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Six Parishes Magazine November 2020

November is very much a season of Remembrance with All Souls' Day, Remembrance Sunday and a general time of reflection as the days draw in. Jesus encouraged his disciples to reflect on the world around them and to give thanks. This year we face the fact that many things we once took for granted are now so special.

We are preparing a **website** (to launch 4th November) to help with communications during lockdown. The site will have links to already established village sites, the local schools and the wider church. If you google your church name it should take you to the site. It will be a work-in-progress and will take time to develop but anything that helps with communication in these difficult times should help. If you have friends who do not have internet access why not give them a ring if you see something on the website that they might be interested in knowing about. The Church of England continues to produce services that are free to hear on the telephone simply dial **0800 804 8044**

Church services. Every effort is being made in all our churches to mitigate the dangers of contracting the virus. However no place can be 100 percent secure. Just to outline some of the measures we are taking: each church has a risk assessment in place which includes a maximum number who can safely attend. Hand sanitiser is used as one enters and leaves, face-coverings are worn by everyone unless they have a health exemption. Singing is not permitted by the congregation, and although a small choir is permitted to sing (indicated on the service plan) there are single use service sheets, two metre distancing and services kept short to around 30 mins. We maintain a contact list for 21 days of all who attend. The aim is that everyone feels 'safe and at home' in church.

Christmas is soon approaching and we will celebrate this important festival, but we realise that it is going to be very different but perhaps even more special as a result. We are working on what might be the right type of service and are currently watching carefully for changing guidance from Government and the wider Church. Since we started the **YouTube services** we have had 2,068 views of the on-line services since 22nd March, being 30 weeks with an average 69 views per week. Given that several members of our congregations are not able to access YouTube this is an incredible figure! There are less people watching now than in the early days, probably because people are increasingly back at church. We plan to maintain the services while the virus persists, several people remain fairly locked down and we do not want anyone to feel any pressure to attend church. However, those who have come along are deeply moved to be back in church, the spiritual home of our villages, a comfort in distress.

Like all charities the churches are inevitably short on collections, many of our regular congregation give through standing orders, others on Sundays for which we are tremendously grateful. If you are able to help financially you will find details on the new website under 'giving'. Thank you.

We are not able to meet together in person at this time at the Rectory and as the winter days arrive Jean is introducing a **Zoom Coffee Morning** once a week through November/December; all you need is a computer with a built in camera. The idea is to get a coffee, tea or whatever organised at 10.30am we will hook up on zoom at **10.40am**, have a general catch up and then a short reflection as we light our Advent candles, finishing promptly at **11.20am**. It means that we encourage and have sight of one another! Our first zoom coffee morning will be on **Tuesday 24th November**. If you are interested in joining (not necessarily every week) then please send an email to the Rectory address **revfletcher24@gmail.com** and we will send you the Zoom connection the day before.

We are all trying to keep going and as the hymn-writer says:

"Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise"

Stephen Fletcher Assistant Curate, Six Parishes

From the Registers

Funerals

15th September Donald Norman Millward at Ilmington Church

22nd September Jean Elizabeth Fisher at Oakley Wood

24th September Phyllis Eleanor Fox at Preston on Stour Church

9th October Sandra Jayne Kirkpatrick at Oakley Wood

Wedding

12th September Robert Heritage and Stacey Mole at Ilmington Church

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2020: Deadline Friday 6 November

If you haven't prepared your shoebox yet there is still time:

Pick up your INSTRUCTION LEAFLET at ILMINGTON COMMUNITY SHOP or from THE PORCH of all our parish churches.

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OR go online to www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox appeal and donate direct. You can also see our boxes being delivered last Xmas on the website or Facebook page. Thank you in advance for your wonderful generosity! Wendy Lewis Edwards, Appeal Coordinator

Save the Children Coffee Morning

Unfortunately like everything else this year this has had to be cancelled. But I shall still be selling Christmas cards. If you contact me I can give you a catalogue and order form. I will deliver your cards to you. Like all charities this year our income has greatly decreased but the need is still there. We continue to help children and their families around the world and we have given help to the poorest families in the UK during this pandemic. We appreciate any support you can give. Marilyn Payne MBE, Volunteer Representative for South Midlands and South West Region. 01608 666206

Nature Notes for November

We spoke in Nature Notes about the birds who were leaving us for warmer climes. Now we have those who have flown from the North to migrate to the UK for the winter months. The Bewick's swan and whooper swans have arrived in the UK. The Bewick's swans have arrived from Siberia and the Whooper swans from Iceland. The Whooper swans have the longest sea crossing of any swan species covering between 800 to 1400kms or 497 to 870 miles. If you want to see Bewick's swans, then advance booking will be required at WWT Slimbridge. Whooper swans tend to be seen further up North or East Anglia. Other birds that arrive for winter are pink footed geese, fieldfares and redwings to name just a few! Some birds stop off for a short period before carrying on their journey. We have seen redwing in previous years feeding on berries, so look around you might see redwing or field fare without going too far! In Genesis C1 :20-21 it says that God

created all kinds of birds. We are so blessed to have such a wide and wonderful variety of them all thanks to Father God. Gill

Unusual Plants by Paul Williams: Gillenia Trifoliata

The common name for this North American plant is Bowman's Root. Search as I might I cannot find an explanation of that name, maybe it was used to rub on the bowstring, who knows. What I can tell you is that the scientific name Gillenia was given after the German Arnold Gille, a 17th Century horticulturist. The species name, trifoliata, means, as it says, that the leaves are in threes. It is a hardy herbaceous plant that grows about one metre high. It has a long season of interest or more accurately three seasons of interest because it has a bit of a lull between setting seed and its rich colours of autumn. Great value. The small, fluttery flowers, white sometimes tinged pink, have reddish calyces (The bit right under the flower) and are held on contrasting, wiry, red stems in waving masses at the top of dark, upright stems. Each flower becomes an almost black seedpod and hangs on for many months spreading a join-the-dots puzzle across the top of the mass of greenery below. In late September and early October the whole plant turns into a glowing bonfire of rouged up shades of yellow. Despite what the books say I grow it in full sun on slightly alkaline soil.

ILMINGTON

The Passing of Ilmington's (Probably) Oldest Resident

On Sunday morning September 27th, after her morning cup of tea, Nancy Thomason passed away at home. She had received two telegrams from the Queen, having reached the great age of 105. Nancy' was buried at Todenham Church on Monday 19 October.

Tempo Events Winter Races 2020 - 2021

Tempo Events have made plans for this winter's 10k races based at Ilmington Sports & Social Club. Race dates are Sundays 22nd Nov 2020, 27th Dec 2020; 17th Jan 2021; 21st Feb 2021. There will be just over half the normal number of runners. All runner parking will be at the Sports and Social club, not in the village (we will do our utmost to ensure they all know this). The race will be in the form of a "time-trial" so the winner is not the first past the post, but the fastest round the course by time. Thus we can spread the runners out. They will be starting at a rate of 5 people every five minutes. This will give a density of around 10 people per mile. The fastest runners will go first to reduce the overtaking. Each runner will have a specific window in which they permitted to be at the race – 30 minutes before their pre-allocated race time and 30 minutes after they finish. They must then leave the site so that new runners can come in. The first runners will be on course at 9am and the last ones will finish at approximately 1.30pm Tempo will know exactly who is on site for Track & Trace, and will be operating social distancing at all times. Runners will not be going into the pavilion, and only the outside toilets used, which will be thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis. Hand sanitising stations will be provided. Tempo intend that this format will ensure that that there is no impact on the village, or risk to village residents.

Ilmington Village Hall News

Ilmington Village Hall is preparing, under strict guidelines, to re-open for keep fit classes and for any other interested groups. To be ready for this we need a new regular cleaner. If you are interested in approximately 2hrs work a week please contact our treasurer, Paul Bryan, on 07711 121210 or email

theflyingmorrismen@hotmail.com. If you're considering using the hall please contact our booking secretary, Nina Murchison, on 01608 682527 or via our website at <http://ilmington-villagehall.com/bookings>

Ilmington Shop and Café Survey

We know that many people miss the café and have been looking forward to it reopening, so we were very sorry to announce last month that the café will remain closed over the winter. The COVID rules and regulations, coupled with the current needs of the shop, make it too challenging to reopen at the moment. The café may be closed right now, but it is not closed permanently. We plan to relaunch when COVID restrictions allow, and we want to make it a hub of our community social life. We will be using the coming months to review the café operation and really understand what the community wants from it, and we need your help! In the next few weeks, we will be delivering a survey to every household in Ilmington. The survey will give you the opportunity to say what you value and want from the shop and cafe, and what you would like to see in the future. We would be really grateful if everyone could take the time to complete it. It is your shop and café, so please tell us what you think and we will try to make it happen.

The Coven

Well ladies - this month we should have been meeting and eating at Thelma's lovely home. What a treat that would have been! And we would have wished her and Catherine a (slightly belated) happy birthday. Well, at least we can do that. Greetings and best wishes to them, and to all of us in these challenging times.

November Wednesday Club Meeting Cancelled

Once more, another disappointing announcement! So sorry everyone. Betsy Harmony wrote to say how sad she was not to be able to attend our meeting. With very little work, life must be very difficult for her during this time. I told her that many of you had said how disappointed they were not to hear her lovely voice once again but she has promised to return when we 'return' to some normality. As you can imagine, there will not be any Christmas Party this year either. How sad! When we do restart our meetings, I propose a party then, to celebrate our well being and to catch up with all our friends! That's a promise. Back to business! For the month of November, we have only one very important birthday! It's Thelma Rondel's birthday on 15th! We all wish you a wonderful day Thelma and many, many grateful thanks for all the help you give to the Wednesday Club. I'm so glad we have you on board! Another thing to mention is the start of "Eyes and Ears" in Ilmington. This is a service run by three ex policemen who can be of assistance to anyone who has a problem or worry about their safety. Their numbers are:

Trevor Hall: 07816 431925

Nigel Dunn: 07717 756676

Carl Murray; 07449 631214

You would not be able to receive any information or alerts from the team if you do not have an email or WhatsApp but at least there is a phone number for you to contact for some guidance. 101 is another number you can phone for reporting anything.

Thelma and I are still happy to collect any items or donations you have for the Shoebox Appeal. This ends on November 6th! Stay safe everyone and keep smiling! Carole Clifford

Ilmington through the Seasons

Ilmington Community Shop and Café is already looking forward to 2022. We are planning a calendar consisting of images taken by local photographers illustrating

our village through the seasons. So we need to start now to record autumn, winter, spring and summer before the printer's deadline of 1 August 2021. Images should be in colour and can be portrait or landscape. Digital files should be at least 1.5MB or higher. Subjects can include activities, landscapes, buildings, etc. but should be clearly seasonal and set in the village. All images should be submitted, specifying the season, to www.ilmingtonimages.com where they will be permanently displayed. By entering you have the opportunity to both support the Shop (to which the proceeds will go) and win your own five minutes of fame! And don't forget to buy your 2021 calendar: The Flowers of Ilmington. On sale soon.

TREDINGTON

Craft and Chatter Thursday 5th November at 2.00 in Tredington WI Hall

Would you please contact Gill Goodlad (07789810877) if you would like to join us for a crafty afternoon! We are limited to 6 people (social distancing applied) so don't delay; we would love to see you!

Tredington and Blackwell WI

We are holding our AGM on Thursday 12th November at 2.00pm in the WI Hall and on Zoom. Members will be contacted with further information by email and by hand for those without an email address. As I am sure most of you have seen we have been busy updating the hall during the summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in due course!

Tredington & District Garden Club

From members' comments over the last few months, we know that these meetings are valued and much missed. We were hoping to re-instate meetings within the next couple of months or so, but have been limited by the Rule of Six. Therefore, for the safety of our members, and to ensure we comply with current and emerging COVID restrictions, the Club Committee has had to cancel all planned meetings up to the end of February 2021. Unfortunately this includes our annual lunch in January. On a brighter note, all of our speakers have agreed to re-schedule to dates when we can meet again, so when we are able to re-start monthly meetings there will be a full and varied programme waiting for us.

Newbold and Tredington C of E Primary School

Our Year 6s were presented with their prefect badges and the School Council was announced after children produced posters and recorded a video of reasons why they should be chosen. Instead of our usual harvest service in church, each class recorded their contribution and this was shown to Parents/Carers on our school Facebook page. We donated items to Fosse Foodbank to support families who have struggled during this difficult time. Thank you to many of our families, Julie Engsted from Orchard Yoga and St David's Church for their donations. We would still love for a business to offer us a book each month or as a one off using this link: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1Q49VI4BPCF4M/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist.

Newbold Ladies Autumn Breakfast

Newbold Village Hall on Saturday 21st November 9.00 - 10.30 am. Dr.Kath Hunt is a Christian GP recently practising in Royal Leamington Spa. She was married this year and has encouraging life experience and thoughts to share with us. The cost will be £5 and this comes with an unusual **request**. **Please bring your own hot drink** in a travel mug or flask as the kitchen is unavailable. Danish pastries will be served. Government guidelines will be followed with entrance, exit, track and trace, and hand sanitiser will be available. Please wear a mask as you enter and leave the hall, but once seated, feel free to eat and drink and relax. Everyone is welcome. Contact Liz Harvey to reserve your place T: 07914026451
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8 th November	10.45 am Rememb'ce in Church	10.55 am Rememb'ce in Church	10.55 am Rememb'c at Memor
15 th November			Holy Communic 9.30 am
22 nd November		Family service 11am	
29 th November Advent			Advent Service 9.3 am

YouTube services continue each Sunday at 10.30am. See

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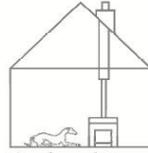
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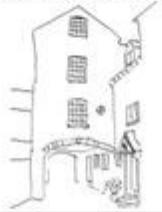
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