

East Barnet Herald

The Newsletter of the Parish of East Barnet

First trial pits dug amid slow progress



David Howard

Historic England required four trial pits to be dug down between 1.2 and 1.7 metres on the area of the new extension to ascertain whether there are any old coffins or skeletons present in the areas that the concrete foundations will be located. *Continued on pg. 4*

Watch out for email scams!

Bettina von Cossel

Yesterday I received a scam email that had blackmail written all over it. Here is what it said:

'Good Day. I assume you have heard something regarding the RAT virus 55507?! Now you've got one. I was able to find plenty of interesting things on the PC. Additionally, I operated for connecting to all of your devices just like a cell telephone. But I didn't stop on that, I pushed my malware to completely get data from a microphone, online cam and things out of a display. Created plenty of interesting videos, a number of them can also be worth watching by you.

Probably the most interesting movie which
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Britain's most famous nurse in Turkey

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God's creation in The Last Frontier

What's on...

Summer holidays and activities at church

The choirs (both adult and junior), Sunday Club, Little Tots, Brownies, and Guides will be taking a well-earned break for the whole of August. All activities will resume in September. Monday Club will continue except for 13th, 20th, and 27th August.

Adult Choir resumes on Tuesday 4th September

Junior Choir resumes on Wednesday 5th September

Little Tots returns on Saturday 8th September

Brownies and Guides return on Thursday 13th September

Fall into Autumn: Enfield Brass Band

As the season changes, so does the title of our church concert series. The Spring into Summer series continues as 'Fall into Autumn' from Sunday 16th September and who better to start it off with a bang than the Enfield Brass Band. Tickets and programme are £5 at the door. Concert begins at 3pm.

Harvest Festival: Sunday 23rd September

Following our Harvest Supper on Saturday 22nd, we continue our Harvest celebrations as we join with our brothers and sisters at Brookside Methodist Church for a shared partnership service.

During this service, donations of foods, tinned goods, toiletries etc. will be accepted and given to the local foodbank. So, if you have any goods which are in date and you'd like to donate them, please bring them along to the church on Sunday morning. Our worship of thanksgiving takes place at 10:45 am on Sunday 23rd September at Brookside Methodist Church.

Vacancy Progress

The post of Rector was advertised and one candidate was shortlisted. However, meanwhile, the candidate was offered, and thence accepted, another post. The Churchwardens, Archdeacon, and Bishop have met to review the appointment process. The post will, thus, be readvertised.

Please keep praying during this period of vacancy.

Worship over August and September...

Sunday 5th August

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost,
Transfiguration Sunday*

10:00am Parish Eucharist led by
Rev Dr Jeffrey John.
N.B. There is no Sunday Club, Choir, or
Junior Choir in August

Sunday 12th August

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am All Age Eucharist led by
Rev Sam Korn
N.B. There is no Sunday Club, Choir, or
Junior Choir in August

Sunday 19th August

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Parish Eucharist led by
Bishop Steven Venner
N.B. There is no Sunday Club, Choir, or
Junior Choir in August

Sunday 26th August

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Parish Eucharist led by
Rev Dr Jenny King
N.B. There is no Sunday Club, Choir, or
Junior Choir in August

Sunday 2nd September

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am All Age Eucharist led by
Rev Brian Blackshaw

Sunday 9th September

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
The Birth of the Virgin Mary - Patronal Festival*

10:00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday
Club & Prayers for Healing led by
Rev Richard Watson

Sunday 16th September

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday
Club led by Rev Dr Jenny King

Sunday 23rd September

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Harvest Festival*

10:45am Partnership Worship at
Brookside Methodist Church
6:30pm Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

Sunday 30th September

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
St Michael and All Angels*

10:00am Parish Eucharist with Sunday
Club led by Rev Tom Baron

For the older generation...

Monday Club

For anyone 60+. Runs 1:30-3:30pm every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at Brookside Methodist Church.

For the younger generation...

Toddler Praise

10:30-11:45am 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at St Mary's Church

Little Tots

9:30-11:30am every Thursday during term time at Brookside Methodist Church Hall

Sunday Club

10am every Sunday (except all-age services) at Church Hill School

St Mary's Young Leaders

For young people wishing to become more involved in the life of the church
Runs once per year

For more info on children's activities, please contact Claire Driscoll (07957 584516)

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These were dug between 16th and 19th July and from our point of view the good news is that no graves or skeletons were found which means that we are unlikely to need to exhume old remains and reinter them in the church yard, a costly exercise.

We were led to believe that this met the last obstacle to the planners granting the church full planning permission under officers delegated powers.

Unfortunately another long outstanding delay has now come to light at the council end. Barnet has outsourced all legal services to Harrow Council and the planners

David Howard

instructed them to prepare legal documents known as a Section 106 agreement in mid April. These are legally binding agreements which ensure that we spend the money from the old hall site on the new church extension and for no other purpose. The church is obviously willing to give such an undertaking.

During May and June our solicitor was being fobbed off with excuses for the delay in issuing the draft. Early July we expressed our displeasure to Barnet Planners who managed to stir Harrow lawyers into action. We received a first draft on 10th July and a

revised draft on 17th July.

Neither are legally viable for use on an Anglican churchyard where the freeholder is technically the Crown. Fortunately our church solicitors are being supported by the Diocesan Registrar, a barrister who is an ecclesiastical expert.

We now await the outcome of the conversations between Barnet Planners, Harrow's lawyers and our legal team.

This is turning into a most frustrating farce.

Lord grant me patience...
...but hurry!

1066: A Medieval Mosaic on display at St Albans Cathedral until 27th August

Opening times: Monday - Friday: 9.00am - 4.30pm
Saturday: 9.00am - 3.30pm
Sunday: 12.30pm - 5.45pm

Admission to the Cathedral and the Medieval Mosaic Exhibition is FREE. In total, the mosaic has taken 33 years for artist Michael Linton to complete. Three years of research on all aspects of the Norman period have enabled Michael, with the help of his daughter Rachael, to tell the story of the panels missing from the original. See a one-of-a-kind depiction of how the tapestry might have looked - from the end of the Battle of Hastings, to the coronation of William the Conqueror on Christmas Day in 1066. You can find out more about the artists and this amazing installation by visiting www.medievalmosaic.com

My Turkish visit to Florence Nightingale

Mike Pearce

How about this for a conversation piece: "I've been in Florence Nightingale's bedroom!" Actually, it was her office with a couch in the corner, preserved in a Turkish army barracks in Scutari, which I visited by ferry across the Bosphorus while on holiday in Istanbul. Strictly, it was nothing to laugh about. For as we all know, Nightingale was one of the 19th century's most famous figures.

A lifelong Christian, Nightingale is remembered in the Church of England's calendar on August 13th. She came to prominence while serving as a trainer of nurses during the Crimean War, in which she organised care for wounded soldiers. She gave nursing a favourable reputation and

became an icon of Victorian culture, especially in the persona of 'The Lady with the Lamp' making rounds of wounded soldiers at night.

Some historians have claimed that Nightingale's achievements were exaggerated at the time, but critics agree on the importance of her later work in professionalising nursing roles for women. In 1860, Nightingale laid the foundation of professional nursing with the establishment of her nursing school at St Thomas's Hospital. It was the first secular nursing school in the world. The Nightingale medal, the highest international distinction a nurse can achieve, was named in her honour, and the annual international day is celebrated around the world

on her birthday, May 12th.

Nightingale was a prodigious and versatile writer. In her lifetime, much of her published work was concerned with spreading medical knowledge. Some of her tracts were written in simple English so that they could easily be understood by those with poor literary skills. Much of her writing, including her extensive work on religion, has been published only posthumously.

On August 13, 1910, at the age of 90, she died peacefully in her sleep in her home in Mayfair. The offer of burial in Westminster was declined by her relatives and she is buried in the graveyard at St Margaret's Church in East Wellow, Hampshire.

Table Top Sale

All sorts of items for sale,
come and grab a bargain!

Saturday 13th October

2.00 - 4.00pm

St Mary's Church, Church Hill Road, East Barnet, EN4 8XD

FREE ENTRY

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

To book a table (£10) and for more information, please email events.smeb@gmail.com

In aid of St Mary's Church, East Barnet, Registered Charity No. 1143134

Watch out for scams!

Bettina von Cossel

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I managed to recover from my application is when you entered a porn site. I even used 20 minutes to paste the two video clips together, one of which is an image in the display, as well as everything from webcam. It appeared pretty magnificent.

Therefore let's begin business. It's ideal to pay \$380USD in your pocket -

I just utilize Bitcoin. Whenever you have any problems making use of this currency - merely search the net.

After getting the funds, both of us will just forget about this clumsy moment and I'll delete all of the knowledge I've collected from a devices. You have five days from now. If I would not get my cash - I'll send the majority of the things to all of your contact information, and I have discovered an important number of them. Perhaps I will achieve this through your accounts. It is likely to be quite entertaining when for instance, your family members will receive that movie in addition to a chat history.

You're given brief time frame because my wallets are usually blocked. It's true, you are the 1 individual who receives such letter, I've infected about 6000 with my virus and significantly over 2000 of which, also had lots of interesting stuff inside.

Call law enforcement or whoever you want, the best thing they will do will be to block my account wallet and you will most likely restrict others out of possibility for of having to pay me and that is it. So think about that before doing stupid things.

If I would not obtain my cash for just about any reason, for example lack of ability to send funds to a blocked pocket - your standing will likely be demolished. Thus, rush up man.

Donot plan to find me. My anonymity is the number 1 concern also I utilize 1-time email for transmitting emails, aside from use a distinctive notebook, only using cracked wireless internet and definitely a Sock4. Thus, responding to that letter won't make any sense.



After reading this nasty piece of work, I reported it straight to the police. Initially I got in touch with www.actionfraud.police.uk who are dealing with cybercrime. They told me I should report it to the police as blackmail either online (www.met.police.uk) or by calling 101. The police told me that this is a scam that has affected many people. Some have their computers infected making them unusable until fixed by a computer expert. They advised me to have anti-virus software installed that is up to date.

The friendly police officer from Colindale told me about all kinds of scams currently being used by fraudsters. For instance, they phone you pretending to be the police, or BT (or another service provider), or your bank. Then they say that they fear your account or computer might be at risk from hackers, or they've found a problem with it. To make sure everything works well again and you're safe from computer hackers, they ask you to click on a link that they send to you. As soon as you've clicked on it, you're downloading the bad guys'

software. From that moment, the fraudsters control your computer. They can get hold of your passwords and the codes and card details you use for online banking et cetera, and within the blink of an eye your money has disappeared.

If you fear you have been the victim of scam blackmail whether by post, email, text, or phone, please report it immediately. You can report scams to the police through www.met.police.uk or by calling 101. You can also contact the Financial Conduct Authority by calling their ScamSmart number, 0800 111 6768.

Please pray for...

St Mary's Church, its wardens, reader, parish administrator, PCC, and congregation, and all those involved in caring for the church during the vacancy.

All victims of war, natural disaster, poverty, persecution, terrorism, abuse, loneliness and isolation, disease and illness, and all others who are in distress.

Especially at this time for the people of Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Mexico, where there is major ongoing conflict.

Those affected by the fires in Greece and California.

Those affected by the political violence in Pakistan.

Those travelling over the summer period.

The people you find it hard to love, and those who persecute you.

Anyone in your own heart who is in need of your prayer at this time.

The residents of East Barnet, especially those living in...

Albemarle Road, Alverston Avenue, Ashbourne Avenue, Avondale Avenue, Howard Close, Jackson Road, Knoll Drive, Ridgeway Avenue, Rosslyn Avenue, Woodfield Avenue, Wyndham Road

Those who have recently been baptised...

Oskar, Imogen

Those who are soon to be married at St Mary's Church...

Sean and Nicole

"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us"

- 1 John 5:14 -

AMEN

Alaska from above

Tony Eade

I know I take for granted all the wonders of nature that pass me by every day. Perhaps you do too? But every now and then you see something that makes you remember the beauty of this planet on which we are so fortunate to live.

One such occasion happened to me in July this year. I was in Juneau, capital of the state of Alaska, and was about to take an excursion on a jet plane over five glaciers. I did have high expectations already and thought it would be the highlight of my holiday, but even I couldn't have realised what I was about to see. The beauty and the colours were incredible. It was breathtaking! A tear came



Taku Glacier, Juneau, Alaska

to the corner of my eye. The glaciers were like giant white tongues emerging from the steep walls of spruce trees. The green of the trees was a perfect background for the white glaciers which glistened with sapphire blue, and adjacent to them were the proglacial lakes which were aquamarine in colour. The plane went around and around, hardly any commentary was necessary through the headphones. Just look and admire God's landscape.

But the journey for my son, Matthew, and me began about a week earlier when we flew to Vancouver for three nights there prior to boarding our Alaskan cruise. We did a city bus tour and lots of walking; seeing as many sights as we could. We went to visit Capilano suspension bridge, the highest and longest cantilevered walkway in the world. Phew! That was scary!



Then all aboard to Alaska. Somewhere I'd always wanted to see. The ship stopped four times and I have to say the ports themselves weren't great. You needed to do an 'excursion' as the Americans call them. From Icy Straight Point we went on an all day trip to see bears in the morning. Negative I'm afraid, where were they all hiding? We were told they'd come to the river for the salmon, but no luck. More joy in the afternoon though as we took to the sea to see humpback whales and orcas (killer whales). We saw so many. It was like they were putting on a show for us. Wonderful to watch.

On our last stop at Skagway, we went on the White Horse and Yukon Railway which was built for the gold rush. It follows the route of the original foot trail which looked so hazardous it

seemed impossible and impassable. But thousands did it. Many found gold but only a few found lasting wealth.

After seeing the Hubbard Glacier, we finished the cruise in Seward and then spent the day at Anchorage airport before flying to Seattle for the weekend. Seattle is the place where Starbucks began, and is famous for Jimi Hendrix, Bill Gates, and Jeff Bezos. There's a wonderful market at Pike Place which had stalls of flowers, fruit, fish, and so much more. More walking and sightseeing including admiring the view from the top of the Space Needle before it was time to say goodbye.

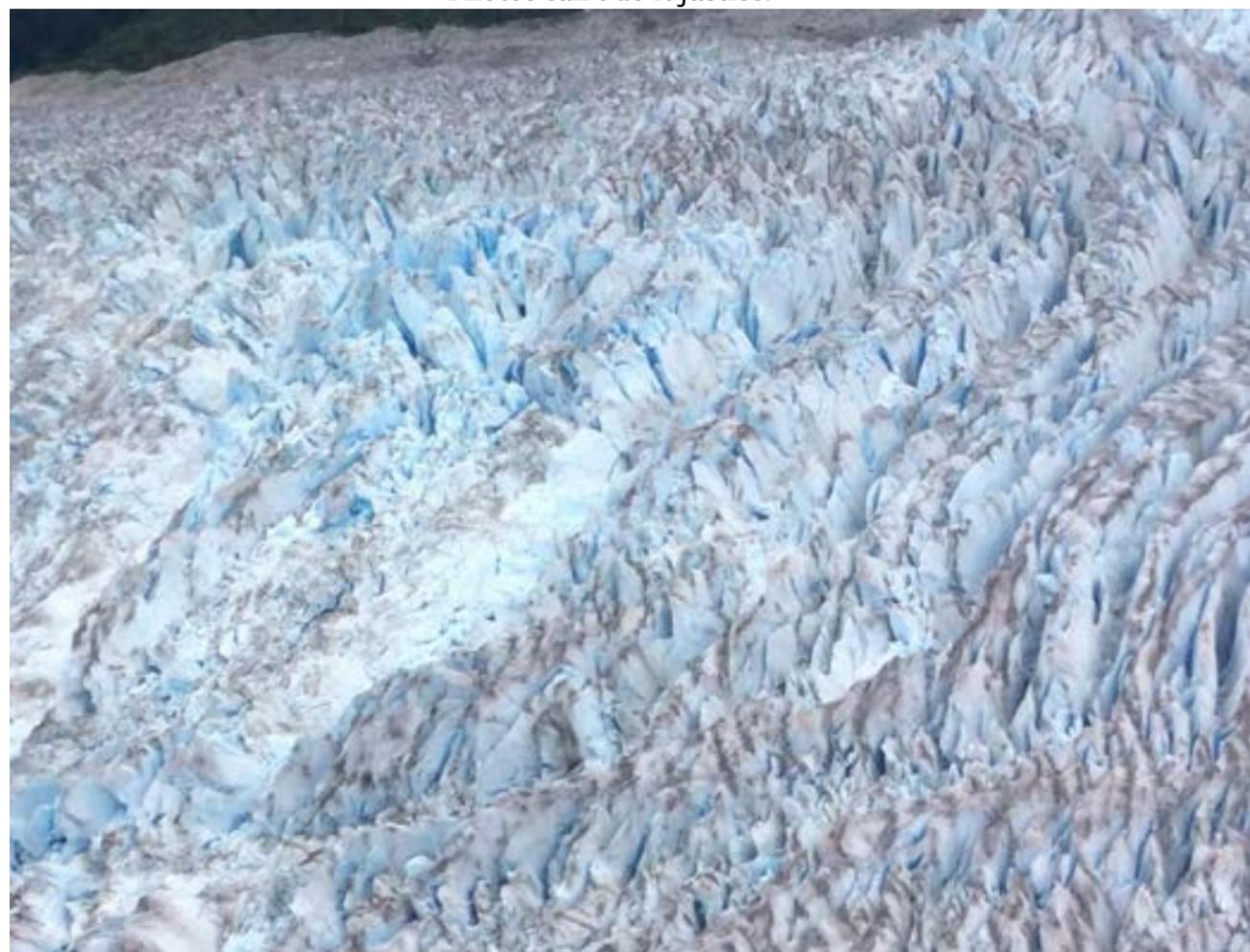
I was so glad to have seen an area which had always intrigued me. Perhaps the towns in Alaska were a bit too

much like 'Wild West' film sets for me but the raw nature of the surrounding areas and the sights I saw more than made up for it. The whole area is very expensive. In particular, food. Tax is added to the price you see, plus a large tip is expected whatever the service is like! There are so many homeless people in both Vancouver and Seattle, a crisis no doubt increased by the cost of living. So sad to see, but depressingly apparent in most cities nowadays.

But back to those glaciers, those colours, this planet I take for granted, but not on that day. Photos can't do it justice.



***"In His hand are the depths of the earth,
And the mountain peaks belong to Him.
The sea is His, for He made it,
And His hands formed the dry land."
- Psalm 95: 4-5 -***





Proverb of the Month

“Every word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him.”

- Proverbs 30:5 -

Foodbank shortages



If anyone would like to donate to the food bank, they have the following shortages:

Tea, tinned potatoes, tinned spaghetti, tinned custard or rice pudding, toothbrushes.

They have plenty of pasta and baked beans.

Donations can be placed in the box in the South Aisle at St Mary’s Church. There is also a box in the atrium at Brookside Methodist Church.

Thank you for your kind help to local people in crisis.

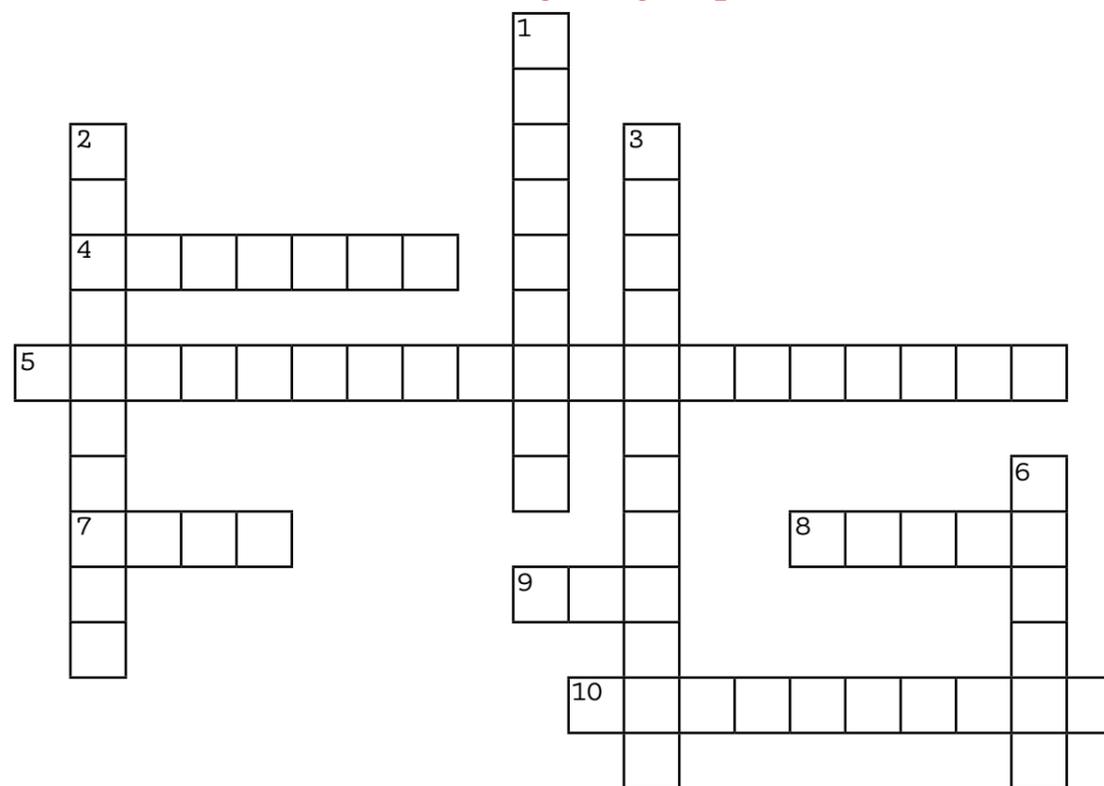
Puzzle Break

Answers to July’s edition

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Crossword: St Mary’s Day - September 8th



ACROSS

- 4 Angel who visited the Virgin Mary to announce the Birth of Jesus.
- 5 Monarch during whose reign St Mary’s Church, East Barnet was founded in 1080.
- 7 The place of a wedding which Jesus attended with his mother, Mary.
- 8 Alcoholic spirit - one of the ingredients of the cocktail ‘Bloody Mary’.
- 9 Number of Marys who have been Queen of England (excl. Queen consorts).
- 10 Village in Norfolk where some believe the Virgin Mary appeared in 1061.

DOWN

- 1 Mother of John the Baptist whom the Virgin Mary visited in Luke’s Gospel.
- 2 Song of Mary
- 3 The third Mary present at the Crucifixion along with Virgin Mary and Mary Magdalene.
- 6 The 19th chapter of the Qur’an which is dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

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