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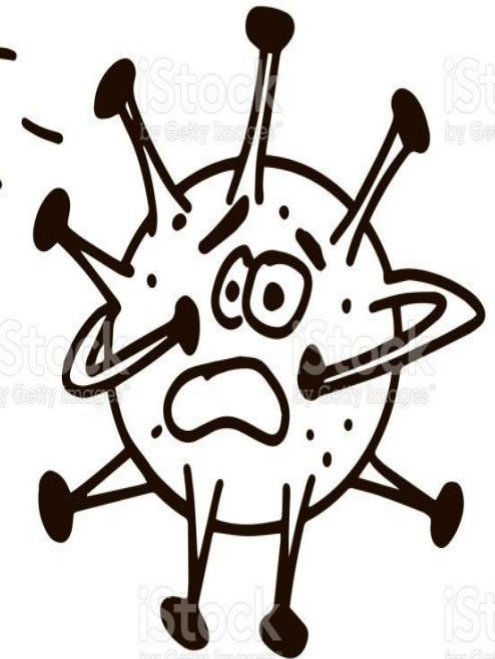
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Wick, Doynton,
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Certainty in uncertain times

The New Year started with resolutions for the year, making plans, thinking about holidays etc. All seemed Ok and normal. Then came March and everything changed - lockdown, furlough, social distancing, shielding, working from home became new words in our vocabulary. But this was only for a time we were told, "Life can continue as normal come September" Maybe?

As I write this we are in a time of uncertainty. Uncertainty over holidays has prevailed this summer. We feel for those who travelled abroad and now face isolation when they come back. We feel for students with uncertainty over their grades. We feel for businesses not sure when and how to open as guidelines seem to keep changing. We feel for our daily lives as a rise in infection in the area where we live may bring a local lockdown. We don't know if a vaccine will ever be available that will work well. So, we live with uncertainty, and we don't know when this will change for the better. This is the "new normal" as we live with Coronavirus for an uncertain time to come.

Uncertainty brings stress: Can I do this, can I plan for that? Uncertainty brings doubt - we don't know what the future will hold. The opposite of uncertainty is certainty - what can we rely on? Even at this time, what are those things we can be sure of and give us stability? It is good to think of those, and build on them.

Maybe you remember Jesus' story of the foolish man who built his house on sand. When the rain came and the floods rose, his house collapsed. But the wise man built his house on rock. When the rains came and the floods came up the house on rock stood firm.

So rock. What are our "rocks"? I think it must be to do with relationships - within our families, with friends - keeping and maintaining those relationships to support each other. Then relationships with our neighbours and wider community and thinking of them - which is why social distancing and wearing a mask (when and where advised) is important, to care for one another.

As a believer in God, my rock is my faith in God who knows the uncertainties I feel and cares for me. God cares for you too. As a Christian the key relationship for me is with Jesus Christ; it can be for you also. If you would like to talk more about this then Rev Tim would be happy to chat with you.

Steve Burgess

Doynton Parish Pump

Still not much to discuss round the Pump, but some of this info is worth keeping, so in case you have recycled your previous magazine, here it is again.

Doynton Update

For up-to-date information, and useful links to sources of help and support, please go to the Doynton Village website, which is updated regularly: www.doyntonvillage.org. If you do not have access to the internet, some key phone numbers are on the posters displayed around the village. If you wish to join the Doynton Mutual Aid Group on WhatsApp, email doyntonvillage@live.co.uk for details. As well as general updates and information sharing, there are also two sub-groups: Doynton Kids and Doynton Gardening.

Yate, our local Foodbank is open on Tuesdays, 2pm-4pm and Fridays 10am 12, in "The Candle" shop on Station Road. The North Bristol Foodbanks website reports that they are in urgent need of: instant mash; deodorant; rice pudding; custard; sponge puddings; shampoo and washing up liquid. You can find out what is currently most needed by checking their website: www.northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NorthBristolFoodbank

Scams: Unscrupulous people continue to take advantage of the situation: We have heard very recently of a very plausible phone call, purporting to be from the Test and Tracing agency, and they ask for your card details in order to send you a testing kit. PLEASE don't fall for this - you will never be asked for money by an official tracer. See this report on the BBC website for more information: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-53113595>

Doynton Village Market is still operating on the first and third Saturday of the month, from 9.30 - 10.00. Operating from the village hall car park, and only in dry weather, you may pay by cash or card. Contact the market controller, Elizabeth Crew, on 0117 937 3168 for more information or to place an order.

Holy Trinity church is in need of a finance person, see next page for details

I have enjoyed guides and had lots of fun trying different activities.

One of my favourite things to do over Zoom was the chocolate mug cakes, they were easy to make and tasty! I would definitely make them again.

Over zoom all different types of fun things would take place, all of them were different so that we all enjoyed it. It ranged from meditation, a pet show, first aid, making bridges, talent show, camping at home and Banksy graffiti!

Our first real meeting of lockdown was amazing. We went up to Golden Valley and had scavenger hunts and lots of fun wide games. We went further into the forest and collected dry wood for a fire. We started our fire and found a long stick to roast a starburst each. Delicious!

If you are a girl age 10-14 who would like to join us please contact Becky our Guider on bwinterson@hotmail.com

News from the U.R.C



The Elders have been busy completing forms so that we can return to near normal. The Chapel has been thoroughly cleaned and all the COVID 19 recommendations put in place.

We were able to meet as a fellowship for prayers and a friendly get together on 16th August. It was lovely to see one another again even if we were seated at a distance wearing masks.

The one sad note being one empty seat belonging to our dear friend Fred who passed away in April. As yet we have not been able to celebrate his life with a Thanksgiving Service, but as soon as we can fill the Chapel without social distancing we will.

On 6th September we meet for our first service but with a difference. This will be led by our Minister, Reverend James Jang, but there will be no hymns and so the service will last 30 minutes.

God bless you all and we look forward to worshipping together as we always did



Darcey reported at the beginning of August:

For the past 16 weeks 1st Wick Guides have been running weekly meetings virtually via Zoom as they have been unable to meet up face to face at Wick Village Hall due to Covid restrictions.

Each Zoom meeting has been different, exciting and memorable, with a variety of creative activities: including making road signs; melting chocolate to form tarmac roads and feasting on home baked digestives packed with melted marshmallows. We have made lava lamps and robotic hands as part of our science badge, played games and had scavenger hunts. We cooked microwave Chocolate cakes and practised first aid. We held a virtual camp complete with campfire, and were joined on line by a friendly transport planner and environmental scientist to help us with our construction badge.

Before finishing the Zoom meeting, we all have a chance to catch up with each other and Becky and Mo, our Guide Leaders, closed each meeting with us all singing our closing Girl Guides TAP's song. We are now looking forward to some face to face outdoor meetings in Golden valley and Warmley forest park.

*Day is done
Gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky
All is well
Safely rest
God is nigh.*

Maddy keeps us up to date, with her report:

Due to lockdown we were unable to get together for our guides meetings, so we tried doing stuff over Zoom.

Book-keeper required!

Holy Trinity Church Doynton is looking for a book-keeper to carry out the day to day management of the Church's finances in an accurate and timely manner. This involves ensuring that monies are paid in promptly and that all payments are made on time. The position also requires complete and accurate records to be kept.

This is a paid position (up to £12 per hour) reporting to the PCC from time to time so as to enable them to plan and manage the financial resources available. The position would ideally suit someone with experience of book-keeping/accountancy, although a formal qualification is not essential. Familiarity with Microsoft Excel and Word is essential.

Applicants should also be sympathetic to the aims and ethos of the Church.

For more information or to apply for this position please contact Mike Blacker (PCC Secretary) on 0117 937 3172 or by email: mwblacker@gmail.com

News from St Bartholomew's

We are continuing to open for "private prayer" on Saturdays, between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm. There are precautions in place to help ensure that your visit is as safe as possible. There is information and instructions on posters on the church door and inside. Sadly, the Church Room remain out of action for the time being.

All our churches are also open for private prayer: St Peter's, Dyrham is open on Saturdays, and Holy Trinity, Doynton is open every day.

We are now offering an act of worship at one of the churches within our benefice each week, here at St Bartholomew's on alternate weeks, and at either Holy Trinity or St Peter's on the other weeks. This seems to be working well, and we will continue to offer this for as long as possible. Sadly, we still can't sing - there has been some enthusiastic and tuneful humming, though - and we eagerly read all the new updates for news of when that will be possible. We are also keeping a list of names of people attending the services here, so that if necessary, we can contact you to tell you that you need to get tested. This info is kept in the safe, in the Service Register, and destroyed after 3 weeks.

Sunday Services September 2020

September 6th

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Morning Worship**

Rob Stewart

3.00pm **Online service**

Rev Tim Bell/Rob Stewart

with Holy Communion

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Morning Worship**

Rev James Jang

September 13th

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am **Morning Worship**

Rob Stewart

3.00pm **Online Service**

Rob Stewart/Rev Tim Bell

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Morning Worship**

Barrie Fleet

Harvest Festivals will sadly be different this year. The Annual Parochial Church Meetings are important, please come if you can.

September 20th - Harvest

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Harvest Morning Worship**

Rev Tim Bell /

followed by APCM

Rev Liz Perry

3.00pm **Online service**

Rev Tim Bell

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Family Spot**

TBC

September 27th - Harvest

HOLY TRINITY, DOYNTON

10.00am **Harvest Morning Worship**

Rev Tim Bell

followed by APCM

3.00pm **Online Service**

Rev Tim Bell

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Morning Worship**

Rev R Avent

As the restrictions surrounding the spread of the Coronavirus continue to be eased, we are very glad to see services resume at Wick Chapel.

We have taken careful note of the recently updated advice from the Government, and would ask you to remember that social distancing is still recommended to be 2 metres. We can reduce this to 1m if with "risk mitigation" - ie face coverings, which are now compulsory. *(If you don't have, or forget to bring, a face covering, all the churches and the chapel have a supply, plus hand sanitiser as you come in and surface cleaner for the door handles etc.)*

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