

HE IS THE
Light of the
WORLD

A child with dark hair, a yellow halo, and white wings is depicted in the center of the page. The child has a friendly expression and is set against a background of blue sky with white clouds. The text 'HE IS THE' is written in large, colorful, block letters above the child, and 'Light of the' is written below it. The word 'WORLD' is written in large yellow letters below the child.

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The persistent rainfall continued to influence our views from the church.
Moor Lane remained flooded in March – thanks to Ed Ashby for this photo.



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Church Diary Events for April 2020

All events SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Produce Market, first Saturday of every month 9.30am-11.30am-

next date: 4th April
NOW SUSPENDED

School Holiday Terms 2020

Easter 4th April – 19th April

Half Term 23rd May – 31st May

Summer 21st July – 2nd September

Non Parish Church Diary Events

Wednesday, 1st April, CANCELLED

Thursday, 2nd April, CANCELLED

Wednesday, 15th April, CANCELLED

Wednesday, 22nd April, The Guilty – on for now...

(Details on all these events can be found in the magazine)

North Curry WI

NC & District Gardeners

North Curry Society

North Curry Film Club

For other local events, check out the Parish Council website and calendar at www.northcurry.com

Church officers phone numbers, and other local useful phone numbers, can be found on the inside back page.

www.northcurrychurch.co.uk/ email ncurrymag@gmail.com

Cover Photo: Sophia Winter (aged 11), North Curry Primary School

Winner of the cover competition held in February.

Safeguarding

Sadly, Safeguarding (ensuring that no child or vulnerable adult suffers abuse from clergy or lay officers of the church) has historically not been done well by the Church of England.

Should parishioners have any concerns relating to the behaviour of church officers including clergy towards children or adults, please advise in confidence our parish Safeguarding Officer Helen Griffiths (01823 491298) or a churchwarden or if you prefer directly to Glenys Armstrong, Diocesan Safeguarding Manager (01749 685134).

David Akerman Churchwarden (490234)

Mary Piers Churchwarden (491434)

Little Angels

Toddlers Club and Pram Service

Every 2nd Thursday in the month at the church.

Suspended Until Further notice

IMPORTANT Announcements

Congratulations to our March 200 Club Winners

1st Prize - £30: Phyllis Pine

2nd Prize - £20: Joan Gubbin 3rd Prize - £10: Paul Scott

The annual subscription is £18. Players must be 18+ yrs.

COVID 19 Update

All Church Services are now suspended until further notice.

However, **the church will remain OPEN each day,**

With self isolation and enforced social distancing a government directive, we remind all individuals to wash yours hands with soap thoroughly and often. If you are feeling unwell or are highly vulnerable, stay at home.

DO NOT PANIC buy supplies at the shops.

DO NOT buy more than your immediate needs. You are not doing anyone any favours by stockpiling all the essentials whilst others are going without.

KEEP to the 6ft protocols for distancing from others.

The Produce Market for April is cancelled.

Sunday 5th April, Palm Sunday procession from the war memorial, guest starring Titch the Donkey... is now cancelled.

The planned restart of the coffee mornings at the church in April is also suspended until further notice.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Sheila & Alan Billinghurst would like to say a big thank you to all their lovely friends in the village for all their good wishes on this happy occasion

Next month's Christian Aid week appeal will be held from 10th-16th May, subject to guidance on "gatherings".

The Open Gardens has been cancelled for 2020. We hope to have another try for 2021.

The Far Canal pub is Wrantage is offering take away meals for £6, and will have milk, potatoes and bread to sell. Call Simon on 480210 for details.

The NC Village Choir concert scheduled for May is also cancelled.

The editor's choice of April fools jokes have also been suspended until 2021 – but like all good things, they will return...

OUR CHURCHES WILL NOT FALL SILENT...

Some days you may find a member of the clergy saying the Evening Office aloud in Church at about 4 pm. It only lasts about 15 minutes, and you are welcome to come in and listen quietly or participate, although this is not a public Church Service. The Church door will be left open.

Please observe a reasonable distance from others.

Thank you. JT

On Saturday 7th March a most successful Quiz night was held in the Village hall. There were 16 tables with extremely enthusiastic and competitive folk. An excellent Quiz Master making many feel rather ignorant! However competition was good with total points running very closely together.

The final set of questions put the seal on events with four teams coming out top with very close scores.

A huge thank you to Jenny Satchwell for organising the event once again and indeed for all her helpers.

If you were not able to come along, watch out for a similar date for your diaries next year.

Total amount raised was in excess of £900. Well done Jenny.

Mary, Churchwarden

Should you be feeling the loneliness of the enforced confinement to barracks, there IS HELP at hand. You can call any of the following who will be willing to listen and assist as much as they can during these stressful and strange times.

We are all in this together...

Help is also available online, at NextDoor and certain Facebook pages.

Hannah Baker, 0774 382 8815/ 01823 490 123

Mary Piers, 01823 491 434

Rob Ellis, 01823 490 599

Helen Griffiths, 01823 491 298

David Akerman, 01823 490 234

Rev John Tyler, 01460 281 574 (for spiritual and pastoral guidance)

The Rev'd John Tyler writes

My Dear Friends,

We are now 9 months into our Vacancy, and I would like to thank and congratulate the Churchwardens, the PCCs and all Church members on the steady and capable way in which we have got through this Winter (I am aware that, the English climate being what it is, speaking of Winter in the past tense in April is tempting Providence). Granted, the weather has been mild, but the Coronavirus has added an extra anxiety and complication for us all. As I write this, the Church of England has issued a directive that all Church Services are to be suspended, as part of the attempt to arrest the spread of this dangerous scourge ; I know many of you, like me, will be saddened by this decision while understanding the need for it. However I must emphasise that it is **recommended that the Churches themselves should remain open**, during their normal hours. You may find this an excellent time to go in for a prayer and a bit of peace. It should help to give you a sense of blessed calm and true perspective . . . and if you are still anxious about possible infection, remember you can always wear gloves ! I should think that a quiet few minutes in a Church might well be counted as part of a 'country walk', rather than 'gathering in a public place'.

Meanwhile I think it is important to continue living our lives as normally as possible, even if it is wise to minimise actual physical contact, and even if some of us feel as if we are under house arrest. Isolation and loneliness and fear may be as bad for us as any viral infection. We really cannot eliminate all risk from our lives – unless we want to be like Howard Hughes, dying of nothing at all in a totally sterile environment.

I understand that there have so far been no applicants for the post of Vicar of our Benefice. I can't help wondering whether our situation as a Benefice divided in two by an inland sea these past months may have put some off . . . In the circumstances our priority is to get ourselves as ready as possible for the new incumbent when God chooses to send us someone. At this season of what should be Annual Meetings in our Churches, I would like to give special thanks to all those who have served our Church so faithfully in the past year, but also take the opportunity to look forward in faith and hope to the future., Our World is changing at an accelerating rate, but some things remain essentially the same, and we should cling to and defend ancient values of decency, honour, toleration, kindness and courtesy, as well as the more specifically Christian ones. We can all do this in our daily lives.

Well, that's the serious bit. I hope the following may raise a wry smile :

A couple were returning from the funeral of reprobate Uncle George who had lived with them for twenty years, and been such a nuisance he had almost succeeded in wrecking their marriage.

"There is something I have to say to you, dear," said the husband ;
"If it hadn't been for my love for you, I wouldn't have put up with your Uncle George for a single day."

"My Uncle George !" She exclaimed in horror. " I thought he was your Uncle George !"

Details about this year's Rogation Walk can be found elsewhere in this Magazine. Whether it will be possible to attempt it remains to be seen ! I hope by mid-May a strenuous open-air walk will do us all good and pose minimum risks of any sort.

HAPPY EASTER !

Every Blessing, John Tyler.

Athelney Benefice – Service Rota Holy Week and Easter (April) 2020

ALL SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED – BUT THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR INDIVIDUALS/ SMALL NUMBERS TO GATHER FOR PRAYERFUL REFLECTION.



Letter from the Right
Reverend Ruth Worsley,
Bishop of Taunton



Time to show our care for all

As we reflect on the Easter story this month I'm reminded of the sense of 'touch'. It was Passover, a religious festival, and as Jesus was laid in the tomb, Sabbath was upon them. So the usual burial rites were not attended to by the women who were closest to Jesus. It would have been improper to touch the dead body. Hence their early arrival on that resurrection morning.

In the following days, in attempts to dispel disbelief, Jesus' followers had opportunity to not only talk with him, eat with him, but also touch him as he came among them. Thomas's doubt was dispelled as he was invited to place his hand in the wounds of Christ.

As I write this we are wondering what Covid 19 might have in store for us in the UK. We hear now that Italy has taken drastic action in hoping to contain the virus. I don't know what further precautions we in the UK may have taken by the time you read this.

Currently we are all taking greater care with our personal hygiene in washing hands and ensuring we use and bin tissues. Today, along with the rest of the Church of England, we in Bath and Wells, have recommended that we only receive bread or wafers at Holy Communion and refrain from touching, through blessing, sharing the Peace or prayer through laying on of hands.

There will be various responses to the concerns raised by the Government and the media. Some may feel anxiety or fear about the nature of the virus whilst others may wonder if the emergency planning appears over-reactive. Our response as a Church must be that we do what we can to ensure we stay safe by taking all precautions recommended. And that we do all we can to reassure people who may feel vulnerable and worried by staying calm and showing compassion and care for all.

But how do we express such care? I've realised that touch plays quite an important part in showing we care for someone. When I was training as a nurse for a brief period many years ago, I recall being shown some research on touch. It was an eye-opener! Even the briefest of touches can cause people to feel better, cared for and happier.

But the presence of Coronavirus means that we are having to withdraw touch to prevent the possibility of infection. So how might we try to replace touch with other signals of our care and value? What might that look like?

As folk may find themselves 'self-isolating' due to potential symptoms of the virus we have the opportunity to find new ways to show our care. Phone calls and cards, food deliveries, creative use of social media and streaming of worship services may all be ways to stay in touch and help people to know they are not alone. Rather than finding ourselves paralysed by the situation let us discover how we can create new opportunities to strengthen our relationships and communities.

May our actions be the reassuring, life-affirming 'touch' of the risen Christ this Easter!

Easter blessings

The Right Revd Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton
[written 10th March]

Given that it is not possible at present to have services or social/ fund raising events the income for the church will be depleted. The outgoings (parish share/ insurance/ maintenance etc..) will not be reduced. If anyone feels that they would like to join the Planned Giving Programme or adjust their present giving please contact the interim Treasurer David Akerman(490234)

Recruitment of new vicar . Unfortunately as yet we have not had any applicants -there are many vacancies within the diocese. However we shall continue the search and meanwhile we are privileged to have and grateful for the unstinting support of John Tyler, Martin Mudie and our readers.

A message from the Churchwardens
Covid-19

Given the current situation with Covid-19 all services in church are suspended until further notice.

However, it is intended that the church is open as usual (normally 9am - 5pm) for private prayer and contemplation. Our clergy will continue to offer evening prayers in the benefice churches, and you may find them at around 4pm. They are not public services, but you are welcome to be in church at that time (maintaining appropriate distance from one another).

Sadly, other church related activities are cancelled or suspended until further notice.

These include:

Church clean-up day 21st March

John Tyler's Lent course held at both North Curry and Stoke St Gregory Produce Market (normally first Saturday in the Month) in the Village Hall

Little Angels

Open Gardens

VE day and weekend celebrations including May Fair and Village Choir Concert

Church Coffee Mornings (Mondays in summer)

Communication with local residents who may be isolated.

Members of the PCC will endeavour as a minimum to keep in contact (by phone) with all those on the church electoral role. We must not forget the rest of the parish too so please keep in touch with your family and friends.

Other Communication

The weekly benefice bulletin (normally available at services) will continue to be produced with the very latest news and also with the appropriate readings for the week.

Already about 40 people receive this by email and if you would like to have your copy by email then please ask David Walker by sending an email to davidwalker.northcurry@gmail.com.

Other questions

Other questions for example about baptism, marriage, and funerals should be directed to the churchwardens. Under current conditions it is possible to have these ceremonies but with extremely limited numbers of people present for the time being.

David Akerman 490234

Mary Piers 491434

Changes

This note was accurate as at 19th March but please understand the situation could change.



Nythe Farm's

“Forget Me Not Wood”

Here at Nythe Farm, we take our environment very seriously. We have just finished planting 400 trees and 200 shrubs and are looking to share the joy with others!

Like all good things, the idea is a simple one. We would like to offer the trees to everyone who wants to “foster” a sapling. You can name it after someone present, past or even future... and then as the tree grows you can visit it and think of them.

Our attempt at reconnecting with those who want to have a link with the countryside. The tree can have a placard placed at the base if you so wish.

Please jot your name down on our list if you are interested, with your details, the name of the person you'd like to dedicate the tree to (if you want). And choose which type of tree you'd like to foster- first come, first served! We have planted:

- Oaks x 175
- Alders x 25
- Goat Willows x 50
- Crab Apples x 50
- Wild Cherry x 50
- Downy Birch x 50

Call Mike Dennis on 490831
or
email at mike@nfk.me.uk
or
visit our stall at the next
produce market

Rogationtide Walk, Sunday 17th May

Next month, we will again walk around our benefice – all things being allowable! This walk is open to all faiths (or non faiths); a perfect opportunity to meet new friends as well as discover new pathways around our countryside.

Below, is a brief outline of the day.

8.00am	Start at Lyng Church	Emmaus Eucharist
9.00am	walk to Athelney Abbey	approx 1 miles
9.15am	Athelney Abbey	Short Service
9.35am	walk to Burrowbridge	approx 1.5 miles
10.20am	arrive at Burrowbridge, Short break	
10.50am	Burrowbridge Church	Short Service
11.10am	Burrow Mump	Blessing
11.20am	walk to Stoke St. Gregory Church	approx 4.25 miles
1.15pm	arrive at Stoke St. Gregory Church,	Break for lunch
2.15pm	Stoke St. Gregory Church	Short Service
2.45pm	walk to North Curry Church	approx 3 mile
4.15pm	arrive at North Curry Church	
4.30pm	North Curry Church	Short Communion Service
5.00pm	from aloft the church roof	Blessing

Our journey's end - followed by refreshments/ buffet at the church

Times are approximate and may have to be adjusted.

You can walk the entire route (approx 9.5 miles), or just join us on part of it. Whilst the gradient will be mostly level, some footpaths and muddy fields may be involved.

Stout walking shoes/ boots are recommended, and bring along some "emergency" refreshments, including water.

Dogs welcome, but must be kept under strict control the whole time.



Lyng Church, where the walk will start

We will have refreshment and rest points along the way.

Offers of help to transport weary walkers back from North Curry at the end of the day would be much appreciated. Contact John Tyler (01460 281574). if you can assist.

News from North Curry/ Curland Methodists, by Daphne Gilham

The World Day of Prayer was this year held at the Parish church on Friday 6th March, where the congregations from North Curry and Stoke St Gregory Anglicans joined with Methodists from North Curry/ Curland Church and Stoke St Gregory Baptists for worship.

The Annual Quiz in aid of Missions was held on 22nd February at Lisieux Way Methodist Church. The grand total of £306.00 was raised; £246 from the entry charge and £55.00 from the raffle plus a £5.00 donation.

The overall winners were a team from Bridgwater Methodist Church led by Jane (Team 3). The booby prize went to team 10 from Lisieux Way which was made up of the ladies who did the food for us on the evening, so commiserations to them but thanks for the brilliant supper. Burgers, chips and beans went down well as did the delicious array of desserts available. Thanks also go to Roy who compiled the questions and delivered them on the night and to Jackie for keeping score. Another great evening! At least one quizzer was asking when the next one would be!

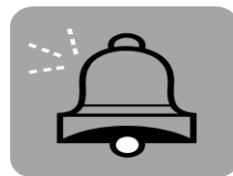
Re the comment in last month's magazine; permission to remove the two small back pews has been applied for and the response is waited with bated breath.

Diary dates:

All future events are suspended for the time being

North Curry Bellringers, Darren Woodyer writes

SAVE OUR BELLS !



Fund Raising is under way.

After licking our wounds and coming to terms that the bells need serious attention, the tower started to focus on how to start raising funds to complete this epic task.

A committee was set up to focus on what kind of fund-raising activities we could do. Also, to look at grants and outside funding from businesses. It was agreed that the first event would be a good old fashion Jumble sale. This is to be held on the 28th of March in the church itself between 10am – 1pm. People have been very generous with donating items for the event and from the amount that is in my garage at the moment, If you cant find something at the event that you like I will be very surprised

Bell Tower Appeal

If you would like to make a donation towards this project, please bac to

North Curry Bellringers:
Account: 38229860
Sort Code: 30-91-91

or give a cheque in person
to Paul or Darren.

The leaflets also were an idea to make sure that everyone in the village understood what was going on. These also gave the opportunity to donate if people wanted to. We are very grateful to those who have taken the time to write and pledge money for this cause. Also, to those who have asked to meet with me so they can discuss their pledge. I would like to take this opportunity to say that we are sorting out Gift Aid. This is taking a little longer than we intended but we hope to have it sorted very soon.

I am just awaiting confirmation from a friend of mine but I hope that our next fund-raising event after the Jumble sale will be a talk on Antiques by Mr Gareth Wasp of Cooper and Tanner Auctions. He will also be able to value your heirlooms if you so desire. Venue to also be confirmed.

I know I keep saying this but thank you so much for everyone's support. Everywhere I go in the village and also outside of North Curry, people come up to me and ask how we getting on. We have a long way to go but we have come out of the starting blocks with a bang!

For full details see the display in church, or visit the website:
www.northcurrybells.com

Bellringing practice continues, but are currently held in other churches.
Contact Darren for details, if you wish to join in with the team.

Darren Woodyer, Tower Captain – Muddy Paws Cottage, Curload, TA3 6JD
Tel: 01823 690162 or 07718 059071
email: gograndsiredoubles@gmail.com

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus spread, the planned fund raiser Jumble Sale for 28th March was cancelled. Thank you to all those that have donated towards it – we will organise it again in due course.

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Presented by Don Hoyle

We have been reluctant to close the Film Club but must be responsible.

On Wednesday 22nd April we are due to show the utterly gripping Danish film **The Guilty**.

At the time of writing (18th March), it seems very likely that we will

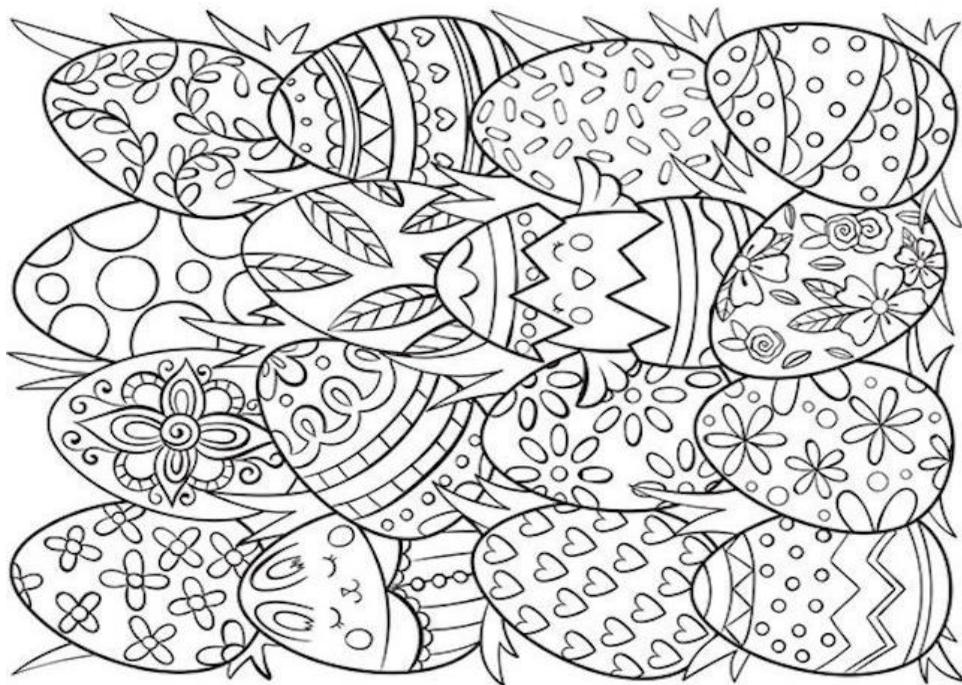
have to cancel this (as we did for the March film). Please see notices in the Post Office window or on our website www.northcurryfilmsociety.org.uk for updates. If we don't show the film we will do later on in the year.

Doors & bar open at 7pm, with the film starting at 7.30pm. Also open to non-members (£5 on the door).



Please Colour Me

HAPPY EASTER



An Interview with God *(Author unknown).*

I dreamed I had an interview with God.

"So, you would like to interview me ?" God asked.

"If you have time." I said.

God smiled. "My time is eternity, A thousand ages in my sight are like an evening gone . . . Sorry ! I forget other people's time is limited. What questions do you have in mind for me ?"

"What surprises you the most about people ?"

"That they get bored with childhood, that they rush to grow up, and then long to be children again.

That they lose their health to make money . . and then spend all their money to try and restore their health and youth.

That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor the future.

That they live as if they would never die, and die as though they had never lived."

God's hand took mine . . and we were silent for a while.

And then I asked, " As a parent, what are some of life's lessons that you want your children to learn ?"

God replied, "To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. All they can do is let themselves be loved.

To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others.

To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in those they love, and it may take many years to heal them.

To learn to forgive, and to accept forgiveness.

To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.

To learn that there are people who love them dearly, but simply do not yet know how to express or show their feelings.

To learn that two people can look at the same thing, and see it differently.

To learn that it is not enough that they forgive one another, but that they must also forgive themselves."

"Thank you for your time," I said humbly. "Is there anything else you would like your children to know ?"

God smiled and said , "Just know that I am here. Always."

All scheduled INDOOR meetings are suspended until September.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

North Curry W.I

The scheduled meeting for 1st APRIL has been cancelled.



North Curry and District Amateur Gardeners

The scheduled meeting for the 2nd APRIL has been cancelled.

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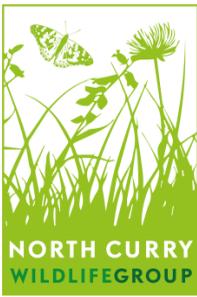
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North Curry Wildlife Group Community Woodland Update

Waiting for Spring, by Sue Ashton



Following a mild but very wet winter, spring has seemed a long time coming, but is hopefully here now; although it wasn't until the sun shone in March that the first butterflies began to appear, including bright yellow Brimstones which hibernate over winter and come out with the first truly warm days of spring. Many butterfly species overwinter as eggs, caterpillars and pupae, and emerge later in the spring and summer, but Peacocks, Small Tortoiseshells, Red Admirals and Comma butterflies could all now be on the wing, searching for nectar along with early bumblebee queens.

At the Community Woodland, the bird feeders continue to be popular, and even the badgers found a way to get at the fat balls we put out until we realised what was happening and hung the fat ball feeders out of



reach. Now the Long-tailed Tits and Reed Buntings can feed again undisturbed. Other birds, including Dunnock, Wren and Song Thrush, have been singing loudly to establish territories and attract a mate, and many will now be raising young, so look out for any activity around the nest boxes at the woodland or in the churchyard or Queen Square garden.

Meanwhile, as Blackthorn begins to blossom and Pussy Willow is bursting into bud, we look forward to the Community Woodland coming to life again. We are excited to see how our new 'bee bank' will fare this year, what comes to the pond (which is now more full than ever before) and whether the flowering plants we have sown on the back of the 'butterfly bank' will attract lots of butterflies and bees.

It has been muddy underfoot at the woodland over winter, but as the site begins to dry out, do come for a stroll and see what is growing, flowering, feeding or flying! (For further information, please see our website: www.northcurrywildlife.com).

(Photos by Tony Hoskins, Above: Long-tailed Tits feeding/ Top right – a Wren singing.)

North Curry Primary School News

Trish Green, teacher of Shark Class (Yr6) reports...

Shark Class were delighted to be asked to design the cover for the Church magazine for the April [Easter] issue.

It was a very relevant task as our R.E. topic for this term is Salvation. The children were given a planning brief to create a magazine cover picture that would get their happy Easter message across by their design and lettering being clear, big, bold and colourful with an effective colour scheme to help illustrate their message.

Their designs were anonymously displayed in the church for 2 weeks in February and voted on by visitors to the church in that time. They got lots of positive comments and the winning design was by Sophia Winter, age 10. Congratulations, Sophia!

Continuing with the Easter theme, the children in Shark Class were due to re-enact The Easter Story at the school's Easter Service in the church at 2nd April. However, this has now been cancelled due to the spread of the coronavirus.

In Shark Class this term we have been studying Shackleton's Journey and thoroughly enjoyed the topic. We are also studying Evolution and Inheritance and had a wow starter trip to Lyme Regis to Dinosaurland Fossil Museum which was amazing. Steve Davies, the curator, opened the museum just for our visit so Shark Class had the whole museum to themselves!

The week beginning 2nd March was an enrichment week for reading which also involved lots of writing and art. We linked number to this work too as it was World Maths Day on March 4th. Shark Class designed and made number books for Minnow Class. We celebrated World Book Day we dressed up as our favourite story characters and words so that we can further extend our vocabulary; children and staff went to a great effort and many were unrecognisable as themselves! We also had a sponsored read. After school many of the children and their parents returned to school in their PJs with cuddly toys, blankets and books, for Bedtime Bookshare. We enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate and had a range of stories read to us. A lovely way to end a special day.

Next term Shark Class will be looking forward to swimming lessons and a Science Investigation Day which the whole school will take part in as well as sports Day in June.

Our Year 6 Leavers will be looking forward to their two-night residential at Kilve Court in June as well as their Leavers Pilgrim Day at Wells Cathedral, Huish College Primary Day and, of course, their annual leavers' trip to Crealy Adventure Park. KS2 will be putting on their annual production – the theme yet to be decided and Y6 being the main protagonists.



Bellringer's Foxgloves

FOR SALE – White foxgloves !

Some time ago, Gardening Management at these premises decreed that white foxgloves were required to embellish the area, so gardening staff were issued with seeds and asked to get on with it.

Two years later (remember they are biennials) brings us to last summer and a profusion of white flowers !



That however was not the end of the story. They then deposited lots of seed around the garden which had germinated by the autumn, giving us a carpet of seedlings hoping in turn to grow into full plants one day.

Gardening staff was thus faced with a dilemma: whether to dig all this lot up and consign it to the compost, or to toil away thinning it out and letting it grow.

Some of the latter has been attempted, not only that but there has been "potting on" too – resulting in lots of little pots with seedlings which would like to find a home ...

So – if there's anybody interested out there, feel free to come and help yourselves. No pricing (don't know what they're worth !) but if you feel they are worth it, they are offered in the hope of a contribution to **North**



Curry Bellringers. This as a little substitution for the fund-raising jumble sale which was scheduled for the 28th March but now – like many other events – put on hold ...

To collect – come half-way up the drive at Hadleigh, White Street – they're on the right just past the fenced off grassed area (See photo). Take as many as you want, and if you

feel so inclined, a little envelope (marked e.g. "Bellringer's Foxgloves") can be put through the front door. Feel free to ring the bell if so inclined, and

who knows maybe a front door "self-isolating" greeting might be allowed. Two metres apart of course.

This is what an absence of bellringing does to self-isolating bellringers. Not only are North Curry bells out of action, now there's no ringing anywhere. Too many hands on ropes, and no hand washing facilities in church towers you see. Drives one to rearing foxgloves. And this isn't even an April Fool's story!

A final thought: now that "Open Gardens" won't be open, a chance for a good show in 2021 maybe, as it's next year they're programmed for. Happy blooms! Paul

Tea Break!

Bored, home alone with nothing to do... try these couple of puzzles

5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
	9	8					6	
8				6				3
4			8		3			1
7				2				6
	6					2	8	
			4	1	9			5
				8			7	9

Easter Word Search

	E	P	I	H	O	
B	A	S	K	E	T	E
D	S	P	R	I	N	G
H	T	A	S	B	L	G
U	E	R	A	P	T	S
N	R	A	B	B	I	T
T	P	D	H	O	P	S
	S	E	K	A	C	

EASTER
EGGS
BASKET
CAKE
HOPS

RABBIT
SPRING
HUNT



The Somerset Village Agent project is run by the Community Council for Somerset (CCS) and now covers half of the county



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village & community
agents



Village Agents help to bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable and lonely individuals & statutory and/ or voluntary organisations which offer specific solutions to identified needs.

Please contact Linda if you or someone you know would benefit from her support.

Linda Burton | Village Agent | Tel: 01823 331222 | Mobile: 07931018019 |
Email: linda@somersetcc.org.uk

What does being in debt feel like?

Fearful, desperate, their world out of control and in a state of chaos, this is how people experiencing the blight of personal indebtedness are described by the local charity Taunton Area Debt Advice. TADA helps people from all walks of life by providing a free, unconditional, non-judgmental, fully confidential advice and practical support to help them become debt free.

Martin Ingrams, our local postman, is a Trustee and says “We put people back on their feet. We sort out the jumbled chaos of debt to understand where they are. We take the burden of the problems off their shoulders by being a shield from the threatening letters and telephone calls. We give them a plan, make arrangements and negotiate agreements. Then they have hope, they have structure. They can see life beyond the spiral of debt. They have a future”.

TADA is supported by local churches, but offers its free debt advice to people of faith or no faith at all. The TADA Debt Advisers are regulated and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority. People can gain access to this free support by going to the web site www.tauntonareadebtadvice.uk or calling the helpline 07921 526087. TADA is a member of Community Money Advice which is a national charity with 1300 volunteers working in 160 debt advice centres across the United Kingdom.

A guaranteed copy of the magazine delivered monthly to your door for £6/year, If you are not on the list, and would like to it delivered, please contact Jenny Satchwell on 490463

The 200 Club always has room for one more! Players must be 18yrs+ to join. Only **£18 per year (£1.50/month)**
Prizes each month £30/ £20/ £10
Proceeds for churchyard maintenance
To sign up, contact Sue Bethune on 490179

Cheque payments to North Curry PCC
Standing Order/ BACS payments to
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North Curry Church

Is part of the Benefice of Athelney, along with the parishes of Stoke St. Gregory, Lyng and Burrowbridge – the Parish Church is frequently referred to as 'The Cathedral of the Moors', and from the River Tone valley it is easy to understand why. It was built on a site of an earlier Norman church in about 1300 in the Decorated style, using Ham Hill stone, blue lias stone, and some grey sandstone from a quarry within the parish. About a hundred years later it was updated in the Perpendicular style when the roofs of the nave and aisles were raised to accommodate larger windows.

Evidences of the original pitches can be seen both outside on the south and east faces of the tower, and inside on its west arch. At this time the upper stage of the tower and the parapets were added, as was the interesting collection of gargoyles and hunkypunks.

The North Curry Parish Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials date from 1539 and are almost complete.

The churchyard, just over two acres, is in two parts, with the lower 'new' part has been in use since 1952. The upper 'old' part has gravestones that are centuries old, and includes war memorials. A plan of the graves, complete with the names of the occupants, can be found in the church porch. This is a place of solace and tranquillity, with seating on the north (far) side affording magnificent views across the River Tone to yonder hills in all directions. In springtime, the natural beauty is never more apparent, when the wild flora carpets amongst the headstones.

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals

If you are interested in getting married, having a church blessing for a civil marriage or organising a baptism or funeral please contact one of the churchwardens.

The statutory fees are set by the Church of England and a fee list is displayed in the church porch, or is available online from www.churchofengland.org.

Additional local fees may be due in accordance with the services required. At the time of your enquiry, all fee options will be explained.

There are also regulations governing the condition of the churchyard and graves, designed to ensure it remains a special peaceful place. Again, a copy is available in the church porch.

Hiring the Church

Our church is available for hire, for events such as concerts, talks and exhibitions for which we make a reasonable charge. Contact David Walker should you wish to know more on fees and availability.

Will Planning and Legacies

Having a Will in place, for when the time comes, is strongly recommended for all individuals, to ensure your final wishes are clearly laid out to friends and family.

Planned Giving and Donations

Planned Giving, by standing order, is a regular charitable payment (or pledge) to the church. This type of giving is an important and integral aspect of our finances, as the majority of our income comes through the planned giving scheme.

Donation pledges by standing order are easier to administer, both for you and us. Regular planned giving can also attract tax gift aid, enabling us to boost your donation by 25%. Donations can be given monthly, quarterly, or yearly, and the amount is very much up to you. You are not beholden once started, and can be cancelled at anytime. Please contact our Treasurer for the appropriate forms to complete, or to discuss your giving pledge. Standing order mandates are not the same as direct debit mandates. The amounts and dates are fixed, and the instruction to your bank is completely controlled by you.

One off donations can be made anytime – cheques payable to North Curry PCC, and can be mailed to the Church address – see inside back page for details.
 BACS to North Curry PCC : Account No: 00514650, Sort Code: 30-98-45

Church Opening and Closing Rota

Would you like to help open and close the church? Volunteers Required to join the pool of individuals - contact a warden to sign up!

Week commencing Sunday:

April

*5th Tom Jeanes
 12th Sarah Franks
 *19th Robin Rudman
 26th Mike Baker

May

*3rd Robin Rudman
 10th Geoffrey Dart
 *17th Sarah Franks
 24th Alex Morrice
 *31st David Walker



* 8am service

Commonwealth War Graves

Private Harry Udell Gannett, Devonshire Regiment died 13th January 1919
 Private Charles William Stodgell, Devonshire Regiment died 2nd February 1919
 Second Lieutenant Peter John Carr , Royal Artillery died 11th October 1941
 Sgt John Bernard Hebditch, Royal Airforce Volunteer Res. died 1st December 1943
 Information taken from the War Graves Commission website

Register of:

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals (October 2019 – March 2020)

We ask for God's Blessing on all the following

Baptisms

Felix Tickner, Grace Tickner December 2019

Weddings

Robert Walker/ Anna Brice October 2019
 Ben Plaw/ Abigail Badger January 2020

Funerals

Tim Guernsey October 2019
 Ena Hawkins (Service only) January 2020
 David Woolfenden, Tony Brooker February 2020