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The next Parish News is the June issue. Deadline for copy is 12th May.

In the summer months there is usually a double issue of Parish News, covering two months, to accommodate holidays. This year **the double issue will cover August and September**. This means that articles and information about September for the print edition will have to be sent to us in July. If your information about September is not available in time to get into the print edition it can be added to the online edition and flagged up on our web site nearer the time.

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Subscriptions are collected every July and cover the period up to the following June. Newcomers to the village are welcome to have a complimentary copy, so if someone has moved in near to you please let Mike know.

The Bible - A Revelation

Stephanie Goodwin explains what she has gained from the detailed study of the Bible that she has undertaken as part of her training, and what you might also gain.

As a teenager on a day like today, when the sun is streaming into the house but it's too cold to tempt me out into the garden for long, I would delight in lying reading for hours on end. I'd find myself transported into other times and places lapping up the rich, varied language and created images of favourite, and not so favourite, authors. As I got older with less free time I consigned this luxury to holidays but kept reading daily at bedtime.

Gradually, like many of you, I also developed the habit of dipping into the Bible regularly (often using 'Daily Bread' publication) as well as hearing/reading it in church services. I never looked at reading the whole of the Bible or even stretching myself beyond a few chapters at a time.



However, in September I started a Reader Training course with Lichfield Diocese and Queens University. I am now immersed in books with weekly reading lists, assignment deadlines and practical ministry experience to fill any spare time I might have each week.

There are so many vivid stories and descriptions which bring a world in pictures to mind, if you allow the words to paint the scenes as you read or hear them.

As I took up this study several voices commented that Biblical studies would make me view the Bible in a different way which could be uncomfortable for a while - certainly the course requires analysis of what's there, why and how it got there. Since September we have been asked several times to read a whole book to comment on its flow, style, content, etc.. This has suddenly, for me, made the writings make greater sense and altered the impact of the content which we usually have in short passages. Instead of a collection of books, rather like an anthology, I'm now beginning to see the care, purpose and balance of all making up the one storyline from Genesis to Revelation. There are so many vivid stories and descriptions which bring a world in pictures to mind, if you allow the words to paint the scenes as you read or hear them – you may already have discovered this!

Currently my assignment focuses around Revelation (4: 1-11 to be precise) which has been a revelation! Written at a time when no television, films or radio existed and the general population were not particularly literate, or indeed free to indulge in spare time activities, its imagery and content must have made a lasting impression on its original audience.

The creation of the scenes which can seem unsettling has continued to provide hot debate ever since. However, the 'Heavenly Throne' with the detailed description of what surrounds it gives the strong, unequivocal message of our God at the centre of all, there to be worshipped. The God who, as the Bible begins in Genesis, is marvelled at for His creation of our world. The God who loves unconditionally, supports without strings and listens to all, even in the midst of an uncertain time of world pandemic.

This picture of God is added to with the celebrations this month of Ascension Day and Pentecost. At Ascension the triumph and achievement of God's involvement in the World through His son Jesus is seen, whilst Pentecost reminds us of His commitment to always be with us in spirit. Two more great pictures to enjoy.

Mindfulness exercises have become popular, so if you have time why not reconstruct a scene from Revelation or Ascension or Pentecost in your own style? See what you find, and feel what it brings you. It's not only those novels that can conjure up worlds that transport you out of your day and into a space to find tranquillity and be empowered.

Stephanie Goodwin Trainee Reader for the Uttoxeter Area

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St Peter's Church News

We're back - not that we've been away but the church is open for services once again. Services start at 9.30 am each Sunday. Ist and 3rd Sunday's are Communion services and 2nd and 4th Sundays's are what we call Morning Prayer and are usually led by someone who is not a vicar. The latter services can be quite different from the usual liturgy - that means specific words set down by the Church of England. During Morning Prayer we pray, we have a Bible reading and we might listen to someone speaking about the Bible reading so that we can learn more about Jesus. We also do different things to help us understand more. Everyone is welcome - you don't have to be a member - it's not like a society - you can just come along.

Sadly at the moment we are restricted as to how many people we can get into church because of social distancing. So just give Joyce a ring on 01283 820 346 to let her know you'll be coming.

Hope to see you soon.

Maggie Hatchard

St Peter's Edward Bear Club

For birth to nursery aged children and mums, dads or carers. We have moved Edward Bear club into the 21st century by holding weekly 'Houseparty' calls. We meet virtually on Wednesday mornings at 10am. If anyone would like to join us at the Edward Bear club when

we decide to meet in person again, please let Thelma Brassington (01283 820447) know and she will be in touch when there is any progress.

Gordon Marjoram



Andrew, Philip and myself would like to thank everyone in the village who sent messages, cards and flowers following Gordon's death. We were very honoured to see all the people who stood around the village including representatives from hairdressers, butchers, leisure centre, Burton Albion and Boar's Head friends before his funeral.

Gordon was born in Burton, obtained a degree at Birmingham University before moving to London to become a Chartered Accountant.

In 1968 he married Claire and they lived in Braintree where his two sons were born. He moved back to Marchington in 1982 where he set up GEM services.

He followed Burton Albion from a child, but whilst in Braintree supported Ipswich Town all through their glory years. The journey proved too far so he went back to Burton Albion where he was a vice president. He enjoyed watching football in style, so the match was always preceded by a meal + wine. He also went to a lot of away matches and managed to visit all 92 league grounds. He was an amateur football referee, a qualified cricket umpire and stood on the Burton and N. Staffs Leagues. He also coached Marchington junior cricket team and was president of the Burton Breweries Cricket Association.

He was a borough councillor and treasurer of St. Peter's Church.

His proudest moment was when he was elected National President of the Federation of Master Builders, an office held for 2 years visiting all parts of the country and several European countries.

Holidays were spent with family and five grandchildren, including annual trips to Austria and other countries.

He will be sadly missed by all.

Claire



Mobile Library

This service recommenced during the week beginning Monday 12th April, and made its first call at The Square, Marchington on Thursday 15th April. From then onwards the mobile library will call fortnightly on a Thursday between 1.00 and 3.00pm. The first date in May is Thursday 6th.

The service will operate on an order and collect basis. To order your books, you can telephone 0300 1118000 or use the form available at <u>https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/Order-and-collect-library-service.aspx.</u>

Open Gardens 7/8th August 2021



We are pleased to announce there will be a village Open Gardens event again this year on the dates above. It will be a lower key event than usual as not attached to the Marchington Festival, but something we can enjoy as a community, which after the events of the past year I am sure all will embrace with gusto!

We could still do with a few more gardens and would be quite happy if you only want to open for one of the days. We will of course have our usual refreshment gardens included, so you can make a day of it as you wander round the village. Coffee and cake, ploughman's lunch, cream tea, ice cream, BBQ and possibly a little tipple!

Please let us know if you would like to open your garden by emailing your interest.

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In May

Yes, I will spend the livelong day With Nature in this month of May; And sit beneath the trees, and share My bread with birds whose homes are there; While cows lie down to eat, and sheep Stand to their necks in grass so deep; While birds do sing with all their might, As though they felt the earth in flight. This is the hour I dreamed of, when I sat surrounded by poor men; And thought of how the Arab sat Alone at evening, gazing at The stars that bubbled in clear skies:

And of young dreamers, when their eyes Enjoyed methought a precious boon In the adventures of the Moon Whose light, behind the clouds' dark bars, Searched for her stolen flocks of stars. When I, hemmed in by wrecks of men, Thought of some lonely cottage then Full of sweet books; and miles of sea, With passing ships, in front of me; And having, on the other hand, A flowery, green, bird-singing land.

William Henry Davies

East Staffs Ramblers Resume Walks

East Staffs Ramblers are inviting people to join them when group walks resume from 14th April. Following the relaxation of lockdown restrictions Ramblers can



now walk again in groups of up to 15 people.

Ramblers Group walks are classed as a 'formally organised sporting activity' so walks can begin again. Every Group walk is listed on East Staffordshire Ramblers website (<u>www.eaststaffsramblers.org.uk</u>) and in order to conform with

current guidelines places on each walk must be pre-booked by calling the relevant leader whose phone number is shown there. Other safety precautions currently specified by Ramblers are followed but this will not prevent all participants enjoying some wonderful springtime walks in good company.

We are a friendly sociable group with walks on Wednesdays, Fridays and weekends. A warm welcome is guaranteed for members and non members alike. Non members can come along for up to 3 walks before deciding whether to formally join Ramblers.

With so much emphasis on mental health and wellbeing there's no better time to join us for a breath of fresh air in stunning countryside. If you're not currently a member of Ramblers and you're interested in walking with us please take a look at our website or call me on 07864 927240 any time.



Tom Castle (East Staffs Ramblers Group Chair)

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Chairman's Report - May 2021

Parish Council matters have been dominated in April 2021 by the death and mourning of the Duke of Edinburgh. On the announcement of his death on 9th April, Union flags were raised to half mast at St Peter's School, Marchington Woodlands Village Hall and at Marchington Tennis and Bowls Club. In addition, due to the Parish Council April Agenda being posted the day before his death it was necessary, due to protocol, to postpone the April PC meeting to 22nd April. Due to Government legislation that virtual PC meetings should not take place after 7th May, it has also been decided that the May PC meeting and AGM will take place on 4th May to allow all councillors to participate virtually. Otherwise on 11th May, the normal date, only 6 persons would have been allowed to participate outside due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Silver Lane and Forestside Playground Equipment

Repairs are underway on the playground equipment at Silver Lane and Forestside. It is planned to follow this with a painting programme to refresh the appearance. The Parish Council also has plans to seek grant funding to replace some of the play equipment at Forestside.

Forestside Footpath and Garage Issues

The Parish Council has persuaded ESBC to look into the ownership and maintenance issues with the footpaths and garages between the houses at Forestside, with now safety issues being reported. It is hoped that solutions can be found and the footpaths repaired. This has been an on-going problem to which the Parish Council has sought assistance from our local MPs and the various councils over the years to resolve.

Footpath Maps

The Parish Council proposes to provide a local footpath map at three sites in the Parish, at the centre of Marchington, Marchington Woodlands Village Hall and Forestside, funded by solar park revenues. These maps would be for the benefit of walkers and cyclists.

Marchington and Marchington Woodlands Village Halls

Marchington Village Hall is planning to re-open on 17th May, observing the rule of six with an exercise class already booked, and to fully reopen with no restrictions from 21st June. I am sure the Woodlands Village Hall will be reopening in a similar time frame so that community gatherings can restart for exercise, celebrations and entertainment.

Marchington Public Houses

The Dog and Partridge [see pages 22 & 23] and the Bulls Head public houses both reopened on 12th April serving drinks outside in their beer gardens with some overhead coverings and even heaters for the less hardy. This stage of the Government roadmap has produced a noticeable uplift in the spirits of residents. Laughter is being heard again in our pub beer gardens!

Recently Planted Trees

It is noticeable on walking around the village that the trees and whips planted recently by "The Friends of Marchington" are coming alive as a further uplift to our spirits.





Football Pitches and Cricket Field The football pitches and cricket field have been prepared in April for a resumption of football and a start of the cricket season. We look forward to hearing the sounds of young people enjoying sport again.

Andrew C Mann

MARCHINGTON WI



As I write this article the sun is shining through the window, the flowers are giving a blaze of colour in the garden and there is a feeling that spring is in the air.

I cannot believe that it is over a year since our WI met on a monthly basis and I know our members are looking forward to getting together again as soon as we are able to do so.

Our congratulations go to Susan McDermid on winning the County "Rosemary Palmer Trophy" in 2020. Well done Sue!

Members have been advised on a number of County events/competitions which of course are being organised via Zoom. The resolution for this year for members to discuss is "A *call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer*" full details of which will be sent to everyone next month.

Annual subscriptions have been paid and I am pleased to say that our numbers have remained static. The financial statement for our year end has been prepared and audited and this along with the Committee Report and the nominated list of people willing to be on the committee, will be sent out to members to comment on and approve.

Every member received an Easter gift which apart from being a surprise, appears to have been greatly appreciated.

With the slow release of lockdown rules, the committee are hopeful that they will be able to organise a social get together for members in the summer, and then resume our monthly meetings in September. This all depends on the lockdown rules going to plan!

Take care everyone.

Sheila Jones

Marchington Village Hall News - May 2021



Open for business

The four-step plan for getting back to 'normal', following Covid-19, allows us to open our doors and actually let people in on Monday 17 May. With a following wind, we can operate with freedom from restrictions after 21 June, at the earliest. Our regular hirers have been making enquiries and we do have some bookings in the diary, for the first time in over a year. We are particularly cheered to see a couple of wedding bookings. *NB: these aren't from regular hirers!*

In addition, we are delighted to welcome Dawn Colclough who will be running a new class called "Dawn to Dusk mobility & yoga 50 plus" from 1pm until 2pm on Mondays starting 17 May. Those of you who remember Alison Jones with fondness may be flexing your muscles at the thought of this class!

It will take time for people to feel confident to go out, let alone come in to a community building and with that in mind, we have organised a social get-together to which everyone is welcome. See the box below for details and put it into your rapidly-filling diary.

Come and see Marchington Village Hall! Meet your friends! Sit down at tables together! Talk to people! Eat cake! Leave your mask at home!

Open day, Friday 9 July, 2-5pm

If you have been thinking about getting more involved with village life, we'd love to see you at our AGM. You may even want to join us on the committee and you would be very welcome. Again, see details in the box below.

Our annual general meeting (AGM) will be held on Zoom on Thursday 20 May at 2pm. If you would like to attend, please email <u>geraldineflavell1@gmail.com</u> for an invitation link or for help with alternative

If you want to book the Hall, call Gill Williamson on 820407 or email <u>marchingtonvillagehallbookings@hotmail.com</u>.

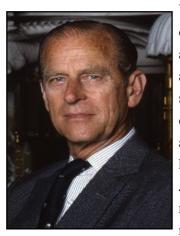
Geraldíne Flavell

Dawn to Dusk Mobility & Beginners Restorative Yoga Marchington Village Hall Every Monday starts at 1.00 from 17th May Age 50 plus - Class £6 - male/female welcome Slow, relaxing pace, friendly atmosphere.

Call/Message: Dawn on 01889564592 or 07794344235 to book a place or more info.



Marchington Community Shop wish to pay tribute to HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh for all his services, especially for the young people past and present who have been involved in achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Award working in the shop.



We have been lucky to have several young people over the years who have volunteered in the shop as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and feel that it is part of our role as a community shop to support them and give them an opportunity to have the experience of working in a customer-facing environment. Currently we have three D of E volunteers: Luke, Chloe and Jasmin. Without Prince Philip, this scheme would not have existed and we add our tribute to the many that you will have heard.

And, talking of volunteers, you don't have to be a teenager! We are looking for more volunteers from the local area, it doesn't have to be Marchington itself, as things open up and we all get out and about a bit more. Many of our volunteers will be taking a holiday over the next few months, so we are looking for more to cover the shifts, especially for people to help with customer service behind the counter. It's a great way of meeting people, finding out what's going on and helping your community. Most of our volunteers work for 2 hours a week and find this is a good way of keeping in touch. If you want to find out more, please visit the shop (weekday mornings is best because we have more than one person there) or ring on 01283 821248, or email me info@marchingtonshop.co.uk. You could have a trial 'shift' with an experienced volunteer, and there's no commitment.

Liz Morgan, Chair, Marchington Community Shop



Marchington Nature Notes

After the surrender of a dreary Winter, the season of Spring gladdens our hearts with its longer daylight hours, and a warmth our bodies crave.

The world outside suddenly becomes luminous and we find ourselves tuning in to sights and sounds we misplaced during the Winter months. The last vestiges of chilliness can intrude though. With the old saying 'Nay cast a clout, till May is out' refers to the Hawthorn (quickthorn, thorn apple, May tree or hawberry) blossom, not the month of May.

The blossoming trees and confetti petals remind us to celebrate this flourishing time of the year.

Before being upstaged by Summer blooms, late daffodils and narcissus flower still. Originally brought over by the Romans long ago, to remind them of loved ones, these bulbs started to evolve, around the 1880s, by modern breeding, into the thousands of varieties we see today. The UK is now the biggest grower of these 'yellow maidens'

Community Orchard

This communal area, with the help of The Friends of Marchington, continues to evolve. The new shoots of a fallen willow tree, have been woven into a living arbour, complete with a bark chippings (cadged from a kindly neighbour) floor and log seats for weary young legs. An all weather seating area has been installed, with a sturdy coffee table (made from recycled pallets) and accompanying log seat roundels. A buddy bench, provided by a £600 DoingOurBit grant from Staffordshire County Council and recycled from 3,146 milk containers, has been ordered to complete the ensemble.



The fruit tree pruning is almost complete. Let's hope for another bumper harvest. Some of the cherry tree suckers have been removed to open up the canopy alongside the brook. Youngsters are invited to make 'dens' with the spoils.



The large boulders and stones are frequently used as anvils by insatiable thrushes. Snails are evicted from their rigid shells by being knocked against these hard surfaces, leaving masses of broken casings.

Village planter sponsors

If you would like to sponsor a village planter (or share with a friend) please let us know by phoning 07443119876 or 821351.

Each one costs around £20 to fill. They brighten up our village entrances with a joyous welcome.

Suggested read Red sky at night

This book of lost countryside wisdom, is an indispensable guide to everything we knew and loved before we went inside and turned on the TV.

And lastly. the National Forest, planted their 9 millionth tree recently.....what a feat!

Janey Hilton



Every member of Uttoxeter Cricket Club is looking forward to the 2021 season. Below is our fixture schedule for our forthcoming home games and any support is most welcome. Please adhere to the government guidelines on social distancing when attending.

Coturdou 1st Mou	and VI	1.20.0.00	Sutton on the Hill CC
Saturday 1 st May	2 nd XI	1.30pm	Sutton on the Hill CC
Monday 3 rd May	Under 11s	6.30pm	Abbots Bromley CC
Saturday 8 th May	1 st XI	1.00pm	Swarkstone CC
Sunday 9 th May	Under 13s	10.30am	Milford Hall CC
Monday 10 th May	Under 11s	18:30:00	Wilnecote CC
Thursday 13 th May	Under 15s	18:30:00	Lichfield CC
Saturday 15 th May	2 nd XI	13:30:00	Risley CC
Sunday 16 th May	Under 13s	10.30am	Kings Bromley CC
Monday 17 th May	Under 11s	6.30pm	Rolleston CC
Saturday 22 nd May	1 st XI	1.00 pm	Lullington Park CC
Monday 24 th May	Under 11s	18:30:00	Alrewas CC
Thursday 27 th May	Under 15s	18:30:00	Kings Bromley CC
Saturday 29 th May	2 nd XI	1.30pm	Hilton CC
Sunday 30 th May	2 nd XI	1.00pm	Ockbrook & Borrowash CC
Monday 31 st May	Under 11s	18:30:00	Internal Friendly
Saturday 5 th June	1 st XI	13:00:00	Hilton CC

If you are interesting in finding out more about Uttoxeter Cricket Club, please get in touch with James Burton on 07961 208 354 or jamesburton81@yahoo.co.uk.

[Uttoxeter Cricket Club plays home matches at Jacks Lane, Marchington - Ed.]

Music During Lockdown

Amateur musicians have missed the opportunity to make music together, and to go to concerts during lockdown. However, there has been some compensation. During the first lockdown the people of Woodland Views were treated to an outdoor concert by Lucy Crow and her family. The Marchington Singers have kept in touch through their fortnightly members' journal *Reasons to be Cheerful,* and look forward to meeting again before too long. Burton Folk Club meets weekly for a 'singaround', with each member performing alone from home. The U3A Singing for Pleasure group meets weekly on Zoom, where we catch up with news and also sing. However, due to the limitations of Zoom and the need to hit the mute button, we rarely hear each others' singing voices. Although this has kept us going during the lockdown, we are looking forward to the first time we can meet for 'real' - outdoors, of course, and socially distanced. I hope the weather is kind!

In contrast with our more modest efforts. there are musicians with technical knowhow who have managed to create and performances. record shared The organisation Making Music has brought many of these together into a series of virtual concerts that can be accessed free on Youtube. A choir not far from here the Lichfield Gospel Choir - features in the first of these. There is quite a lot of variety, from brass bands and choirs to full orchestras. If you are a music lover, why not give these concerts a try? The first concert is at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZC 00A1-3qE



Rhoda

The Dog and Partridge



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MAY 17TH ONWARDS (EAT IN OR TAKEAWAY)

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Check out the menu online at https://www.dogandpartridgemarchington.co.uk/

ENTERTAINMENT

See our advert on page 23 for the return of the **Sunday Music Club** in May and early June. Musicians have also been booked for subsequent weeks. We are certainly pulling out the stops for the Sunday Music Club programme and the 9th Year Party in October and even thinking about the festive period too!.

Needless to say we are approaching these with some degree of caution in case we have to reschedule everything, but so far so good. More news in coming weeks!!

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Woodlands WI at Eastertime

April now means it's time to renew the annual subscriptions to WIs and although we may not have met in person for a while Woodlands WI President Helen and the committee have been busy keeping all in touch.

April was no exception, indeed it was a bumper month for the members.

Julie, our resident card whizz, wove her magic and made an Easter card for every member, not only that - she delivered them too! Many, many thanks Julie.

The Easter Bunny came as well with the cards, as Julie had made us all a present of a box containing mini eggs!

They were very scrumptious and didn't last long in my household.





Helen thought we could tentatively start planning our programme for this year. WI members are optimistic in nature and with the vaccination programme rolling out and lockdown being slackened, it was decided the time was right to put plans in place for the next 6 months.

So, a programme has been put together up to December and will be soon distributed to members. Hopefully there will be something for everyone; needless to say it contains alcohol, crafts and chat! All the essential parts of a Woodlands WI meeting. We'll spread them out though so we can all enjoy being together again.

The May meeting is on the 13th which may be unlucky for some but the

members need to watch out on their doorsteps as a surprise will be arriving. I'm not saying any more otherwise it will give the game away! But everyone will enjoy it! The monthly meeting using Zoom will be linked into it so watch your emails!

Kind regards to everyone reading this and keep enjoying the sunshine.

Grace Hodges

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Update



With the government's roadmap out of lockdown still on track, Committee work is picking up pace as it focuses on reopening Woodlands Village Hall for the local elections on Thursday 6 May. Decorating is finished (a lovely job, Roger, thank you) and the big spring-clean is next on the agenda. The Committee is particularly looking forward to 21 June, when, with everything firmly crossed, social gatherings will once again be permitted without restrictions on numbers.

Isabel, the Hall's Booking Secretary, is talking to other groups around the Woodlands to find out about their plans for resuming meetings/activities and it is the Committee's intention to restart whist drives and also monthly coffee mornings as soon as it is accepted as being safe to do so.

Two dates were mentioned for your diaries in last month's Parish News – Saturday 14 August and Friday 5 November. There was an excellent response to the leaflet

that was distributed to Woodlands residents about the Summer Dance on 14 August and further information will be relayed to everyone as soon as the important details have been worked out.

The Committee now has another date for you to keep free – Friday 25 June. The words 'Annual General Meeting' may not create a buzz of interest, normally speaking, but the hope is that you may look on this year's event more enthusiastically. As long as the roadmap holds up, this will be an opportunity to celebrate the lifting of social restrictions and reopening of the Village Hall with friends, neighbours and other Woodlands residents. The plan is to start with AGM business and follow on with a social evening, where it would be nice, amongst other things, to have a drink and relaxed chat with folk about what they would like to see happening at the Village Hall in the future.

Set out below are the important information/contact details you will need if you are considering hiring the Village Hall as a venue for a social occasion or running a new activity or interest group in the Woodlands:-

Booking Secretary – Isabel Wilson (Tel. 01889 569411)

Village Hall website address - www.mwvh.co.uk

Village Hall contact email address - mwvh@btinternet.com

Don't forget, the Committee is always keen to hear your thoughts and suggestions about the Village Hall.

And last, but definitely not least, the Committee gives a vote of thanks to George (age 7), George (age 4) and Heidi (age 12), for brightening up the Village Hall windows with their artwork. It is really appreciated.

Please take care and look forward to seeing you soon.

Karen Perríns

St. John's Church Marchington Woodlands



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http://www.marchingtonwoodlandschurch.co.uk/ St. Johns website

Church Services at St John's in May

Sunday 9th 4pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion

If you would like to read or do flowers for these or any future services, please let Linda or Isabel know and we will draw up a rota.

Our Annual Parochial Church meeting will be held in church at 7pm on Tuesday 25th May.

If you are on the church electoral roll you are entitled to vote at this meeting, The electoral roll revision for this year will close on Sunday 9th and the updated roll displayed outside the church door from Monday 10th. If you are already on the roll you do not need to apply again this year. Graham and Linda both offer to stand again as churchwardens. Please contact any member of the PCC if you would like to join the PCC or stand as warden. You will be most welcome. (Full official notices are posted in the church noticeboard.)

Dates for your diaries

Saturday July 10th at Woodlands Village Hall.

We hope to hold an afternoon tea if the road out of lockdown allows.

Further ahead still:-

Saturday October 2nd - our Harvest Supper.

Here is hoping that we can look forward to being able to gather together again safely. In the meantime, if you have interesting stories or projects you want to share in the magazine or pictures you would like to add to a memories of the Woodlands (or Uttoxeter Area of Parishes) virtual or actual scrapbook contact Linda or Isabel by email or WhatsApp.

On April 20th the funeral of **Robert Leadbetter** was held at St Johns church. Robert, aged 73, was a valued member of the team who give up their time and work hard to maintain the churchyard and the building and he will be sadly missed.

On Saturday 17th the church bell was rung in the hour preceding the funeral of HRH Prince Phillip the Duke of Edinburgh.

Marchington Woodlands 100 Club Winners in March

Elon Mann, Karen Purcell, Linda Mosley, Nigel Harman

If you are unable to carry out your duty, please find a replacement and inform the church wardens.

<u>ج</u>	AREA SERVICE ON ZOOM Maggie Hatchard will be sending out the link.	AREA St Maggie Hatchard		Sunday 30th May 10.00am
Gill Williamson	Wendy Scott	Claire Marjoram Tony Butler	Tim Scott	Sunday 23 ^d May 9.30am Moming Prayer
Sue Butler	Liz Morgan	Gordon Whitehead Joyce Halcrow	Sheila Jones	Sunday 16 th May 9.30am Communion
DM	AREA ASCENSION DAY SERVICE ON ZOOM Maggie Hatchrd will be sending out the link.	AREA ASCENSIO Maggie Hatchrd		Thursday 13 May 7.30pm
Maggie Hatchard	Maggie Hatchard	Gill Williamson Claire Marjoram	Joyce Halcrow	Sunday 9th May 9.30am Morning Prayer
Shirley McCoy	Gill Williamson	Fiona Neads Pat Wilson	Gill Williamson	Sunday 2rd May 9.30am Communion
Flowers	Intercessions	Readers	Sidesperson	

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