

NewsLink

10th May – 17th May 2020



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

Dear friends

I think we are all on tenterhooks wondering what the Prime Minister will say on Sunday evening as he introduces the first phase of Lockdown. There will be a phased reopening of our society, including our churches and I will keep our churches informed.

However, the phased reopening is likely to be very slow, so as we wait, let's not miss some of the events and celebrations on line that we can join in with.

Our Cathedral in Salisbury was planning it's 800th anniversary this year. It is 800 years since the new cathedral was founded and a creative programme of events was planned. Much has naturally had to be cancelled but we can access some of the events via the Cathedral's website. If you missed last Sunday morning's service *Sunday Worship* at 8.10 on Radio 4, do find it on BBC Sounds. It marked the anniversary and was beautifully prepared by the Cathedral staff.

I'm reminded that two years ago we would be planning our churches weekend to Lee Abbey. No doubt, the countryside is beautiful there at the moment. If you have some memories of that time that you would like to share with others, or a special photo, do send it in and we will feature them in NewsLink.

The Bishop in his last letter to clergy highlighted this prayer from St Teresa of Avila.

Let nothing disturb you,
let nothing frighten you,
all things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things,
whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

Stay safe, stay well and God Bless,
Ann, Rector

Benefice Online Service and Resources

The link to this Sunday's service, 'Jesus is the way' is now available below. This will take you to the Benefice Youtube channel
<https://youtu.be/ondQAvsrZKU>

It will also be available on the Benefice Website www.nboachurches.co.uk

Each week we will also publish your photos, Bible verses that have spoken to you, reflections and poems in Newslink or on the website. So please do send these to Ann Keating by the Thursday of each week.

If you know someone who can not access Newslink online and who would prefer a hard copy, please send their name and postal address to Ann Keating. We will post a copy to them by Royal Mail in keeping with the C of E guidelines for safe distribution.



Lilian Statton, formerly of Avon Park and now living at Wiltshire Heights is 100 years old on 19th May. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could all post a card to Lilian to celebrate her special birthday!

Lilian, congratulations on this amazing milestone. May your birthday be filled with sunshine and smiles, laughter and love. Have a very **Happy 100th Birthday**. May every minute of your **100th Birthday** be filled with everlasting joy and pleasure.

Please send cards to Mrs Lilian Statton at Wiltshire Heights Care Home, 16 Cottle Avenue, Berryfield Rd, Bradford-on-Avon BA15 1FD

A message from Michael Purshouse.....

A big **Thank You** to those of you donating to Christ Church through the Parish Giving Scheme, or by Standing Order, for providing the church with dependable income in these difficult times.

Normally this income would be supplemented by the 'Open Plate', but as no collections are being taken at present we are running down Reserves. Members of the congregation who normally contribute via the 'Open Plate' may well be putting their weekly offerings to one side, to be taken to the church when normal service resumes. As we do not know when that will be, would you like to make a contribution now? Alternatively, would this be a good time to join the Parish Giving Scheme?

In either case, please get in touch and we will find a way.

With best wishes Michael Purshouse, Treasurer
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UK Blessing

Some of you may have seen this already on social media,, but for those who haven't here is a link to the UK Blessing on Youtube

'At this unique and challenging time in the United Kingdom over 65 churches and movements, representing hundreds of others, have come together online to sing a blessing over our land. Standing together as one, our desire is that this song will fill you with hope and encourage you'
<https://youtu.be/PUtl3mNj5U>

Hope you find it uplifting.
Denise Button

Those who have died...

Our thoughts are with Sue Wright from Winsley, whose husband John died recently. Please hold her and her family in your prayers at this sad time.



Just a reminder that it is Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May and on the CAid website are details about how we might participate.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Follow the link to Coronavirus Guidance for CAid week and you will find a lot of material including an e-Envelope and links to a quiz - QuixtianAid.

Thank you
Alison Wells'



Congratulations to James Colquhoun who raised **£1315** (the last time I looked at the online giving total) for the Winsley Project charity **Just a Drop** who are organising the digging of a well in part of Nicaragua.

At 11.00 am on 26 April (the time when the London Marathon should have started), he joined in with the *2.6 challenge* by carrying 26 pints of water for 2.6 miles up and down the public footpath adjacent to his house, to raise money for the project.

James, and the Winsley Project Committee, would like to thank everyone for their generosity. The target set for the digging to commence was met!

Some items to lighten our days....

A quiz to test your knowledge, Sent in by
Alison Wells



Stephen Pike wrote: 'This one's been around quite a while now. I don't know if it's true or not, but it raised a smile in me.'

"Divert Your Course"

This is the actual radio conversation of a US naval ship off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995. Radio conversation released by the Chief Of Naval Operations, 10-10-95

CANADIANS: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

AMERICANS: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

CANADIANS: Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

AMERICANS: This is the captain of a US Navy ship. I say again divert YOUR course.

CANADIANS: No, I say again, you divert YOUR course.

AMERICANS: This is the Aircraft Carrier USS Lincoln, the second largest ship in the United States Atlantic Fleet. We are accompanied with three Destroyers, three Cruisers and numerous support vessels. I DEMAND that you change your course 15 degrees north. I say again, that's one-five degrees north, or counter-measures will be taken to ensure the safety of this ship.

CANADIANS: This is a lighthouse. Your call.

Another from Stephen Pike...

The rector was preaching about the relationship between "Fact and Faith".

"That you are sitting in front of me in church is fact", he said.

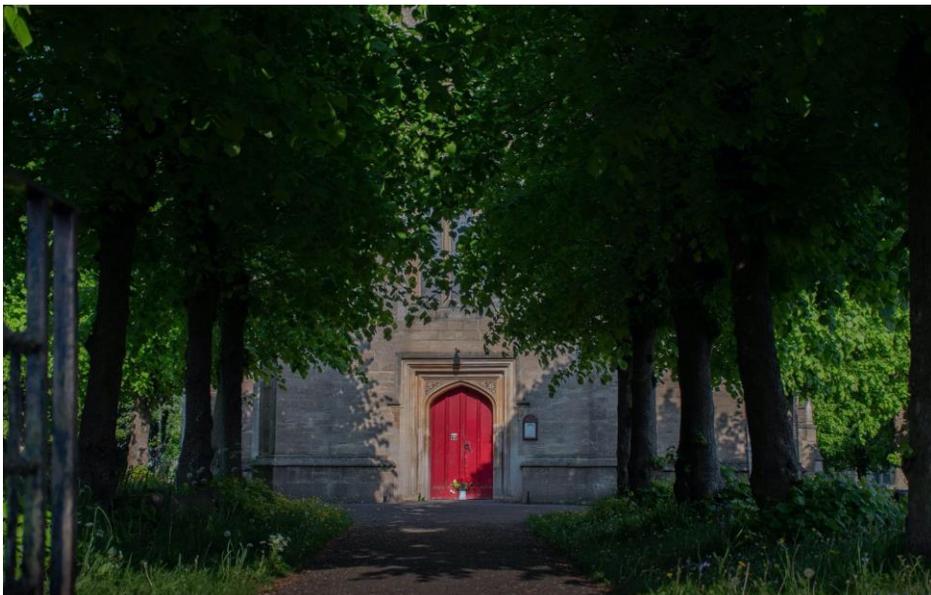
"That I am speaking to you from the pulpit is fact. But it is only faith that makes me believe that any of you are listening"

VE Day Bunting sent by Denise Davies



And Finally...

Discovered on social media and sent in by Denise Leigh, *the light shines in the darkness....*



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