

## Notes from around the Parishes, May 2022

For Harpley & the Massinghams

*“Vicar’s message”*



*Rev'd Judith Pollard writes:*

Forty years ago I was excited to be working in my first job after college - at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. An exciting new venture had recently started – the World Snooker Championship. At the Crucible the stage is centrally positioned with seating all around, making it an ideal venue for both spectators and television cameras. We noticed a big change in the nature of audiences - now largely composed of people visiting a theatre for the first time. Bar takings went up massively. The World Championship was a celebration of the skill and dedication of many genuine popular heroes such as Alex “Hurricane” Higgins and Ronnie “The Rocket” O’Sullivan, the latter still playing today.

As in any sport the combination of physical fitness, dedicated practise, mental agility and strategic thinking make Snooker a compelling spectator sport, but it is the inherent drama in every frame and the personal dimension – the life stories of the players and the many challenges they have overcome – that give Snooker its wide and enduring appeal. My son Jacob is a number one fan of the game. People can engage with Snooker on so many levels, from spectating and enjoying the incessant but informative and amusing punditry to perhaps playing in local leagues. There is a Snooker Club – “The Maltings” - in King’s Lynn and the Village Hall in Great Massingham has some snooker tables in their Social Club – as I’m sure do many other venues locally.

The World Snooker Championship is the oldest and the best competition, although the number of Snooker tournaments now on offer is huge – Jacob tells me that there is usually a competition on somewhere in the world, especially now that Snooker has really become popular in China and the Far East. It is so important that we have sporting (and other) heroes to inspire us. We take our energy and inspiration from a multitude of people and situations over our lifetime and our heroes remind us, importantly, that nothing worth doing is achieved lightly; we may have to make huge sacrifices in order to achieve excellence in sport, our line of work or in another aspect of life, whatever that may be.

I’m reminded of a verse from my early Sunday school life:

“When the one brave scorer comes to write against your name, he writes not how you’ve won or lost - but how you’ve played the game.” Amen to that.

*Have a wonderful flower-filled May,*

*With my love and blessings,*

*Judith*

## SERVICES FOR THE GROUP in May

*Jesus Christ is risen today,  
He is risen indeed ~ Alleluya!!*

We are in the middle of the Easter season which lasts for fifty days. After 40 days we celebrate Christ's Ascension and the season culminates on the day of Pentecost with the arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. This year Pentecost (Whit Sunday) is on June 5th when we will celebrate the Queen's reign of 70 years. She succeeded her father on February 6th 1952, but her coronation took place 69 years ago on 2nd June 1953; in that year Trinity Sunday.

### **Sunday 1st May - 3rd Sunday of Easter**

0830	Holy Communion	All Saints', Roydon
0930	Lay-led Family Service	St Lawrence's, Harpley
0930	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Little Mass
1030	Holy Communion	St Botolph's, Grimston
6pm	Evensong	St Andrew's, Congham

**Wednesday 4th May**      9am Holy Communion in Harpley

### **Sunday 8th May - 4th Sunday of Easter,**

0830	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Congham
0930	Lay led M Prayer	St Andrew's, Lt Mass
1030	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Gt Massingham
1030	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Gayton

### **Sunday 15th May - 5th Sunday of Easter**

0930	Sung Eucharist	St Lawrence's, Harpley
0930	Family Holy Communion	St Mary's, Gt Massingham
1030	Morning Praise	St Botolph's, Grimston

**Wednesday 18th May**      9am Holy Communion in Grimston

### **Sunday 22nd May - 6th Sunday of Easter / Rogation Sunday**

0830	Holy Communion	All Saints', Ashwicken
0930	Lay led Family Service	St Mary's, Gt Massingham
0930	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Lt Massingham
1030	Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Gayton

**Thursday 26th May**      An Evening Service for Ascension Day  
6:30pm      All Saints', Ashwicken



## Sunday 29th May - 7th Sunday of Easter

*Group services for the fifth Sunday in the month*

1030am Holy Communion All Saints', Roydon  
4pm Afternoon Tea Service St Nicholas', Gayton

**Wednesday 1st June 9am Holy Communion in Harpley**

## Sunday 5th June - Pentecost / Whit Sunday & Platinum Jubilee Weekend

0830 Holy Communion All Saints', Roydon  
0930 Lay-led Family Service St Lawrence's, Harpley  
0930 Holy Communion St Andrew's, Little Mass  
1030 Holy Communion St Botolph's, Grimston  
6pm Evensong St Andrew's, Congham



## Christian Aid Week: 15th to 21st May



Friday 13th May Quiz in King's Lynn

Sat 14th May Helpers needed for a street collection in Lynn

For more details contact

Rev Heather Berry on 01553 764098 or [revberry2019@gmail.com](mailto:revberry2019@gmail.com)

Please donate this Christian Aid Week. Your donations will help families facing poverty and injustice around the world.

- £5 could buy water taps for a community garden
- £15 could buy drought-resistant seeds like sorghum or millet to help 10 farmers to grow food
- £60 could train 50 women farmers to adapt and grow food in the changing climate

Most of the money raised by Christian aid is collected at this time of the year through street and house to house collections, so please help if you can. Gift envelopes will be distributed around Massingham and Harpley; if you would like to make a donation you can leave your envelope with:

Rosemary Mehers 2, Old Post Office Court, Harpley OR  
Julian Thomson 7, Abbey Rd, Gt Massingham

Alternatively you can give online at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org) or call 08080 006 006

Please **giftaid** your donation if you can (£1 is then worth £1.25)

For more information see our website:

[www.ggmbenefice.co.uk](http://www.ggmbenefice.co.uk)

Team Rector: Judith Pollard, The Rectory, Grimston 01485 601251

To arrange Baptisms, Marriages, or Funerals please contact the Rev'd Judith (as her day off is Monday, please avoid calling then except in an emergency).

From the Registers:

9th April at St Andrew's, Little Massingham  
Marriage of Fergus Hardy and Georgina Eliot

27th April Funeral at Mintyn Clement Edgar Caunt of Harpley

Our dear friend Clem moved to Harpley with his wife Pat in 1964; he worked at RAF West Raynham and retired as their Catering Manager. Clem was a faithful member of St Lawrence's congregation until ill health in recent years made it too difficult to attend. He loved his beautiful garden and he and David welcomed many to see it in its glory (and to buy plants) in support of Church events. Clem died, peacefully at home, on 30th March, a few weeks after his 90th birthday; He will be missed

\* \* \* \* \* **Coffee & Cake at Congham Church** \* \* \* \* \*

**Saturday 7th May: 10:30am - 12noon**

Congham's popular Coffee Mornings are back

**coffee & cake £3.50 in aid of St Andrew's church.**

Make it a date to pop in and catch up with old friends - **See you there!!**

**Thank you ~ Last months' event raised £382 for the DEC Ukraine Appeal**

Note: there are road works in St Andrew's Lane taking place in early May so the road could be closed to vehicles coming from the Roydon end. Access to Congham Church is still possible from the Hillington/Grimston end of the Lane, turning right into Church Hill for the church car park.

**Books needed – Can you help???** Bircham Mill will be having a book stall this summer, with proceeds going to St Lawrence's Church, Harpley. If you have any books you would like to donate, either take them to The Mill or leave them with Gina at 22 Back Street, Harpley – Many thanks

Annual Parochial Church Meetings have been held. The churchwardens were re-elected  
St Andrew's, Little Massingham, Eric Bothamley  
St Lawrence's, Harpley Lucy Brown  
St Mary's, Great Massingham Stephen Hudson.

Post Office Van - While trying to recruit a second driver for the PO van it will operate on a reduced schedule: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays  
No van Mon bank hols but out on Tues instead.

**In Harpley Mon 8-8:30am, and Weds 4:20-4:45pm**

Please send items for inclusion in the June issue of the 'Parish Notes' to the editor by 20th May.

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