

PARISH NEWS

**St John's Church
Marchington Woodlands**



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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.

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Why Worry?

Maggie Hatchard writes that in this anxious time what we have to do is take each day as it comes and make the most of each day that we have. There is still joy to be found when we recognise God working in creation and through the people that we meet.

This year has been a strange one - we are certainly living through a time that will go down in history. Children in the future will be learning about this time in their history lessons. I wonder what they will call it.

We have all had time on our hands and perhaps we have managed to use it well by clearing out cupboards, sorting through things that we have not bothered with before, doing lots of gardening, taking walks and rediscovering the place where we live.

But I am sure that there have been times when we have worried about the future – what is our world going to be like? What might happen to me if I catch this virus? What must I do to make sure I don't catch the virus? Is it safe to go out? Is it safe to go to church? Is it safe to meet friends, to go shopping? So many things plague our minds when the world becomes a place that we don't recognise.

In Luke's Gospel 12:22-26, Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you,

do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

Jesus is telling us that if God provides for even the birds of the air then he will provide for us, as we are so much more valuable than the birds. Worrying won't add time to our lives – so what is the point of worrying!

But this doesn't stop us worrying does it? What I think we have to do is to take each day as it comes and make the most of each day that we have. To see the joy as our seasons change, as nature takes its inevitable course. We've seen the growth in our gardens

and the fields that surround us and the crops that we and the farmers have produced. The joy in the singing of the



birds and humming of the bees, the colour in our gardens. The conversations we have had with our neighbours and other people we have

met on our walks. The phone calls we have held. There has been and still will be joy to be found in our lives.

I believe that God is with us always and when we hold a conversation with Him and recognise Him working in our lives through Creation and through the people we meet, we are blessed. And of course, He will work through us as we hold conversations with people and in whatever work we do to help one another, whoever they are.

Maggie

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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.

All Souls Day

The first known commemoration of All Souls Day was held at the monastery in Cluny in 993, and quickly spread throughout the Christian world. Held on Nov 2nd, it is closely associated with All Saints day (Nov 1st), and together with All Hallows Eve, or Halloween, is known as Hallowtide.

For centuries it has been the practice of the church to remember the names of those who have died, in special services held on, or around All Souls Day. At St Peter's this act of remembrance takes the form of reading out aloud the names of those who have died in the parish over recent years, along with the names of others whom people have asked to be remembered on this occasion, whilst a candle is lit for each name read. Prayers are then said reminding us that although they have passed from this world, and from our sight, we have entrusted them to God's care, and believe that they now rest in peace.



This year, sadly, although the church is open again, and we shall observe the day, we cannot send out extra invitations to the service due to the coronavirus restrictions, and the need for social distancing. We shall however send letters to the bereaved, telling them that a video will be made of the service and it should be available to view on YouTube at Marchington St Peter's, from midday on Sunday Nov 1st.

Joyce Halcrow

Edward McKenzie (Mac)

Kath McKenzie and family would like to say thank you for all the cards and kindness shown to them following their bereavement. It was wonderful to see so many friends lining the square to wave Mac goodbye and to hear about those gathered at The Bull to remember him.

St. Peter's Christmas Postal Day

Whilst hoping that some form of Postal Day may yet be possible, we are offering the chance to place a festive greeting in the December/ January edition of the Parish magazine for a small fee (£5).



Example: *Wishing all our friends and neighbours a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.*

Should you wish to place a greeting please email Thelma for further detail (thelma brassington@yahoo.co.uk). Submissions will be taken by no later than 12th November 2020.

Marchington Full Fibre Broadband



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We are just asking people to register their interest - over 100 people have registered so far. There is no obligation to commit to anything or to worry about existing contracts but the fund is only available until March 2021 so please register AS FAST AS YOU CAN and encourage your neighbours to do the same at <http://www.marchingtonshop.co.uk/faster-fibre-broadband>.

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Marchington Village Hall is open again, following the rule of six



As the weather threatens to cool – it is Autumn after all – we have just had a **new boiler** installed which should mean that we can all be toasty throughout the winter. This is a very welcome improvement for all our hirers. Our thanks go to Ginny Odey and Neil Owen for sorting this out.

We've had our first booking: an exercise class. The participants were very happy to be back 'live' and together. I hope this encourages more people to find creative ways of meeting up...at a distance.

Don't forget that Marchington Village Hall is available to hirers who want to meet in up to six groups of six in our three rooms. We **are** a Covid-safe environment and are very much open for business on those terms.

If you would like to get together in groups of six in a clean and Covid-safe environment, do contact us and we would love to help you with your plans.

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MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report - November 2020

At the time of me writing this article the Prime Minister has made a statement this afternoon about categorising Covid 19 incidence and a three-tier set of restrictions. Fortunately, Marchington residents are not to be as restricted as those in some cities and other areas. However, Marchington Buddies are always ready to assist those isolating and shielding when assistance is needed with grocery supplies or other errands.

There are a number of topics to discuss this month:

Road Closures

Marchington residents' lives currently seem to be constantly affected by road closures. A long programme of works started in October in Highwood Road, Uttoxeter affecting residents wishing to travel to and from Uttoxeter town centre. In addition, we have programmed varied works in Bag Lane and Jacks Lane. The completion of works in Jacks Lane enabling two-way traffic will be greatly celebrated. After November it would be pleasing to think that we may have a break in road closures in the parish for a while!

Faster Broadband

A Marchington resident supported by Marchington Parish Council is seeking community interest in obtaining faster speed broadband. Marchington Parish residents, including those in the Woodlands and Forestside, should have registered their interest by 31st October 2020 so that as a community we can claim installation grants for domestic houses and businesses.

Flooding and Flood Management

After prompting our MP Kate Griffiths to get an update on promised works from the various bodies involved in flood prevention and flood management in Marchington, we are promised a review from the Environment Agency any day now. In fact, by the time you read this article we should have received it!

However, Marchington still awaits the certification of the trained flood wardens from 2 years ago! We are aware that natural flood restraint work is going on upstream from the village and that much more is planned. In addition, the Environment Agency is beginning to look on the ground at some prevention works.

Road Name Signs in the Woodlands

There has been some celebration in the Woodlands recently at the erection of road name signs in the Woodlands. This has taken Marchington Parish Council some 3 years to achieve. However, within days of being erected one of the signs has disappeared. Hopefully the sign will reappear just as quickly! Delivery drivers and visitors may now find their way round the Woodlands more easily.

Green Lane Dangerous Trees and Potholes

Staffordshire County Council has agreed to take down one dangerous tree adjacent Green Lane as they accept this tree to be a health and safety issue. This will be a relief to residents of Green Lane, dog walkers and those residents exercising who regularly travel this lane. It is hoped the tree felling will take place shortly.



The Parish Clerk is pursuing Staffordshire County Council to repair more potholes in Green Lane.

Marchington Village Hall

Zumba was the first exercise class in Marchington Village Hall since lockdown, on 7th October. It is hoped that this will continue and may be other forms of exercise class will also start up.

As the nights are closing in and the temperature drops, please keep healthy, warm and safe.

Andrew C Mann

Marchington Parish Council

Application for Small Grant Scheme 2021/22

Marchington Parish Council receives a precept from ESBC each year to cover the councils running costs.

A small amount of this precept is set aside so it can be gifted through our small grant scheme to organisations or groups within the Parish Boundary this can be for maintenance costs. All applications under the small grant scheme must be received by 5pm on 6th November 2020

Application forms and instructions can be downloaded from the Parish Council website

www.marchingtonparishcouncil.org

or by contacting the Parish Clerk – Rebecca Ede via email

marchingtonpc@gmail.com

or post: Marchington Parish Council c/o 39 Blounts Drive,
Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 8TQ

Applications close at 5pm on 6th November 2020 with groups being asked to present their application at the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th November 2020 at Marchington Village Hall. Please Note All recipients of grants must attend the Annual Parish Meeting usually held in May the year after the grant has been awarded, to present to the community how the grant has been used. Failure to do so may result in the grant having to be repaid.

MARCHINGTON VILLAGE SHOP



A message to everyone who supports the shop....

This year we will not have an Annual General Meeting in person, as we usually have in November. But we do want to tell you about the great year the shop has had even in these difficult times... with huge support from our customers, our 50/50 Club participants, our Shareholders, our employed team, and last, but by no means least, our volunteers. We will be doing a summary of this, and have copies to read in the shop, and in December's Parish Magazine.

For now, though, we are looking for more input from the community that the shop serves.

Do you fancy a chance to help to run our unique, community shop?

As part of our mission to serve our community, Marchington Shop Board has up to two vacancies for local people to contribute their skills, time and enthusiasm for this successful volunteer-run shop. We run the Board with regular meetings (currently by Zoom), at which we decide all kinds of aspects of running the shop. The Board works as a team, and running the shop is both challenging and enjoyable.

The time commitment will be one Board meeting a month, plus 2-3 hours in the shop each week. Some previous experience in one of the following would be good, but is not essential:

- Retail
- Line management
- Buying

The current Board Members are:

Liz Morgan (Chair), Terry Jones (Treasurer), Gina Lock, Zoe Lord, Mick Marrison, Mike Stephens, Margaret Johnson and Gill Scarlett (standing down early 2021).

The shop managers are Tracy Young and Penny Braithwaite.

Interested enough to have a chat, or even sit in on a meeting to see what it's like? Please ring Liz on 07798 675149 or talk to any of the Board members by Thursday, November 5th, please.

THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN NOVEMBER

November is here: the weather is turning colder and wetter. Here are some things to concentrate on:

FLOWERING PLANTS

Continue to lift dahlia tubers and gladioli corms. Dry them out and store in a cool place.

Cut back perennials that have died down. Divide herbaceous perennials, which will keep them healthy and creates new plants for free. Some perennials, such as tansy look good in the garden in winter as they have attractive seed heads, which are especially attractive when covered in frost. Stand them in a vase with no water. Spray them with gold or silver paint at Christmas.

Collect fallen leaves and start a leaf mould heap. It makes a great mulch and enriches the soil. Beware of fallen leaves from roses suffering from blackspot and hollyhocks that have rust on their leaves. Dispose of these as appropriate.

FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES

Cut back the fruited canes of raspberries. Tie in next summer's canes to supporting fencing or wires.

Prune pear and apple trees from November onwards until as late as February.

Leave the pruning of plum trees, as you might let silver leaf fungus into the plant system. Wait to prune until mid-Summer next year.

Now is a good time to plant soft fruit plants such as raspberries and various currants [black, red and white currants]. Tidy up strawberry plants by cutting off old leaves and cut off runners.

Divide clumps of rhubarb and re-plant. Rhubarb is as tough as old boots. You may see no hint of life after dividing and re-positioning, but come early Spring, bright red buds will appear on the plant and the cycle will begin again. Remember that you should not harvest in the first growing season.

VEGETABLES

Harvest parsnips. They are sweeter apparently after the first frosts.

Continue planting garlic in November. It provides a good crop earlier in the year. In addition to what I said last month about garlic, it does not like competition from weeds. It will also benefit from organic matter being dug into the garlic bed.

As with roses, tall brassicas require support. They may need staking. It can be too late after the first storms. Pre-empt the problem by staking early on.

Check on stored vegetables and fruit and remove any that show signs of rot or disease.

GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY GARDENING.

Nick Adamson

LOCAL PREP SCHOOL MOVE

We have exciting times ahead as, from September 2021, Denstone College Prep School will be moving from Smallwood Manor into the grounds at Denstone College.

This decision is not one that has been taken lightly and it has been considered on previous occasions. However, we strongly believe that the time is now right for the move. The Prep School will be housed in its own newly refurbished building with large amounts of outdoor space available in over 100 acres of College site. Outdoor learning is central to the ethos of the teaching at DCPS and so we are delighted that this will still be possible following the move.

In a sense, the wheel is turning full circle, as there was originally a prep school at the College – we are going home. However, there will be very mixed emotions

throughout this academic year. There has been a prep school in the grounds of Smallwood Manor for nearly 100 years, and many of our current staff have worked here for a very long time. I am sure that there will be a few tears when we close the doors for the last time at the end of the summer term.



That said, there is also a palpable feeling of excitement surrounding the move. There is no doubt at all that it is the right thing to do and our children will benefit enormously through access to improved facilities right across the board. We will be sharing a great deal with the College while still maintaining our independence, so it really does give us the best of both worlds.

At the time of writing, plans are still being drawn up for what is clearly a massive project and there is a great deal to be considered. We expect to be able to get some news out to parents and the wider community in the next few weeks. From then onwards it will be all systems go as we work with the College to ensure that everything is ready for the first day of our new adventure.

Much still remains to be done at Smallwood Manor. Our top year are working very hard towards their senior school entrance exams and scholarships. We are adapting to a new style of education, incorporating distance learning and our youngest children will soon start rehearsing for their nativity play. Having the children back after such a long time away from school has been wonderful for all of us and we will be taking lasting memories with us when we move in a year's time!

Emma Warrilow

Uttoxeter Cricket Club

2020 Season Review



Hope of playing cricket this year took a major blow in June when Boris Johnson claimed that the cricket ball was a natural vector of Covid-19. However, there was a prompt U-turn which saw the game return in July. 2020 has seen Uttoxeter CC play a total of 61 games. We are forever indebted to our hard-working volunteers for making this season possible in very challenging circumstances.

A condensed league season saw our 1st XI and 2nd XI finish 4th in their respective divisions. Here is a summary of our leading performers at senior and junior levels.

Team	Batting	Bowling
1st XI	Ben Brown 375 runs	Adam Johnson 14 wickets
2nd XI	Stan Maxwell 274 runs	Tony Hayes 16 wickets
Under 15s	Will Brister 96 runs	Amelia Lee 10 wickets
Under 13s	Amelia Lee 99 runs	James Lee & George Haigh 7 wickets
Under 11 As	James Lee 72 runs	Archie Forrester 7 wickets
Under 11 Bs	Josh Ormiston 70 runs	Finn Rigby 4 wickets
Under 8s	Edward Holcroft 71 runs	Edward Holcroft 6 wickets

We hope that a full season of cricket will return in 2021. As ever, we are incredibly grateful to reside in Marchington and we thoroughly appreciate your kind support.

James Burton

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WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS. WE NO LONGER ACCEPT CHEQUES.

Melting Moments

(A recipe my mother used from the late 1940s, hence the imperial weights and the use of lard. I remember being shown how to make these as a child, and they always turned out very light.)



Ingredients:

5 oz plain flour

3 oz caster sugar

1½ oz margarine or butter

2½ oz lard

½ an egg

1 tsp vanilla essence

Rollled oats (porridge oats)

Method:

Cream together the fats and sugar, and then beat in the egg. Work in the flour and vanilla essence. With wet hands, shape the mixture into balls, each the size of a walnut or large marble. Coat each ball with rolled oats. Place balls on a greased tray and press out slightly. Bake in a moderate oven (170 - 180 degrees) for 15 to 20 minutes. Decorate with small pieces of glacé cherry.

Hear ye, Hear ye, Hear ye!



The following two notices are issued by Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Committee:

Firstly, the Committee Meeting on Tuesday 3 November will include 2020 AGM business which has been delayed for several months. Owing to the current situation with COVID-19 the Committee does not feel that it can hold a meeting attended by the general public and, therefore, the Village Hall Committee invites residents to submit their questions/ issues/ ideas either in writing (the new post-box awaits at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, Tinkers Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Uttoxeter ST14 8PF) or by email to mwvh@btinternet.com. In addition, if you are keen to take the village hall forward as a centre for community activity and are interested in becoming a Committee Member and Trustee, the Committee would love to hear from you.

Secondly, it is with great disappointment that the Committee has to announce the cancellation of the traditional Woodlands Bonfire Night Event on 5 November this year. The latest COVID-19 measures restricting social mixing and gatherings means that it is simply not possible to go ahead.

The Committee's priority is to do whatever possible to maintain the health and safety of the community.

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Update



I held up writing this article until Boris had unveiled the three-tier lockdown system, in case he might introduce some brand new COVID restrictions and take everyone by surprise. As it happens, it was a very sombre presentation that served as a reminder of the supremely difficult balancing act the Government continues to face of saving lives and preserving the economy and all with no end actually in sight.

It certainly puts our various Woodlands Village Hall issues into perspective. Despite our efforts, it was not possible to reopen on 1 October. Creating a one-way system, with a separate entrance and exit for social distancing purposes, has presented some new health and safety issues that have to be addressed. At the same time, Chairman Brian and Treasurer Pete have been very busy again on maintenance work, especially in the entrance porch. The area is now insulated - the first time since it was built - and a heater is going to be installed shortly. So there will be a warm welcome for visitors to the hall when the time does come to reopen.

I mentioned in the October Parish News that it was great to have the new signs on the outside of the building, to finally identify Marchington Woodlands Village Hall. The Committee is pleased to report that another improvement is close to implementation. The Village Hall's own website is actually "live" although we are making changes and uploading information at the moment and so it is not quite ready for public viewing. This will be a positive step forward for the hall.

In terms of the Woodlands generally, an initiative is underway that could make a huge difference to the community. A scheme to bring full fibre broadband to

Marchington and Marchington Woodlands has the full support of the Parish Council and involves grants from the government and Superfast Staffordshire for community groups who pool together. If you are a resident of the Woodlands and have poor broadband service, I urge you to register your interest in this scheme, if you haven't done so already. We have registered interest on behalf of the Village Hall, as an ultrafast broadband service will open up new avenues for activities and events.

The Village Hall Committee will be covering 2020 AGM business at its next meeting on 3 November. Please do send in or email mwvh@btinternet.com any items you would like to have raised and also to ask questions about becoming a future Committee Member and Trustee, if this interests you.

Please stay safe everyone.

Karen Perrins

Marchington Woodlands WI

The sun is shining today but rain is forecast! Is that the normal weather for this year? Afraid so: sunshine and showers.

That sums up life with the WI at the moment, plenty of planning taking place (sunshine) but then needing to cancel (showers). However, we all know that sun always wins out so plenty of optimism in Woodlands WI.

The Federation newsletter for October had plenty of news and online events have been organised. There are Seasonal Crafty workshops to join in for 2 dates in November, making Christmas crackers and gift boxes, a quiz, details of how to join in making decisions about next years National Resolutions and most importantly- 2021s WI diaries and Calendars are in the Federation Office!

Ipstones WI celebrated their Centenary in October. Will they have a go at entering items in the Virtual Craft Show being held in November?

We also had details of a knitted Autumnal door hanging, particulars of which can be found on the MYWI website. I'd better have a go, so keep a look out at my

front door. I can't promise it'll be beautiful, but I think making one sums up the WI ethos of trying new ideas and keeping busy.

Helen, the President is trying hard to keep us busy by sending out a quiz! Luckily, she has given us a couple of weeks to complete it. I think I will need all that time as I take ages to complete a quiz. Her monthly newsletter was very welcome to read and brightened up my day, thank you so much for writing it and sending it round.

Enjoy the beautiful autumnal leaves and trees as they change to reds, golds, and oranges, they cheer the spirit and make me smile and I hope they do for everyone reading this.

Take care and keep smiling.

Grace Hodges

St. John's Marchington Woodlands

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Services at St John's Marchington Woodlands



November 2020

Sunday 8 th November	4pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 22 nd November	09:30	Holy Communion

If you would like to do a reading or flowers at any of the services please call Linda or Isabel.

On Wednesday 7th October Rev Margaret Sherwin led our APCM at which the 2019 accounts were accepted and the PCC re-elected unchanged. Mr Victor Read was standing down as warden and there was only one nomination so Linda Beech was accepted as the new warden. We all joined in thanking Victor for his faithful service during his time as warden and are pleased to say he will remain a member of the PCC

On October 11th we held our Harvest Service. It was very different to our usual services. The church had been cleaned and decorated on Saturday by members of the PCC and special thanks are due to Rosa Read who had made 10 beautiful flower arrangements for the windows. As we could not accommodate the usual numbers, we did not collect the usual abundant donations of produce to auction off. This sadly meant that we also missed Graham and Victor's wonderful auction double act. Maggie had created a lovely service and we read rather than sang hymns and psalms with the two sides of the church alternating verses. It helped to bring us back into the service even though we couldn't sing. Rosa's beautiful arrangements were taken at the end of the service to decorate graves in the churchyard, so that everyone visiting will also be able to enjoy them.



Normally we have a special service on the first Sunday in November for All Saints day when remember those who have passed away. The restrictions of distancing within the church means that we would not be able to accommodate the usual numbers. We will however read out the names and light candles during our evening service on the 8th. Can we please

ask that you call in advance to Graham, Linda or Isabel if you intend to come to the service as we would hate to be unable to accommodate everyone.

In these uncertain times it is better if you call before attending all services to confirm that the regulations have not changed.

We pray that you all keep safe and well and continue to look out for one another.



Helena Isis Hilton

Known to most of us as Isis, to those who knew her well and in her own words as "Crisis Isis". She sadly passed away peacefully in her home at Dambridge Mill Cottage on Saturday 3rd October. She had been in hospital but wanted to end her days in the home which she loved and had shared with husband Ken. Isis loved animals and birds and over the years had many beloved dogs.

She and Ken had travelled extensively and hiked and camped on mountains in deserts and wildernesses all round the world before settling into retirement in the Woodlands. She loved to worship in St John's and always read beautifully and expressively until her health began to fail. We will all miss her. She would have been 93 years old on the 13th October this year.

100 club winners in September

1st Chris Wilson 2nd Helen Newbury 3rd Stuart Cadamy
4th George Potts

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

Service	Readings	Sides-person	Intercessions	Readers	Organist	Flowers
Sunday 1 st November All Souls 9.30am	Revelation 7: 9-17 1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12	Kath Wood	Gill Williamson	Joyce Halcrow Pat Wilson	Wendy Scott	Thelma Brassington
Sunday 8 th November 9.30am	Amos 5: 18-34 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 Matthew 24: 1-14	John Landells		Gill Williamson Claire Marjoram	Rhoda Castle	Grace Hodges
Sunday 15 th November 9.30am	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Valerie Whitehead	Wendy Scott	Ian Jones Rhoda Castle	Wendy Scott	Shirley McCoy
Sunday 22 nd November Christ the King 9.30am	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	Gill Williamson	Maggie Hatchard	Gordon Whitehead Tony Butler	Rhoda Castle	Maggie Hatchard
Sunday 29 th November Advent 1	INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED NEARER THE TIME BY ST PETER'S CHURCH AND WILL ALSO BE ON THE HOME PAGE OF THE MAGAZINE WEBSITE.					

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