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News from St Etheldreda's and St Luke's  
Churches in Hatfield—June 2021



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HATFIELD**

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Rev. Kathryn

Buster

Feast days  
this month

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# Parish of Bishop's Hatfield St Etheldreda with St Luke

## St Etheldreda's Church Service

**SUNDAY:** 9.30<sup>am</sup> Holy Communion

**WEDNESDAY:** 10<sup>am</sup> Holy Communion

**THURSDAY:** 7<sup>pm</sup> Holy Communion/Compline

## St Luke's Church Service

**SUNDAY:** 11.30<sup>am</sup> Holy Communion with Hymns

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# What's on at Hatfield House

## EXCLUSIVE HOUSE & GARDEN EXPERIENCE

9 JUNE @ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### PARK, WOODLAND WALKS & GARDEN OPEN

3 APRIL @ 10:30 AM - 26 SEPTEMBER @ 5PM

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### BEEKEEPING EXPERIENCE

9 & 23 May @ 9:30 AM - 3PM

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3 JUNE @ 11AM - 30 AUGUST @ 5PM

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By contrast, at St Eth's it is a cherry tree that provides the arboricultural interest for those entering and leaving by the north porch. In Britain cherries may not have the cultural status of oaks—Japan, of course, is the place where cherries are most revered and celebrated—but St Eth's cherry is nevertheless a very fine tree. Its considerable age and fissured bark lend it a venerable air, which is more than sufficient an attribute for me. Overall, it seems to have a rather quiet presence: that is until the spring, when a mass of white flowers calmly open, and it is suddenly transformed. It then comes overwhelmingly into its own, eloquently announcing its presence with a renewed, and youthful, flourish.

The poet A. E. Houseman famously described the cherry in full spring bloom as the 'loveliest of trees' – a description that is borne out by our St Eth's cherry. He further mused that the cherry 'stands about the woodland ride / wearing white for Easter-tide'. St Eth's cherry sumptuously clad in abundant white, and watching over the path to the church door, never fails to bring added joy to the Easter season. Houseman rightly concludes his musings by observing that life is too short to be missing out on the sight of cherry trees in bloom – or 'hung with snow' as he so imaginatively puts it. We are fortunate to have one on hand to see and appreciate; especially at Eastertide.

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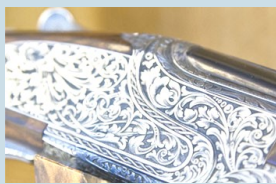
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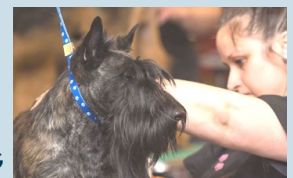
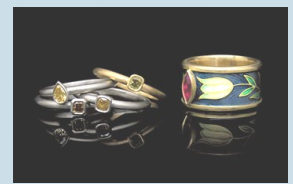
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