pm March to November		
T G W U 4 th Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm	John Drake	244030
CAMBRIDGE INSTRUMENTS PENSION FELLOWSHIP 3 rd Thursday of the month 10am - noon	Mr Richard Luff	424027
THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS Thursday 6.15 - 7.30pm	Emma Roberts	426043
THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm	Alan Leader	563233
CHURCH TODDLERS' CLUB Friday 9.15 – 11.30am	Claire Duell	0787 4850867
TAI CHI Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 1 st Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm	John & Elizabeth Lamont	565559

TO BOOK THE CHURCH HALL

Please phone 352151 (evenings)

**Submission date for
July Newsletter:
June 13
(Publication date June 27)
*Last full Newsletter before the
Summer break***



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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Here at the Good Shepherd we like to help you to celebrate and commemorate many of the milestones on the journey through life; these include weddings, anniversaries, funerals, and baptism services.

If you wish to find out more about these, the first step is to contact the Vicar, the Reverend David Maher. He will be able to tell you what is involved and arrange for a meeting with you if you then wish to take things further.

He can be contacted on 01223 351844

Church website: www.churchofthegoodshepherd.co.uk

