

ST MARY'S E-NEWS

Greetings to the St Mary's Cottingham e-News Community!

I have been asked to record in this e-News the enormous appreciation so many people have felt for the way in which everything relating to the church tower has been kept going more or less as normal over the past year by our Tower Captain. The clock is still always accurate, the appropriate flag has been flown whenever required, and, although we are deprived of hearing the bells pealing, people have greatly enjoyed hearing the chimes on Sundays. The church tower is a sort of emblem of the village, so, Ian, many thanks from us all for all you do.

On a sad note, readers will be sorry to hear that Michael Holmes has died. Although illness has meant that we have seen little of him for a long while, he was, for many years, an active member of our church and community, including serving as PCC Treasurer for several years. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Another sad passing is CCCoffee, which I hear will not be among the places reopening when the current restrictions are lifted. Many will miss this very popular meeting and eating place which has been for many years, not just a well-used village institution, but a Christian presence in the busy heart of the village.

There is, however, lots of good news this week. You will see from a brief item in this newsletter that our Faculty application for the new organ screen and for enhanced CCTV protection for the church has been approved. Also, have you noticed how smart Cottingham station is looking these days? Repairs to the footbridge have now been completed and it looks very handsome, although the information screens giving information about train arrival times which were at last working, seem to have gone wrong again. Let's hope this new malfunction is just temporary. Also, the little café "The Old Lamp Room" is open, serving tea and coffee and snacks outside. The last time I passed by, there were tables and chairs outside, including deckchairs (with blankets, just in case) and quite a lot of people sitting there enjoying socially distanced tea in the sunshine.

Moreover, it seems that, if things continue to progress well, we will be allowed to hug one another again after 21st June. I can't wait! The number of people that I want to hug and be hugged by is so

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enormous that I found myself wondering if it would have to be done by appointment only – but I suppose that would detract from the essentially spontaneous nature of a hug.

I was encouraged to hear on the radio a report from someone who had been sent to report on experiments being carried out by the University on Liverpool, on behalf of the government, that involve holding social events at which people are told to behave like they did before lockdown – no face masks, no social distancing, and lots of talking and close contact over glasses of Prosecco. These experiments follow the recent successful event in Barcelona when people were allowed to attend a music rave and were monitored afterwards to see what happened – and nothing much did. The reporter went along to the event in Liverpool very nervously, and said that she took a while to join in, quickly moving away if anyone accidentally touched her. After a while, she went away to file her story, but then realised that she was desperately keen to go back – and, when she did so, found that she had quite lost the nervousness about being close to other people that had become so automatic over the past year or so. I thought that was good news – and will look out for the results of the experiment.

Iris Pennie
Editor

Faculty granted – protecting the church against vandalism

The Consistory Court of the Diocese has now granted a Faculty (i.e. given permission) for our two proposals which will help to protect the church against vandalism:

- (1) to prevent access by vandals to the area behind the organ by introducing a screen of new oak to the organ arch at the east end of the north aisle. The doors and panelling beneath will also be replaced in matching new oak, so that the area will have a unified appearance.
- (2) to replace the existing CCTV system inside the church, and also to include two cameras on the tower to add to our precautions against metal theft from the church roof.

The drawing of the oak screen and the photos of the locations of the CCTV cameras will remain on the noticeboard in church for the time being. The official notification of the Faculty is on the same noticeboard.

It is hoped that the work will be carried out sometime over the summer.

David Pennie

Rector's Letter

Over the last few days I've been writing my report for the APCM in May, looking back over the autumn and winter, and forward to the coming year. It's been a good opportunity to reflect on what a epoch this year has been, and to realise that, like trying to look at a mountain close up, ice may be too close to it to make sense of the experience. But I've noticed recently talking to people that although there is relief about slowly emerging from lockdown, lots of people are looking and feeling tired and run down.

Aficionados of outdoor swimming say that as soon as you get out of the water, you feel very warm, as all the blood has rushed to the surface of your body to keep you warm in the cold water. But shortly after, your core temperature drops, and you become very cold. You need to put on lots of warm clothing and have a hot drink to combat 'cold drop', as it's known. A friend of mine who is a military chaplain says that in combat postings soldiers carry on despite everything; it's when they get back home that the effects of what they have experienced start to show.

I wonder if it could be the same for us? After a year of pandemic, after not seeing families, after not leaving the house for months, after changes to our lives that we couldn't have imagined before, and after so much illness and so many deaths, it's no wonder that we have been profoundly affected by what we have lived through. And, perhaps, it is not so surprising that it is now, when the restrictions are gradually lifting, and some of the things we have lost are coming back, that it is bittersweet and tainted with sadness and weariness. Perhaps our hearts need time to catch up, and our spirits need time to heal; perhaps we need to acknowledge our sadness and weariness and not rush to a celebration we don't necessarily feel.

As the Psalmist says, 'heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.' (30.5) We don't have to rush to a joy we don't quite feel, to dance before our mourning is finished. (30.11) For now, we may need to care for ourselves and each other, to go gently, and carefully. When the time comes to put off our sackcloth, and gird ourselves with gladness, then will be the time when we know this year really has passed.

In our gradual reopening one of the most hopeful signs has been the return of singing to our services on Sundays, first with soloists and now with a small choir. How lovely it has been to have music again as we worship! Alas, we can't all sing indoors yet, but our experiment in an outdoor service on Easter Day was so successful we are thinking of repeating it, perhaps for Pentecost. There will

COLLECT AND READINGS

Collect for 2nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten
Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to
us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going
before us
you put into our minds good
desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

First Reading: Acts 8.26-end

Psalm: 22.25-end

Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-end

Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8

be further details as soon as they have been decided. In the meantime I will be singing Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer on Fridays in church at 6pm. Anyone who would like to join me is very welcome - I'll be in the chancel, where we can be well spaced out.

Our Lent Appeal is now closed, and though the final total isn't yet known, I do know that you have been extraordinarily, wonderfully generous in your giving. You will make such a difference to our two causes - vaccines for developing countries, and churches in East Hull. Thank you so much for all you have given.

with my prayers and blessings,

Nicola

Services at St Mary's for w/c 2nd May

Day	Daytime	Evening
Sun	9am Morning Prayer in church 10am Sunday Eucharist in church, and on Facebook, YouTube and St Mary's on the Phone	5.30 Evening Prayer in church 6pm Evening Prayer on Skype 9pm Night Prayer on Facebook and St Mary's on the Phone
Mon	9am Morning Prayer in church 2.30pm Tea on the Bench	5.30 Evening Prayer in church 6pm Evening Prayer on Skype
Tues	9am Morning Prayer in church	5.30 Evening Prayer in church 6pm Evening Prayer on Skype
Weds	9am Morning Prayer in church 9.30am Midweek Prayer and Coffee on Zoom	5.30 Evening Prayer in church 6pm Evening Prayer on Skype 6.30 Breathing Space on Zoom
Thurs	9am Morning Prayer in church	5.30 Evening Prayer in church 6pm Evening Prayer on Skype
Fri	9am Morning Prayer in church 10am Eucharist in church	5.30 Evening Prayer in church 6pm Evening Prayer on Skype 9pm Night Prayer on Facebook and St Mary's on the Phone
Sat	9am Morning Prayer in church	5.30 Evening Prayer in church 6pm Evening Prayer on Skype 9pm Night Prayer on Facebook

Tea on the Bench

Now that spring is coming and we can meet outside, come and join me for tea on the bench in front of the church. I'll be there from 2.30-3.30pm every Monday.

Nicola



St Mary's on the Phone

01482 765068

Listen to this week's readings and reflection and prayers and join us for Holy Communion at 10am on Sunday live on the phone

Here is the link for Sunday Eucharist:

<https://app.faith.online/p/events/T76ecaYIF>

Prayer for the Nation

Our Archbishops are asking us to set aside a short time every evening at 6 p.m. to pray for our nation. See the letter from the Archbishops at www.ChurchofEngland.org/PrayerForTheNation

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Calling All Gardeners

Some of you may know that Nicola has been attacking the rectory garden, as it has become rather overgrown. She has discovered several dead trees, cut back lots of shrubs and removed heaps of ivy. As a result of all this activity the borders are now rather empty and need to be restocked. This is where you come in. Do you have a plethora of hellebores (yes, I do, and have already passed some on) or anything else that you can split up and share? The rectory garden can be a useful space to host gatherings of varying sorts, so it would be good to see it well stocked with a wide variety of plants from a number of different people.

Can you help? Please don't just leave a bag of stuff on the rectory doorstep. Send an email with **Garden** as the subject or put a note through the door listing what you can offer. Nicola will then contact you and, if appropriate, arrange a delivery slot.

Here's hoping for a good response!

Helen Bristow

Key Audit

Many thanks to everyone who has contacted me regarding church and hall keys. If anyone else has keys in their possession, please let me know, either by email or phone.

Margaret Wright
Churchwarden

Christian Aid Week: 10 - 16 May

About 35 volunteers are now preparing to deliver some 2,000 Christian Aid Week donation envelopes to houses in Cottingham. These are "delivery only" envelopes, so no-one will come back to collect donations. If you receive one, you will find a note on it about where donations can be dropped off. There will also be collections in the churches and a number of other opportunities to donate and to celebrate the work of this important charity. These include a bucket collection outside the Cottingham Co-op on Thursday 13th May and a Fun Quiz on Zoom on the evening of Friday 14th May (about which more details next week). Above all, please remember to pray for the work of Christian Aid at this very difficult time. If you go to the Christian Aid website www.christianaid.org.uk you will find many other ideas about how to raise funds and how to donate online and about what great things are being done with the money raised.

Current restrictions relating to pedestrian access to the Humber Bridge have put paid to plans for a sponsored Bridge Cross in June, but these plans are being amended into very interesting sounding walking routes on each side of the bridge that can be done as sponsored walks. More about this in due course.

Iris Pennie
Cottingham Christian Aid Week Collection Organiser

David Hockney and Salts Mill

Those of you looking for a David Hockney fix after reading Iris' comments about his inspiring Spring paintings, can find one closer to home. Salts Mill, situated in the World Heritage village of Saltaire on the outskirts of Bradford, has a unique long-standing connection to the artist and his work.

In 1853 Titus Salt, a Bradford woollen mill owner, in true Victorian paternal fashion, relocated his entire work force to the rural site on the banks of the River Aire. During the following years he built a new mill and entire village of houses, in his opinion, rescuing his work force from the health, moral and mental perils of the slums of Bradford. He provided employment, good housing, health care, education for children and adults, a library, a hall for suitable entertainment and, most importantly, a Congregational Chapel. Like all wealthy, stern paternal figures of the day, he knew best what his employees and their families needed. It definitely didn't include a public house, and there was little chance of sneaking out of the village to imbibe! Also there were other rules like those concerning hanging out washing.

Move on several years and changes to the mill ownership and where my father-in-law was head wool buyer until his retirement. With the expected decline in the woollen industry, the mill was put up for sale. A new owner was sought. In 1987 along came a Bradford born business man called Jonathan Silver and Salts came to life again in a different guise.

Jonathan and David Hockney had met as boys at Bradford Grammar school and became friends. They both went their separate ways until, many years later, they accidentally met in Los Angeles. Jonathan mentioned the mill and David said he had always wanted a local venue for his work. Back at the mill Gallery 1853 was created specifically for this purpose. For over thirty years David Hockney sent work, not previously displayed elsewhere, to the gallery. He still retains a control of which prints can be sold and his link is as strong as ever. The Spring collection is an example.

Sadly, Jonathan Silver died in 1997 and it was his time in a hospice in York that encouraged Hockney's fascination with painting the Wolds. By this time Hockney's mother and sister were living in the house which he bought in Bridlington. Staying there, he was able to travel frequently to see his friend, and he began painting. After Jonathan Silver's death Hockney returned again and again to the subject, depicting a widening range of scenes through the seasons.

The Silver family still own the mill and the connection to David Hockney is still as strong. The web site is well worth a visit. The mill is open to visitors and offers much more than the splendid gallery. It has free entry and parking. All is covid secure.

Denise Bottomley

P.S. We took my mother-in-law to see the mill shortly after it opened. She was delighted to see that the huge walnut desks, where her late husband had often stood during his time at the mill, had been retained for display in the gallery. In fact, the original inner and outer structure of the mill is still much in evidence.

Online Services

A short reflective
prayer to end your
day

Night
Prayer

Night Prayer

Friday to Sunday

Online for details see:

<https://www.stmaryscottingham.org/>

and on

St. Mary's on the Phone

Breathing Space

Wednesday at 6.30
from 24th February

Twenty minutes of led silence for reflection
and contemplation

Breathing Space

Wednesdays at 6.30pm

via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85743783236?pwd=T3lXRuQjZsd1pGNVo1bzVxb3RGQT09>

Meeting ID: 857 4378 3236 Passcode: 965084

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85743783236?pwd=T3lXRuQjZsd1pGNVo1bzVxb3RGQT09>

Midweek Prayer and Coffee

Wednesdays at 9.30am via Zoom.

We will say Morning Prayer together, and then have
a chance to chat over our coffee.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86482616619?pwd=cE1uYUo1S0R4NjlOTUNKY1AvTnB0QT09>

Meeting ID: 864 8261 6619 Passcode: 683702



Prayers in the Ether 56

The place of rest is being loved of God.

Help me get my focus back on you. I know I need to stop dwelling on my hurts and frustrations. Help me to be faithful in prayer and put my hope in you. May the Holy Spirit guide and comfort and strengthen me.

Create in us a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within us.

O Lord, how clearly you know the foolishness of humanity. No one has been found who has not transgressed your way from the first Adam until the present day. Protect us; save us! For you, Lord, are far from anger, full of mercy and righteousness.

Dear Lord, kindle in our hearts the flame of that love which never ceases, that it may burn in us and give light to others. May we shine for ever, set on fire with that eternal light which puts to flight the darkness of this world.

The Son of Man had no place to lay his head. May we see Jesus in the migrant and the refugee. Break our hearts with your compassion for the exiled. Help us to offer welcome to those seeking safety and shelter

Gracious God, look with compassion on those who, through addiction to drugs, alcohol, gambling or food have lost their health and freedom: remove the fears that bind them, strengthen them in their recovery, assure them of your love, and give them friends to support them.

O God, you are our refuge in the storm, our hope in times of trouble,

God of power and might, we lift our brothers and sisters in India to you.

We pray for your protection;

We pray for your provision;

We pray for the nations of earth to have compassion.

When people are in need, you are our refuge.

When people are scared, you are our refuge.

When people are mourning, you are our refuge.

Compassionate God, draw close to those who seek your refuge today.

Lord, we thank you for the work of the scientists and health teams who have worked tirelessly and selflessly to overcome the pandemic infection, advising government on the step-by-step return to normal activity. We pray for wisdom and restraint as we steadily return to our normal lifestyles.

Light of the world,
 Bless all who are in darkness.
 Shine upon us in love.
 Be with the despairing;
 Support the distressed
 Comfort the suicidal.
 Give us hope;
 Give us joy;
 Give us peace.
 Lighten our darkness
 Today and evermore.

We pray in the name of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ

Prayers contributed by the Prayer in the Space (now Prayer in the Ether) Group

Hull Deanery Synod Prayer Diary: May 2021

Sat 1	We give grateful thanks to all the parish teams as they have responded to the pandemic. We pray that, as we can move around again, we may offer encouragement and hope to all with whom we come into contact.
Sun 2	Pray for the continuing work now needed to keep in contact with those who have experienced God's work through Zoom, You Tube, news sheets, and telephone. We give thanks for all these green shoots of growth and opportunity.
Mon 3	We pray that as we open the doors of our churches, we will be a people of welcome and faith being witnesses of your love and generosity.
Tue 4	We pray for all those who continue to help at the Foodbanks, providing food, fellowship, and support to the homeless, vulnerable, and lonely.
Wed 5	As we rejoice in the gift of a new day, may the light of your presence be with us, O God, today and always. May we be reminded of all those who need our comfort and support in the dark time of bereavement.
Thu 6	We pray that as we consider the document of 'Living Christ's Story' in the parishes that we may be church guardians and a source of community life. We believe that people need to work and play in fellowship and friendship.

Please pray for:

The Sick

Tom Hutton, Dennis Gill, Roselie Shores, Gordon Campbell, Geoff Dack, Joy Hindley, Diane and Graeme Drewery, Joan Bayford, Pat Cheng and all who have asked for our prayers.

The Departed

Lillian Smith, Hans Küng, HRH Prince Philip, June Thomas, Michael Harness, Michael Holmes