

From Celebration to Celebration to Celebration to...

Seven years ago I arrived just in time for the first 50th Celebrations of the laying of the foundation stone here at the Good Shepherd. This month we celebrate 50 years of the consecration of the church and, the good news is, in about seven years' time we could celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 'completion' of the building as the window in the west end was finally finished!

It's good to look back and be thankful. Thankful for all those who have gone before who have been so faithful in this place in prayer, service and reaching out to the community. The Bishop of Ely, The Right Reverend E.K. Roberts consecrated our Church. In his sermon he talked about how we we're the newest in a long line of churches that were visual aids to the presence of God in East Anglia for over a 1,000 years.

I like that image of the church being visual aids of the presence of God. And for the last 50 years the Church has stood well. Whilst I didn't hear the Bishop's sermon I am sure he wasn't just talking about the building be the visual aid - each one of us has a part to play. And so many have over the years. Through worship, pantomimes, youth clubs, lunch clubs, flower festivals and concerts. Through prayer, visiting, comforting, clearing gardens and providing food for the needy. Through Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. Through house groups and prayer groups, through the hall, through coffee, through cake - in good times and in sorrow, in so many ways, the Good Shepherd has sought to demonstrate God's love to this

community. And it is right to celebrate!

But... (you know what's coming)

This is not a retirement! This is a pause, an opportunity to be thankful and to ask for a renewing of God's Holy Spirit to launch us into the next 50 years. The current Bishop of Ely, Stephen Conway, has challenged us to be 'Generous and visible people of Jesus Christ', to encourage us to share God's love here in Arbury. There is work to be done. Not just so that we can enjoy the building in 50 years' time, but so that we can look back once again and celebrate what God has done in our lives and the impact of the Good News of His love on the lives of others.

Seven years ago I wrote about how excited I felt about joining you in the worship, work and witness of this church, that excitement hasn't changed, nor has my prayer for us.

From where we are
to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,
Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,
Jesus, now lead on.

*Extract from morning liturgy B, The Wee
Worship book by John Bell*

Dave Maher

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Church Hall Bookings	Ruby Leyshon	352151
Coffee Makers	Gill Ambrose	858994
Coffee & Rolls	Fiona Blows	329822
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Sidesmen & Sideswomen	Rhodri James	357607
Sound System	David Wilson	07899 917831
Sunday Lunch Club	Elizabeth Lamont	565559

READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Sundays and holy days

- 5 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Philippians 3: 4-14
Matthew 21: 33 - end
- 12 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH CONSECRATION
Revelation 21: 9-14
Matthew 21.12-16
- 19 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Matthew 22: 15-22
- 26 LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Matthew 22: 34 - end

Wednesdays

- 1 **Morning Prayer**
1 Kings 10: 1-25
- 8 Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14
Luke 11: 1-4
- 15 Galatians 5: 18 - end
Luke 11: 42-46
- 22 Ephesians 3: 2-12
Luke 12: 39-48
- 29 **Morning Prayer**
Isaiah 45: 18 - end

FIRST CALL

Sunday October 5 at 7pm in our Church

also

Sunday October 19 at 7pm at Arbury Road Baptist Church.



REGULAR SERVICES IN OCTOBER

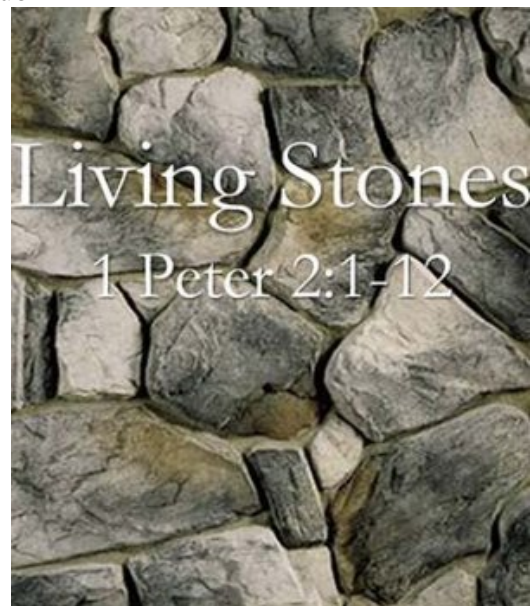
- Sundays 8.30am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion
- Mondays 9.15am Morning Prayer
- Tuesdays 9.15am Morning Prayer
- Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion
- Thursdays 9.15am Morning Prayer
- Fridays 9.15am Morning Prayer

SPECIAL SERVICES IN OCTOBER

- Tuesday October 7** at 7.30pm Renewal of wedding vows
- Sunday October 12** at 10am Anniversary service with Bishop Anthony
- Saturday October 25** at 3.30pm All Souls' service
- Sunday October 26** All Age service at 10am.

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- Sunday October 5** at 12 noon Sunday Lunch Club meets in the Church Hall.
- Saturday October 11** Anniversary Supper in church at 6.30pm
- Saturday October 18** Jumble Sale at 10.30am
- Sunday October 26** Last Orders in a local pub



8 things you never knew about Arbury and Kings Hedges

Arbury is named after Hardburgh Camp, a circular earthwork around 100 metres in length which was at the Histon Road end of Orchard Park. Historians think it dates from the Iron Ages and would have been used to protect livestock from predators.

A Roman road known as Akeman Street runs right through Arbury. It followed the route of Stretton Avenue, Carlton Way and Mere Way before eventually becoming the A10 to Ely. Remains of a Roman villa with pottery kiln and cemetery have been found in Fortescue Road and Humphreys Road.

King's Hedges gets its name from a medieval game preserve in which hedges were grown to direct animals into areas to make them easier to hunt.

Building of the Arbury estate began in 1957 on the barley and corn fields of Hall Farm and Manor Farm north of Gilbert Road that stretched from Histon Road to Milton Road, plus some of the allotments that ran alongside Histon Road.

The Sikh Gurdwara that opened in 2013 next to Arbury Court shops was originally The Snow Cat pub. It was named after the vehicle used by Sir Vivian Fuchs to reach the South Pole in 1957 shortly before it opened, and was renamed The Grove in around 1999 before closing in 2011.

The Good Shepherd is on Mansel Way, named after William Lort Mansel (1753-1820), Bishop of Bristol and Master of Trinity College.

The coat-of-arms that gives the Carlton Arms its name are those of Henry Boyle, Lord Carleton (1669-1725) who was MP for Cambridge University and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Other people who give their names to roads include Alex Wood, a 19th century physicist; A. S. Campkin, an early 20th century Cambridge pharmacist; A. G. Brimley, a 19th century Cambridge mayor; Henry Jermyn, 17th century Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire; and Nicholas Metcalfe, 16th century churchman.

Sean Blanchflower



Aerial view of Arbury Park (2007)

EASTER'S SHOCK

(First published in 2009 in "GUIDED BY KNOWLEDGE, INSPIRED BY LOVE",
my collection to mark the Darwin Bicentenary)

It's not as explanation must
We conjure God to fill the gaps
In knowledge gained. It's not as cause
Before all others must our minds
Conceive a power beyond the rest.
Such may have lit the fuse to start
The monstrous bang beyond what thought
Can grasp. Perhaps it's only last
Of series since our universe
Restarted clock of time anew.
The psalmist erred in claiming God
As force that makes the grass to grow.
From what we know today such creeds
Conceal the lack of need for such
Hypotheses. Our search for God
Begins with hunt for aim of life
As we become aware of self
Within the wheeling scheme of things
And other folk. Perhaps it's all
A pointless game. But I have found
Beneath the clamour, hid within
The darkest depths, a yearning met
By silent voice who calls my name;
Inviting me to fan the glow
Of love into a flame that lifts
Emergent soul above this world
Of birth and death, of joy and pain.
Indeed that strangest man we call
The Christ proclaimed this truth in life,
And in his stranger death espoused
As act of trust the world is still
At loss to fully comprehend.
Incarnate love it seems is key
To his and our eternal hope
That life is more than ghastly joke,
As Easter's shock redeems our faith.

Henry Disney

IN CASE YOU NEED SOME AMUSEMENT

Two Norman soldiers were relaxing after the Battle of Hastings 1066.

"What a battle! What a victory! Someday children will read about this battle as a turning point of history...and we were here!"

"Perhaps," said the other soldier, "But I think they will be shielded from most of the details."

"Why?" the first soldier asked.

The other soldier shook his head and replied, "Too much Saxon violence."

An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and came upon a casket containing a mummy. After examining it, he called the curator of a prestigious natural-history museum. "I've just discovered a 3,000 year-old mummy of a man who died of heart failure!" the excited scientist exclaimed.

To which the curator replied, "Bring him in. We'll check it out."

A week later, the amazed curator called the archaeologist. "You were exactly right about the mummy's age and cause of death. How in the world did you know?"

"Easy. There was a piece of paper in his hand that said, '10,000 Shekels on Goliath.'"

Danny and his wife Kathy go to the state fair every year. And every year Danny would say, "Kathy, I'd like to ride in that helicopter."

Kathy always replied, "I know Danny, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, And fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

One year Danny and Kathy went to the fair, and Danny said, "Kathy, I'm 75 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Kathy replied, "Danny, that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word it's fifty dollars."

Danny and Kathy agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, But still not a word.

When they landed, the pilot turned to Danny and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Danny replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Kathy fell out. But you know, Fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

A YOUNG PERSON'S EXPLANATION OF GOD

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because He hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in my town. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind, like His father, and He told His father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So He did. And now He helps His dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God! Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases.

And...that's why I believe in God.

Farthing Bundles

During the 1930s most people in Britain were dreadfully poor, so toys were a luxury. In our village we collected for a charity for poor children in London called *Farthing Bundles*. The Bundles were mainly made up of children's comics called *Chick's Own*, *Boy's Own Paper*, *Comic Cuts* and a few more which I have forgotten. But wrapped up inside the comics were small gifts like pens and nibs, a hair slide, penknives, a half used up pencil (but sharpened), a rubber, a bag of peanuts, a satin hair ribbon, a small ball, a group of toffees, a picture postcard that squeaked, whistles, a looking glass, a little bottle of scent, children's hankies, a dolly's dress – in fact anything to please a child. Some contained several gifts and the comics were eagerly read over and over again.

The price of a bundle was a farthing and you had to be under three foot six inches tall because you had to go under a door frame of that height. Too tall, no bundle! As we never heard of our bundles again, we did not know of the whoops of joy they had been welcomed with, or the queues of children lining up at Bow every Saturday with their farthings.

Some years ago I was in that area of London called Bow and I mentioned Farthing Bundles to a taxi driver. His reaction surprised me. "They was our life-savers", he said. "We used ter live for Saturdays and Farthing Bundles. 'Ere, look at this" and he pulled in at a gateway and showed me a scar on his forehead. "Got this wiv me Farthing Bundle one Saturday. Tried ter git on a bus what was pulling out. I had me Bundle on me what I was taking home when I got a clart from a post what I didn't see. Come round in the 'ospital and they was trying to git me ter give up me Bundle. I got too big in the end though".

So at last I had met someone who had looked forward to his Saturday Bundle. My taxi driver took me to the very centre of the Farthing Bundles Headquarters and there I beheld the very door frame of three and a half feet which the children had to fit under. Nowadays the Centre is used to organize trips to the seaside for the local elderly residents but there is a small museum of hand made toys made by fathers from orange boxes, and soft toys and dolls made from scraps of cloth and sleeves of old worn out jerseys. I hope that we never return to such poverty again, and to think that in those days we owned an Empire!

Kathy Skin



For the benefit of our younger readers – a farthing was worth a quarter of an old penny. They were small copper coins and, as you can see, had a wren on them.

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB – THE WAY FORWARD

As everyone at church knows, we think, Evelyn Dennington suddenly died recently. What not everyone may have realized was that Evelyn was our cook for the Lunch Club – and a brilliant one at that. She cooked for the Lunch Club for many years and we always knew the food would be good. Clearly, if the Lunch Club was going to continue, a new cook would have to be found. Pat (Marsh) has cooked for the last two occasions and we have had excellent meals. But we need to look at the whole question of food preparation and cooking if the Club is to continue.

We were just getting our heads round what Evelyn's death meant when we learned that John and Libby Lamont wanted to give up the organization of the Lunch Club at the end of 2014. They have done the job for a number of years and felt it was time to hand over to someone else. We are all truly grateful for the loving welcome they have given to all who come to the lunch club – church members or not.

Libby drew up a list of what she does at the moment and Pat added what she felt was needed in the food preparation and cooking areas, so we had information to work with. So where are we now?

WE NEED HELP. The Lunch Club is a great way of reaching out to our community. You can help without coming to the Lunch Club as we have discovered there are jobs you can do anywhere. Could you organise a birthday card for club members and helpers each month? – you would be given a list. Could you organize Christmas cards for all the members? Again you don't have to come to the Club to do that. Could you occasionally spare an hour on a Saturday afternoon to prepare vegetables? Could you wash up after the lunch? (have lunch before or not – whichever you prefer) And there are lots of other jobs.

We are very keen to recruit more helpers. No one has to do more than they are willing to do and the more helpers we have the easier it is to draw up a rota. We have scheduled a meeting in the Haven in church for **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29 AT 7.30PM** to plan the Christmas Lunch and the rota for 2015. Please come if you possibly can or let Jinty or Ruth know if you want to help but can't manage that date. We will help organize it together but we can't do it alone, we really do need as much help as we can get. On October 29 we will have a list of jobs we know need to be done and you can sign up for as much or as little as you please. See you there!

Jinty (01223 572303) or Ruth (07764 613862)

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

near Budgens in Arbury Court

JUMBLE SALE



SATURDAY OCTOBER 18 2014

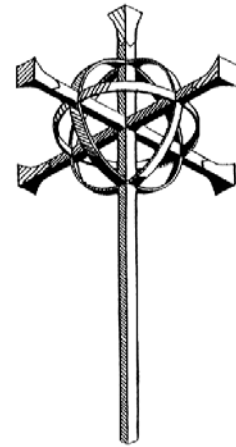
10.30A.M. – 12 NOON

Refreshments
Admission 30p

IN THE CHURCH HALL (to book call 352151 (evenings))

THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 1 st Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm	John & Elizabeth Lamont	565559
RED HEN Monday 8.15 – 11am	Christine O'Reilly	0781 6444439
MONDAY MUMS 11am – 1pm	Zuzana Lovellova	328521
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	Deborah Walker	01954 231382
KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Margaret Briggs	01954 250870
THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Susannah O'Hanlon	235281
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	Steve Morrell	529670
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	Mr. Gawthrop	351855
T G W U 4 th Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm	Evelyn Hunnyball	364293
ALZHEIMERS DROP IN CAFÉ 12.15 – 3pm on 1 st Thursday of the month	Sheila Burgess	01353 699422
CAMBRIDGE INSTRUMENTS PENSION FELLOWSHIP 3 rd Thursday of the month 10am - noon	D. Fisher	262282
THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS Thursday 6.15 - 7.30pm	Emma Roberts	426043
THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm	Chris White	0700 891511
CHURCH TODDLERS' CLUB Friday 9.15 – 11.30am	Claire Duell	0787 4850867
TAI CHI Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Friday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Arbury Road Vet. Surgery	361911

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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

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