

the Stetchworth Newsletter

March 2021

Services at St. Peter's Church are Currently Suspended

... however, the church is open from Sunday to Friday (closed on Saturdays) for private prayer or reflection. If you don't particularly wish to go in the church but walk for exercise, the snowdrops are still looking good as I write in mid-February. They were literally drops amongst the snow last week but with the snow gone there are drifts and patches all over the churchyard.



If you wish to book a baptism, wedding, etc., please contact Nikki (her usual working days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, of course), or one of the churchwardens, details as below:

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One Year On

This month marks the first anniversary of lockdown. It offers a time to reflect on all we have lost and missed so much, but also on what we may have learned and discovered.

On March 23rd, there will be a National Day of Reflection, an opportunity to unite in memory of those who died, and with those who have lost loved ones - whether directly through the pandemic or in other ways.

The changes to the way we have been able to hold funerals has been profound - both intimate and difficult. It has been hard for many not be able to say their goodbyes and celebrate a life in the usual ways.

The National Day of Reflection although marking a great sadness is also being seen as an occasion for hope. The symbol of Spring flowers marking this. As we unite in sadness, we also remember the good times, the love and the joy that person brought into our lives. We also remember with deep gratitude the many who served on the frontline and their great sacrifice of care.

As we look back and reflect on the year that has passed let us also hold onto the memories and learnings that have made us smile. That have reassured us of community and of a greater humanity.

Easter, which is just around the corner adds to the above the great eternal hope. The continuity of life and love - shown to us through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

Peace and hope be with you,

Nikki

The Rev'd Nikki Mann

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St. Peter's Church, Stetchworth

FUNDRAISING: As you will all realise, all of our fundraising events planned for last year had to be cancelled. We don't yet know whether we will be able to arrange or take part in events this year but we are able to have a **Bag2theFuture**, or **Bags2School** event whereby a collection is made of reusable clothing, shoes, handbags and accessories and the church will be paid by the total weight collected. The collection will be on Tuesday 20th April. Filled bags (black bin bags) may be left in the church porch on Monday 19th April, or earlier if you can't get there on 19th. We thought this might be a good opportunity to have a spring clear out and as all the local charity shops are currently closed we will happily collect things you are discarding. We can collect direct from you if you cannot get your bags to the church. If you need a black bag or bags for the collection, please let us know and we will deliver.

JAM AND MARMALADE: this is still available – ring me if you would like to buy some.

Lily Whymer, 507576, lilywhymer@gmail.com
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Stetchworth WI

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, 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.

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

Waste & Recycling Dates

Blue Bins: Thursdays 4th and 18th March

Green Bins: Thursdays 11th and 25th March

Black Bags: Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March

Waste must be ready for collection by 7am on your collection day but not earlier than 6pm the night before.



Girlguiding Linton District

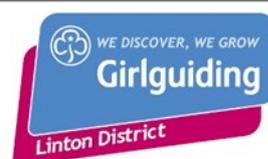
This month, it is all about achievements by our girls and leaders, that have happened in Linton district. During the last year from January 2020 to December 2020 our district has earned well over 1,000 badges. Quite an achievement considering we are not allowed to meet face to face. This covers every age and section from Rainbows 5-7, Brownies 7-10, Guides 10-14 and Rangers 14-18. We have also had one of our Rangers, Morgan, gain her Commonwealth Award. Our County Commissioner, Claire, presented it to her at one of their virtual meetings. We have had one Brownie, Ella from Horseheath Brownies, gain their Brownie Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest achievement that can be gained in each section. Megan who is one of our Guide leaders has been presented with her Leadership Qualification. All this has been achieved whilst we have had Covid-19 and not been allowed to meet face to face.

If you are interested to find out more about us or would like to join us as a girl or help one of our units look up <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/>.

If you are over 18, and would like to join an adult only group, have you ever thought of joining the Trefoil Guild? There is one in Linton and they are having all sorts of fantastic fun, currently virtually due to restrictions, then, look them up at <http://cambseastguides.org.uk/about-us/trefoil-guild>.

Whatever you would like to do, whatever age you are and however much time you have to spare there is something for you. You can even get involved and never leave the house, even when we can meet face to face.

Louisa, Linton District Commissioner / Email: lintondistrict@gmail.com / Tel: 07711 614328





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THANK YOU

Nikki

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We look forward to welcoming you soon

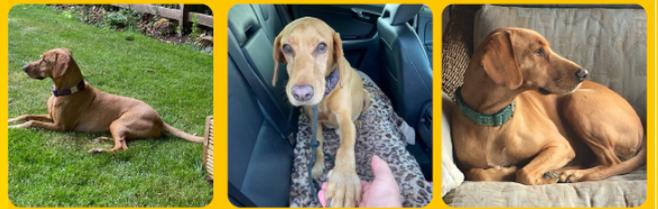
Current Opening Hours:

**Monday to Friday 12.00–1.30pm,
5.00–8.00pm**

Saturday 12.00–9.00pm

Sunday/Bank Holidays 12.00–5.00pm

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East Cambridgeshire District Council Update - Woodditton Ward, March 2021

We hope that everyone is keeping safe in the current situation.

Current working arrangements during COVID-19

During the current lockdown, the Council offices continue to be closed to visitors. Please use online facilities or call 01353 665555 to speak to the Customer Services team. Some of the Council team will be working on COVID specific duties rather their normal duties, so please bear with us if the response is longer than normal. Please contact us if you are having difficulty getting the response that you require.

The Government has announced further grant schemes for businesses forced to shut, such as pubs and restaurants. The District Council will be administering these grants, which are designed to keep these businesses afloat during the crisis. Please check the ECDC website for further details.

Dedicated car parking enforcement

The Finance & Assets Committee on 25th January approved implementation of CSAS, subject to agreement of the Chief Constable, for ECDC to implement car parking enforcement under section 38 of the Police and Crime Act 2017. This will mean that officers of the Council will be able to issue tickets to vehicles that offend parking law. Sadly, this was not a unanimous decision, being opposed by Lib Dem councillors.

Repairs to pathways and footpaths

The County Council at their budget setting meeting announced a budget of £4million per year for the next five years to bring the footpaths around the County up to an acceptable standard. Please contact Alan with any local issues that need to be addressed as part of this scheme.

Flooding Issues

We have had an exceptionally wet winter, and this has caused flooding issues around the country. The County Council has set up a group to log the issues around the County. From that information, plans will be drawn up as to how we can address those issues. Please email Alan with any details of flooding, that should be included in this work.

Surgeries

If you wish to discuss a Council issue in confidence, whether it relates to East Cambridgeshire District Council or Cambridgeshire County Council, please contact us and we will set up a virtual call.

Stay Safe

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East Cambridgeshire District Councillors for the Woodditton Ward



Stetchworth and Cheveley United Reformed Church

We are not ready to re-open for services just yet, but hope to do so as soon as circumstances permit.

In the meantime, if you 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.



March Church Services and Updates

It is likely our churches will be closed for services for most of March.
They remain open for Private Prayer and Reflection
(NB. Dullingham and Stetchworth are closed Saturdays
and Burrough Green and Carlton are currently closed for building work).

We will email any opening updates with our **Weekend Connection Reflection Service**
(nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk) and via our website: raddesley.com



Mother's Day Zoom Service, 14 March @ 10.00am

(the room will be open from 9.45am for a chat!)

Do join us!

Contact Revd Nikki for the link



Palm Sunday Zoom or Outdoor Service, 28 March @ 10.00am



If an outside service - further details via
Weekend Connection email & raddesley.com



+ Holy Week Compline - Night Service by Zoom, 29 - 30 March

(contact Revd Nikki for a paper copy or the link)

From the Archive

A photo, right, from 1951 of Mr and Mrs Arthur Jolly and family at Hall Farm Cottage, Stetchworth.

Further photos, documents and memories which have been collected over the years can be found in the Stetchworth Community Archive,
<https://ellesmeregardenclub.wixsite.com/scarchive>

A Note from the Editor

Dear Reader, the next edition of the Newsletter will be published in April. If you would like to share any items of interest, news, or information in the next edition, please e-mail me at stetchworthnews@gmail.com.

The deadline for articles is 20th March.

Catherine Hartness
Editor

