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***The Team Office is closed to visitors until further notice.***

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June  
2021

This month we remember the Queen's 95th birthday as we wait to see whether we move to the next stage of easing lockdown and so greater freedom! *Editor*

# *Letter from the Vicarage*

## *June 2021*



Hi Everyone,

How are we all doing? I hope that as the lockdown is being eased you have been able to see more of your friends and families, and I hope too, that those relationships are positive and an encouraging support for you.

I wonder, though, are there some people you would be happy to continue avoiding because you have quite a difficult relationship with them, and lock down has provided some relief from that?

I have been thinking a little bit about Saints' Days recently. Just after Easter, towards the end of April, we had both St. George's Day (23rd April) and St. Mark's Day (25th April) in fairly quick succession, and then just under a week after that we had St. Philip and St. James' Day (1st May). Then as I began to look forward and to see what occasions were coming up in June, I began reflecting upon how many of the churches I have worshipped in over the years have their Patronal festivals fall in this month.

Anyone who was at St. Mark's to hear my Pentecost sermon (23rd May), heard me speak a little bit about the church I grew up in - St. Boniface Church, in Quinton, Birmingham - St. Boniface's Day is the 5th June.

Some of you will know that when I was first ordained, and began my first job as minister within the Church of England that post was at St. John's Church in Bromsgrove. I should probably give its full name - St. John the Baptist, Bromsgrove. Now the Church of England, mark's both the birth of John the Baptist (24th June) and his death (29th August). For fairly obvious reasons, I guess, it is the date in June that is celebrated most widely.

*Continued.....*

Some of you will also know that when we moved to Worcester, five years ago - I know I can't believe it's been that long either! - we moved from a St. Peter's church (Upper Gornal), to the St. Peter's estate in Worcester. Guess what? Yes, St. Peter's Day also falls in June - the 29th to be precise.

St. Peter, is an interesting character, often thought to be a no nonsense, burly fisherman with a very impetuous, speak-first, think later type approach to life; something that sometimes got him into trouble. I suspect he was probably quite a proud and stubborn man at times and I do wonder how he reacted when, on one occasion Jesus gave him quite a strong public rebuke, comparing him to the devil, "Get behind me Satan" were Jesus words - strong indeed!

I wonder was he angry with Jesus? Was he hurt? Did he sulk and avoid Jesus for a while? And which of them made the first move to try and heal that rift?

I haven't actually had a previous connection (ministered in or been a member of) a St. Barnabas Church in the past, but note that his feast day, is another celebrated during June (11th), and that he was known as the Son of Encouragement amongst the members of the early church.

I wonder which of all of these saints might you wish to emulate? Are you in need of encouragement (give me a call), or able to give it (I might give you one!)?

Take care everyone.  
Every blessing, Andy.



## Coronavirus - Covid-19

**St Philip and St James Whittington**  
**is open for public worship and normal services continue.**

*Details of arrangements for attending are on page 35*

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

*Some services are still being conducted on-line by the Team  
(see below)*

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

## LIVE ON-LINE VIDEO SERVICES

**For all churches in the South East Team**

Churches in the Team are progressively opening again for public worship but 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:

**Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday at 8.30 a.m. *hosted by Mike Bunclark (mbunclark@tiscali.co.uk)*

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**Monday Prayer Meeting:** 4.00 p.m. *hosted by Joan Hazzard (joanhazz@gmail.com)*

**Virtual 'Yew Brew' Coffee Morning:** Saturday at 11.00 a.m. *hosted by Andy Stand*

**Prayers for Peace and Justice:** Saturday at 12 noon *hosted by Joan Hazzard*

**For enquiries about Whittington please email the Vicar**  
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**Sunday Services will be streamed from St Martin's on Facebook, available through their website, and from Whittington on Zoom.**

# WHITTINGTON NEW BUILDING

## *The Elizabethan Room*



Work continues on applications for grants to fill the shortfall in our funding following very encouraging results so far giving real hope of building this or early next year. Further applications have been made to national charities and the results are awaited.

Steps are now being taken to develop the archaeological survey and take it as far as possible before the start of construction.

## MORE on SUMMER BEDDING - *from Brenda*

A huge thank you to all my regular supporters and a welcome to all newcomers who purchased bedding plants from me this year, we have so far made just over £800. I have a couple more orders still to go and will update you on the final figure in the next magazine.



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From the Parish Register at  
Whittington

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Funeral, 4th May 2021  
followed by  
Interment of Ashes 27th May 2021  
Valerie Redding

## What's on at Whittington June and July

<b>Sunday 6 June</b> 11.00am	<b>Trinity 1</b> Parish Communion
<b>Sunday 13 June</b> 11.00am	<b>Trinity 2</b> Family Service
Tuesday 15 June 6.30pm	PCC Meeting on Zoom
<b>Sunday 20 June</b> 11.00am	<b>Trinity 3</b> Parish Communion
<b>Sunday 27 June</b> 11.00am	<b>Trinity 4</b> Family Communion
<b>Sunday 4 July</b> 11.00am	<b>Trinity 5</b> Parish Communion
<b>Sunday 11 July</b> 11.00am	<b>Trinity 6</b> Family Service
Tuesday 13 July 6.30pm	PCC Meeting on Zoom
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b> 11.00am 6.30pm	<b>Trinity 7</b> Parish Communion Memorial Service

### **Belief.....**

Our elderly vicar was very devout, but sometimes lost his place during the service. One Sunday as we reached the Creed there was a long silence, so the curate went across to him and gently touched his arm. "I believe in God," she whispered.

The vicar smiled back happily. "Oh so do I, so do I!"



*After months of lockdown, the Sunday procession probably needed some practise.*

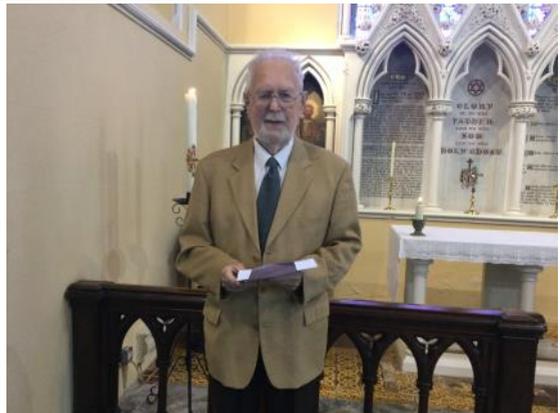


Above: Whittington Church in 1865 pictured by Benjamin Leader.



Left: Ros Prokopiw sitting in one of the new chairs she has kindly given in memory of her late husband, John

Bob Saunders retires after many years from his roles as Sacristan, School Governor and magazine editor with grateful thanks from everyone.



Social Distancing made clear!  
As observed in *All Saint's, Cottenham, Cambridge*



**With thanks to Janet Pearson who saw these towards the end of May, this year and compared them with our polite requests not to sit in this pew!**



## **Whittington Parish Council**

The Annual Meeting of Whittington Parish Council was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. Steve Burrows was re-elected as Chairman and Steve Brooker was re-elected as Vice-Chairman. Parish Councillors are Dan Bayliss, Jenny Knights, Katie Lambeth-Mansell, Susan MacLeod and Rob Stepnewski.

Clerk to the Parish Council is David Hunter-Miller.

Linda Robinson, elected as the new County Councillor for the Ward following the resignation of Rob Adams, attended and addressed the Whittington Parish Council. Ms Robinson's report can be read on the Parish Council web site [Whittingtonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://Whittingtonparishcouncil.co.uk). It makes interesting and encouraging reading particularly in respect of the covid pandemic within the Wychavon area. Rob Adams remains District Councillor representing Whittington.

Parish Council meetings are open to the public (Covid restrictions and regulations permitting) and held at 7.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June in the Church.

To contact the Parish Clerk or a Parish Council representative please see the Parish Council web site, [whittingtonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://whittingtonparishcouncil.co.uk).

## **Whittington Community Hall**

### **Replacing the old Village Hall**



Progress on the new hall continues well with the main roof now in place. Completion is still expected in July this year. Work has now begun on the inside of the building. The 'Whittington Project' is



regarded by the senior management team at **Wychavon District Council** as a *good services, good value* **'Flagship Project'**

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## **Whittington CE Primary School**

**From the Head Teacher, Gary Richards**

Whilst wider society is emerging from lockdown with measures relaxing in mid-May and further easing in June, primary schools need to remain vigilant. We have not changed any of our safety procedures because, with greater mixing, positive cases are now rising in the primary sector. Many south Worcester primary schools, including us, have had to close class bubbles. Our plan is to continue with our current procedures up to the summer holidays and review the position in September.

What this means is that the usual events we organise at the end of the academic year will have to be altered to ensure that all of our pupils and staff remain safe. This doesn't mean that anything is cancelled. We are currently planning a range of activities for all the children to mark the end of their time in each of the year groups.

Right now, we are at the end of the penultimate week of this half term. The wind is blowing and it is raining. One of the characteristics we instill in our pupils is to persevere and May has definitely required a fair amount of that personality trait. However, the children are positive and enthusiastic which shows that if we all work together we will prevail.



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## **Summer Solstice – longest day of the year**

June, of course is the month of the summer solstice, the month of the Sun. *Sol* + *stice* come from two Latin words meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still'. As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, and the Southern Hemisphere celebrates in December.

***While the Druids worship at Stonehenge and elsewhere, the Christian honours the Creator rather than the created.***

### ***God in All*** *A prayer of St Patrick*

He inspires all,  
He gives life to all,  
He dominates all,  
He supports all.  
He lights the light of the sun.  
He furnishes the light of the night.  
He has made springs in dry land.  
He is the God of heaven and earth,  
of sea and rivers,  
of sun, moon and stars,  
of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley,  
the God above heaven,  
and in heaven,  
and under heaven.

## **Good Samaritan?**

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."



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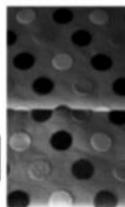
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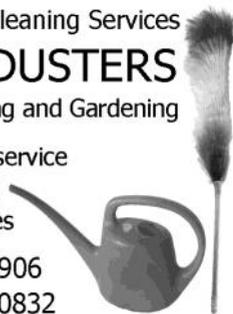
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## The Green Season:

A letter for June from the Dean of Worcester, Peter Atkinson.



As we leave the season of Easter and Pentecost behind, the Church moves into the 'green' season of the weeks after Trinity. Green, because the vestments and altar frontals are of that colour, apart from the occasional variation when a festival or saint's day occurs. Green, too, because as we move from spring into summer, we are all the more aware of the greenery of trees and grass, hedgerows and hills. It's a good time of year for people with green fingers.

Green has other meanings as well. It stands for youth and inexperience ('he's very green'), reminding us of the green shoots of spring. Such people are sometimes called 'greenhorns', which is the American word for immature bulls or oxen. Less pleasantly, green is the colour of envy, derived from Shakespeare's 'green-eyed monster'. Older people can look with green-eyed jealousy at the greenhorns, who have all their life before them. The greenhorns are too green to know that the old can be envied as well as the young. To the envious person, old or young, the grass is always greener on the neighbour's side of the fence. All this suggests that we might spend the green season of the Church's year reflecting on what makes us envious, what makes us content, and trying to get the balance better.

And then, of course, the colour green has come to sum up the whole environmental agenda, from climate change to pollution, from waste to deforestation, from travel to sources of energy. One of the ways we can implement a green agenda is by living more simple lives, which brings us back to the idea of contentment, and learning to live without envy.

Soon after the start of June we celebrate the summer feast of St Wulfstan which is also the dedication festival of Worcester Cathedral (7 June). In the collect for St Wulfstan we pray that we may 'live simply, work diligently, and make God's kingdom known' – an agenda for the green season of the Church's year.



Now restrictions are lifting, many of us would like to get away on holiday. How do we reduce the negative environmental impact of our holiday, and increase the positive? This edition of Called to Action offers small steps to minimise our travel footprint.

Holiday travel accounts for about 4% of global carbon emissions. [Find out more](#)



### Be more eco-friendly by:

Going '[Flight Free](#)' for holidays in 2021

- Use public transport. The new station Worcestershire Parkway links us easily with more destinations. Trains and buses all have good anti-COVID precautions. Book in advance you can get great train ticket deals. You can take your dog or cat, though booking is needed for bikes.

When you have minimised your travel footprint as much as possible, you could try using 'Climate Stewards' to offset your travel footprint. [More information:](#)

Useful links:

[Visit England's Guide to green transport](#)

[Discover England's coast by public transport](#)

[Cottages near a railway station](#)

[Top 7 eco holidays by the sea](#)

'Eco-holidays' are increasingly popular. Watch out for holidays that are accessible by public transport. Some offer discounts of up to 10% if you do not arrive by car. A proper 'staycation', doing day trips from home, can be one of the most relaxing and greenest ways of taking a break.



### Taking action on green holiday travel could support:

[Eco Church](#) (for churches) : Lifestyle: 3, 4 & 5

[Creation Care](#) (for households): Travel: 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 4.15

## Richard of Chichester, wanting God more clearly, dearly and nearly

Ever wonder where the prayer ... *'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day'* comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

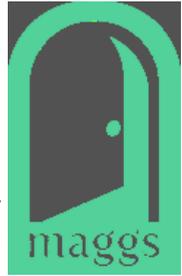
And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full: "Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."

!Jump.....

!A minister invited to preach at a local prison regretfully chose the text: 'With the help of my God, I will leap over the wall.'

# Should I give money to homeless people?

## An article by Maggs Day Centre.



We have all been in this situation – you are in one of our local towns, Worcester or Kidderminster, walking past the shops when you get to a shop doorway with what appears to be homeless person sitting in it on a sleeping bag. You look at them – they look at you? What do you do next?

Well, I think most people think, “I should help this person”, but then immediately afterwards, what can I do? All too often we just look away and walk on by. So what should we do in this situation? Safety first – if you have any concerns about the safety or health of the homeless person then contact Streetlink at <https://www.streetlink.org.uk/>

Streetlink will then refer the case to the local agency which is responsible for outreach work to the homeless in that area. But assuming the person is not in immediate danger, what can you do to help them? Should you give them money? Professional Agencies say no, as this money may be spent on drugs or alcohol, thus funding drug dealers and do nothing to get homeless street sleepers out of their situation. You don’t have to give them money if you don’t feel comfortable doing that. But there is nothing to stop you giving them a chocolate bar, or a sandwich, or buying them a coffee, especially as there is a coffee shop on every street corner.

Don’t just ignore them. One of the worst things about being homeless is that people treat you as being invisible, like a non person who does not really exist. When you give something to a homeless person, you are treating them as a fellow human being. And if you don’t have the time or the money for anything else, even just a smile and a greeting is a gift for a homeless person. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta said “Every time you **smile** at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.

*Maggs Day Centre helps rough sleepers across Worcestershire You can donate on line at our website where you can read more about our work - [www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk/](http://www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk/) or via cheque (payable to Maggs Day Centre) c/o Mel Kirk, Maggs Annexe, 59-60 The Tything, Worcester, WR1 1JT.*

# Deanery Church of the Month: June 2021

Christchurch, Broadheath

[Home \(lowerbroadheath.info\)](http://lowerbroadheath.info)



The most striking thing about this impressive church on the first ridge of high ground as you leave the Worcester flood plain always has been for me the huge glowing golden '16<sup>th</sup> Century styled' galleon in full sail seemingly incongruously large atop the tower. Perhaps the sun always shines in Lower Broadheath or maybe the galleon only catches my eye when the sun is shining on it?

Broadheath of course is famous for being the birthplace of Sir Edward Elgar and if you have gone looking for the National Trust property and find Christchurch then you are about a mile away to the east. The present church was built in about 1903-4 to replace an earlier building (now part of the nearby school) which was only dated 1837 and a chapel of ease to the large 'St Philip and St James' church at Hallow. Lower Broadheath became a separated parish from Hallow in 1922 but now is likely back in the fold together with Holt and Grimley as the 'West Worcester Beacon' group of churches. (the Pastoral Measure 2011 placing Lower Broadheath into a benefice with Hallow, Grimley and Holt, taking LB away from St Clements, may happen by June 1st this year!)

Delving into the history files which you can do using the link above you will see that 'A foundation stone was laid in November 1903 and the finished church was consecrated on Michaelmas Day in September 1904 - all for £3000!' A remarkably short time for something Anglican! There exists a glorious description of the laying of the foundation stone and the Bishop congratulating the congregation that the church would be constructed 'free from debt'. It very nearly was too – a collection taken up on the day of consecration reducing the outstanding charge to only £200.



Photo believed to have been taken  
on the day of consecration.

Michaelmas Day 1904  
(Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September)



# St Mark in the Cherry Orchard Diocese of Worcester



## News & Views from St Mark in the Cherry Orchard

**2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting** took place on Sunday, 23 May. Attended by just nine members of the congregation including the vicar, the agenda for both the Parish Meeting and the APCM was covered in just over 30mins.

Briefly, the number of people on the electoral roll continues to drop mainly because members of the congregation are moving house to be nearer to their families. The Covid restrictions that severely disrupted church services also affected PCC meetings that were only held in March and October last year. Obviously income was well down whilst bills still had to be paid. St Marks is still very short of helpers for meet and greet when people attend church and assisting with the services. There were also no offers to be elected as church wardens and that is a cause for concern.

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**Church Hall News** – whilst I did say in May that I would have further details of a new hall hire group that meets on a Sunday morning, I have yet to receive the words that they would like printed. We were also asked about availability from a new dance teaching group that has already taken up residence in the hall on Wednesdays from 4.45 – 6.30pm. The teacher will be entertaining enquiries about signing youngsters up for lessons in the autumn term in due course and will be letting me have an article for inclusion in the July issue. Zumba has returned on a Wednesday afternoon from 2 – 3pm (just turn up or phone Jude – details on the back page of this magazine) and most of the other groups will be returning in September.

We have already received party bookings so if you are thinking of holding your special event in the hall, you will need to get in touch to secure your specific date.

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**Church News** Opera Worcester, who hold their rehearsals for their main productions and concerts in the Church Hall, will shortly be letting everyone know that a Community Choir will be starting up in St Marks Church on Saturday, 4 September from 12.30 – 2pm.

This pandemic has hit everyone very hard and they are encouraging communities to join them not only to sing with them but to work back stage, front of house or generally support them by attending their productions and concerts. The choir will rehearse monthly, and is open to all members of the community regardless of singing ability, age, or any mobility difficulties, with a view to performing at a later date.

The pandemic has created many difficulties mentally for many people and the choir, with the aid of St Marks Church, its organ, piano, and our Musical Director and company can help raise self-esteem, reduce and help manage stress, improve memory, aid sleep, improve mood and motivation, may reduce symptoms of depression and improve endurance and performance as well as the whole social aspect of the event.

This is not to mention the benefits that the choir will have to regular worshippers in St Marks church for the services held there, again benefitting all members of the community in their spiritual healing.

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### **Help Desperately Needed Please**

St Marks only has two volunteers to mow the front lawn; there used to be four. Could you or anyone you know help out, please? There is a rota which essentially means that you might only cut the grass once a month. If you need more details, please contact me in the first instance and I will pass your contact details on to the person who organises all. We would also appreciate help getting the weeds down in the garden where bind weed, bitter cress, goose grass, etc. are taking over.

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## Barnabas, Paul's first missionary companion

Would you have liked to go to Cyprus on holiday this year? If so, spare a thought for the Cypriot who played such a key role in the New Testament.

He was Joseph, a Jewish Cypriot and a Levite, who is first mentioned in Acts 4:36, when the Early Church was sharing a communal lifestyle. Joseph sold a field and gave the money to the apostles. His support so touched them that they gave him the nickname of Barnabas, 'Son of Encouragement'.

Barnabas has two great claims to fame. Firstly, it was Barnabas who made the journey to go and fetch the converted Paul out of Tarsus, and persuade him to go with him to Antioch, where there were many new believers with no one to help them. For a year the two men ministered there, establishing a church. It was here that the believers were first called Christians.

It was also in Antioch (Acts 13) that the Holy Spirit led the church to 'set aside' Barnabas and Paul, and to send them out on the church's first ever 'missionary journey'. The Bible tells us that they went to Cyprus, and then travelled throughout the island. It was at Lystra that the locals mistook Barnabas for Zeus and Paul for Hermes, much to their dismay.

Much later, back in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul decided to part company. While Paul travelled on to Syria, Barnabas did what he could do best: return to Cyprus and continue to evangelise it. So, if you go to Cyprus and see churches, remember that Christianity on that beautiful island goes right back to Acts 13, when Barnabas and Paul first arrived.

In England there are 13 ancient church dedications and not a few modern ones. Barnabas the generous, the encourager, the apostle who loved his own people – no wonder he should be remembered with love.

### Out to graze??

A group of elderly British tourists were touring Holland by bus. They stopped at a cheese farm where a young guide led them through the process of making cheese from goat's milk. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing.

"These," she explained, "are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce." She then asked, "What do you do in Britain with your old goats?" A spry old gentleman answered: "They send us on bus tours!"

## The beginnings of Boots the Chemist

Jesse Boot, the British pharmacist and philanthropist, died 90 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1931. He turned the Boots Company started by his father John – a former agricultural worker – into a chain of chemists branded ‘Chemists to the Nation’.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Trent, as Jesse became in 1929, sold his controlling interest to American investors in 1920, but Boots continues to be a familiar name to all Britons. Ironically John Boot had offered his close friend and business associate John Harston the opportunity of going into business with him, but Harston had felt it was not a good investment.

Jesse Boot was a great benefactor to the City of Nottingham. He gave land for what is now the University of Nottingham and was presented with the Freedom of the City of Nottingham in 1920.

He met his wife, Florence Rowe, in a Wesleyan Chapel in Jersey while he was recuperating from illness. She was also an astute businesswoman, who helped to develop the Boots business, and her home island of Jersey benefited from the couple’s generosity. After her husband’s death she commissioned the glass artist René Lalique to refit the Anglican church of St Matthew there as a memorial to him.

### What do you think will happen after Covid?

You can take your choice: a recent survey has found that a third of us think that society may *never* go back to the old ways, a third of us think we will go back to *exactly* as we were before, and a third of us think that we will be *keener than ever* to stay together.

The Together Coalition, chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury, has been working for the past year on a piece of research to track just what has happened to communities during lockdown.

The new research has found that “people feel a stronger sense of connection to their neighbours and community. ...We found a clear public appetite for a society in which we are more connected to each other, and the community spirit of 2020 is kept alive.”

It also found that around 12.4million people have volunteered during the pandemic, 4.6million of them for the first time. And 75 per cent of those volunteers would be happy to do so again.



## St Philip & St James, Whittington Sunday Worship Arrangements

Welcome to our Sunday services, after 18th May 2021. Please note the following arrangements for your own safety and that of others. Anyone showing symptoms of coronavirus should not attend church, and those who have been shielding or are clinically vulnerable should take particular care to minimise contact with others.

- When entering the church by the main (side) door please sanitise your hands, and again on leaving. The West (back) door is the emergency exit and disabled access.
- Seating in alternate rows of pews or on chairs will be at a social distance of two metres. Please sit where directed.
- Children are welcome to attend, supervised by parents or guardians.
- It is a government requirement to wear a face covering inside the church building unless medically exempt. This may be removed to receive communion.
- To support the NHS Track and Trace system a record of names and phone numbers of those attending will be collected on entry. This is optional but providing details gives consent to sharing them with NHS Track and Trace if asked. Details will be kept securely for 21 days, after which they will be safely disposed of.
- The service will include live instrumental or recorded music but no singing by the congregation.
- Communion in one kind (bread only) will be received standing from a central point. Please come forward in a single line when directed and keep socially distanced. Those receiving a blessing instead should carry something as a sign to the vicar. Please speak to a Warden before the service to request a gluten free wafer or to have communion brought to your seat.
- At the end of the service please remain in your seat until directed to leave.
- As you leave the church an offertory plate for cash or planned giving envelopes will be at the back. Please gift aid any donations if possible.
- Please take any paper orders of service away with you, if asked.
- After the service is the opportunity to greet others in a socially distanced manner outside. It is not possible to serve refreshments at present.
- The toilet will be open. Please observe careful hand washing after use and dispose of the paper towels in the bin provided.

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