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Prayer for those affected by the coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of
your mercy.
Sustain and support
the anxious,
be with those who care
for the sick,
and lift up all who are
brought low;
that we may find
comfort knowing that
nothing can separate
us from your love
in Christ Jesus our
Lord.
Amen.

A note from the editor ...

Hello!

Welcome to the June edition. Firstly I would like to apologise for the delay in getting this month's magazine published. Family life in 'lockdown' is very busy in the vicarage! The main thing is, YOU are able to read this now so it all came good in the end!

I hope you enjoy this Lockdown edition, there are a number of updates from different groups, as well as many pictures taken for a number of different reasons.

If you would like to take part more in our future editions please do let me know, I am currently a team of one as Kirsten has had to step down. **I personally want to say a big THANK YOU for all she has done for this magazine since taking over from Ameillia.** All ideas and articles are welcomed and you can contribute as much (or little) as you feel able.

The deadline for submissions for the next magazine is:
Friday 19th June

You can send in your contributions via:

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God bless, Fiona.

Meltham Prayer Chain

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If you would like to ask for prayers to be said, please contact

Rev Peter Rolls 340342

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Letter from your Vicar.

Is the lockdown over or has it been relaxed? There is some confusion at the moment, but either way, social distancing and considerable restrictions continue to be in place, and these are likely to continue for some time.

The last few months have been difficult for everyone, we have all struggled in different ways, and it would be wrong for us to compare how difficult we have found things. Whether we have had to deal with isolation and loneliness, increased pressures from work, or the fear of losing our jobs, things have not been easy and sadly many of these difficulties will continue for some time to come. However, I'm sure we would all wish to express our deepest sympathies to those who have lost loved ones.

As things do begin to change, I'm sure there are many questions around when things may begin to start moving in Church, and when we may be able to start having some kind of services again. The short and simple answer to this is that all of our buildings remain closed for now. This is in line with both government and national Church guidelines. As for when this might begin to change, I hope you will forgive me for not speculating, but I think that would be unhelpful. The national Church is in regular conversation with the government and our own diocese has been working on this question. I do receive regular updates that while they can be quite lengthy, they are, perhaps inevitably, not always entirely consistent. Please try to be patient, these inconsistencies are a result of the complexities of the extremely difficult and evolving situation, rather than a lack of clarity of thought or of effort.

In our own parish many thoughts are in place, but without firm guidance at a national level (or a crystal ball) it is impossible to say when or even what shape or reopening might take. I would however like to reassure you all that it is fully intended and expected, that all of our buildings will be reopening.

For now, if anyone feels that they have a genuine "need" to enter one of our buildings, they must contact me before doing so. I am required to keep a register of all building access's and ensure that they are safe. I may have to refuse you access and so I apologise for this in advance, but safety must and will come first.

I look forward to being able to see you all again as soon as it is safe for us to gather together. I pray that you will all stay safe and well, and please use the ability to meet each other for limited contact wisely and carefully.

God bless

Rev'd John

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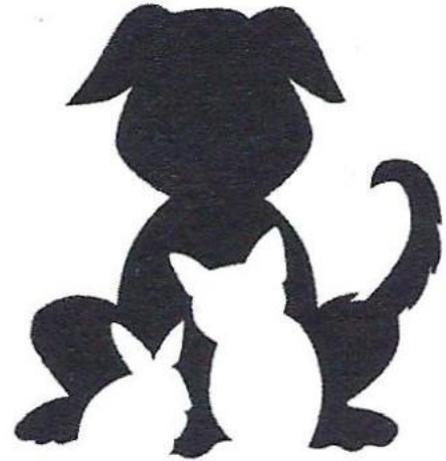
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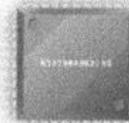
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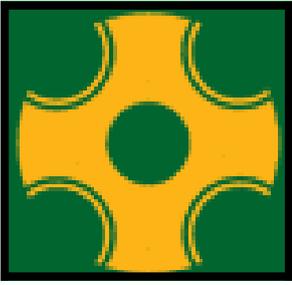
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Crossroads Update



For those of you who were able to listen to the Rev Johns Morning service on Rogation Sunday (16th May) you may, like me, have been impressed by the quality of the hymn singing. A gentle version of 'Be Still' started the service and after the Peace a rousing version of 'Great is thy faithfulness.' It reminded me as it always does of my dad, a member of St Bartholomew's church choir for 75 years and on the recording that Simon uses to share with us on a Sunday morning. 'Be still' is a new recording by the Virtual choir recorded in individual members homes and put together by Simon for us all to enjoy.

What's this got to do with Crossroads?

The Crossroads project has been running for over 25 years, the result of a vision shared by many people about the need for us to do something in our Community. Many people have been involved with it over the years from all the churches in Meltham, all with the same aim of providing opportunities to serve the community of Meltham and surrounding areas in practical ways as a witness to the love of God

As a new choir emerges and new volunteers join us at the Crossroads project we can look back with gratitude at the inspiration of all those who have gone before and those many people who are waiting in the wings to come back and take up the reins once the lockdown is eased and the shop, the Centre and the churches can reopen. We are looking forward to that day!

The Centre continues to be busy and the amount of food parcels delivered 7 days a week continues to rise, We are very grateful for the generous response from the Community who continue to make financial gifts and donations of food since Covid 19 began. A grant from the 'One Community foundation' has enabled us to buy a new chest freezer and a large larder fridge both essential for storing the food safely.



Remember. Lord

Your mercy and loving kindness towards us,
Bless this good earth and make it fruitful.

Bless our labour

And give us all things needful for our daily lives.

Bless the homes of this parish and all who live within them

Bless our common life and our care for our neighbour

God be gracious to us and bless us.

Sue Priestley



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The Helpline set up with members of our Town Council, Crossroads Centre Staff and community volunteers has now been operational for over 9 weeks!

Originally based at the Crossroads Centre on Carlile Street it relocated to become operational from the homes of the Help Line staff. This was only possible because of the amazing wizardry of the techy's who created the web site, telephone, and email dedicated lines.

In no time at all Meltham folk responded to the call to register to become volunteers for the Help Line. Some 200 fantastic folk became ready to meet the needs of local folk who were labelled 'Isolated', 'Vulnerable', 'Shielded' and just 'old'!

Many of our volunteers are now 'buddies' to a Meltham resident and do not need the Help Line as they have direct contact with the volunteer who shops for them, picks up the prescription or is there for a chat.

Week 8 of the lock down has seen some volunteers return to work or their home circumstances change so the original pool has shrunk. On the other hand, many of those who needed help initially are now well supported and the number of calls to the Help Line has reduced.

Since we started our local group the NHS and Kirklees Covid19 lines have opened. Folk now have a choice of who they might ask for help.

We have heard stories of new friendships due to the Help Line. Some distressing stories from relatives living far away desperately wanting help for a loved one in Meltham. An estranged Mum wanting Easter Eggs delivering to children she would not see due to lock down. Whatever the need, those of us who man the telephone or the 'service Desk' have found it a privilege to be able to help.

Thank you, all you amazing Meltham.org volunteers you continue to rise to every challenge we present to you.

We will keep going whilst ever there is a need. Together we will beat this Virus and Meltham will become a stronger safer place to be.

If you feel the Meltham.org Help Line can help you, please call!!

Judith Powell

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Join in prayer at 11am each day

Many across Meltham at 11am are being encouraged to pray, knowing that at this time others will be praying too. Why not join in and...

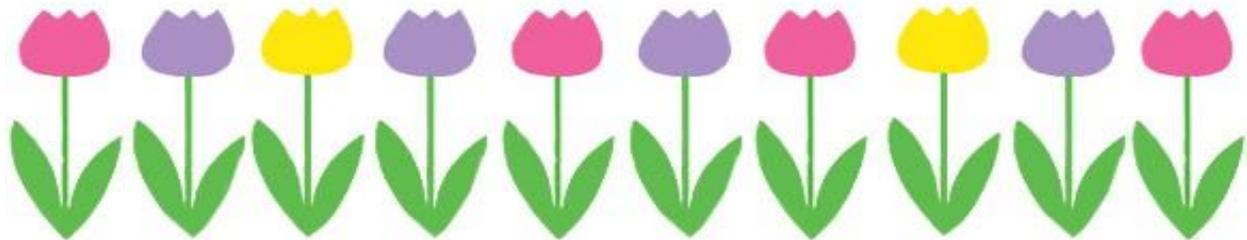
Pray for the world, the people and their needs.

Pray for our work force, our NHS, Police, Fire Service and Armed Forces.

Pray for our government and the Advisors.

Pray for encouragement and ask for guidance in all we do.

Pray for ourselves.



St Bartholomew's Women's Fellowship



Due to health problems Pat Beastow has resigned as our Chairperson.

We thank her for all her input and care over the last few years and wish her well.

Our new Chairperson will be Sue Gregory.

Love to all our members till we are able to meet again.

Catherine Moulson

This group has been currently paused due to the outbreak. However once 'normal service' resumes the Women's Fellowship group usually meet inside of St Bart's Church once a month on a Tuesday starting at 2pm.



Lockdown Creates...



This 'Where's Wally' jigsaw kept Rev'd John out of trouble for a good week!

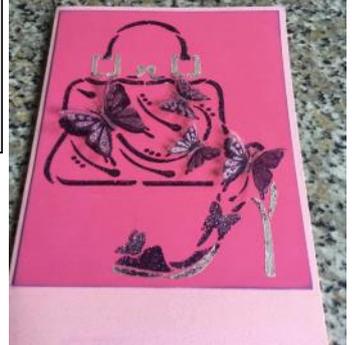


A small selection of the cards made by Debbie.

Val White with her purple hair!



Rosie knitted this beautiful jumper for her daughter Hattie.



A member of our congregation asked for prayer for her daughter who had gone into labour. Granddaughter Elsie was safely delivered. These were made by Lolita for her.

*Underneath a towering tree
 Little doors that fairies see.
 Deep inside and underground,
 That's where fairies' homes are found
 Tiny beds and little chairs,
 Kitchens, bedrooms, small stone stairs,
 Cupboards full of magic potions,
 Wands and spells and secret lotions,
 All the things they need to mix
 To carry out their special tricks
 Sprinkling stardust in our eyes giving us some fresh surprise
 Sowing new ideas like seeds
 Guardian us from evil deeds.
 Working out a clever spell,
 helping make our lives go well
 Children get their special care
 Never seen but always there.
 Fairies watch us night and day fairies help with work and play.
 Hidden from the public glare,
 never seen but always there,
 Using tiny magic keys,
 to magic doors in magic trees*

It's a fairy poem for children and for those who believe in fairies.

Meltham pleasure gardens



“Lockdown began about 23rd March 2020, ...anyone prepared to share one good thing that’s come out of lockdown for them and one not so good.”

Here are the responses:

GOOD

After 49 years of marriage [husband] is becoming an enthusiastic cook.
 The weather has been super
 Speaking to extended family much more now on zoom than we ever did in person due to being geographically dispersed.
 Less work stress including catch up time.
 Achieved ambition to dye my hair purple,
 I've never been late for church, its always started when I'm ready,
 Spending more time with the family and appreciating nature.
 Thursday clap for NHS has brought our neighbours together
 Kindness and generosity of people

NOT SO GOOD

We've been unable to attend 3 funerals which leaves us feeling that there is something missing that we need to do.
 My “get up and do has Gone! I feel I have been very lazy.
 it's been weeks since our toddler has been able to play with or even get close to another child.
 Having to keep self motivated.
 I'm eating far too much!
 About 2 days in I realised how much I hate working from home.
 Not being able to relax with friends.
 Missing everyone so much..

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A Journey In Search Of Kindness Nigel Priestly



Imagine Meltham being designated “Yorkshire’s Capital of Kindness”! You may think it already is! Can a town or city make “Kindness” central to its development?

At the end of January 2020, I went with a group of church leaders and business people to Brantford in Ontario, Canada to investigate its aspiration to be the “Kindness Capital of Canada.” We wanted to see what this means in practice. It was a whistle stop visit - we flew on Friday morning and came back overnight on Monday evening. To Canada and back in four days was a mad thing to do. But it showed me that God is alive and keeping creating and doing new things.

The initiative began in a church, Freedom House - www.freedomhouse.ca. Brantford had been the heart of production for Massey-Ferguson and other agricultural manufacturing. These closed in the 80’s with the loss of over 10,000 jobs. It went from being a prosperous city to being significantly economically depressed, with a particular impact on the downtown area. In many ways in the past Meltham has faced similar pressures with the closure of the Mills and David Brown Tractors which in its hey-day manufactured over 7,000 tractors and employed over 4,000 people.

Freedom House responded to this need by offering assistance to low income families for their basic everyday needs and employing debt advisors to help folk out of poverty. The ‘Kindness Centre’ has for many years been providing food, clothing and supplies and a ‘generous helping of hope’ to thousands of families in the City.

Freedom House has a strap line - “Ordinary people believing that kindness can transform a city”. Another is “Transformed People Transforming the City.” The church opened in a disused bar/disco in the downtown. For two years every Friday night they gave away free



hamburgers and hotdogs to whoever came past, to establish street credibility. They created Frosty Fest, a winter festival over two days that can attract over 10000 people with ice skating, pony rides, ice carving, a snow slide and other activities. This was part of the Kindness Project. This was set up, working with the municipal authorities. In the summer they were invited to organise open air cinema in a square in the centre of town. There’s even a Captain Kindness who gets invited into local schools to talk about the importance of kindness!

There was a brilliant project for youth working with other churches - www.whynotyouthcentres.com



In many ways it reminded me of Meltham, how the churches and other organisations have worked together to provide support and assistance to the many people in our Community who are often isolated and lonely. We are fortunate to have the groups who organise the luncheon club, the coffee mornings and the walking groups. There is the work of the Cross-roads Project with its Charity shop and Advice Centre. Add to this the development of the Carlile Institute which has meant that there’s a base for knit and natter, Art groups, Singing and a Ukulele group and other imaginative ventures.

The close working relationship we enjoy with the Town Council can be celebrated and built upon as we think what it means to be Meltham a town with kindness at its core.

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St Mary's Report

As our services in our four churches continue to be paused Revd John Dracup is providing an online service each Sunday, which can be accessed at any time during the following week at a time to suit you. Our thanks go to him for this and also to Lay Reader Jacqueline France for hosting the zoom services each week and to all those who are taking part in them.

On Sunday 19th April Kim Howe led a Service of the Word on Zoom. Revd Judy gave the talk (over the telephone) and was relieved that everyone could hear her, even if they couldn't see her. She spoke about how Jesus dispels our doubts and fears, He walks alongside us and if necessary He will carry us through this current crisis. She also reminded us of those special words "Peace be with you". Elizabeth Pearson played the keyboard from her home to accompany three hymns, Jacqueline led the prayers and Clive Pearson read the lessons. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Evie and Gwyn and it was good to share this virtual service with 19 adults and 1 child.

The following Sunday, 26th April, Jacqueline led an Evening Service and took for her theme "GOD OF PEACE" Revd Dennis Shields read the lessons, Elizabeth played the keyboard and Kim offered the prayers. This was a quiet gentle service giving us the chance to experience God's peace in this time of worry and turmoil. It was good to welcome 16 people to worship with us.

On Sunday 3rd May Jacqueline led an All Age Service on zoom at 11.15am. 23 adults and 9 children, from across the parish, took part in this online service. There was a warming up exercise to start with and the children had a go at drawing on the screen. They were also encouraged to make suggestions of how we can help during the Coronavirus lockdown and we all sang an action song. Jacqueline spoke about how Jesus changes lives and how He is with us in our homes and wherever we are. The children had made paper models of Jesus during the previous week and we saw photographs on screen of "Jesus" with us in our homes and gardens. ([See page 33 for a copy of these](#)) Revd Dennis read the lesson, Kim led the prayers and Elizabeth provided the music. Our thanks go to Jacqueline for such a busy and thought-provoking service.

On 10th May Revd Dennis led a Holy Communion service at 11,15am. He opened the service with a prayer for VE Day and one for those who are ill from the coronavirus and those who have died. Lay Reader Hester Deacon read the lessons, Elizabeth played the keyboard and Jacqueline led the prayers. We listened to "Somewhere over the Rainbow" and Revd Dennis said we all want to find our way home and need a little bit of courage and a lot of heart to get there.

Our world is changing so much at the moment so it is good to know that even in our darkest hour we can trust God and be confident that nothing can separate us from His love.

Daily Bible Readings for the month of June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
1 st	Ezekiel 11:14-20	Acts 2:12-36
2 nd	Ezekiel 37:1-14	1 Corinthians 12:1-13
3 rd	1 Kings 19:1-18	1 Corinthians 2
4 th	2 Samuel 23:1-5	Ephesians 6:10-20
5 th	Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29	2 Corinthians 5:14-6,10
6 th	Numbers 27:15-end	Matthew 9:35-10,20
7 th (Sun)	Isaiah 6:1-8	Mark 1:1-11
8 th	1 Samuel 1	James 1
9 th	1 Samuel 2:22-end	James 2:1-13
10 th	1 Samuel 4	James 2:14-end
11 th	Joshua 8:30-end	Luke 11:14-28
12 th	1 Samuel 9:26-10,16	James 4
13 th	1 Samuel 11	James 5
14 th (Sun)	Joshua 1	Mark 2:1-22
15 th	1 Samuel 13	1 Peter 1:1-21
16 th	1 Samuel 14:24-48	1 Peter 1:22-2,10
17 th	1 Samuel 16	1 Peter 2:11-3,7
18 th	1 Samuel 17:31-54	1 Peter 3:8-4,6
19 th	1 Samuel 19	1 Peter 4:7-end
20 th	1 Samuel 20:18-end	1 Peter 5
21 st (Sun)	Judges 4	Mark 2:23-3,19
22 nd	1 Samuel 22:6-end	2 Peter 1
23 rd	1 Samuel 24	2 Peter 2
24 th	Judges 5	Luke 13:22-end
25 th	1 Samuel 31	Jude
26 th	2 Samuel 2:1-3,1	1 John 1:1-2,6
27 th	2 Samuel 5:1-12, 17-end	1 John 2:7-end
28 th (Sun)	1 Samuel 1	Mark 4:1-29
29 th	Judges 8:22-end	Luke 15:1-10
30 th	2 Samuel 11	1 John 3:13-4,6

DAILY PRAYER

Ordinary Time

Opening Prayer of thanksgiving

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you heavens, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord all people on earth, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

O people of God bless the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord, sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit,

Bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart. **Amen.**

The readings for the day may be found on page 18

Prayers of intercession are offered

¶ for the day and its tasks

¶ for the world and its needs

¶ for the Church and her life

The Collect

God of glory,

by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:

Fill your Church with faith and hope;

For a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open

In our saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father , who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory,

Forever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing prayers

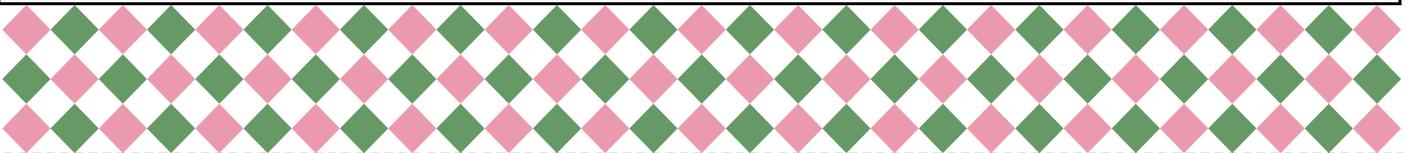
The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the lord, thanks be to God, **Amen.**

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To contact our vicar Rev John Dracup: 07983 937132 parishofchristtheking@gmail.com

200 CLUB May winners:

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903 £10 Mrs. P. Barrett

930 £10 Vacant Number

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581 £10 Miss B. Hirst

There are still several vacancies in the 200 Club. If you would like to become a member & support the Church Hall, please contact

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m.farrellphd@btinternet.com

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a time to plant, and
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Ecclesiastes 3:1

Meltham Churches Together 'Praying with and for our community'

Wednesdays 10 - 10.30am

3rd June St Bart's

10th June Methodist

17th June St James

24th June Catholic

Join in prayer from home
Please note ALL services are currently suspended but usually held in St Bartholomew's Church.

**Just to be clear,
the Church has not been closed,
so it doesn't need to be re-opened.
We have simply stopped worshipping
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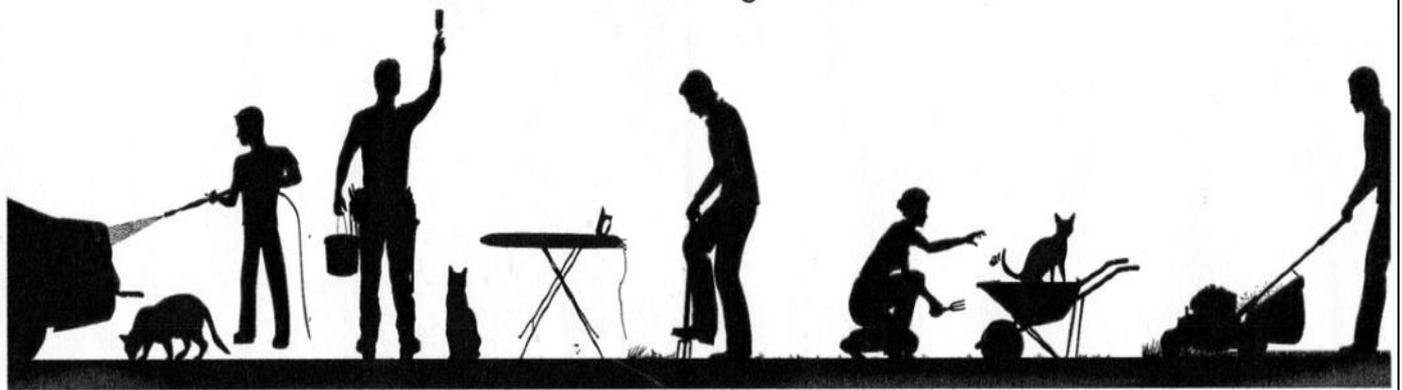
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Helme Hall

Usually have their service of

Holy Communion

On the forth Thursday of the month,
at 2.00pm in the lounge.



Once this is resumed,
all will be welcome

Bell House Report

Although we are unable to take a service at Bell House during lockdown, we have tried to maintain contact with the residents and staff. The young folk who go to HD9 Club (on Zoom at the moment) have written letters, done drawings and sent pictures and each lady and gentleman has received a little card to say we are thinking of them with love. We also sent cards to the staff thanking them for all they are doing. On VE Day Judith and Keven Moore took their 1940's truck there and played some music for the residents to enjoy - from outside - maintaining a safe distance of course. HD9 Club also sent posters and bunting for them to put up.

Greenacres

The following services are
currently paused.

Songs of Praise

Usually takes place on the second
Tuesday in the month at 1.30pm

Holy Communion

Usually take place on the forth
Tuesday in the month at 1.30pm
Once resumed all will be welcome

Bell House

Holy Communion service has
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place on the first Wednesday of
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Lounge.

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All will be welcome.



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The Church is not closed – it's now open 24/7 (well, sort of!) **...an insight into our online Parish services by Simon Ball**

Prior to Boris Johnson announcing that the country would be going into lockdown due to Covid-19, it was announced that our 4 church buildings and church hall would be closed until further notice with all services and social activities suspended until further notice. There were going to be difficult times ahead, and there was a desire to be able to continue to have services in some form which would still be familiar to our regular congregations. This required us to go on a steep learning curve over the next few weeks to find out how we could move our worship from the physical world of our church buildings to the virtual world of online worship from home, and how we could make it easily accessible for all. We started off initially with just a video recording of Rev John's sermon for Mothering Sunday, and created a YouTube channel to host it on (Meltham Parish). This was under 5 minutes long (probably the shortest he has ever done! 😊) but was viewed by 82 different people on the day. From this, we learnt that video files get very large, very quickly, and become difficult to handle and copy between devices – not to mention uploading! Believe it or not, we also learnt that Rev'd John is quite shy in front of a camera!

The following week was Passion Sunday and was originally planned as a joint Parish Communion at Helme. Rev John pre-recorded the service audio only, and some hymns were added. Fortunately, we have been recording hymns from services at St Bart's for use at Helme, so we have quite a decent selection plus the ones from the CDs that the choir recorded. This was all 'stitched together' into a static video using an app on the iPhone, and this was again posted to the YouTube channel. This got 47 views on the day, and many more over the following days. Obviously, many of our parishioners don't have the technology to tune in, but people have been encouraged to reach out to them by playing the services down the telephone to those they know (unfortunately the music doesn't transmit too well down the phone but the audio is audible).

Still on the learning curve, a way was discovered to use Powerpoint to create presentations containing pre-recorded audio including the service words and hymns and then to create videos. This enhanced the online worship somewhat and has enabled us to develop variety into the services including having others take part in the services with readings and using photos and now even short videos. The downside to this has been the time taken to put them together, and many hours spent into the early hours of Sunday morning to get the services ready. As with all things computer related, there have been many technical problems to navigate along the way, which you learn to 'work around' but these have sometimes caused delays to the service being ready for the Sunday morning.

The services usually have between 40 and 50 people viewing at the time when Rev'd John conducts them at the vicarage (usually at 10:30am - so they may be considered 'spiritually live') and then around 20 over the course of the rest of the day, with a few more in the following days. Easter Day was naturally more popular (similar to how it would be in our church buildings).

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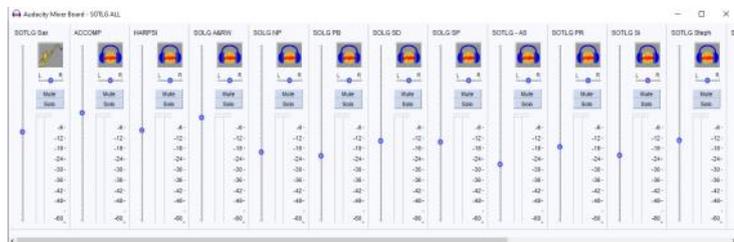
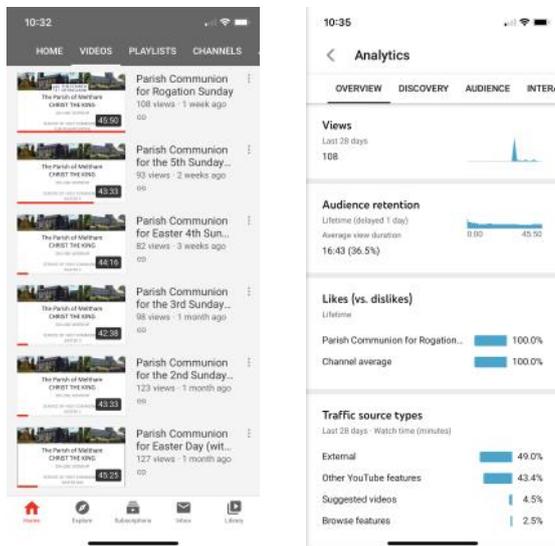
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We have also now created an online virtual Parish Choir. The aim of this was to bring us together, even though we are apart, to allow people an opportunity to join a choir that they may not usually feel comfortable doing, and to use hymns that fit the theme of the service but for which we don't have a recording, and of course to bring some variation to the music in our services. Each week an accompaniment track is sent for them to record themselves at home singing the hymn or song. These are then emailed back and are then all been joined together using freeware Audacity software to create the effect of everyone singing together. This has seen up to 16 people from across the Parish and beyond taking part. Again, this is quite labour intensive, as all the individual recordings need to be synchronised together and then balanced. The end results however have been really pleasing and rewarding for those who agreed to take part. We're getting a little more ambitious as we go along, and recently learnt and recorded a new song, and are now trying out 4 part harmony. Listen out for them in the services.

So, people can now join our services any time of day or night, not just on a Sunday morning. Please continue to encourage others to join in the worship together online. You never will be late for church as you can worship at a time and place to suit you.....until we meet again.

Here are some images and insight into the virtual world we are now operating in.



On behalf of all the listeners to the Parish Communion virtual service, we say a massive Thank You to Simon Ball for all your hard work in putting together our services.



If it was left to Rev'd John Dracup this would be the result!

PERHAPS SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER WAS NOT THE BEST WAY TO LAUNCH THE CHURCH WEBSITE

MELTHAM PARISH CHURCH HALL DIARY

2020

WEEKLY BOOKINGS:

Every Monday	Gilbert & Sullivan rehearsal	7.30 p.m.
Every Tuesday	Pilates	10 a.m.
	Good as Gold	2 p.m.
	Slimming World	5.30 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.
Every Wednesday	Zumba Gold	10 a.m.
	Chair Exercises	1 p.m.
Every Friday	Gilbert & Sullivan rehearsal	7.30 p.m.

MONTHLY BOOKINGS

1 st Tuesday	Women's Institute (Not see below)	7.30p.m.
2 nd Wednesday	Pennine Borders Flower Club	7.15 p.m.
2 nd Thursday	Over 60's Club	2 p.m.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Doors open 9.30 a.m.

OTHER BOOKINGS

The Church Hall is for the use of the whole community.

Please contact the Booking Secretary on the number below for details and rates.

ALL ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS FOR THE CHURCH HALL MUST BE MADE WITH THE BOOKING SECRETARY ON 07518 920214

Staying Connected

Want to keep connected while social distancing?

Here are some reminders on how to keep up to date with what is available to you.

If you have access to email then why not subscribe to the parish website? You will receive an email when new things are posted to the website like the latest service from Rev John or this magazine for example. So just head over to:

www.melthamparish.co.uk find where you can enter your email address and click 'subscribe' it will send you an email immediately with a link for you to confirm. You will then start to receive all the latest news & updates (You can unsubscribe at any time) *check your spam or junk folder if you don't receive the email.*

Meltham.org

A collaboration of people from, local organisations, the Church and Town Council, coordinated through the Crossroads Centre.

It offers advice, help and support for people in isolation. For more

info go to **meltham.org**

or call

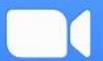
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Daily Hope is a new service from the CofE for those who may have limited or no internet.



The service is supported by the Church of England nationally as well as through the Connections group based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity Faith in Later Life.

"Meltham Church at Home!" is a WhatsApp group for people to share thoughts, encouragement and prayer or even photos to brighten up your day. You won't feel alone with over 60 others in the group! (You don't have to be a member of a church to join) To gain access download the app and contact the group admin Nigel Priestly on: **07885 430085** to be included.



'Zoom' is a video conferencing app been used by St Mary's, Wilshaw for weekly **Sunday morning services at 11.15**. To gain access download the app onto a device that has a microphone and a camera, such as a tablet or mobile.

If you would like to go on the mailing list to get the zoom link for our services please contact Jacqueline on 01484 663867 or email Jacqueline.france@interface.com

Note: This is video so make sure you've brushed your hair! Also be aware people can hear what you are saying and doing, so we can be altogether.



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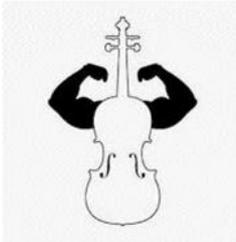
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Just For Fun

Say what you see?



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The seven dwarfs have been told that from Monday, they can meet in groups of six. One of them isn't Happy. .

I've bought a face mask for my pet duck. It's nothing flashy, but it fits the bill.

I need to Social Distance myself from the fridge, I need to flatten the curve!

So far 2020 is like looking both ways before crossing the street and they getting hit by an aeroplane!

Answers on the next page, No peeking!

If the schools are closed for too much longer, the parents are going to find a vaccine before the scientists.

*How long is this social distancing supposed to last?
My wife keeps trying to get into the house.*

*Nail salons closed, Hair salons closed, Waxing salons closed, Tanning salons closed...
...It's gonna get ugly out there, Stay Safe.*

Every few days it would be smart to put your jeans on to make sure they still fit, pyjamas will have you believe all is well.

Lads! Stay well during the lockdown and my thoughts and prayers go out to all those who've spent months saying "I'll do that when I've got time!"

God Bless Denis A.

Fiona's Family Pages

QUIZ NIGHT



Saturday 6th June @ 7pm

Put your thinking caps on and join together for a fun evening via Zoom.

Keep a look out on the parish website for more details:

www.melthamparish.co.uk

Father's Day

Sunday 21st June @ 11.15

Lets celebrate together!

Lots of activities for all ages included.

Via Zoom—To join in contact Jacqueline on the details below for a zoom link.

Jacqueline.france@interface.com
or phone 01484 663867.

Could you contribute to Meltham Food Bank?

They especially need the following items:

Tinned potatoes/ instant mash, long life milk, tinned veg, tinned fruit, soup, rice, pasta, noodles, pasta sauce, tinned tomato's, cereals, tinned meat, baked beans, tinned pasta meals ie spaghetti, ravioli , Jams, shampoo & shower gel.

Drop into the bins at Morrisons or the Coop. Fresh & frozen vegetables, welcome but these must be delivered to the centre only.

Financial donations are also welcome.

These can be posted through the centre door. If you want your financial donation it to be specifically for the foodbank please label it clearly.



Centre opening hours: **Mon - Fri 10.00 to 12.30.**

Answers to Say what you see. 1) Down to Earth. 2) Spill the beans
3) Heard it on the grapevine 4) Fit as a fiddle 5) Drop in the ocean

Pictures from the All Age Worship 3rd May

In preparation for the service, people were asked to take pictures of Jesus being included in their everyday lives. These are a sample of them below.



ZOOM Services for June

7 th June 11.15am	Holy Communion
14 th June 6pm	Evening service
21 st June 11.15am	Family service (Father's Day)
28 th June 11.15am	Service of the Word

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Photos from around the Parish



All these photos have been taken whilst out for a walk around Meltham.



Can you guess where any of these may have been taken?



Next Month the magazine is...

A Double Issue

Please send in any contributions for July and August by Friday 19th June to:

melthamparishmagazine@gmail.com



Thank you Kirsten for all you hard work in getting these editions looking so good! I will miss you on the team.

If anyone else would like to join the team and help put together future editions, please do let me know on the email above.

(You don't have to commit to every month)

Thanks,

Fiona Dracup