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Dullingham Newsletter

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Mud- Not Yet Glorious!

It's February- many of us are tired- fed up and running on empty. Covid- and everything that goes with it- continues to cast a real shadow, to cause real heartache, pain and strain. It's really hard. And to add to our gloom this time the copious amounts of rain have meant mud, mud everywhere!

But thankfully there is hope on the horizon and oh how grateful we are to our NHS and all its staff; for the scientists and the vaccines that are being rolled out. And we can begin to smell Spring and the coming of lighter, longer days. Shoots and early blooms are peeking out, the birds are increasing their chatter. It is a comforting to me, and perhaps to you, to know that the seasons roll on and God's mercies and beauties of creation are new every morning.

This month also brings us into Lent. Don't tell the Bishop - but I am not advocating a restrictive Lent - gosh haven't we more than done this over the last year! What I suggest instead is 40 days of Spiritual Connection. In the Lent Course (anyone is welcome to join by Zoom or I can point you to materials) we will be looking at and trying out different ways to pray and connect with our spiritual self and the spirit of God. More generally it is about seeing ourselves and God as connected spiritual beings, as part of an entwined story which we can seek to connect with more deeply. We might read a biblical passage and set ourselves as one of the characters, what words would we say to or wish to hear from Jesus? We might pick a leaf and consider the hands of the creator who made it, who made us. We might hold a piece of soft material to our cheek and consider God as our great comforter and how that speaks to us of who God is ...

Jesus talks a lot about little things making a big difference. He talks about the widow's mite- a tiny financial contribution given with a big heart. He talks about a tiny bit of yeast raising a whole basin full of flour. He talks about a mustard seed of faith growing into a great tree. He talks about someone who offers a little one a cup of water being rewarded in heaven.

Locked down as we are, we may feel helpless or useless, but we can all be receivers of and bringers of light, encouragement, comfort and hope.

God's love surround you,
Nikki

Weekly reflections can be followed on our church website www.raddesley.com or direct to your inbox if you email me Nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk

I am here if you would like to talk 07738 266057 (Nikki) and the Samaritans are available 24 hours a day:

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The Rectory 23 Stetchworth Road Dullingham CB8 9UJ

If you need the services of a priest, or wish to book a wedding, baptism or funeral, please contact Nikki as above.

Her usual working days are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

February Church Services & Updates

It is likely our churches will remain closed for services during February, but remain open for Private Prayer & Reflection.

(NB Dullingham & Stetchworth are closed Saturdays, while both Carlton & Burrough Green churches are currently closed for building work).

We will continue to email out our **Weekend Connection Reflection Service** and are also pleased to also offer the 'Open to All' Zoom events at the top of page 2.

St Mary's Church cleaning:

Barbara Oliver & Lesley Jones please

Church flowers:

No flowers in Lent

Stetchworth & Cheveley URC Services

Our churches are closed at present but we hope to open as soon as possible.

In the meantime, if anyone would like to watch a church service on YouTube, Downing Place United Reformed Church is still putting out a weekly service. Please go to <https://downingplaceurc.org/> and look for the Sunday Worship video.

'Open to All' Zoom Church Events



Tuesday, 16 February Zoom Live Pancakes! (Gather and chat from 5.45pm; Start 6.00pm. Let us know if you will require ingredients 😊)



17 February Ash Wednesday Zoom Service (Gather and chat from 6.45pm; Start 7.00pm.)

The links for both of these will go out with the Weekend Connection. If you would like to be included in the weekly email or register just for the link/s for the Zoom events above please email: nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk

For a hard copy please contact Revd Nikki or a Churchwarden www.raddesley.com

Lent Course by Zoom

This FREE Open to All Lent Course on 'How to Pray' will take place on:

21, 28 February, 7 and 14 March 7-8pm

Email nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk for the link.

Catholic Parish Services:

These are taking place at Newmarket with some restrictions and booking is essential

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am & 10.30am

There is a mass on Wednesday at Kirtling

For a full list of services and to book a place at mass go to <http://www.olise.co.uk/wordpress/>

Mobile Library:

This appears to be carrying on this lockdown, but for Select and Collect services only. It will call at:

Jubilee Court, Stetchworth 2.25 – 3 pm

Kettlefields School 3.10 – 3.40 pm

on **Wednesday 24th February**

It is advised to order items well in advance on:

https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Select_and_Collect

or telephone 0345 045 5225

Newmarket Foodbank

Bags of items can be left in St Mary's Church porch every day between 10am and 4pm except for Saturday. Please place toilet articles in a separate bag to food items.

A massive THANK YOU for all the following businesses and people for making Christmas extra special for the community.

The Boot for the hampers and The Dullingham Charities for the money .

Mrs Kenna for the Brass Band and The Boot & Kings Head for providing the refreshments .

The parish council for providing the children with a gift from Santa touring the village.

Thank you so much to everyone involved it was so kind and much appreciated.

Stetchworth W.I.

Due to the Covid19 restrictions, all Stetchworth WI activities have been suspended until further notice.

The programme of events in 2020/21 and contacts details are available on our website: Stetchworthwi.weebly.com

However, the WI did make pompoms for our Christmas Tree entry to the St. Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival, which looked lovely.

All members were given an Amaryllis plant for Christmas. The January competition will be a photo of the first to flower.

In the meantime, keep washing your hands, stay home, stay safe and save the NHS.

Dullingham Oil & Gas Syndicate

Bottled gas and oil can be bought at very competitive prices due to combined buying power. To join or for more information contact: Mark Robinson on dullinghamoil@hotmail.co.uk or 01638 507266.

Water Softener Salt Tablet Syndicate

Aquasol water softener tablets 25kg £9 per bag available locally. Please call Andy on 07765 155434 to arrange purchase.

Home workouts for lockdown

February special offer for new clients - blocks of live-streamed classes on ZOOM or recorded sessions of your choice. You decide which classes will be included in a block. You can choose from: Vinyasa Yoga, Yin Yoga, Pilates, Body Shred and dance classes.
Contact:
marta.maj@mmhealthandfitness.co

Ellesmere Garden Club News

A belated Happy New Year to one and all. At last we have some good news of an event which **IS** going ahead for a change! Of course, our forthcoming meetings cannot be in person and face-to-face at the moment. But in the next couple of months we have two talks over Zoom to entertain you.

In February we have the ever-popular **Andrew Sankey** who will give a talk on **Tuesday 16th February** on "**Six Great Gardens**". Members will get an email with the appropriate link to join the Zoom meeting nearer the time. If you are not a member but would like to hear Andrew's talk, please email our secretary judith.mahoney@btinternet.com who will get you onto the list.

Then in March we are pleased to welcome once again **Tom Cole**, who had to postpone his live talk last year at short notice. So once again join us on Zoom to hear his talk on "**Perennials**" on **Wednesday 10th March**

Our Zoom meetings will take place at 7.30 pm on the appointed day, but it's worth logging on to the link beforehand in case of any problems. In good community spirit we are throwing these meetings open to non-members, but we'd be delighted if you then decide you'd like to join the Club. Contact Judith for any membership queries, email as above.

Church Notice Board Humour

With thanks to Alix Allan

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

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News from the Ellesmere Centre

Please call us or follow us on Facebook to keep up with the ever changing rules and regulations on what is permitted at the Centre.

Currently we are closed apart from the Shop and Post Office which is open from 9am-12pm weekdays only. Entrance at the far end of the building.

The Staff and Trustees hope that you are keeping safe and well and we look forward to seeing you all again soon. Be assured that we will open as soon as we get the go ahead and will do our utmost to keep you safe within government guidelines when we do.

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Healthwatch: Your feedback helps NHS and care teams support us all

Have you seen your GP lately? Had a hospital or dental appointment? Perhaps you have care services at home or visit a loved one in a care home.

If you, a family member or friend have used a local health or care service, Healthwatch Cambridgeshire wants to hear about your experience – good or bad.

We're the local health and care champions. And by sharing your feedback with us, local NHS and care services can find out what's working well or needs improving.

Please support our new campaign 'Because We All Care' by giving your feedback about the services you are using.

It's being run with the Care Quality Commission and follows on from our big Covid-19 survey across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough earlier this year.

It only takes a few minutes to share your views with us. And your feedback helps services to continue providing the right support to local people.

Share your views online at:

www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/share-your-views

You can also call Healthwatch on 0330 355 1285, text your views on 0752 0635 176 or email enquiries@healthwatchcambspboro.co.uk