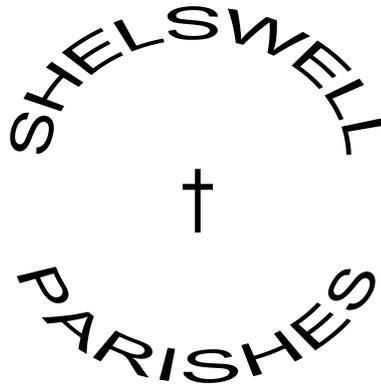


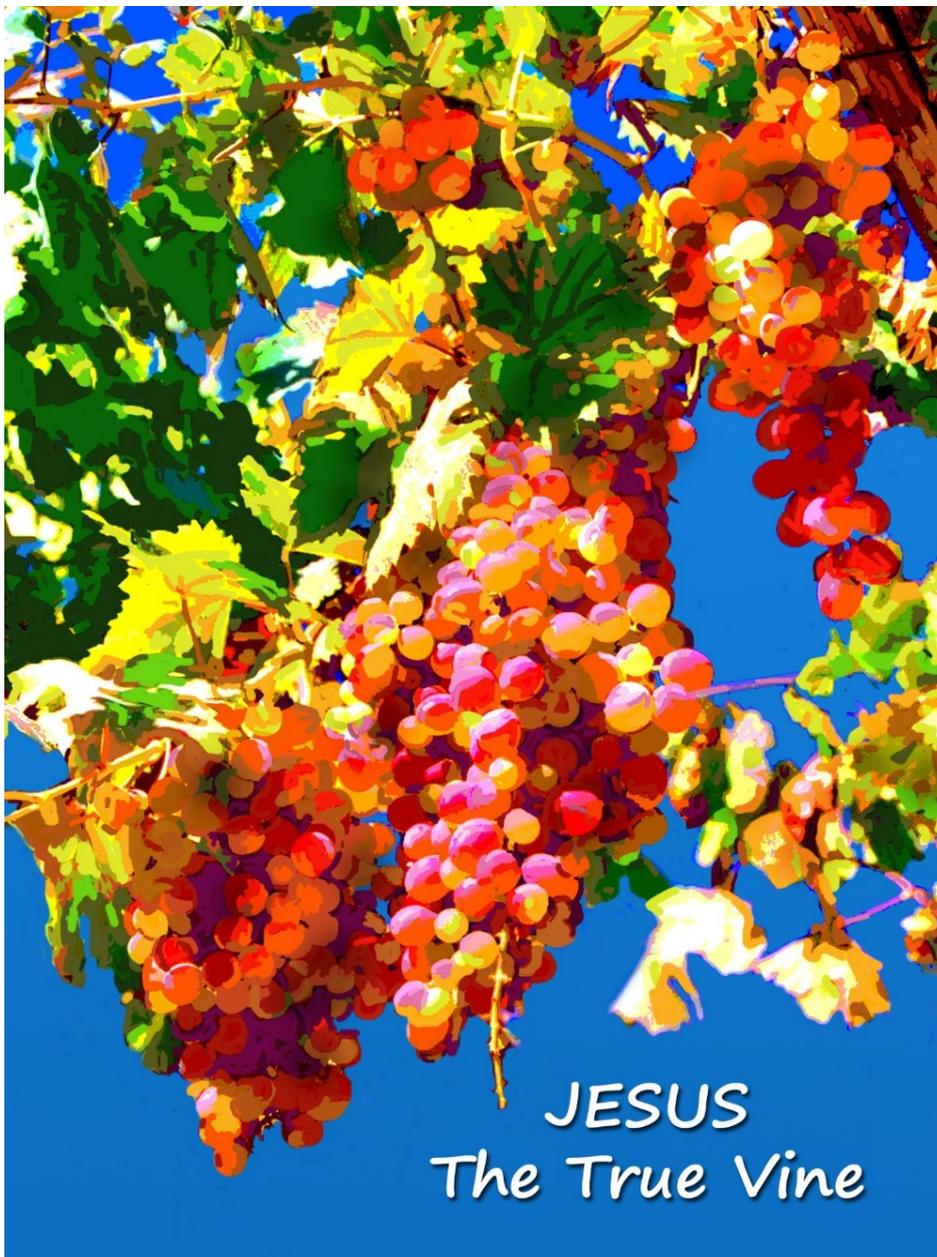
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Minister's Letter

A Message from Nature

Did you know that June 5th is World Environment Day? We have probably come to appreciate our local environment more fully during the lock-down, especially with such a beautiful spring. But how much thought do we give to the global environment?

The UN's environment chief, Inger Andersen, says that nature is sending us a message with the coronavirus pandemic. Scientists have found that about **75%** of newly emerging infectious diseases in humans are zoonotic, meaning that they are transmitted to people by animals.

Diseases that have emerged or re-emerged recently include avian influenza, Ebola, Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS), severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), West Nile virus, Zika virus disease, and this new coronavirus.

Research shows that such diseases are on the rise. Factors contributing to this include deforestation and other land changes, illegal and poorly regulated wildlife trade, intensive agriculture and livestock production, toxic pollution, climate change, and antimicrobial resistance.



Encroachment on wildlife habitats brings people uncomfortably close to animals which harbour diseases that can jump to humans. Livestock often serves as a bridge between wildlife and human infections. The Ebola outbreak in West Africa resulted from loss of forests leading to closer contacts between wildlife and human settlements, and the emergence of bird flu was linked to intensive poultry farming.

Conserving nature and protecting biological diversity are effective ways of managing zoonotic diseases. Having a wide diversity of species makes it more difficult for one disease-causing organism to become dominant or spill over to people.



The United Nations Environment Programme (www.unenvironment.org) supports global efforts to protect biodiversity, to put an end to the illegal trade in wildlife, to safeguard the handling of chemicals and waste and to promote economic recovery plans that take nature and the climate emergency into account. Such measures help reduce the likelihood of new diseases emerging.

It is easy to blame other countries, other people, over-population and so on, but in this inter-connected world we need to consider how our habits of consumption and travel, etc, contribute to the problem.



In Psalm 50.10-11, God says,

'All the animals in the forest are mine
and the cattle on thousands of hills.
All the wild birds are mine
and all living things in the fields.'



What steps can we take, however small, to become better stewards of God's wonderful creation? Perhaps we can buy local, buy eco-friendly, buy fair trade, use less ... plant a tree ... pray for and encourage those in positions of power and responsibility to seek a 'new normal' once the pandemic is over, one that takes the environment fully into consideration. For more ideas, see:

www.worldenvironmentday.global

Every day needs to be World Environment Day.

Liz Welters, Associate Minister



Happy Environment Day

5th June

A Prayer for World Environment Day

Everlasting God

whose Spirit broods everlastingly over the lands and the waters,
and endows them with form and colour: give us, we pray,
the mind and heart to rejoice in the majesty of creation.
Teach us to be responsible stewards of this world
and to seek the common good,
that through your blessing all may flourish, and creation
sing your praise in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Rt Revd Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter



Bible Readings

Thursday 21 st May	Ascension Day	Acts 1: 1 – 11 Luke 24: 44 – end
Sunday 24 th May	7 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 1: 6 – 14 John 17: 1 - 11
Sunday 31 st May	Pentecost	Acts 2: 1 – 21 John 20: 19 - 23
Sunday 7 th June	Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 40: 12 – 17, 27 – 31 2 Corinthians 13: 11 – 13 Matthew 28: 16 – 20
Sunday 14 th June	1 st Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 19: 2 – 8a Romans 5: 1 – 8 Matthew 9: 35 – 10. 8
Sunday 21 st June	2 nd Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 20: 7 – 13 Romans 6: 1b – 11 Matthew 10: 24 – 39
Sunday 28 th June	3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 28: 5 – 9 Romans 6: 12 – end Matthew 10. 40 – end
Sunday 5 th July	4 th Sunday after Trinity	Zechariah 9: 9 – 12 Romans 7: 15 - 25a Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 - end

Very first signs!

As the government begins to encourage those who can't work from home to consider returning to work, and as schools, factories and businesses grapple with how to enable them to do this safely, we have the very first signs of the restrictions on churches loosening.

At the time of writing (15th May) **our church buildings are still closed**, but we have been told that

- We can appoint one or more persons for each church to enter the building to say the daily office, or celebrate the eucharist or live stream. Only one person can go in at any time, although they can take members of their household with them.
- if it can be done from ground level, one person (or members from the same household) can ring the bells and raise or lower a flag.
- and good news for those churches with large or small building projects: should the PCC, contractor and insurers be content, and if social distancing can be ensured, contractors are now able to return to site!

I am sure things will advance in very small steps, but hopefully it will not be too long before we can reopen our church buildings for private prayer, which I know will be welcomed by many of you.

Zoom away!

We now have a number of Zoom experts in the Benefice! We have successfully held Zoom PCC meetings for all our parishes.

In addition we now have a regular group of folk joining in our two social gatherings:

Coffee on Tuesdays at 10.45 am – this group enjoys a good natter – there always seems a lot to catch up on. Topics have included VE day experiences, lockdown haircuts, gardening and craft exploits, and much more...

Tea at 2.45 pm on Thursdays – this group enjoys the occasional quiz or game, and might even be considering some group crafting!

You would be very welcome to join either group – contact me for details. Over the phone coaching given as to how to download and use Zoom.

Thanks to all who have given it a go – it has been lovely to be able to catch up with so many people face to face!

Alice

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Help! Where are the words!

From now on, we will be posting the hymns for each Sunday's live streamed service week by week onto our website: <http://www.shelswellparishes.info/>. They will be in the Covid 19 box at the top of the home page. You can also find the orders of service there for both the Holy Communion Service and the Short service of reflection.

Dear Reverend Goodall

It is so good to hear from you and it's a delight to think that The Huddersfield Choral Society's musical performances can help communities remain connected throughout this terrible crisis.

Our own members are obviously missing that connection themselves through their weekly rehearsals as well as having cancelled a number of major events in April and May. We are turning to Zoom as a potential opportunity to unite in harmony each week. To be deprived of music and the special fellowship that it supports is miserable.

Music Copyright can be troublesome to navigate and the facts are that even we do not own the rights to all of our recordings.

From the time that we started producing recordings with Signum Music we do own the rights and are able to consent and I'm pleased to confirm that you are free to use them as you propose. That would include the Joseph Cullen performance.

I hope that assists and wish you and your congregation the very best for the future in all respects.

Kind regards

Charles Brook

Hon. Treasurer

The Huddersfield Choral Society

We have been using many of the hymns recorded by the Huddersfield Choral Society, with their permission. Joe and I had a short walking holiday last year based in Huddersfield; we went on some wonderful walks and I really warmed to the town. I am even more of a fan since receiving the lovely email from Charles Brook of the Huddersfield Choral Society in response to me asking if it was alright for us to live stream their music as part of our services! In addition now, though, all Anglican churches able to use hymns and anthems recorded by the choral scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields. (They record them individually in their own homes and then their contributions are edited together remotely)

We will post the hymns on the website every week on Friday or Saturday.

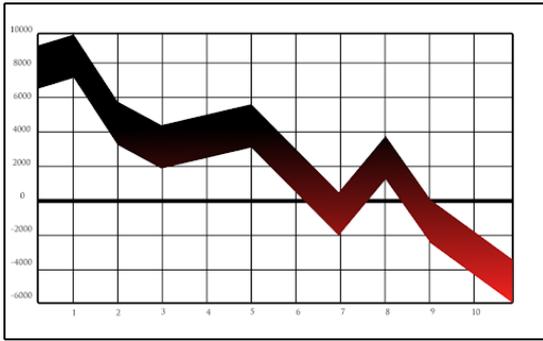
We are also going to experiment with Yvonne posting the words in the 'comments' section on Facebook – we have no idea whether that will work or not, but keep an eye on the 'comments' to see!

We will continue to live stream a Holy Communion service at 10 am on Sundays on Facebook (Shelswell News group) and upload it onto YouTube (Shelswell Parishes channel).

We will also continue to live stream our short service of reflection at 12 noon on weekdays.



Church finances



Over the last two weeks, I have met via Zoom with our PCCs to discuss the churches' financial position in the light of lockdown. Even though church buildings are closed, most expenses still need to be paid. And of course, there is no income from the collection plate, events or wedding. Some of our churches are going to be really struggling.

Many of you are extremely generous in your giving, which we really appreciate. I know that lockdown is a financially challenging time for some, but if it is possible for you, you might prayerfully consider whether you might increase your giving.

- if you give by standing order, then you could change this yourself
- if you give using the Parish Giving scheme, then you could change the amount by phoning 0333 002 1260. You will need to quote the church reference number.
- if you normally donate through the offertory plate, now might be the time to sign up to the parish giving scheme. You can now do this by phone (Tel no: **0333 002 1271**). You will need to have your bank details to hand, the name of your church and the church's PGS registration number. If you would prefer to fill in a form, your treasurer can supply one.
- if you would like to make a cash donation, your treasurer would be happy to arrange for someone to collect it from you, or for you to drop it through a letterbox.



The PCC treasurers' contact details, together with the church name and unique Parish Giving Reference Number for that church are as follows:

Church Name	Parish Giving Unique Reference number	Treasurer	Treasurer's phone number
Cottisford and Hardwick with Tusmore	270627038	David Barnes	01869 277690
Finmere St Michael	270627039	Jacqueline Chelin	01280 847782
Fringford St Michael and All Angels	270627040	Christina McCullagh	07867 515207
Godington Holy Trinity	270627043	Fai li	07725 009838
Hethe St Edmund and St George	270627041	Mike Green	01869 278166
Mixbury	270627053	David Mitchell	01280 847769
Newton Purcell		Fai Li	07725 009838
Stoke Lyne St Peter	270627061	Janey Poole	07810 120457
Stratton Audley St Mary and St Edburga	270627062	Fai Li	07725 009838

Anything you can do would be appreciated!

With thanks,
Alice

Important Contact numbers



Cherwell
DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

We know that this is a worrying time but we wanted to let you know that there is plenty of support out there for people who are in their homes.

Age UK Oxfordshire

Telephone support for older people
01865 411 288

Community Connect

Support and guidance on how to keep well at home, what support is available and how to manage anxiety
0300 004 04 01

Oxfordshire Mind

If you're concerned about your mental health, the information line can point you towards support
01865 247 788

Thames Valley Police

If you have concerns about large groups congregating, neighbours having friends or relatives visit then please do not hesitate to contact the police on 101 or via the online reporting system on the Thames Valley Police Website, link below and click report

www.thamesvalley.police.uk/

Food parcel delivery service for most vulnerable
0300 30 30 125.

Citizens Advice

For advice around any issue
0300 330 9037

Samaritans

Whatever you're going through, you can talk to someone at the Samaritans
116 123

NHS Advice line
111

Community Safety Team
01295 221824
community.Safety@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Useful links to websites

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Extremely vulnerable residents support line

Cherwell residents:

☎ 01865 89 78 20

✉ shield@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Mon to Fri 8:30am to 8:00pm

Sat and Sun 9:00am to 5:00pm

Oxfordshire County Council re-open Household Waste Recycling Centres

Household Waste Recycling Centres have re-opened for essential use. **Essential use** means waste that cannot be stored at home, or would cause hazard to health if stored.

There will be new site rules to ensure social distancing and the safety of residents and site staff. This includes reducing opening hours to 8am – 4pm to allow for cleaning, limiting the number and size of vehicles coming in and contactless payments only.

Queues are likely, so if it can wait, please do. If it's waste that can be disposed of legally and responsibly in another way, such as weekly kerbside collections or district council collection services, please do that.

Full information about the changes to recycling centre rules can be found on their website - www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wastereopenquestions

Where can I get help with shopping etc?

The Parish Councils and Church are concerned to offer whatever help and support they can to those facing an anxious and difficult time in the weeks ahead.

If you need to stay at home, either because you are trying to avoid infection or because you become ill or are required to self-isolate, then you may need a bit of help and support.

We would like you to know that help is available. If you need someone to go shopping for you, to pick up medication or just someone to talk to on the phone then we are here for you.

We won't be able to offer medical advice or come into your home if this involved a risk of infection to you or others, but otherwise will do whatever we can to help.

Please see below for the contacts in your village:

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ZONE FOUR		
Warren Farm		
Please phone one of the above numbers		

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Fringford

Fringford Friends Neighbourhood Support Group

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Fringford Church

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Stratton Audley

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Primary Contact: John Honsinger (07801 816 600)

Secondary Contact: Peter Dunn (01869 277014)

Zone 2 – North (Green):

Primary Contact: Anthony Flack (07976 067994)

Secondary Contact: Mike Gore (07443 469705)

Zone 3 - North East (Yellow) Inc. Stratton Audley Park and outlying properties:

Primary Contact: Stewart Hopkins (07933 966652)

Secondary Contact: Maxine Ling (07833 462876)

Zone 4 – South East (Pink):

Primary Contact: Alex Smith (07970 993099)

Secondary Contact: Jeremy Adams (07851 434978)

Zone 5 – Central (Grey)

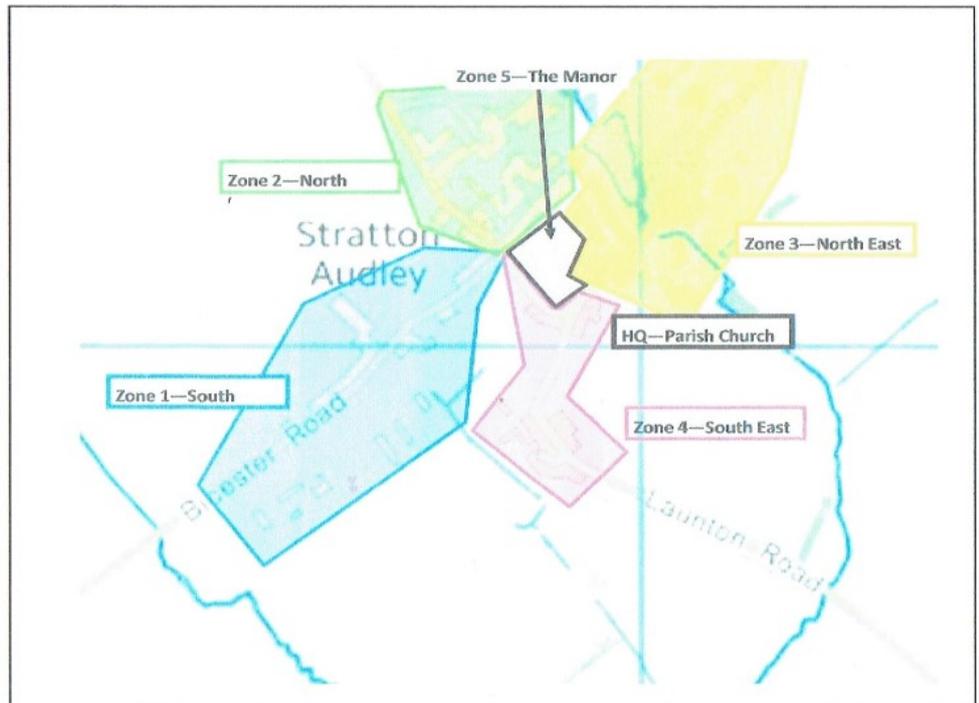
Primary Contact: Kathryn Walker (07720 598959)

Secondary Contact: Jim Mathis (07720 549081)

Church Keys are held by Jeremy & Rebecca Adams and

Dorothy Howarth

Defibrillator code is: C1870Y



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SHELLOWELL CHOIR

For over 25 years the Benefice has had a small but keen choir made up of members from various parishes. Anyone else interested? Do contact us. We are not operating at the moment but will restart once it's safe to do so. For more information ring Penny on 01869-277310.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF CHURCH MUSIC – ORGAN TUITION FOR THE 'RELUCTANT ORGANIST'

The Royal College of Church Music (RSCM) has recently appointed Rosemary Field as Head of Organ Studies. Part of her role is to support churches, especially in rural areas, to find and encourage people to become church organists.

We have said that we are willing to host the training in our Benefice. The RSCM engages the tutor, handles the finances, and creates a booking facility for people to reserve their place. If you (adult or young person) can play the piano (up to about Grade 5 level, probably), and would like to give it a go, our churches need you! The Benefice would pay the fees. We have no idea now if and when these classes will take place – however, in the hope that they will, one day, anyone interested in taking part, let Penny Wood know (01869-277310)

OX-PLOUGH PROJECT

Ample Greetings from South Sudan

Dear Rev. Alice Goodall,

Ample greetings

We are so concerned about your health in UK in this season of pandemics of coronavirus, hope you are well because it took a long while without hearing from each other. Back to us, we are well but South Sudan is high rate of infection, now within one month the total infections have reached 150 cases with only 2 recoveries. Thank God our area is still free from the virus and hope nothing will happen. I think the country lockdown is still in UK. Greetings from us to your congregation, though people don't go for prayers. Thanks, John Juma (*emailed on 11th May*)



John Juma is the Diocesan secretary of the Wulu Diocese.



Alice also had a message from Bishop Zechariah, wishing her God's blessing. We don't have any up-to date news about the Ox Plough Project, but there is enough money for the June instalment of £500. Paying it in will involve a trip to London, so Alice and Joe will see what the situation is like towards the end of June.

Coronavirus

Health officials in South Sudan have confirmed that there are cases of coronavirus in camps for people displaced by conflict. They warn of the potential danger if the virus spreads in these overcrowded camps, which house around 200,000 people across the country. Years of conflict have left South Sudan with one of the least equipped health care systems in Africa.

There are reports that refugees have recently arrived in South Sudan from the Democratic Republic of Congo, after fleeing attacks by the Lord's Resistance Army - a rebel force originally from Uganda. The UN refugee agency, which is helping the new arrivals, says they are all in quarantine for two weeks. The border between South Sudan and the DRC is officially closed because of the coronavirus outbreak.

South Sudan prayer points from Christian Aid:

- Pray for those who do not have enough to eat. Ask God's blessing upon local partners distributing food, and tools, seed and fishing gear to help people get back on their feet.
- Pray for clean water for those living in camps, and for the boreholes Christian Aid has repaired to supply water.
- Pray for health and hygiene - providing toilet facilities, and the work to make sure people have soap and mosquito nets. Pray for medical facilities in sore need of drugs and medical supplies.
- Pray for children, traumatised and with their education disrupted. Ask God to bless Christian Aid's work to provide space for children to play, listen to stories, draw, dance and sing. Thank God for the measures in place to keep children safe, including a child abuse hotline in Juba. Ask for God's protection upon children in camps.
- Pray for the church in South Sudan, that she will be empowered to broker peace and bring reconciliation.

Pray too for the work of other agencies, local, national, and international which are seeking to deal with the current situation – and especially the churches in the Wulu Diocese.

Ample prayer is needed...



SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUPS CONTACT DETAILS

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 Email: office.3090@finmere.oxon.sch.uk
 Website: www.finmere.oxon.sch.uk

FRINGFORD CHURCH of ENGLAND (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL, The Green, Fringford, Bicester, Oxon OX27 9DY
 HEAD TEACHER Mr Franco Pastore Tel 01869 277397

FINMERE SCHOOL TODDLER GROUP

Friday mornings term time from 9.00am – 11.00am in school.
 Cost £1.00 per family Contact: Emily Chandler 01280 848459

SHELLOWELL and FRINGFORD PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

c/o Fringford Primary School, The Green, Fringford, Bicester, Oxon OX27 9DY
 Contact: Mrs Shirley King Tel 01869 278687

HETHE STAY & PLAY GROUP

Friday mornings term time from 10.00am – 11.45am at the Village Hall.
 Cost £1.50 per child and £1 per additional sibling Contact: Rachel Richards 07949 298708

LITTLE LAMBS TODDLERS - STRATTON AUDLEY CHURCH

Wednesday's 10am – 12 noon Term Time jeniddoncfw@gmail.com

Finmere CE Primary School

Whilst school may be closed, Finmere School pupils and staff have been busy keeping in touch with each other. Pupils have been creating some wonderful art work, sharing their appreciation of the NHS and sending out messages of love and support to their friends, family and the community.

Our church school values for this term are Hope and Trust which seem especially relevant at this difficult time. We place our trust in God to keep each one of us safe at home and we excitedly look forward to the time when we will all be together again.

In the meantime, from everyone at Finmere CE Primary; staff, pupils and parents, we hope you are all staying safe and well and we send our love to you all.





REGISTRY

This section will announce any baptisms, marriages and funerals that have recently taken place within the Shelswell benefice

Funerals:



Doreen Mitchell of Hethe sadly died on Sunday 3rd May aged 85 years. She will be laid to rest in a private graveside funeral, but there will be a service of thanksgiving for her life in Hethe church once restrictions are lifted.

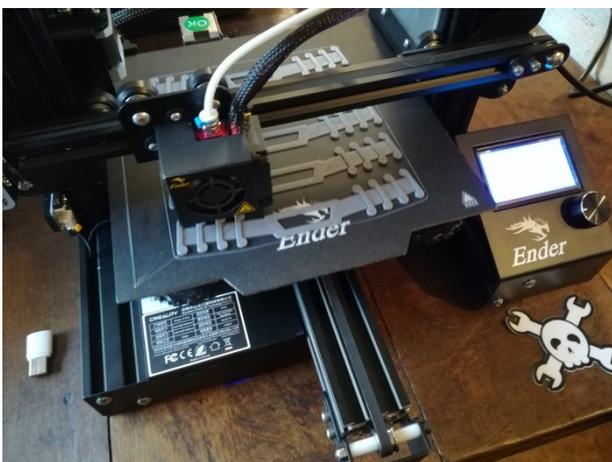
EMERGENCY PPE MANUFACTURE

We're all in lockdown, our churches are off-limits, and we're doing our best to support our local businesses, nervous that some of them might not make it. But in some houses, garages, and garden sheds all across the country there is a hive of activity, as an army of textilists, hardware hackers, and makers rise to the challenge of filling the shortfall in PPE for health workers and carers. Sewing machines, 3D printers, laser cutters, and overlockers are working day and night to supply face shields, scrubs, mask strain relief bands and other much-needed items direct to GPs surgeries, hospitals, and care homes.

So how does a nationwide cottage industry arise from nothing in the space of only a few days? The answer lies in the network of so-called hackerspaces that have spread to most cities across the world over the past couple of decades; shared community workshop organisations providing communally-owned tools and equipment, and most importantly a community of like-minded people with the collective knowledge and skills to make almost anything. Within a few days of the shortage becoming apparent the first designs for plastic face shields had been shared online, and in short order they were refined to meet the specifications of the NHS and other healthcare organisations in both design and sterility. In this part of the world some of the efforts have centred around the hackerspaces in Milton Keynes and Oxford, but there have been a host of other groups both local and national involved in what has become a significant producer of PPE. There are some items such as masks which can't be produced in this way due to specialised materials, but the relief of local staff trying to source the items that can be made has been very obvious.

As the pandemic runs its course and the sometimes-chaotic supply problems of its earlier months are eased, the hackerspace PPE manufacturing effort will wind down and eventually they will return to their tech and their projects. The lasting legacy though has been the creation of a successful community manufacturing effort that did for a while manage to make a difference, and best of all did so entirely community-funded. The co-ordinator of one of the groups told me of a conversation with an NHS sourcing manager in which there was an emotional silence when she made clear the consignment would be free of charge and delivered immediately rather than after a long transit across the world, now *that's* making a difference!

A disparate group of individuals with 3D printers, laser cutters, and sewing machines does not make for the most efficient manufacturing operation in business terms, and would never survive as such in the marketplace. But such a grouping successfully pulled itself together from nothing in the 2020 pandemic, and supplied PPE when few others could. We hope that should there be another pandemic in the future there will be better preparedness, but one thing's for sure. Having gained this valuable experience, the hackerspaces will be ready to manufacture again, should the need arise.



Ear-protecting surgical mask strain relief bands being 3D printed



A box of 3D printed and laser cut face shield kits, sanitised and packed ready to go to GP surgeries in the Milton Keynes area.

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Thy Kingdom Come Commit to pray from Thursday 21st May – Sunday 31st May

Thy Kingdom Come is a worldwide prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost. Since its launch by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016, Christians from 172 countries and 65 denominations have taken part in praying for friends and family to come to faith in Jesus Christ. These days have always been full of expectation and anticipation. As the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable the disciples to be witnesses. As they waited for the promise to be fulfilled they devoted themselves constantly to prayer (Acts 1:14). So, the renewed call across the church is to set these days apart to pray, and each individual to pray for 5 people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

There are various resources you can download from
<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources>

Or, if you prefer a booklet version of either the Prayer Journal or the Novena: Listening on the way, let me know and I will drop one through your door.



❖ A prayer journal

Each day there is a passage from the Bible, a short reflection, a prayer, and a suggestion for action. There is also space each day for your own notes. Did a phrase jump out at you? Did God bring something to your mind as you prayed that day? When you tried to take action, how did it go? Make a note so that you can remember what God has been saying to you through your reading, your prayers, and your actions.

Throughout the journal there are images to help you meditate on each daily theme and inspire you as you read through the passages and make your own notes. On the cover is Charlie Mackesy's illustration of the Prodigal Son, an image that so clearly depicts the Father's love for

❖ Listening on the way: 9 days of prayer

Wherever you are during these nine days between Ascension and Pentecost, you are invited on a sacred journey. As Jesus invited his disciples to wait and pray for the Holy Spirit, so we're invited to wait on God for the empowerment we need

to live more fully and to invite others to share the journey with us.

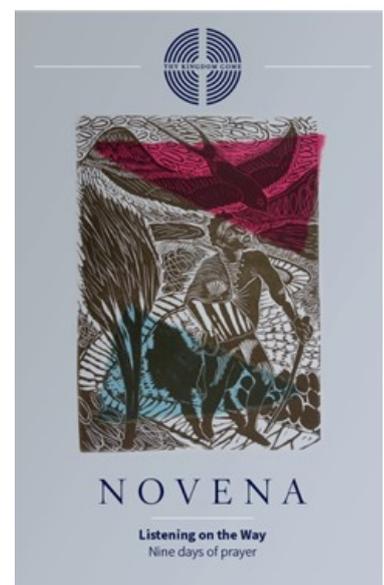
Jesus knows the distractions that can draw our eyes away from our relationship with him. Once again, we are called to prayer, not because we have failed, but because there is yet more to discover, more change and promise to explore as we journey together.

The scriptures chosen reflect encounters that have shaped Jesus and his followers through the centuries. These encounters - and the opportunities they offer - reveal our spiritual needfulness and underline the call to journey onwards, guided by the Spirit in challenging times.

Each day's reflection invites us to pause and purposefully invite the Holy Spirit to engage with us through art, scripture and prayer. This year's artist, Mark Czalet, presents some rich, challenging and beautiful images – spend some time sitting with them.

As we might look at a map or listen to our sat navs, let us be guided afresh by the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

And may our waiting and prayer refresh and renew us to reach out in companionship and compassion to those with whom God is inviting us to share the journey.



❖ Exciting stuff for families!

Digital Family Prayer Adventure Map

Missional Generation have created a map with an augmented reality app that is used in collaboration with the map. Missional Generation is a Christian charity based in the North of England that creates faith based digital content for churches and schools. It will be available for smart phones and tablets, on both Apple and Android. The app will feature daily games and videos which will all be delivered through innovative augmented reality! Due to the situation around Covid-19 the map has been reworked so that it is now available in A4 and can be downloaded and printed at home. It will still work with the augmented reality app, whether printed in colour or black and white. (And if you fancy a go at this, and haven't got a printer, let me know and I will print it off for you)



Digital Family Prayer Adventure Map A4
Print at Home



The Family Prayer Adventure podcasts

The Family Prayer Adventure podcasts are a fun and engaging way to help families pray together. There is one following each daily theme of Thy Kingdom Come, and they are about 10-12 minutes long. They feature a game, an interactive Bible story (written and performed by folks like Bob Hartman), a chance to pray and great music. Do share them with families you know, and use them alongside the Prayer Adventure Map and Journal.

Alice Goodall



CLUB NEWS

Due to the current Coronavirus protective restrictions many events are cancelled for the time being:

Sing for Fun

WHIST

The meetings for whist normally close down in the summer and recommence in September. Please watch this space.

KNIT FOR PEACE

The charity **Knit for Peace** are happy to receive any hand knitted or crocheted items of clothing - gloves, hats, scarfs, socks, cardigans, jumpers for children and adults. Blankets are also very welcome. (No fish and chip jumpers please).

Please contact **Marion Crowther on 01869 277404 before dropping off any articles at 2 St. Michaels Close, Fringford**

SHELLOW WALKERS



At this present time groups walking from different households is not allowed. Please take your daily exercise but keep safe and keep recommended distances from others especially on 'busy' footpaths and rights of way.



SHELLOW GARDEN CLUB



We have had some lovely weather recently and we know that having a garden has been a huge benefit to us all. Several members have been posting lovely pictures on our WhatsApp group and we also have Facebook for members to post on. Please share if you can.

At the moment, we do not know about the June visit but Corrine will let members know nearer the time.

You may have heard that the RHS and Gardeners World are having a competition for the virtual Chelsea Show. It asks for a 250 word description of your garden and a single photograph and will be judged to see whose entry is the best. (Deadline will have gone by the time you read this.) If you have entered let us know the outcome!

Enjoy your gardens! Keep safe and take care.

SHELLOWELL POETRY APPRECIATION GROUP

We have not met since February, due to the situation with Covid 19, but we hope to resume activities as soon as restrictions are eased. Watch this space – and the news!

SHELLOWELL READING GROUP

The book we chose to read in March was 'Cherry' – a biography of Apsley Cherry-Garrard by Sara Wheeler. It is a fascinating account of Scott's unsuccessful bid to be first at the South Pole, which Cherry-Garrard wrote about in 'The Worst Journey in the World'. Not only that, but Sara Wheeler gives a vivid and detailed of British society just before the First World War.

We will resume actual meetings once restrictions have been relaxed. In the meantime, if you want to join either this group or the Shellswell Poetry Appreciation Group, contact me on 01869 811994 or at judith.harvey@live.co.uk



SHELLOWELL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Supporting Each Other

Whilst we still cannot physically meet together, there has been a lot of 'virtual' activity within Shellswell WI.

Following a successful Quiz and a Treasure Hunt via Zoom, we have a virtual craft event coming up. Members have also been keeping in touch by phone, and our May newsletter featured a wonderful story about the history development of our WI – a real trip down memory lane for some! Plus our President has made a real effort to keep in touch with our Members too. The national WI website has also been a great source of ideas and inspiration.

So, all in all, that support network that so many join the WI for is still very much in evidence.

If you'd like to become a part of this thriving local WI, do get in touch with Elaine Whittaker on 07917 453224 or email elainewhittaker@btinternet.com

Nai's House

A new holistic support service that provides counselling and holistic activities, as well as focussing on suicide intervention and prevention. It is a free service delivered by volunteers and aims to change the way that young adults and their families receive support for their mental health.

We just want people to know that we are still open and offering support, contact us via email hello@naishouse.co.uk or via facebook messenger @NaishouseBicester

We have also produced a guide around suicide support which can be accessed here: <https://naishouse.co.uk/home/resources/suicidesupport.pdf>

We are urgently seeking volunteers and counsellors to help support our guests.

Gem Barrett
 Founder - Nai's House cic

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Cheese and Wine Quiz

Questions

1. What name was given to the British cheese which was launched in 1982, but then withdrawn in 1992?
2. Which of the following is not a red wine: Bulls' Blood; Sauternes; Chianti; Merlot?
3. Which is better for your teeth at the end of a meal – an apple or a piece of cheese? Why?
4. Why are bottles of wine traditionally stored on their side during the ageing process?
5. What ingredient, derived from a cow's stomach, is added to milk in the cheese-making process?
6. What was the brand name of the most famous Liebfraumilch of the 1960s?
7. Name 4 animals whose milk is commonly used to make cheese.
8. What was the name of the most well-known Portuguese wine sold in Britain in the 1970s?
9. What links the diarist Samuel Pepys with the character Ben Gunn in Stevenson's 'Treasure Island'?
10. Which playwright has a porter say, of drink, "Lechery, sir, it provokes and unprovokes: it provokes the desire, but it takes away the performance"?
11. Port is sometimes added to which hollowed-out cheese?
12. How was a barrel of brandy used by Nelson's shipmates after the Battle of Trafalgar?
13. Which Yorkshire cheese is traditionally eaten with Christmas cake?
14. What is special about German Eiswein?
15. Who said, of France, "How can you govern a country which has 246 varieties of cheese"?
16. Which country contains the wine-producing areas of Little Karoo and Ladysmith?
17. What is unusual about the ageing process of Roquefort cheese?
18. Why is wine better for the digestion with water when drunk with a meal?

19. Pair up the left-hand and right-hand columns to make the names of 10 British cheeses:

Sage	Yarg
Stinking	Derby
Dorset Blue	Wallop
Cornish	Fenni
Double	Leicester
Farleigh	Bishop
Lincolnshire	Blue
Shropshire	Vinny
Red	Gloucester
Y	Poacher



20. What do Port, Sherry, Madeira, Marsala and Vermouth have in common?

Answers after Stratton Audley News

SAYINGS - Can you guess the general sayings from their initials?
(e.g. A that G is N G = All that glitters is not gold)

1. A S L than W
2. V is T S of L
3. H T nail O T H
4. It T T T T
5. T K two B W O S
6. The C is A R
7. B A R and A H Place
8. A bad W B H T
9. In T H of T M
10. L T C out O T B

Answers after Stratton Audley News

DINGBATS *Answers after Stratton Audley News*

Each picture relates to a well-known phrase or saying. Can you work out what the sayings are?

<p>Parentaliv reisuilly</p>	<p>STOOD mis</p>	<p>SOMEWHERE </p>	<p>history history history</p>	<p>million</p>
<p>mini'llbetheute</p>	<p>chair</p>	<p>in vaders</p>	<p></p>	<p>ST AND</p>
<p>VISION</p>	<p>WALKING ICE</p>	<p>STORM</p>	<p>SPOT</p>	<p>ONCE </p>
<p>PROMISE</p>	<p>VIOLETS</p>	<p>EKAJ PINEAPPLE</p>	<p>DOOR</p>	<p>GET A WORD IN</p>
<p>COUNTRY COUNTRY</p>	<p> 3.14159</p>	<p>GROUND FEET FEET FEET</p>	<p>RAKEN</p>	<p>BUSINES</p>

REPORTS FROM THE PARISHES

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COTTISFORD AND JUNIPER HILL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

People seem to be observing the regulations as much as possible and having shouted conversations at a safe distance. We all look forwards to being able to have get-togethers as we did in what now seems another life. Our thanks go to Jane in Cottisford and Meryl in Juniper Hill for co-ordinating help for those who need it and generally keeping an eye on things.

At the moment it seems unlikely that our annual Tea in the Field will be going ahead, but I'm sure that we can arrange something a bit later in the year, once we see how things stand.

Finmere St Michael and All Angels

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Allotments

The Poor's Plot has some allotment plots available in the village. Interested growers of fine vegetables should contact Anita or visit www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot

Now being snapped up fast, just a few left.



CPVD-19 village resources

Need some local help

<http://www.shelswellparishes.info/documents/corona/communitynetworks.pdf>

Village facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/finmereandlittletingewick/>

Red Lion pub (shop & take aways)

<https://www.facebook.com/theredliontingewick/>

Finmere Village Hall and Events

Keep up to date with all Finmere events at:

Shelswell Parishes website at – www.shelswellparishes.info/finmere

Finmere Parish Council website at – www.finmerepc.org

Village hall news at – www.myfinmere.com

Finmere Primary School - www.finmere.oxon.sch.uk

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SERVICES & EVENTS

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, SERVICES & EVENTS

The building is closed for the time being. BUT the bells do get tolled for the NHS at 8.00pm on Thursdays, and also were tolled for VE day at 7.00pm on Friday 8 May.

Regular Benefice services are run on-line. See the 'General' Section or back page for information about these, and how to join them.

THANK YOU to George Hunt (Stratton Audley Road) who for many years has mown parts of the churchyard and looked after a number of the graves there. The PCC is very grateful for all the help George has given.

Do you need kindling for the fire? - £3.00 a bag - contact Simon Knight (email address: simon.knight2@btinternet.com or mobile: 07598 104444).

SUPPORT DURING THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS

Please don't hesitate to contact any of the following for help, especially if you live on your own:

Fringford Friends, Neighbourhood Support Group

- Telephone: 07704 756840
- Email neighbourhoodsupport@fringford.info

To join the **What's App Mutual Support Group** ring or email 'Fringford Friends' (contact details above).

FRINGFORD VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Cancelled until further notice.

Fringford VE Day 75 year Commemoration

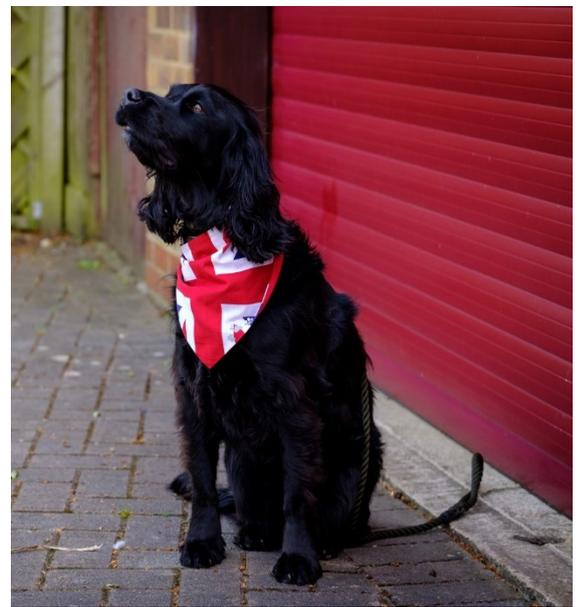
Unfortunately, along with everywhere else, we weren't able to hold our planned VE Day celebrations on Friday May 8th in Fringford this year.

However the villagers rallied round and held their own front garden street parties, with many people decorating their gardens with colourful bunting and flags, and enjoying afternoon tea, cakes and the occasional barbeque in the glorious sunshine. Many were in thirties style dress.

The pub was adorned with flags and bunting and a visit from the 'Queen' and a villager went round the village playing her clarinet and raised £500 in donations for Help the Heroes.

The two minutes silence was observed at 11am, the church bells were rung at 7pm and a rocket shot up into the sky from the Butchers Arms at 9pm to round off the day.

There was a lovely atmosphere in the village all day, as we joined in with our neighbours and also remembered the sacrifices many had made for us, to enjoy our peace.





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CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Rector, Ministry Team and church members in Hardwick are concerned to offer whatever help and support they can to those facing an anxious and difficult time in the continuing weeks ahead.

We are unable to offer medical advice or come into your home if this involves risk of infection to you or others, but otherwise we will do whatever we can to help.

Please call or email:

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Hethe Community Activity

Since the latest release of Government Guidelines, the Church, the Village Hall and the Community Park remain shut during the Corona Virus lock down.

You can keep yourself informed of the latest local news and contact numbers for sources of help via the private Facebook group 'Community Spirit of the Hethens', and the other facebook groups 'Shelswell News' and 'Hethe Nextdoor Digest', also the village website www.hethe.org which is updated regularly.

VE Day Commemoration in Hethe

Many households managed to put out a public marker of the anniversary of declaring the Second World War in Europe to be over, with union jacks and bunting – much of it homemade – on display across the village:



We were blessed with a warm and still day, allowing individual households to have afternoon tea or evening drinks in their own front gardens, adding to the sense of community spirit which is growing every Thursday night as we step out of our houses to clap, bang and clatter for the NHS. The day ended with the Queen's speech and a dispersed rendition of 'We'll meet again' :



Hethe Playing Field

At present, the grass on the football pitch is being left to grow, whilst the areas used for allowed exercise (pathways around the Hall, the Community Park, field perimeter) are being mown by volunteers. Dog owners please be vigilant when exercising your dogs on the field – removing dog mess from among the long grass can be challenging!

St Edmund & St George Funding & 100 Club

Please note that apart from a reduction in the cost of electricity, our church still has the same regular payments to make and we are short of income due to the lack of collections at services and fund raising. If you can make a donation to the church please email hethepccsecretary@outlook.com otherwise the easiest way of giving to the church is through the Parish Giving Scheme.

Parish Giving - Launch of new telephone service

You may now set up a regular Direct Debit gift to the church over the phone:

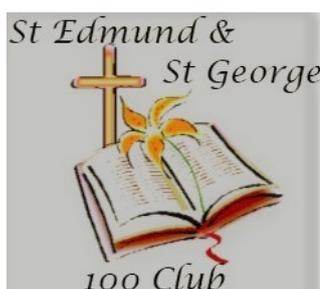
Dedicated telephone number: 0333 002 1271

Lines are open Monday to Friday, between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

You will need to have your bank account details, church/parish name and PGS parish code (270627041) to hand.

You will be able to Gift Aid your donation, if eligible, and you will also be given the option to increase your giving annually, in line with inflation.

Further details from Flora or visit the web site <https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/for-donors/>



The last 100 Club draw was held on 15th March. They had been suspended due to the difficulty in witnessing the draws and distributing cash prizes. It has now been agreed by the PCC that draws will recommence at the virtual Benefice Tea meetings on "Zoom" on every second Thursday of the month starting on Thursday 11th June.

Hethe Photography Competition



While we are all spending so much of our time in and around the village, we thought that it would be a good idea to hold a photography competition. All are welcome to submit photographs taken in Hethe and surrounding countryside. Depending on the response, we could have a photo of the month and different categories such as village scenes, wildlife and “Hethe in Bloom” to tie in with the Plant Swap initiative.

For each photo we will need the name of the photographer, the date the photo was taken and the location.

Please send photographs to hethenews@outlook.com

All photos to be considered will be displayed on www.hethe.org

Full terms and conditions are on the web site.

Food Hall and Potting Shed in the Muddy Duck



The food hall and potting shed in the Muddy Duck is open Monday to Saturday 9.00am to 5.00pm, Sunday 10.00am to 4.00pm. Telephone 01869 278099, email dishitup@themuddyduckpub.co.uk <http://shop.themuddyduckpub.co.uk>

Free delivery is available in Hethe.

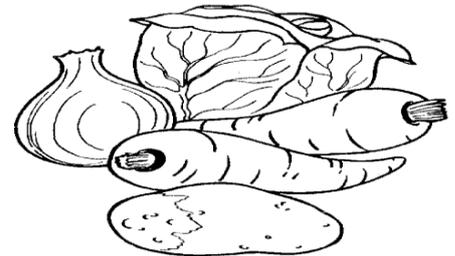
There is a good range of fresh and ambient goods and herbs, bedding and veg plants.

Distancing within the shop is being practiced and the team are performing the best good practice with hygiene.

HETHE ALLOTMENTS

Gym closed, why not get some exercise and fresh air, also good for mental health. Some **allotments plots are available** at present; situated opposite the Catholic Church on the Hardwick Road, set in lovely tranquil countryside.

The agents are Carter Jonas, but **in the first instance please contact Sue Owen on 07801088403**



Mixbury All Saints

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Church Services

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic there are no church services being held at present and the church is temporarily closed.

Church Flower Rota 2020 (if Church is Open)

June - Phillipa Brown

July - Sue Goodman

August - Kate Darby

Church Cleaning Rota (if Church is Open)

June 2020: Julie Mitchell and Helen Backon
 July 2020: Nicola Adams and Anna Howard
 August 2020: Giovanna Holcroft and Tanya Howroyd

Pop Up Pub Nights in Mixbury

Pub nights are traditionally held on the first Friday of each month (except January) and are a great way to meet people in the village. The hosts normally provide nibbles and you take along your own drink, be it tea, coffee or something stronger. Opening hours from 8pm – please contact Tanya Howroyd for further information (01280) 847521: for details of next Pop Up Night .

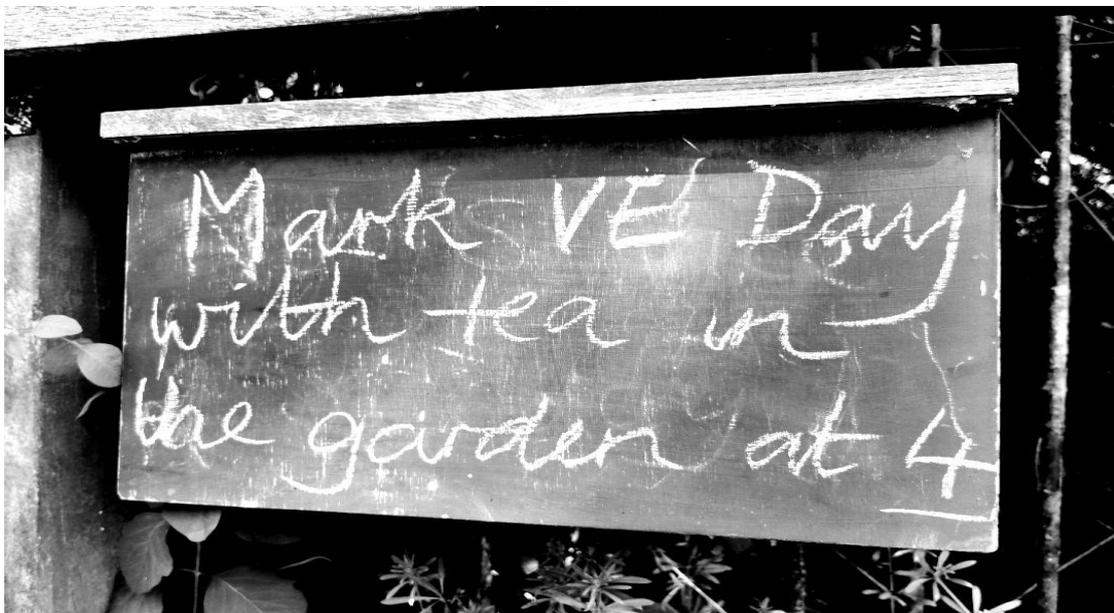
Pop Up Pub Nights are suspended whilst the coronavirus pandemic is happening.

All Our Yesterday's by Bruce Epps

I thought that the following piece from the Buckingham Advertiser and North Bucks Free Press for 13th August 1932 was worth reporting to you. It reads “The muscular men of Mixbury, we learn, won two well-earned tussles in their tug-of-war contests last week. The first of these victories was gained at an open-air function in the Brackley District. In the next, they vanquished their opponents in the Barton and Chetwode Flower Show sports.” Now, apart from fiercely contested cricket matches, I am not aware, with one exception, of other inter-village competition in which Mixbury has taken part as a parish: several parishioners won prizes for their produce or livestock at other village shows, but entered as individuals. The exception was a best kept churchyard competition which the parish won in 1969 under the skilful eye of Mr Ward. Is this a thing of the past or have I, as my mother used to say, simply been looking with my eyes closed? I would appreciate details of any inter-parish/village competition that you may be aware of where Mixbury took part, to bruceepps49@gmail.com Of course, this type of event would have been a staple diet for a nearly-local newspaper (there were others) but, even there, events like this are few and far between.

VE Day Celebrations

Despite the lockdown restrictions Mixbury residents celebrated VE Day in style, nearly all the residents took part by putting tables in their front gardens loaded with cakes, tea and other refreshments. The bus shelter was beautifully decorated and the village bunting decorated the church wall but best of all the weather was kind to us. Thank you to everyone who sent in photos of that day and to those of you who did not mind your photos being taken and shared, adding to the memories of another Mixbury celebration. The following are a selection of the day.







New Neighbours

A warm Mixbury welcome to Bob and Sarah Keen who moved to No.36 in December, we hope they will be very happy living here.

And finally thank you to Nigel and Gemma for keeping the village supplied in fresh eggs, Mark and Tanya for all the updating emails, Amanda for loaning out the use of her tennis court and all the people doing shopping and collecting prescriptions for other neighbours during the present pandemic.

Newton Purcell St Michael and All Angels

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Bonus Ball Lotto - Bonus Ball Lotto -
Recent lucky winners have been David Francis and Les Harris

Dates for Your Diary –

This year's **Harvest Festival & Lunch** will be held on Sunday 11th October at 11.30 a.m.

More details over the coming months.

Friday 11th December - Christmas Concert

Stoke Lyne St Peter's

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I hope many of you have managed to catch up with the services being streamed live online by Alice, Yvonne, Penny and Liz. I know some have difficulty watching it live because of reception, you can catch up with it later on U Tube and they are well worth listening to especially as we don't know when Churches will open again for services.

DAILY HOPE

A free phone line in order to listen to hymns, reflections and prayers for anyone who feels the need of encouragement and comfort in this time of the Pandemic The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up by the Church of England particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Pat Cherry



Corona virus

Because lots of people in the village have to self-isolate please don't be afraid to call on someone for help with shopping, collecting prescriptions or even just someone to talk to, on behalf of those who have had shopping etc done for them I would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in any way to make it easier.

I know that some are connecting with friends on Facetime, Zoom and the various other things you can do on computers, some have been having afternoon tea and meeting for quiz nights, it is nice to see people on the screen even though you are not in the same room.

The allotments are looking good with lots of hard work being put in and the crops are starting to show lovely, especially the potatoes.

There are many folks out walking getting their exercise in and lots of cyclists and dog walkers about.

V E DAY 8th MAY 2020

Stoke Lyne celebrated it well! There was lots of bunting and flags out, families in their front gardens having tea and cake and others finding a space where they could join in the celebrations but still keep the '2 metre space apart' rule it was nice to see so many having a nice time and walking about chatting and keeping their distance and we had music and songs from wartime through the decades, Thank you Ron from the village well done.



TEA PARTY 2006 – TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

As the lockdown/social distancing prevents us from visiting friends and neighbours at this present time, here's a trip down memory lane to a parish event of fourteen years ago with photos from our parish magazine correspondent, Rena. The August 2006 issue of "Parish News" records the following:

"FAREWELL TO THE BERTRAMS: A PCC tea party for Tom and Anne was hosted by Jane Warde-Aldam at the Old Stables on 12th July. We all enjoyed a delicious tea in the sunshine in the garden. We expressed our gratitude for all Tom and Anne have done for the PCC, church in the benefice and the village. We will miss them every much and we wish them a new and happy life in France and Southern England." As well as the Bertrams the following people can be spotted on the photos: Jane Warde-Aldam, Doreen and Mike White, , Jean and Brian Penhallow, Pam Adams, Margaret Tuthill, Pat Cherry and Daphne Stead as well as one or two others whom we haven't been able to name.



From Kelly Holden-White

As lockdown continues, the support that has been felt by those I've spoken to in Stoke Lyne has been clear. People have taken time to take food orders from their neighbours, collecting and delivering fish and chips, buying groceries and running errands for the most vulnerable in our village. Neighbours should not feel that just because restrictions are being lifted that they cannot continue to call for help when needed. There are many people who are just a phone call, note though the door or email away.

The Church noticeboards contain details of how to connect to the Benefice's online support, as well as a free phone number for 'Daily Hope' for anyone who feels in need of prayer or a time of supportive reflection.

Daniel and a friend were keen to raise money for the NHS and decided to have their heads shaved (safe in the knowledge that schools wouldn't be open for a while!) Using the internet, they linked up and the deed was done, and thanks to many people's kind sponsorship, the boys' raised £652, exceeding their target by £502!

Our bottle fed lamb is doing well, as is the ewe who was poorly earlier in the season. Although working from home has been frustrating at times, being here more to help with the animals has been very useful! Our Oxford sandy blacks, Nigella and Delia, have enjoyed the warm weather and love to be sprayed with the hosepipe on a hot day. Let's hope for a lovely, warm summer too and they might even be allowed a paddling pool!



Stoke Lyne W.I.

Unfortunately at present all W.I. meetings have been cancelled.

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What a difference a year makes. Looking at the activities described in last year's magazine – Stratton Audley Local History Society battlefield tours, visits to local Manors, Village History Walks and the Shelswell History Festival, plus the Parish Council's organising of Ferret Racing - it is hard to believe how times have changed.

Fortunately we did have the opportunity to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day, with bunting and flags all over the village. More importantly there were several party events (socially distanced of course!), including Cherry Street, The Limes, two locations in Cavendish Place, the Manor grounds and a barbecue at the Stables.

I'm sure there were others as well but, in lockdown, it is difficult to know what is happening outside your immediate area. However it was wonderful to have the opportunity to chat (shout) to familiar faces as people wandered through the streets.

Congratulations to the Parish Council for keeping us up-to-date with changes in Government instructions plus providing varied information about opportunities for purchasing different foods.

Once again thank you to all those people who are thinking about others, from including their requirements on supermarket deliveries, shopping personally for them or collecting medicines. YOU are making a very difficult and fraught situation feel a lot more human.

Last but not least, although a small village, Godington managed to find a space, suitably large enough for social distancing, for everyone who wanted to have a picnic and celebrate 75 anniversary of VE day. The churchyard is also looking much improved by careful management of the wildlife/natural fauna etc and the graves. This makes it easier for people to visit their family graves.





Answers to Cheese and Wine quiz

1. Lymeswold
2. Sauternes
3. Cheese – as it neutralises the acids produced by the food
4. To prevent the cork drying out
5. Rennet
6. Blue Nun
7. Cow; sheep; goat; buffalo
8. Mateus Rose
9. Parmesan cheese – Pepys hid a large Parmesan in a pit dug in his garden during the Great Fire of London and Ben Gunn, a castaway, longed for a piece of Parmesan.
10. Shakespeare, in 'Macbeth'.
11. Stilton
12. They put his body in it to preserve it on the voyage back to England.
13. Wensleydale
14. It is made from grapes which have been picked after a hard frost, and this concentrates the sugars.
15. President Charles De Gaulle.
16. South Africa
17. It is done in caves
18. It does not dilute the digestive juices as water does.
19. Sage Derby; Stinking Bishop; Dorset Blue Vinny; Cornish Yarg; Double Gloucester; Farleigh Wallop; Lincolnshire Poacher; Shropshire Blue; Red Leicester; Y Fenni
20. They are all fortified wines – that is they have had a spirit such as brandy added to them.

Sayings: 1. Actions Speak Louder than Words, 2. Variety is the Spice of Life, 3. Hit the Nail on the Head, 4. It takes Two to Tango, 5 To Kill Two Birds with One Stone, 6 The Customer is Always Right, 7. Between a rock and a hard place 8. A bad workman blames his tools 9. In the heat of the moment 10. Let the cat out of the bag

Dingbats from left to right: Split personality, Misunderstood, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, History Repeating Itself, One in a million, I'll be there in a Minute, High Chair, Space Invaders, Slow Down, Stand Up, Double Vision, Walking on Thin Ice, Eye of the Storm, X Marks the Spot, Once Upon a Time, Broken Promise, Shrinking Violets, Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Back Door, Get a Word in Edgeways, Cross Country, Apple Pie, Feet on the Ground, Half Baked, Unfinished Business.

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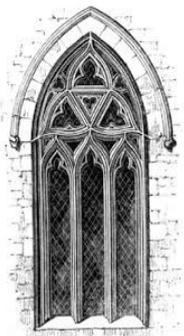
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- **Short reflective service – Monday to Friday**
  - o live streamed each day at 12 noon on Facebook (Shelswell News group)
  - o uploaded by 1pm each day on YouTube – search for ‘Shelswell Parishes’
- **Service of Holy Communion - Sundays**
  - o live streamed at 10 am on Sunday on Facebook (Shelswell News group)
  - o uploaded at about 11 am onto YouTube – search for ‘Shelswell Parishes’

**2. As a Diocese: Church at home**

- **Live streamed service - Sundays 10 am**
- **Reflections for a church in Lockdown** – a series of podcasts and online audio by Bishop Steven
- **Services and reflections from Christ Church**
- **Other resources**

Details of all these can be found on the Oxford Diocese website:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>

**3. Nationally**

- **Church of England website**
  - o **Church Online** – weekly online services streamed each Sunday
  - o **Daily Prayer** resources
  - o **Pilgrim’s Journey** – join Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu in exploring the Lord’s Prayer (available in various forms)

Details of all these and more can be found on: <https://www.churchofengland.org>

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  - o **‘Songs of Praise’** on Sundays at 1.15pm on BBC 1
- **Radio**
  - o **Prayer for the Day** daily at 5.43am on Radio 4
  - o **Sunday Worship** Sundays at 8.10am on Radio 4
  - o **Daily Service** Monday to Friday at 9.45am on Radio 4 Longwave and DAB