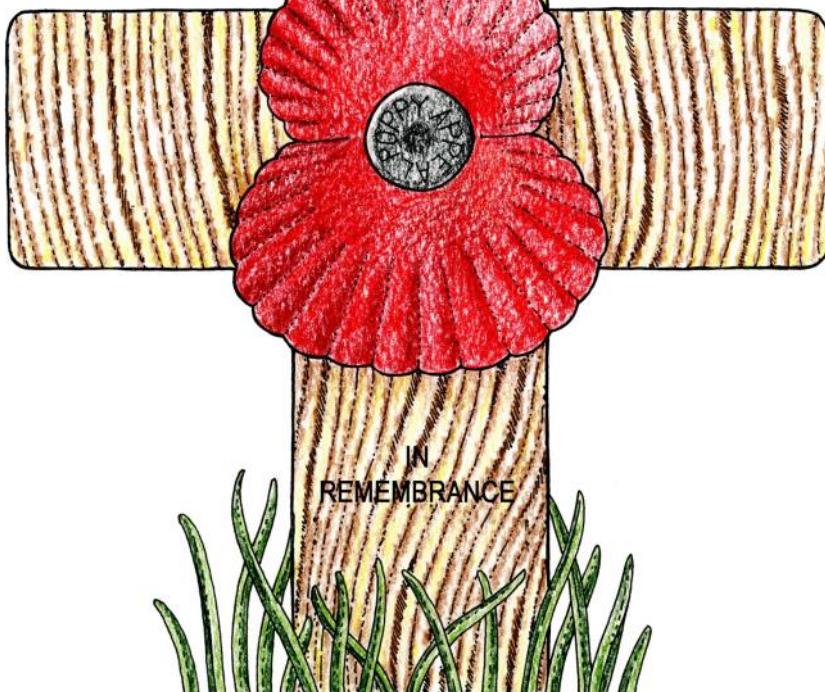
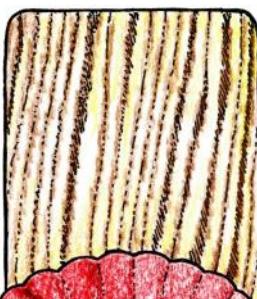


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The Team Office is closed to visitors until further notice.

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Coronavirus 2020

The November edition of this magazine comes as we move into lockdown again and the prospect of churches closing for public worship. Fortunately we are better prepared this time with broadband installed at Whittington and therefore we will aim to stream services and continue with virtual meetings. The magazine remains an important means of communication in these challenging times and will continue in its new format, seeking to be as encouraging as possible. As ever all contributions, particularly of good news or interest, will be gratefully received. Read on! Editor

Letter from the Vicarage

November 2020



Hi Everyone,

How are we all? I hope and pray that you are keeping fit and well and staying safe.

I used to have a poster on my bedroom wall that began with the words:

A prayer to be said when ...

and continued with a litany of difficulties that someone might be facing. I can't remember now how it went (and surprisingly enough I can't find the words on the internet), but I have vague memories of the list of difficulties building to a crescendo before ending:

"HELP!"

Obviously, the point is made better (and the comedic effect) by having the list of difficulties listed, but I have no idea now, 35 to 40 years later, how the list actually went.

That poster has come back to mind, recently, as a bit of a family crisis, has, as many of you will be aware, caused me to be absent from my normal duties for a few weeks.

I am very grateful to my colleagues, and those in leadership positions within the church communities at St. Mark's and Whittington, and the wider Worcester, South-East team, for graciously giving us time and space to come to terms with the events breaking around us. I am grateful to, to all those who have been holding us in your thoughts and prayers.

At the height of this crisis, as I was making an entry into my prayer journal, I found myself in that position, where I could find no words for my prayers and issued that cry, "help". There, then ensued, what is probably the longest prayer I have ever penned in my journal!

As a spiritual discipline, I find the keeping of a journal to be beneficial to me, particularly in times of struggle, and recommend any of you who may be struggling with these COVID-19 times and worries to maybe start one for yourself. The expression of thoughts and feelings in a written form, maybe, allow us to order those thoughts and feelings so as not to be overwhelmed by them.

I hope and pray that you are all managing in these strange times, and able to express your thoughts and feelings to God, in whatever form you find helpful.

If you find you are struggling with anything and feel that you need to speak to somebody, then please don't hesitate to give me a call.

The month of November, with it's season of Remembrance - All Saints' Day (1st), All Souls' Day (2nd), Remembrance Sunday (8th) - and being Kingdom season when we think of the Kingship of Jesus Christ in our lives (individually and as worshipping communities), is a month for us to reflect upon what makes for peace of heart, mind, body and soul.

Ever since James was a baby, we have always put him to bed, repeating to him, the words, "Remember, remember, that Mummy loves you; and Daddy loves you; and God loves you too!" Maybe, you could think about who you might want to say those words to, or who might want to say them to you.

I encourage you to remember those things in your life: people, places, interests, even work, that bring you peace, and to remember that God is always with you.

Stay safe everybody,

Every blessing,

Andy.

One out of Ten?

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. The teacher asked if anyone could recite one from memory. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbour's wife."

Coronavirus - Covid-19

**St Philip and St James Whittington is closed once again
for public worship**

*Further information will be given as soon as it becomes available.
Streaming of services from Whittington and St Martins is permitted and
arrangements will be made to serve the whole of the Team.*

The Worcester South East Team of clergy continue to work on ways of serving the needs of all our parishes.

The Team Office at St Martin's is closed to visitors but can still be reached by phone and email, see inside cover page.

For Pastoral Support please contact Revd Andy Stand on 01905 358150 or andy.stand@sky.com

LIVE ON-LINE VIDEO SERVICES For all churches in the South East Team

As churches close once again for public worship we are continuing to meet for worship during the week using the zoom app downloadable from the zoom.us website. To join one of the services please email the host who will send you a link:

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Further details will be given as soon as they are available about The morning worship on Sundays at St Martin's, currently streamed on **Facebook** and at Whittington on **Zoom**
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Justus – leading the Church in troubled times

Does this sound familiar? An Archbishop of Canterbury tries to bring unity and calm to a Church split down the middle over seemingly irreconcilable differences, and all the while to promote the Gospel to the wider non-Christian society, in the face of widespread ignorance and even hostility towards Christianity.

This isn't Justin Welby, though. It was Justus, a 7th century archbishop of Canterbury. Like Justin Welby, he had a passion for mission – he began as one of the Roman missionaries sent in 601 by Pope Gregory the Great – to reinforce Augustine. Once in England, he was quickly put to work – becoming the first ever Bishop of Rochester, in 604. It was then that he joined with other church leaders to urge the Irish and British (Celtic) Christians to repair the great church divide of the time – to conform their customs to those of Rome. (They were largely ignored.)

In 616 things got worse. There was a pagan reaction in Kent and Essex, and without any support from the pagan King Edbald, Justus and Mellitus knew it was time to get out – quick. They escaped to France, and the whole English mission seemed in peril. Then – an unexpected breakthrough occurred – the king was converted. So back came Justus, to become Archbishop of Canterbury in 624. Pope Boniface V had faith in his ability and courage – he bestowed on him both the pallium and the power to consecrate bishops in England. When Justus died in 627, he was buried at St Augustine's monastery. Then, in the 11th century, Justus was moved to a site in Canterbury Cathedral, behind the high altar.

From the Parish Register at Whittington
October 16th 2020
Interment of Ashes
Leslie Charles Ivor Heath

He inherited some good instincts from his Quaker forebears, but by diligent hard work, he overcame them. - James Reston

News from your Mission Enabler –

Sian

The Calling Young Disciples project works with churches across Worcester Diocese, helping them to strengthen their engagement with children, young people and their families, so that they have the opportunity to respond to God's call to be Jesus' disciples and to grow in love for him.



As part of this project the Worcester South East team have been allocated a Mission Enabler, to be based initially at St Marks and Ronkswood but will also work with the whole Team intensively for twelve months and then continue with support for a further three years.

I must start as always with a big thank you. Thank you to everyone who made my children and me feel so welcome over the last few Sundays. I think you will agree it was lovely to see so many children in church for harvest and that families felt comfortable bringing their children back to church. You may have seen some children using electronic devices in church - as a team we have produced some online resources for children to do in church that match the gospel reading. These resources can be accessed using a QR code (like your track and trace one). Look out for the poster coming to the back of church soon.

Last weekend saw the second CYD hub meeting. As a team we spent Friday night and all day Saturday on Zoom with the other teams from churches in our cohort. Our gathering was called 'Disciples' and we spent time thinking about our own journey, the people who discipled us and how we can make and grow disciples.

As a result of this meeting, each church within the Worcester South East Team has one or two actions to complete before the next hub meeting in April. Lots of this obviously is to do with our online and social media presence as well as preparing for our post-covid return. We have lots of ideas of what we want to do and some thoughts about how we are going to get there but as always we need two things:

Prayer. Please pray that as a hub group that the decisions we make are the right ones.

Helpers. As I say there is a lot to be done so if you are interested in helping out with social media and websites or being part of the team that leads Messy Church, Jam Club and other children's activities please let me know. We value everyone's input and there is plenty that needs doing.

Blessings, Sian

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Gift Ideas for Christmas for the young and older!

“HO HO HO CHRISTMAS IS A-COMING” - Sorry folks, I know I am early but we will not be able to have our usual Christmas Fayre at Whittington this year as social distancing will not be possible. However our Church still requires funds for it's upkeep and we still want to support local charities who are having a very difficult time at present. To help us do this we are offering items for sale through this magazine; these include knitted dolls of Father Christmas and snowmen, together with embroidered cushions and cards.



The pictures give you an idea of what's on offer; more details can be provided on request. Orders can be placed by phone (between 7/8.00 pm please) or email and collected from my home address by prior arrangement.

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Whittington Parish Council

Following a successful bid in securing a Government Public Works Loan, the Parish Council met in an extraordinary meeting on the 22nd of October. This meeting was by 'zoom' and open to the public. The purpose of the meeting was for Parish Councillors to consider and select tenders for the contract to build the new Whittington Community Hall. The Parish Council subsequently awarded the contract to Interclass PLC. It is anticipated that work will commence during November and complete mid 2021.

The Parish Council met again on the 27th October at their routine monthly public meeting where concerns relating to the South Worcestershire Development Plan, Traffic related issues, particularly on the B4084 Pershore Road, disorder reported in Wildmore Estate, planning applications and flooding in Church Lane were among a number of matters considered.

The public are always welcome and indeed, encouraged to attend Parish Council meetings who should contact the Clerk in advance for the meeting password. Alternatively, a live stream of the meeting is available on Facebook.

Email clerk@whittingtonparishcouncil.co.uk

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Miscellaneous musings on modern life...

In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'

Member of the congregation to minister: "I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you."

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight because by then, your body and your fat are really good friends.

Where there's a will, there are relatives.

Whittington Community Hall

Replacing the old Village Hall



As reported above the Parish Council has obtained a Public Works Loan which will enable the rebuilding of the old Village Hall to go ahead. The Parish Council agreed to appoint Interclass plc to build the new Community Hall and work will begin on site on **Monday 23rd November** for completion mid-summer next year.

Whilst the impact of the Coronavirus on all our lives has slowed the process down, work has continued and the end is now in sight!

The 'Whittington Project' is regarded by the senior management team at **Wychavon District Council** as a '**Flagship Project**'.

And is now coming to fruition!



Whittington Village Hall Management Committee

whittingtonvhc@gmail.com

The Committee is responsible for the running, maintenance and improvement of the new Community Hall.

The Annual General Meeting took place on
Wednesday 21st October 2020:

Minutes of the meeting may be seen on the Parish Council Website.

Family Tree

At a drinks party at a wealthy golf club, the conversation turned to the subject of ancestry. "Of course, we trace our family back to coming over with William the Conqueror," observed one lady with satisfaction. She turned to a second woman, who was new to the club, and asked, "What about you dear? Can you go back very far?"

"Not very far," came the reply. "You see, all the early family records were lost in the Flood."

Whittington CE Primary School



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Harvest - A Time to say 'Thank You'

In Year 1 we have been learning all about Harvest and why it is special and celebrated at this time of year. In normal times, we would have visited our lovely friends in church to Experience Harvest together and learn about different aspects of the gifts of Creation. We would also have led our school Harvest Service. Instead, we made a Harvest Celebration movie which we have shared with our school community - to bring us all together virtually! This is what we've been up to...



We looked at all the produce in our harvest basket and talked about where our food comes from and how it gets to us. We also talked about why it is important to say 'Thank you' for all the delicious gifts from our wonderful earth!

There are so many other gifts we can enjoy from Creation too, like the clay used to sculpt with and make the bricks to build our school and homes with, as well as objects we use in our daily lives. We have all been creators too and have made a clay pot, which we will give as a 'gift of the earth' to a special someone to say 'Thank you'.



We have also planted sunflower seeds to take home and care for them, to help them to grow up tall - just like us! It will take a long time, so we will have to learn to be patient...





In our creative prayer sessions we have been learning about Fairtrade and how it helps farmers in poorer countries earn a fair price for their goods, as well as how to farm sustainably to look after our planet. You can imagine the joy when we said 'Thank you' prayers whilst tasting the produce of cocoa beans... Yum!



We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing friends in Year 6 who created some fun activities for us to do to fundraise this Harvest. We are very proud to say that we raised a fantastic £200 for the Acorns Children's Hospice as a result of their efforts - and the generosity of all who took part!



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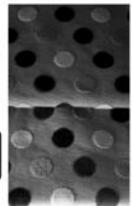
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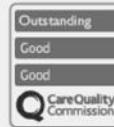
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From the Archdeacon of Worcester

You'll be hearing the words 'healthy and sustainable churches' a lot in our diocesan life at the moment. As we navigate the challenges of the pandemic and seek to be a faithful Christian presence, we want as many church communities as possible to be healthy and sustainable - in other words, alive and kicking now and for the foreseeable future!



We know this is not just our work. It is God's Church, as it is his mission, of which we are a part and in which we share. It's not all up to us, and isn't that liberating! So our first call is to keep faith in the God who keeps faith in us.

Being healthy and sustainable are not ends in themselves, just as the Church does not exist for itself alone. William Temple famously said we are the only organisation which exists for those who are not our members. Jesus told his disciples, 'as the Father has sent me, I send you'. In other words, they had a job to do, which was to live the life of Jesus and reflect the glory of the Father's Kingdom. And so do we have a job to do, not by preaching at everybody all the time nor by trying to be God, but simply by reflecting his love, compassion, justice and freedom by being who we are.

This is why I pray for a humble church which is healing and sustaining – for itself, its community and the world around. This is the sort of church which attracts me just as much now as it did when I first answered the call to priesthood. It is a church which is world-facing and life-affirming, a church with fuzzy boundaries, confident in knowing that we are not God, but content with letting God be God, and discovering what that might mean for us!

This pandemic has changed so much in our lives, but many of the basics remain. We have a pretty good idea of what it takes for communities and individuals to flourish. We recognise the behaviours which are life-giving, just as we know those which undermine our common humanity. These things haven't changed, and neither has our Christian calling to fulfil the biblical imperative to love as we are loved. In the words of a former bishop of Worcester it is still a case of 'alleluia and on we go.'

So, what does it take for a church to be healing and sustaining? What do you think such a church will look like?

Robert Jones, Archdeacon of Worcester

Remembrance

For many, the Royal British Legion's red poppy is a symbol of peace and remembrance for those who gave their lives in times of war. Over the years the annual Poppy Appeal, first held in 1921, has raised vital money to support Britain's Armed Forces, veterans and their families in their times of need. However, this is not the only poppy appeal which exists to promote peace and to remember wartime sacrifice.



The white poppy was first designed and distributed in 1933 by the Peace Pledge Union, the UK's oldest pacifist group. Many veterans of the First World War, and indeed, of wars since, opted to wear the white poppy to stress the 'never again' message and to visually represent their commitment to peace.

Black poppies are also available each year from Black Poppy Rose, to especially remember those in the African, Black, Caribbean and Pacific Islands communities who contributed to or who died during various conflicts since the 16th century.

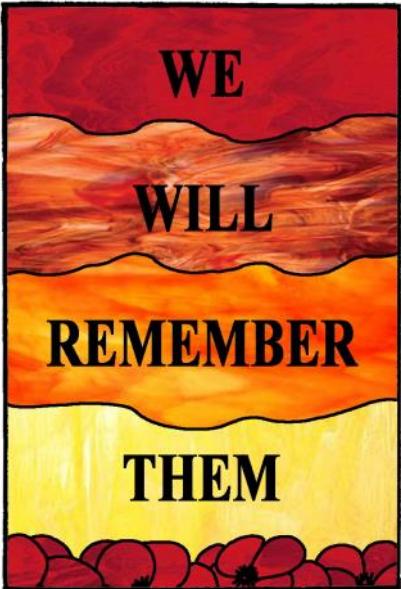
Animal victims of wartime, like horses and dogs, are also remembered through the wearing of purple poppies. Organised by the War Horse Memorial, donations for purple poppies are given to animal charities including World Horse Welfare and Blue Cross.

Whatever colour you choose to wear, poppies remain an important symbol to remember all those affected by war.

Reflections on War

War does not determine who is right - only who is left. –
(probably) Bertrand Russell

The tragedy of war is that it uses man's best to do man's worst. –
Harry Emerson Fosdick



Poppy Appeal 2020

Look out for the Poppy Appeal again this year, but not so much via street collections. Instead, the Royal British Legion will focus on contactless donations, as a safer way forward during the pandemic.

One such method will be 'point of sale donations'. This means that when you shop at your supermarket and reach the till or online, you may be invited to round up your total to the nearest pound to help the Poppy Appeal.

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "The Poppy Appeal 2020 is very much still going ahead", but that

"the safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, staff and members is paramount.

This means that collectors who fall into the vulnerable category have been advised "not to take part in activity on behalf of the Poppy Appeal that would expose them to any additional risks while coronavirus is still present."

And yet the need is still huge: "Members of the Armed Forces Community are suffering significant hardship as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak and we at the Royal British Legion will do everything we possibly can to support them."

NOVEMBER

A Shropshire Lad

'Into my heart an air that kills
From you far country blows:

What are those blue remembered hills,
What spires, what farms are those?
That is the land of lost content,
I see it shining plain,
The happy highways where I went
And cannot come again.'

A E Houseman

The Destruction of Coventry

German Luftwaffe bombers virtually destroyed the city of Coventry – including its medieval cathedral – 80 years ago this month, on 14th November 1940.

Coventry was targeted by ‘Operation Moonlight Sonata’ as an industrial city, but more than 4300 homes were destroyed and about two-thirds of the city’s buildings were damaged. There were many direct hits on the cathedral, and flames spread quickly. More than 550 people were killed and over 850 badly injured, with nearly 400 sustaining lesser injuries.

There would have been more casualties, but many citizens left at night to sleep in nearby towns or villages after earlier air raids. Rumours that Churchill knew of the raid in advance but declined to take precautions to prevent the Germans knowing their code had been broken were later shown to be misguided.

Joseph Goebbels later used the term *coventriert* (‘coventried’) to describe high levels of destruction in other towns.

The cathedral was left as a ruin, still standing today as a reminder of the bombing. A new cathedral was built close alongside in the 1950s, designed by the architect Basil Spence. The Queen laid its foundation stone in 1956. It was consecrated in 1962, and Benjamin Britten’s *War Requiem* was composed to mark the occasion.

St Matthew’s Balloon Race launched from Red Square!

Thank you to everyone who supported our virtual balloon race. The race, organised by ecoracing.co, was a seven-day computer simulation race ‘launched’ from Red Square, Moscow



- everything was real except the balloon! Live weather data plus balloon shape and helium content determined the progress of each balloon, which could be tracked on Google Maps (via the website).

We had 52 supporters, sold 163 balloons and raised a net total of £447, which was great and will go into our building fund.

Penny Welford



The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, IICSA, has today published its overarching investigation report into the Anglican Church in England and Wales, based on the main public hearing in July 2019.

The report focuses on common themes and issues identified in all three hearings, which included the case studies into Bishop Peter Ball and the Diocese of Chichester, both held in 2018.

The **154 page report** makes eight principal recommendations about a range of issues. The first of these and the absolute priority is the Church's response to victims and survivors. There is also a recommendation regarding the structure of safeguarding and the Church is committed to looking at how best to implement **greater independent oversight**. Further recommendations include the revision of the Clergy Discipline Measure, information sharing between Churches and statutory partners, and external auditing of the Church's safeguarding work.

Commenting on the report, Bishop Martin (who is lead Bishop for Safeguarding in our diocese) said:

"Echoing the words of the Church of England's lead safeguarding bishop, today's report from IISCA into safeguarding in the Church of England makes shocking reading and I too want to express shame about the distress caused to victims and survivors by the Church's failures. We are fully supportive of IICSA's scrutiny of safeguarding practises in the Church of England – it is vital that the church is a safe place for all. Our commitment as the Diocese of Worcester to remain survivor-led and provide fair safeguarding processes continues unabated and we have already identified the need to commit more resources to this vital work. We are grateful for the support we receive from our independent safeguarding partners to help us with this.

If anyone has any safeguarding concerns regarding churches in Worcestershire and Dudley, they should contact our safeguarding team on 07495 060869."



St Mark in the Cherry Orchard

Diocese of Worcester



News & Views from St Mark in the Cherry Orchard



November
2020

St Mark in the Cherry Orchard Church whilst the church is once more open for services on a Sunday (9.30am) and Wednesday (10am), attendance continues to be very much reduced. Rules laid down by the diocese that are in line with directives from the government, are followed to keep the congregation safe. If you are uncertain whether to visit the church and/or have any questions, the contact number for the vicar who generally takes the services, Revd Andy Stand, is 01905 358150.

Ride & Stride 2020 Congratulations are extended to the vicar and Michael Phillips who once again cycled round the county to raise money for the Worcestershire & Dudley Historical Churches Trust. This year they set off from Whittington Church at 10.15am and visited a total of fifteen churches, beginning with the local ones before riding out to several in the south/south east area, a journey that lasted four hours (*see pictures on page 13*). Bearing in mind that there had been little opportunity to advertise the event this year, the PCC would like to thank all those who sponsored the ride to the tune of £210, a magnificent sum under the circumstances. For those of you who are not aware, St Marks will receive half of the sponsorship money.

APCM The annual meeting should have taken place after the morning service on 25 October. However, the vicar was unable to chair it and a new date will be set as soon as possible, again after the morning service and therefore at approximately 10.30am.

Continued.....

Church Hall News

St Marks had hoped that the hall would welcome back most of the long term hirers but sadly the latest announcements by the government have changed things again so that all we can do is take one day at a time.

Whilst details of hall hirers can be found on the back page of this magazine or on the web site www.stmarksworcester.wordpress.com it is wise to make contact with the group's leader(s) before attending any of the advertised groups. Having said that, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have indicated that they hope to return on Tues, 3 November.

The PCC now has a schedule for the essential work that needs to be carried out to alleviate the damp affecting the large west wall at the back of the hall that is wholly below ground level. Pre Christmas, the two cupboards will be emptied into the hall to allow Ecoplumb access to drain the heating system, remove the radiator and pipes, and fit new pipes to re-route the feed up to the church central heating. Dampcure will begin to remove shelving, etc. week beginning 4 January 2021 to allow the addition of a membrane and skimmed plaster board that will cover the whole of the wall. New skirting boards will be fitted and shelving returned thereafter. To facilitate the foregoing, and Covid allowing, hall hirers will not be able to return to the hall until week beginning 11 January. The old coat hooks currently at the back of the hall will be moved to a batten secured to the wall just inside the entrance door to the main hall.

New Hall Lighting If readers should glance at the hall and ask themselves why various lights are on at odd times, don't panic because it is all fine. Following the installation of new LED PIR lights throughout, it has been discovered that they are very sensitive and are known to pick up movement in the car park and the Bath Road; the disabled toilet light even picked up my body heat as I stood outside the closed door (I knew because the fan came on as well)!!

Continued.....

Meet friends or make new ones

The Pow Wow Chat & Cuppa Club is open again in St Marks Church Hall from 2pm until 3pm on the first Tuesday of each month. There is no charge for entry and the club is for anyone who would like a free cuppa and a chat.

Social distancing is observed at events and attendees can bring their own cups/mugs if they would prefer to; hot drinks and wrapped biscuits will be provided.

Cherry Orchard Ladies Club

Five members attended on 7 October. With numbers so low, the committee have decided not to meet again until February 2021 when it is to be hoped that things might have returned to normal after what will have been nearly 12 months of Covid.

Wanted Please: Single and/or double white cotton or polyester bed sheet - a little wear is OK? The altar cloths are wearing out (holes and lace a bit tatty) and I thought that I might make a couple or so new ones. If you can help, please phone 01905 351392 or send a message to janvale810@gmail.com. Thanks

Jan janvale810@gmail.com 01905 351392

- **Medical name?**
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 - The curate told his doctor that he was worried because he just wasn't able to do all the things around the parish that his vicar expected him to do. When the examination was complete, he said, "I'm prepared for the worst, doctor. Just tell me in plain English what is wrong with me."
 - "Well, in plain English," the doctor replied, "you're just lazy."
 - "Okay," said the curate. "Now give me the medical term so I can tell my vicar."
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Help our wildlife before it is too late

A quarter of mammals in the UK are at risk of extinction, and this decline will continue unless their habitats are restored and some species are reintroduced.

So warns the chair of Natural England, Tony Juniper, referring to a recent list of endangered animals issued by the Mammal Society, and approved by the United Nations.

UK mammals most in danger are the greater mouse-eared bat, the water vole, the hedgehog, hazel dormouse and Scottish wildcat. The European wolf is already extinct.

Tony Juniper advises that reintroducing some mammals would help others at greater risk. For example, introducing more pine martens would help control the grey squirrels, which in turn would give our native red squirrels a better chance.

As one professor of environmental biology said: “Here in Britain we are managing to send even rodents towards extinction. Things have to change rapidly if we want our children and grandchildren to enjoy the wildlife that we take for granted.”



"Given the state of our heating system, you'd think the vicar would be all for it!"

Fire in church?

The town's fire prevention officer was conducting a health and safety course at the local church. The officer said to the minister: "Now imagine this: it is a Sunday morning and you have a number of people, spread socially distanced, throughout your church building. Some are in the choir stalls, some are in the kitchen, and some are in the nave. Suddenly, a big fire breaks out. What are the first steps you would take?"

The minister thought carefully for a moment. "Really big ones," he said.

A FUN QUIZ FOR YOU: WHO SAID IT?

Can you match the following quotations to the famous people listed below? Answers next month!

1. Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up.
2. There is no such thing as society. There are individual men and women and there are families.
3. I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.
4. You must be the change you want to see in the world.
5. The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.
6. Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans.
7. Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.
8. When they go low, we go high.
9. If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.
10. If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.
11. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.
12. Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.
13. Simplicity is the key to brilliance.
14. Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.
15. It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.
16. A desperate disease requires a dangerous remedy.
17. All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.
18. My favourite things in life don't cost any money. It's really clear that the most precious resource we all have is time.
19. Impossible is a word to be found only in the dictionary of fools.
20. Whoever is happy will make others happy too.

Anne Frank; Dr Seuss; John Lennon; Walt Disney; Pablo Picasso; Martin Luther King Jnr; Oscar Wilde; Confucius; Steve Jobs; Harry S Truman; Margaret Thatcher; Mark Twain; Bruce Lee; Napoleon Bonaparte; Nelson Mandela; Albert Einstein; Guy Fawkes; Michelle Obama; Mahatma Gandhi; Thomas Edison.

A Salutary Warning and Valuable Advice!

One of many scams which have surfaced during the Pandemic

With thanks to David Hallmark for passing this on.

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Please be aware that the premium rate number may change but nevertheless please do not call any number stated on a card from PDS.

Can you please make all your family, friends and neighbours aware of the above.

He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts; for support rather than illumination. - Andrew Lang



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