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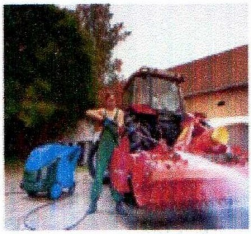

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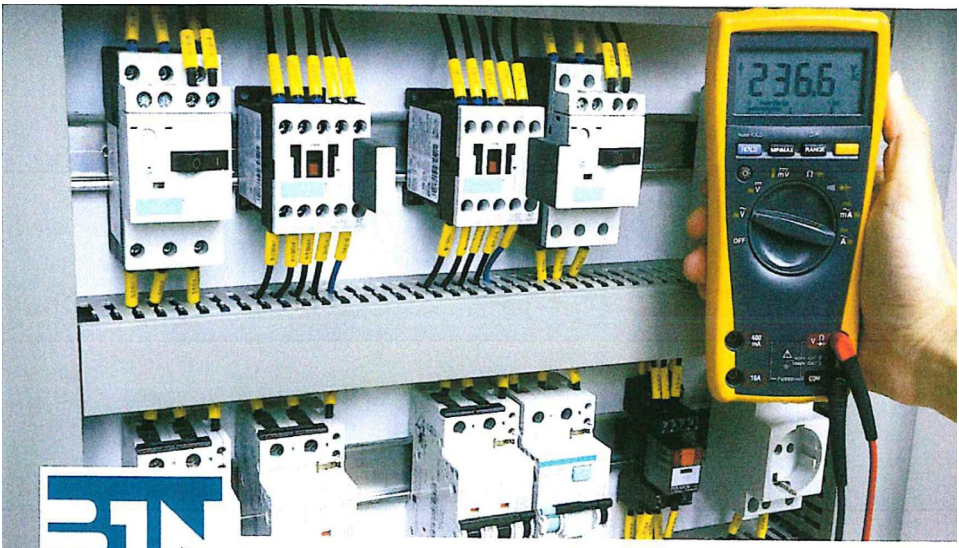

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June Magazine

It is difficult to know when we will be able to produce and deliver paper copies of the magazines again. We will continue with this format for the time being as we all wait to see how things develop.

We would love to receive contributions from any reader. Perhaps you can share pictures of what you have been doing or making. Have you taken up a new skill or developed a delicious recipe you can share with us all. Perhaps you have made a special corner in your home for prayer - the Dining Room at the Vicarage has been turned into a chapel from where we stream services. Would you like to send a photograph?

We would love to hear what the children have been doing in response to the Storytelling Services we have streamed.

Please send any items to your usual Editor (see opposite) by

Monday 17th May

From the Vicarage

This has been the strangest Easter I can remember. We have been unable to follow most of the usual ways we celebrate Holy Week. I planned to carry the cross on my own between the churches on Good Friday, but the Rural Dean told me that it would be stretching the rules on going out for a short period of essential exercise beyond what would be acceptable! Perhaps most painfully, Easter saw us unable to come to church and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Depending who you listen to this was either the first time since the Pope Innocent III excommunicated King John in 1209 and placed England under an interdict which meant no church services could be held, or the first time since 1660 when Oliver Cromwell abolished Christmas and Easter. Take your pick. Perhaps what has made the weeks of lock down more surreal has been the way soaps from The Archers to Eastenders have appeared to exist in a parallel universe where everything goes on as usual; the pubs are busy, restaurants are full and social distancing means that one of the characters is trying to avoid someone.

What has the lockdown meant for Patricia and me? Our dining room has become a film studio as we record services to post on the internet, joined as always by Buster our dog. Being classed as 'Ministers of Religion' we are deemed essential workers but have still tried to observe the restrictions on personal movement and only go out on essential business. Like a friend of ours in New Zealand who has challenged herself to survive for four weeks on the contents of her kitchen cupboards and freezer, we have been working through our stock of food. Discovering that we have had some of it so long that it is out of date has brought home how relatively affluent we are. The lockdown has also turned how we view others upside down. A few weeks ago, the sight of people visiting our village and enjoying themselves in the churchyard would have filled us with pleasure. Now we do our best to discourage them and have even posted notices at the churchyard entrances asking people to keep out and leave it for local people and those visiting the graves of loved ones. If cyclists or walkers stop and ask us directions, we ask how far they have travelled to come and exercise here. It really is a different world that we live in.

A sense of a different world permeates the accounts of what life was like for the disciples of Jesus in the aftermath of his crucifixion. The old certainties had been blown away and they were in lockdown, cowering behind locked doors in the upper room out of fear that they would be next. When the women returned from visiting the tomb and told them that Jesus was not there and that they had met him it must have

seemed unbelievable. When Jesus himself appeared to them his first words were, “Do not be afraid” because they found his resurrection appearance terrifying. When the truth of what had happened dawned on them their original reactions were replaced by joy. Over the next few days, they gradually began to realise a new vision of what life would be like as his disciples in a world that had been turned upside down.

Celebrating the resurrection at a time when so many members of our congregations are themselves in lockdown out fear of the coronavirus has not been easy for any of us. Yet as Christians we are able to celebrate the fact that through the death and resurrection of Jesus ‘a new order on earth has begun; God’s wonderful redemptive purposes for sinful humanity have burst into the world’ (*Graham Dow*). We can join in the great Easter acclamation. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Every blessing.

Philip.

If you are lonely or finding life difficult and would like to talk to someone please telephone one of the ministry team whose contact details are on page 8. All conversations are in strict confidence.

From the Registers

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St Mary’s: Angela Whitehead
Irene Horner

St John’s: Mike Walker
Pat Carrick

Coffee and Chat

During the lockdown we are meeting at 11.00 every Wednesday on Zoom. Follow this link

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Contact Patricia for more details if you wish on 01565 830595
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Table of Sunday and Daily Readings for May 2020

May	W/c 3 May	W/c 10 May	W/c 17 May	W/c 24 May
Sunday	4th Sunday of Easter Psalm 23 Acts 2: 42-end John 10: 1-10	5th Sunday of Easter Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 Acts 7: 55-end John 14: 1-14	6th Sunday of Easter Psalm 66: 7-end Acts 17: 22-31 John 14: 15-21	7th Sunday of Easter Psalm 68: 1-10 Acts 1: 6-14 John 17: 1-11
Monday	Psalm 103 Exodus 32: 1-14 Luke 2: 41-end	Psalm 145 Numbers 9:15-end; 10.33-end Luke 4:38-end	Psalm 65 Numbers 16: 1-35 Luke 6: 27-38	Psalm 93 Numbers 22: 1-35 Luke 7: 36-end
Tuesday	Psalm 139 Exodus 32: 15-34 Luke 3: 1-14	Psalm 19 Numbers 11:1-33 Luke 5: 1-11	Psalm 126 Numbers 16: 36-end Luke 6:39-end	Psalm 99 Numbers 22: 36-23:12 Luke 8: 1-15
Wednesday	Psalm 135 Exodus Chapter 33 Luke 3: 15-22	Psalm 30 Numbers Chapter 12 Luke 5: 12-26	Psalm132 Numbers 17: 1-11 Luke 7: 1-10	Psalm 29 Numbers 23: 13-end Luke 8: 16-25
Thursday	Psalm 118 Exodus 34: 1-10,27-end Luke 4: 1-13	Psalm 57 Numbers 13:1-3,17-end Luke 5: 27-end	Ascension Day Psalm 93 Acts 1: 1-11 Luke 24: 44-end	Psalm 24 Number Chapter 24 Luke 8: 26-39
Friday	Psalm 33 Exodus 35:20-36:7 Luke 4:14-30	Psalm 138 Numbers 14: 1-25 Luke 6: 1-11	Psalm 81 Numbers 20:1-13 Luke 7: 11-17	Psalm 28 Numbers 27: 12-end Luke 8: 40-end
Saturday	Psalm 34 Exodus 40: 17-end Luke 4: 31-37	Psalm 146 Numbers 14: 26-end Luke 6: 12-26	Psalm 47 Numbers 21: 4-9 Luke 7: 18-35	Psalm 43 Numbers 32: 1-27 Luke 9: 1-17

Services in Lockdown

You can access our weekly Sunday service by going to the St John's Website and clicking on the links.

Weekly News and Prayer Update

This is sent out each Saturday by Mail Chimp. You just need to let Patricia (pmrobinson51@gmail.com) have your email address and it will be sent to you each week. It includes the link for the Service, a copy of the hymn, the reflection and readings, prayer ideas, notices and the link for the Storytelling Services.

A Poem written to encourage a team who are working on the frontline in the current crisis but who have, on difficult days faced some negative reactions. This poem is for everyone who is working hard for others at the present time.

A Little bit of Encouragement……

Hold your head high because you are amazing.
Hold your head high because you are giving.
Hold your head high because you are caring.
Hold your head high because you are selfless.

Hold your head high because you are loving.
Hold your head high because you are faithful.
Hold your head high because you are understanding.
Hold your head high because you are compassionate.

Hold your head high even when you don't get it right the first time.
Hold your head high even though you have to make
difficult decisions.
Hold your head high even though you're not perfect.
Hold your head high even when someone tries to bring you down.
Stand Strong,
Stand Faithful,
Stand Together.

The author wishes to remain anonymous but is happy for this poem to be reproduced here.

LETTER FROM F. SCOTT FITZGERALD, QUARANTINED IN 1920 IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE DURING THE "SPANISH FLU" OUTBREAK.

Dearest Rosemary,

It was a limpid dreary day, hung as in a basket from a single dull star. I thank you for your letter. Outside, I perceive what may be a collection of fallen leaves tussling against a trash can. It rings like jazz to my ears. The streets are that empty. It seems as though the bulk of the city has retreated to their quarters, rightfully so. At this time, it seems very poignant to avoid all public spaces. Even the bars, as I told Hemingway, but to that he punched me in the stomach, to which I asked if he had washed his hands. He hadn't. He is much the denier, that one. Why, he considers the virus to be just influenza. I'm curious of his sources.

The officials have alerted us to ensure we have a month's worth of necessities. Zelda and I have stocked up on red wine, whiskey, rum, vermouth, absinthe, white wine, sherry, gin, and lord, if we need it, brandy. Please pray for us.

You should see the square, oh, it is terrible. I weep for the damned eventualities this future brings. The long afternoons rolling forward slowly on the ever-slick bottomless highball. Z. says it's no excuse to drink, but I just can't seem to steady my hand. In the distance, from my brooding perch, the shoreline is cloaked in a dull haze where I can discern an unremitting penance that has been heading this way for a long, long while. And yet, amongst the cracked cloudline of an evening's cast, I focus on a single strain of light, calling me forth to believe in a better morrow.

Faithfully yours,

F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Sign

Readers of St John's Parish Magazine usually receive an insert called The Sign. You may be wondering whether this will be available during the current crisis.

You can access it online by going to this link where you will find a page turning version of the May issue of The Sign.

https://publications.hymnsam.co.uk/emags/SignMay20/index.html

Rhubarb

Rhubarb,rhubarb,rhubarb is what we hear from Brenda,
I wonder what tomorrow will be on her agenda?
We heard about it in a flan and maybe it's a cure,
but rhubarb is not the same if it's not had horse manure.

We've heard about the Scottish bard, how the wood pigeon was late,
if it were me I'd catch it and have it on a plate!
We're glad to hear her ward is well and her family down south,
so there's really isn't reason to get down in the mouth.

Round hear we're really lucky, ourselves we shouldn't pity,
much easier than the majority who live in the big city.
We can sit out in our garden and listen to bird songs,
and when we go out for a walk, we do not see the throngs.

Philip and Patricia have you tubed to the nation,
is this the beginning of an internet sensation?
In Holy Week we thank them for providing us with prayer,
we're not with them in person but we know that they are there.

So Brenda, thanks for your daily communication,
just think of lockdown as an extended vacation.
Keep the stories coming, we must keep our sense of humour,
She is our only laureate - or is this just a rumour?

(by Alan Greenway)

Brenda is St Paul's PCC Secretary and keeps in regular touch with other members of the congregation there.

Men's Lunch Group

As you would expect, the existing government 'corvid 19' emergency order, imposing distancing and social isolating, prohibits our monthly lunches and days out.

However, you will be interested to learn that the two venues to which we were committed, JCB and Bentley Motors, have acknowledged our continued interest and look forward to welcoming our party when appropriate. Even our friendly coach proprietor has e mailed to say they wish us well through this vulnerable environment.

In the meantime Ed joins me in suggesting we, as a community, keep in contact with one another and if help is required, please let us know.

In a more social atmosphere, when this emergency order is relaxed, we meet every third Thursday in the month and welcome new members and visitors to our informal lunches.

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Mere and Tabley Community Club

In line with government guidelines, the committee at our club have closed the premises until further notice.

Our final function before shut down was our Thursday whist drive where we have had increased numbers in recent weeks. The Participants, mainly our senior generation, really enjoy their weekly evening whist drives and were saddened when told this could no longer take place.

Our Club is fortunate that it is run by volunteers, so there is no great expense in closing. We are also in a strong financial position, so I am confident that the Club will weather the crisis and return in the future stronger.

We are still welcoming the Blood Donation Service to our premises for their vital work.

We have the most fantastic communications officer who co-ordinates an email service for members. He sends out an email most days keeping everybody up to date on a variety of issues including his own version of virtual bowling! Other members chip in with different articles including quizzes and reminisces of early TV programmes.

In these strange times, I wish everyone well and stay safe.

Alan Greenway (Chairman)

A 16th Century Response to the Plague

In the 16th Century when Martin Luther was living in Wittenberg the town was affected by a deadly plague. Martin Luther wrote a letter to his friend the Rev Dr John Hess about whether he should leave the town. He decided, however to stay where he was and ask God to protect them. Other steps he proposed taking were fumigation, administering and taking medicine; avoidance of places and people where he was not needed to lessen the risk of catching anything and passing it on to others and so causing their death through his negligence. Such was his faith that he declared that God knew where to find him if he wished to take him. He also considered that by taking the actions he proposed, he would have done what God expected him to do and so would have a clear conscience and not be responsible for his own death or the deaths of other people. He declared, however, that he would not avoid people who needed his help.

Based on an article from the Garstang URC Newsletter sent in by Linda Atkinson from Holy Trinity.

New Every Morning

Every day is a fresh beginning,
Listen my soul to the glad refrain.
And, spite of old sorrows
And older sinning,
Troubles forecasted
And possible pain,
Take heart with the day
and begin again.

Susan Coolidge (1835-1905)

WHERE IS THE CHURCH?

The Church is not that place
Of stone and glass,
Grass and graves,
Cross and candles,
Pews and pulpit.

The Church is right here
In tears and laughter,
In prayer and song,
In quiet and stillness,
In faith and trust.

The Church is always here,
Wherever we are.
For the Church is us.
Me and you…..
With Him.

Nigel Watson
April 2020

Virtual Quiz Nights with CAFT Fridays at 20.00

With help from our friends at Quiztaztic, we are very excited to be bringing the nations favourite afterwork pastime to your living room, for the second time; the PUB QUIZ! Albeit with a twist. It's a virtual pub quiz! All you have to do to join in the fun is to stream the live quiz through Youtube at 8pm on Friday night.

Teams can be a single household or you may join with up with other households to make one collective team. So whether you get the kids down from their bedrooms or videocall with your much missed colleagues, the choice is yours but there is a maximum of 8 players per team and 4 households per team!

Our website **www.caft.co.uk/events/quiznight** has all the details.

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LITTLE BOLLINGTON PARISH MEETING NEWS

Bus Service – Progress

To those of you who responded to our appeal to write to Councillor Craig Browne, Deputy Leader of Cheshire East Council, a big THANK YOU. Your good work has brought results. Councillor Browne agreed to meet with LBPM to discuss the need for a bus service for our community. He also allowed us to invite others to the meeting: Bus4Us Campaign, our Ward Councillor Kate Parkinson, Stephen Taylor representing the MP for Warrington South and Ben Fearns MD of Novo Property Group. Councillor Browne is responsible for CEC policy on the allocation of new funds provided by the government to improve local bus services.

Jane Grime and Chris Wakefield fromBus4Us, who have worked tirelessly on the campaign for a local bus service, set out the case and the arguments. They presented evidence from the extensive and thorough research they have done on local demographics, social needs, existing bus services and policy making by CEC and Warrington BC. Councillor Kate Parkinson also provided evidence of the need and her passionate support for the bus service to meet the needs of our community. Ben Fearns pledged the support of his business and gave evidence of the additional needs arising from the redevelopment of the Stamford Arms site, which will bring more families into the area. Stephen Taylor stressed the urgent need for the three authorities (CEC, Warrington BC and Transport for Greater Manchester) to work together and consider a viable solution.

Chris and Jane presented a practical solution to the meeting and Councillor Browne agreed this would be considered with a report back to LBPM. Following the meeting, Chris prepared a full report on the Bus4Us research findings, together with a map clearly illustrating the proposals for a local bus service. This shows the existing bus services and the proposals for changing these to include a service for Agden, High Legh and Little Bollington.

We now have a clear, workable and cost effective solution on the table and under consideration. This excellent progress results from the dogged determination, hard work and huge commitment of Jane Grime and Chris Wakefield. They deserve the gratitude of everyone in our community. There is a long way to go and much work to do.
The Bus4Us campaign needs your support. Please contact Jane Grime on 07974 269296 or janegrime42@gmail.com

Little Bollington Community Support

In view of the lockdown measures in place during the coronavirus outbreak, we have launched the Little Bollington Community Support service. This has been promoted widely with a leaflet delivered to all households, and by email, social media and the Little Bollington website. The service is for all residents in Litttle Bollington, Bollington Mill and Millington. This will complement services operating in Lymm, which covers Agden, and in High Legh.

The aim of the service is to ensure "**no-one is left behind**" and anyone who may need help is able to get it easily. If you need help, see the contacts on the leaflet or contact the Parish Clerk. We have many Village Volunteers ready to help and are happy to recruit more. Let us know if you can help.

Coronavirus Fears

There has recently been an outpouring of complaints from residents and visitors, raising concerns that many visitors are not complying with the government guidance on social distancing, heightening fears of an increased risk of infection from coronavirus. This has particularly been a challenge on Park Lane, which is in places narrow and winding, with no pavement to separate pedestrians and leads to the very narrow footbridge over the River Bollin.

There have also been challenges on the path of the Bridgewater Canal. Cycling is prohibited on the canal path in this area because it is so narrow. This ruling has been widely ignored by cyclists for many years, with little intervention from pedestrians. However, with the onset of coronavirus, they too have become increasingly concerned about the increased risk of infection.

In an attempt to address the fears and concerns, new signs were hastily made and installed in the village and on the canal. It was later realised that some of the wording on the signs was inappropriate, such as the statement that infringements will be prosecuted. The signs led to an outcry by the cycling community, expressed on websites, social media and emails. It caught the attention of cycling forums such as road.cc as well as The Times. Some of the messages threatened legal or other action and some were abusive. There was also an arson attack on a sign on the canal witnessed by our PCSO. Due to these negative reactions, and to mitigate the risk of further damage, fire, and even social unrest, the signs have been removed and there are currently no plans to replace them.

Unfortunately, this means that for the moment residents are left with unresolved concerns. Many visitors passing through the area continue to disregard the government
guidance on social distancing and ignore the prohibition against cycling on the canal path. There is no immediate action the community can take to mitigate the concern of an increased risk of corinavirus infection. Similar issues and concerns have arisen in other village communities. Our Ward Councillor, Kate Parkinson, is raising the matter with her colleagues, and we hope that this may result in some appropriate action by Cheshire East Council.

Contact: Parish Clerk: Mike Reed, 25 High Field 07766 083765 (m)
clerk@littlebollington.org
Website: littlebollington.org

Recipe for May No-bake Chocolate Cheesecake

Ingredients

130g butter, melted, plus extra for the tin
300g chocolate digestive biscuits
150g milk chocolate
150g dark chocolate
250g mascarpone
300g cream cheese (don't use a low-fat variety)
50g icing sugar
25g malted milk drink powder (we used Horlicks)
25g hot chocolate powder
1 tsp vanilla extract
300ml double cream
150g Maltesers (100g chopped, 50g whole), plus a handful to decorate
100g chocolate buttons, roughly chopped

Method

Butter and line a 23cm springform cake tin. Blitz the biscuits in a food processor to form fine crumbs, then add the butter and blitz again. Tip the biscuit mixture into the tin and press down firmly with the back of a spoon. Chill in the fridge while you make the filling.

In separate bowls, melt the milk and dark chocolate over pans of gently simmering water. Alternatively, melt in the microwave in 30-second bursts, stirring between each interval until melted. Set aside to cool.

Use a hand whisk to mix the mascarpone, cream cheese, icing sugar, malted milk drink powder, hot chocolate powder and vanilla extract until smooth. In a separate bowl, whisk the cream, then fold into the mascarpone mixture. Add half the mixture to each of the chocolate bowls, stirring until well combined. Stir half the chopped Maltesers, whole Maltesers and buttons into the milk chocolate mixture; stir the rest into the dark chocolate mixture.

Spoon the dark chocolate mixture onto the biscuit base. Top with the milk chocolate mixture and smooth over the top. Chill overnight. Decorate with Maltesers before serving.

(Recipe from Good Food Magazine December 2018)

MILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The COVID-19/ Coronavirus pandemic and the unprecedented in peacetime Government measures in response to the crisis (e.g. prohibitions on gatherings, social distancing, self-isolation and shielding of those deemed to be the most vulnerable) have meant that the requirement for local authorities to hold public meetings in person with all members present in one place cannot be met.

Therefore, the **Annual Parish Meeting that was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 7th May 2019 –7.30pm** will now take place as a virtual meeting with the Parish Councillors.

With the above in mind we are taking this opportunity to open up a five-day window to our parishioners, from the 27th April until the 1st May.
Please forward your email titled
'APM Questions' to
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The questions will be answered and recorded in the minutes.

Once the meeting has been held a copy of the minutes and the financial report will be posted onto the website
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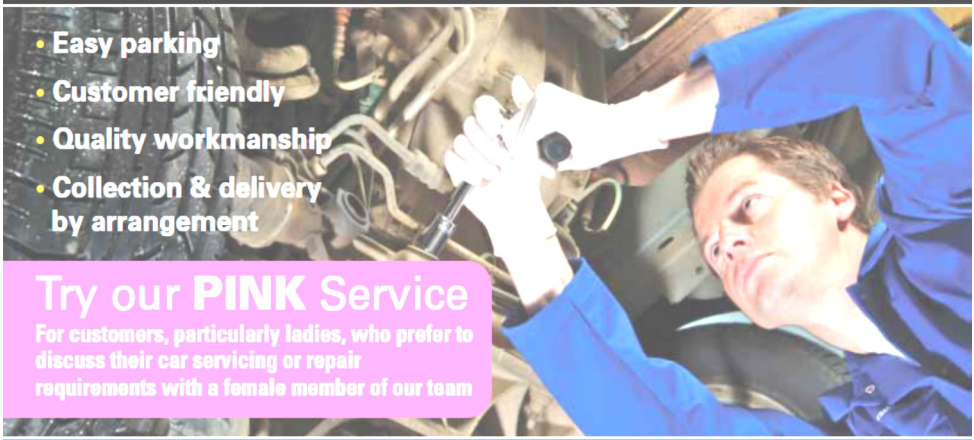

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