



## From the Vicarage

The unfolding story of our parishes is composed of many threads and subtle connections which can interact in the most surprising of ways. There's a real sense in which we are never more truly ourselves than when we live well and healthily alongside and with our neighbours and local communities. As John Donne put it, "no man is an island entire of itself". No matter how highly we might value our independence, privacy, and indeed our opinions and persuasions, a life lived strictly on 'our own terms' risks missing out on the unexpected blessings which other people can be to us - and indeed that we can be to them!



This is something which I am acutely aware of having recently arrived and been 'inducted', 'installed', and 'licensed' to be the new Vicar of Penn and Tylers Green. I am immensely grateful to all who attended and offered myself and my wife Linnea such a warm welcome both on June 15th and in the weeks since. Whichever word you want to use to mean 'a beginning', that service reaffirmed the reality that to be a Vicar in the Church of England means not just to be one who takes services in Churches on Sundays (and through the week), but to be one who seeks to serve a geographical area. In this instance, the parishes of Penn and Tylers Green. As such I am here and available for all of you, whether or not you 'do church'. Perhaps I would even go so far as to say especially for those who rarely or never come to Church!

In community we each have our different roles to play. Teachers nurture our children's curiosity about the world around them. Volunteers tend to our woods, or commons, and support those who need practical help with different needs which might arise due to circumstance, health, or even age. Shops provide the material goods we need or want to enjoy life, and our Churches remind us of the larger story of God's creation; offering hope that no matter our personal situations we are not alone for in Jesus God is with us. The Gospel of Christ's death for us upon the cross shows us that God is no stranger to the difficulties and anxieties we can experience. The physical buildings remind us that the Christian hope in Jesus' resurrection has endured through centuries of challenges and cultural changes.

And endure we do, whether it be through the cost of living crisis, the pandemic, or even the fears and realities of wars. As we enter into this next chapter of the life of Holy Trinity and St Margaret's I look forward to seeing how the threads of community will come together to form the motifs of the next section of our collective tapestry of shared history. Perhaps you have long been a stalwart presence, perhaps you've found your old habits broken during the lockdowns, or maybe you've never quite acted on the curiosity to see what it's like to come along and join in.

Any which way, you are all warmly invited to connect and take part; whether that be attending a Sunday Service, popping in to morning or evening prayer, or simply having a cup of coffee in the hall after a walk on a Tuesday morning. And please always feel free when you see me around and about to stop me and introduce yourselves. I look forward to getting to know you, and discovering how we can bless our communities together.

Every blessing,  
**Revd. Samuel S. Thorp**  
Vicar of Penn and Tylers Green

# Open Gardens

The weekend of 10/11 June was a busy one for the village, with the Fun Run on the Saturday and then, Open Gardens on the Sunday. As ever, the village gardens open to visitors were wonderful to see, providing interesting glimpses at what can be grown in some interesting plots of ground. It was a delight to wander round the otherwise private spaces; refreshments were on offer to keep up sufficient stamina to get round them all. St Margaret's joined in the occasion with its regular flower arrangers decorating each of the church windows and the altar; the window decorated by Heather Cooper celebrated scouting in the village and its association with the Church for over 100 years, its first group being formed on 28 May 1923 under the formal control of the Revd Gerald Heywood with Scoutmaster Mr Stringer. The window was dressed using various scouting props – map, walking boots, whistle and compass and the flowers were appropriately arranged in a Trangia cooking pot. The Sanctuary was open for tea and cakes and some shelter from the rain which unfortunately brought the afternoon to an earlier close than might otherwise have been the case. But rain aside, it was an excellent afternoon.

## Mary Lee

Following in the footsteps of the incredible Mary Coker who produced the most wonderful Open Garden teas for 35 years



was always going to be impossible to match! Mary deserved to put away her baking tins and I have happily taken in the challenge. Having called in every favour from the family to help on the day, mastered the card machine and kept three Birder Terriers, and a Cocker Spaniel with a very agile tongue, away from dozens of cakes we were ready for our 360 visitors.

We were busy all afternoon and were lucky to have rain only in the last hour. It was lovely to see so many enjoying the gardens and for us to meet old friends and make new friends

I just wonder if Mary was peeping over the hedge to make sure we were up to scratch. My next challenge is to persuade the family to do it all again next year!

## Anna Taylor

# List of Incumbents at Penn

This handsome panel, presented by Mrs Catherine Otte in 1904, hangs in the south aisle.<sup>1</sup> It lists an impressive 7 former Rectors and 51 Vicars of Penn Parish Church. The list was compiled by Benjamin Kerby, a keen church historian, who was Vicar at that time, and later celebrated his declared 700th anniversary of the church in 1213, although the evidence for this date is not clear and seems to have been more a convenient guess. The 1213 'built' date has since been rubbed out and 'circa 1060' substituted by a later Vicar determined to claim a Saxon church. Whilst no evidence has been found for an earlier church on the site, there may well have been one, probably wooden, down at Church Knoll.

This confusion is largely resolved by an earlier Vicar, John Middleton, who reported in 1802 that he had seen the date of 1177 on a foundation stone in a vault under the chancel. This date is supported by: the yellow mortar in the north wall of the nave; by the Norman one-acre rectangular churchyard, rather than the usual circular Saxon form; by the dating of the three consecration crosses and the font; and references to Hugh Clerk of Penn in 1183, and to Walter de la Penne as Clerk in 1194.

These early, well-born Clerks (clerics) of Penn, would have been Rectors, holding the church land, presumably farmed from Parsonage Farm, as their own property and receiving all the tithes. They would have had Vicars who received only a proportion of tithes or poorly paid curates, of whom we have almost no record, to actually look after the parishioners. These priests, both high and low born, may well have been married since clerical celibacy had not yet been enforced in the 12th and 13th centuries.

More detailed discussion can be found on the website <https://www.pennchurch.uk/category/how-old-is-our-church/>

## Miles Green (5 July 2023)

<sup>1</sup> Ron Saunders tells me that Mrs Otte was a well-to-do widow then living in Dell Cottage, Church Road (Penn) which was later occupied by Lord Dawson of Penn.



# Introducing the Vicar and his Wife

In June we were joined by our new Vicar Samuel and his wife Linnea. We look forward to getting to know them better but thought we would get the ball rolling by asking them a few icebreaker questions!

## **1. Who are you and where have you lived before moving here?**

I'm Samuel and I've moved around the UK a bit! I was born in Macclesfield while my dad was a curate in Cheshire. I grew up in Devon and then Norfolk before studying Theology at the London School of Theology in Northwood, where I lived for five years. During my ordination training I lived in Durham for two years before we moved to Diss, Norfolk where I served my curacy in a team of eleven Churches!

My name is Linnea and I am from Sweden. I grew up near Stockholm, but have lived in different places in Sweden for University. I have also lived in Japan where I studied Japanese! I met Samuel while I was doing an exchange year at London School of Theology. We became a couple after I had moved back, but I eventually joined Samuel in Durham in 2017.

## **2. Do you have any creative hobbies or pastimes?**

Samuel - I enjoy reading and occasionally writing poetry. I wish I could draw better!

Linnea - I enjoy board games, tv-series, and hiking. I started pottery classes during lockdown and would like to buy my own wheel and kiln.

## **3. If you could teleport anywhere in the world right now, where would you visit?**

Linnea - I would love to visit Okinawa, Japan, again.

Samuel - I've always been curious to see the Inca ruins in Peru, or maybe head to Jerusalem.

## **4. Is there an album or music artist that you particularly enjoy?**

Linnea - I enjoy music, but I often feel stuck listening to the same old, so I don't have a particular favourite at the moment.

Samuel - My musical world opened up when I discovered Audioslave and got into hard rock and heavy metal! Bands from Killswitch Engage to Disturbed, Papa Roach or Iron Maiden, Halestorm, Motorhead or Oh Sleeper. I also quite like classical, and would love the chance to see either Yo-Yo Ma or Yuja Wang perform live.

## **5. What are you hoping to discover in the local area?**

Linnea - I would love to find somewhere to go for a wild swim.

Samuel - Walking and exploring new footpaths and routes, especially with good views.

## **6. Can you suggest one bible story or passage that you think people would be encouraged by?**

Linnea - The prodigal son is great. There is always more to discover and I find I identify with different characters in different seasons of life.

Samuel - My favourite bible verse is John 16:33. Jesus says: "Take heart, for I have overcome the world." This encourages me that no matter what the world throws at us, God is always with us.

## **7. Anything else you'd like us to know?**

We'd just like to say a Big Thank You to everyone that has given us such a warm welcome, whether from the Church or from the Community. We are looking forward to getting to know you better over the coming weeks and months - always feel free to stop and say hello, we'd love to meet you.

## **Samuel + Linnea Thorp**



# Morning and Evening Prayer

One of the responsibilities of the clergy is to say Morning and Evening prayer each day. Often this is done privately, however I have always found it helpful to say these prayers in church during the week for a couple of reasons.

## **1. We're creatures of habit.**

Creating intentional habits of prayer by going to a particular place at a particular time can help us to sustain our prayer lives in a way that can be tricky if we try and squeeze prayer in here and there during all that our days can hold for us.

## **2. Morning and Evening Prayer are filled with scriptures.**

It's not just the Bible readings, but instead many of the lines and phrases of the written prayers are quotations from the Bible. When you're not sure what to pray, it can be helpful to borrow the words of the Bible to help us pray.

## **3. It is good to pray with other people.**

The Church is a kind of family, and meeting to pray together is a good way of being able to support one another. Because we use the liturgy to help us there's also no pressure on us to feel like we're "good" at praying. Instead we can be 'carried' by the liturgy, by the scriptures, by one another and

by the presence of God.

All of these reasons combined create a sense of spirituality which I sometimes describe as 'monastic'; there's a rhythm of prayer and spirituality where we meet with others and go out into the community to live, work, and play. In this way we are able to hold ourselves, our loved ones, our communities and our Churches before God and to invite him to be with us in all that we do.

Because of this I shall be saying Morning and Evening Prayer from Mondays to Thursdays in our Churches. (Friday is my day of rest).

Morning Prayer will be at 8.30am at Holy Trinity  
Evening Prayer will be at 5pm at St. Margaret's

You are all most welcome to join me, whether that be daily, once a week, once a fortnight or as and when you feel you would like to. Likewise if you would like to request prayer please feel free to write a prayer request on the paper or notebook provided and I shall pray for those requests for the next week after you make them.

**Revd. Samuel S Thorp**

# Holy Trinity's Annual Pet Service

A pet Service has been an annual fixture in Holy Trinity's calendar for a number of years and is popular with the pet owners of our Benefice. If you are a regular then you may have noticed that we don't actually have a specific Sunday in the calendar on which the service is held although it has generally been in early summer. However, last year, because of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the service was moved from early summer to early autumn and it is autumn that we will be holding it again this year. However, it will be later in September, on the third Sunday – 17th at 3pm to get it away from the mad rush that goes with the start of the school year and after Heritage weekend. If you have not been to one of our Pet services before please be assured that it is a relaxed celebration of the lives of our pets with a couple of hymns some prayers and a parade of the animals followed by tea and cake in the churchyard (for the pet owners!) and water for the pets. Dogs are the most usual pets to be brought but we do also see cats and other smaller furry animals too in their cages and, on one occasion, some bantam chickens! So please make a note on your calendar to come and join us this year.

**Mary Lee**



# Heritage weekend

As in previous years Holy Trinity Church Penn will be taking part in Heritage Open Days ( a countryside event) on the weekend of 10th and 11th of September.

This is a great opportunity to hear about the history of this 12th Century church and to see the brasses which are uncovered especially for this event.

The church will be open from 10am - 4.30pm on the Saturday and 1pm - 4.30pm on the Sunday.

On both afternoons there will be tours in the church from 2pm and refreshments will be available.

The church is normally open every day for people to visit.



# The Institution, Induction and Installation of Revd Samuel Thorp Thursday 15th June 2023

After six weeks of planning, the day of Samuel's Institution, Induction and Installation had finally arrived. Various local dignitaries had been invited, and the Mayors of both Beaconsfield and High Wycombe were in attendance, together with a representative from the office of Steve Baker MP, and the Town Crier of Beaconsfield, Dick Smith.

Together with Samuel's family and friends, some twenty members of the congregations of the eleven churches in Norfolk where Samuel completed his curacy had travelled down from Diss in a minibus!



Samuel to the front door of the church. He laid Samuel's hand on the door handle, symbolising giving him the freehold of the church, and the churchwardens presented Samuel with a key.

Duly inducted, Revd Canon Chris Bull led Samuel to his stall in the church and installed him in it. After that, Samuel was led to the bell tower where he rang a church bell seven times, which concluded the Installation.

Local clergy from the Amersham Deanery, together with Samuel's father and uncle, all robed in the North Hall of the Parish Rooms and processed across the road to Holy Trinity Church, followed by the Revd Canon Chris Bull, Associate Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Right Revd Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham and his Chaplain, Revd Rosie Harper.

The Patron, Earl Howe, presented Samuel to the Bishop with the words:

"Reverend Father in God, after due consultation and prayerful consideration, Samuel Stephen Thorp has been nominated and has accepted to be Vicar of this benefice. I now present him to you to be instituted and inducted."



The Bishop then presented Samuel to the congregation with the words:

"People of this benefice, I present to you your new Vicar, now duly instituted, inducted and installed and I invite you to greet him in the name of Christ. I commend them to your love and to your prayers."

The congregation responded with:

"We welcome you! May the Lord richly bless you and make you a blessing among us."

The Service itself was in three parts: the Institution, the Induction and finally the Installation, all featuring various symbolic acts and gifts, rather similar to the recent Coronation of the King.

At the beginning of the Institution, various members of the congregation presented Samuel with gifts of water (for baptism), oil of Chrism (for healing), a large bible, the book of Common Prayer, bread and wine (for communion) and a map, symbolising the parish. Samuel then made a declaration of assent and swore the oath of allegiance and the oath of canonical obedience. The Bishop anointed Samuel with the oil of Chrism and the clergy gathered around him for a blessing.

The Bishop then delivered the mandate of Induction to the Associate Archdeacon, Revd Canon Chris Bull, who took

The clergy processed out of the church followed by Samuel, the Assistant Archdeacon of Buckingham, and the Bishop of Buckingham. The congregation then joined with Samuel, his family and friends and the clergy for a very well-earned cup of tea and slice of cake in the Parish Rooms, thus concluding a really joyful occasion!



## Dates for your Diaries

**Pet Service - 17th September**  
at Holy Trinity at 3pm (if you can control it, please bring it!)

**Harvest Festival - 01 October - 9:30am**  
at St Margaret's and 11:00am at Holy Trinity

For more details please take a look at our website  
<https://holytrinityandstmargarets.co.uk>

## From the Registers

February to end of June 2023

### Holy Trinity

#### Baptisms

George Thomas John Keen	23 April
Zosia Alison Grace Hathaway-Leslie	
Hugo Charles Cawthorn	21 May
Rafferty Arthur Brodie Lund	25 June

#### Funerals

Irene Mortimer	20 March
Ann Doreen Sachs	30 May

#### Burial of Ashes

John Bryant Smith	12 April
Joanna Warrenden	07 June

### St Margaret's

#### Baptisms

Christopher McGregor	30 April
Thomas Louis Hill	
Calli Lynn Court	04 June
Cody George Court	

#### Weddings

Annie Maxted and Jack Ballinger	24 June
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#### Burial of Ashes

June Kathleen Barnes	04 June
Margaret Barrett	05 June
Jeremy Kemp	12 June

## Deliverers Needed

We have an excellent team of people who deliver our Parish Newsletters every three months to all the houses in the Parish of St. Margarets, Tylers Green and Holy Trinity, Penn. Of course from time to time for various reasons, people can no longer help with the delivery. At the moment we are short of two people, one in the Sandelswood End area and the other in the Forty Green Road area. If anyone feels they could help with other of these deliveries please get in touch with Pat Seddon Tel: 01494 813268.

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# Lighthouse

Dear Penn and Tylers Green

We value your friendship and support for Lighthouse so much! Thank you.

I started taking my children to Lighthouse Great Missenden in the mid-nineties. When they had 1,500 children on the Memorial field, they asked for help and asked us to start Lighthouse here in Hazlemere. Tylers Green, Beaconsfield, Loudwater, Holmer Green and Flackwell Heath, along with the chairman- from St. Andrew's Hatters Lane and other Wycombe churches of all different denominations, got together and started planning Lighthouse 2000. The first meeting was round my dining room table with six of us....we took a deep breath and decided to take 600 children. You can do the maths!!!

Memories of that year are sitting on my stairs answering the phone and my five year old beside me and a pile of books, trying to finish stories before the next call. That same 5 year old standing on a stool in the kitchen making sandwiches for the 5 of us before we left every morning....My husband still says the only sane person was him- and went off to work!!

That first year was a blur. All I recall was running round Ramsay School site all week answering queries and teaching and leading the 5s! One of my leaders floored me initially at the end of the week and said 'Don't ever ask me to help again!!' and then she added ....'until next year!!'

Over the years people have grabbed the vision for their own communities. Lighthouse is an amazing way of blessing the community you love with great child care and having the absolute freedom to tell children Jesus loves them;- the most important message they will ever learn.

There is a daily mix of main stage with songs music and wacky games, sport, drama, craft and thought for the day (Lighthouse) sessions. It is especially designed for Primary age children, and then Little Lighthouse for toddlers and 4s has been added. And it doesn't stop there. The young leaders learn to lead and they are blessed with their own peer community as are the adults. The transforming power of the Lord Almighty is there. Miracles happen.

Out of Hazlemere Lighthouse has come Burnham, Wycombe, Cressex, Beaconsfield, Bourne End (Special needs) and now Loudwater. It is also spreading nationally. Everything to run Lighthouse is available online, thanks to Lighthouse Central which is so exciting!!

So Hazlemere having grown to nearly a thousand has become smaller.....but just as amazing. We have moved from Ramsay to Hazlemere School looking after Primary age children this year, to lay the foundations for a new generation of leaders. Please pray for us.

Your help to make the Lord Jesus known has been and is, invaluable - See you there!

*Ali Hazelton*



## WHAT'S ON?

If you are new to the community you may not know yet all that is happening in our churches. The best way is to have a look through our website ([www.holytrinityandstmargarets.co.uk](http://www.holytrinityandstmargarets.co.uk)) but to summarise events during the week...

### MONDAY TO THURSDAY

**Morning Prayer** at Holy Trinity 8.30am

**Evening Prayer** at St Margaret's 5.00pm

### MONDAYS

**Bell Ringing Practice** at Holy Trinity 7.45-9.15pm. Ringers meet in the bell tower. Contact Peter Barrett 07720 594880

### TUESDAYS

#### Coffee in the Sanctuary

Please drop in any week between 10 and midday for coffee at St Margaret's Sanctuary. Everyone welcome!

**Bible Study Group** every other Tuesday morning at various local venues. Call Annik Heal (673188)

#### Afternoon Home Groups

Every 1st and 3rd week, 4.00pm at various venues. Contact Sue Wallace (812879).

### SUNDAYS

**Service at 8.00am Holy Trinity 9.30am at St Margaret's with TYGRE Club 11.00am at Holy Trinity**

### COME AND JOIN US AT TYGRE CLUB!

Tygre Club is church for children! We share Bible stories, sing, play games and do crafts. Why not pop into church to see some of our colourful creations? We meet every Sunday during term time, except the first Sunday in the month. We meet in St Margaret's Church at the start of the 9.30am service before going across to The Sanctuary. We come back to rejoin the adults during Communion. If you are very young, we have a creche, with toys for you to play with. Parents are welcome to join us or remain in church during the service. If you are twelve years old or younger, come and join us to find out more!

## Save the date Harvest Supper

Harvest Supper Saturday 30th September 2023.

As a prelude to our Church celebrations for gathering in the summer harvest we are holding our harvest supper at Tyler's Green Village Hall. Arrival from 7pm for 7-30pm start. As usual there will be a tantalising selection of home cooked food generously provided by volunteers, and we're hoping to have musical entertainment provided by a local choir.

Capacity is limited so please reserve your place at the Parish Office (9am to 2pm) on 01494 813254.

