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May 2021

A year ago we were all discovering how to approach the pandemic, the weather was perfect, the prospect was of three or perhaps six weeks' lockdown. Now we know better and have lived through a long year of restriction and lockdowns. Someone remarked to me 'I thought I knew how to dig deep, but this has been a whole new challenge and I've had to dig deeper than ever before to cope with these days.' This is something that we have all faced, both individually and as a community. Our village communities have been striving to ensure that no one has been neglected and neighbourly help has held centre-stage.

These same challenges have of course affected us in church life and after long months of closure our churches are opening up for services again. A big thank you is due to those who regularly opened the churches for private prayer. Easter saw all of our churches holding Easter Day services. The pattern of worship is increasing in line with the Government's roadmap and from Pentecost on 23rd May we shall be back to the full rota of services. The transition at the end of May could look confusing take note of inside pages and the website. Necessary Covid precautions will continue to be observed to ensure the safety of everyone who attends.

As well as our regular church services Churches, families and individuals across our nation are invited to enter into a particular scheme of prayer **Thy Kingdom Come**. This is a global prayer movement in which all of us around the world can join together in a community of hope. The wave of prayer runs for 11 days between the Christian festivals of Ascension and Pentecost. This year Thy Kingdom Come will take place between May 13th - May 23rd 2021.

People pray in whatever way they want and with whomever they want for others to come to know Jesus Christ. Our world would be transformed in the ending of conflict, in developing new ways of looking after our environment and in bringing a sense of new life into the world scene. The pandemic has shown us the interconnectedness of us all and this is an opportunity to express our commitment one to another. It is ambitious! And during this time we can find ways of respecting and working alongside our friends from other faiths or none, for the good of all. Many church leaders have taken up the invitation: *"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."* Archbishop Justin Welby. To help us in our prayers there will be Thy Kingdom Come prayer booklets available in our churches. Make sure you obtain yours! Other resources can be found on the designated web-site, along with newsletters from around the world etc. There will be links to these on our Church website.

In this Springtime as we hope to come out of the worst of the pandemic we can find new and ways of living.

Stephen, Interim Assistant Curate

The Church of England continues to produce services that are free to hear on the telephone simply dial **0800 804 8044**. **The website now has the current issue of this magazine available it is easiest accessed through the Church of England "a church near you" site, each church has its own page.** If there is anything you would like put up on the site do email it directly to revfletcher24@gmail.com. Have a look! It is regularly updated in these changing times. There are lots of useful links to see!

From the Registers

Funerals:

Margaret "Meg" Naish, St Mary's Ilmington, 18th March.

Peggy Amelia Fletcher, St Mary's Preston-on-Stour, 29th March.

Barbara Frances Prickett, St Gregory's Tredington, 29th March.

Nature Notes May 2021

Clouds are amazing, the sky is a different inspiring picture to look at every day all thanks to the water cycle! We can roughly predict the weather depending on cloud type. Clouds can be broken into four categories: high, middle, low and clouds with vertical growth. High clouds above 23,000 feet are formed mainly of ice crystals. Middle clouds at 6,500 to 23,000 feet are comprised of water, in cold weather, ice. Low clouds below 6,500 feet generally block the sunlight, can bring rain, wind and snow in cold weather. Vertical growth clouds start at 6,500 feet rising to over 50,000 feet and could mean a storm, if they remain low clumps floating across the sky, there will be fair weather! On 13th May we remember Ascension Day when Jesus watched by His disciples was taken up into heaven and disappeared in a cloud. Two angels told them that Jesus would return one day in the same way they saw Him go Acts 1:9-11. Revelation 1:7 confirms that and says we shall all see Him.

Shipston Medical Centre News

Over 92% of our population aged 50 years and over have now received their first COVID vaccination. If you are over 50 years of age and haven't yet had or booked your first vaccination then please contact Reception after 11am. We'd like to say a massive thank you to the wonderful volunteers who are helping us to deliver the COVID vaccination programme smoothly and safely. Please keep a regular eye on our website for practice updates on various topics, which will include our April Newsletter. The link is: <https://shipstonmc.warwickshire.nhs.uk/>

Shipston Patient Participation Group

Are you aware of the Shipston Patient Participation Group? (PPG). We are here to represent the views of Shipston Medical Centre patients in discussions with the practice about local healthcare services. We really welcome your feedback. Please contact Carole Nossiter, Chair, Shipston PPG on shipstonppg@gmail.com

The Six Parishes Magazine

.The magazine exists to support the communities, both church and secular, of the five parishes and contributions are welcome from everyone. Are you planning a meeting or a fundraising event? Have you news or ideas that will interest others in your village or in the wider community. You will reach over 1200 households with a piece in the Magazine. To fit everything in we ask you to keep your contributions to a maximum of 200 words – preferably less. It's easiest if you email me your piece in plenty of time before the copy deadline which is always given on the same page as the Service Rota together with my email address and other contact details. All editorial is free but if you want to push the boat out and take out an advertisement, a classified ad or include a flier, contact Gabrielle Spencer, our Treasurer, for prices. Her details are in the same place. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Thanks to the wizardry of Richard Sharratt, the Six Parishes Magazine is now also available each month on the Ilmington 20:20 Vision website <https://www.ilmington2020vision.co.uk/parishmagazine> and on the Churches website <https://fosseway6churches.weebly.com/>. But don't worry, a copy will still come through your door each month. Susan Brock, Editor

DARLINGSCOTT

St George Darlingscott.

The Annual Meeting for the Church will be held at the church on Tuesday May 18th commencing at 7.30pm. weather permitting it will be held outside. All welcome.

PRESTON-ON-STOUR

Preston on Stour Village Hall

At last we have some good news! The hall will be open for the local elections on 6th May and then fully open from 21st June. There are three dates for your diaries.

21st June 'Preston Celebrates' - Live and Local have given us the opportunity to work with an artist and project manager from the Fishhouse Theatre group who are going to collaborate with villagers and friends to make a map of Preston for us and visitors. This exciting project could include personal memories as well as heritage and wildlife. You will be hearing more from them very soon and we are looking forward to an event to share the results on midsummers day.

Sunday 4th July 1 pm - Village BBQ This is always a popular event and although Covid restrictions will hopefully be lifted we are going to ensure that our team have taken a lateral flow test and are negative before they cook for you. There will be more information next month.

Tuesday 6th July 7.30 pm AGM at the village hall The village hall committee are sad to say that our treasurer and committee member of the last sixteen years, Di Hoe has decided to retire. We have all been very grateful for her enthusiastic support with so many successful village hall events and in her five years as treasurer especially in updating our accounting system onto computer spreadsheets. If anyone feels that they would like to help by taking on the accounts please contact Mick Jennings on 450797 or Margaret Brocklehurst on 450710 or prestonbrocks@gmail.com

STRETTON-ON-FOSSE

Michael Pipe and Sheila Digweed

We have sad news of the deaths of two people who were formerly very active in the life of St. Peter's, Stretton-on-Fosse and indeed the village. Michael Pipe died on December 15th aged 90. He lived for over sixty years in Stretton with his wife Joy. He played an active role in village life being Clerk to the Parish Council and was Churchwarden and Treasurer of St. Peter's for many years. Sheila Digweed died on Christmas Day, also aged 90. Having moved from her native South Wales she taught at the village school until it closed in 1979. She then taught at Quinton Primary School and at Dormer House in Moreton. She met and married Charlie who died in 2010. For over fifty years she was Secretary of the Parochial Church Council of St. Peter's. She was also involved in the Flower Show, Village Hall, History Society and was a supporter of village events. She died at Alveston Leys Nursing Home. We remember and miss them both.

ILMINGTON

Ilmington Parish Council News

Local Elections and Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Two elections are taking place on Thursday 6th May 2021, one for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire Police Area and a second for the Warwickshire County Councillor for Stour and the Vale division. The referendum for the Ilmington Neighbourhood Plan will take place on the same day. The

referendum asks you to vote 'yes' or 'no' to a question. The question is "Do you want Stratford-on-Avon District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Ilmington to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?" To vote in person, the polling station at Ilmington Village Hall will be open from 7am to 10pm on polling day. The deadlines to apply for a postal or proxy vote have passed, but if you discover that you cannot vote in person because you are required to self-isolate due to covid, then you could appoint an emergency proxy. A proxy is a trusted person to vote on your behalf. Applications for emergency proxy voting must be received by Stratford on Avon District Council elections team by 5pm on polling day. To apply for an emergency proxy, visit their website or contact the elections team by email at elections@stratford-dc.gov.uk or telephone 01789 260208. For more information about the Ilmington Neighbourhood Plan, please read www.ilmington.org.uk/referendum.

How to Contact Ilmington Parish Council: The parish council publishes notices of its meetings and activities on its website www.ilmington.org.uk and on the noticeboards on Upper Green and Lower Green. Details of your local councillors are also available on the website. The Clerk can be reached by email at ilmingtonpc@outlook.com or telephone 01451 885189.

The Coven

When shall we 23 meet again? Well, how about Wednesday July 21 at the Howard Arms for lunch? Fish and chips and a glass of cold white wine? Yes Please! Keep the date free and your fingers crossed. Enjoy the spring, stay safe.

Ilmington Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Ilmington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Referendum voting day is just days away. If you are still undecided, there are a number of articles that may help you decide. They include an array of issues important to our community and which are covered in the Plan; housing, parking, design, Local Green Spaces, flooding and our natural environment. They can be viewed at www.ilmington.org.uk/referendum. The Plan and its associated documents can be viewed at www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/ilmington-neighbourhood-plan.cfm

With or without a Plan, Ilmington is required to contribute to the District's future housing needs as part of the Stratford-on-Avon District Council Core Strategy. So, the question is how that development is managed. Voting in the Referendum on May 6th is your chance to influence that future.

VOTE 6th MAY

Ilmington Village Hall - Reopening, AGM, Big Party

We looking forward to reopening the village hall as the pandemic recedes. In accordance with Government guidelines, we expect to be able to offer a restricted service from 17th May and a full service from 21st June. We have a spacious and well equipped facility and would like to see it buzzing with activities once more albeit with some Covid precautions to begin with.

With this in mind, there are three events/needs to be aware of:

The AGM, now to be held in the village hall, on Wednesday 19th May starting at 7:00pm. Measures will be in place to ensure a safe environment but should villagers prefer to join via a zoom link, email theflyingmorrismen@hotmail.com

A few vacancies have arisen within the Village Hall Management Committee and we are keen to hear from local residents/organisations interested in putting themselves or a representative forward. We are particularly interested in those who have experience in event promotion and can help rejuvenate our offering. Please call the chair, Bryan Clifford, on 682996.

We would also like to hear from volunteers to help with the organisation of a party to celebrate the ending of 'lockdown'. Subject to any restrictions affecting such an event, we are hopeful that this can take place during the summer. Again, if you would like to help please call Bryan Clifford.

Ilmington Community Shop: A Different Kind of Café

As we tentatively emerge from lockdown, blinking into the light, what kind of world will we find? At Ilmington Community Shop, we have taken time to think about the meaning of "community" and we intend to place community values firmly at the heart of everything we do. So when you return to our terrace café (beginning with outdoor service only), you'll be greeted by the friendliest of volunteers, serving the simplest of menus. We've decided that a smile and a cuppa, a homemade cake and a genuine welcome are more important to us than trying to run a commercial café that caters for all. We may not serve the fastest cup of coffee in Warwickshire; we may not have the fanciest food or the longest menu, but we hope our offering will be homely and delicious. We want Ilmington Community Café to be a wonderful place to meet, to make friends, to enjoy the view. If you would like to join in the fun as a volunteer, or you are a community group who would like to make a booking, please call Michele on 01608 682838.

Wednesday Club May Meeting Cancelled

We are now into the merry month of May but I'm afraid the message today isn't so merry. Our proposed summer meeting has had to be put on hold as the RVS have decided to continue with the lockdown on holding events for the time being. As soon as it is lifted, we will give you a date.

We have three birthdays in May with Glynis Cooper being the first one on 8th (famous for her marmalade), Carmel Greenwood on 23rd and our oldest member, still with all her faculties, Edith Tuohy on 21st. She will be celebrating her 99th!! Congratulations to you Edith. Well done!

It is with a heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to a few of our much loved members. Sylvia Gardner will be living near her daughter in Anglesey after breaking her arm in a recent fall. Sylvia and her late husband Peter have played a big role in our village over the years. If you would like to keep in contact with her, then please let Carole Clifford know. Sue Roberts has also followed suit and moved to be nearer her daughter too. Wherever they go, we say thank you and wish them happiness for the future. Those who knew Meg Naish will be sad to hear that she passed away last week. We send our love and best wishes to the lovely Jennie Seller who continues her stay in hospital. As I said, this is not a merry report. If you know of someone who is new to our area or feeling lonely, please tell them about the Wednesday Club, they would be very welcome. Well we can't end on a low note so one observation I have made this week did make me smile. There seem to be a lot of shorn sheep in the village and I don't mean the four-legged variety! Keep safe everyone.

TREDINGTON

Neighbourhood Plan: The Story so far April 2021

The completed draft Plan has been sent to Stratford-on-Avon District Council who have kindly offered to carry out an informal review of the entire plan. We don't know how long this will take but meanwhile we are preparing the formal consultation process under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. This will obviously include public meetings for residents as well as interested parties such as utilities, the County Council, Severn Trent Water, BT and others, all of whom must be consulted. The Plan document has many photos, maps and charts and is obviously large. We will have it available to be viewed on the website as soon as (cont. p. 8)

Services for May 2021

	St George's, Darlingscott	St Mary's, Ilmington	St Mary's, Preston-on-Stour	St Peter's, Stretton-on-Fosse	St Gregory's, Tredington	St Mary's, Whitchurch
2 nd May			Holy Communion 9.30am		Family Service 10.30am	Holy Communion 9.30 am
9 th May	Family service 11am	Holy Communion 9.30 am		Family service 11am		
16 th May			Holy Communion 9.30 am		Holy Communion 10.30am	
23 rd May Pentecost		Evensong 6 pm	Morning Prayer 11 am	Holy Communion 9am	Holy Communion 10.30am	
30 th May Trinity		Holy Communion 11 am	Holy Communion 9.30am		Morning Prayer 10.30am	

You Tube services continue each Sunday at 10.30am please go to church website <https://fosseway6churches.weebly.com>

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Darlingscott warden Angus Chambers 01608 682283

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Preston-on-Stour Simon Bayliss 01608 662712

Stretton-on-Fosse *second churchwarden post vacant*

Whitchurch *churchwarden post vacant*

Deadline for June issue is **May 15th**. Copy to Susan Brock s.brock9@btinternet.com, Daisy Cottage, Front St., Ilmington CV36 4LA. T: 01608 682409. To advertise contact Gabrielle Spencer spencer592@btinternet.com, 1 Cross Leys, Ilmington, CV36 4RT. T: 01608 682758.

certain technical issues have been resolved. Hard copies will be available at the appropriate time. We hope you will study the plan and be ready to give your views.

www.tredingtonparishcouncil.co.uk; www.TredingtonNP.co.uk

Walking

Are you interested in walking with a group of your neighbours who will hopefully become your friends? Now we are gradually moving back to pre-Covid freedoms would you like to join in some walks around our beautiful countryside and help revive the original idea of the Tredington Walkers. It is planned that we can meet twice monthly, on a regular basis, on a regular day, e.g. Tuesday's to make planning easier and to make it a regular diary fixture! Please contact Jane Hale 01608 664744. Let's see if we can make this happen and get something positive and healthy out of this awful pandemic.

Newbold and Tredington CofE Primary School

Thanks to the hard work of our Newbold and Tredington families, the children have settled back into school life very quickly and are working hard. Staff have been assessing the knowledge that the children have retained during home learning so that they can put support in place where needed and ensure that children continue to make progress in the Summer term. At Tredington we have welcomed Mr Kemp back to school to teach individual music lessons and whole class singing sessions to comply with latest guidance for singing. Premier Active staff have also been working with each class to provide some sports coaching to the children. Each class, including our nursery children, had their own Easter egg hunt. A massive thank you to Jeet from the Londis store in Meon Vale for providing our Easter eggs and our wonderful PTFA for contacting the Easter bunny and arranging for the eggs to be delivered! Reading for pleasure is still very high on our agenda. If you would like to donate a book to our school, please look at our Amazon wishlist: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/1Q49V14BPCF4M?type=wishlist&encoding=UTF8>.

Craft and Chatter

We will be meeting on Zoom on Thursday 6th May at 2.00pm, for a little craft and a lot of chatter, sadly you will have to provide your own tea and cakes! Hopefully, it will not be too long before we can sit around the table in Tredington WI hall and show each other our ongoing craft project. If you would like to join us, please ring Pat MacPherson (01608 682102) for a zoom invitation which will give you all the details!

Tredington and Blackwell WI

We will be meeting on Zoom on Thursday 13th May at 7.30 pm to meet Anne Bufton McCoy who is Chairperson of Warwickshire Federation WI. She will be giving us a personal view of the ups and downs of being a Head Teacher and knowing Anne this will be fun. If you would like to join us, please contact Pat MacPherson (01608 6822) and she will send you a zoom invitation and give you all the details.

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