

Parish magazine

June 2020

Nacton



Bucklesham



Levington



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CHURCH SERVICES – These are detailed in the magazine each month. Everyone welcome.

Baptisms, marriages, sick Communion etc. by arrangement with one of the Ministry Team (*see above*).

When members of the Clergy or Readers are not available, the Churchwarden should be contacted.

PLAYGROUP	Nacton Village Hall, Daily for 2½ - 5 years <i>Info.</i> Meryl Taverner; Sue Winder; Nacton & Bucklesham U5s <i>contact during sessions</i> 659809	
TODDLER GROUP	Nacton Village Hall, Tuesdays 1.30pm - 3.00pm	<i>Information as above</i>
1ST ORWELL SEA SCOUTS	1 st Orwell Group (Scouts, Cubs and Beavers)	Mrs Joanne Forsyth 659987
BUCKLESHAM LADIES' GROUP	Every second Thursday of the month	<i>Information</i> Trudy Woollard 659654
MOTHERS' UNION	First Wednesday of month, 2.00pm	<i>Branch Leader</i> Rev. Helen Davy 01394 270703
WOMEN'S INSTITUTES	Bucklesham Village Hall, 3 rd Wednesday 7.30pm	<i>President</i> Mrs Sheila Gregory 727622
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	Nacton	<i>Access via the village website:</i> Nacton village hall
MOBILE LIBRARY	Every four weeks on Tuesdays– Nacton, Priory Park 9.20 – 9.40am, outside Village Shop 9.55 – 10.45am	
Contact: 263838	Levington, Bridge Road Lay-by 10.55 – 11.10 am. Bucklesham, outside 'Shannon' 11.25 – 11.50am	

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Contributions for the July magazine should be sent to:

nactonchurchmagazine@gmail.com by the 20th June 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

Well, by the time this article is published, we will have been in lockdown for 70 days and throughout this time, our church buildings have been closed. This, of course, was not my decision. I emphasise again, this was not my decision. It was the decision of the government and a piece of legislation was enacted in order to make this a legal requirement and quite rightly so. Over the time that we have been in lockdown, evidence is gathering to suggest that the COVID virus is most likely to be contracted in enclosed spaces and the more people gather in an enclosed space the easier it becomes for the virus to be transmitted. In the same way that it was not my decision to close our churches, it will also not be my decision to reopen them. Again, it will be down to the government to make this decision and this is unlikely to be made until the beginning of July. However, we can begin to look forward to the time when our churches do re-open but before they do, there will be much to consider.

We will not be able to immediately fling open the doors and continue where we left off.

We will have to ensure that it is safe to return, not only because of the COVID virus but also because of the lack of use of the premises for such an extended period.

The church will have to be thoroughly, and deeply, cleaned and this will be a considerable task.

We will have to risk assess the use of the building once it is clean and ensure that it is thoroughly cleaned after each time it is used.

We will have to ensure there are washing facilities for those who come into the church.

We will have to maintain social distancing and this may limit the number of people who can attend a service.

Those who are in the shielded group, and others, may be advised not to attend services.

We will not be allowed to use/share prayer books and hymns books.

We may not be allowed to sing.

We may have to receive Holy Communion in an entirely new way.

We will have to consider how we resource people who cannot attend a church service by continuing with the provision of worship material on the internet and through the post.

There is a lot to think about before our churches are reopened.

In addition to this, like many organisations that have been affected by the COVID virus, the Church of England is also now urgently reviewing what the future holds for the church.

Consideration is being given to how the church nationally is structured especially the number of dioceses we have. For instance, until 1914, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich diocese was part of the diocese of Norwich.

This in turn will mean reviewing the number of Bishops and Archdeacons we have.

The way benefices and parishes are structured will also be reviewed.

This will bring into question the number of paid clergy we currently have and this comes as no surprise. When I was first ordained in the late 1980s, there were well over 340 stipendiary (paid) clergy in this diocese. There are now just over 120!

Consideration will be given as to how our churches are currently being used and whether it is viable to keep them all in regular use.

Consideration is being given to the governing structures of the church from diocesan synods to local PCCs.

Finally, there will be an exploration of the variety of ministries there are within the church, both lay and ordained, and how they are to be deployed.

This review is being headed by the new Archbishop of York the, soon to be, The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell, and what is potentially behind all of this is finances. Can the church afford to continue in the way it was before COVID 19? The answer, sadly, is probably not!

Now this all sounds quite worrying. But, take heart. The Church has faced these challenges throughout history and what is absolutely certain is that when the Church has risen to these challenges, it has become stronger and more effective. We celebrated Pentecost on Sunday 31st May in the time of lockdown, and what Pentecost reminds us is that no matter how bad we feel things are, no matter how bleak the future looks, God is with us and he is in control because if we are open to the Holy Spirit, then the Church will become all that it needs to be. The Church will continue to proclaim the message that Jesus Christ is the risen Son of God and that through him, we can all gain eternal life. In other words, the Holy Spirit will empower us to speak of God's gracious gift in new and exciting ways.

With every blessing,

Ian

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.

Support for FIND (Families in Need)

Following the Appeal for support for FIND (Families in Need) which Ian and I sent out in March/early April I thought you might like to hear how things are going. Demand for food parcels and household goods has more than doubled since this crisis began in the UK. Our new premises, into which we only moved just before Christmas, have proved to be invaluable. With social distancing being imperative it has provided so much more space in which to work and enabled us to take all the necessary precautions.

May I thank everyone who has offered to volunteer/drive to make deliveries. You may not have been called up yet but your name and contact details have certainly been added to the list. Because so many people have been furloughed we are in the extraordinary and unique position of having a surplus of volunteers. We have number of new people learning the ropes.

Thank you to everyone who has been kind enough to make donations of food for which we are very grateful and which I am taking in regularly. Please keep them coming! It goes in waves but we are receiving many donations daily and sorting all that alone is a mammoth task!

A big thanks to those of you who have been generous with financial contributions without which we simply couldn't operate.

Again, our thanks to you all for supporting in whatever way you can and please continue to keep safe and well.

Roz Eminson



Bev (volunteer on the left) and Maureen Reynell sort the stock



Topping out ceremony at the new premises. Maureen Reynell fifth from left on the front row. Roz Eminson second from the right on the front row.

Mission Ipswich East

Lay Evangelists, Dawn, Tracey and Liz from Mission Ipswich East, have like many others had to be creative in the way they tell people about Jesus and encourage our congregations to do the same. They have been involved in online services, created packs for isolated people with limited technology, encouraged people to study the Bible by seeking friends using The Word One2One and have also been running two online Alpha courses.

Facebook live has proven to reach the biggest audience, it quickly took off gaining many followers, some on the fringes of our Church. Rob (Lay Pioneer) quickly realised that many people missed structure in their day so began a live post every day. Dawn, Tracey and Liz are regular live contributors talking about a favourite Psalm, making hot cross buns and coping with a crumbling world. Tracey hosts Messy Musings with a craft activity, based on an idea she had been working on for months, Dawn gave a reflection on VE Day, and Liz spends Saturdays looking at biblical truths in Narnia. More than 20 people have now been involved including Lay Children's workers, Church members - and Bishop Mike even made an appearance!

If you want to tune into MIE live@3 please visit their [Facebook](#) page or [website](#).

family@church Zoom courses

Lockdown may have given your church time to think about what sort of worship to lead in the future. If so, this might be for you! family@church is a simple and easy to use set of service plans to help your church lead all age worship effectively. Many churches in the diocese are already using the resource, along too with rural churches from the Oxford and Liverpool diocese. Want to know more? The Revd Carl Melville is offering some simple training on Zoom:

Friday 10 July – 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Saturday 11 July – 10.00am -12 noon

Please email Carl for more information and to register your

interest: carlmelville@hotmail.com. All training and resources are free and more information can be found at www.familyatchurch.com.

Church of England Learning Labs Zoom webinars

- Introduction to Instagram 2 June 10.00am
- Making the most of www.achurchnearyou.com 3 June 2020 12 noon
- Five ways to keep your Church connected 9 June 2020 10.00am
- Boosting on Facebook 12 June 12 noon

Please click [here](#) for details and to book and to find more courses - the digital team are added to their offering regularly so do check in and have a look.

Archbishop of York

Bishop Stephen Cottrell will be confirmed as the 98th Archbishop of York at 11.00am on Thursday 9 July 2020. The service will be broadcast online due to the coronavirus restrictions. For full details please visit the Church of England website [here](#).

Heart and Cross Adventure



St Nicholas Hospice have had requests from people in their care to provide hearts and crosses for while they are in isolation. The initiative is equipping organisations, individuals, care homes and community teams with a special way of dealing with isolation or grief in such difficult and unprecedented times. These symbols of connection show the good wishes, prayers, blessings and love everyone is feeling at this difficult time. One lady said 'it's like receiving a hug in your hand'.

If you would like to help you can make knitted hearts for St Nicholas' Hospice to share among families and loved ones. Please contact the Revd Sarah for instructions curate@stedscathedral.org. The full story is available [here](#). If you or someone you care for would like either a heart or cross, please get in touch by emailing: spiritualcare@stnh.org.uk.

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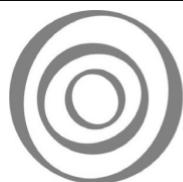
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