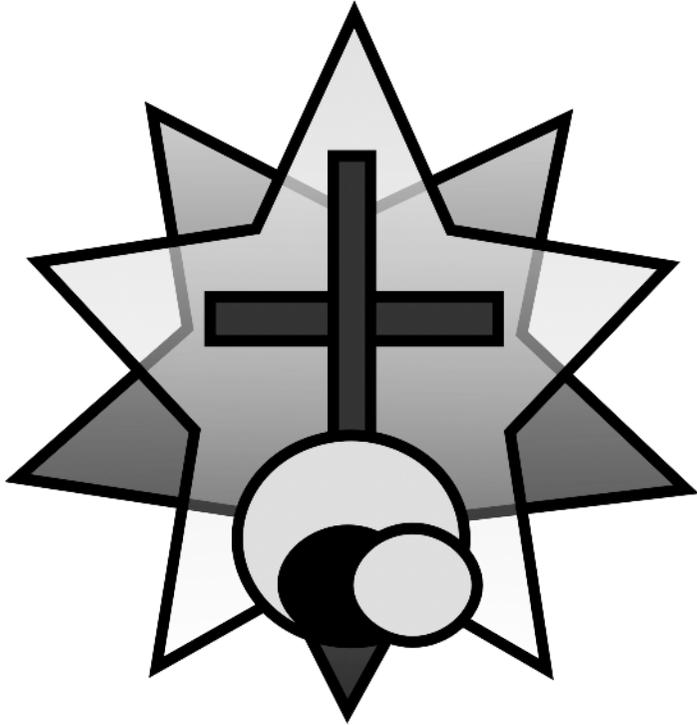


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St Peter's Church, Marchington



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‘Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away.’

We in Marchington have experienced flooding, and some communities have been more severely affected. Here the Bishop of Shrewsbury, Sarah Bullock, reflects on the floods in Shropshire.

Over the past few weeks we have suffered serious flooding in places across Shropshire. I have seen this first hand, particularly in Shrewsbury, where the rising River Severn has flooded homes, shops, businesses, community facilities, schools and places of worship.



The forces of nature are powerful and we need to do our best to be vigilant and prepared. We are greatly helped by those with knowledge and expertise in being able to forecast upcoming weather patterns, those who work hard on our behalf to manage flood risk and to alleviate the effects of flooding. There are countless people across our communities, including many members of our congregations, working to give

assistance and support to one another, helping to move sand bags, caring for neighbours, providing emergency accommodation and food, rescuing domestic animals and livestock, keeping us safe and caring for our needs. I am sure that we all give thanks for this.

In our churches prayers are being said every day for our communities and people from our congregations are showing practical and prayerful care for those around them. In the Bible we hear these words:

*‘Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away.’
(Song of Songs 8:7)*

The writer speaks of the love between God and his people. We are reminded that nothing can separate us from God’s love and we are encouraged to recognise that love lived out by those around us in word and action. Bishop Michael and I continue to hold you all in our prayers and ask that you might

also pray for each other and our communities.

Compassionate God, source of all comfort, we pray for communities where lives have been devastated by storm and flood. Bring them comfort, we pray.

Protect the vulnerable. Strengthen the weak. Keep at bay the spread of disease. Bless those working to keep individuals and communities safe. For we ask this in Jesus name, Amen.

Sarah



Holy week meditations

These take place at 7.30am in St Mary's each morning followed by breakfast.

All welcome.



Saturday 16th May

4.00 - 6.00 pm

St Peter's Church

Bring a friend

[No Messy Church in April]

ST PETER'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

As usual we held our monthly coffee and chat on Thursday 7th March. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 10.30 am. Coffee and cake are by donation and we just have a friendly chat. Everyone is welcome: we meet in the vestry. Do come along and join us, we would love to see you.

Lynda Nicholson





St Peter's Edward Bear Club

For birth to nursery aged children and mums, dads or carers. We meet on Wednesdays at 9.00 am during term time to enjoy coffee and a chat while the children play. This is followed by craft activities and stories, ending with a short prayer.

If anyone would like to join us at the Edward Bear club, please come along to the Church vestry on a Wednesday during term time 9.00-10.30am or ring Thelma on 01283 820447.

MARCHINGTON ST PETER'S CHURCH ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

**TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2020 IN THE VESTRY,
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

The APCM will include the election of Churchwardens. Current Wardens and Deputies offer themselves up for re-election. Other nominations are welcome, nomination forms are available from PCC Secretary Kate Hart. The meeting will include confirmation of the new electoral roll, election of PCC members and Deanery Synod Reps, approval of the Child Protection policy, appointment of an auditor, and a review of church activities and performance in 2019. Any other matter can be raised under AOB. Kindly contact PCC secretary Kate Hart at least 14 days before the meeting.

The meeting will be followed by an informal supper. Attendees are requested to bring a plate of food which will be pooled. Wine and coffee will be available.

Everyone welcome!

Kate Hart (PCC Secretary) 3 Feb 2020



Flooding

The residents from the Church Lane area wish to express their grateful thanks to the Parish Council and other villagers who came down to help during the night of Sunday 16th February when the water came up and filled the Lane, flooding several homes.

Many of the residents were up by 3.00 am trying to prevent the water coming into their homes without much success. Andrew Mann and Ian Morgan from the Parish Council were very much involved during the night and we extend our thanks to them and also to the volunteers who came and helped at the Community Shop.

THANK YOU!!!

Coronavirus*

All churches are very concerned about the spread of the virus. Both of our churches are following the guidelines issued by the government and the Church of England.

We are asking everyone to be vigilant in washing their hands and refraining from physical contact. Unfortunately we are now unable to serve coffee after a service.

Please can you help us by looking after your elderly neighbours, as well as those who are self- isolating. They may need their shopping done or just a phone call to check if they are well. If you have any concerns please let us know.

Churchwardens of St. Peter's and St. John's.

* There are some useful sources of advice and information about the virus on page 28.

Thought for the Month

In view of the items on this page, and Bishop Sarah's letter, the following thought seemed particularly appropriate:

"God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile" - Max Lucado

ST PETER'S WALKING GROUP

After a very enjoyable March walk from Tissington with 6 participants we now look forward to our April outing which will take place on **Saturday 25th April**. We will be starting from Monyash, an attractive old limestone village at the head of beautiful Lathkill Dale. The walk heads northwest for a short distance before turning east, proceeding through Bagshaw Dale and on to the breathtaking beauty of Upper Lathkill Dale. We then proceed through part of Cales Dale and return to Monyash via a section of the Limestone Way.



We will then enjoy the delights of The Old Smithy Tearoom, a popular stopping off point on the Limestone Way which just happens to serve the best apple cake in the county!

This walk is about 5 miles long with a few stiles. Underfoot conditions are stony for a short distance in Upper Lathkill Dale. Remember to wear appropriate clothing and footwear and bring a packed lunch. Walks are open to everyone, you don't have to be a church member, just come along and you'll be warmly welcomed. **We meet at 9.30am in St Peter's Church car park** to share lifts, aiming to return home by about 3.30pm. Call one of us if you have any questions or just turn up on the day.

Tom (820486) and Claire (820349)

Marchington W.I.

President Sheila Jones welcomed members and visitors who had braved the wet weather to come to the meeting.



A representative from the Air Ambulance joined us to give a brief talk and to accept our donation of £150 which was collected at our Christmas Lunch instead of doing a ‘Secret Santa’.

Our speaker for the evening was Chris Bamford and her assistant from Hatton WI who demonstrated the art of napkin folding. We were all presented with a napkin to have a go at. There were some entertaining shapes such as a rose, standing fan, dinner jacket and petals. After a bit of trying and some laughter we all managed to produce some decorative results. Our hostesses provided a delicious homemade supper of cakes and savouries. Sheila concluded with the business



side of the meeting and members were reminded of our summer outing to David Austen Roses and that we are completing next year’s varied and interesting programme. Our March meeting is being organised by members and we can look forward to a fun quiz and social. Please do join us for a taster visit if you would like to know more about WI.

Marilyn Bentley

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR'S REPORT – APRIL 2020

Dear Parishioners

Ahead of the Elections on 2nd May, this is a final call to anyone who would be interested in joining the Parish Council. We are going to have a few vacancies to fill. Please contact our Parish Clerk, Catherine Thompson if you require any further information about how it works or ask any of the current members of the Parish Council what is involved being a Councillor. It can be very rewarding, particularly as you see some of the projects we are involved in come to fruition.

Speaking of which, Uttoxeter Cricket Club held an open evening at the village hall in February which was very well attended. They are having an open day on Friday 5th April for volunteers to come along and do some jobs to help the cricket ground and pavilion be ready for the start of the season later this month. We already have villagers who have very generously given their time to help the works so far and it would be great to see as many people as possible support Uttoxeter Cricket Club. It's a great asset to the village and I hope you can see the improvements they have already brought.

Jane Hilton very kindly arranged a pruning workshop at the Community Orchard at the end of February which was well attended. The good news is that the hard work Jane has put in is paying off as we have some very healthy fruit trees that should produce a good crop this year. A special thank you to her for all the hard work she has put in. We now have the conundrum as to what we do with the harvest each year: do we have an apple pressing day; sell the fruit in the shop to raise funds for further planting works; or perhaps something else? We are open to suggestions so please put any ideas forward for discussion- it is the *community* orchard after all!

We are still looking for volunteers for the Community Speed Watch and Flood Warden teams. We experienced heavy rainfall this week and although we have several volunteers so far, we need more people from all parts of the village to help. The training is a few hours and will ultimately help the community in the process.

We have an upcoming program of maintenance at both the playgrounds at Silver Lane and Forestside to carry out. We should also have had a clearing up day at the new Silver Lane parking area which has been cleared recently. We may not have the parking area ready in time for the opening of the cricket club, but we are seeking grants and additional funding to try to get this sorted as soon as we can.

It has been noted recently that car accidents either at Birch Cross or Marchington Cliff may not be appearing on the official accident figures which are held by East Staffordshire Borough Council, even if the police have been in attendance. If you are aware of any, please do drop a note through to our Parish Clerk noting the day and time they happened. This can be important when commenting on planning applications or trying to get funding for road improvements from the County Council so please do bear it in mind.

Until next month!

Julia Hayhurst - Chair

Mobile Library



Outside Marchington village hall fortnightly between 9.30 - 10.15 am on Thursday on the following dates:

April 2nd, 16th and 30th. May 14th and 28th. June 11th and 25th.

Tennis and Bowls 100 Club

Winners of the March draw were:

£5 - John Wood

£10 - SallyAnne Lander

£15 - Neil Andrew

£25 - Margaret Clowes

Thank you to all our members for your support.

A message from Chris Neal, tree surgeon

It is with regret that I have reached the decision to close my tree surgery business and follow an ambition I've had for a while now. I will therefore soon be starting a new journey whilst still following my love of nature and the countryside. I have joined Derby College to train their apprentices in arboriculture and countryside management.

I have enjoyed many years of growing Fritchwood Tree Services and have some wonderful and loyal customers who I will miss. I would like to thank all of you who have supported me and helped the business grow to such a success over the past 9 years.

THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN APRIL

April is the month when Spring gets into its stride. Here are just a few things to concentrate on.

FLOWERING PLANTS

Work slow release fertiliser into the soil surrounding your trees, shrubs and hedges. Alternatively use home made compost or manure to enrich your soil.

Slugs are active in April. Protect tender young leaves of plants such as delphiniums or hostas. You can buy and use nematode worms as an effective organic control. Organic methods of control are the best, as it is not a good idea for toxic chemicals to get into the water system. Try making collars covered in gravel to deter slugs getting close to the plants. Alternatively, make homemade traps with sugary fluids in jam jars dug into the ground or smashed eggshells around the plant base. Slug pellets should be used sparingly and only as a last resort.

VEGETABLES and GREENHOUSE

The soil will be cold after Winter rain and frost. Delay sowing seeds outside until you see weeds and grass growing strongly. A use for weeds at last! Keep on top of emerging weeds and remove any rogue potatoes from the ground that did not get harvested last year.

Ventilate your greenhouse on warm days. If you sow undercover indoors or in the greenhouse, 'damping off' can be an

issue for young seedlings. Sowing seeds too close together and giving too much water can lead to fungal growth which is detrimental to seedling development.

Move plants from the greenhouse to cold frames to give them time to adjust to cooler temperatures and harden them off.

FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES

Spring fruit blossom is attractive, but late Spring frosts can clear a tree of its blossom in one night. Consequently, your fruit harvest could be minimal in the Autumn. Try to protect the blossom if frost is forecast. Fleece can help when spread over small or wall trained fruit trees. Remove fleece during daylight hours to allow pollination to take place.

If you buy young fruit trees, remove most of the blossom. Young trees need to concentrate on root production in the first year after planting, not fruit production.

Minimise weed growth around the base of fruit trees by mulching or using circles of synthetic weed suppressant, which should be pinned down. Add bark chippings on top of the material to make it look more attractive.

Watch out for pests on fruit trees and bushes and take appropriate action.

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Marchington Village Hall News April 2020

Knowing Marchington folk, you won't have bought your tickets yet for the MADS Plays and Plonk evening on Friday 3 April. This popular format sees a fun evening of light entertainment with bread and cheese on the side. The eponymous plonk is available for those who reasonably can't countenance a Friday evening without it. At the time of writing (early March!) tickets are still available but you'll have to hurry...!

We fitted the new doors between the hall and lounge during March. They match the other doors in the hall and help promote the wow factor when visitors walk in.

At last in April we will be having the car park resurfaced to eliminate the puddles. At the same time we'll be making every effort to stop non-hall users blocking the car park spaces for our hirers and their guests.

Thank you for all the responses to the ad in March but we now have a new cleaner. This is a relief to us all, but do let one of us know if you can offer any time to the village hall, either to help with events or maintenance.

To find out what else is going on in Marchington Village Hall, look at our calendar on <https://www.marchingtonvillagehall.org/calendar.html> or google us and click on the Calendar tab. To book the hall, check availability as above and email or phone Gill



SUNDAY MUSIC CLUB AT THE DOG AND PARTRIDGE IN APRIL

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The Dog & Partridge will be closed for food on Mondays and Tuesdays.



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April brings Easter and we have hot cross buns, seasonal plants, and Easter cards in stock. And of course Creme Eggs, plus convenience groceries,



newspapers and magazines and wines.

As a community business, we understand and appreciate the responsibility we have to reassure and protect our customers and team at this uncertain time. We're working hard to actively reduce risk in every way that we can and we're well and truly open for business.

To put your minds at rest, here are just

a couple of the top-line things that we're doing to keep germs at bay

- Regular and thorough hand washing, surface disinfecting and general shop cleanliness continues (as it always has).

-Bread, cakes and savoury items will be put in bags as soon as it arrives, by individuals wearing a new pair of protective gloves each time.

For our customers, we will do all we can to serve you in whatever way you would like. We do have over the counter medicines, tissues and cough sweets. And a reminder that we also have a hand washing sink in the bathroom opposite our shop door, so you can wash your hands if you wish.

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What's on in April?

Given the situation with the corona virus, events may be subject to change. Please check with the organisers of any event you are planning to attend.

Marchington Singers rehearsals - there will not be any rehearsals until further notice. Members will be informed directly when rehearsals resume.

Art group meets at Kingstone Village Hall on Thursdays 10am-12 noon.

Zumba classes - Wednesdays 6.00 pm at Marchington Village Hall.

Keep Fat Club - Tuesdays 8.00 pm.

Boot camp class Tuesday & Thursday evenings at Marchington Village Hall.

Check the calendar at <https://www.marchingtonvillagehall.org/calendar.html>

Flexercise - Tuesday mornings at 10.00 am , Marchington Village Hall.

Uttoxeter Cricket Club Junior Training - Fridays 5.30 pm for year 5 & below; 6.30 pm for year 6 and above. At Thomas Alleyne's High School.

Uttoxeter Cricket Club Senior Training - Wednesdays 6.00 to 7.30 pm. At Thomas Alleyne's High School.

Sunday Music Club at the Dog and Partridge - every Sunday from 5.30 pm onwards. .

Edward Bear Club - for pre-school children and parents / carers, every Wednesday, 9.00 am during term time at St Peter's Church.

Coffee Morning at St Peter's Church - first Thursday of each month, 10.30 in the vestry.

Services at St Peter's can be found on page 32, and at St John's on page 31.

April	
Thursday 2 nd	St Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.30 pm in the church vestry. See page 5. Mobile Library outside Marchington Village Hall 9.30 - 10.15 am.
Friday 3 rd	St Peter's School breaks up for Easter. Whist Drive, Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, 7.30 pm. MADS presents 'Plays and Plonk', 7.30 pm at Marchington Village Hall.
Friday 5 th	Uttoxeter Cricket Club Open Day - see page 9.

Monday 6 th	Woodlands Village Hall committee meeting, 8.00 pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
Thursday 9 th	Marchington Woodlands WI meet at Woodlands Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Speaker from Derby Mountain Rescue Team.
Monday 13 th	Marchington Garden Guild, 8:00 pm Marchington Village Hall. A talk by Graham Wagstaffe “Growing Vegetables in a Small Space”. The talk is to show that with a bit of planning together with the right choice of seeds, you can easily grow a good amount of quality fresh veg in an area of not more than 100 square feet. Admission free to Guild Members £3 to non members. Admission fee includes light refreshments. All are welcome
Tuesday 14 th	Bible Study at 1 Church Close, Marchington, at 7.30 pm Marchington Parish Council meeting, 7.30 pm, Woodlands Village Hall.
Thursday 16 th	Mobile Library outside Marchington Village Hall 9.30 - 10.15 am.
Friday 17 th	Whist Drive at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall., 7.30 pm
Monday 20 th	Marchington WI meet in Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. Annual meeting followed by Samantha Beech speaking on Child Welfare. Competition “What I looked like as a baby”. Visitors welcome – contact Sheila Jones 01283 820576.
Tuesday 21 st	Coffee Morning, Woodlands Village Hall, 10.30 am - 12.00.
Saturday 25 th	St Peter’s Walking Group meets at 9.30 am in the church car park to travel to Monyash for this month’s walk.
and in May	
Thursday 14 th	Mobile Library outside Marchington Village Hall 9.30 - 10.15 am.
Saturday 16 th	Messy Church at St Peter’s Church, 4.00 - 6.00 pm.
Thursday 28 th	Mobile Library outside Marchington Village Hall 9.30 - 10.15 am.



Marchington Tennis and Bowls Club

The new season is here - come and join us

The new season is here and we hope that members from 2019 will re-join and, if you have thought about joining but haven't yet taken the plunge, you will do so this year. 2019 members will be contacted about re-joining for 2020. If you were not a member last year and would like to join, please get in touch with one of the following:

Chair: Mark Flavell 01283 820938 markpflavell@yahoo.co.uk

Vice Chair: Ginny Odey 01283 820641 ginnyodey@gmail.com

Treasurer: John Wood 01283 820560 kath_johnwood@yahoo.co.uk

Tennis Section:

The Club has two hard courts providing an excellent playing surface. Courts are available to use seven days a week, all year round. New members are always welcome. There is plenty of opportunity to play tennis and a strong social element to the Club. **Club Sessions** are held on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. At these times you are sure to get a game as other members will be there – just turn up, you will be made very welcome.

Tournaments for all ages are run through the summer months.

Coaching sessions will be available, hopefully from late April.

If you would like further information on tennis matters, please contact Ginny Odey (01283 820641 or ginnyodey@gmail.com).

Bowls Section:

The bowling green is now open for the 2020 season, with the season lasting until the end of September. New members are always welcome – league bowlers, experienced players or beginners. Bowls are available to borrow in the club house, so come and join us!

League matches: We play in the Needwood Veterans League (a mixed sex league for bowlers aged 50 and over) on Monday afternoons and in the Uttoxeter Veterans League (a mixed sex league for bowlers aged 55 and over) on Tuesday afternoons.

Friendly Matches: We play friendly matches against teams from other local villages on Wednesday evenings from 6pm. All members are welcome to play in these matches.

Club Day: Sundays at 2.00pm. This is a time for informal (but still competitive!) practice matches. All members, whether beginners or experienced players, are welcome.

Competitions: A full programme of Club competitions runs through the season.

Play when you want: Aside from the various competitions and organised events the green is open and available for members to enjoy 7 days a week, weather permitting.

Introductory Sessions for beginners can be arranged and spectators are always welcome at friendly and league matches – and on Sunday afternoons.

If you would like further information on any aspect of the bowls side of the Club, or if you would like to arrange an introductory session at the green, please contact Mark Flavell (01283 820938 or markpflavell@yahoo.co.uk)

Subscriptions for 2020

Our rates offer great value and cover 12 months from April.

	Subs 2020/21 £
Tennis	
Couple	74
Single aged 16 and over	42
Junior aged up to 16	26
Child at first school	22
Full time student aged 16 to 22	28
Family	100
Bowls	
Couple	67
Single	37

Subscriptions to be paid by end April.

For tennis members a £5 key deposit is required as the courts are locked when not in use. Members who already have a key may exchange it free of charge for this year's key.

We look forward to seeing you on the tennis courts/ bowling green this year!

Mark Flavell

ST PETER'S SCHOOL MARCHINGTON

Tamworth Castle Visit

by Evie Ball and Ruby Kearns

On Thursday, the Year One, Two and Reception children went on a school trip to Tamworth Castle. School trips are great because you get to learn new and exciting things and see the world outside of school. They are for learning about knights and castles in history.

“When we got there, we went in an army room. There was armour in the room and the armour was shiny,” said William.

“We learnt to be knights. Eddy wore a helmet and he couldn't see, and a man put a sword on top of his head to make it look exciting,” said Seth.

“After lunch, we set the table for the lady and the lord. I liked doing it because I like seeing the wooden plates,” exclaimed Layla.

The children in Ash and Rowan classes had a great time at Tamworth Castle and would like to say a massive thank you to their teachers for taking them to see it.

World Book Day 2020

by Edan Hall, Joseph Orme and Arthur Clayton

This week we have done World Book day. We had to do it on Friday because of school trips. There were a lot of people dressed up as characters from the Roald Dahl books, Harry Potter and Mary Poppins as well as lots of superheroes. Korey dressed up as a hobbit from Lord of the Rings, Amelia dressed up as Matilda from Matilda and Florence dressed up as the witch from Room on the Broom. Some of the teachers dressed up as well.

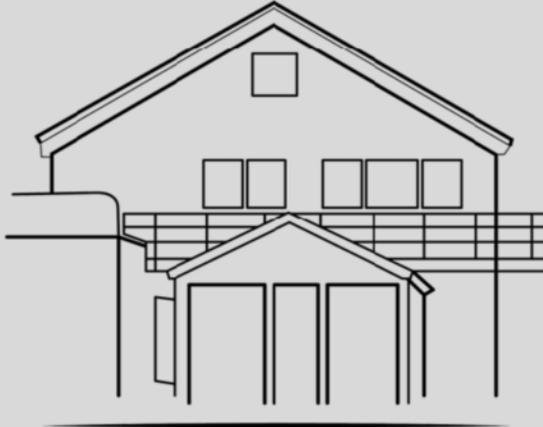
Last month we had a book fair in school, and it was successful. We sold lots of books and raised £200 in free books for the school.

The theme of World Book Day 2020 was “Share a Million Stories.” Ruby, Aoife, Bella, Caitlin and Archie shared the most stories.

On Tuesday we wrote shared stories where each class had to write the beginning OR the middle

OR the end of the stories. Then we had a special assembly in the hall to share the stories. They were animal adventure stories, fantasy stories and spooky stories. The spooky story was everyone's favourite because it was really funny!





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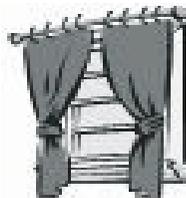


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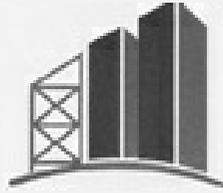
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Annual Meetings and Medicines at Woodlands WI

Thursday March 12th saw the 102nd Annual Meeting of Woodlands WI take place where the existing committee were re-elected and Helen the president was also re-elected unanimously! The team led by Helen have done a great job this year and everyone gave them a big round of applause. The Treasurer presented the Financial statement, Woodlands WI was solvent and had money to spare! Joyce, the secretary told us of the many and varied speakers and events that had taken place and Helen spoke of the friendship that exists within Woodlands WI and the need to maintain the flexible attitude to life and all its challenges. Mention was made of a long-standing member Sue, who is unable to attend now but is still considered part of Woodlands WI.

The ordinary meeting then took place with apologies from 5 members, and 2 new members were welcomed. Federation raffle tickets were sold, the events board was passed around and

members signed up for the birthday meal, a trip to Wildegoose Nursery, and ordered the National WI diaries for 2021! That's just too far in advance to think about but forward planning is built into the WI members' makeup.

"Demystifying Medicine!". What a great title and subject for the moment. Everyone had questions about medicines from the humble aspirin and paracetamol to more sophisticated



specific ones! How many is it safe to take? When is the best time to take them? How do they act? What else can I do? Fielded by Geraldine and Linda, both practising pharmacists, the

members learnt an awful lot and had a good discussion about medicines and their place in keeping us healthy.

The Dynamic Duo also gave a matter of fact presentation on Coronavirus, reminding everyone of how to keep safe, what measures to take and what to do if we had any symptoms. It was good to be able to discuss it amongst friends and ask questions from those with the knowledge about it. One key point was- **KEEP WASHING YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND HOT WATER!**

Talk about it continued over the supper and then gradually other topics of more everyday life were raised and the 'Keep Calm and Carry On' spirit took over. Soon it was time to go home but we all felt what a worthwhile meeting it had been, and we hope to see everyone at the next meeting on Thursday 9 April when the speaker will be from Derby Mountain Rescue Team.

Do come along if you fancy meeting up with Woodlands WI members .

Grace Hodges

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall

Enduring Parish News

February coffee morning attendees were treated to a wonderful presentation by Gillian and Alan Talbot about the local lads who went off to fight in World War 1 and the lives of those who remained in our local, rural community. Gillian and Alan gave the presentation a very personal feel with the photos and letters they brought with them. How frightening it must have been for those young boys (and they were really young in a lot of cases), who left the protection of their families and homes for the first time, to then face the dangers of battle. And how dreadful for their families, not knowing whether their loved ones were still alive and whether they would ever return. It was very thought-provoking.



One related piece of information that I took away from the presentation. The Parish News has proved an invaluable tool for tracking details of families and community life. Where other news sources may have ceased either temporarily or permanently,

Parish News has been produced continuously throughout the years. So, I feel duty bound to continue supporting this very important local record.

Having only announced the event in last month's Parish News, it is disappointing to report that the Evening of Mediumship presented by Craig Morris,

booked for 25 September, has to be postponed, as Craig has been offered a fantastic opportunity to take his work abroad at that time. Craig's schedule is full for 2020 and so we shall have to wait until early 2021 to secure an alternative date.

The news about coronavirus worsens every time you switch on the radio or television and, if the number of cases speeds up dramatically (as expected), the Government will move to recommend social distancing to delay the spread of the disease. These measures would obviously have an impact on the hall's activities for a period of time but the important thing is that we are responsible, follow advice and do what we can to help and protect all members of our local community. It wouldn't be the first time that there have been disruptions to everyday life because of the threat of illness. Looking through Gillian and Alan's book I noted that schools in Uttoxeter had nearly all closed in October 1918 owing to the serious epidemic of influenza and, for the same reason, even Marchington Womens' Institute did not meet in January 1919.

In the coming issues there will be progress updates on the work being undertaken by the Village Hall Committee to maintain and improve the facility.

Karen Perrins



April Diary of Events - Woodlands Village Hall

The following events are scheduled to take place in Woodlands Village Hall in April. Given the current situation with coronavirus, there is the possibility that they may be subject to change :-

3 April – Whist Drive

6 April – Monthly Woodlands Village Hall Committee meeting commencing 8pm, everyone welcome to attend

14 April – Marchington Parish Council meeting commencing 7.30pm

21 April – Monthly coffee morning, everyone welcome 10.30 – 12.00 noon

17 April – Whist Drive

If you are looking to organise a future event, please get in touch with our Bookings Secretary, Joyce Salmon, to get any information you may need about hiring the Woodlands Village Hall as your venue. Booking information and hall details are also available via Marchington Parish Council website (<https://marchingtonparishcouncil.org/marchington-woodlands-village-hall/>).

CORONA VIRUS

If you are experiencing mild symptoms, don't call NHS 111. You can find advice online at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. If your symptoms worsen then please call NHS 111 to seek advice.

The best place to find information is from the following trusted sources:

- The NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- The latest updates from Public Health England
<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>
- Travel advice can be found on the www.gov.uk website
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

MARCHINGTON WOODLANDS ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL APRIL 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the Marchington Woodlands St. John's Church electoral roll is to be open for review between 15th March and 10th April 2020. Under the Church Representation Rules persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll, if they:

1. Are baptized and will be 16 years of age during the year 2020, (Those aged under 16 may not vote before their 16th birthday).
2. Have signed a form of application for enrollment, and either
3. Are members of the Church of England or any church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish, or (not being resident in the parish), having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to the application for enrolment; or
4. Are members in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity declaring themselves to be also members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship during the six months period prior to enrolment

In order to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting, and to take part in its proceedings, forms of application for enrolment must be returned by 10th April 2020 if you are not already on the electoral roll.

The revised roll will be available for inspection in the church from 10th April. Any error discovered in the roll should be reported at once to the PCC Secretary or Electoral Roll Officer.

Dated this 11th day of March 2020

Linda Beech Electoral Roll Officer

Forms available from the back of the church
or from Linda Beech Tel 820209 or 07875516635 Cliff Bungalow, Marchington
Cliff, Uttoxeter. ST14 8ND

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS 2020

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Parishioners to be held on Tuesday 21st April 2020 commencing at 7.00 pm at St John's Church. This will include elections of Churchwardens, nominations are welcome. Forms available from church or PCC members.

Deanery Synod reps will also be elected.

The revision of the electoral roll will be confirmed at the meeting. Anyone not already on the electoral roll can obtain an application form from Linda Beech the electoral roll officer (see page 29 for contact details).

EASTER VESTRY AGENDA

Election of Church Wardens.

Mr. Graham Salt and Mr. Victor Read offer themselves for re-election. Nominations are invited.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. Matters Arising.
3. Confirmation of Electoral Roll Amendments (forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from St. John's Church at any normal service or from Linda Beech Tel: 820209).
4. Election of Parochial Church Council Members.
5. Annual Accounts for 2019
6. Appointment of auditors
7. Annual Revision of Health and Safety Policy
8. Annual acceptance of Child Protection Policy.
9. Any other business (please notify PCC Secretary at least 14 days in advance).

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME, those on the church electoral roll may vote at the meeting. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

100 club winners:

Sally-Ann Lander, Karen Purcell, Linda Mozley and Geraldine Gadsby



St John's Church, Marchington Woodlands	
Friday 10 th April	2.00 pm GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Readers: to be confirmed
Saturday 11 th April	2.00 - 4.00 pm Decorating the church for Easter Day
Sunday 12 th April	7.00 pm EASTER DAY SERVICE Readers: Mary Minor and Lilian Deacon
Sunday 19 th April	9.30 am BCP COMMUNION Reader: Linda Beech
Tuesday 21 st April	7.00 pm ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING Anyone on the electoral roll is entitled to vote. Everyone welcome. Tea and biscuits provided.
Sunday 26 th April	7.00 pm CELTIC COMMUNION Readers: Nigel Harmon and Victor Read

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Priest in charge: Rev Margaret Sherwin, Rector, Tel: 01889 560234

Licensed Reader: Maggie Hatchard, 1 Church Close, Marchington, Tel. 01283 820207

St John's Church Wardens: Graham Salt, Cherry Tree Cottage, Greaves Lane, Draycott in the Clay, tel.01283 821587; Victor Read, Loxlie Garth, Bramshall Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs, tel.01889 560860;

St John's Verger: John Bostock, The School House, Marchington Woodlands, tel. 01889 562404.

St John's PCC Members: Robert Parkes, John & Pat Bostock, Graham & Pat Salt, Victor Read, Anna Cadamy, Mike Cleaver, Derek Avery, Linda Beech and Isabel Wilson.

St John's Ministry Team: John and Pat Bostock, Victor Read, Linda Beech (01283 820209), Isabel Wilson (01889 569411) and Graham Salt

SERVICES AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, MARCHINGTON IN APRIL 2020

Service	Readings	Leader	Sides-person	Intercessions	Readers	Organist	Flowers	Coffee
5 April 9.30 am Sung Eucharist	Isalah 50: 4-9a Phillipians 2: 5 - 11	Thelma	Kath Wood	Thelma Brassington	Tim Scott Pat Wilson	Mandy Shaw		Rhoda Castle
12 April 9.30 am Easter Day	Acts 10: 34-43 Colossians 3: 1 - 4	Liz	John Landells	Ginny Odey	Amanda Shaw Gill Williamson	Mandy Shaw	Thelma Brassington	Wendy Scott
19 April 9.30 am Sung Eucharist	Acts 2: 14a; 22 - 32 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9	Ginny	Valerie Whitehead	Liz Morgan	Ian Jones Rhoda Castle	Wendy Scott	Grace Hodges	Kath Wood
26 April 9.30 am Morning Worship	Acts 2: 14a; 36 - 41 1 Peter 1: 17 - 23	Thelma	Gill Williamson	Gill Williamson	Fiona Neads Pat Wilson	Rhoda Castle	Shirley McCoy	
3 May 9.30 am Sung Eucharist	Acts 2: 47 - end 1 Peter 2: 2: 19 - end	Wendy	Joyce Halcrow	Wendy Scott	Gill Williamson Claire Marjoram	Mandy Shaw	Maggie Hatchard	Claire Marjoram

ALSO MORNING PRAYER EVERY THURSDAY AT 9.15 am IN THE VESTRY.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CARRY OUT YOUR DUTY, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT AND INFORM A CHURCH WARDEN.