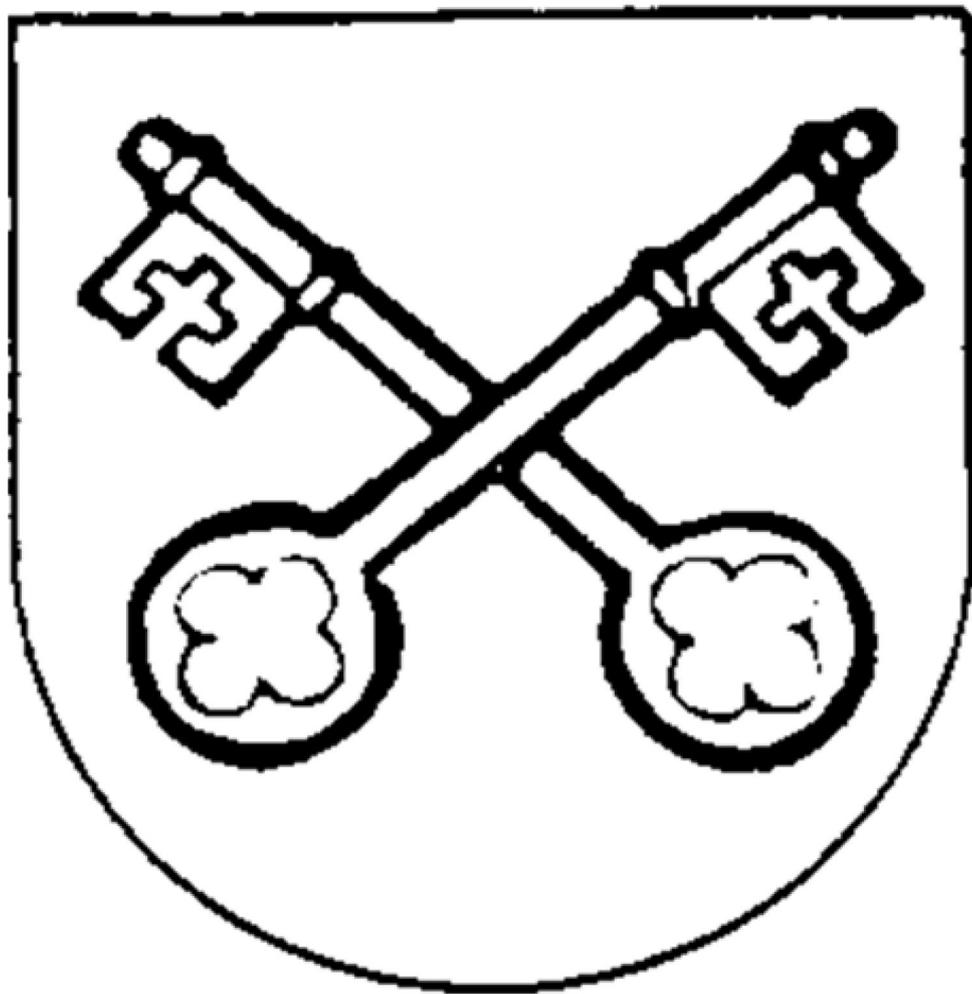


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Editor's Letter

Happy new year to everyone. I hope it works for you – I can't say I'm expecting a great deal of change or miraculous return to any semblance of normal, but please look after yourselves and look out for other people. People say we are all in the same boat, but we are not. We are all in the same storm, but some of us are in mighty cruise liners with support and family, and others might be clinging to a bit of wood just like Jack from Titanic, and that's not a good place to be.

As of tonight we all go to Tier 3. There are masses of lists and rules of what we can and can't do, but just do it sensibly. Just because you are allowed doesn't mean you should! Stay safe, protect other people as much as you can by wearing a mask and going out as little as possible and wash your hands!

Please look at the church noticeboards for any service times or the times the church is open, and you can find online services at grumball.com too.

Here is Harvey to wish you a safe 2021.



Until next time,

Claire Poore

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Letter from the Vicar

**‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.’ (NLT)**

It would be considered something of an understatement to say that 2020 had its challenges. What, I wonder will we learn from this extraordinary time? And, how will those lessons shape the choices that we make in 2021?

Each New Year, many of us make pledges about how we intend to live during the days, weeks and months ahead. As I reflect on this, it seems, more often than not, that these things surround our *physical* health. We promise ourselves that we will eat less, eat better, drink less alcohol, give up smoking, exercise more regularly – and seriously. There is nothing wrong with any of this, of course.

But, what about our *spiritual* health? The soul, which is the eternal and immortal part of our being, also needs attention, nourishing, feeding and, yes, even exercising. Coming to church is a good way to do all of these things! As we contemplate how we might go about attending to our spiritual health, the words at the start of my letter, from the Book of Proverbs in the Old Testament of the Bible, are a good place to start. I invite and encourage you, as 2021 dawns, to ‘trust in the Lord with all your heart’ and to ‘seek his will in all you do.’ This pays dividends that are beyond monetary value and worth. When we trust God and seek Him in everything, God promises to be our constant companion and guide, our fortress and our shepherd – through all that lies ahead, through good times and bad.

I am finding the prayer that follows helpful in my own walk with God and I invite you to set a few minutes aside each morning during January and to pray it with me as, together, we improve our spiritual health, nourish our souls and give glory to God:

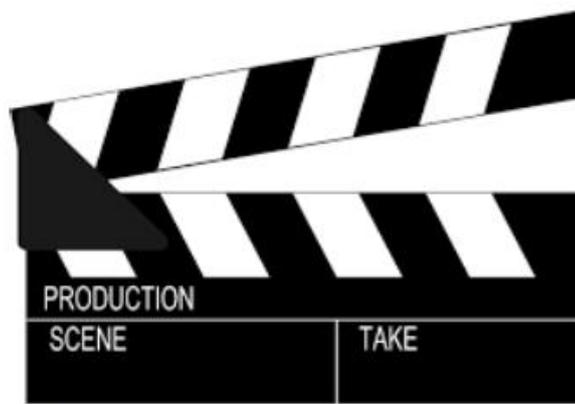
*Meet me, O Christ, in the stillness of morning.
Move me, O Spirit, to quiet my heart.
Mend me, O Father, from yesterday’s harms.
From the discords of yesterday, resurrect my peace.
From the discouragement of yesterday, resurrect my hope.
From the weariness of yesterday, resurrect my strength.
From the doubts of yesterday, resurrect my faith.
From the wounds of yesterday, resurrect my love.
Let me enter this new day, aware of my need,
and awake to your grace, O Lord.
Amen.*

Ros and I wish you a safe, happy and peaceful New Year.

With love,

Scott
Rev Scott Watts
Team Vicar

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- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Muscle and Joint Pain

Cold

- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Aches and Pains
- Watery Eyes
- Sneezing
- Runny or Stuffy Nose

Allergies

- Sneezing
- Coughing
- Itchy Eyes
- Runny or Stuffy Nose

Please check [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for up to date information regarding Covid-19 information.



Church Services - January

		Church Services - January					
Zoom Services		Pebworth	Dorsington	Honeybourne	Willersey	Weston sub Edge	Aston sub Edge
3rd January Christmas 2/Epiphany	9.30 am Family Service				10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)	11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)	
	6.30 pm Evensong						
10th January Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 1)	9.30 am Family Service	11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)		11.00 am Family Service	9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)		6.30 pm Evensong
	6.30 pm Bedtime Church						
17th January Epiphany 2	9.30 am Family Service		11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern language)		11.00 am Family Service		
24th January Epiphany 3	9.30 am Family Service			11.00 am Holy Communion (Modern Language)	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)		6.30 pm Holy Communion (Traditional language)
	6.30 pm Bedtime Church						
31st January Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	9.30 am Family Service	11.00 am Morning Prayer			10.30 am Holy Communion (Modern Language) Joint Service		



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Festive Bin Collection Timetable

<i>Usual collection day</i>	<i>Festive collection day</i>
Wednesday 30 December	Thursday 31 December
Thursday 31 December	Saturday 2 January
Friday 1 January	Monday 4 January
Monday 4 January	Tuesday 5 January
Tuesday 5 January	Wednesday 6 January
Wednesday 6 January	Thursday 7 January
Thursday 7 January	Friday 8 January
Friday 8 January	Saturday 9 January

Extra waste and recycling

From Monday 28 December 2020 to Saturday 9 January 2021 you can put out up to two extra black bags of waste next to your black bin.

Please recycle these or take to a Household Recycling Centre:

Wrapping paper – if it is not glittery or metallic/plastic lined. Scrunch your wrapping paper into a ball and if it holds its shape it can be recycled

Cardboard packaging – Please flatten before putting in your green bin/clear sack.

Glass bottles – all colours can go in your green bin. If on a sack collection, please take to a Household Recycling Centre or one of our bring banks.

Crackers – if the wrapper can be crunched and holds its shape then it can be recycled along with the cardboard tube, paper joke, paper hat and the snapper. Any plastic prize inside needs to go in your black bin/sack.

Plastic bottles – all colours except black can go in your green bin/clear sack. Leave lids on.

Advent calendars – the outer cardboard and plastic inner can go in your green bin/clear sack if it is free from foil or chocolate and is not made of black plastic.

Plastic tubs - pots or trays, such as those used for nibbles or dips (as long as not black plastic), can go in your green bin/clear sack.

Metal drinks cans - these go in your green bin/clear sack.

Tin foil – if clean and free from food this can be recycled at a Household Recycling Centre. Please do not put in your green bin/clear sack.

Cardboard takeaway boxes – if not too greasy and free from food these can go in your green bin/clear sack

Plastic or metal sweet/biscuit tins – these go in your green bin/clear sack.

Christmas cards – these go in your green bin/clear sack or save them to reuse as tags next year.

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LGBTQ+ Domestic Abuse 0300 999 5428

Shelter 0808 800 4444



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CORONAVIRUS TIER 3

VERY HIGH ALERT

gov.uk/coronavirus

Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 have no symptoms so will be spreading the virus without realising. We must all take action to protect each other and our hospital capacity.

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	EXERCISE  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS  <p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

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HOME**

Wearing Reusable Face Masks



Wash hands before putting on mask



Wear mask the same way each time: same side facing out



Mask needs to cover nose and mouth



Do not touch your mask while wearing it



If you touch your mask wash/sanitize hands immediately



Do not remove your mask to talk to others

Removing Reusable Face Masks



Do not use dirty masks, always wash between use



To remove mask take straps and pull forward



Wash hands before and after removing mask



Place mask in plastic bag until ready to wash



Wash mask with hot water and detergent, completely dry mask before reuse

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- Two Layers

General Public SHOULD NOT USE medical masks including:

Surgical masks and N95 respirator masks

These mask should be saved for healthcare providers:

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County Councillor Report- Petrus

Month: January 2020

**Prepared by Alastair Adams,
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Council**



Dear All

I hope you had a Happy Christmas even though for many the plans for Christmas had to be changed at the last minute.

I wish you a lovely “Back to Normal” 2021, although it does sound like that we will continue in some sort of lockdown and tiered restrictions until the majority of residents have been vaccinated.

I saw this photo over Christmas of Santa using Zoom to talk to his relatives, and wearing a mask; I think it sums up Christmas 2020! Let’s hope Christmas 2021 is back to normal!



Update on the vaccines rolled out in Worcestershire

GP’s across Worcestershire have received delivery of COVID-19 vaccine. Patients are reminded that the GP’s or NHS will contact people in priority groups when it is

their turn to receive the vaccine. Over 80 year olds are the priority at the moment, as well as care home staff and priority healthcare staff.

Besides the vaccine, the other big news is the Government announced a new 4 Tier system. For full details see - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

Worcestershire is in Tier 2. Warwickshire is in Tier 3. See which area is which tier here - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/full-list-of-local-restriction-tiers-by-area>

COVID-19 STATISTICS IN WORCESTERSHIRE (as of 17th December)

- **The number of cases in Worcestershire stands at 125 cases per 100,000. The England rate is 196 per 100,000. There were 105 people in total in Worcestershire's hospitals with Covid-19, and 6 people in intensive care (ITU).**

Official statistics and information are available on the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-track-coronavirus-cases>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-covid-19-surveillance-reports#history>

Download the NHS COVID-19 app today

<https://covid19.nhs.uk/>

Self-isolation support payment

From Monday, 28 September 2020, you are required by law to self-isolate if you are told to do so by NHS Test and Trace.

The Government has introduced a £500 support payment to help people on low incomes who have to self-isolate. The scheme will run until 31 January 2021 but is being kept under review by the Government. See for more details;

<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/community-and-living/coronavirus-covid-19-update/self-isolation-support-payment>

How to get a COVID-19 test

Currently there is good testing capacity in Worcestershire. Supply is meeting demand in the county. To organise a test go to

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20769/coronavirus_covid-19/2247/coronavirus_covid-19_testing

Local Testing Centres:

- Redditch Trescott Road Car Park
- University of Worcester, Arena Car Park
- Pershore Civic Centre Car Park
- Bromsgrove Stourbridge Road Car Park: to open 9th Nov
- Kidderminster Harriers Stadium Close Car Park: to open 9th Nov
- Malvern Victoria Rd Car Park: estimated to open 23rd Nov (no dates confirmed yet though)

WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION, HELP AND ADVICE?

Reminder that the Here2Help website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help is the first point of contact if people want to offer assistance or gain support. The other option is the telephone contact number which is staffed 8am-6pm 6 days a week – 01905 768053.

Carers who support a family member or friend who require support should contact the Worcestershire Association of Carers on www.carersworcs.org.uk or call the Helpline 0300 012 4272.

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus>

NHS Website for information on Coronavirus

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Financial support for you

If you are struggling financially then the advice is to make a claim for Universal Credit, Council Tax Support and other benefits you may be eligible for.

There is more information on the [coronavirus employments and benefits page](#).

Help paying your Council Tax

If you are of working age and already receiving Council Tax Support, you will get a one off reduction of up to £150. This will be applied automatically to your bill. New bills will be issued in the next few weeks.

You can apply online for [Council Tax Support](#) if you are struggling to pay your bill.

More information is available on our [Benefits and Council Tax page](#).

Even if you are not eligible for Council Tax Support, you still may be able to defer your payments for a short period or spread them over 12 months instead of ten.

Please contact the Council's team by emailing Revenues@southworcestershirerevenues.gov.uk or call 03004 560560 to discuss your circumstances and they will do their best to help you.

Support for businesses

The Council's new business support programme, **Here2Help Business** is live http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20807/here2help_business

It is a £3m programme designed to assist local Worcestershire Businesses to recover, adapt, develop and support future resilience as lockdown measures reduce

Also see the Government website www.businesssupport.gov.uk which has details of all the support available to businesses.

Other support available

Please check the [Government's website](#) for information about support for business during COVID-19.

Worcestershire Business Central are there to advise local businesses on grant funding and support helping you restart and recover. Please see their [website](#), call them on 01905 677 888 or email info@business-central.co.uk.

Please also see the Chamber of Commerce Herefordshire and Worcestershire [Coronavirus information hub](#).

Furlough scheme extended

The furlough scheme is to have a five-month extension into Spring 2021 with employees receiving 80% of their current salary for hours not worked.

There will be increases to self-employed support through the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS). This will be increased, with the third grant covering

November to January calculated at 80% of average trading profits, up to a maximum of £7,500. More information on the support available from these schemes is [here](#).

Opening the railway line from Stratford upon Avon to Honeybourne is a step closer .

The Department of Transport announced it has agreed to provide funding to the next stage of the assessment of re-opening this section of the line closed in 1976 – see map below.

Re-opening this section of railway could provide a direct train service with Birmingham for the proposed Garden Village at Long Marston but have much wider regional and national benefits, enabling a circular West Midlands/South Midlands train service directly linking Birmingham, Solihull, Stratford upon Avon, Evesham, Worcester and Stourbridge but also enabling connectivity with the Thames Valley and London as well as the South West and South Wales.

There is still a long way to go, but this is encouraging news.



Highways

To keep up to date on the roads affected see, <https://one.network/>

This is the new website and is very good to see all the roadworks locally and across the UK.

1. Speed limit in Ullington – Ullington Speed limit

Unfortunately, the Speed Survey shows the data does not warrant a reduction in speed limit to 40mph, and the area fails to meet several key criteria so the speed limit will not be changed. However, the County council has agreed to take the following actions to help reduce speeding:-

- A. Renew/upgrade the Ullington name signs and relocate to better reflect the adjoining residential properties.

- B. Install dragons' teeth on both approaches to the crossroads to further highlight, and break up the 'straight through' vision.
- C. Re-mark give ways.
- D. Increase size of give way signs.
- E. Add SLOW markings next to advance give way signs.
- F. Verge clearance towards Honeybourne to aid visibility.
- G. Relocation of cycle direction sign from visibility splay.

2. **Honeybourne pedestrian crossing on Station Rd** –Western Power have installed the electricity for the new street lights. The anti-skid surfacing can not be laid in cold weather and is planned for March 2021. The County Council have agreed to add light shields to prevent light pollution into people's houses as requested by a resident
3. **Bovis have installed the Give Way road signs at the exit of the Co-Op in Honeybourne**
4. **NEW Honeybourne Station Car Park** - I have had several discussions with WDC/WCC/MOP's & Network Rail re the new Honeybourne Station Car Park which is on ice because of the cost of the link to the existing footbridge quoted by Network Rail. Sounds like progress is being made, and I am hoping common sense will prevail, and work can begin in 2021
5. **Flood alleviation improvements** – The survey of the Heart of England field on the corner of Broad Marston/ Mickleton Rd has NOW been completed by WDC. So still promising that this field can be used to build a wetland and a flood plain upstream of Broad Marston in 2021 which should make a huge difference to the residents of Broad Marston.
6. **Speeding on the B4035 at entrance to Badsey**– Mobile Camera opposite the entrance to Sladden Close has been agreed by Safer Road Partnership. Grasscrete platform has been installed so the mobile van with speed camera will be there very soon; so watch out and keep your speed down to the speed limit!

As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it

Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as “a thousand words” so always take a photo where possible.

REMINDER Broadband in Honeybourne Rd/Stratford Rd

There are 12 houses on the above street that have problems with their Broadband, and are looking for improvements to their Broadband. Therefore I have suggested to the residents to club together and take advantage of the grants available to get fibre to the

premises (FTTP). This is 100Mbps speed where the fibre optic goes straight to your house. There is a government grant of £1,500 per house, or up to £3500 for businesses. Margaret Oliver at Bayliss Hill has been in contact with Robert Stepniewski at County Hall, and has contacted BT for a quote but needs all residents to sign up to the grant. So if you live in Stratford Rd/Honeybourne Rd, and want faster Broadband, please contact me on adams.pebworth@gmail.com and I will put you in touch with Margaret and Robert.

County Council Divisional Fund

- Pebworth WI – grant requested for Zoom annual charges so the members can continue to meet over the internet in these COVID times - Paid
- Evesham Vale Rail Trails for Cyclists – grant requested for a software programme that shows the cycle routes.
- Evesham Sea Cadets (South Littleton) – boat shed conversion – grant requested
- Honeybourne Parish Council Chairman asked for a grant to help launch Honeybourne News
- Pebworth Village Hall – a grant request to renovate the wooden hall floor - Paid
- Bretforton Allotments – grant requested for a strimmer - Paid
- Honeybourne Harriers – grant for portable flood lights so the youngsters can continue training on the Honeybourne Sports Field during the dark evenings - Paid
- Pebworth In Bloom have applied for a grant to help cover the cost of the bedding plants and hanging baskets planted around the village. - Paid

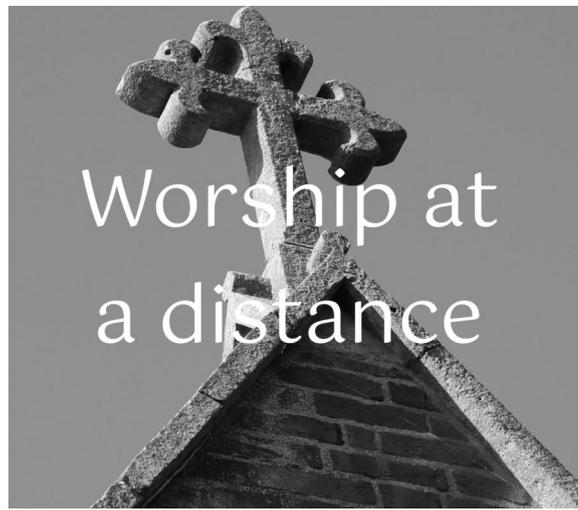
If you run a community organisation that needs a little support to buy equipment or some essential service, then please apply for a Divisional Fund by contacting me.

Your County Councillor, Alastair Adams can be contacted on adams.pebworth@gmail.com or mobile 07725 979 277 or www.alastairadams.org



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Worship at a distance

Worship at a Distance

The group was founded within the Vale and Cotswold Edge Benefice as a reponse to the COVID-19 Crisis of 2020, when we could no longer meet in our parish churches.

How to find us

Join us on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81008957235?pwd=bmVKYnZUbWh0NTRYMGg2VDdlcG5Bdz09>
Meeting ID: 810 0895 7235 Password: VaCE

For the Tuesday homegroup, please use <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/354938573>
Meeting ID: 354 938 573 Passcode: John1

If you need help in setting up, please call Fr Kevin on 01789-778282
or email him at kevin@grumball.com

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CENSUS 2021

Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

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

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

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

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

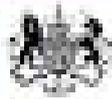
“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them.”

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

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

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

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PEBworth Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council News and Updates

Parish Council meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for January 4th at 7.00pm

Due to the Covid-19 Virus government regulations preventing any meetings taking place, all Parish Council meetings will now be conducted as virtual meetings on the Zoom application over the internet, any members of the public can apply to the Clerk for the link to the join the meeting.

The Close and Recreation Field

Quotations for the replacement of the all the Zipwire's rotted timbers are being pursued to allow it to be brought back into use as soon as possible.

Sec 106 funds:

Council considered the expenditure of the available Sec 106 funds of £5,953 for sport and leisure usage and requested the Clerk to bring costs for substantial picnic benches and adult gym equipment to the next meeting for consideration.

Youth shelter

Following a request from the Village Hall to move the youth shelter on The Close to a new site to improve the visibility of The Close from the new extension to the Village Hall, it was agreed to move it near to the existing rocking horse; the move will be carried out by the Village Hall contractors Arden Construction and funded by the Village Hall.

Planning Matters

Residents of Broad Marston expressed their concerns regarding land near Green Lane being recently cleared of scrub and trees being removed, alleged to be in readiness for development of the land. The Council have referred the matter to the District Council Ward Member, Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart as the site is in the Broad Marston conservation area where any tree removal requires planning permission.

Village Hall

Cllr James Pearson reported on the progress of the Village Hall refurbishment works after attending a site meeting confirmed the works are making good progress albeit a bit slow and 12 weeks behind schedule. The completion is now promised for mid-January. Consideration of late delivery compensation is being investigated with the main contractor.

Flooding Matters

The culvert works at Orchard Dene has become controversial as the WDC engineers are concerned its not completed as expected. The Parish Council has confirmed the watercourse is now adequately large enough to accommodate the expected stormwater flows as the culverts under the Broad Marston Road are

somewhat less in capacity to clear stormwater. Monitoring will take place at the next flood event to ensure the works are effective and adequate.

Cemetery

The council has extended the new regulation to prohibit artificial flowers in the cemetery so that all existing flowers may remain in place over the Christmas and New Year period. Further prominent notices have now been placed in the cemetery stating all artificial flowers or any plastic items will be removed from the cemetery at the end of February 2021 along with all Christmas wreaths and seasonal items. No further artificial flowers or plastic items will be permitted and will be removed by the Councils contractors

Memorial safety

Following an inspection of the cemetery memorials it was found necessary to lay flat one memorial as it was very unstable, and several others will be laid flat as the families have not been traced: James Keyte 1974 - Fredrick Charles Clarke 1950 – Mary Ann Clarke 1995 – Joseph Richard Smith 1979

Regular safety inspection of memorials will be carried out and any safety matters dealt with appropriately.

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Or contact the Clerk: Mr. John Stedman Tel: 01789 773999 email jstedman@btconnect.com

Sadly, the strict guidelines regarding the virus mean that flowers are not allowed in the church at the moment, so if you are one of the lovely arrangers, or a Holy Duster, please be guided by the church wardens and the noticeboards for the moment.



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