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Mon	Psalm 5 Jeremiah 11: 1-17 John 7: 37-52	Psalm 77 Jeremiah 17: 5 - 18 John 9: 18 - end	Psalm 73 Jeremiah 21: 1 - 10 John 11: 28 - 44	Psalm 41 Lamentations 1: 1 – 12a Luke 22: 1 - 23
Tues	Psalm 9 Jeremiah: 11: 18-12: 6 John 7: 53 – 8: 11	Psalm 79 Jeremiah 18: 1 – 12 John 10: 1 - 10	Psalm 35 Jeremiah 22: 1 – 5. 13 - 19 John 11: 45 - end	Psalm 27 Lamentations 3: 1 - 18 Luke 22 [24-38]39-53
Wed	Psalm 38 Jeremiah 13: 1- 11 John 8: 12 - 30	Psalm 90 Jeremiah 18: 13 – end John 10: 11 - 21	Psalm 55 Jeremiah 22: 20 – 23: 8 John 12: 1 - 11	Psalm 102 or 102: 1-18 Jeremiah 11: 18 - 20 Luke 22: 54 - end
Thurs	Psalm 56 Jeremiah Chapter 14 John 8: 31 - 47	Psalm 86 Jeremiah 19: 1 - 13 John 10: 22 - end	The Annunciation Psalm 111; 113 1 Samuel 2: 1 - 10 Romans 5: 12 - end	Maundy Thursday Psalm 42; 43 Leviticus 16: 2 - 24 Luke 23: 1 - 25
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Sat	Psalm 31 Jeremiah 16: 10 – 17: 4 John 9: 1- 17	Psalm 32 Jeremiah 20: 7 - end John 11: 17 - 27	Psalm 23 Jeremiah 25: 1 - 14 John 12: 36b - end	Psalm 142 Hosea 6: 1 - 6 John 2: 18 - 22

*Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118: 19 – end. Mark 11: 1 – 11 or John 12: 12 – 16. **Or Mark 15: 1 – 39 [40-end].

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Prayer for March

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,
For all the benefits you have won for us,
For all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
May we know you more clearly,
Love you more dearly,
And follow you more nearly,
For ever and ever. Amen.

(St Richard of Chichester : 1197 - 1253)

Services During March

The suspension of services in our four churches continues for at least the first two weeks of March, following the decisions of the Parochial Church Councils in early January.

Funerals continue to take place in the churches following Covid-19 restrictions.

Any developments towards easing lockdown restrictions will help guide our PCCs (meeting this month) in their decisions about when to commence public worship again but we do hope this will be possible just before Easter.

Please look out for information in the weekly News and Prayer Updates and on our websites. We will be providing a number of services during Holy Week, hopefully in person but also online.

Sunday Services

Although we are not meeting together in person, we continue to stream a recorded service each Sunday.

New this Lockdown is a **live Zoom Service** every Sunday which you can join from 10.15 ready to begin at 10.30. There is time to chat before the service and afterwards everyone is welcome to stay on and have a cup of coffee or tea together. This is proving quite popular and we break into smaller groups for coffee afterwards.

The **Storytelling Service** continues on the 2nd and 4th Sundays as a recorded service with all the usual content and craft suggestions.

Midweek Services

On **Wednesday mornings at 09.00** you can join **Celtic Morning Prayer.** For details of the links for this service please contact Revd Trish Cope Tel: 07703 470101; 01925 754787 or email trishcope2012@btinternet.com

On **Thursday Evenings at 19.00** you can join a **Telephone Service for Evening Worship**.
We hope that this will be particularly helpful for those who do not use the internet, but everyone is welcome to join. Please contact our Reader Mrs Chris Stanisstreet for details of how to join. Tel: 01925 755 559
Email: stanbess2003@yahoo.co.uk

Midweek Lent Course – please see page 15 of this magazine for details.

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Below is a possible outline of what may happen, but all depends on the decisions taken by our three PCCs and the Covid situation at the time. Online recorded services will continue for the time being. When there are no services in our Churches there will be a Zoom service to join.

Palm Sunday 28 March
If our Churches are open, there will be services at:

St John High Legh (10.00)
Holy Trinity Little Bollington (11.00) and
St Paul Over Tabley (11.00)

Holy Week

Monday 29 March: Telephone Service
Tuesday 30 March: Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday 31 March: Celtic Morning Prayer
Maundy Thursday1st April: Holy Communion at 19.30 at St John's and St Mary's.
Good Friday 2nd April:
10.40 Good Friday Walk starts from St Paul's** **Booking Essential.**
11.00 Meditation at St Pauls.
14.00 Meditation at St John's
Online Meditation from St Mary's
Holy Saturday: 19.00 Easter Vigil at Holy Trinity (Outdoor) (Bring your refreshments and folding chair please)
Also an online vigil will be available.

Easter Day - Booking Will Be ESSENTIAL FOR ALL SERVICES
06.30 Sunrise Service at St Mary Rostherne (Outdoor)
09.00 Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Little Bollington**
10.00 Holy Communion at St John High Legh**
10.30 Holy Communion at St Mary Rostherne
11.00 Holy Communion at St Paul Over Tabley

April Magazine

We would love to hear from any reader with contributions of interest.

Please send any items to your usual Editor or to parishmagrwlb@gmail.com by the end of the day on

Friday 19th March 2021.

From the Ministry Team

In his poem, 'Marked by Ashes', the theologian Walter Brueggemann reflects on the significance of Lent. Although ashes are only imposed on Ash Wednesday, he describes how in his imagination every day of Lent starts with their taste in his mouth, and as he rolls the ashes around his tongue, they remind him of all the pain and suffering in the world. He also calls to mind the words spoken by the priest as the ashes are administered, 'From dust you came and to dust you will return', words that remind him of his own mortality.

Lent is traditionally a time of penitence, prayer and fasting. When I was younger, I would regularly be asked what I was giving up, because it is customary to give up something that we enjoy in order to focus our minds more closely on the final days of Jesus' ministry. Giving something up for Lent could be viewed as the religious equivalent of a New Year resolution, the advantage being that Lent only lasts six weeks. To give up something we enjoy ticks the box labelled 'abstinence'. However, the problem with ticking boxes is that when we do so there is the temptation to feel a sense of achievement. We metaphorically give ourselves a pat ourselves on the back, particularly if six weeks later we have kept to our resolution, and that does not align us with God's purposes. Of course, there is nothing wrong with giving up something we enjoy at Lent. It is a time-honoured tradition and as long as we do it for the right reasons it can benefit our relationship with God.

That being said, in recent years there has been an increasing emphasis on using Lent as a time to do something different that will benefit society as a whole. In our Old Testament reading for Ash Wednesday, God speaking through the prophet Isaiah says,
"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"

When we look at the oppression and injustice in the world around us it might seem that we can do nothing to answer Gods demand that we do something. Like the famous picture of the man standing in front of a tank in Tiananman Square, we can speak truth to power but not believe we have the means to make the powerful listen. However, if we do nothing this Lent, not even so much as donate items to food banks or support other charities, then we are not sharing God's passion for the hungry, the homeless, the victims of injustice and oppression. If we do, we are, in a very small way, playing our part to co-operate with God's purposes and help bring relief where it is needed.

Philip

Lent Course - God's Story Our Story

It's not too late to join us for this course which is based on the booklet #Live Lent: God's Story Our Story which has been delivered to many church members but you can also access it on line or buy your own copy.

Sessions are on Tuesday evenings and start at **19.00** lasting up to an hour and a half.

There is worship, video and opportunities to discuss what we have read over the week before and there are questions that can be used as points for discussion. We break into smaller groups for parts of each session.

The link for this course is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81871970480?pwd=SEJ3R2FZL0RaTWF5eUV0MWR2OE92QT09

Tributes

St Mary's

Patricia Anne Eaton aged 79 years.
Patricia was born in 1942 and grew up at Mere in the family home, Dene Croft.

She and her sister Joan attended finishing school in Switzerland where she became a proficient skier.

Later Patricia married David Eaton who she first met at her riding school, and they set up home in Knutsford. David and Patricia were blessed with two children, Natasha and Joanna.

A great lover of nature, Patricia also become a writer and produced two novels and several books of poetry. Sadly David passed away in 2018 and three years later Patricia's own health began to decline rapidly.

Her funeral took place on the 23rd February at Altrincham Crematorium.

St Pauls

Ken Briggs sadly died in Macclesfield hospital on Saturday 6th of February aged 93.

He will be greatly missed by his wife Margaret, children Andrew and Sally and son-in-law Stuart.

The family would like to thank everyone who has given them support over what has been a very difficult time.

Thank you to all those that attended Ken's funeral and made a donation to St. Paul's in his memory.

WHATTA LOTTA LITTER

Look at these photos – they show a tiny fraction of the litter left around our village. But what an enthusiastic response from Little Bollington residents!! Within a week of announcing a litter clean-up initiative, **one in every 4 households** offered to help!! The LB Clean Team has 32 volunteers from age 5 to 85.All have been provided equipment, litter picker sticks, bags and bag hoops and more is on the way. Many volunteers are out on cleaning duty frequently. Work is being done in all areas of the village. And it has made a huge difference, with many of our roads and paths looking clean and tidy again. There are too many helpers to mention here, but all deserve huge thanks from our community.

We are in discussions with the National Trust and with Cheshire East Council about ideas to make the litter clean up as effective as possible. We are also exploring ideas for taking the clean-up to the next level by promoting a Clean Village campaign to win over hearts and minds and persuade everyone to join us in keeping our village clean. We welcome your suggestions and ideas.

And all offers of help are welcome. Do please get in touch.

BUSES AND BOUNDARIES

Many local people also responded to the appeal for engagement in the Local Transport Plan consultation undertaken by Cheshire East Council. The public consultation sought views on transport to your local service centre town. But the list of towns did not include Altrincham, which is the key location for services needed by people living in Little Bollington, Agden and nearby areas. The Local Transport Plan does not recognise that the services people use may lie across the Council boundary in an adjacent district. Many people responded to inform Cheshire East Council that the needs of our communities have been overlooked in this Transport Plan.

The two bus services which enabled local residents to reach Altrincham, and also Lymm and Warrington, were both terminated in April 2018. This has caused huge inconvenience to many people, and distress to some who have suffered great hardship as direct result of the decision. The bus service was essential for many people: those on low incomes, people with infirmity, those who do not or cannot drive, school children, teenagers and more.

We have since learned that the consultation period has been extended to 31 March. If you were not able to respond, you can still do so. You can find the CEC Local Transport Consultation online here:
https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/consultations/local-transport-and-car-parking-engagement-2020.aspx
We can provide a paper copy of the Council consultation and advice on completing the consultation. Just ask.

STAMFORD ARMS DEVELOPMENT

After a very long delay, planning permission for the development of the Stamford Arms site has been granted. Novo Property Group have expressed sincere thanks for the support of the Little Bollington community. Work can now commence on reinstating and improving this derelict site which occupies a prominent position in our village. Construction will start in May with completion expected in July 2022. Further details can be found on the Novo website here:
https://www.novoproperty.co.uk/post/stamford-arms-development-gets-the-green-light

Novo are now considering ideas for naming the new road into the development and the four detached houses to be built on the site. The preferred name for the road was Stamford Court or Close but this is not possible as the village already has a Stamford Road. Government and Council policies require that roads are not given similar names within the same locality. Local residents have suggested ideas for the house names ranging from local names such as Stamford, Bollin, Bridgewater etc to names of birds, trees and plants.

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Little Bollington WI

It is a year ago that Little Bollington W.I. met at the school.
We had no idea that it would be such a long time until we could meet again in person. Members have kept in contact using WhatsApp, which has been a great help in allowing everyone to encourage one another and share anecdotes.

In February, we joined in our first Zoom meeting, hosted by Linda Chappell. This proved very popular, with many ladies joining in, and it was lovely to see everyone looking so well and happy. We are looking forward to our next Zoom meeting in March.

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Mavis Weetman, a lovely lady and a member for many years.

If you have any queries please contact Pam Winward on 01565:83046

OUR FOOD HEROES – DAVID, CHRIS, JOHN, STEVE & ANN – The Sheldon Family by Peter Williams.

Beating a path to your door daily come wind, rain, sleet & snow always with a smile, Dilys, the old mare, drew instinctively to a gentle stop. Steaming in the frosty air her built-in equine satnav guiding her sure-footed around the town's sleepy streets with a minimum of rein. The ladies appeared by magic clutching their empty jugs ready to receive the rich, fresh, full cream milk drawn by ladle from the one giant churn. Their orders barked out in Welsh, their native language, 'hanner peint, dau peint, os gwelwch yn dda'. Welsh only spoken on this social occasion, an event central to their daily life – an irresistible opportunity to gossip. The year was 1954, this was my first job, a chance of pocket money - even if it meant rising at dawn – it was, more importantly, my introduction to the milkman, old George Jones, and to a daily ritual playing out all over Britain in the '50's, as it had for more than a century. Some sixty years later, by some minor miracle and despite Covid, the milkman has survived and remains a welcome figure in a totally changed world. Even now, amid the pandemic, this reassuring sight each morning is cheering the nation, if anything, his credentials strengthened, his status undiminished. In a world full of fret and fear he is a symbol of normality.

The most used and abused buzzword of the last decade, ICONIC, in the context of the milkman seems strangely well placed. The quintessentially British milk bottle is indeed symbolic of wholesome goodness, part of our national identity and of our sacred Britishness and ever present in the lives of our people, a fact recognised around the world. At the tearful departure of Brigitte Devroute, our French au-pair in the 70's, she told us that among the abiding memories of her time with us would be the humble milkman.

IT'S VERY MUCH A FAMILY AFFAIR

Whatever the horrors the pandemic has held for most of us, for the Sheldon family is has meant a surprising boost in trade so much so that in the beginning of March 2020 they were obliged to close down their incredibly busy website as it simply could not cope with the deluge of enquiries. It was a full month before they were able to re-open it after having upgraded their operation systems to cope. Sheldon's is very much a family affair, a common factor in successful milk delivery businesses, as not everyone relishes the prospect of opening up for trade at 2.30am to load 18 electric vehicles for a 3.30am departure on their various rounds covering an ever-increasing area of activity from Warrington to Alderley Edge and all points in between. The business was started by David Sheldon in 1957 before it was sold in 1965 to Associated Dairies, later to become the supermarket Asda. David then bought a milk round in Knutsford that was to form the roots of today's company. David has now retired and the company is left in the capable hands of his son Chris, his brother John and his brother-in-law Steve. This last year Chris's wife, Ann, joined them. Today, Sheldon's is still based in Knutsford but with 6,000 regular customers is unrecognisable as the same small company that started in Tyldesley in 1965 majoring on only milk and cream. These days the company would not have survived without the diversification and flexibility needed to respond to market change. Milk, cream, cheese and eggs along with fruit and veg directly from Smithfield Market, fresh bread daily from Roberts in Northwich, meat and poultry from Knutsford and, of course, that other staple of British life – the daily news paper. Fresh orange juice and bottled spring water are also available along with pet food. A full online ordering service is available for clients and the variety may surprise. These days there isn't very much that can't be had from Sheldon's and all delivered with a smile directly to your door and the company is proud of its green credentials too with a fleet of all electric vehicles charged by using their own solar panels at the Dairy. Re-useable glass bottles are still the order of the day and actively supporting local producers also reduces mileage.

In this fast-changing world with its tech billionaires and its fake tans and fake news, where everyone is a star in their own blog world, it's wonderful to enjoy a simple human success story based on integrity, personal service and old-fashioned values and see it prosper and triumph despite adversity –

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Recipe for March

This recipe is from Christa Chadwick who won the prize for the most interesting pancake recipe at our Zoom Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party. This is a German pancake recipe and we thought you may like to try it out. Christa usually serves these pancakes with apple sauce but you can serve them with other sweet or savoury accompaniments.

POTATO PANCAKES

For a family of six.

Take one kilo of potatoes that are nice and floury, like baking potatoes.
1 medium sized onion
1 large egg, or 2 small eggs
Some Salt
2 teaspoons of sugar
Any flavours such as ginger, any choice.
Some plain flour.

Grate the potatoes by hand, or use a blender, also the onion.
Mix all ingredients, if too liquid , reduce by adding the flour
And/or dispose of excess liquid.

Fry in good cooking oil , not olive oil. The oil has to be hot for the pancakes to get a crisp edge, then cook them slowly to ensure the raw potatoes cook well through.

Eat piping hot with Apple sauce, lemon and sugar, jam or savoury.
Can be eaten cold. None were ever wasted in my home.
Crisp streaky bacon is nice, even as a breakfast with a fried egg.

The secret is to find the right potato. Trial and error. Not so good for tossing!

Pancake Party Winners

Tossing Pancakes: Harry and Max Wakefield. They were amazing, you should have seen them! They each won a bar of milk chocolate.

Tastiest Way to Service Pancakes: Brenda Folds – they looked delicious layered with cream, raspberries and raspberry syrup.

Most Interesting Recipe: Christa Chadwick – a German pancake recipe, quite different. You can try it yourself.

So if you thought that it isn't possible to hold a Pancake Party over Zoom, think again. We all enjoyed ourselves and it was really good fun!

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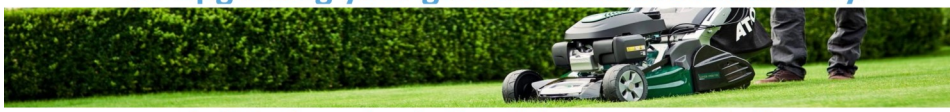

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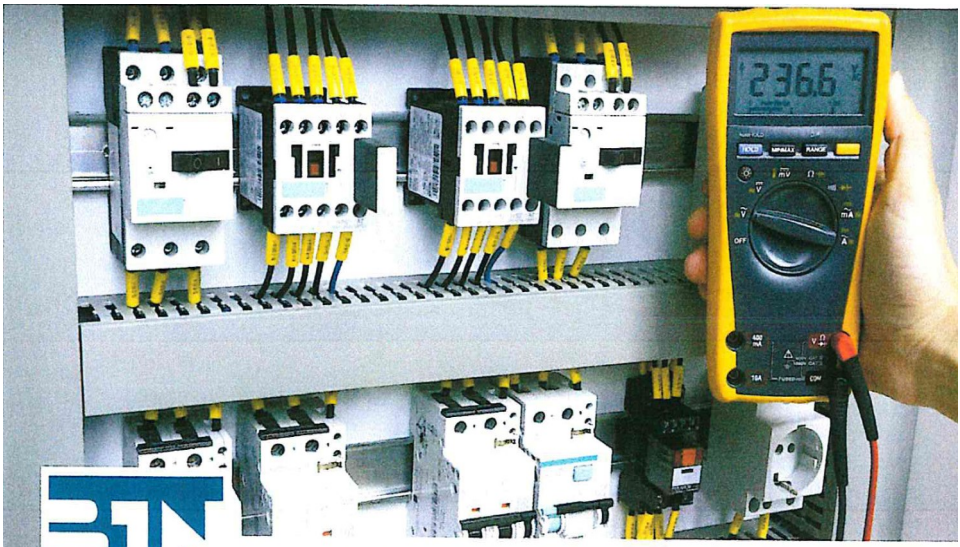

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