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Dear Friends,

May

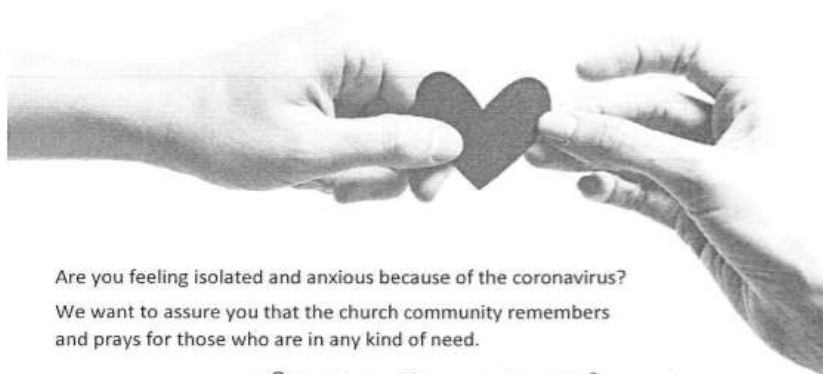
I have a problem. Well, quite a lot of problems but this one is causing me great annoyance. It's dog walkers who leave poo bags hung up at the back of the rec. in Carhampton. I want to put up a notice: *the dog bin is at the other end. Why should I do your dirty work for you?* The precise wording varies from the helpful (be a good neighbour!) To the less constructive (you idle.....!) Some folk think that when clergy are ordained, they don't swear anymore. Alas, no. I wish.

We are so blessed with space in this part of the world. Ironically, with people taking exercise, there are more walkers quite often, but even so, there's miles and miles of room to go out, take the dogs, enjoy the silence and the Spring.

For there's no doubt, Spring has sprung, my cockerel is doing his duty and the girls are laying. There's a lot of sunbathing and dust baths going on – no safe spacing for them. Arthur is getting very hot in his thick black coat – I can't have him trimmed any more easily than I can have my own hair cut. He is still on parole on the beach, let off the lead where he can't get too far. He is celebrating mostly by eating horrible things and picking up decayed bits of tennis ball. Merlin is just running everywhere and is convinced there is something (rat? Rabbit?) living in the big blocked pipe by the footbridge.

I hope, I really hope, that by the time you read this, the restrictions have been somewhat or wholly lifted. The strangest Easter in hundreds of years will be past and perhaps the summer beckons with more promise. God is still God; the resurrection still happens every year whether seen or unseen. *Those who went out weeping, bearing the corn, sing with joy carrying home the sheaves.*

Rev. Caroline Ralph



Are you feeling isolated and anxious because of the coronavirus?
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Please call *Revd Caroline Ralph*
on this number *01643 821812*

if you would like prayer or conversation. Do be in touch if you would like support.

A time to 'Love our neighbours as ourselves'

I wonder - are you someone who gets everything ready long before you need to; jobs done well before time; and someone who is never late for anything? Or are you someone who leaves things to the last minute; works right up to the deadline; and catches the bus or train with moments to spare? Or maybe you are somewhere in the middle?

One of the things that Bishop Ruth and I enjoy doing is writing these articles each month for parish magazines and newsletters. It gives us a chance to keep in touch with people across the diocese and to share the things that are in our hearts and minds as the year unfolds. The only drawback is that we have to write these articles well in advance, so that they reach magazine editors and church administrators in good time. The problem is of course that things may change in all sorts of ways between us writing them and you reading them. I am particularly conscious of that this month, as we are in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. Things are changing very fast and it is hard to know what the next few weeks will bring. That inevitably brings with it a certain degree of uncertainty and some of us, especially those who are isolated and cut off, may be feeling anxious for ourselves or for others.

My hope throughout this time of 'lockdown' is that although some of us may have felt physically isolated from each other, that we have not felt socially or spiritually isolated. Indeed, I have been truly amazed and encouraged by all the stories I have heard of people caring for each other, phoning each other and going shopping for those who cannot get out to buy the food they need. At this stage none of us knows quite how and when this virus will eventually be brought under control. However, I do hope that when we get to the stage that restrictions can be safely lifted and we begin to go out and shop as we did before, that things will be different. Many of us have had difficulty buying the food we wanted. Some of us have had to rely on others for our daily needs. We have had to learn new ways to pray and keep in touch with others in our churches and communities. We have had to trust, hope, and look out for our neighbours, especially those who are particularly vulnerable. We have been humbled by the courage and dedication of those who work in the NHS and care homes and all who as 'key workers' have worked tirelessly to look after and provide for us.

Jesus taught us to 'Love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind' and 'to love our neighbours as ourselves'. My hope and prayer is that as we emerge from this pandemic that we and our communities may be a more compassionate, more generous, more grateful. And may we all have discovered what it is to know in a deeper way the peace and the presence of God.

May the peace and the joy of the Risen Lord be with you

Bishop Peter

Timberscombe C of E First School News

We're Missing You ...



A school needs pupils and staff filling the halls with laughter and learning— so, I sure am missing everyone! We do still have a small group on our Dunster school site each day, so that helps fill the place with the sound of kids playing. Life is so different at the moment for us all, challenging, and uncertain. Our thoughts are most certainly with those who are ill, grieving, lonely or on the frontline. I personally am in awe of our NHS staff for the risks they are prepared to take to help others. It may well be a chosen vocation, but no one could have predicted the risks they would be taking for us all and so, to me, they are all heroes. (Thank you for those rainbows— please keep sending them as we want at least one from every family!)

For many, staying home is not easy either, but it is our piece of responsibility within a larger picture of recovery. Thank you all for doing your bit, in whatever way you may be helping, as key workers, as frontline, or by staying at home. After Easter, we will issue more home learning guidance and will continue to be in touch. Please send us your work photos— this is our way to stay in touch with you all and we value the communication immensely.

Over the holiday, it has never been more important to enjoy and make the most of your family time together, to be proud of the new things that you are trying and to celebrate the good that has come out of this crisis. And, there is good: there are stories of hope, of resilience, of innovation, of determination, of kindness and love. Try to focus on these positive stories to keep yourselves mentally well. (On our website are more hints and tips to support you in keeping healthy in all ways).

Please take care, stay safe and well,

Mrs Naomi Philp

Extract from Thought for the Week

Ed Gregory

Director of Education

Diocese of Bath and Wells

"Easter is about new beginnings. Education is about new beginnings, new learning, new opportunities – a positive, growth mindset. Education is all about 'drawing out' and 'leading forth'. We are all learning, all adapting, all supporting others – drawing out new ways of flourishing, as we find our way through this time of national crisis"

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For April DUNKERY TIDINGS

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Maureen Waters

The Orchard Social Club

Events at the Orchard Social Club in May

Wednesday and Friday lunches will continue as a take-away or home delivery basis only. Please contact John by 10am the Tuesday/Thursday before. Thank you

Fish & Chips Night

The next Fish & Chips evening will be Monday 4th May

All events take place in the Old Dairy unless otherwise stated

For bookings and information please phone John on 07815 693 627

ST. PETROCK'S CHURCH

Sadly, because of the coronavirus, all church services are cancelled from now on and no events will be held in the church.

Keep safe everyone,

Jenny

Timberscombe Good Neighbours

Timberscombe Good Neighbours involves a group of local volunteers who offer a service to those in need to help and support eg. The elderly, disabled, those temporarily in need through illness etc.

Although Good Neighbour Schemes are not there to replace the work done by Social Services or other professional care agencies, they can play a key role in community life.

If you feel you or someone you know could benefit from Timberscombe Good Neighbours, especially during these difficult times of self-isolating, please contact Joy Booth (co-ordinator) Tel. No 07391870332.

Timberscombe Bells 100 Club.

On my table are envelopes with applications for renewal of this club all ready to go! Letters dated April 2020.

Now we are in lockdown and it doesn't seem to be the right time to deliver them and get a response. So, I'm going to deliver my April letters in September, 6 months late, assuming that we will be freed by then, I do hope so. You all have been wonderful people supporting us and in return we have refrained from ringing for a while. The last draw of the current year is due at the end of this month and I hope it will be all systems go in September to begin at the end of October.

Thank you all and stay safe.

Elisabeth

TIMBERSCOMBE SHOW 2020

Timberscombe Show 2020 is on Saturday, 15th August

With all the uncertainties at this time, we are unable to predict whether this years' show will go ahead or not.

However, if it has to be cancelled, all the classes already announced; ie. the knitted donkey for charity, the novice craft class and the subjects for

the photography classes will all be held over until next year, so please carry on making things and taking pictures.

All the other handicraft classes will remain pretty much the same so, if you have time on your hands at the moment please get sewing, painting, woodworking etc. etc. ready for this year or next.

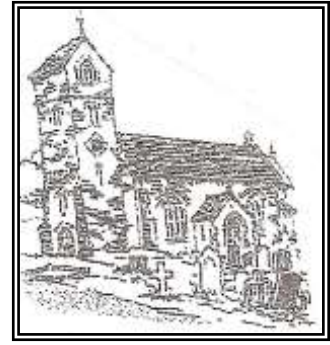
Take care and stay well

Wendy Cook

Wootton Courtenay Notes

May

All Saints Church Flower Rota



No flowers during the Coronavirus crisis

Sara Maskall 841288

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Church Cleaning Rota

May 24th -7th June

Hilary Carrick and Bridget Auty

Village Hall Cleaning Rota

18th April – 1st May

Dee Binnie and Hilary Carrick

2nd May - 5th May

Brian and Trish Matthews

16th May - 29th May

Pip Poynter

30th May - 12th June

Margaret Smith and Mary Noble

Wootton Courtenay Diary Dates

Events in May have been postponed or cancelled, to comply with the government's advice on coronavirus. If you are unsure, please go to the website - woottoncourtenayvillage.co.uk - where the latest updates will be posted. For more details of any of these events, type the event title in the search box.

Gardening Club Flower and Produce Show Tuesday 4th August, 2.00pm

The topics for the creative arts categories of this year's show have been announced:

The topics for the Photography Category are:

- Water
- Power
- Black & White, or Sepia

The Needlework Category has a general theme of recycled materials, and the topics are:

- A storage item made from recycled fabric or textile. Anything from a pin cushion to a box.
- A knitted item of your choice from already-purchased or recycled wool (new purchase if absolutely necessary).
- Children's category: A flower or tree made out of recycled materials; for example, recycled plastic or something out of Mum's sewing box.

With 3 months to go until the show, there's plenty of time to get your creative juices flowing. Last year's show was hugely popular, and this year's promises to be even bigger and better!

WOOTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

WOOTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL
100 CLUB

Congratulations to the following
APRIL 2020 winners

1st Prize - Geoffrey Slater

2nd Prize - Philip Douglas

3rd Prize - John Bell

Cash prizes have been delivered to the winners

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Church Services & Common Worship Readings

Church services have now been completely suspended for a season. We are sorry that this includes coffee mornings, bell ringing, and all prayer groups.

We will be providing some prayers and suggestions about online resources and there will be a national service transmitted on Sundays by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Please pray with us at home each Friday morning between 9am and 9.15am and first and third Wednesday mornings at 10am