



TODAY

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for the
Exe Valley
Mission
Community

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WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT?!

I am rather loathe to write this now. I have the same feeling of déjà vu that I had when writing the last edition of the 'Today' magazine – that feeling that whatever I write and commit to paper will not materialise! Actually, the truth is that this probably won't appear 'on paper' because the Church of England's guidance (at the moment) is that we should not be producing paper copies of parish magazines.

Who would have thought that the publication of a parish magazine needed 'official guidance'? But apparently it does. As does the ringing of bells, flying of flags, mowing of grass, preparing of food, washing of vestments, usage of hymn books, singing of hymns and opening of churches. So, there we have it. Just some of the many changes that we have had to face. There is a strong urge to 'get back to normal' although everything I have read seems to indicate that 'getting back to normal' (whatever that means) won't happen for a long time yet, and that by then we will be living with a 'new normal' (whatever that looks like).

Take Sundays for example. Who would have thought that our 'new normal' would be to pick up the telephone, dial a number, announce our name and then worship with people who we may

or may not know? I am amazed (and heartened) by the numbers who attend. Thank you.

Who would have thought that hearing somebody say their name could be so moving? And who would have thought that a coffee morning on Zoom could be such fun, a place to make new friends and a lifeline to those who live alone? And who would have thought that a Bible Study on Zoom would attract far more than I can squeeze into my front room – and bring about such shared fellowship? And who would have thought that those of us who find change difficult and struggle to grasp new technologies are 'having a go' and realising that they can do it and that it's not so bad after all!

And who would have thought, despite the terrible and heart-wrenching things that this virus brings, that there should be so much goodness and kindness to celebrate? Who would have thought that the UK Blessing Song would be a viral YouTube phenomenon, watched millions of times in this country as people hear God's blessing sung over them?

Who would have thought in our secular age of church decline that 'virtual church attendance' since lockdown has risen enormously –

24% of the British population – that's one in four!

Who would have thought that millions of people would start to pray and that Bible sales in the UK would fly off virtual shelves?

Who would have thought it?

I didn't – and I don't suppose you did either. But, it's happening. It's surprising. It's terrible and it's awesome. It's a new thing.

I was reminded of some words from the Bible.

'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.... To give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.' (Isaiah 43: 19-21)

May you know that God's blessing is sung over you and those you love and pray for.

Steph

Check out the UK Blessing Song – Churches sing 'The Blessing' on Youtube

Please look at the website for any updates regarding health guidelines for churches, or changes to events and services.

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It's the best place to go for updates about what's on and what we do.

A recent addition to the website is a monthly **Prayer Diary** with a topic to pray for, each day of the month.

EDITORIAL

Firstly a message to all our advertisers. At this time of year I would normally send out renewal notices for the next twelve months. However due to these unprecedented times we have decided to wait until the October/November issue to ask for renewal subscriptions.

We are grateful to you all for your continued support of the Today Magazine, thank you.

You will notice that the magazine has a different look about it this time, with no Church Service times in the middle pages for a start! However please note on page 3 all the Zoom activities giving us the opportunity to meet up regularly via the internet. A steep learning curve for many of us! Remember always;

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BACK TO SCHOOL

At the time of writing, it looks as though some of our school children will be returning to school by the beginning of June. Please pray for our schools, particularly Rackenford School in our Mission Community.

WEDDINGS

It has been a sad and difficult time for our couples who had planned to get married this year. Let us remember them in their disappointment - and celebrate next year with a bumper lot of Mission Community weddings!

FUNERALS

There have been a number of graveside funerals in the Mission Community since lockdown, all of which have been painful and difficult, especially because of the restrictions. We remember those who have died, and their families and friends.

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'Prayer with a Bear' from 10.30 -11.30 for those with under 5's.
You are also welcome to stay and join in as we start our activities with songs and fun.

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of every person who may think of me,*
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

'TODAY' 50 years ago June / July, 1970

The main topic in the June issue was that Rev. Ron Herniman, our Group Rector, and his wife, Grace, would be leaving us in the Autumn, when he would be taking on the role of Archdeacon of Barnstaple. The announcement was made with a sense of sadness at leaving the Exe Valley. Parish notes mixed congratulations with a similar sense of sadness.

The July lead article questioned who was ruling our country – Parliament, or the Trade Unions.

Plans were well advanced for reviving the work of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service in the parishes of our Group. One of the biggest tasks undertaken by the WRVS was the meals-on-wheels service.

By an amazing coincidence, fifty years ago, the magazine carried the announcement that Holidays at Home (forerunner of Holiday club) would not take place – in its usual form, not due to a pandemic, but due to the person who normally led the event being unavailable. Special camps and outings were being arranged, however, but only a relative few would be able to take part. It was hoped to return to normal in 1971.

The Oakford Girl Guides had been busy with, amongst other things, a day's ramble on Exmoor, a Diamond Anniversary Service in the Cathedral, and a County Guide day at Powderham Castle.

Rackenford's 'church sheep' sale had raised £80 for the fabric fund. An outing was being arranged for members of the choir and Sunday School.

It seems that we didn't need SatNav to help heavy lorries getting stuck in lanes too narrow for them in those days! Stoodleigh were concerned about the extra traffic on the roads as a result of the Beeching cuts, the deteriorating condition of the local roads, and an increasing number of incidents. The future of School Cottages had, once again, become an issue.

The sale of Stoodleigh 'church sheep' [Not the congregation!] had raised £170.

At Templeton, a certain family by the name of Coffin had moved into Colson Barton. The July magazine focussed on the village of Templeton – in Pembrokeshire, following a visit there by the Tulls.

Washfield had raised the sum of £147 through the sale of 'church sheep' which had been pastured by farmers within the parish.

At Witleigh, an outing was also being arranged for members of the choir and Sunday School.

Some years ago I discovered mayfly nymphs for the first time. I was shoring up the banks of a stream to prevent erosion and they were stuck to the rocks taken from the bed of the water course. Despite being barely a few millimetres long and seemingly having three tails they were quite fearsome when studied in more detail {though I missed seeing their external gills which they apparently have} and in their waterlogged state it was hard to imagine the metamorphosis to come.

As if the miracle of creation and birth is not enough, we have animals which at the flick of a switch transform from a watery existence to a life not just on land but in the air! It is impossible to imagine how this would feel but at least the young are spared the embarrassment of cooing relatives gathered around and debating which parent the offspring most resembles. It is incredibly restful to watch a mayfly in flight [not only in May!] and they hang somewhat aimlessly in the air with their bodies' vertical drifting like a stringless kite.

The excitement of kite flying is better captured by the dragonfly which has a similar {but still short} lifecycle and whose appearance never ceases to leave the observer with awe rather than a reminder of the briefness of life. I present these examples because despite being fragile creatures and beset by perils and predators for virtually every minute of their existence, they have been around for millions of years. The pandemic has brought out the best in our selfless nature but we will need a metamorphosis to find a sustainable future somewhere over the rainbow.

'Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.'

Paul Iliff

NATURE NOTES

The most amazing thing about the crisis is that we should be surprised. If we continue with environmental destruction, { loss of habitat and deforestation; loss of species; polluting and using up resources} should it be a mystery what pathogens do when their natural niches have disappeared and we are the main living being that dominates a crowded mainly urban scene?

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As you are aware, following government instructions, we have had to close Lighthouse until further notice. We are sure that the Lord did not allow us to put so much effort, time, money and prayer into setting up Lighthouse only for it to close within a few months. We are therefore trusting in God that when this is all over and we return to normal (or as near normal as we are every likely to get) Lighthouse will still be there shining as a beacon of hope on the high street.

Last week was spent putting the shop to bed until such time as we can wake it up again. I've also had to set up a temporary office at home so I can carry on with the administration of the charity.

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In the mean time we will have to work out how we can serve our customers with the essentials. In the next week we shall be looking at ways of getting the Bible Reading notes out to you. I'm sorry if they don't reach you before the start of the month. Please do not worry about payment, that can be sorted out once we reopen. In fact it would help us as it would save us having to bank the money.

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Things look bleak at the moment, and being confined to our homes away from friends and family can be hard. But we have a victorious Lord who overcame death and rose triumphantly on Easter Sunday. In the words of Wendy Churchill's hymn,

Jesus is King: We have a hope that is steadfast and certain
 Gone through the curtain and touching the throne.
 We have a Priest who is there interceding
 Pouring His grace on our lives day by day

Let us never forget that in the end, God wins, and we are on the winning side with Him.
 I've read the end of the Book!

May God's blessing surround you each day,
 as you trust Him and walk in His way.
 May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
 go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

Rikky Apps

PARISH ROUND-UP

CALVERLEIGH

We hope that you, your families, friends and neighbours are staying safe and well and are not finding this worrying situation too isolating and lonely.

With our churches locked at this time church is still happening. Please look for all the activities that are being organised online and by conference call by Steph to keep us engaged in faith and fellowship and in contact with each other.

As you can imagine the news all around the Mission Community is going to look a lot different this time but please keep us informed of anything you feel is important to share, especially over the coming months. Even in this time of uncertainty there is plenty to be grateful for; the sharing of good news, phone calls, little surprises arriving in the post, neighbourly help and keeping in touch in ways that we hadn't realised existed before Coronavirus struck. You can contact Dave with any news you may have – which will be shared on our website.

There have been a couple of fundraising events that have had to be postponed for the time-being but we are hopeful that these can be arranged for the Autumn or early next year. Look out for more details in future editions of the magazine.

The funeral of Julie Hugo was able to take place in Church just before the lockdown came into operation. It was a lovely service put together by Julie's daughter Hannah. A very fitting spiritual song 'I watch the sunrise' was played. Anyone who knew Julie and her love of the outdoors would know that this was a really good choice.

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Our prayers are with Hannah and family at this sad and difficult time.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of David Evans who had lived in the village for many years before moving to a care home. He was the Village Hall secretary for a number of years, was on the PCC for a while along with wife June and were great supporters of our Church and the Village Hall through fundraising. A graveside funeral was held for family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

We have also heard of the passing of Michael Dummett, the father of Peter, Sarah and grandad to Rebecca. Our thoughts and prayers are also with them and all who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

Our Day of Prayer was held on Saturday May 2. We are extremely grateful to all who took part during the day from 9am – 9pm. At least 40 people joined in, with people from other parishes and around the wider area. Thank you to you all. Prayer is powerful and even more poignant at this time as an activity that can be carried out socially distancing.

New residents have moved into Manitoba. We welcome you to the area and hope that you will be very happy here. As soon as normal service returns to the community we look forward to meeting you at one of our social gatherings. Welcome also to anyone else who has moved into the area recently and we hope that you are still able to get to meet your new neighbours safely.

Congratulations to all who are celebrating birthdays, special anniversaries or any other occasion. We hope that you were/are able to celebrate albeit in a different way to normal.

Our thanks go to all those key workers within our communities who continue to work under extremely difficult circumstances. We hope that you are able to work safely with all the protection that is needed to carry out your daily duties. Thank you also to our farmers and growers supplying the needs of the nation.

Well done to all parents who are doing their very best to home school their children. Not an easy task, especially if you have children in different year groups, key stages and missing their school friends as well. May you have the patience to carry this on for however long it may be. There are links to some resources on our website should you need them.

Coming Up...

We will still have our monthly time of prayer on the first Saturday of each month, with the next ones on 7 June and 5 July between 9 and 11am. Do join together with us in prayer if you can.

Unfortunately we have no other upcoming events for your diaries for the foreseeable future, but please checking the Mission Community website and our Facebook page as we may try to arrange something via Zoom or Skype. If anyone feels led to set up an online event, please do so and let us know if you need any help.

Have we missed anything? If there is something that you think we should have mentioned, or you have something for inclusion in the next Magazine, please contact Dave Burton 01884 561499 or calverleigh@exevalleychurches.org and get the latest on the website at: www.exevalleychurches.org/calverleigh

CRUWYS MORCHARD

A lot has changed since we wrote the last Today Magazine, we are all locked out of our Churches and down into our homes. The inside of the Church is dark, cold and dusty, go outside and you find the churchyard resplendent with bluebells, a little earlier it was yellow with daffodils, it is such a beautiful place.

When you are in the churchyard you will notice that the two dangerous trees have gone, cut down by Richard Apps, Dave Wood and his family. Look on the top of the big stump beside the road, it has the prettiest patterning on it.

The sky is silent, no aeroplanes, the roads much safer for the many bicycles, walkers and dogs now on them, They are also much cleaner as so many of the walkers have been busy litter picking. Instead of plastic cups etc. there are orchids and other wild flowers on the banks, and birds of all kinds telling us constantly how lucky we are.

Living in such a lovely place as this we have so much to be thankful for.

Here are some photographs of the Churchyard, the lanes with orchids, the cutting down of the trees in the churchyard and, very importantly VE DAY around the village, many thanks to Dulcie, Cicely, George and Herbert Cruwys for the decorations around the church.






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Flower and Cleaning rota for July 2020. We will probably require a general clean up as soon as we are allowed back into the Church, always remembering our social distancing.

Flower and cleaning rota, I have also added August as I usually overlap into the next month,

July 6 / 13	Wendy Lake
July 20 / 27	Jo Townsend
August 3 / 10	Anne Gillbard

MOWING ROTA

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THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

As I write this we are still in Lockdown..... At this present time we are still optimistic that the Flower Show will go ahead on August 8th, maybe with certain restrictions. Whilst we think of those who have suffered during this 'virus', the rest have been enjoying the time and good weather to work on their gardens. Therefore it would be great to see more entries this year.

As we have not been able to fund raise during the last few months, a few of the committee decided to set up a plant stand

on Chrissie's front drive. This has proved very popular and nearly £150 has been raised, many thanks for your generosity.

Meanwhile to you all I say 'Stay Safe and carry on Gardening' .

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CRUWYS ARMS GARDENERS

To: Cruwys Arms Gardeners

From; Gerry Ingram

As we cannot have a meeting tonight I thought you might like to see what my garden is looking like.



YOGA.

I have just taught my 5th virtual class via Zoom to 11 yogis who have been regularly to my "in person" classes. Has it got easier? Certainly the technological side has become more familiar but it still feels weird to be teaching in a room on my own with all participants on screen. I can see them but not hear them, there is no feedback, only silence. There are the lighter moments when a pet sniffs the computer screen or the faces of a participant lying on their yoga mat – that brings a smile to my face. One yogi has commented that she likes doing the class at home, however I think I would like to get back to teaching face to face but this is a

very good alternative to.....not having a class!

Thank you, thank you Hilary for putting so much work into your Zoom classes, it is lovely to see everyone, else as well as being exercised.

Parish Hall News.

The 200 Club Draws have not yet taken place due to Lockdown. Dates for the draws will be on the website as soon as we are able to rearrange them. The Breakfast & Brunch will not be taking place this year. Information of future events will be advertised on the Parish Website as soon as things improve. <https://www.cruwysmorchardparish.co.uk/whats-on>

Carol's ideas

I've been giving the magazine some thought and have a couple of ideas:

Maybe the gardening group could submit some photos of things they've been doing whilst being in lockdown?

As I told you I've been writing to friends/relations, particularly those living alone. It's nice to catch up, but also to let them know I'm thinking about them. I was wondering if the children in the village could try writing and exchanging letters with their school friends and families, possibly keeping them to form a scrapbook?

In the future I'm sure this period in our lives will become a large part of our world's history and it would give them a living memory to show their children/grandchildren. They may already be doing this of course as part of their school work.

If they didn't want to write, they could make a card. They could also put a home made card through the door of their neighbours if they knew they were alone, or having to self isolate?

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In addition, we will be holding a short Conference call service at midday, beginning on Ascension Day and ending with our normal Sunday service on Pentecost Sunday. Service sheets will be available via the website or by email.

There will also be a 'live stream' service from Exeter Cathedral in the evening on 31 May from 6pm

To join the Conference call please use our usual Number: 0330 606 0403 Access code: 546789#

MONEY

These are difficult times for so many of us, especially now our church buildings are closed. Although, hopefully you are aware that the church is very much alive and kicking in the Exe Valley Mission Community – and we are learning to do church in different ways.

As there are no weekly church collections and all our fundraising has necessarily been postponed or cancelled there is some concern regarding church finances. It may be that you would like to support the church with a donation to help with ongoing costs at this time. A number of you already continue to do so by direct debit or through parish giving and we are grateful for this. Schemes like The Parish Giving Scheme help our treasurers with financial planning.

If you would like more information about this, please contact either the Church Office or your church treasurer. Every treasurer has received information from the diocese how to access the Parish Giving Scheme and other opportunities to donate money.

If you would like to make a donation, as a one off gift, or as part of regular giving, you can do so by direct debit, bank transfer or by cheque (please note there may be a delay in paying in). If your donation is able to be gift-aided, please advise the treasurer as this adds 25% to the donation. All donations will be treated with discretion.

Please don't worry if your circumstances are such that it is not possible at this time, we all support our churches in so many different ways, and I am so grateful for all the things that many of you do.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Steph

Robert and Steph's ALPHA on ZOOM



Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basis of the Christian faith.

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The course starts on Tuesday 7 July 2020 at 7.00pm, throughout July and August.

More details will be given out nearer the time. And if you would like to join us, but don't know how to use Zoom, please let us know and we will try to help you.

Exodus – re-visited by Jenny and Geoff Parnell

In the fifteen months since Jenny's Mum died we have been truly blessed. With hardly a hitch we sold her house and contents, swiftly followed by selling Keepers Cottage and putting our belongings into store. Well, that all sounds straightforward ... but, as they always say on the best Detective Serials.

Previously ...

After searching several areas of England and Wales, we decided to buy a new-build property in Lydney, Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire – with a completion date of 31 July 2020 !! With this in mind we decided to rent through a Letting Agent, for six months or so – and part of our storage was to be delivered to our "Rental".

The first property we signed up for was near Glastonbury but on our third visit we finally met the owner, who told us that she could only have us there for 31 days because she was licenced as a "Holiday Let" and not a "Long Let". Really ?? This was at a few days notice so Jenny spent all night searching for an alternative – and found a very suitable property in Cheltenham. The owners were going to travel abroad for six months and wanted someone to look after their home. Perfect for us and them but you can see where this is going !! Unknowingly, we filled in the necessary forms on-line and continued packing. Sorted !!

The last three days were a bit tricky. Thankfully, Geoff's son Damien came to help and we had no end of help from Wottons but Jenny still only had five hours sleep in thirty-six hours. It was arranged for the furniture to go into store the day before the actual move so that we could finish tidying and cleaning on the last morning. We asked Liz and Roger if we could have B & B, as we would have no bed or kettle !! They very kindly offered this as a parting gift and Geoff walked down there at bedtime and Damien decided to sleep in his Camper on our drive. I carried on packing and about 5am I drove down to catch a couple of hours. Wottons were due back at Keepers Cottage at 7am so we had to be there early but Liz and Roger were insistant that we must come back at 9am for breakfast. Imagine our surprise when we opened their kitchen door at 9.03am to find all our closest friends gathered to share breakfast together. What an emotional moment. It was hard to tear ourselves away. The remainder of the morning went to plan with us finally driving away on the dot of 1pm – which was the arranged handover time.

We've missed out a bit !! The Cheltenham let was not going to be available until 1 April so we were planning to visit it on the way down to Tenby, to stay for nearly three weeks with Jenny's Aunt. We booked a room in the Travelodge on M48 and set off for Cheltenham to meet the Letting Agent and view the Rental property. We were near the Nailsea junction when the mobile rang. The owners had decided that due to the Coronavirus it looked unlikely that they would be able to travel - so they were staying at home !! The timing of that call was perfect because we decided to go straight to the Travelodge and SLEEP !! Next day we went to Tenby ... and we're still here. We are so blessed. Jenny's Aunt says that we can stay here until our house is ready – which could be Christmas because no work has been done on it since the Lockdown. We get regular deliveries from the local Farm Shop, General Grocer and Butcher – in addition to Jenny's cousin who also shops for us. Jenny has rediscovered cooking !!

Geoff has painted the shed and repaired and painted a wooden "Bill" or "Ben" and is now painting the fence. Jenny has been busy in the garden with Joyce when she isn't ordering replacements for all the things we put in "Rental" storage – even buying a basic sewing machine to be able to do alterations and make new clothes. No change there then !!

It is a surreal time and things must be so difficult for you all the the Exe Valley. All the annual events planned and enjoyed by so many, will have had to be cancelled. No-one could ever have imagined that a virus could bring the world to its knees. The coming days and months will tell whether we are actually getting the better of it but one feels that things will never quite be the same again. We are content here with our happy memories of Washfield and our dreams for the future. Thank you all for your friendship.

Jenny and Geoff

PARISH ROUND-UP

The recipe exchange via email doesn't seem to have taken off, which is a shame. I was hoping to make a Covid-19 recipe book for much the same reason as the letter scrapbook.

THE YOUNG FARMERS CRUWYS MORCHARD

During lockdown the young farmers have been working hard stock fencing and helping with tree felling in the Churchyard.

COMMUNITY LUNCH or COFFEE

It is hoped that this will be rearranged for Octoberish.

Welcome the Keevil family who have moved into Edbury Farm and to Dean, Kelly and their two children into Keepers Cottage.

Congratulations to Max and Page on the birth of their son Sonnie, grandson to Chrissie and Andie Smith

It was a joy to welcome Elliot son of Anna and Christopher Burrows, into the Church at his Baptism on 15 March.

We wish Margery happiness in Eastleigh, South Molton.

Sadly, Rose Strickland, Val's mum, passed away in Morchard this May. Our sympathy and prayers go to all her family. Our prayers are with all those who are in hospital or not well at home, and those who are grieving at this very difficult time.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sat 8 August The Annual Flower Show
- Sat 3 October Harvest Festival Service 2.15pm followed by tea in the Parish Hall
- Sun 4 October Harvest Festival 10.45am Gifts at either service.
- Sat 14 November Christmas Fayre.
- Fri 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY.

PENNYMOOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Services at 4.30pm
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 Fourth Sunday Prayer and Praise
 Fifth Sunday variable watch the notice board and face book for Special events, or contact Rev Ruth on 01363 83451.

LOXBEARE

We trust and pray that everyone has kept safe, well and not feeling too lonely and isolated. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all whether locally, nationally and worldwide who have suffered and been really ill with the Coronavirus and also especially for families who have lost loved ones. We pray for all those in isolation and are feeling very lonely and in need of a friendly chat/hug. For parents looking after children 24/7 and taking on the task of home schooling.

We really are so appreciative and thankful that living where we do, we are surrounded by countryside and can enjoy a measure of freedom.

We here in Loxbeare are so grateful to all who have shown care and concern for others, doing shopping, running errands and telephoning to make sure everyone is okay and to offer support and encouragement. It is so good in these unprecedented days to feel part of a community that cares and to witness the goodness of human nature, feeling God's love many times demonstrated through family, neighbours and friends.

We thank God for the dedication and sacrifice of all medical staff and care workers etc who have put their own lives

at risk, and for many key workers and their families.

Ron has received a kind telephone call from 'Open Doors' who support and help persecuted Christians throughout the world and were given half of the carol singing collection at Christmas, inquiring how we all are and very kindly assuring us of their prayers at this uncertain and worrying time.

We pray for all who are unwell at this time. For Cecil undergoing his treatment and any others who are poorly. We pray for comfort for all who have lost loved ones recently.

We are pleased to hear some good news, that Anne Ackland's granddaughter Emily is engaged and we offer her and her Fiancé our congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Happy Birthday to all with birthdays in June & July.

We remember those who are disappointed at having to postpone weddings and special occasion celebrations.

A belated welcome to Andy & Sarah who have moved into Daw's Cottage We hope you will soon settle and be very happy living in Loxbeare.

So very little news but lets keep praying and believing that; this too will pass and that one day soon we will be able to meet loved ones and friends.

God is faithful & will watch over us. God bless. Keep safe & look after each other.



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OAKFORD

As we welcomed in the year 2020 who could have imagined that in a month or two the whole world would be battling a virus capable of causing major disruption to our everyday lives? It has been and continues to be devastating in all aspects of living. However, little by little, normality will creep back and sustain us until a vaccine will guarantee our safety. Patience and perseverance will see us through.

Despite the closure of St Peter's, phone and digital devices are helping to maintain a link with Steph and the rest of the Exe Valley Community. There is a Sunday morning Service, and a weekly Bible study group, coffee morning and film club. Thank you Steph and Robert for setting these up. Details of timings and access can be found on the EVMC website. Note - It is now permissible to visit the churchyard to attend to graves.

Village events in Oakford – the Fête and the Flower & Produce Show have been cancelled but not so our community spirit. Bunting went up on VE Celebration Day, 14 cream teas, kindly donated by The Swan, Bampton, were distributed by Julia Mayer to some of our older and more vulnerable parishioners and doorstep teas were enjoyed in the sunshine. Clapping and music ring out on Thursday evenings in gratitude to the NHS and key workers. Quiet acts of kindness from many quarters are keeping us going.

The Mayer household is keeping us entertained with an online Red Lion Quiz every Friday evening and a cookery demonstration on Monday mornings. Thank you Sean and Julia. Thanks also to Richard Brain who has been challenging us with fun guessing games

online. Our village pub, The Red Lion, is home-delivering meals on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday lunches. Well done to them for offering the opportunity for family cooks to have a night off!

Rachel Crews has created a very striking portrait of Colonel Tom known to all as the phenomenally successful 100 year old fundraiser for the NHS. She would like this to hang in the Village Hall to commemorate these strange times so has started a crowd funding appeal. Rachel has pledged 100% of the money raised to the Marie Curie Charity. To make a donation go to: crowdfunder.co.uk/colonel-tom-portrait-helps-marie-curie-support-nhs

Across the country many people are grieving the loss of loved ones and, sadly, our own community is not exempt. Our thoughts and prayers are for all those who are unwell or suffering bereavement. Especially in our thoughts are Karl Bailey and Richard Stevens

Sadly we say goodbye to:

Major George Llewellyn MC

Our condolences are offered to the family and friends of Arthur David George Llewellyn who died on 26 March, aged 97. He was a soldier, a farmer, a stockbroker, a cabinet maker and a photographer.

Major Llewellyn was born in South Devon and brought up at Nethway House, Kingswear, Dartmouth. Following an education at Eton and Sandhurst he joined the Scots Guards in 1941. He was awarded the Military Cross for his part in the Hechtel action, where he was taken prisoner. He had insisted on being left behind as he was too weak to move and did not want to impede the withdrawal of his platoon.

In 1950 he married Loveday Bolitho at Rosel Manor in Jersey and then returned to South Devon four years later where he set up a business making clotted cream. In the early 1960s a new career began as a stockbroker, joining Grievson Grant in London, and then moving to become a partner in Hoare Govett.

Major Llewellyn, Loveday and their four children moved to Stuckeridge House, Oakford in 1968. Here they farmed and made an exceptional garden. Bicycling, fishing and rough shooting were pastimes he loved.

He served as High Sheriff in 1982/3, held office as chairman of the River Exe Association, became a regional committee member of the National Trust and chairman of the local Marie Curie committee. He also became a director of The Moulton Bicycle Company and twice cycled across France. He was in his eighties on the second trip and raised £100,000 for Sightsavers.

Being an accomplished cabinet maker and photographer, he spent many happy hours in his studio producing some beautiful pieces of furniture, and in his dark room developing photographs.

George spent his later years at Nethercott when his son, Henry, took over the management of the Stuckeridge estate. He was often seen driving through the village and was a generous supporter of village events and St Peter's. He sometimes took part and was a regular attendee at the annual Service of Remembrance. He will be greatly missed.

George's wife, Loveday, predeceased him in 2007. He is survived by his son and three daughters, 11 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

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Finally, keep safe and well. If you hear of anyone who - is unwell, lonely or struggling to cope and who might benefit from contact with a member of the church give Dawn Williams a call - 01398 324035.

RACKENFORD

As we have tried to adjust our lifestyle since March 23 to help protect each other our community has come together to help each other in every way we can.

We owe a massive continuing THANK YOU to all the volunteers in our shop.

Nothing is too much trouble, giving their time and help to ensure we are safe, entering the shop one at a time and washing our hands. They strive to meet all our needs, taking orders over the phone, delivering and working hard to keep the shop well stocked, including daily papers and prescriptions. We still have our Post Office counter open twice a week. Not forgetting the kind and welcoming faces to greet us. It means so much to us all.

On a Thursday evening at 8pm we hear applause throughout the village, some outside their homes, some clapping from windows and various sounds of appreciation.

What would we do without our NHS, carers and support teams who we have seen so many times fighting to save lives. God Bless them all.

We send our deepest sympathy to anyone who have lost family and friends to this evil virus or in a more natural way.

Belated sympathy to Edward (Fred) Hyland and his sister Ruth and their families on the death of their father Tim. Some of us remember him from his years living in our village.

It is with great sadness that we have been instructed to close our churches and services have had to end for the time being. Sad that we were not able to celebrate Mothers Day and Easter in the normal way.

Some of us have been enjoying Steph and Robert's Sunday services by conference call. No need for internet service, just a phone call which is free. The service lasts 20 to 25 minutes, including Bible readings, a short sermon and prayers. Dawn Williams can arrange for you to have a service sheet or you can download them from Exe Valley churches website if it suits you. I am sure more details from Steph will be in this issue.

Many thanks to Tom Fisher who was spotted cutting the grass around The Trinity Well, its so good to see our village being kept tidy by various people and much appreciated.

Our common also looks so much tidier since the Forest team have been at work. It makes such a big difference, we can sit and admire all this good work if we need to while on our daily walks.

Andrew Parker is also continuing his good work in our churchyard, a pleasure to walk through.

Its been a comfort to many to be able to enjoy a walk or bike ride and enjoy the beauty around us, where all the wild flowers have been out in abundance with primroses, bluebells, red champions, violets etc and maybe an opportunity to talk to friends from a distance. The weather has been so beautiful, as if sent as some compensation in this worrying time.

Sadly so many of the planned fund raising events have had to be cancelled this year, but all being well we will bounce back,

roll up our sleeves and make a difference again and enjoy our freedom once more.

Congratulations to anyone celebrating birthdays or anniversaries. Thinking of Philpa and Jim Fraser who have had their Pearl Wedding, 30 years !!!

Our love and prayers to anyone who is not well or has spent time in hospital, especially thinking of Pearl Stone, Ruth Fennel, Elaine Carter, Vera Sutton and Jacques Cann, and to anyone lonely or depressed especially as we miss our families and friends.

We wish Sally and Phil all the very best and hope they will be happy in their new home in Tiverton and welcome the new family to Hunters Lodge.

Thank you very much to Glen for putting our flags into place for St Georges Day and VE Day, it was good to see.

Although the commemorations couldn't go ahead as planned we were blessed to be able to gather (at a distance) at The War Memorial to pay our respects at 11am or 3pm which ever suited best when Sharon Saupe lead the 2 minutes silence and played her cornet so beautifully for us.

A time for us to reflect and mark this most important time and to remember the loss of thousands of lives and devastation 75 years ago. Thank you Sharon, it was very thoughtful of you and much appreciated.

Many television programmes covered VE Day and Our Queens speech to the nation.

We pray these difficult times we find ourselves in will gradually ease and we can move forward and enjoy times together, in worship, and to meet up with our families and friends again.

Thank goodness at these times for our telephones, computers and letter writing

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God Bless and Take Care EVERYONE.

STOODLEIGH

During these unprecedented lockdown times, an online version of the Today Magazine will be published. Hard copies are available on request. Please contact Sheila Davis on 351756 or by email smdavis201@gmail.com.

It is sad that our Churches must remain closed until further notice. However, we are grateful to our energetic Rector Steph and her husband Robert as they keep us in the 21st century, with services on Zoom and conference calls. Thank you both so much for keeping your parishioners in contact with you and each other in this way.

One good thing about the current situation is that communities have rallied round to help each other. In Stoodleigh we are enormously grateful to those looking after others. Younger members of the community have volunteered to shop for groceries, to collect medications and to contact those who are more vulnerable.

We should also say a huge thank you to Geraldine Talbot for the amount of time she has given to keeping the village informed via the Stoodleigh website, ensuring that we still feel part of the community even though we cannot actually meet together.

Getting out into our glorious Spring countryside has been an enormous benefit and many miles have been covered by walkers around the village. Seeing trees bursting into leaf, wild flowers, bluebells, wild garlic and orchids,

herds of deer, newborn lambs, the cows as they emerge from their winter shelters and the birds (have you heard the cuckoo or seen a swallow?) have all been uplifting sights. We have been delighted to welcome the early morning sunshine, the warmer days and the longer evenings. And of course the roads are quieter. This is a time to appreciate the country setting we are fortunate to live in.

Another of the pleasures of lockdown has been the appearance of the Fudge Stall at the Old Rectory. Mimi Griffiths, aged ten, has cheered those of us with a sweet tooth by offering chocolate fudge treats, while at the same time raising money for her two chosen charities. Mimi is thrilled to have raised £150 for the British Hen Welfare Trust and is on target to raise £150 for the National Health charities.

We are grateful too to Jeannie Morrisey for re-starting production of sausages and bacon, and to Mervyn Brice and Lizzie Isaac at the Inn for their stocks of eggs, which are both available to buy without the need to leave the village area.

In the April/May issue of the Today Magazine we published the obituaries of two Stoodleigh residents. Some of you may not have seen these, which are repeated here:

The village has lost a very special person with the death of Dorothy Ayre, who passed away on 1 March. Dorothy was a lively and energetic lady who joined in all aspects of village life, as well as being a full-time, hardworking farmer's wife and mother. She was for some time treasurer of the Parish Hall committee and the Women's Institute. She captained the WI skittles team and formed a ladies' netball team. Dorothy made time to embroider Church kneelers, was a member of the Church choir and was an excellent flower arranger. She supported St Margaret's in

all money-raising activities. She was a keen gardener and with her strong competitive spirit won the trophy at the annual Garden Club Show many times. Dorothy's friends all have happy memories of her and offer heartfelt sympathy to her family.

We were also very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Cath, widow of Nathan Talbot and mother to Billy. Cath and Nathan lived in the village for a number of years. We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the Talbot family for their sad loss.

We welcome Julian and Marianne Ayre, who have moved into Gibbett Moor Cottages. We do hope that they will be happy joining us in the Stoodleigh community.

At the time of writing all village social events are cancelled, with the exception of the Annual Garden and Produce Show. This event, organised by the Stoodleigh Garden Club, is scheduled for Saturday 22 August and we are hoping that it will still go ahead. Please look on the Parish website for updates nearer the time.

The Stoodleigh Garden Club has formed a Garden Chat email network among Garden Club members during this lockdown period, which has entertained and encouraged us with shared stories and photographs. We have seen pictures of compost heaps, flowering shrubs and garden blooms, and we have read questions and answers to various gardening queries.

Villagers who have been taking their daily walks would like to share some photographs of scenes they have captured.

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Red deer below Smith's Copse



Wild orchids near Packs Lodge Cross



A blackbird's nest in one of Bob Fish's fields



Mimi Griffiths' charity fudge stall



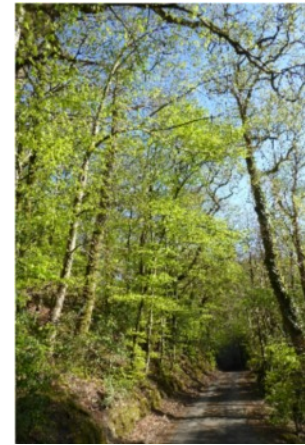
Christine Palfrey has confirmed that there has been no new 100 Club activity since the previously-reported March draw, but wishes to remind all members that 2020 subscriptions are now due. The annual subscription is £15 per member. Christine will be happy to receive subscriptions via her letterbox at Knightwood. The next draw will take place at the first Village social event.

When the lockdown ends, the ladies on the Flower Rota are planning a grand re-opening of the Church with a beautiful celebration of flowers. Meanwhile, let us not forget that the Church is still there and, with no services, there are no collections. As a result, the coffers are running low. Parishioners are invited to please help by saving something weekly for donation to the Church. Once it re-opens, please consider donating these savings either via the alms box in the Church or directly to the Treasurer, Christine Broadbent. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

During the lockdown we can all keep up-to-date by checking the Exe Valley Churches' website exevalleymissioncommunity.org, the Stoodleigh website stoodleighweb@gmail.com and our own Stoodleigh community emails. As soon as the lockdown is lifted, we will look forward to gathering together in person once again.



Trees coming into leaf in the lane to Parkhouse Water



TEMPLETON



Social distancing in Templeton

Acts of Kindness

So many people in Templeton have contacted us to ask that we say thank you to their neighbours. There has been practical support for food shopping and essential medicines. Neighbours keep in touch over the hedge, are phoning each other and many are getting to grips with the art of video conferencing. We keep social distancing rules but we have not isolated ourselves from our friends and our community. At 8pm on Thursdays, many Templetonians clap for the NHS, carers and key workers. It doesn't matter if our houses are remote, or if anyone else will hear us.

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PARISH ROUND-UP

Despite these unprecedented times, there is still joy, hope and love in the world.

All good wishes

Our thoughts, prayers and all good wishes go to those in the village, and beyond, who are unwell, in hospital, receiving or awaiting treatment or going through a tough time.

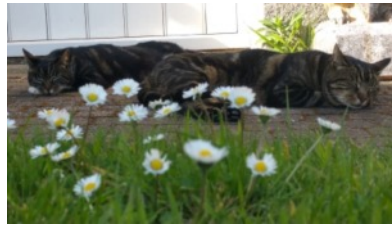
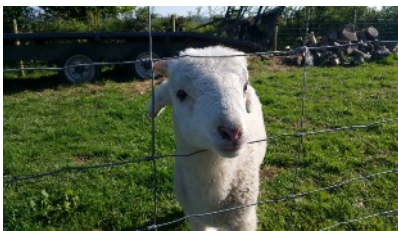
Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are with Mark and Sara Stone. Mark's mother, Carol Stone died on March 12th 2020.

June / July Flowers/Cleaning Rota

Kate Martin	7 / 14 June
Ginah Palmer	21 / 28 June
Teresa Pancherz	5 / 12 July
Gill Rose	19 / 26 July

We hope you enjoy these beautiful photographs from around Templeton. Stay safe and well everyone.



As you will know there is so much goodwill and practical help for anyone needing it. All those who are 'locked-down' are extremely grateful to the Washfield Support Group who are keeping us supplied with shopping, medicines, newspapers, etc. Many new contacts have been made and friendly phone calls and email fly through the air everyday.

We are all very thankful for the beautiful countryside we live in and for the gardens we can enjoy - and work in and for sunny weather to keep us all cheerful.

We are very mindful, however, of much suffering being experienced by many people and our thoughts and prayers are with those who are unwell at this difficult time.

WASHFIELD

Hello to you all in Washfield. It is very strange to have a locked Church, but the precious building is safe and the Church people are very much here! Steph is keeping in touch all the time, and we hope you can access her messages of care and encouragement on the website, and she is always there on the phone if that is easier.

The Sunday Services by phone are very well attended as St. Peter's Parishes and St. Andrew's join with the Exe Valley Churches. Robert and Steph share leading these services and well over a hundred people join worship together, which is very heartening.

Bible studies, Coffee Mornings and a Film Club are 'Zoomed' into our homes - certainly a new experience and a steep learning curve!

The Churchwardens have even had a Zoom Meeting and shared our news of how all our parishes are coping.

We remember those who have been bereaved and unable to have a funeral surrounded by family and friends and also those worried about their jobs and their livelihood.

We are getting a new perspective on life and what is important. Let's hope we will have a better world in the future.

Now read about what our lively village has been doing to keep everyone in touch - (The Easter Eggs were much appreciated!)

Well, what can we say but 'it's been a funny old time' recently in Washfield, the Exe Valley, Devon, the South West, the UK oh...and the world!

I am writing this whilst we are still in lockdown and socially isolating. You know that something significant has happened when your mobile phone anticipates you typing those words/phrases and the predictive text kicks in!

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PARISH ROUND-UP

We have been stoical though and toeing the government/health bodies lines. We have all had to think and act very differently in many aspects of our lives especially regarding family, friends, shopping, staying in and getting out.

Staying in is the new going out and shops come to us rather than the other way around. The highlights are video links to family and friends, a date for an online shopping delivery and an e-mail saying you have a parcel on its way!

It's not all been good though with even longer spells of social isolation and loneliness for some and, without the fine, sunny weather we have been having since 23 March, it would have been even worse.

At least we have gardens and, for most of us they have been our saving grace. Jobs are getting done that have been on the 'Honey do' list for a long time and things are looking smart (even though no-one is coming over any time soon). A lot of baking has been done too.

It's not been all bad either with a strong support network being set up and an ever expanding group of willing volunteers coming forward to help and assist those in our parish who, at this time, are unable to do some things for themselves. It's been a privilege to see how family, friends, neighbours and people previously unknown to us, are prepared to step up in the name of community and shop, get prescriptions, help with IT and a myriad of other tasks.

To keep occupied we have sought out our friends and neighbours by telephone, by e-mail, by Skype and Zoom and on social network including our 'Humans of Washfield and Lower Washfield' Facebook page. We have had Zoom Social Club sessions with chatter, drinks, bingo and even Morris dancing!! We have played

'Wurzit to?' a game where someone takes an obscure photo whilst on their daily, permitted walk and then the rest of us have to guess where it is in the parish! We have also had a variation called 'Warzit?' where we had to guess an object taken at close range, it's all good fun.

The Easter Bunny wasn't in lockdown so managed to get a bag of eggs to every child in the parish and, having quite a few left over, delivered some to the more senior members of the village too. Thanks to the Social Club for funding these Easter surprises.

We have had our Egg decorating and rolling competitions played out online too and, at the time of writing, we are having VE day stay at home parties in our gardens and the bunting on our homes is fluttering in the breeze. Through members of our village living overseas we have seen webcam footage of Elephants in Thailand and Eagles in Canada and its been fascinating.

Villagers have also been making scrubs, wash bags for them and headbands for the NHS and one of our number has set up word games to keep us occupied. The link to 'A waste of words' is:

<https://www.textwizard.com/word-games-for-lockdown-life/>

On our walks we have finally had the time to stop and look around us and have seen wildflowers aplenty, trees, deer (red and roe), pheasants, ducks and moorhen nests with eggs, newts, snipe, cormorants, hedgehogs, eels and brook lamprey plus much, much more.

We have been able to take the time to share these sightings with our children, neighbours and friends too so lots of positives on having time on our hands.

Lets hope that, when this time of enforced lockdown ends, we can still connect in the same way and be better for it. The feeling of village connectivity is very strong now and can survive 'normal life'...whatever that is?



And on a lighter note, nature doesn't go into lockdown. 'Just to remind everyone that the last thing out of Pandora's Box, was hope

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PARISH ROUND-UP

IN THE TIME OF QUIET

No one's told the daffodils about the
pause to Spring
And no one's told the birds to roost
and asked them not to sing

No one's asked the lazy bee to cease
his bumbling round

And no one's stopped the bright green
shoots emerging through the ground

No one's told the sap to rest, deep
within the wood
And stop the sleepy trees from waking,
wreathed about in bud

No one's told the sky to douse its
brightest shades of blue
And stop the scudding clouds from
puffing headlong into view

No one's asked the lambs to still the
springs beneath their feet,
To stop their rapid rush and quell each
joyful bleat

No one's told the stream to halt its
gurgle or its flow
And warned the playful breezes, not to
gust and blow

No one's asked the raindrops not to
fall upon the earth
And fail to quench the soil in the
season of rebirth

No one's locked the sun down, or
dimmed the shimmer of the moon
And even in the darkest night, the
stars are still immune

Remember what you value, remember
who is dear
Close the doors to danger and keep
your family near

In the quiet all around us take the
time to sit and stare
And wonder at the glory unfurling
everywhere

Look towards the future, after the
ordeal
And keep faith in Mother Nature's
power and will to heal'

Author unknown

WITHLEIGH

What strange times these are! Who would have imagined, at the time the April / May magazine was being written, that circumstances for all of us would change so dramatically in such a short space of time. With the imposed lockdown, all of the planned events in both church and village quickly fell victim, with the Easter celebrations and the St George's Day community lunch among them. Consequently, there is little to report this time.

We may take technology for granted nowadays, and continue to be amazed at the rate of the advances being made. We may not all be over-enthusiastic about the technology, but such has given us the ability to keep in touch via Facetime, Skype, Zoom, and the good-old telephone. How even-more restricted we would have been if the pandemic had struck even ten years ago!

At the time of writing, in early May, we are uncertain as to how and when the restrictions will be lifted, but we have had to take the decision to cancel this year's Summer Fête in July. Whether or not the Garden Show in August will be able to go ahead will be decided nearer the time, as will the fate of planned subsequent events.

We send our sympathy to Frances and all the family on the death of Gerald. Gerald was born at Higher Withleigh, where he lived until moving to Tiverton in recent years. He was active in the village, even

after moving to Tiverton, and his knowledge of the village was incredible. He was a Trustee of the Village Hall, being involved with the running of the Hall in every aspect since it was built. Until recently, he was a member of the Parochial Church Council when, again, his knowledge of the Church and the Churchyard was invaluable. We will miss Gerald at all of our events as he and Frances always tried to attend.

Gerald was laid to rest in our Churchyard on 4th May, attended by his immediate family due to the Coronavirus restrictions. Our love and prayers are with all the family.

Congratulations to any who are celebrating special birthdays or anniversaries.

Get well wishes go to all those known to us who are receiving treatment, recovering from operations, or who are not well at the moment.

And, to everyone, stay safe and take care.



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