

the Stetchworth Newsletter

May 2021

May Services at St. Peter's Church

9th May, 9.00 am : Communion Service, Bishop of Huntingdon

23rd May, 6.00 pm : Evening Prayer



Whilst we are without a vicar if you wish to book a baptism, wedding or have any other queries please contact one of the churchwardens initially, details as below:

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I remember in the past staring at a blank screen and wondering where inspiration would come from to write something for our parish newsletters. I also remember being rather grateful that the particular deadline of getting a letter ready was no longer a deadline on me. It's always a particular challenge in that what you write will actually not be read for at least two weeks and actually wants to be meaningful for a month after that.

I didn't expect to be doing this again any time soon.

I know how much the Revd. Nikki's death came as a shock for us all. I have had so many conversations which have started "I just can't believe it". Nikki meant so much to so many people – not just those of her faith, but those of any faith and those of no faith. Those of us that share Nikki's deeply held faith at least have confidence of her rising in glory as one of those who, in the words we often use at Christmas Eve, rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. Nikki was maybe a sister to us all, but for her family not only that but also a mum, a wife, a daughter, and a very proud grandma.

As I write this the weather is varying between beautiful spring and frosty winter; we know it will change but it makes for chance to see the beauty around us. Take a moment, if you can, to see what is around, to breathe the air, to listen to the birdsong (increasingly starting earlier in the morning).

The work of the Church goes on; we have had meetings with the Rural Dean to plan the service patterns that we will follow. At least for a while we will continue to follow our normal plan of services, in person unless advice changes, but we will also try to get our "Reflections" emailed to those that would like them when we can (although it will not be every week). We don't have the full list of everyone that used to receive this, so please let us know, through your Churchwardens, if you want to receive it and have not received it recently. Our services will continue to be shown in the newsletter and the Benefice website www.raddesley.com – if you need the services of a priest, please in the first instance contact one of your Churchwardens, contact details left, or the Rural Dean the Revd. David Cleugh.

Alastair France

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East Cambridgeshire District Council Update - Woodditton Ward, May 2021

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

As the restrictions around Covid-19 are gradually relaxed, we can hopefully get back to some normality, whatever that is.

I would ask that everyone obeys the rules, as they are relaxed, which will help all of us stay safe and avoid a further rise in infection.

Full Council

The Annual Full Council meeting of the District Council is being held on 29th April and there will be a report of those proceedings next month.

Repairs to Highways, Pavements and Footpaths

As Alan has been going round the ward for the County Council elections, he has spoken to many residents and reported pavement repairs that are required. As previously advised, the Conservative County Council to put £20m into pavement footpath maintenance over the 2021/2026 period. Please continue to report potholes and the need for pavement repairs to the County Council and send a copy to Alan, so that he can ensure that the repairs happen.

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. Alan is setting up a surgery on Thursday 27th May, from 7pm until 8pm, so if you require a slot, please contact Alan.

Nikki Mann

The sad news of the passing of Reverend Nikki Mann has hit a lot of residents, especially those of us who knew her well. We will miss her support and appreciation of what we are doing for the community and our thoughts are with Matt and the family at this incredibly sad time. We will miss her bubbly personality that made everyone feel that their contribution was appreciated.

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 soon. Please see the URC noticeboard for further announcements.

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.

Craft 'n' Coffee
The meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Ellesmere Garden Club News



Wow! I can scarcely believe that I am writing about events in May! Just where has the time gone this year? Well the good news is we do have an event or two to offer you this coming month.

Firstly, on **Tuesday May 11th** a talk from Victoria Logue on Zoom – “**Extending the season in your garden.**” This has been organised by our own Club committee, and our secretary Judith (Judith.mahoney@btinternet.com) can give you the link if you don't already have it.

However, this is not the only gardening talk you can tune in to this month, as we are now a member of the **Tender Shoots** organisation, a loose affiliation of small garden clubs offering talks to all members. So here are some others you might like to listen to:

- Friday May 7th – Talk from Jeff Bates – “The Plant Hunters”
- Thursday May 13th – Talk from Margaret George – “The History of Herbs”
- Wednesday May 26th – Talk from Adrian James – “Gardens of Paradise” (this talk covers the history, design and symbolism of Persian/Islamic/Moghul gardens)

Again you will need the link for Zoom access, or alternatively you can listen on the Tender Shoots YouTube channel, where you can stop, start, rewind etc., but not interact live with the speaker to ask questions: www.youtube.com/channel/UCSovmB9ciZAd56IEvIbK8Rw. So why not try it and see if you like it? All zoom talks start at 7.30 pm with access available from 7.15pm to check connections and chat with friends.

Annual Spring Plant Sale is back!

Last, but certainly not least, is the great news that we are able to hold our **Annual Plant Sale** once again. It will take a slightly different format from previous years, in line with current restrictions, and thus will be a smaller affair. So please mark your diaries with **Saturday 22 May from 2-4pm.**

The stalls will be set up during the morning on the Ellesmere Centre field in gazebos or marquees, and a one-way system will be clearly indicated. We hope to be able to offer the old favourites of bedding plants, perennials, vegetables and herbs, bric-a-brac and a members' plant stall. You can now start dividing and potting up whatever you can offer for sale, and plants can be brought to the field on the morning of the sale. Stetchworth Church members have kindly agreed to provide refreshments – so everything you need for a lovely afternoon out will be there for you to enjoy. Do come and join us as we celebrate the gradual start of our nearly-normal gardening year!

Look out for more news next month.

Dullingham Station - Garden Open Sessions

You are invited to join us at the garden of the station. You are welcome to sit and watch the nature or if you wish to help with watering, pruning, weeding and planting that too would be much appreciated!

The sessions are drop in sessions, from 3-6pm, so spend as little or as long as you wish. Unfortunately, there are no refreshments available, and no toilet, and will be weather dependant. There is no need to pay for parking when at these sessions, just put a note on your windscreen.



Covid restrictions will apply.

- Thursday 20th May
- Thursday 27th May
- Thursday 3rd June
- Thursday 10th June
- Thursday 17th June

Any queries, do phone Sue Park on 01 638 508273.

Stetchworth WI

Our first Zoom meeting of the year held in March was by Geoff Evans about Alaska. Not only is he an interesting speaker but he takes the most amazing photographs to accompany any talk he gives. He and his wife went on a trip of a lifetime in the search of the big brown bear. He was fortunate to find them, get up close and photograph them eating salmon as they swam up stream to spawn.

Our April meeting was a talk about the life and times of Coco Chanel. She led a very eventful life. Starting from nothing to becoming a world famous clothes designer, running her own business and even becoming the mistress of a German spy during WW2 and doing a bit of spying herself.

Our next meeting will be at **7.30 pm, Tuesday, 4th May** - Zoom talk by Ian Cummings "The Great British Bake Off Contestant". Obviously for now these meetings will be for members only.



For further information please contact Lynn Curtis on 01638 508777.

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

Waste & Recycling Dates

Green Bins: Friday 7th and Thursday 20th May

Blue Bins: Thursdays 13th and 27th May

Black Bags: Friday 7th and Thursdays 13th, 20th and 27th May

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



Mobile Library

Jubilee Court, Stetchworth

The mobile library visits the fourth Wednesday of every month, arriving at 2.25pm and leaving at 3.00pm.

Call 0345 045 5225 to use the Select and Collect service to request a collection of books based on your taste.

Please order at least a week in advance.

News from the Ellesmere Centre



The Shop and Post Office are open from 9.00 am - 12.00 pm weekdays only.
Entrance is still at the far end of the building.

The outside facilities are now available for football, tennis and netball.
From 17th May we should once again be open for indoor sport, classes and coffee mornings.

Our new parent and toddler group will start on 27th May.

There will be two sessions 9.30-11.30 am and 1.00-3.00 pm.
A maximum of 15 parents allowed so booking is essential if you want to be sure of a place.
If you would like to register to join the group and for more details
please drop us an email so we can keep you informed.

Outdoor live music will be coming in the Summer



Dates for your diary:

27th June - music and afternoon tea with a bar

11th July - Summer Show

31st July - Live Band and BBQ/bar-early evening

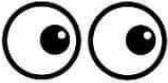
21st August - Live Band and BBQ/bar-early evening

The gigs will be suitable for all ages and children friendly with sweets and ice creams
and the park to play on. Bring along the whole family.
Times and confirmation will appear in next month's Newsletter.

Please call us or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ellesmerecentre)
to keep up with the latest rules and regulations on
what is permitted at the Centre.

Emails are still picked up daily and the office is open from 9.00 - 11.00 am.

The Ellesmere Centre, Ley Road, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS. <https://ellesmerecentre.org.uk>
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St. Peter's Church, Stetchworth

RETURN TO CHURCH: It is good to be back in church for services again after over three months with emailed or Zoom services. However, not one of us could have foreseen the circumstances of our return without our Vicar, Rev'd Nikki, who had been with us for just three and a half years. Arrangements for her funeral are yet to be finalised – it will take place on 6th May at 3.00pm at Stetchworth church, but unfortunately due to the current restrictions only thirty members of her close family will be able to attend. The service will be livestreamed so that parishioners will be able to join the service as it takes place.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: This will take place on Tuesday 11th May at 7.30 pm and will be a virtual meeting. If you would like to join us please email Alastair for the link; afrance@jdpw.com.

FUNDRAISING – CLOTHES COLLECTION: Thank you to all those people who donated clothing and accessories for our collection. They were collected but we do not yet know how much profit we will receive.

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Stetchworth Parish Council



The Annual Parish Meeting
will take place
in the Small Hall at the Ellesmere Centre
on Tuesday 18th May at 7.30 pm
and will be followed
by the Annual Parish Council Meeting

Raddesley Benefice Services for May

<p>2 May 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8</p>	<p>9.00am Brinkley Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft</p> <p>10.30am Burrough Green Rev'd Andrew Rycraft</p>	<p>Holy Communion</p> <p>Family Service</p>
<p>9 May 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 10:44-48 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17</p>	<p>9.00am Stetchworth Bishop Dagmar, Bishop of Huntingdon</p> <p>10.30am Dullingham Bishop Dagmar, Bishop of Huntingdon</p>	<p>Holy Communion Josephine</p> <p>Morning Prayer Josephine</p>
<p>16 May Sunday after Ascension Acts 1: 7-11; 15-17, 21-26 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19</p>	<p>9.00am Burrough Green</p> <p>10.30am Brinkley</p>	<p>Holy Communion (said)</p> <p>Morning Prayer Josephine</p>
<p>23 May Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</p>	<p>10.30am Dullingham</p> <p>6.00pm Stetchworth</p>	<p>Holy Communion Liz</p> <p>Evening Prayer Liz</p>
<p>30 May Trinity Sunday Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17</p>	<p>10.30am Westley Waterless</p>	<p>Benefice Communion Service Liz</p>

From the Archive

A photo, right, taken in Hunstanton in 1941 of Stetchworth resident Queenie Cockerton with her army vehicle.

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 June. 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 May.

Catherine Hartness
Editor

