PARISH MAGAZINE – June 2020
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Barton St David
Choir concert 2019 All Saints, Kingweston

St Peter’s, Lydford on Fosse

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Coronavirus Helpline

As Coronavirus spreads it seems likely it will affect at least some members of our community. Should you have to self-isolate and yet need essential food or household supplies, medical assistance or other help –

Please contact wheathillbenefice@gmail.com or ring 07421 700242.

Similarly, if you are aware of elderly or vulnerable people living alone who might need assistance or should be checked up on, please let us know. More Helpline information and Resources have been circulated locally.

Wheathill Benefice Parish Magazine - Summer 2020

We will be publishing a separate magazine for July and also one for August this year instead of the usual combined summer issue. The Editor would be pleased to hear from you if you wish to share any news or activities - notes and pictures welcomed. Each issue will be published and available online for the beginning of each month - see website addresses listed on page 16. We will let you know when we can safely print and deliver a copy to everyone.

Next issue will be JULY 2020 magazine – submissions up to 09:00 am Friday, 19th June
Items to the Editor – VIA EMAIL PLEASE: wheathillbeneficemagazine@gmail.com
Dear Friends and neighbours

'When will we be back in our churches?' ‘I won’t feel ready to come back to church until the autumn’

It seems that coming out of lockdown is a lot harder than going in. There are ongoing debates about what is going to open up when and how. Then there are the debates about facemasks, cleaning, gloves and how much social distancing is needed.

In the midst of all this we’re all as individuals and as communities navigating our own way through the process. We are slowly rebuilding the confidence to go out, without being too afraid of the consequences. For those who have needed shielding this process is more complex and the decisions become ever more difficult. As churches we’re in the same position as everyone else, trying to weigh up the pros and cons of actions and decide on the best course and decision. As soon as it is safe to do so, and we have permission to act then I hope that churches in the benefice will once again be open for people to go into as individuals for private prayer and time and space to sit and think. There will almost certainly be a process to this, so please be patient as we work out how to proceed. At the time of writing (late May) we do not know when we will be able to reopen, and certainly do not know when public worship will recommence, or what form it will take.

The question is, as we come out of lockdown what have we learnt from this time, and how will our lives be affected for good, as opposed to just increasing fear and worry, which is an easy response to the situation.

I’ve seen so many more families out for walks and bike rides; no doubt countless children have learnt how to ride their bikes in this time. Being told we can only go out for exercise once a day, meant that we felt we needed to. As opposed to having the freedom to go out whenever we could! Also many fewer have been commuting which has led to more time for families to be together, which has had its challenges no doubt, but also its positives. In cities the birdsong has been more audible, in the countryside our roads have become easier to cycle down. The reduction in flying has dramatically reduced the greenhouse gas emissions and air quality in built up areas has improved.

Many of us have developed computer skills we never thought we’d need, filming and editing are two of mine. We’ve learnt how to Zoom (other programmes are available!) and when Zoom decided to implement an upgrade one Saturday night in the USA churches in the UK and elsewhere struggled, as one person put it ‘The church broke Zoom!’

Yet at the same time countless individuals have lost their lives, funerals have been challenging, family parties, baptisms, weddings have been put on hold. The cost has been immense, and will continue to be.

We have to weigh up both sides. None of us would have wanted this, or the stress that it has put on people, communities and nations. We would not have chosen to go into lockdown. But as we come out, in the midst of that sorrow, maybe there is one thing that we’ve gained from this time that we can continue to appreciate or do. It will be different for each and every one of us, but maybe that will help the transition. Maybe each week we can find one thing to be thankful for, and one thing to pray and take time to bring those to God.

Weekly Online Worship

The churches in this benefice are still active, there will continue to be weekly online worship (Wheathill Benefice on YouTube, use the Playlist option) for as long as it is needed, and I send out a weekly mailing by both post and email, if you’d like to be added please let me know. We continue to pray for the communities, individuals, nation and world and are available to talk should you wish to do so. Contact details are in the magazine.

Best wishes,

Jane

From the Registers

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of

Dorothy Ann SEALBY who passed away on Monday 27th April at Castle House Nursing Home aged 86 years. A service took place at Mendip Crematorium on Monday 18th May.
Wheathill Benefice Remembering VE Day

Jane’s reflection on VE Day 75 years on included some of the impacts of loss during the second world war, in particular the deaths of two RAF servicemen.

She said: 'The VE Day rejoicing was not for all. There were those who grieved for their young men (and some women) killed during the war and those who did not know what had happened, or who continually hoped that their loved one would be found.

Local examples of them would be a Pilot Officer Christopher Hebeler who did not return from a bombing raid 12 April 1940. He is not shown on the War Memorial in Barton St David as, it is said, his mother never gave up hope of his return.

There is a War Grave in Barton churchyard for Ernest Stanley Bailey who died whilst still under training 5 days before the WW1 armistice.

Barton War Memorial has a listing for WW2 of Percy Charles Dudd who was lost at sea when his submarine failed to return from patrol in the Mediterranean 6 December 1940. He is remembered on the Plymouth Naval Memorial on Plymouth Hoe.

Then there was Caleb Dickinson who, like so many others, went missing over the North Sea and was never recovered so has no grave.'

Kingweston does not have any WW2 graves, but has the Memorial to Caleb Dickinson in the main aisle.

Other people who served have their names listed in the porch of the church.

Best wishes,
Hoe.
### Keinton Mandeville Methodist Chapel Weekly events Cancelled until further notice

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**Are you worried about someone who is gravely ill, especially if you can’t visit them?**
**Are you anxious about the effect that the COVID 19 crisis is having on your life?**
**Maybe you would just like someone from the faith community to talk to.**

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Wheathill Priory Community Transport – WPCT

Like most organisations, during these abnormal times, our community transport has been affected by the coronavirus guidelines laid down by the government.

The result is that we have had to curtail our normal operations not only because of the guidelines but also because the umbrella organisation which oversees all the community transport in Mid and South Somerset has been told by our insurers, who protect us against litigation, that they cannot insure us during this period.

This said, we still have a duty co-ordinator on standby who will be able to return us to normal operations very quickly when the situation improves. So, for example, when hospitals start returning to normality and you receive an appointment and would like a lift please call the coordinator on the usual number (07799 487719) and he/she will update you and hopefully be able to arrange the transport you require.

Meanwhile, to both customers and drivers, follow the government guidelines and keep safe. Finally, if during this period of enforced inactivity you have had any thoughts about joining our organisation as a driver please do get in touch with me, Neill Thomas on 223613. We would be delighted to hear from you.

The Beneﬁce Choir

Who needs Chris Evans (he of the Radio 2 morning show)? Why, with the click of a mouse or the tap of your phone, you can enjoy a hymn, choral extract, song or piece of sacred music that will lift your spirits at the start of each day during these challenging times!

Lynne Kirkman, director of the Beneﬁce Choir, is sending out an email every morning with a link to recordings of music chosen by members of the whole Wheathill Beneﬁce community.

If you have a favourite you would like to share with everyone, or would like to enjoy what others have selected, Lynne would love to hear from you. To have your name added to her distribution list, please email her at: lynnekirkman16@gmail.com Stay safe and sing along!

Barton History Club

May 2020 – A VIRTUAL tour and talk about the ‘History of Barton Church’.

We are delighted to be able to pass on the You Tube link to David Lawson’s talk on the Building of Barton St David Church:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkK_chyeYw&feature=youtu.be

The Church’s 800+ year history is full of puzzling twists and turns. David presents these in a way which will keep you gripped to the last slide.

He does not shy away from many surprising - and some may say controversial answers to the queries he poses. David is happy to answer comments or questions: His facebook page: history of barton st david church

Assuming interest points arise, he will share this correspondence with BHC at a later date.

VE DAY 75 – 8th May 2020 The display table of WW2 Memorabilia is on BHC’s Gallery 1 of the Village website. p.robinson468@btinternet.com

June – ‘Battle over Somerset’ details to follow.

October 2020 is Barton History Club’s 5th birthday

To mark this milestone we invited at the end of last year a very special speaker for Friday, 16th October – Dr Mortimer is a bestselling historian. He is author, for instance, of the acclaimed Time Traveller Guides to…. Medieval England, Elizabethan England and Restoration England. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and appears regularly on TV History programmes. He is also a passionate Park Runner.

Here’s to Friday 16th October 2020 – please hold this date and let’s all cross our fingers! p.robinson468@btinternet.com Or Tel: (01458) 851692.

You can also find us on Facebook, and at www.plotgatecsa.wordpress.com
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Privacy Notice: http://www.keintonvh.co.uk/village/PCArchice/KMPCPN.pdf

Parish Council Meetings
During the current restrictions Parish Council meetings will be held remotely and
details will be published on the website http://www.keintonvh.co.uk/village/
Parishcouncil.php at least three days beforehand. Details of how the public can
join these meetings will also be published on the website. The next meeting will
take place on 2nd June at 7.30pm

Councillor Resignation
Kathy Low recently took the decision to stand down as a Parish Councillor. We
would like to thank Kathy for her service on the Parish Council. As one of our
planning representatives, she tirelessly fought the village’s corner in respect of
planning issues and undertook the mammoth task of responding to the Local
Plan consultation. She also took a keen interest in Highways issues.

Very recently Kathy did a lot of work behind the scenes in setting up and
publicising sources of support for vulnerable people during the covid 19 crisis.
Thank you Kathy.

Sources of Support
The Parish Council would like to thank the businesses and group of volunteers
who have been supporting our community and facilitating deliveries to
vulnerable people. In particular, thank you to Keinton Stores, Sycamore Farm
Shop, The Quarry Inn, New Oaks Farm, and Westfield Farm. If you need help
refer to the ‘sources of support’ flyer delivered by the Parish Council in March, or
to the May parish magazine.

Please see the Somerset County Council webpage for latest advice. https://

Parish Council Grants
The Parish Council has a grant budget for local groups and applications are
invited. Please apply in writing (email is fine) with details of the amount you are
requesting and for what.

Photo Competition
£100 prize

Reasons to be Cheerful
Theme: 2020 is turning out to be like no other year that any of us have ever
experienced. We are all facing unprecedented restriction on our daily live due to
the Covid-19 pandemic. Our freedom to go outside is now extremely limited and,
for some, a trip out of the home may make you feel anxious and worried. As the
countryside charity, CPRE Somerset wants to remind us all how wonderful it can
be to be in the great outdoors and of how, even the smallest details can be
fascination and uplifting.

That’s why we are launching our 2020 photo competition with the theme –
“reasons to be cheerful”.

If you are able to get out in Nature, in a way that keeps you and others around
you safe, why not take some photos and send them to us to share? If you can’t
got out and about, you could still send in pictures from your garden or even the
view from your window. Or you could send in a favourite photo you took in the
last 2 years. We’d like to see photos of the little things about the countryside that
are keeping you going in these difficult times. Here are some examples of the
kind of images that we would love to see:

We are ideally looking for photos that include people enjoying the outdoors or, if
this is not possible, then we value close up details showing the intimate
experience of being outside in nature, your garden or even the allotment.
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The children have been entertained by Mrs Carter-Rice and Miss Botterill, complete with bagpipes, which brought our bear hunt topic to life. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and displayed their teddies. The children have also enthusiastically taken part in art competitions. One of them was recreating famous artists’ pictures, which can be viewed on our website and the other was a competition, inspired by Sue Costain, who has displayed the pupil’s work around our community each week.

Meanwhile school has still been open everyday for our vulnerable and key worker children. Although the numbers have ranged from one to ten we have been kept busy. The pupils have worked hard at their academic subjects each morning and spent the afternoons growing vegetables, making bird boxes, cooking, making dens and a good daily dose of exercise.

It is sad to think that we would have spent the VE Day celebrations at The Court with singing, the orchestra, dancing and a wonderful tea party. The Year 6 children would have taken the national SATS tests, which I’m sure they were delighted to miss! The public speaking competition, netball, rounders and cricket tournaments are all cancelled. However there have been many positive aspects of the lockdown that we should treasure, like family time, learning new skills, having more time for our neighbours and a feeling of a community pulling together.

As I write this there are plans in place to open schools to more children and year groups, so we are planning amid a changing and sometimes challenging landscape. We commend our children and families for their fantastic efforts with home learning and very much hope that our school community will be fully reunited soon.

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to support us.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Cawley, Headteacher
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delighted to spend this money, fairly and discreetly, for the benefit of anyone who lives in Lydford. If there is anyone who would like assistance, please would like to spend this money, fairly and discreetly, for the benefit of anyone who needs help and/or support.

The Walters and Pope Trust Fund has a small annual income – the Trustees would like to give this money to someone who needs help, fairly and discreetly, for the benefit of anyone who needs help and/or support.

HELP!

Do you know anyone in Lydford who needs help and/or support?

St Peter’s Church, Lydford on Fosse

The Welcome and POP in Cafe

Charlton Mackrell Church of England

Lydford Neighbourhood Watch – lydfordnhw@gmail.com

Emergency Call 999 Non - Emergency Call 101

To Remain Anonymous Call 0800 555111

Street Contacts

A37 – David Marten 01963 240571

Lydford on Fosse - Cary Road and Somerton Road – Tim Evans 01963 240507

East Lydford - Church Lane (A37 side) – Ian Poynter 01963 240424

Church Lane (Castle Cary side) Lynne Mitchell 07773 345092

West Lydford

South of the Brue – Anne Parkhouse 01963 240268/Mike Pauley 01963 240469

North of the Brue – Linda Foote 01963 240336

B3153 from Lydford traffic lights to boundary with Keinton Mandeville including

King o’ Mill – Janet Holden 07709 277893

Village Contact – Lynne Mitchell 07773 345092

lydfordnhw@gmail.com

Useful information published by NHW regarding Covid 19 -

FOLLOW GOVERNMENT AND PHE GUIDELINES

Guidance is being updated frequently as the situation develops - always visit trusted sources: nhs.uk / gov.uk

CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Look for ways you can connect with and support your community remotely - we’ll keep updating our website with ideas as we find them

FOLLOW GOVERNMENT ADVICE ON SEEKING HELP OR GIVING IT

Link up with your County or Borough Council to find the latest information on how you can access local support or volunteer to help others

PRIORITISING STAYING WELL AND SAFE

This is the best thing you can do for your community, for now and for the future

www.ourwatch.org.uk @neighbourhood.watch insta @N_watch @ourwatch

Lydford on Fosse Parish Council

Please check our website for details of our Virtual Monthly Meetings at: lydfordonfoss.co.uk – Click on Parish Council, scroll down to that month’s agenda and link for Zoom meeting on first page of agenda.

lofpcclerk@gmail.com

Meetings dates for 2020: June 11th, August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th and December 10th.

Lydford Third Tuesday Group

Meetings: Suspended until further notice. We now have our own Third Tuesday website for members and friends to keep in touch and share items of interest with everyone.

Link to website: https://lydford3t.btck.co.uk.

We will let members know as soon as we think it is the right time to start up our meetings again and a revised programme of events will be put on the Third Tuesday website. In the meantime, please send your contributions for the website to Lesley.

Women Visitors are welcome to all our events held at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of most months in the Parish Hall, West Lydford. Membership is £15 p.a. Please contact Sarah Gooder on 240698 or Lesley Ridgley on 240837 if you would like more information or if you would like to come along with someone. Everyone is welcome to attend our “Open Meetings”.

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<lydfordonfoss.co.uk>
Lydford and District Gardening Club

Of all the things that are sent to try us, is it not true that the most hated thing in the whole world is a late frost? Tuesday, May 12th was a little tinker and ‘caught’ the tops of some useful, if rather dry looking, potatoes. Subsequently the little darlings were shrouded in old duvet covers at night time after being given a hot drink and told a relaxing bedtime story.

When time hangs slightly heavy on one’s hands all sorts of things can become totally normal. However, with the opening of garden centres, all that spare time can now be spent queuing and Red Duke of York will have to take his chances!

After the staggeringly underwhelming response to the questions in last month’s magazine, the only possible course of action is to come up with another 20 of the finest posers to be found this side of the Brue. Again the intention is to make the answers accessible to all, not just those with a horticultural bent. Virtual prizes are virtually available.

LDGC Quiz

‘Tis an unweeded garden that grows to seed” (Hamlet) (Books and stuff!)

1. Triffids were a very aggressive plant species. Who wrote about them and what was the name of the book that gave them their moment of fame?

2. What was special about the garden featuring in the title of the children’s book written by Frances Hodgson Burnett in 1911?

3. What type of grass composed part of the title of J.D. Salinger’s famous 1951 novel of angst and alienation. What was the name of the main protagonist in the book?

4. Published in 1908, this novel featured mole, rat (but a nice water rat, not the nasty sort that eat bird food) badger and, most famously, toad. Name the book and it’s author.

5. What 1939 book by John Steinbeck is not a manual about viticulture? Name the main character of the book and the singer who brought out an album in 1995 referring to the ghost of this character.

6. Who wrote the book entitled ‘The Scarlet Pimpernel’ in 1905? What was the real name of the lead character and in what conflict did the action of the book occur?

7. Give the name of the handsome shepherd in “Far from the madding crowd”. Who wrote the book and what was the rather magnificent name of the main female character?

8. Most plants have them but Alex Haley was not writing in a horticultural vein in his 1976 novel. What was the title of this author’s first major work?


10. Eric Carle’s “Very hungry caterpillar” eats lots of things on Saturday including cherry pie and watermelon. What does the caterpillar eat on Sunday to make him feel better?
What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet! (Romeo and Juliet) (First names mainly)

1. Name the comedy series written by Roy Clarke and featuring Mrs. Bucket. Give the first name of Mrs. Bucket and the names of her sisters.

2. Nicknamed ‘The strongman’s daughter’ who first appeared in a comic strip in 1938? What was the name of the comic in which she appeared?

3. Erica Roe achieved her 15 minutes of fame in 1982. For what is she famous or, perhaps, infamous?

4. Which musician was born in Lubbock, Texas in 1936 and achieved fame as a cricketer, sort of!

5. From what plant is Saffron harvested and who played Saffron in Ab Fab?

6. Which genus of flowering plants is a rare first name and is also a stringed instrument?

7. Which South African born cricketer made his debut for Worcestershire in 1964, played in 44 tests for England between 1966 and 1972 and has been followed by both his son and grandson who have also become professional cricketers?

8. As an easy starter, who played Private Pike in the Dad’s Army television series? Who played the U-boat commander in the most famous of Pike’s scenes and which famous test cricketer featured in one of the other episodes of the series?

9. In the glorious first Disney version of Aladdin produced in 1992, what is the name of the Princess? Who voices the Genie and, just to show off, what is the name of the Vizier?

Nothing too tricky or non-horticultural there!

In real quizzes a tie break question is often required. Here is one for this non-real quiz.

In one ounce (glorious Imperial measurement, explain it to any young people present) of lettuce seeds how many seeds are there? Answer correct to 1 Sig. Fig.!

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Barton St David Scouts, Beavers, Cubs and Explorers

Just because we are not allowed to meet face to face doesn’t mean that we have to stop Scouting. It’s not the same, but we are responding to the challenge and looking for new opportunities. Here is a flavour of what we are doing.

Scouting at Home – Using our online system, Online Scout Manager, Leaders set their sections a challenge and parents to support their children to achieve badge work. Scouts are tackling cycle maintenance because our view is that more of them will be out on their bikes and it is a practical skill for life. Beavers and Cubs have been asked to look at their badges and send in evidence that shows them completing it.

Website – We have updated our website to include lots of ideas for Scouting at Home. Feel free to have a look at it as some of our suggestions may be useful for those who aren’t Scouts (yet!). See bartonstdavidscouts.org/scouting-at-home

A Virtual Camp – We held a virtual camp in glorious weather on the weekend of 9th to 10th May! Run by Somerset County Scouts for all our children from 6 - 14 years old. I had no idea how this would be received but thought it worth a try and was completely overwhelmed with the response. Our young people camped at home – either by making a den somewhere in the house or by pitching a tent in the back garden. I thought maybe 10 youngsters would ‘attend’. But at the point of the start of the virtual opening ceremony there were 25 Barton Scouts joining over 400 Scouts right across Somerset. It was uplifting just to be a part of this.

After the opening ceremony there were 40 activities available, each explained by video instruction. The activities were divided into zones: Science, International, Adventure, Snack, FAB, Outdoors and Creative. We asked them to do at least one night in their camp and one activity to qualify for their Nights Away...

Perhaps the weather helped, but I feel it was more that the youngsters enjoyed feeling part of something County-wide and seeing what others were doing on our private Facebook page that totally inspired everyone. My view that this would be a ‘cushy’ Scouting job for me soon evaporated as the evidence of activities completed poured in and in and in! My phone was continually beeping, the facebook group was groaning but pictures came in almost every minute of our youngsters making their own compasses; flag poles; putting up tents; sawing wood for fires; making boats for mini regattas; lighting fires with char cloth; lawn-mower maintenance; swimming fish experiments and much more.

You wouldn’t believe the cooking that went on! My mouth was watering when I saw the s’mores; the roast chicken; waffles; trout (gutted by a Scout); and mouth watering cakes for Bake Off competitions.

At 8pm we all signed in to join in campfire singing and after that it seemed that most of us settled down for a good night’s sleep. Up again the next morning, make breakfast and a few more activities before the closing ceremony. And it took me a whole day to record individual activities and translate it into badge work achievements. One Scout enjoyed it so much he stayed outside for 5 nights! I was simply blown away by the enthusiasm of those that attended and cannot praise their parents enough for supporting them to do this which was clearly a break in the new-normal routine.

Barton Scouts is still ‘doing its best’ for our local youngsters. From our work in the Spring Term and in virtual Scouting we have 21 badges to award to our Beavers including Nights Away, cooking and experiment. Cubs have 55 badges to award include World, hobbies, book readers, skills and nights away. Scouts have 14 badges to award including Nights Away, model maker, astronauts and navigator. All we have to do is work out how to buy them and get them out to everyone!

As I write, the Scout Association is hoping to make a premium version of Zoom available which will enable us to do more with the youngsters. It will be some time before the decision is taken to return to face to face Scouting but in the meantime, the spirit and effort of Barton St David Scouting is alive and well.

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The Mothers’ Union membership mobilizes to support front line workers during COVID-19 06 May 2020

Across the United Kingdom and Ireland, local Mothers’ Union branch members have stepped up their support for their churches and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Alongside finding new ways to meet in fellowship online they are crafting thousands of new essential items every week for the national effort, finding ways to protect key workers and reassuring the most vulnerable groups within society.

Taking Action

These members are working around the clock, safely in isolation but also in partnership. Local requests from front line NHS staff in hospitals are being heeded, as well as calls for assistance from staff in community care settings. Care homes, hospices and mental health facilities are just some of the sites being supported as our faith is put into action.

Mothers’ Union’s scrubs and scrubs bags help ensure that staff can remove all clothing and keep it safely in a separate bag. This reduces the risk of infection in the home, protecting key worker’s families and households. Care in the community such as this is an essential component of our movement.

Hillary Castle, Diocesan President of York explains further: “Luckily, because we use craft in many of our community projects throughout the year, most of our members have sewing machines and equipment … My branch alone has made over 200 items, everything we produce is washed at over 60 degrees and sealed in bags.”

Unprecedented Scale

The scale of the operation is inspirational. Across Yorkshire, well over a thousand items for frontline workers have been produced. Jean Thurman, Diocesan President for Leeds outlines the process: “In the diocese of Leeds a thousand items have been made and distributed. We have been working with the local community and through partnerships to ensure what we’re making and doing is getting to where it is needed, quickly and safely.”

It is not just frontline staff within the community that we are supporting. In prisons too, the power of their partnerships is proving invaluable. Rosie Stiven, Diocesan President of Mothers’ Union in Dorset and Wiltshire describes how their networks aid in creating an effective response:

“We’ve always had a strong connection with our local prisons so when the call came that they wanted to do their bit to support the community we just knew we had to respond. We are mobilizing our local branches to source sewing machines so that prisoners can make scrubs for frontline workers and feel actively engaged in supporting vital community work at this difficult time.”

As our organisation adapts, we continue to evolve our existing partnerships to overcome the obstacles that COVID-19 represents. By making sure that we continue to address current needs, our various groups are able to champion the most vulnerable in the communities they are a part of.

Showing extra Loving Care

In Llandaff, members have been showing a little extra loving care by producing knitted hearts for NHS Hospital Coronavirus wards. Liz Jones, Diocesan Vice President of Morganwg Archdeaconry has already made and donated 14 pairs of hearts (some knitted, some sewn) to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrissant. Meanwhile other members have been providing hearts for Prince Charles Hospital in Merthyr Tydfil. Susan Rivers, Diocesan President for Llandaff said:

“Visiting restrictions during COVID-19 mean that many patients and their families are separated at the worst possible time, but hospital staff are trying to ease the pain by giving each family a special keepsake. Matching pairs of knitted hearts are given to the patient and their family, so that people can feel more connected with their relatives.”

The production of these hearts is giving hope and spreading love in hospitals, care homes and hospices, helping residents, patients and their families get through these difficult times. Various other branches across the UK and Ireland are working on similar projects.

Excerpt from MU May 2020 e-Newsletter mothersuniononline.org
THE METHODIST CHAPEL, KEINTON MANDEVILLE
Minister: Rev Craig Manley  Tel: 01963 351598

A message from the Rev. Craig Manley
"In the current situation we are available for contact should people feel distressed, desperate or just needing to offload the pressures we all will undoubtedly be under. Stay safe and well and above all share the hope and confidence that can be found in our community, when we look after one another."

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This is to reassure you that our volunteers will be protected until it is safe to visit people or be in their home during restrictions.

"Due to the current situation with Covid19 all of our volunteers have been phoning, not only their own beneficiary but also others who have been referred to us from various agencies. Many of those who have had phone calls would just love to have a volunteer Visitor of their own and we have now got many people in your area who would benefit from this support therefore we are seeking more volunteers”.

Do you have a few hours to spare a month to visit someone in your area

Being visually impaired can be very isolating and to help with this:

We are looking for people to befriend someone in your local area who needs a little company just to sit and chat over a cup of tea or maybe go out and visit a Garden Centre or

Help with correspondence and maybe some personal shopping

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Avril Johnson Volunteer Visiting Co-Ordinator on 01823 36614

or Email avril@somersetsight.org.uk

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Recognise the one who stands beside you

'Stay alert' is the message as we 'ease out of lockdown'. We know that for some there is little ease as we begin to re-engage with a world that is still fearful of Covid-19 and uncertain about its future. The requirement to 'stay alert' is to encourage us to watch out for signs of the virus and protect ourselves and others as necessary.

We've just celebrated Pentecost, often recognised as the birthday of the Church. Jesus' message to his followers as he left them to return to his Father was that they were to 'stay alert', not to guard against something fearful to come but rather to be watchful for the Spirit that would free them from fear. It didn't mean that there weren't still physical dangers to face but rather that their spiritual lives should grow in boldness.

We have seen much courage exhibited throughout this crisis to date. Key workers who have continued to serve us day by day even whilst most of us have remained at home. The NHS has quite rightly been applauded and appreciated at this time and there are so many more.

I've been especially impressed by our schools and their teams who have largely been open throughout this period to provide care for key worker families and vulnerable children. Even at weekends and during this past half term holiday they have been tirelessly supporting their local communities. Staying alert to the needs of our young, they have shown their commitment and care. I want to express my huge gratitude to them!

As we move into June we may be seeing more children returning to schools having been home-schooled for a time. This will not be without fear for some and a need to be especially alert to physical dangers. Whatever the situation we find ourselves to be in at this point, we are reminded that we have a Comforter, an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who strengthens and encourages our faith even at times of doubt and anxiety.

Whether still at home and isolated or beginning a return to wider community life, may you find yourself being alert for and recognising the one who stands alongside you, the Spirit, who is friend, guardian and comforter.

With every good wish
Bishop Ruth

Keinton Mandeville Knit and Natter Group

When the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted, Knit and Natter will again meet every Monday afternoon from 2.00 until 4.00 p.m. at the Methodist Church Room. New members, irrespective of ability, will always be welcome. Open to everyone from all the villages. Ring 223344 for more information.

Keinton Mandeville WI

If looking to make friends and learn about new things, look no further than our WI. You will be surprised at what we offer.

A number of our members are self-isolating and the W.I. are making sure we keep in contact sometimes via internet group chats, quizzes etc. but also good old fashioned phone calls!!!

If anyone would like to join us and become a friend of the W.I. for the duration of the lockdown then don't hesitate. It won't cost you a penny and we will be delighted to include you in our communications. Just email presidentwi@gmail.com
Helping St Mary Magdalene Churchyard
To be Wildlife Friendly

Two areas have been marked out to allow the existing grasses and bee friendly
wildflowers to grow, a couple recorded are the Ox Eye Daisies and a creeping plant
with blue/violet flowers called Ajuga.

David Allison has kindly made two bee hotels, suitable for Mason Bees. Of
these, the smaller bee hotel has shown some activity and the Bigger one has been
even more active.

The Mason Bee female builds individual nests in hollow stems, and also in
the mortar of old buildings. Each “cell” is lined with mud and pollen where a single egg
is laid in each of the cells. The larvae hibernate over winter and hatch late in March.
As they feed only on pollen and nectar, such as apple and chestnut trees flowering at
that time, they are great pollinators so bring us more flowers, fruit and vegetables.

Coronavirus has put a hold on working with the school or Scouts for now but
hopefully, children will be able to visit at some time in the future to look at what is
happening. The wildlife friendly shrubs that flower successively have survived the
winter and are doing alright. Swift nests will be sited on the tower with help from
Julia Manning.

If there are any comments or suggestions contact me on 224448. Sandra.

PlotgateCSA Community Farm and our changing times

The Plotgate gardens are full of hope this month – beds being prepared and sown,
many Summer vegetable plants putting their roots down, and groups of us hoeing,
mulching, planting out, watering, weeding, and supporting everything as we look
forward to abundant new season vegetables. With help from volunteer members
we’re keeping up with our carefully thought-out plan to grow as much as we can this
year – especially as suddenly there are many more veg-shares to provide every
week.

Every Monday and Friday the barn is a hive of activity as barrowloads, boxes
and bags of freshly harvested produce are weighed and shared out into the veg-
bags covering every available surface.

As well as the Friday 4 –7pm collection from the Barton Inn skittle alley, for
now the Monday collection point is at a back-up location, the garage of a
member household in Glastonbury, on a self-service basis. and on Saturday
mornings the named boxes are on a trolley just inside the door of The
Bridge in Langport, open as a food shop, to be picked up easily. And, of
course, we continue cheerful and socially-distant deliveries to doorsteps!

Plotgate Community Farm is co-operatively run by its members, growing seasonal
vegetables on a 9-acre site in Barton St David. The Farm’s members can collect, or
have delivered, a weekly or fortnightly share of the produce, each box containing at
least 8 different types of vegetable. There are events, activities and opportunities as
well as fresh food all through the year.

Every Friday from 4 -7 pm we have freshly-picked vegetables to collect from the
Barton Inn. If you'd like a share of the harvest – we also deliver on Monday evenings
and Saturday mornings.

Call or text 07817 608 283, or email plotgate.csa@gmail.com. You can also find
us on Facebook, and at www.plotgatecsa.wordpress.com

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