

Our vocabulary has become somewhat limited over the last 12 months. We know how to observe social distancing. We sanitize our hands often and thoroughly. We talk about the people we are bubbled with. If we are online we politely request people to mute themselves! Some of us have competed in more quizzes than we care to remember – and never realized until now that we knew so little.

Our mathematical skills have been honed. We take great comfort from a graph which has gone over the peak and is on a downward trajectory. We long for an R number of less than 1. We hope to ponder again at just how substantial a meal we must order in order to enjoy a pint of draft ale with friends – but no more than 6. HANDS, FACE, SPACE is the mantra of our times.

But now, we no longer need regard our weekly trip to or delivery from the shops – village shop and/or supermarket – as the highlight of the day. Now we can look forward to – or report afterwards on – our vaccinations! Early signs look encouraging, and will hopefully provide a way back for us doing the things we all long for.

It was the Chinese in the 16th century who first explored the use of inoculation probably to try and overcome the ravages of smallpox. But the English physicist Jenner took giant leaps forward in vaccination in the year 1796 with Louis Pasteur following up. The term Vaccination derives from cows (vacca in latin) - take note quizzers - as it was noticed that milkmaids appeared to be resistant to smallpox (ask a scientist).

We give thanks to those in history who trailblazed the way, and for the scientists today who constantly improve their methods, and for our wonderful NHS who are delivering our much needed shot in the arm in the millions. Perhaps mostly we should give thanks to God who is the author of all science, and to our Saviour and friend Jesus who makes our healing possible – of body, mind soul and spirit.

*Take care, stay safe, God bless
Your good friend*

Revd Phil

Pay Loving Attention by Nigel Stock, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Bath and Wells

With the Lenten Season well under way, I wonder how it is going for you? I always anticipate Lent with a slight feeling of having to brace myself. Come on make an effort in something! If I am going to give something up don't just make it an exercise in self-improvement, how can it help others? If I am going to do something positive what will be its long-term effect? It is all too easy to 'over think' the whole exercise. Once it is underway I begin to appreciate it. But in the end, it should be about paying attention to God. I am always struck by the end of the story of the temptations in the wilderness. Jesus refuses to be a cheap miracle worker to benefit himself, or to follow the route to worldly power and status. He faced temptation by stripping away all the necessities of life and knew deep hunger. At the end of this exhausting wrestle with his vocation the Gospel tells us "...suddenly angels came and waited on him." (Matthew 4:10) Whatever Lenten discipline you are following, perhaps the #LiveLent course, or a local study group, a focused effort to support others or a form of self-denial, may it bring a greater focus on God. There were those who ministered to Jesus in the Gospel stories. The angels in the wilderness, the woman who anointed him, Simon who carried his cross. We might not be able to do those things, but we can pay loving attention. When we emerge from the austerity and effort of Lent, which has had an even more austere aspect in Lockdown, we come to the bright hope of Easter. We know in the Risen Christ the same relief that Jesus knew from the Angels. As we offer our love to Him, His love for us is always returned.

Going the extra mile

Steve Gillan, Headteacher of Thurlbear CE VA Primary School shares how they have stepped up to the challenges of the pandemic. How differently have you had to work in the pandemic? I have seen our teachers adapt to unique challenges and problems like never before. From day one, we committed to doing whatever was needed for our families. We offered to be open for pupils of key workers and vulnerable pupils through half term holidays and at weekends to allow one parent, an NHS hero with no family support, to work.

What's impressed you about your school community throughout? I have been here 9 years and I knew that we would stand up and be counted when it mattered. What has impressed me most has been the level of enthusiasm, drive and community swell of support.

How have you and your staff been sustained? Sustaining a level of teaching at this intensity is incredibly hard. Our teachers have been delivering both online, live lessons every day as well as teaching the 40% of pupils who are still in school. The resilience and drive of all staff is a wonder to behold.

Does anything stand out? When I emailed the staff regarding opening for the weekends within 10 minutes, I had 30 replies from staff volunteering. That was a tight-throat moment and quite overwhelming.

Any advice for parents who are worrying about the impact of the pandemic on their children's schooling? Every family will have had some beautiful, golden moments; the kind that you couldn't get in school. Children are incredibly resilient and positive.

Read in full at: www.bathandwells.org.uk/extra-mile.

Readings for March 2021

	PSALM	OLD TESTAMENT	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
7th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	Psalms 19	Exodus 20 1-17	1 Corinthians 1. 18-25	John 2 13-22
14th March 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	Psalms 107 1-3,17-22	Numbers 21 4-9	Ephesians 2 1-10	John 3 14-21
21st March 5th Sunday of Lent	Psalms 51 1-13	Jeremiah 31 31-34	Hebrews 5 5-10	John 12 20-33
28th March Palm Sunday	Psalms 31 9-16	Isaiah 50 4-9a	Philippians 2 5-11	Mark 14 1-15.end
4th April Easter Sunday	Psalms 118 1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15 1-11	Acts 10 34-43	John 20 1-18

FROM THE REGISTERS

From January 2016 'Anniversaries' will normally only be included for 5 years after a death. If you would like the name of a loved one included for longer or on a special anniversary please contact the Parish Administrator.

Funerals

We commit to the Lord's loving care, praying that he will comfort, strengthen and guide their families:

20 th January	Horton	Kenneth Layzell
26 th January	Hambridge	Sheila Cleal
26 th January	Broadway	Enid Saralis
27 th January	Horton	Don Hector

Anniversaries:

We remember, with thanksgiving, the life and witness of:

1 st March	Horton	Barbara Baker
3 rd March	Donyatt	Catherine Mary Hull
6 th March	Isle Brewers	Len Langdon
7 th March	Broadway	Morwenna Mary Bolitho
8 th March	Ashill	Maurice Brunt
20 th March	Horton	Pearl Packham
23 rd March	Ashill	Constance Hope Britten
24 th March	Ashill	Mary Elizabeth Rawlins
27 th March	Ilton	Christine Jean Lock
28 th March	Broadway	Baby of Tony and Tracy Ward
31 st March	Broadway	Ron Berry

Intercessions

In praise and thanksgiving to God for His goodness, we pray.

Benefice Prayer Cycle

Please Pray for:

The people of Donyatt and Church of St Mary

The people of Monk's Yard Church

The people of St Mary's, Ilminster

Gracious God,
as we remember before you the thousands who have died,
surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.
Be gentle with us in our grief,
protect us from despair,
and give us grace to persevere
and face the future with hope
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Amen.

Sunday Services

After much consideration and with sadness seven churches within the Benefice have decided to close for the immediate future.

All are welcome to join Reverend Phil Denison and colleagues as they lead Sunday services on line.



Time: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday 9.25am. Communion

(filmed within a benefice church)

Every Sunday evening at 5.50pm Evening Worship

4th Sunday evening service includes Communion

Place: The service is held using Zoom.

Details from Rev. P. Denison. E mail: denisonphil15@hotmail.com
Sarah Crook (Adminstrator) E mail: islevalleybenefice@outlook.com

For those without access to Zoom, you may like to join in lighting a candle during a minute's silence at 6pm

Are you missing a friendly chat over a cup of coffee?

Yes – quite a few of us are!

Why don't you join us every

Thursday at 10.40am on Zoom

for a chance to discuss news and catch up with neighbours and friends?

Bring your own coffee and biscuits!!

Details from Rev. P. Denison. E mail: denisonphil15@hotmail.com
Sarah Crook (Adminstrator) E mail: islevalleybenefice@outlook.com

Isle Valley Benefice Prayers
Opportunities to join together via Zoom and pray



Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9.15am
Tuesday at 8.30pm – Compline

Details from Rev. P. Denison. E mail: denisonphil15@hotmail.com
Sarah Crook (Adminstrator) E mail: islevalleybenefice@outlook.com

Isle Valley Benefice Prayer Circle is privileged to pray regularly for all.
The Circle will also pray for any people in particular need at this time.

If you have any special prayer requests please send them to:

Reverend Phil Denison, email: denisonphil15@hotmail.com
or Sarah Crook (Adminstrator) islevalleybenefice@outlook.com

All requests will be confidential

Would you like some daily Bible readings with notes and comments that are readable and help with understanding?

Would you like the scriptures brought to life and made relevant for us in the here and now?

New Daylight provides four months of daily Bible readings and comments, with a regular team of contributors drawn from a range of church backgrounds.

For further details and to order contact: Sarah Crook
Email: islevalleybenefice@outlook.com Tel: 01460 391375

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT COURSE

'The Poet's Gospel'

Lent study for these unorthodox and strange times

Starts: Wednesday, February 24th for 5 weeks.

Times: 3.30pm and 7.30pm

All are very welcome

Log in details for these Zoom meetings are available from:

Rev. Phil Denison email: denisonphil15@hotmail.com

Or Sarah Crook email: islevallybenefice@outlook.com

 **CHURCH.**
FEBRUARY @ MONK'S YARD



I have been sat in my quiet spot for quite some time now asking God what I should share to encourage you guys. To be honest I'm not really getting anything. (Is it just me or does anyone else struggle sometimes with hearing from God?) I am getting quite stressed as I try to come up with something to say. (Some might say that me having nothing to say is quite unusual!!!!)

But then I heard the words in my head "just start writing what you feel"Hence my ramblings.

I am sat up to my very old little table and noticed a note resting on my bible saying "Real, Relevant and Relational". These are words that are very familiar to a lot of us at MY Church. They are part of our foundations.

So I guess I'm just being real.

As I look in the dictionary to find out what real means one definition quotes this phrase..... “My head hurts REAL bad”(very apt). Other more helpful definitions of real are not an imitation or artificial but genuine or original. Another one is true and trustworthy

None of us are perfect and God isn't looking for perfection. He is looking for us to take off our masks and come to him. To tell Him what is on our hearts - the good the bad and the ugly. Let's not pretend with God. Let's tell Him how we feel. Let's tell Him our fears, frustrations, our hopes, dreams and anything else on our minds.

He loves us and cares for us and wants the very best for us. So let's be real with God and each other.

Marilyn x

We meet on Zoom at 4pm every Sunday, contact us for details of how to connect.

A 'Thought for the Day' from Marion is also available via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSDAb6LhdVY>

Visit the Sanctuary Space You Tube channel to find multiple playlists and opportunity for worship. Copy and paste the link below into your browser for a welcome note and 'How to guide' from Phil... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_ily-mU-3k&list=PLIxeOLdKM2wz2dHbPrwOO5W1Sr83P3Xjy&index=3&t=0s

We meet at Monks Yard, Horton Manor near Ilminster

Tel: 01460 200020, Email: mycommunity@themonksyard.co.uk Web: www.mychurchuk.co.uk

Or find us on Facebook – Monks Yard Church.

The Monks Yard Trust, Charity No: 1100060

Ashill Baptist Church

A Movement or an Institution?

The Christian Church has been going for a very long time, surviving periods of severe persecution and adapting to many changes. Arguably one of the biggest of those took place when Constantine gave Christianity his imperial stamp of approval and made it the official religion of the Roman Empire. At that significant moment the Church went from being seen as an anti-establishment sect to becoming part of the establishment.

Ever since that time there has been an ongoing debate about whether it is a good or a bad thing for the Church to be wedded to the State. On balance it has proved a mixed blessing. Some parts of the Christian Church - Baptists among them - have championed the wisdom of keeping a separation between Church and State. Hence they became known as 'Separatists' - among other things!

One of the obvious Constantine-effects was that Christians no longer had to hide away in the catacombs. They could stop being - quite literally - an underground movement. They were free to meet openly, publicly and above-ground. They could build grand and impressive places of worship - churches and cathedrals. Here in England eventually just about every village had its parish church and cities were defined as such because of their cathedral.

In many people's minds the buildings have become synonymous with the religion itself. But Christians have always insisted that it is the people, not the place of worship, that is properly called 'The Church'.

That important distinction has taken on a new significance during the Coronavirus Pandemic. Places of worship have been closed for periods of time - but 'The Church' has remained open! Perhaps this is helping us to rediscover our identity and re-focus our attention on our true reason-for-being. Perhaps we are seeing with fresh eyes that Jesus started a movement - but we have become something of an institution. The clue to the difference lies in the words themselves. A movement is something that (no surprises here!)... moves. An institution is something that stands. It is from a Latin word that gives us our English word 'static'.

The Christian Church was always meant to be a movement and has lost something vital if it becomes an institution. We are not meant to be 'set in stone' - even the very beautiful stones of a cathedral. Jesus intends his Church to be a pilgrim people, a journeying people - pioneers rather than settlers. He wants us to be able to change, to grow, to adapt so that we can better both serve and challenge the societies in which we live.

Norman
(Minister of Ashill Baptist Church)

For information about ways to join us on-line, please call 01823 481849 or email: normanfcumming@gmail.com

Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”

Census day will be on 21st March but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk).

Barrington and District Gardening Society

Spring is here at long last and although it is not always apparent, it suddenly feels like everything in the garden has woken up with buds bursting, new shoots and growth appearing, seeds germinating, certainly keeping most of us busy! It really is a most welcome boost after what seems an endless wet winter!

Hopefully, most of our members are now vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus or will be in the not so distant future. Which hopefully means that our meetings may once again resume asap, we shall keep you all updated on the progress of this and any other events, by email, the Facebook group. (www.facebook.com/groups/2710049232365684) and the Barrington website.

Visitors and new members from all our surrounding villages are always welcome to our meetings. On joining our Society, not only do you have an entertaining evening with refreshments, we have a wide variety of talks, visits, and our Annual Shows to look forward to. We also receive discounts from The Gardens Group Garden Centre and from Sutton Seeds. Our annual membership for all this is £8 and if you would just like to visit for an evening talk, then all we ask is for a £2 contribution, (which will be reimbursed if you decide to take up the annual membership).

Please contact Robin on 01460 54691, if you would like any further details, or you can find further information on the website / Facebook page as detailed above. Stay safe and well, we look forward to seeing you all hopefully again soon.

4FAMILY MENTORS: an opportunity to make a real difference

Since 2011 **Yeovil4Family**, hosted by Yeovil Community Church, has worked successfully in partnership with South Somerset District Council and other key agencies in supporting struggling families providing support in the family home. Our role has been to deliver a family support programme by providing Link Workers and **Volunteer Mentors** who are the families' voice amongst the agencies so that they can regain control over their own lives and feel empowered and equipped to move forward.

During the summer of 2020, we secured significant funding and are, therefore, looking to expand our reach from Yeovil to across South Somerset. Working with a Link Worker, **Mentors play a crucial role.**

Why be a Mentor?

- Be part of a fantastic family mentoring programme which carefully matches mentors with a family living within South Somerset.
- By providing one-to-one non-judgmental listening support in the home, helping the family gain the support it needs to make changes and find solutions to their challenges, mentors have the opportunity to bring new hope into the lives of a family.
- 4Family's Mentors have seen 100s of families regain control over their own lives and feel empowered and equipped to move forward.
- The training that you receive and the skills that you learn will help build your CV and will benefit you generally in your every-day life.
- Volunteering has been shown to have immense benefits for the health and wellbeing of the volunteer.
- This could be your opportunity to make a real difference to your local community - knowing you have contributed to helping a client family gain hope for a better life and a better future.

Time Commitment

Being a volunteer Mentor takes approximately 2 hours each week; 1 hour with the family or individual you have been matched with and up to an hour with your Link Worker. You must be able to commit to being part of the programme for a minimum of 6 months.

What We Offer

We know that it can appear daunting to take on a role such as this and, therefore, we support each Mentor by offering:

- an initial 12 hours training over six sessions spread over six weeks **or** 3 x longer day sessions depending on people's availability
- weekly support from their Link Worker
- back up support from the Programme Leader
- additional ad hoc training
- an opportunity to meet up regularly with other 4Family Mentors

What Next?

To explore whether being a 4Family Mentor may be for you:

- find out more about Yeovil4Family, please go to <https://yeovilcommunitychurch.co.uk/yeovil-4-family/>

Please contact Deanne Mahony for further information.

- email deanne.mahony@yeovil4family.org.uk
- call the office on 01935 530050
- post any queries to Yeovil4Family, The GateWay, Addlewell Lane, Yeovil, BA20 1QN

We look forward to hearing from you. “

ASHILL

The Church of St Mary

Ashill Website: www.ashillvillage.net

www.facebook.com/ashillvillage Email: ashillvillage@hotmail.co.uk

We hope that this finds you safe and well. It has become obvious that most people who want 'the job' have now had it.

Everyone we have spoken with are impressed with the process and the spirit in which this important treatment has been delivered so, regardless of which centre we went to, we want to say a -

MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED

Your hard work is very much appreciated.

Sadly, the church is still closed but it is heartening to know that we are looking out for each other – 'phone calls or emails mean an awful lot and lines are very busy in Ashill!

Take care and keep safe and warm!

Alan Knight and Brenda Pyle – Church Wardens

Churchwarden and Treasurer

We are still seeking two people to fill these roles. They are not onerous (but I would say that wouldn't !!). For the role of Treasurer, you don't need to be a churchgoer but for both roles an interest in the oldest building in Ashill would be useful.

If you would like a chat to find out more, please contact Alan Knight on 01460 259564.

BROADWAY

The Church of St Aldhelm and St Eadburga

Our church building remains closed for Sunday services, due to the Coronavirus, but there are still opportunities to worship together and pray together via Zoom.

Please will anyone finding it difficult to access this contact:

Revd Phil Denison: 01460 259155

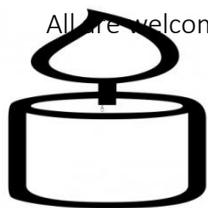
Sarah Crook: 01460 391375

Roger Sanders: 01460 54013

If anyone feels they have a prayer or pastoral need the clergy are available on 01460 259155

Further information will be available on the Village Facebook page and on the Church Near You website. The church will be reopened again as soon as it is felt that it is safe to do so.

Sunday Services



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Every Sunday evening at 5.50pm Evening Worship
4th Sunday evening service includes Communion
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For those without access to Zoom, you may like to join in lighting a candle during a minutes silence at 6pm

Church View Medical Centre – Broadway

Many people from the village have asked me to publicly thank the Doctors, Nurses and all staff at Church View Medical Centre.

They always provide an excellent service for us but people have been very impressed with the organisation and speed with which they have tackled the pandemic and particularly the provision of vaccines.

So a big, heartfelt **THANK YOU!**

PARISH POWER

The People of Donyatt were down in the dumps,
The plaster in Church was falling in lumps.
The Churchwarden, Trishia, went into the fray,
Appealing for funds and working away
Filling in forms, applications and more.
Then, just as she managed to reach the last lap,
With repairs almost finished – another mishap.
The beautiful organ picked the very best time to
Settle back into a gentle decline

The purse is now empty, she needs just a bit more.
Now, it hasn't been a very good year,
with virus and lockdown, grief and fear.
We've had to sit still, we could not change a thing,
But one thing I'm sure - we can make Donyatt sing.
So please join with me, and send Trishia some dough,
And get the old organ to puff and to blow!

By Beryl Muskett

Save the date.. Save the date..Save the date.. Save the date..

Broadway Parish Church are holding the

Annual Parochial Church meeting

Tuesday 20th April 2pm

All welcome

Location to be confirmed – possibly via Zoom

Save the date.. Save the date..Save the date.. Save the date..

DONYATT

St Mary's Church

Donyatt 100 Club

January 2021 Draw Winners

1st £30 Graeme Spurway

2nd £20 Rosa Davis

3rd £10 Bill Porritt

Numbers drawn by computer Random Number Generator by Mike Toop, Chairman DVHC
at the "Zoom" Committee meeting 26.1.2021.

Information for current and new members
for 2021-2022

Thank you to everyone who supported last year's 100 Club.

It has really helped to raise money towards the ongoing improvements for our Village Hall.
We are coming to the end of the financial year (end March 2021) and are giving you and your family the opportunity to retain your lucky number/s and the chance for others to join for the next 12 months (April 2021 - March 2022)

Monthly prizes: 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10

For a form contact: Anne Beveridge, 1 Kings Cottage, Donyatt, TA19 0RQ. Tel. 01460 259835

HAMBRIDGE

St James the Less

Village Website – hambridgeandwestport.org

We are still unable to hold services in church but as well as the Zoom services on Sundays (Communion at 9.30am and evening service at 5.50pm) we are now meeting for prayer on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.15am and Tuesdays at 8.30pm.

Also, coffee and chat on Thursday mornings.

During Lent there will be a Lent course, meeting at 3.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesdays to study the Poets Gospel. This starts on 24th February.

If you would like to join us for any of the above please ring Gill on 01460 282913 for the Log in details. Also, if you would like us to pray for you.

There won't be any more services in church for a while due to the coronavirus situation but we will continue to hold our usual services on zoom, which you're very welcome to attend.

Monday morning prayers at 9.15am

Thursday coffee morning at 10.40am

Sunday morning communion at 9.30am (provide your own bread and wine)

Sunday evening service at 5.50pm

If you would like to join any of the above please contact Gill (01460 282913) for log in details.

Please take care of yourselves and stay safe

HORTON

Churches' Partnership St Peter's Church & Broadway Hill Methodist Church

The Church of St Peter's TA19 9RN

Correspondent *Mr Roger Allen – 01460 57702*
 roger.allen47@btinternet.com
Village Website www.hortonvillage.co.uk

Message from Churchwarden Jan

Hello everyone,

We continue with the challenges of lockdown, and I am amazed to note how quickly the weeks pass by. The weather is much colder, but we are not troubled with snow – yet, and as long as we wrap up warm we can enjoy our walks, and cycle rides. We can be cheered by the fact that Spring is on its way. Already we have seen signs of this with snowdrops, crocuses, and daffodils popping their heads up in our gardens. In our garden, the buds of our Camellia are a beautiful shade of pink, and some are already in full bloom.

We can smile, and laugh, and get much enjoyment from watching our feathered friends, as they quarrel over the food put out for them, and vie over who is going to have a bath first.

I am happy to report that by now all the over 70's will have received their first, if not second vaccinations – we have much to be thankful for.

The light at the end of the tunnel is growing ever nearer, and brighter, and I for one, along with Roger look forward to that day when we can once again hold, and hug our Children, and Grandchildren.

Sadly, I am also aware that this will not be the case for all Families, and our thoughts, and prayers go out to them.

I would like to think that we can look forward to a more positive future, and that our lives will get back to nearly normal. Please see below a poem by Sheila Winson, which is most appropriate for this time. In the meantime, please keep safe, and well.

Love Jan

Do not Worry by Sheila Winson

Trust in God, and do not worry
All the world is fuss and flurry
Jesus says this in His Word
 Child of God! Have you not heard?
 Worry brings but stress, and strain
On her path there is no gain
Give to Him what aileth thee
 And so you'll find life's full, and free

Matthew 6:33,34

“But seek first His kingdom, and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its’ own”



Congratulations

Many congratulations to Morley, and June (Blamey) on the occasion of their marriage on Saturday 6th February 2021 at Puckington Church. Our very best wishes to them both for many years of good health, and happiness together.

Lay Pastoral Assistant

Jan Allen is a Lay Pastoral Assistant in Horton.

Anyone who would like prayers said for any Family, or Friends who are unwell, or just want to have a chat please contact Jan on 01460 57702

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for St. Peter’s, Horton will take place on Monday 19th April 2021 at 2.00pm in Horton Church Room, or by Zoom where we will elect Churchwardens, and PCC members.

All parishioners are very welcome to attend, but only those on the Church electoral roll will be eligible to vote. Come along, and find out how your local church is organised, and maybe get involved yourself!

Roger Allen PCC Secretary, Tel:01460 57702

Horton and District Mother’ Union

Sadly meetings are not able to be held yet.

DON HECTOR

Eileen, Nicola and Alan would like to thank everyone in Horton, Broadway and surrounding villages who have shown such kindness, and support over the last eleven months, and for all the cards, and lovely messages since Don passed away.

Broadway Hill Methodist Church TA19 9QT

Greetings from friends at Broadway Hill Methodist Church!

Chattabox Coffee Group, Horton Computer Hub and worship services have been closed until Covid Guidelines allow. But Broadway Hill MC is ready to start again as soon as possible.

Meanwhile....

Please know that the community, volunteers, neighbours, the Post Office team and the local churches are willing to give a helping hand;

- Our **Village Agents** can be contacted via Community Council for Somerset. The Village Agents can help whatever the problem.
01823 331 222
www.ccslovessomerset.org/agents -call-back
email; info@somersetccc.org.uk
- **Silverline -a 24 hour free confidential telephone helpline for over 50s**
0800 470 8090 *founded by Esther Rantzen*
- **Community Transport** (door to door) with Slinky Bus and cars to support appointments, vaccine visits and such. 08448 009 646. Each passenger needs a Senior Bus Pass. The drivers and call-staff are kind, patient and skilled.

Blythswood Christmas Shoeboxes. The collection would like to see some tennis balls or skipping ropes if and when it is possible. Thank you for all the interest and care through the year.

Food Bank and Food Share are continuing to work hard to meet needs for local households. Donations of food for the Food Bank are collected in the Minster. Money donations can be sent to Food Bank c/o Parish Office, The Minster, Court Barton Ilminster, TA19 ODU. *Please mark Food Bank on the back. Thankyou!*

Recycling Milk Bottle plastic tops can be left on the bottles and collected at the kerb or with food trays at the Recycling Centre. However those that are deposited at church door are taken to Recycling. Used postage stamps and collectables are being gathered and quarantined before preparing for the Leprosy Mission. A parcel is being sent this week. Keep safe.

World Day of Prayer 5th March 2021

The women of Vanuatu have created a service with the theme “Build on a strong foundation”. Vanuatu the South Pacific 300,000 population over 80 islands has been at the forefront of environmental effects of climate change for several years. This year enables the reader to learn about the situation. Even at home we can pray and think about a donation for the grants that are awarded each year for literature and social projects across the globe and in UK. Please let Sue know (details below) if you would like a copy of the service and supportive material by the end of February. Donations, as cheques, may be sent to Anna Field at 4, The Lane Horton Ilminster TA19 9QJ by the end of March 2021.

Rev Anna Flindell 01460 261766 or flindell.anna@yahoo.com
Sue Parsons 01460 54581 / 07771 952799 or sue.parsons48@gmail.com

ILTON

The Church of St Peter

Churchwarden: Kate Cameron – 01460 55308
Secretary: Christine Bragg – 01460 54998
Committee: Anne Crow, Colin Thomas & Michelle Butler

As with every month in lockdown, there is very little to say as there are no church activities.

Cheerful news though, St Peter’s bank account looks healthy (unusually) as a proportion of our grant has been paid in advance of builders starting work. We hope that this will be soon as all our permissions are in place. The church will be locked for at least three months while builders are working.

Lent begins on 17th February with Ash Wednesday. There are various Lent courses being held on line during Lent and these are advertised elsewhere in this IVN. The courses are organised by our clergy here in the benefice.

If you need help finding details of these please ring me – Kate on 01460 55308 – for more information.

ISLE ABBOTTS

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin

Correspondent: Lesley Sutcliffe – 01460 281440

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Village Website: www.isle-abbotts.org.uk

There are currently no services taking place due to the restrictions. However, Rev. Phil is conducting a communion service on Zoom every Sunday morning at 09.30am and evening praise at 6.00pm. For log in details please contact Rev. Phil or Elaine (01460 281407).

The book shop is still open in the porch of the Jubilee Room. Many thanks to those who have supported it and bought books from there. We now have a few DVD's for sale as well as a good selection of novels, autobiographies and reference books. Recently introduced as well puzzles and games.

Cleaning Rota for March

w/c	1st & 8th	Elaine Guest
w/c	15 th & 22 nd	Jackie Le Galais
w/c	22 nd	Susan Robson

January 100 club winners

1 st Prize	No. 67	Peter Herbert
2 nd Prize	No. 61	Belinda Humphrey
3 rd Prize	No. 43	Dean Turner

ISLE BREWERS

The Church of All Saints

Contact Point – Churchwarden – Delia Pearmund – 01460 281554

I am sure we are all looking forward to the time when we can meet with family and friends again as many of us are finding yet another period of restriction dispiriting. Not helped by so much rain and mud. Yet we must exercise and for many of us walk the dogs and then shower them.

On the positive side the vaccination programme is working well. A vast number of people have come forward to help in many ways at the vaccination centres. So much love being shown enables us to look forward with hope.

As we walk around the village there are abundant signs that spring is on the way, snowdrops, daffodils, primroses, and catkins showering golden pollen to name a few reasons to be cheered, and even the first

signs of hay-fever.

As soon as this lockdown is eased we hope to be able to open All Saints. We would like to show what has happened to the church building. The new interior being dry and warm in winter will allow us to hold indoors all the activities which previously took place in the tents.

We held our first services over Christmas, suitably distanced, sanitised and logged in for the NHS. On 28th January, Rev Phil, Rev Philip and myself recorded the Benefice Sunday service in All Saints. It went out on 31st Sunday on Zoom. Thanks to Rev Philip's expertise the church was shown to great advantage and I have received several compliments.

By the time you receive this magazine we will be in Lent, I most sincerely hope that we will be able to hold an Easter service in the church building.

In place, or even as well as giving something up, I intend to find something each day to celebrate. Something good and positive, maybe contacting someone who is struggling, or finding a poem new to me, watching the starlings gather, talking to the young ones, opening my bible at random and finding just what I need to get me going again, or even just being still and watching the clouds. So many things to help us through what I hope is the last lock down.

The next period will still have to be one of care and thought for all those around us.

The church is there for private prayer just contact me on 01460 291554 or David Gale on 01460 281873, and we will open the doors.

I hope we can meet soon. Take care, stay safe and look after others.

Love and prayers

Delia

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