

Parish Magazine

July 2020



Levington



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Bucklesham

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nactonchurchmagazine@gmail.com by the 20th July please.

Should you have specific requests for prayer, please contact Rev Ian (01473 659875) or Rev Sarah (01394 448936) who are continuing a ministry of daily prayer throughout this difficult time.

We are pleased to say that there is now a Facebook page set up for the Benefice. You can find it under here: [The Orwell and Deben Rural Benefice](#)

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The Reverend Canon Ian Wilson

Good news!

The good news is that we are on the cusp of re-opening our churches for public worship.

The not so good news is that the details of how this will work are yet to be finalised. We are still waiting for the government to give directions to the Bishops on how we should safely proceed.

However, what is certain is that it will not be possible for us to have services in all eight of our churches on the first day of re-opening. Rather, because of the logistics of keeping our congregations safe from the COVID virus, it is likely that we will begin by opening one of our larger churches and then gradually opening the others. Even then, it is also very unlikely that it will be possible for us to return to the number of services we had in the benefice before the lockdown. Before the lockdown, we had over 120 services a quarter across our eight churches (this number being greatly increased at the major festivals of Christmas and Easter). This was a considerable achievement and was only possible by having a dedicated team of churchwardens, priests, Readers and Elders. However, the nature of the pandemic revealed how fragile this structure of maintaining services was. We were always on borrowed time and we knew that there would come a time when resourcing 120+ services per quarter was going to become more and more challenging. What the virus has done is force us into addressing this challenge sooner rather than later.

But, the good news is that we are on the cusp of re-opening our churches for public worship and what we do know is that those services will have to be socially distanced; that people may have to 'book' a place at the service (the Dean of our cathedral has already indicated that this will be a requirement for their services); that the service will have to be short; that there will be no singing of hymns; that if there is Holy Communion, the priest will have to wear a face mask, use hand sanitiser before and after the administration, and that the congregation will only be given the bread. We also know, that many of our regulars may be reluctant to attend a service either because they have been part of a shielded group or care for someone who was shielded. But, the good news is that Christian worship will continue. It will be possible for some to physically attend the act of worship in the church, but it will also be possible for those who are unable to attend to share in that worship as we will continue to produce printed and recorded material so that no one will miss out.

The Church is not the building we use for worship. The Church is the people who follow Christ and who have continued to be faithful throughout the lockdown. The Church has continued to pray, to worship and, yes, to serve. For obvious reasons, this may not have been as visible to everyone as it was before the lockdown. But, for those of us who have been resourcing worship and material for spiritual growth, we

have seen a real appreciation of what was done and have seen how this has reached people who would not normally come to church services both in our benefice and beyond, even to other parts of the country. This has been an unexpected gift of lockdown. We should not see worship in church or worship online as an 'either/or' choice, but rather, as our churches re-open for public worship, the on-line material should be seen as an 'AND', as it is another way of being part of the Church in the 21st Century.

The good news is that we are on the cusp of re-opening our churches for public worship and as soon we hear how this will be possible, I will let everyone know. Notices will be posted on our Facebook page, on the village websites and will be circulated via email and by word of mouth

With every blessing,

Ian



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Bishop Martin

I welcome the Prime Minister's announcement that we will soon be able to begin to meet and worship together in our church buildings again. New guidelines for churches will be issued soon to help congregations stay safe and minimise the risk of spreading the infection. We are encouraging a cautious reopening process, while continuing some of the valuable online worship for those who do not wish to gather in a church building. There will still be restrictions and we must all work within Government guidance. This is the next step on a longer journey, but this is nonetheless very welcome news.

I would particularly like to publicly thank clergy, churchwardens, lay leaders and all those who have done all they possibly could during the time our buildings had to be closed to the public. Of course not all church buildings will be ready to hold regular services from July 4, and we must consider clergy and lay leaders whom themselves are vulnerable, so we need to make sensible plans going forward.

It is wonderful that weddings will also be allowed again from the same date and I know this will be really welcome news to many couples across Suffolk looking forward to their marriages. The Government has set a limit of 30 guests for weddings for now and we will work hard to help couples as they plan their big day. Some parishes are looking at ways to livestream marriage services to include those friends and family who cannot be there due to restrictions.

We are also mindful of those who are still asked to stay at home. Many people will still be understandably cautious about public gatherings. This has been an extraordinary time in the development of online services and we now have more than 130 services live streamed online from churches right across Suffolk. I hope some parishes will keep live streaming services from their homes or churches too, to compliment worship in churches."

Guidance is updated regularly by the Church of England and can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

The Archbishop of Canterbury

The Anglican church should reconsider the way statues and other representations of Jesus portray him as white in the light of the Black Lives Matter protests, the archbishop of Canterbury has said. Justin Welby also said that the church must look very carefully to see if they should all be there. He said the west in general needed to question the prevailing mindset that depicted Christ as a white man in traditional Christian imagery.

Asked if there had to be rethink on the white image of Jesus, Welby said: “Yes of course it does, this sense that God was white ... You go into churches [around the world] and you don’t see a white Jesus.

“You see a black Jesus, a Chinese Jesus, a Middle-Eastern Jesus – which is of course the most accurate – you see a Fijian Jesus.”

Justin Welby told BBC Radio 4’s Today programme: “Jesus is portrayed in as many ways as there are cultures, languages and understandings. And I don’t think that throwing out everything we’ve got in the past is the way to do it but I do think saying, *That’s not the Jesus who exists, that’s not who we worship*, it is a reminder of the universality of the God who became fully human.”

He said that statues in Canterbury Cathedral would be under review on the back of the worldwide Black Lives Matter campaign to bring down monuments to controversial figures such as those engaged in the slave trade.

On the recent calls for statue removals, the archbishop said people should forgive the “trespasses” of people immortalised in the form of statues, rather than tearing them down.

Welby said: “Some names will have to change. I mean, the church, goodness me, you know, you just go around Canterbury Cathedral, there’s monuments everywhere, or Westminster Abbey, and we’re looking at all that, and some will have to come down. But yes, there can be forgiveness, I hope and pray as we come together, but only if there’s justice.”

But challenged if this meant some statues would be taken down from inside Canterbury Cathedral, he said: “No, I didn’t say that. I very carefully didn’t say that.” He added that it was not his decision, and told the Today programme: “We’re going to be looking very carefully and putting them in context and seeing if they all should be there ... The question arises. Of course it does.”

Source: *The Guardian* 27.06.2020

Music for Morning Prayer

Dorrie Giles and Malcolm Gee of St Martin Nacton, have been putting together, each week, a list of hymns that link with the Morning Prayer service that Rev Ian is recording and distributing by email. If you would like Dorrie to add you to her circulation list for the hymns, please let her have your email address at dorrie.giles@btinternet.com

Our thanks to Dorrie and Malcolm.

Prayers for these challenging times

For those who are ill

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms
are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work
many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From one who is ill or isolated

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe
that nothing can separate me
from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For the Christian community

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:

we are people of generosity.
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Barbara Glasson
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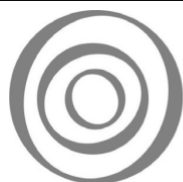
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