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‘Do not pile up empty words’

Rev. Margaret Sherwin warns against excessive wordiness in prayer
– we may not need to spell everything out if God is to answer us.

Uttoxeter Rectory

October 2020

Towards the end of my time at secondary school, I wrote what I considered to be one of my best essays. So it was with some excitement that I presented it to my English teacher, fully expecting an enthusiastic response. I was to be disappointed, her only observation being, ‘It’s a bit long winded, isn’t it?’

Now you would have thought I had learned my lesson after that, but a few years later when I was training for ordination I remember receiving some feedback after submitting an assignment. The lecturer on this occasion suggested he thought it could be a ‘little verbose in places’. In other words I was using an excessive amount of words, using more than was needed for clarity or precision, or as my English teacher once said – ‘long-winded’! I’m sure if you have heard me preach then you may share her sentiments!

Many of us use more words than necessary to get our point across, and that can be especially so when it comes to prayer, not because of any

innate wordiness but because we somehow feel we must spell everything out if God is to answer us. We’ve probably all sat through services in which the prayers are longer than the sermon, or through prayer meetings that seem to go on for ever.

Your Father knows everything you need before you even ask him.

Contrast such experiences with the simple model of prayer given by Jesus, and his equally direct advice on the subject.

‘When praying, do not pile up empty words in the way the Gentiles do, imagining they will be heard because of their eloquence. Do not copy them, for your Father knows everything you need before you even ask him. Pray instead like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honoured, your kingdom come and your will be accomplished, on earth as in heaven. Give us the things we need and forgive our debtors. Do not bring us into

temptation but rescue us from evil.'
(Matthew 6:7-13)

God knows what we need, Jesus tells us, even before we ask him, prayer being for our benefit rather than his. It's the thought rather than the words that matters most to him. Of course, words have their place but we should

never get hung up on them, still less worry that God will not hear us if we don't get them right. Indeed, it's worth asking whether we fail to hear him answer sometimes because we're too busy speaking to listen!

Pray from the heart. Every blessing.

Margaret

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



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.

LOOK

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone. Peter thinks seven times sounds like a lot - but Jesus tells Peter to forgive people 77 times! Then Jesus tells a story about how God forgives us over and over again - and how God the Father wants us to do the same.

I FORGIVE YOU!

Jesus says we should be ready to forgive someone 77 times!

$$70+7=$$

Put a circle around the sums which add up to 77

$$80-3=$$

$$7+3=$$

Grow in love

When we forgive someone, our heart grows bigger with God's love.

Can you put these hearts in size order, starting with the smallest?:

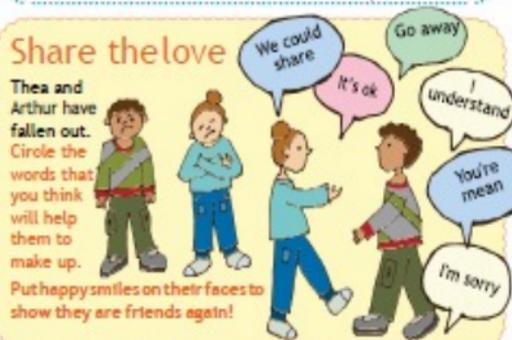
Smallest \longrightarrow Biggest



Share the love

Theresa and Arthur have fallen out. Circle the words that you think will help them to make up.

Put happy smiles on their faces to show they are friends again!



Which is free?

We feel free when we are forgiven. Whose balloon is about to float free?



Write or draw in the balloon something you'd like to say sorry for and be forgiven for doing.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me. Help me to share your love with my family and friends so I can grow even closer to you in my heart. Amen.

WE ARE OPEN INDEED, HALLELUJAH!

St Peter's Church News



What a joyous day Sunday 6th September proved to be. The church was once again open. The sun was shining, the churchyard was beautiful, and the doors were open wide.

During lockdown Maggie excelled at conducting weekly services by Zoom and on YouTube. But there is nothing like meeting others face to face. Smiles were the order of the day.

Over the last days of August, Sandy and I prepared for the 6th. Kelly, our cleaner, came to deep clean; Matt trimmed in the churchyard; and the trees were pollarded. Inside we marked out the seating and made sure that sanitiser was available everywhere.

There were no objections to having to sit where asked. The church was filled from the front. Service sheets are placed on the pews on the Wednesday before and taken home afterwards. Rev. Chris Brown officiated the morning service to a congregation of 22. After five long months we were unsure of how many

would come. Chris was his usual self: jovial and caring. The service was of his normal high standard.

Afterwards many stayed to chat, socially distancing outside of course.

Last Sunday, Thelma led morning prayers and gave a cracking sermon. 18 people came to a very relaxed service. Unfortunately, we cannot have hymns and there are no church bells to help us arrive on time.

This week we see Rev. Margaret Sherwin who will conduct a service of Holy Communion. Unfortunately, only the host (bread) can be distributed and there will be no wine. One day we will be back to normal but for now we can only receive the bread.

Do not be afraid to come back to church or to come for the very first time. The Church is as safe as we can make it. Everyone is always made very welcome. Come and meet your friends and join our happy band.

God bless you all.

Lynda Nicholson

Church buildings have opened again after a period of reduced income for parishes. If you would like to donate to either St Peter's or St John's Church, the easiest way is by clicking on the **DONATE NOW** button below or on the home page of the *Parish News* website:



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MARCHINGTON ST PETER'S CHURCH

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General meeting of Parishioners to be held on Thursday 22nd October 2020 at 7:30pm in the church. Unfortunately no refreshments are allowed to be served.

Agenda:

1. Election of Church Wardens

Mrs Lynda Nicholson and Mr Sandy Halcrow offer themselves for re-election.

Please note that you must complete a nomination form available from the PCC Secretary, Kate Hart or PCC Chair, Thelma Brassington and obtain the consent to be nominated from any person you may wish to nominate.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Confirmation of Electoral Roll amendments
4. Election of the PCC members
5. Annual Accounts for 2019
6. Appointment of Auditors
7. Annual Revision of Health and Safety Policy
8. Approval of 2020 Child Protection Policy and Procedures
9. Any other business of which due notice (not less than 14 days) has been given to the Secretary.

Kate Hart (PCC Secretary) katealexan@gmail.com

THE DOG AND PARTRIDGE, MARCHINGTON

THE SUNDAY MUSIC AND DINERS CLUB

As the weather will be cooler from October onwards, we have looked into ways of bringing the music back indoors. After consulting with East Staffordshire Borough Council, we plan to present gigs from groups of musicians numbering no more than three on the last Sunday of every month. Attendance will be limited to around 30 - 40 people to allow tables to be at a two metre distance.

As the fees paid to performers remain high, it is not fully cost effective to do this with a smaller audience. Therefore we are asking people to buy tickets in advance for £10.00, which will include a Sunday lunch (puddings will be extra). The profits we make on the food will help pay for the band, so we hope to get a bit back over the bar and it's our way of thanking the regular attendees by putting on these sorely missed gigs as a loss leader. We will arrange a safe seating plan, with nobody seated too near to the band.



Ray Hatfield and Keith Buck, who will be performing on Sunday 25th October & Sunday 29th November. Those who would like to attend both events will get a completely different show!!

Doors for these events will open at 4pm, dinner at 4.30pm sharp, bands on between 5.30 and 8pm (usual two sets). Admission by ticket only - to reserve/pick up tickets contact Paul on 01283-820394. Tickets should be out next week or so and payment IS in advance, because the tickets are in short supply and we don't want promising to attend and then not turning up.

There will be a one way system in use for the toilets.

Drinks will be table service and it has been requested that you keep your enthusiasms down to polite clapping.

The band also have to show due

diligence by keeping their distance from the customers while singing/performing.

All steps will continue to keep everyone safe during these trying times.

Thank you for the music!

Residents of Woodland Views, Marchington had a musical treat on Thursday 27th August although lockdown had put paid to indoor public performances since March. Lucy Crowe, a well-know operatic soprano, and her husband Joe Walters gave an outdoor concert to which we were all invited.

Thanks to Julian Blakemore we have a photograph of the event. As you can see it had been raining and the audience were well wrapped up. However, this didn't deter us from taking advantage of the opportunity to hear two professional musicians perform just for us.



In this concert, there was something for everyone, with Lucy showing us that she is at home with a huge range of musical genres. There was Handel's *Lascia ch'io pianga*, the *Flower Duet* from Léo Delibes' opera *Lakmé*, and for Kylie Minogue fans there was *Can't get you out of my head*, which particularly impressed my daughter Alison! We also enjoyed Bacharach and David's *I say a little prayer* (originally recorded by Dionne Warwick) and Lucy's beautiful rendering of Gershwin's *Summertime*.

Lucy was accompanied on the keyboard by her husband Joe, and there was a very welcome guest appearance from their daughter Elsie who is clearly following in her

parents' footsteps. She gave a confident performance of *Till there was you* from *The Music Man* which gained much applause from the audience.

Lucy hails from Woodland Views, Marchington, where her parents Chas and Jeannie still live. During the concert she paid tribute to the way her parents supported her in achieving her ambition to be a professional singer and to perform at Covent Garden. After leaving school, Lucy studied at the Royal Academy of Music, where she is now a Fellow, a member of the governing body and where she gives masterclasses. She has performed at prestigious opera houses and concert halls, including the Royal Albert Hall where she has appeared at the Proms. However, some of her early experiences of singing took place here in Marchington - the first time she sang *We'll gather lilacs* was with the Marchington Singers! She sang this for us at the Woodland Views concert, and you can hear her singing it at the Wigmore Hall earlier this year - just click on the picture below.



Joe is a professional horn player, and performs with some of our premier orchestras. He studied music at Kings College, Cambridge and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He is also the founder and CEO of *Songbound*, a project offering opportunities for choral singing to disadvantaged children in India. Joe was a member of the band Stereolab for five years and went on to form his own folk-pop duo *Tea With Jeannie* alongside Lucy. He has also produced a feature documentary film *The Sound of Mumbai*. Joe, Lucy and Elsie have performed outdoors for their neighbours in London during the lockdown, and we were delighted to hear them perform for us in Marchington.

Rhoda

In October, Lucy will be performing at the Wigmore Hall with Steven Isserlis (cello) and Simon Callow (actor), and this will be live streamed on 31st October at 7.30pm. If you would like to hear this concert click [here](#) go to [the relevant page of the Wigmore Hall website](#). You will have to allow time to set up an account, which is free.

MARCHINGTON VILLAGE SHOP



We have continued our extended opening hours, so that we are open all day from 8am to 5pm from Monday to Thursday, and to 5.30pm on a Friday.

A few reminders this month of some of the things we sell that you might not know about:

Firstly, we have an increased range of exclusive cakes and biscuits, many from small artisan bakeries. We also take orders for bread and cakes on a daily basis. By the time you read this, we should be getting bread from another supplier, so that we can have fresh bread on a Monday, as well as every other day of the week except Sunday. This increases the range of breads and pastries that we can sell, resulting in more choice for our customers.

Secondly, we have a full range of newspapers and magazines (for which there is also an order and delivery service, including for any particular newspaper or magazine you might like us to get for you) and continue to stock fresh vegetables and fruit.

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Liz Morgan, Chair, Marchington Community Shop

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report - October 2020

On the 8th September parish councillors unanimously voted for a real, face to face PC meeting in October after 6 months of virtual meetings on Zoom. However, later that evening the Prime Minister announced the Rule of 6 which will preclude a real PC meeting in October happening unless there are amendments between now and then.

There are a number of topics to report but I will start with the good news.

Playgrounds at Silver Lane and Forestside Re-opened

The PC re-opened the playgrounds at Silver Lane and Forestside in August to enable children to play, let off steam and hopefully provide some respite for parents of young children coping with entertaining them at home. The playgrounds have been well used during the school holidays for play and family picnics.

Silver Lane Football Pitches Revamped

The two football pitches at Silver Lane, full size and small, are already looking good due to the Bulls Head Football Club gaining an improvement grant. The turf has been aerated and seeded with the surface looking much improved. In a few months' time the turf should look even better. The pitch appearance is also improved by the re-marking of white lines being steered by GPS and the installation of new goal posts and nets by local volunteers. Thank you for all your efforts in carrying this out.

Village Halls Re-opening

Marchington Village Hall is now open for business after fulfilling risk assessments and installing signage and hand sanitisers in key positions. However, currently

with the Government imposition of the Rule of 6, hiring is only available to groups of up to 6 people until the rule is amended.

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, at the time of writing this article, is also planning to re-open on 1st October but again only for groups up to 6 people.

Road Closures in Marchington

In recent weeks Jacks Lane, Hound Hill and Bag Lane have been closed at times for various works including Openreach testing telephone cables. Jacks Lane was closed to repair the damaged drain/ sewer outside No 5 Jacks Lane. This was the major issue causing flooding in Jacks Lane at the junction with Woodland Views. These have all been essential maintenance works.

Jacks Lane Planning Permission Variation

In September, Chevin Homes applied for a variation of their planning permission in respect of the frontage of the new development. Building control had insisted that a fence be erected to protect residents falling off the retaining wall onto the pavement below on the grounds of health and safety. Chevin Homes have erected a metal safety fence designed so that the hedge to be planted between October and February will eventually encompass the fence when the hedge has matured.

In addition, permission has been sought to move a 1.8m fence erected at the road boundary of Plot 2 back 600mm from the retaining wall to allow for a hedge to be planted between the retaining wall and the new fence position. This will improve the aesthetics of the frontage but will take some years to mature. Eventually a hedge should be evident along the length of the frontage which hopefully will soften the starkness of the brickwork and fencing.

We are all aware currently of the rising number of Covid 19 cases nationally and hope that in our area case numbers will remain low. However, in the event of a partial lockdown I am sure the Marchington Buddy Scheme will spring back into action with the support of the Community Shop and in addition to our milkman, post deliverers and paper deliverer. We also have two great pubs in the village with beer gardens. The Dog & Partridge serving food and drinks and the Bull serving liquid refreshments. Please support them.

Keep safe.

Andrew C Mann

Marchington Village Hall October 2020



Marchington Village Hall is open for business, following the rule of six

I had hoped to write quite a different entry for this month's magazine. In fact, I drafted it earlier this week before the 'rule of six' was born.

When the purpose of a community building is to bring people together, a pandemic in which people must be apart has been a bit of an issue for us. However, we were lucky enough to be awarded £400 by Staffordshire County Council to enable us to buy the necessary signage and sanitisers to get us up and running again on 1 September.

The rule of six has changed things somewhat in that the group of six people must be separate from other groups of six. We are a Covid-safe environment and are very much open for business on those terms. We have three rooms for hire and the main hall is large enough to accommodate more than one group of six.

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.

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

Geraldine Flavell

Bob Willis



I was very interested to read the article about Bob Willis in the September issue. I knew Bob, or RGD Willis, when he was in his early teens living in Stoke d'Abernon, near Cobham, in Surrey in the 1960s.

I was a member (more social than playing) of Stoke d'Abernon Cricket Club which ran a colts' team. Bob, already six foot tall and bowling very fast, was considered to be too dangerous for other young players in opposing colts' teams. And so, he was playing for Stoke 1st XI whilst still at The Royal Grammar School, Guildford. Wendy was at Guildford High School for 'Gals' at that time and remembers taking the same train from Cobham Station (in the village of Stoke d'Abernon) to Guildford during school terms.

Bob was spotted by Surrey Cricket Club's scouts and started his professional career with them in 1969, when he was twenty. Just two years later he was selected for the 1970/71 Ashes tour to Australia. But at Surrey he was not their first choice for fast bowlers, so he decided to move to Warwickshire CC in 1972 – where he remained until his last test match appearance in 1984.

After 'hanging up his boots', he joined his fellow test team colleagues, Ian Botham and Michael Atherton, on the Sky Sport Cricket commentating team.

Throughout his career he was usually referred to as RGD – Robert George Dylan. He added Dylan by deed pole because he was a fan of Bob Dylan.

It was really sad to hear of Bob's early death at the age of only 70. He was a great inspiration to everyone at Stoke CC - and in the early days, in his teens, he was our 'secret weapon'!

Tim Scott

Uttoxeter Cricket Club

Women's Cricket Month

As part of Women's Cricket Month we wish to showcase the achievements of one of our juniors, Amelia.



- ✓ Under 13 captain
- ✓ Integral member of our Under 15 side
- ✓ 2nd XI regular playing adult league cricket
- ✓ 1st XI debut 2019
- ✓ Staffordshire Cricket junior pathway player

- ★ Assistant coach – All Stars Cricket
- 🏏 Right handed batter - growing in confidence with every innings
- 🎯 Right arm leg spin - leading wicket taker in the club so far this season
- 👏 Outstanding fielder - most catches in the outfield this year

Most importantly of all, Amelia plays the game with a huge smile on her face! She is modest about her achievements and always strives to improve her game. We are immensely proud that this hard working, exceptionally polite and talented young cricketer is part of our club.

This girl can!

James Burton

[You can follow the live links in this article in the online edition for more information about women in sport, and, in particular, cricket - Eds.]

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THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN OCTOBER

October is the month when the gardener needs to continue the process of clearing up in the garden and the greenhouse. Look after your lawn by sweeping leaves off it and give it a final cut towards the end of the month, leaving it a bit longer than usual, as this will protect it from the worst of any winter frost damage. Use the leaves to make leaf mould. Give hedges a final trim towards the middle of the month. Clean your greenhouse, ponds, water butts and guttering leading into water butts.

Here are some more things to concentrate on:

FLOWERING PLANTS

Continue to deadhead, feed and water hanging baskets and container grown plants. I do find that petunias in hanging baskets do seem to come to the end of their attractiveness by the middle of September though.



Cut back perennials that have died down and continue to divide herbaceous perennials. This will keep them healthy and creates new plants for free. Re-position them in the borders or you can pot up and give them to friends or even do swaps with

fellow enthusiasts. Cut back climbing roses and collect seeds from the garden to sow next year. Protect any half hardy plants with fleece.

October is the month to think about planting Spring flowering plants such as wallflowers that will give you a first flush of colour in April. Combined with spring flowering bulbs, they will brighten up your pots and borders after the winter gloom.

If you want mid-winter colour in the house, now is the time to get hyacinths potted up.

FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES

Continue to harvest apples and pears. Nuts should be ready to harvest if you are fortunate enough to have them in your garden.

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

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.

VEGETABLES

Harvest crops. If you have a glut, you will need to be creative in order to preserve your produce. Pickle, store,

dry or cook and freeze. These are the methods that spring to mind.

Now is the time to plant out Spring cabbage. I think that there is still time to plant out leeks as well. Planting garlic in October is the best time to start as it provides a good crop, earlier in the year. If you do put garlic in the ground, keep the soil around it weed free as it does not like competition.

When plants die down. Cut them off and continue the veg patch clean up.

GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY GARDENING.

Nick Adamson



*The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,--
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Dorothy Frances Gurney

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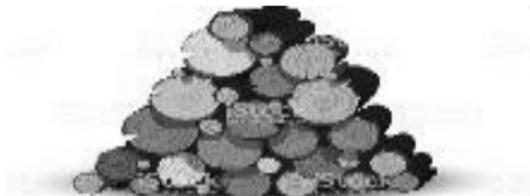
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Marchington Woodlands WI

After the success of the Socially Distanced Garden Party in August in Janey's garden, we all felt buoyed and optimistic about another meeting.

The Committee met and made plans that were 'Covid secure'. The topic of 'Your Lockdown Story' was decided on and we looked forward to meeting up on September the 10th, at Marchington Village Hall as the Woodlands Village Hall had not yet reopened.

But, as they say, the best laid plans of mice and men! A day before the WI meeting, it was suddenly announced that meetings outside the home would be reduced to 6 people. So that stopped us in our tracks!

However, all the planning has meant that we are ready for when we can meet again and will just have to be patient and look forward to that date.



In the meantime, the October meeting was planned as a craft one- paper folding. We'd had a request for a repeat of making a Hedgehog from a paperback! So, don't despair when you read this, somehow the committee will find a way to make this happen, just wait for the next report in November magazine.

Until then, keep safe and from all the Woodland WI members, enjoy this lovely Autumn.

Grace Hodges

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Update



There are so many signs and slogans instructing us how to live our lives these days: ‘Use the sanitiser provided’, ‘Keep your distance’, ‘Please wait here’, etc., etc... Like all facilities preparing to reopen, we have been trying to decide which signs we should have in the village hall and where to place them to achieve maximum impact. You could literally decorate the whole of the inside of the building with all the different versions available.

However, the most pleasing signs that we have had to deal with in the last few weeks are the new ones for the outside of the building. Three are now in place: one over the entrance door, one above the French doors facing towards the field (visible to anyone approaching the hall from the Woodroffe’s Cliff direction) and

the third is set up high at the car park end of the hall. Visitors and passers-by will finally be able to identify Marchington Woodlands Village Hall.

A few people deserve a mention - and thanks - for their help with these signs. Firstly, our Chairman, Brian, for his foresight in reclaiming the signs (even more satisfying that they are recycled) and doing the prep work on them. Secondly, Sophie Lawrence (of Victory Lane Awards in Marchington Woodlands) for her great sign-writing skills and artistry. They are just right for the Woodlands Village Hall, I'm sure you will agree. Lastly, Treasurer Pete and Chairman Brian, as they were the brave souls who ventured onto the scaffolding to put them up, whilst those of us with our feet firmly on the ground just shouted "Higher, higher!".

As Trustees we take responsibility for the hall, all hirers, and visitors very seriously and have been following the guidance from Support Staffordshire for reopening community facilities securely. Committee members have been busy during the month completing various tasks, endeavouring to have the hall ready as of 1 October. Of course, just what type of event/ activity will be permitted – and the number of people who can take part – is a little unclear. Updated information is expected imminently in response to the Government's new "Rule of Six".

Remember, if you would like to know anything further about hiring the hall, you can contact the village hall's Bookings Secretary, Joyce Salmon, or access information via Marchington Parish Council website (until our new website is up-and-running). And there is always our email address: mwvh@btinternet.com.

Although we often don't like being told what to do, please continue to follow those instruction signs and stay safe.

Karen Perrins





St John's Marchington Woodlands

Services in October

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| Sunday 11 th October | 4pm | Harvest Service |
| Sunday 25 th October | 09:30am | Holy Communion |

If you feel able to attend the services, can we ask that you call either Linda, Graham or Isabel, a day or two prior to each service, as this may change if the Covid situation changes. Numbers are listed on page 30. If you would like to do a reading at either of the services, please call Linda or Isabel.

We will meet to clean and decorate the church for harvest on Saturday 10th October 2- 4pm. Anyone is welcome to come along. Please bring your own masks but plastic aprons and gloves are available at church. We will not be able to have the auction of produce this year and so are not asking for donations of produce.

We held the two PCC-led services in August. A congregation of 10 attended on each occasion. It was lovely to share some face to face fellowship after so long apart and on September the 13th we really enjoyed our first evening service with Maggie leading us.

Sadly, over the past few weeks there have been instances of dogs fouling in the churchyard on graves. We like to think that the churchyard is a beautiful place to visit the graves and enjoy the wonderful views across the woodlands. The footpath crosses the churchyard and is used by many thoughtful dogwalkers. Please can we ask everyone out of respect for the graves to ensure their dogs are kept on lead through the churchyard and that you pick up after them. Please report to any member of the PCC if you see stray dogs in the churchyard.

St. John's PCC

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Edward Hubert Mckenzie “Mac”

On the 23rd August, age 86, Mac passed away. He and Kath ran The Bull's Head from the 1970's to 1999. They created a wonderful atmosphere and welcomed everyone. He was an amazing character and Kath, his children and grandchildren will miss him very much. On Monday 14th September, his funeral cortege passed through the village on its way to Bretby, and a crowd of former customers and friends lined the pavement to bid farewell.

In different, non Covid times, I guess he would have had a huge crowd at his funeral. Thankfully Caxi, the current landlord of The Bull's Head, streamed the service live and many old friends were able to hear tributes from family and close friends and raise a glass to him. Caxi also provided a lovely buffet. We are all very grateful to Caxi for giving us the chance to share all our lovely memories of Mac in the place where we first got to know him.

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 Wednesday 7th October 2020 commencing at 7.00pm at St John's Church. Apologies for the short notice.

EASTER VESTRY AGENDA:

Election of Church Wardens

Mr. Graham Salt offers himself for re-election

Mr Victor Read will stand down. 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

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME. Those on the church electoral roll may vote at the meeting.

100 club winners in September

1st Gail Birkin 2nd Pat Bostock 3rd Michelle Cleaver 4th Les Purcell

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

| Service | Readings | Sides-person | Intercessions | Readers | Organist | Flowers |
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| Sunday 4 th October 9.30 am Communion | Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-46 | Gill Williamson | Wendy Scott | Claire Marjoram Gill Williamson | Wendy Scott | Gill Williamson |
| Sunday 11 th October 9.30 am Morning Prayer | Isaiah 25.1-9 Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14 | Joyce Halcrow | Thelma Brassington | Ginny Odey Tim Scott | Rhoda Castle | Mary Jeffrey |
| Sunday 18 th October 9.30 am Communion | Isaiah 45.1-7 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22 | Sheila Jones | Liz Morgan | Liz Morgan Thelma Brassington | Wendy Scott | Lynda Nicholson |
| Sunday 25 th October 9.30 am Morning Prayer | Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 Matthew 22.34-46 | Tim Scott | Fiona Needs | | Rhoda Castle | Joyce Halcrow |

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