

# St John's Church

*serving Stanborough, Lemsford, Cromer Hyde*



*April / May 2024*

**£1**

## Photos from St John's School



Above & below left: Exotic animal visitors – part of the school's Feeling Good Week. Below right: An Easter garden made by children in class 2.



Below: Performance of the Rhyming Bible by the Saltmine Theatre



## **Church....a bit naff, so why bother?!**

By the time you read this, the big celebrations of Easter Sunday will be over and the church will be settling back into a more regular rhythm of life. Without all the chocolate Easter eggs and well-known hymns, you might be wondering 'why bother going to church?'

This was definitely a question at the forefront of many of my friends and work colleagues minds when I told them 17 years ago that I'd swapped Sunday morning lie ins for sitting in a pew.

'WHY???' they exclaimed in disbelief....

*'The church is irrelevant'*

*'The church is hypocritical.'*

*'The church is obsessed by the wrong things.'*

*'Church services are boring, out of touch, and just a bit naff!'*

At times, I've agreed with all of the above statements. So, why do I encourage people to still give it a go?

First off, a huge caveat. The church worships God, but it's full of humans. And like all humans, we get things wrong. Going to church does not make anyone perfect. But



we keep trying, and the outcome can be rather wonderful, particularly when it looks like a community that...

- welcomes, includes and loves everyone, regardless of age, income, gender, sexuality, ethnicity or any other characteristic.
- invites everyone to openly explore questions around God and faith;
- offers words, music, rituals and hospitality, not as entertainment designed to 'get people through the doors', but as different (often unexpected) ways to help people connect with God.
- supports each person in discovering their God-given potential, as we travel together on

*(Continued on page 3)*

**CRANE  
STAPLES**  
SOLICITORS

Your Local Law Firm

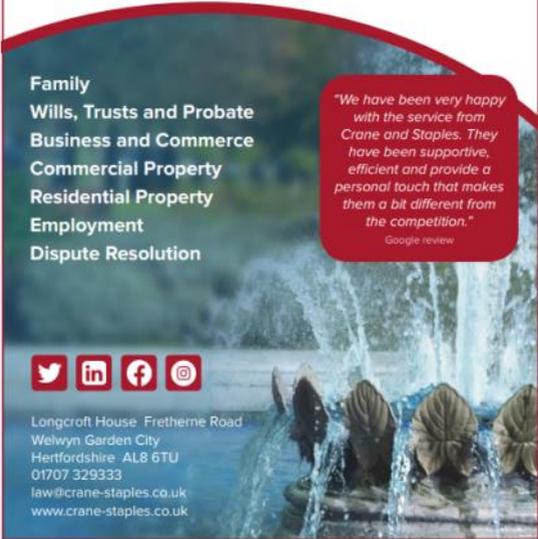
Winners of the  
SME National Gold  
Award for Service  
Excellence

**SME**  
NATIONAL  
AWARD FOR SERVICE  
EXCELLENCE  
2021

Family  
Wills, Trusts and Probate  
Business and Commerce  
Commercial Property  
Residential Property  
Employment  
Dispute Resolution

*"We have been very happy  
with the service from  
Crane and Staples. They  
have been supportive,  
efficient and provide a  
personal touch that makes  
them a bit different from  
the competition."*  
Google review

Longcroft House Fretherne Road  
Welwyn Garden City  
Hertfordshire AL8 6TU  
01707 329333  
law@crane-staples.co.uk  
www.crane-staples.co.uk

# R Allison

## Landscapes & Garden Maintenance

Garden construction | Water Features | Turfing  
Topiary | Decking | Tree Surgery  
Pergolas | Patios | Driveways  
Fencing | Brickwork  
Also other garden services  
as required

01438 211848/077877 62822



*(Continued from page 1)*

a shared journey of trying to live Jesus' way of love.

If you come to St John's, I can't guarantee that you'll find a community that manages all of these things all of the time (I refer you to my above caveat!).

However, I can guarantee that you'll find them really quite a lot of the time.

We can all discover God, worship God, love Jesus, and be a Christian without going anywhere near a church. In many ways it's easier, as you get to avoid the difficult stuff of being part of a family – the tricky debates, the annoying behaviours, the offence taken, or the jobs you're not that keen on.

But if you try to go it alone, you'll also avoid the really good things of

families – having a place of refuge, hope and acceptance; a place of prayer and laughter; a place of weddings, and shared emotions at funerals; a place where proud parents bring tiny people to God; a place of parties and bread and wine shared by all; a place of new beginnings and new possibilities; and a place of friendship, support and healing .

There's just something intensely and often inexplicably satisfying about being part of a community of people that are finding their way together towards the mystery that is God.

If you ever fancy giving it a try, it would be great to see you.

*Rev Kathryn*

## Snippets

A favourite snippet from Hazel Macarthur is by John Muir (1838-1924) from: John of the Mountains: The Unpublished Journals of John Muir

***“I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out till sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in.”***

Takes a bit of thinking about!

For more on John Muir you might like to read this article by Tim Flinders: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/transformation/going-out-i-found-i-was-really-going-in-john-muir-s-spiritual-and-politi/>

# Lemsford Fete

Monday 6th May 2024

12 - 4pm

- Live music and dancing
- Go karts • Meat and vegan bbq
- Beer and Pimms tent • Archery
- Fire engine • Traditional fete stalls
- Inflatable obstacle course • Car displays
- Raffle • Teddy bear zipwire

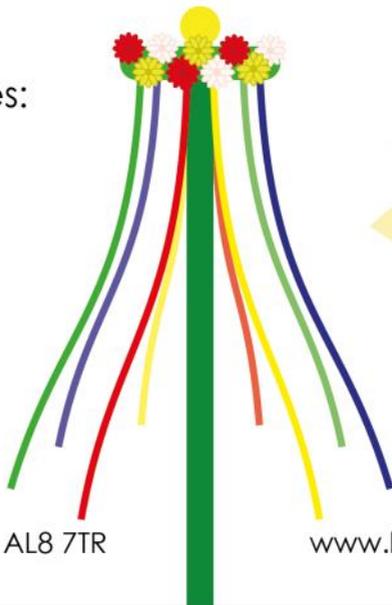
## Ticket prices:

Adult: £2.50

Child: Free

Senior: £1.50

Free parking



Sorry, only  
guide and  
assistance  
dogs allowed  
on the site.

Lemsford village AL8 7TR

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

## News and People

### Lemsford Fete 2024 - Bank Holiday Monday - 6th May

Not long now, just over a month to go. All the usual popular stalls will be there, with a few new ones, including new **a ride on vehicle arena for the little ones.**

Obviously, we'd love it if you can come and visit the Fete, but if you're having a clear out we'd always be happy to take good condition bric-a-brac, books, dvds, etc. Equally if you'd like to offer your time as a volunteer, pay for a business stall or sponsor an attraction please contact us on: [www.lemsfordfete.co.uk/contact-us/](http://www.lemsfordfete.co.uk/contact-us/)

### RIP - Yvonne Walsingham

We're very sorry to announce the sad death of Yvonne Walsingham, a much loved member of the church and community. Her funeral is being held on Monday 8th April at 10am at St John's Church.

### Baptism of Ivy at St John's on 3rd March

It was wonderful to celebrate Ivy's baptism with her friends and family, which included our very own Jean (one of Ivy's great grandmas!) Welcome to God's family Ivy! See photo below





## Aches and pains or feeling out of sorts?

I work with my clients to identify and then correct the nutritional, physical, emotional and energy imbalances underlying their symptoms using specialised massage and other complementary techniques.

Call now to book a free consultation  
[patricia@reflextherapy.net](mailto:patricia@reflextherapy.net) 07852 319233

**Alice  
Coralie  
Glyn** Homes  
Trust

We are a local Almshouse Charity with  
**14 properties in**  
**Turmore Dale and Hyde Valley**  
**Welwyn Garden City**

If you are over 60 and looking for accommodation,  
 please contact our Managing Agents:

Welwyn Garden City Housing Association on:

**01707 390044**

We may be able to help

## AYERS FURNITURE SERVICES

*Furniture Repairs Undertaken*

- GLUE CHAIRS & TABLES
- SETTEE & CHAIR SEAT  
SPRINGS REPLACED
- RESTORE VINTAGE &  
ANTIQUÉ FURNITURE
- HEAT MARKS REMOVED
- POLISHING & LEATHER  
RESTORATION

*Please contact Barry Ayers on*  
 t: 01707 261317  
 m: 07768 848604  
[ayersforchairs@btinternet.com](mailto:ayersforchairs@btinternet.com)

## St John's Church Annexe

Available for hire at reasonable cost  
*Excellent for small meetings, Anniversaries and children's Parties*

Booking Gus Edwards

[lizandgusedwards@gmail.com](mailto:lizandgusedwards@gmail.com) 01707 323785

As this edition of the magazine lands, the long, wet winter is past, we have just celebrated Easter Sunday, and all the wonder of spring and new life is spread out before us. In our Easter services and events we've been hearing again the wonderful story of God's never-ending, death-defying, life-giving love for every one of us, through his Son Jesus,



and it's with that life-force and as 'Easter people' that we head into the school summer term, and all busy-ness, the ups and downs, the adventures and the challenges of our lives.



As always, it's a busy couple of months at church. There will be Sunday Club each month, our regular all-together worship services, Connect@4 and of course the Lemsford fete.

**Sunday Club** runs during the morning service on, usually, the 2nd Sunday of the month (with one change in April to accommodate the school holidays). For most of this term we'll be travelling with Jesus' followers on some exciting journeys, full too of ups and downs, challenges and adventures after Jesus was raised from the dead and went back to heaven. Our meetings are on **21st April, 12th May, 9th June and 14th July**



In between we have our wonderful 'all together' Sundays on the first Sunday of each month, with a simpler service and songs and activities for all ages.

And make a date with us on **May 6th at Lemsford Fete** – Sunday Club will have a stall with games and crafts for children of all ages. We look forward to seeing you!

Contact Jo Brooks or Kathryn Alford for more information  
[joholifield@gmail.com](mailto:joholifield@gmail.com) / [revdkathrynalford@gmail.com](mailto:revdkathrynalford@gmail.com)

## Services

### April 2024

- 7th Easter 2**  
8 am HC (BCP)      11 am Matins (MP)
- 14th Easter 3**  
8 am MP (BCP)      11 am HC
- 21st Easter 4**  
8 am HC (BCP)      11 am Reflective Worship  
with Sunday Club
- 28th Easter 5**  
8 am HC (BCP)      11 am HC

### May 2024

- 5th Easter 6**  
8 am HC (BCP)      11 am 'All Together' Service \*
- 12th Easter 7**  
8 am MP (BCP)      11 am HC with Sunday Club  
APCM follows the service
- 19th Pentecost**  
8 am HC (BCP)      11 am Reflective Worship  
4 pm Connect@4 - It's Spring! \*
- 26th Trinity Sunday**  
8 am HC (BCP)      11 am HC

**\* Services especially suitable for children, and all other ages!**  
*HC Holy Communion; MP Morning Prayer (Matins); BCP Book of  
Common Prayer; NB Kathryn's day off is Friday each week*

## Exploring reconstruction in Japan - by Lucy Earl

In January, I was fortunate enough to take part in a Government exchange programme to Japan. Hosted by the Clair (Council for Local Authorities International Relations) I took part in an escorted programme of visits to Fukushima, 200 km north of Tokyo.

You may well have heard of Fukushima but for all the wrong reasons. It was hit by a level 9 Earthquake in 2011, a tsunami was triggered resulting in inundation of residential areas, towns and farmlands and, tragically, the nuclear power station. The back up sub stations at the power station were flooded, resulting in meltdown and explosions in 3 reactors - a sequence of tragic events resulting in thousands of deaths, destruction of 20 000 homes, devastation of the coastal area and long term evacuation of whole towns.

13 years on, I was there to look at reconstruction. A programme of investment at huge cost to the country has rebuilt 90% of infrastructure, invested in high tech research facilities, new agricultural research centres and green energy facilities. It is an ambitious, long term programme to rebuild and regenerate.



***Robot and drone testing facility***

But there were other lessons for me. The stories of courage at the time of the earthquake were humbling. A teacher evacuated a school, choosing not to follow the well-practised route of evacuation but instead take the children up a shorter but steeper path to higher land. It is

*(Continued on page 10)*

## Exploring reconstruction in Japan - *continued.*

*(Continued from page 9)*



***Namie town, with school building just visible on the horizon***

is impressive. It might have been an easier path to operate a “managed retreat” policy. Evacuation of the area has meant many former



***Hydrogen Energy Research centre***

now known that if the teacher had followed protocol, an entire school of children would have been lost. Instead they all survived. The school still stands as a memorial to those lost in the community, on its own in flat, empty landscape which once was a community with over 500 homes.

And the commitment of Fukushima Prefecture to the rebuilding of its community

residents have made their lives elsewhere and no longer wish to return. But there is real resilience and determination to rebuild. A pride in what can be achieved and what the region can be – a determination to move forward, despite the negative associations with the nuclear accident. Once nuclear energy was seen as the future for the region, now Green energy is central to its future with a commitment to be self sufficient in green energy by 2040. Real optimism on what can be achieved.

And the strong message of

*(Continued on page 11)*

*(Continued from page 10)*

hope. Fukushima is rebuilding its' once successful tourism industry. It has developed a brand of tourism "Hope Tourism" to bring people to the region to see just what can be achieved to overcome such adversity. Despite everything that has hit this region, there is optimism about a successful future. Sea walls have been rebuilt, roads repaired, new agricultural facilities to replace all those lost and impressive new research facilities. But it is the rebuilding of communities which is probably the greatest challenge. Creating places where people want to live, work and build friendships takes time. The town of Futaba, now the site of the impressive National Memorial Museum, had 7 000 residents in 2011. Today it has 100. Regrowing those communities will take generations.

Too often we hear of natural disasters across the world. We rarely hear about the time, efforts and energy that are required to clean up and rebuild. I left Fukushima with a deep respect for the courage and vision shown by its residents who have dealt with so much tragedy but are determined to build a brighter future.



*The Great Japan Earthquake Disaster Memorial Museum*



**JJ.  
BURGESS  
& Sons**

**Established 1839**  
**INDEPENDENT  
FAMILY FUNERAL DIRECTORS**  
*Established 1839*



**Est. 1839  
BURGESS  
Memorials**

*'Creating Memorials that stand as  
a lasting act or remembrance'*

**New Memorials, Letter Cutting,  
Levelling, Turfing, Cleaning, Repairs,  
Grave Maintenance, Free Design &  
Estimates Given**

For a memorial of distinction, a brochure  
or a home visit call us on

**0800 174 220**  
**24 hours**

Alfred House, 20 The Common, Hatfield, Herts AL10 0ND <b>01707 262 122</b>	Jacob House, 23 Station Road, Knebworth, Herts, SG3 6AP <b>01438 815 656</b>
James House, 5 Cole Green, Welwyn Garden, Herts AL7 3PP <b>01707 391 808</b>	Ivy House, 119 High Street, Codicote, SG4 8QN. <b>01438 815 656</b>



## WELWYN GARDEN CITY CAMPUS CLUB

The very first Probus Club, founded in 1965, now one of many worldwide.

We are a friendly **Lunch Club** for gentlemen, retired, or otherwise. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at the Homestead Court Hotel for an excellent 3-course lunch followed by a good speaker

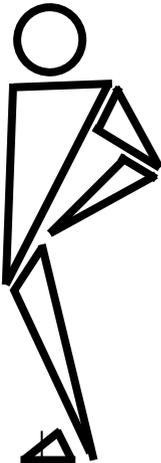
A chance to meet and socialise with friends, old and new in pleasant surroundings.

**Come and join us!**

[www.campusclubwgc.org.uk](http://www.campusclubwgc.org.uk)  
Membership Secretary Tony Salsi  
[membership@campusclubwgc.org.uk](mailto:membership@campusclubwgc.org.uk)  
01707 391517

## Right where and when you need us

### Helping you get back to being fit and active whatever your age, life style or choice of sporting activity



The Physiotherapy Clinic at Gosling Sports Park specialising in:

- Ligament Sprains • Golfer's Elbow
- Muscle Strains • Arthritic Pain • Back Problems
- Sciatica • Achilles Tendonitis • Neck Problems • Shin Splints
- Bursitis • Knee Injuries • Frozen Shoulder • Tennis Elbow
- Post Surgery Rehabilitation • Musculo-Skeletal Problems
- Acupuncture for Pain Relief

### THE PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC

Chartered Physiotherapists  
Manipulative and Sports Physiotherapists

### GOSLING SPORTS PARK

Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6XE

Hello everyone,

We are nearly at the end of the Spring Term; the weeks have absolutely flown by. It is lovely now seeing the signs of Spring – blossom, buds and even sunshine! We are very much looking forward to our Easter service at St. John's Church on Maundy Thursday morning, followed by the annual Easter egg hunt in the school grounds.

We have had a lovely term, lots of great things going on. There is never a dull week! Our School Councils continue to be very active. As part of our Feeling Good Week in February the School Council suggested that we include animals, they felt that having animals in school makes everyone happy! So, we had some very exotic visitors including a scorpion, a very long snake and a chinchilla! [see inside cover photos] The children were able to hold many of the animals but also learnt lots of interesting facts about the animals as well issues relating to animal conservation. The School Eco Council have been busy making bug hotels to encourage our more native insects to make their homes in our school grounds!

A couple of weeks ago we were fortunate enough to have the Saltmine Theatre perform the 'Rhyming Bible' for us. The company shared bible stories from the Creation to the Resurrection through singing, dancing, acting and



mime. It was a fantastic performance which totally captivated the children. At one point there was even a rap battle between Moses and the Pharaoh! A fantastic way to learn about the bible.

Over the Easter holidays roof work will begin at school as we are having the flat roof at the front replaced. The project will take about 6 weeks. We hope that the work does not cause any disruption to the church but the two parking spaces beside the school pond will be in use a storage area for the duration of the project.

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with our busy school life at St John's please don't forget to follow us on our Twitter feed @StJohnsLemsford!

We wish you and your family a very Happy Easter.

Best wishes,

***Michelle Boylan - Head***

# PRE-SCHOOL & FULL DAYCARE

appledaycare.co.uk




**apple**  
daycare Ltd

CHANGING FUTURES TODAY

appledaycare@mail.com  
Tel: 01707 872 949

## Acacia Mews Care Home

ENRICHING LIVES, EXCELLING IN CARE

**Avery**  
Care With A Difference

### Residential, Dementia and Respite Care

Acacia Mews Care Home in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, is rated as 'Good in All Categories' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). The CQC grades the services delivered in care homes in five categories (Safe, Effective, Caring, Responsive and Well-led) and adjudged that Acacia Mews and its staff scored consistently highly throughout.

- Beautifully decorated rooms all have en-suite showers, with some rooms opening on to the gardens
- Restaurant quality dining, café, salon and therapy room
- Sunny landscaped patio gardens with well stocked raised beds
- Sector leading Well-being & Activities Programme packed with daily events and outings



**CQC**  
GOOD  
In All  
Categories

Call 01707 925004 or Search 'Acacia Mews Care'

Acacia Mews Care Home | St Albans Road East | Hertfordshire | AL10 0FJ | [www.facebook.com/AcaciaMewsCareHome](http://www.facebook.com/AcaciaMewsCareHome)

The 'Then' image on the inside back cover is of The Lemsford Post Office with another image showing today's view. The obvious difference is the missing chapel and row of houses which were knocked down to provide parking for the Long Arm and Short Arm. The original image (inside back cover) shows number 21, the village on the right and numbers 2 and 4 on the left. The image below shows the old Post Office with James Wilmot in the doorway. James Wilmot, who had plied his trade as a boot, shoemaker, and repairer there, was made the Lemsford Postmaster in 1886. There were two rooms downstairs plus a kitchen and three bedrooms upstairs. The privy was outside.



Keith Ladbury in his description of Lemsford before WW1 says: -  
“Our Post Office with its little counter just behind the door as you went in and where 'Fred’”, another of the valuable Wilmot family took charge whilst his father, seated in the opposite corner dealt effectively in repairing our footwear.” The post came by bicycle from the main Post Office at Hatfield and was delivered on foot by Fred. James and

*(Continued on page 16)*



*(Continued from page 15)*

Fred moved their shoe business into the chapel next door after it was deconsecrated in the late 1920s.

Lord Mount Stephen, who lived at Brocket Hall from 1892 until his death in 1921, not only refused to have a motor car but also refused to have a telephone installed at Brocket Hall. As he conducted his worldwide business from the Hall, his butler had to cycle over to the Post Office to send a telegram and Cis Wilmot, James's daughter, had to walk over to the Hall to deliver the reply.

The Post office closed in 1938. James died in January 1933 aged 81 and is buried in Lemsford Churchyard.

James Wilmot is one of many past residents buried in St John's Church graveyard and included in our latest booklet. Called St John's Graveyard tour, this booklet is a short history of St John's Church and graveyard and will be on sale at the Lemsford Fete in May 2024. There will also be guided tours of the graves with a talk on the day itself. The book has information about more than fifteen graves and the history of the church, Brocket Chapel and Memorial Garden. Full list below:

- **Introduction to St John's Church Lemsford**
- **The Lemsford War Memorial**
- **Alfred Henry Brown**
- **Jeremy Summers**
- **Arthur James Sherriff & Elizabeth Sherrif**
- **John Cochrane & Lucy Cochrane**
- **Charlie Wager & Eva Wager**
- **Cyril Roden & Edith Roden**
- **William James Horn**
- **James & Charlotte Wilmot**
- **Rev Kenneth Mitchell**
- **History of the Brocket Chapel**

*(Continued from page 16)*

- **Lord Mount Stephens**
- **John Fox – Half-brother of ‘The Famous Fox twins’**
- **Stan & Maureen Borrie**
- **Jean Dance**
- **Brenda Lines**
- **Brocket Babies**
- **Lest We Forget - School Garden**

Lemsford Local History Group has recorded memories for over twenty years and always appreciates receiving memories from the local community. Contact us on [info@lemsfordhistory.co.uk](mailto:info@lemsfordhistory.co.uk) if you have a memory to share or require information about the local area history. **We look forward to seeing you at the Lemsford Fete [see poster on page 4] in May by the Church Annexe for your personal tour of the graveyard.**

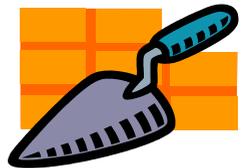
## NICK PAGE PAVING SPECIALIST

Driveways Patios Pathways  
brickwork landscaping

for free estimates and advice:

**07850-915368**

email [nickpage15@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nickpage15@hotmail.co.uk)



WELWYNGARDEN  
OSTEOPATHS

yourOsteopath  
helping you to live a pain free life

Stephen Perry Barbara Grace Rob Ballard

Osteopathy is for everyone, yourOsteopath is just for you.  
What would YOU do if it didn't hurt?

call **01707 334902** or visit [yourOsteopath.co.uk](http://yourOsteopath.co.uk)

# MALMECH & MANNION

4 SOUTHFIELDS, CHEQUERS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE  
WELWYN GARDEN CITY

*MOTs on CARS, VANS, MINIBUSES,  
AND MOTORHOMES.*

**01707 336111**



## SIMON ADCOCK PAINTING & DECORATING

- \* Interior or exterior
- \* Paper hanging
- \* Rag rolling, sponging  
colour washing, dragging
- \* Coving & cornice
- \* Tiling

Clean, reliable service

**Tel 01707 327327**  
**mobile 07958 548505**

Spring has come early this year, at least to judge by the ants that have started appearing around our house. Last Autumn they gave me rather a surprise.

As readers may remember, my front lawn has long ago ceased to merit that name, having become “an environmental area”. It grows unchecked during the summer, but I strim it back to ground level in September. When I did this last year, I was amazed to see that completely hidden in the tall grass were a string of anthills at least 30 cm high. The strimmer had sliced into some revealing a complex web of tiny tunnels. Why were they so tall, and complex, indeed why were they there at all?

Googling revealed that ant hills perform three functions. The first is to act as a dump for the soil that the ants dig out to form their nests which go deep into the ground. The second is to act as a defence against predators. The third is to maintain reasonably constant temperatures in the nest itself. Who would have thought that such tiny creatures could be so smart?

Have you noticed too that one never sees an ant at rest? They are always doing something purposeful, which has made them into role models. Aesop featured them in one of his Fables – the ant and the grasshopper. The ant worked hard all summer storing food to carry it through winter. By contrast, the grasshopper enjoyed the summer too much, giving no thought to what lay ahead, and bemoaned its fate when winter turned up.

In the Bible, the book of Proverbs draws a similar conclusion. In Proverbs chapter 6, verses 6-11 we read in the beautiful language of the King James' Version: “Go to the ant thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise; which having no ruler provideth her meat in the summer and gathereth her food in the harvest.”

Proverbs has a deeper message than Aesop because it observes that ants have no one to tell them what to do, but still labour ceaselessly to good effect. Unguided the thousands of ants that occupy one colony produce a perfectly designed nest and hill on top. Can you imagine a group of human beings building such an edifice without a supervisor? Size is indeed not everything.





Quality Care in Your Home

- ✓ Hugely Rewarding
- ✓ Work Life Balance
- ✓ Friendly Supportive Team
- ✓ Quality Time with Clients
- ✓ Full Training Provided
- ✓ Career Development
- ✓ Time to Travel
- ✓ Great Pay & Benefits

Car Drivers ONLY

Call us on 01707 682 100

Can you make a positive difference every day?

We look after amazing people in the comfort of their own homes

NOW  
RECRUITING!



*making a difference every day*

[www.rightathome.co.uk/welwyn](http://www.rightathome.co.uk/welwyn)



**ELECTRICAL  
PLUMBING  
KITCHENS  
BATHROOMS**

**I ALSO COVER MANY  
ASPECTS OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

**CHRIS TINWORTH**

01707-251302

07973-561298

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

It's true that our Connect@4 Easter Adventure (24th March at 4pm) is over but there will be many more. Connect@4 is a periodic Sunday gathering at 4pm for people of ALL AGES to connect with God, each other, the community and creation in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

There are no pews, not that many words and no pressure to 'sit still'! This is a space to have fun, explore, create, pray, worship and eat together.

Whether you're new to faith, not really sure about faith, looking for somewhere to belong, or perhaps attend more traditional worship on a Sunday morning and want to also try something new....then this is the gathering for you.

Whatever your age, background, or beliefs, we can't wait to meet you. This is a safe space to be YOU! This collage, taken from St John's Church's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/StJohnsLemsford](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsLemsford)), will give you an idea:



As you can see there are 19 more photos of Connect@4 waiting for you to pop over to Facebook to take a look at.

# Personal, caring and independent.

*The complete  
funeral service*

24 hour service

Private Chapels of Rest

Bespoke Funeral Plans

Own Crematorium

STEVENAGE • 01438 316623  
 HITCHIN • 01462 438422  
 KNEBWORTH • 01438 812365  
 BUNTINGFORD • 01763 274111  
 WELWYN GARDEN CITY • 01707 390018  
 WELWYN • 01438 714686  
 HERTFORD • 01992 582052  
 WARE • 01920 468551  
 LETCHWORTH • 01462 684292  
 HODDESDON • 01992 471709  
 HARWOOD PARK • 01438 812515  
 HARPENDEN • 01582 762570

## AUSTIN'S

FAMILY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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

*Serving the local community for ten generations*



## Harwood Park

*The perfect setting to commemorate  
the life of your loved one*



Crematorium and memorial  
gardens created and managed by  
the Austin family in the beautiful  
Hertfordshire countryside.

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

## *Prayer at Eastertide*

***Dear God, we thank you for the resurrection of your son. Thank you for granting Him new life, just as you grant us life every day. He's risen, almighty God, and thus, we rise to you every day.***

***And finally .....***

You can tell an ant's gender by putting it in water. If it sinks, girl ant. If it floats, buoyant





Above (Then - late 1800s): 'The Lemsford Post Office

Below (Now): Today's view



# The world is just a step away.

Where will you ramble next?

Whether you enjoy classic trails or a more relaxed tempo, our new Collections make it easier than ever to choose from a range of fantastic walking holidays perfectly suited to your tastes and preferences.



Four Collections. Made by us, created for you.



ABTA

01707 331133  
rambleworldwide.co.uk



**ramble**  
worldwide

The world is more  
beautiful on foot.