



# *St John-in-Bedwardine Parish Magazine*

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## *A Word from the Editors*

Welcome to our (special, extra) August magazine. As we move, slowly, out of lockdown, this magazine has a slightly more normal feel to it. We are able to report things that have happened, and to let you know about things which are planned to happen.

Our hope is that, as we move forward in faith out of lockdown, we can hold on to the good bits of lockdown in the care that has been shown by many to many.

As one thing we still cannot do (at the time of writing) is to sing in worship, this month we leave you with prayerful words from hymns:

*Help us to help each other, Lord,  
each other's cross to bear;  
let each his friendly aid afford,  
and feel another's care.*

*Guide me O thou great redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land:  
I am weak but thou are mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.*

*Graham and Sue Evans*

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## *From Phil Bradford*

‘Wars always put a brake on progress.’ More than twenty years later, I can still recall the ‘question’ for my A’ level history coursework. As an enthusiastic seventeen-year-old, I set to work tearing apart the question as one was meant to do, arguing about the definition of progress and how war could accelerate certain types of progress. Faced with that question today, I am not sure how I would respond.



In the ensuing years, I have read thousands of books. I have stood in silence in places where some of the most terrible events in human history have happened, from the gas chambers of Auschwitz, to the killing fields of Cambodia, to the memorials of Nagasaki and to the twisted wreckage of Ground Zero in New York. Here, I have confronted the ugliness of the idolatry of what is termed progress, the creation of ever more sophisticated means of mass slaughter and the prioritising of profit over humanity. From an ethical perspective, I think I might now argue that war does indeed always put a brake on progress (whatever that is), because it necessarily introduces a rupture into human relations where evil and hatred flourish. Look at photos of the wreckage of Warsaw or Berlin 1945 and it is hard indeed to discern anything positive about what has happened.

With the detached perspective of a historian, it is far easier to look at the positives which resulted from a war, even if we must always accept that a terrible cost was exacted along the way. World War II, for example, caused the world to change for the better in many ways, something we can see with the distance of time. That was not evident in 1945. Amidst the relief and rejoicing that fighting was over, people had to confront a devastated world. Beyond the initial euphoria, the future was daunting and uncertain. The positive consequences we might identify now were not apparent then, in a world which had been on the brink of destruction. After an event of great magnitude, it takes many years to come to terms with it and even begin to be able to analyse its effects and significance.

That needs to be remembered as we take the first tentative steps beyond lockdown in the Coronavirus world, acutely aware that the crisis is far from over. There will be inquiries, but it will be decades before anyone can truly begin to understand and explain the significance of this crazy year. I have found it very difficult to write about holding on to the positives of lockdown, because as yet I do not think I have even begun to process the past few months. It is harder because my instinctive reaction is deeply negative: I have hated lockdown, I have been enormously critical of the government’s abject incompetence, and I

have to admit to being one of those who feel it was an enormous overreaction. The feeling of being trapped, of not being able to see friends and family, of not being able to do simple things like catch a train or pop into a shop to buy something, of encountering fear in people's eyes as you pass them in the street, has been dislocating and exhausting. Any genuine attempt to come to terms with what has happened must begin with honesty, with the fact that for many people 2020 has been a grim, lonely, miserable year.

That same honesty, however, will also at some point allow many of us to start to understand some of the positive points, even if it takes time.

When I begin to appraise the past few weeks with a less jaundiced eye, I can indeed begin to perceive signs of hope, things it is worth holding on to as we move forward. Many of us have realised how much we took others for granted, it only being when we could no longer see them that we understood just how important our friends and families are in our lives. Perhaps that will lead us to value others more, to make time for them rather than squeeze them into the gaps amidst a frantic pace of living.

More than anything, we have learnt the value of those who have been treated so badly in recent years in the idolisation of markets and productivity: when the world is reduced to questions of life and death, it turns out that it is our medical and care staff, our shop workers, our delivery drivers, our bin collectors and the like who are really essential in our society. We have learned to recognise this and demonstrate our appreciation in recent months, but this should now translate into appreciation for them in normal times, including treating them properly in terms of working conditions and pay.

In a time of need, people volunteered and helped others in a million different ways; as the pace of life slowed, time was found to support and care for those in need. For all the pain, there have been positives, changes for the better to which we should cling as we head into a changed world. Perhaps, in the midst of it all, we have glimpsed something of the love of God, a love which holds us through the storm.

*Phil*

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Mary Louise Keating	10 August 1985
Arthur Leonard Sage	11 August 1990
Albert David Oxford Williams	13 August 1981
William Walter George Dow	24 August 1982

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In memoriam items are included until the fortieth anniversary.  
An extension may be requested by family or friends of those named.

*Information from the church registers will be published when the lockdown ends.*

## *Sundays and Principal Feasts in August*

Sunday 2nd August: The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Thursday 6th August: The Transfiguration of our Lord

Sunday 9th August: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 16th August: The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 23rd August: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Monday 24th August: Bartholomew the Apostle

Sunday 30th August: The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Go to page 35 to see who Phil has his doubts about in the August liturgical calendar.

## *Collect for 2nd August*

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## *Collect for 23rd August*

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

*I was glad when they said unto me,  
“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”*

At last! Worship in our churches has resumed. The first post-lockdown service in the West Worcester Group was a service of Grief and Gratitude at St John’s on Sunday 5th July.



The first communion services were at St John’s on 7th July (cover and above) and at St Michael’s on 9th July (below).



*Graham Evans*

## *Reflection from Sarah Cottrill*

When the makers of medieval maps wanted to indicate uncharted areas, where potential dangers were thought to exist, they did so by putting illustrations of dragons, sea monsters and other mythological creatures. Hence the expression “Here be dragons” implying dangerous or unexplored territories.



The period of lockdown was certainly uncharted territory but in many ways the present time, as we gradually come out of lockdown, is even more so. At least during lockdown we knew, on the whole, what the rules were. Apart from essential shopping, exercise and to go to work if unable to work from home, we stayed at home.

Now though, things are less clear-cut. Some people remain wary of venturing out but for those who are ready to take that step, there are so many questions: do we have to wear face masks or not? How effective are they? Is it safe to go clothes shopping and if we do, can we or can't we try things on or return them? How many people can be in an indoor space? Some shops are limiting the number of customers allowed in, but others don't seem to be; numbers at weddings and funerals are limited but not at weekly church services. Singing is not allowed in church but it's ok in a Crematorium Chapel.



*The text ‘Hic Sunt Dracones’ (“Here are dragons”) on the Hunt-Lenox Globe, dating from around 1504.*

It's very confusing and behind it all lies the lurking fear that the virus will strike again – and possibly with even more devastating results. We are indeed in uncharted waters, facing unknown and unseen dangers and can, with good reason, say “Here be dragons!”

It is not all doom and gloom though.

People are taking pleasure in being able to meet others again; are encouraged by the small steps towards the fondly remembered norms of pre-lockdown life. Most important of all, for Christians, is the knowledge that whatever we may have to face in the future, our God will face it with us and guide us through.

In his Christmas broadcast of 1939 King George VI quoted these words, from Minnie Louise Haskins' poem, "God knows:"

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:*

*"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

*And he replied:*

*"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.*

*That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."*

*So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.*

*And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.*

George VI was speaking to a nation in the early months of World War Two; the people he addressed were facing an uncertain, but undoubtedly dangerous future, fighting against a determined and ruthless enemy. The words brought comfort then, and I hope they may do the same now, for we too are facing an uncertain time, fraught with potential danger and fighting an enemy we cannot see but whose devastating effect has been felt by so many over the last few months. I have heard a great deal about the "spirit of the blitz" when during the war, people united to help each other and to show defiance to Hitler, refusing to allow him to break their spirit. Some of that same spirit has been demonstrated over recent months, as people have come together to help neighbours and to fundraise or sew for the NHS.

If showing defiance to the enemy means going against government advice, then obviously we cannot do that, but we can refuse to allow the virus to get us down. We can give each other both practical and emotional support and we can pray – for ourselves, our community, our medical professionals and those entrusted with the responsibility of leading us through this time which is uncharted territory for them, as much as it is for us.

I don't know the faith perspective of our political leaders. I don't know if they follow a Christian or other faith or if they have no faith in anything but their own abilities. At this time the government are relying heavily on scientists and medical experts to advise them on how to deal with the present situation and how best to lead us safely through it.

Let us hope that some of them, at least, are people of faith who will hold us all up before God. Then they with us, will still have to accept that "here be dragons" but we can also know that, with our hands in the hand of God, we can tread gladly into the night with faith and confidence for the future.

*Sarah*



*Saturday*

*12th September*  
*Get out and about!*

West Worcester Group  
of Churches'  
'Day Retreat'

After all the ups-and-downs of the last few months, would you like an opportunity to spend some time with others in prayerful reflection? Or perhaps a chance to get out into the countryside? Or a chance to 'do something'?

Well now you can! Every year in September the National Churches Trust promotes the 'Ride+Stride'. This year I am organising a route that will combine the 'Ride+Stride' with a "Day Retreat". The route will include timetabled stops for Morning Prayer, Prayer During the Day, Café Church and Evening Prayer



and will include the quiet, riverside path to Hallow, well away from the roads, to enjoy the sounds and sights of nature. We will pass 5 churches. In total the route will be about 7.5 miles and we will start at 10am at St John's for Morning Prayer and finish at St Clement's at 5pm for Evening Prayer.

The plan is for a group to walk the route with people joining for all or part of the walk and other people joining in for some or all the prayer activities. How you participate is up to you!

- You could walk the full route with us and join in with all the prayer activities.
- You could drive or cycle between the stopping points and just join in with the prayer activities.
- You could just join in with one prayer activity.
- You could walk with the group and enjoy the countryside but not join in with the prayer activities.
- You could do this as a "sponsored" activity (seek sponsors and fundraise for whichever church you choose), or join in and treat it wholly as a Retreat.

The final route, timetable and locations for the prayer activities will be published in the September magazine. If you would like to find out more (without obligation) please speak to me.

*Philip Evans*

## *Rain didn't stop play!*



Since we were allowed to meet outside, small groups of people who live alone have been meeting to chat and enjoy tea and cake in the vicarage garden. For the first few weeks the weather was kind to us and, if anything, we were too hot.

Then July came – and with it, the rain! These hardy ladies weren't put off though – after all, we're British!

*Sarah Cottrill*

### *Sudoku Puzzle*

*The solution  
is on the  
inside back  
cover.*

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### *Multiply!*

Noah opened up the ark and let all the animals out, telling them to “Go forth and multiply!” He began to close the great doors of the ark when he noticed that there were two snakes still sitting in a dark corner. Concerned, he said to them: “Didn't you hear me? You can go now. Go forth and multiply.”

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## *Summer Holiday Community Café - update*

As reported in the last magazine, since the beginning of the year a group of people from West Worcester Churches and Hope Church have been discussing how we could help the large number of disadvantaged families living in Dines Green and particularly those in receipt of Free School Meals or people experiencing loneliness and social isolation.

Over the past few weeks these discussions have continued apace along with involvement from several other local organisations including Action for Children, AgeUK and Worcester Community Trust.

Last month we were still trying to finalise suitable premises. It has now been confirmed that the Community Café will be able to use the Green Centre which comes with a commercial kitchen and is large enough that staff and volunteers will be able to work at a safe 'social distance'. The size of the hall also means that we are now able to plan to have sit-in meals rather than just a takeaway service.

The plan now is for the café to run for the month of August, starting on Monday 3rd August and to run for 4 days a week.

Work has also been ongoing applying for funding from various sources and it is fantastic to be able to report that we now have enough funding to run the café. The funding means that we will be able to employ three people to cook the food and run the café.

But we will still need volunteers to help to make it better. Could you help? We will need people to help guide people through the building to ensure social distancing is maintained, we will need people to help with food preparation and we will need people to help with setting up and clearing away.

If you would be willing to help, even just one-day a week, or would like more details, please contact Philip Evans, Phil Bradford or Sarah Cottrill.

*Philip Evans*

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## *Confused?*

A doctor in our local surgery would play a game with his younger patients to put them at ease, and to test their knowledge of body parts. And so it was that one day, while pointing to my young son's ear, the doctor asked him solemnly, "Is this your nose?"

Alarmed, my son glanced over to me and said softly: "Mum, I think we'd better find a new doctor!"



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## *Update from Worcester Cathedral*

**Open for Worship:** The Cathedral's first and foremost purpose, of offering worship day by day, goes on. We are open for public worship at 10.30am on Sundays, 1pm on Wednesdays, and 11.30am on Fridays. The Sunday 10.30am eucharist is live-streamed to the Worcester Cathedral Facebook page. The 1662 Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship of the Church of England are used daily.

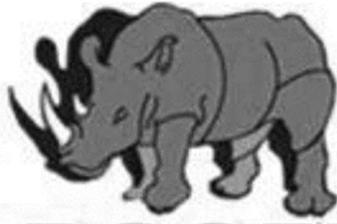


### **Open for Visiting**

Worcester Cathedral is open for visiting from 1pm - 3pm on Sundays and from 11am to 3pm Monday to Saturday. There is restricted access to some areas of the Cathedral. The Cloister Cafe is also now open for take away refreshments Monday to Saturday from 11am - 3pm. The Cathedral toilets, shop and tower are closed at this time.

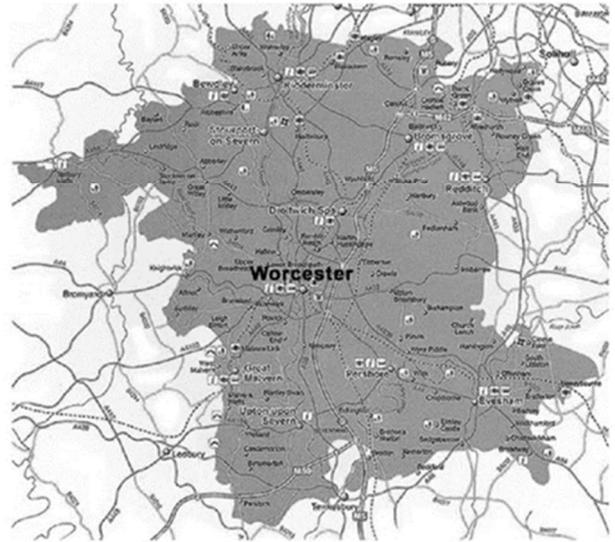
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*Taken from the Cathedral website 19th July 2020.*



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## *My Lockdown Experience – when will it ever end?*

I expect the last 16 weeks have been very similar for many of us. Clearing out cupboards, wardrobes and bookshelves and having to find somewhere to put the clothes and bric-a-brac until AGE-UK re-opened! Fortunately, our second son Julian, was furloughed until the middle of June and did our shopping and other errands for us. One positive was that I have had time to get on and launder the church altar cloths!



The two events I'd had booked since last year, were, of course cancelled. The first was to have been a week's break to Budapest with four friends in early May; and secondly a luncheon on 10th June at the National Memorial Arboretum to celebrate the Wrens' 100th Anniversary.

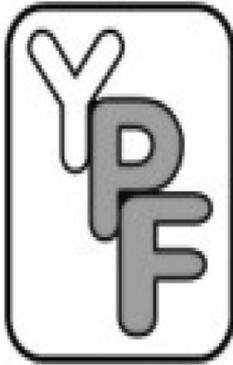
On Sunday mornings we watched the Morning Service on BBC1, and more recently we joined the Eucharist from the Cathedral via Facebook. We did enjoy being able to take part, and were also grateful to Phil and Sarah for the Pew Sheets they produced each week.

We enjoyed the lovely weather and spent a great deal of time in the garden; we enjoyed the occasional car ride into the countryside for a change of scenery! I have had enough of crosswords, sudokus and other puzzles! We are unable to attend the funerals of dear friends; but hope one day to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries with family and friends.

*Jo Dowling*

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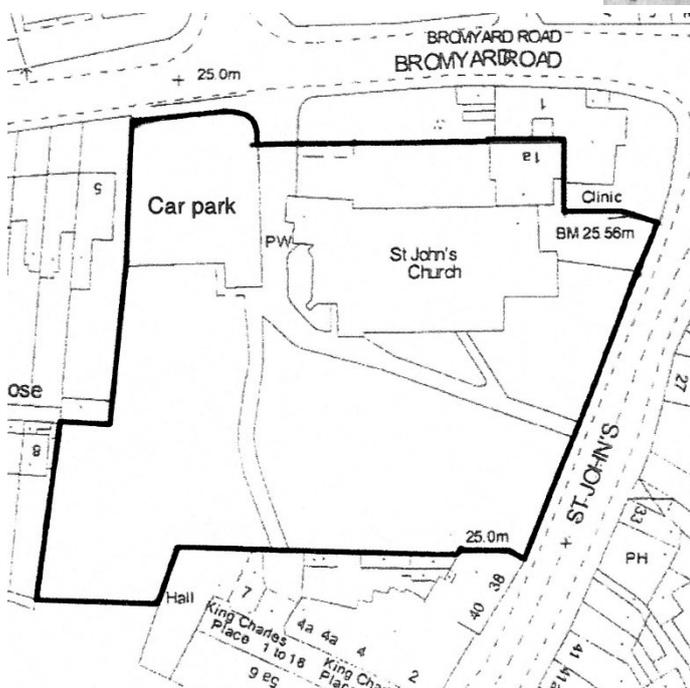
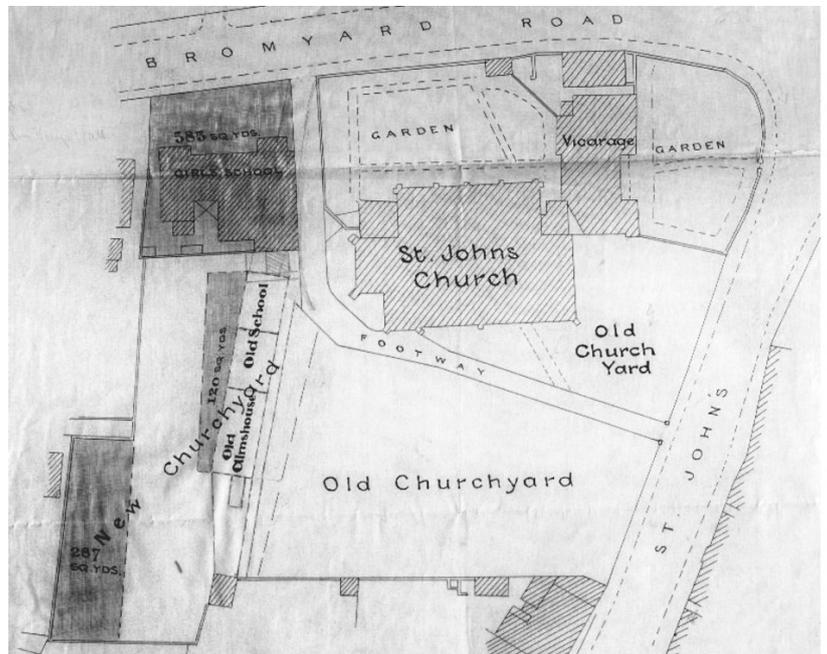
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## *Churchyard Update July 2020*

As many of you will know, I have been working in the churchyard over the past couple of years to try and maintain an area that can be used by us or the wider community. Sometimes I have had help and at other times I go up on my own to do what I can. This year has been hard as the Church of England decided that we could not even tend our churchyards during the COVID Pandemic and so all the plans I had for spring this year were sadly put on hold.

I recently discovered a charity called Caring for God's Acre (<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/>) which provides advice and help for those looking after churchyards, so I have joined it on behalf of our church. It talks about making a plan of what you want to achieve looking at the short and longer term and provides advice on the flora and fauna that inhabit our churchyards.

One of the first things it suggests is to have a map of the churchyard, so I had a look and found this one from my visit to The Hive when looking into the burials in the church. As you can see it is a little old as the extension for the main Altar is not shown on the building and it highlights the Old and New Graveyards and has the old Almshouses on it.



Based on the information that Rev Phil found about the alterations of the church this puts the map to pre-1885, accurate shape-wise but a bit old! I have since found a more modern one that Brian Askew uses for his work in maintaining the church and that is a bit more modern but still does not have things like the trees on it.

I have now done a quick audit of the trees and found that we have at least sixteen mature trees, with many more

saplings, including Sycamores, Copper Beech, Cherries, Holly and Yews.

I will be looking now at the plants we have growing, especially those that support wildlife in any way. If you have been into the churchyard this spring you will have seen the poppies that are growing near the entrance to the Arcade and these were ones that I sowed last autumn, which were given to me following a talk we had about wartime markings made by soldiers on trees a couple of years ago and they are the Flanders Poppy. These are the most ostentatious flowers in the patch but actually there are many other species growing in that area as I also sowed a mix of wildflowers.



My intention this spring was to sow more along that wall towards the road, but I could not do that so I will be doing that in the autumn. Eventually I would like to see wildflowers all the way down to the road and the Council guy is not mowing that area so that they can establish themselves. Already I have seen many insects, including a number of varieties of bees looking for nectar in the flowers. I have taken some photos, but they do not come out well in black and white so I have put some on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stjohninbedwardine>).

I am also trying to create a list of the wildlife that has been seen in the churchyard, so if you can positively identify something that you have seen then I would be very grateful if you could share that with me. I have seen or the following have been reported to me as having been in or over the churchyard: Grey Squirrel, Red



Kite, Raven, Song Thrush, Robin, Blackbird, Blackcap, Black Redstart, Great Black-backed Gull, Herring Gull, Buzzard and Wren. A few years ago we had Bird Watchers in the churchyard as a Black Redstart had been seen on the roof of the church. I am sure this list will increase, especially when I start identifying the insects.

I was too late this year to prune the Hydrangea beside the Parish Office entrance, so it is going to be big this year, but it already is starting to look very picturesque with all its flower heads. I have bought some very large pots and have them along the edge of the lawn beside the Dentist car park area to try to stop parking on the lawn. Of course, these went in just before lockdown so they suffered a bit without regular watering, but luckily, they have picked up now I can water them each week.

One of the downsides of the Pandemic is that teenagers have been grouping in the churchyard and this has created a lot of rubbish that needs to be picked up regularly. I say teenagers as it is mainly sweet and crisp wrappers and soft drink bottles. We have also had some minor damage such as signs being pulled up and



thrown away and at least one rose has been taken. A shame but they have obviously been very bored since they have been able to go out but not go to school.

In the main though, as the images show, the grounds are looking pretty good this summer, if I do say so myself. Definitely many people pass through the churchyard during the day and some stop to sit for a while. There have even been family picnics while I have been there, which is lovely to see the grounds being used in a positive way. If you think that you would like to help with the churchyard then please do get in touch or pop up and see me on a Wednesday morning when I am usually there.

*Colin Nash*

# Scouting during Lockdown

**Scouts**  **Skills for life** 2nd Worcester Red Pack Cub Scouts

Hello everyone from Red Pack Cubs

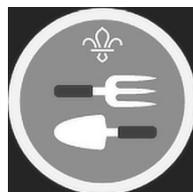
It has been a very strange few months for us all and for Scouting. You may have been wondering what has been happening with Scouting in St John's especially when you, like me, have been queueing outside Sainsbury's and look over to the Scout hut and see the gates locked.



Well the good news is that Scouting is still alive and well. Our motto above says 'Skills for Life', so we have all learnt new ways to enjoy our Scouting. For some people like me, it has been quite a steep but rewarding learning curve. I had not heard of Zoom before March, but since April we have used it every week for Scouting and for other activities.

In March we were told that face to face Scouting had to stop almost overnight and when the schools closed we did too. After a few weeks off over Easter to learn about Zoom and to organise ourselves, we have been busy ever since.

Red Pack cubs have been attending our Zoom meetings every week and have enjoyed all our activities. Cubs have had the opportunity to achieve various activity badges such as Bookreader, Home Help, Artist, Athletics, Gardener, Chef and Photographer with support from their families. The good weather has helped and I have seen many lovely photos of cubs keeping very busy and having fun. I am looking forward to presenting many badges as soon as possible.



*The photographs show a Red Pack cub and her brother, a Scout, at one of our camp Zoom meetings, a cub's toilet roll face, a cub twig raft floating in the bath (the sail says "Red Pack Camp at home May 2020") and a cub cooking breakfast.*



For us all a real highlight was in May, over the VE Day weekend, when all leaders at 2nd Worcester Scout Group organised and ran a group indoor camp at home for our Beavers,



Cubs, Scouts and leaders. Again, the weather was really lovely so we could have a good go at all our activities outside. Our families all had fun together and joined in. I was very impressed by the cubs' creative skills with their toilet roll seats and their twig rafts. The cub rafts all floated and stayed together much better than mine but I had fun too. On the Saturday evening we had a virtual campfire on Zoom complete with real fires and marshmallows for some cubs. I know there were lots of smiley faces during this event and singing, but to keep us all happy, and so we could all hear our leaders, we put ourselves on mute.

We are now planning to join in with the National Scout Indoor camp weekend in July so that should be fun too. Then by the time this article is published we will have closed for the summer as usual.

What will happen in September and next term? We will just have to see ...

I hope you have enjoyed reading this article and we hope to see you soon.

*Sue Fairman  
Akela - 2nd Worcester Red Pack*



## *Diddy Disciples*

I am writing this after our first Sunday with children's worship after lockdown! It's been a long time coming, but the 4 children who came were so excited to be back together and I think the congregation enjoyed seeing them at the end of the service like usual.

Coming back to church definitely came at the right time for us. You may have noticed that our broadcastings of Diddy Disciples stopped - after filming 14 services my little helpers decided they didn't want to do it without their friends any more! Luckily, the next week was our first Sunday back together!



We are operating 'Sunday School bubbles' for both Diddy Disciples and Explorers. At the moment, the two groups can't mix and need to social distance from the rest of the congregation. We are trying to keep distance in the bubbles as well as you can see from our yoga mats and craft packs.

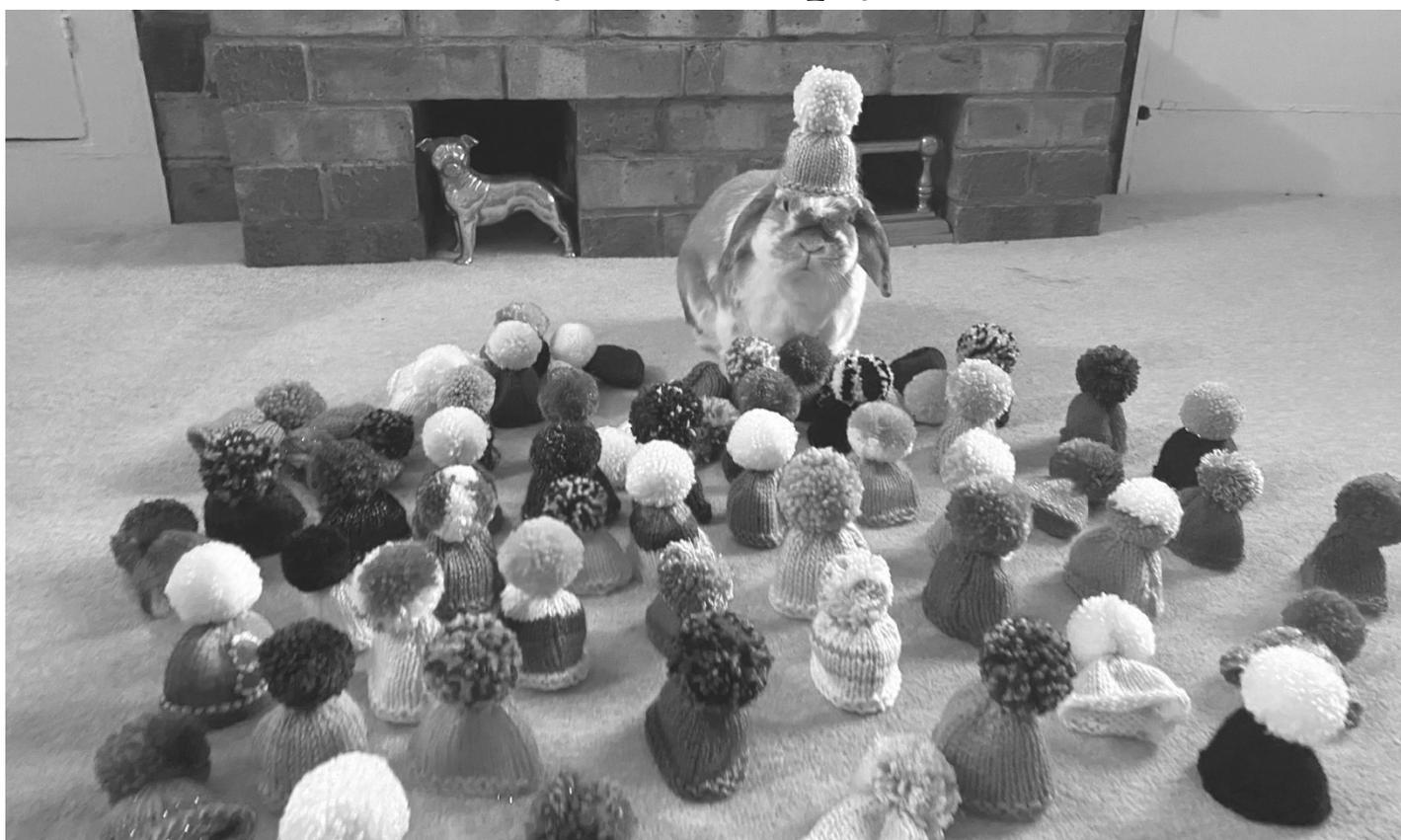
The children have adapted so well to their 'new normal' and we took some time to talk about what they enjoyed in lockdown, even though it's been a very tricky time. Their answers included: more time to play, more time with mummy and daddy and lots of time in the garden.

We also decided that decorating our windows to cheer people up was lots of fun. I think our family has learnt from our time in lockdown to slow down and really enjoy each other - what will you take forward with you?

*See you soon  
Amy Rees*



## *They're multiplyin'*



My daughter Sally has been busy knitting hats for the Age UK Big Knit. So far she has done 61.

*Colin Nash*

## *Post Lockdown Walk*

Sandra and I decided to start visiting National Trust (NT) properties again now things are slowly opening up after the easing of the lockdown. Visiting these places is one of the main things we have missed during the lockdown, apart from being able to get close to friends and family. The NT are opening properties where people can walk whilst remaining socially distanced. None of the houses are open, but in some cases the grounds are, as at Croome Park.



Unfortunately, at present you cannot just turn up at the gate and get in. Tickets must be booked online, and paid for if not a member, with a timed entry to the property.

So, we took our daughter's dog, Winston the Border Terrier (who stays with us during the day while Fiona is at work) and set off for our timed entry on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July. On arrival a member of staff checks you have booked and tells you what you can and cannot do in the grounds. The car park was quite full. They are getting up to 720 people a day, which compares with over 2000 on normal busy days. We walked through the outside seating area for the café, which had just opened at the weekend, and past the shop, which had also just opened, and out into the grounds.



They have set up a one way system through the park so that there should not be any people walking against the flow and it was working well. You can see the arrows in the picture above. Coming out at the church it was lovely to look over the fields and woods all the way to the Malvern Hills. The route takes you down



to the lake first, where you have the option of walking round it or bypassing it as there are a couple of bridges that could be difficult for wheelchairs. We walked round the lake and soaked up the lovely scenery. We saw dragonflies and damselflies around the water's edge and a graceful heron came down on to the grass near us. Winston suddenly became interested in an area of grass and all 3 of us watched a shrew or something working its way down the bank under the grass until it disappeared.

After walking round the lake the route takes you along the main path towards the house, but unfortunately the house area is all closed off. So, we walked back up the

hill to the church and back for a drink in the café before going home. It was lovely to be able to get back to a NT property and we look forward to more trips out in the coming weeks.

*Colin Nash*

## *Updates from France*

The most severe effects of “lock down” have been removed now for most citizens. So markets in the open air are now frequented as before the start of the pandemic - the use of masks being the markers of the changes of personal habit and the hope of holding off any “spikes”.

The cafés, bistros & restaurants are all open and, apart from some small increases in prices, seem to be as frequented as before.... so the beloved “aperos” are again “de rigueur”.



On July 2nd we celebrated our patronal festival at the village church in Sabadel (dedicated to St Martial) even though the official date was the 30th of June. Some 40 people enjoyed a Mass/Vespers combined service followed by drinks and light bites afterwards - using the space in the porch and just outside - a wonderful

opportunity for our locals to meet, chat and catch up on the village news. Some had not met since before lockdown!

The organisation of the church has been altered since last I wrote to you - easier because it is just a matter of moving chairs! The “social distancing” was reduced from 2 metres to 1 metre+ which means that some 50 chairs have been “stacked” at the end of the nave on the benches and taken out of use. The rest have been placed in semi-circular



fashion to enhance the sense of community - improving the “belonging” for both the Mass and Vespers. I am now taking Vespers every Thursday evening at 6 pm which is proving increasingly popular with parishioners coming from a number of the local village churches.

<b>Vespers: format</b>	
1. Introductory chant :	† Dieu, viens à mon aide R Seigneur, à notre secours
	Gloire au Père, et au Fils et au Saint-Esprit Au Dieu qui est, qui était et qui vient, Pour les siècles des siècles. Amen Alléluia
2. Psalm [for the day/morning]	
3. Psalm [for the evening]	
4. Prayer [Cantique] (sung/chanted)	
5. Reading (Péricope) [for the evening]	
6. Magnificat [Cantique de Marie] (said [in French] or chanted in Latin)	
7. Intercessions [set for the evening] plus local needs prayers	
8. Nunc Dimittis [Cantique de Syméon] (said [in French] or chanted in Latin)	
9. The Lord’s Prayer [Notre Père]	
10. Benediction	Que le Seigneur nous bénisse et nous garde, † le Père, le Fils et le Saint-Esprit.
Valediction [Envoi]	Allez dans la paix du Christ R Nous rendons grâce à Dieu!

This week saw another important development - the first rehearsal of our local large choir, held in the largest local church to allow suitable distancing - in order to prepare items for a service of “remembrance” which will take place in the church on 1st August [the first day that choirs can begin singing again in public worship!] The service will express thanks for all choir members & others, who have died during recent difficult times. The programme includes Mozart Ave Verum, & the Lacrimosa [from the Requiem], plus the Sanctus/Benedictus of the Misa a Buenos Aires by Martin Palmieri.

A welcome opportunity to sing - only made difficult by the wearing of masks! That changes the quality of sound perhaps but not the enthusiasm! Hopefully by the time I get back to join you in September our singing at St John’s will be back to “normal” (even if with masks).

*Arthur Miller*

## ***Words from the Phoenix***

*Students at Christopher Whitehead Language College, years 7 to 9, have created a new student magazine, the Phoenix. Here is a selection of articles kindly provided for us.*

### ***What are our priorities?***

Think back to what was on the news at the beginning of the year.

It was Brexit, Harry and Meghan, and climate change. What is on the news now? Coronavirus .... And almost nothing else. Although climate change isn't on the news, it is still evident.

Coronavirus has shown that governments can act quickly to a problem. They have unexpectedly closed everything down to stop the spread. They have cancelled flights, transport, shops, almost everything. So why didn't they do that for climate change?

If they had done the same with climate change, then it would have almost been halted. Why aren't we acting in the same way with climate change? Well, it is because Coronavirus is much more visible. We can see that people get sick.

Climate change, on the other hand seems less imminent, and you do have to look hard. This means that some politicians don't believe in it as much and refuse to spend money on it.

So, you can see why the government prioritised coronavirus. But they should give the same attention to climate change. While it is not on the news, it is still there.

*Owen Jarvis (Year 7)*

### ***Life in Lockdown***

Not too picky me. Don't need much; just enough to be getting along with.

It's getting repetitive by now; we are all bored senseless. That's how it works though, in a lockdown. Adults having binge-watched every single episode of every single series that they can get their hands on. It used to be having Sky Movies made you special and rich but now everyone has it: there is nothing better to do. People splashed the cash on a 3-month Sky Sports and BT Sport subscription before remembering that all the sport got cancelled, so the only thing on is the virtual Grand Prix and the FIFA tournament.

Everyone is coming up with random challenges for friends to do but that's the new normal. We have, by now, settled into a new daily routine, get up; have breakfast; do school; play on the Xbox; play football; go to sleep. And that's all

that there is to it. When Joe Wicks PE first started, everyone was up for it: adults included. But now every night people coming up with new excuses as to why they can't do it tomorrow. 'The dog ate my gym kit' or 'my ankle has stiffened up overnight' yet they can somehow walk to the snack drawer 20 times a day with extraordinary ease.

I'm playing football every day, down the bottom of the garden; trying to score some goals. Imagining that I was playing with my team, passing to the wall version of my team mates before single-handedly carrying my imaginary team straight through the world cup before finally returning to school and normality.

But what is normality? Should we be out having VE day street parties or are we barking up the wrong tree with social distancing etc.? We applaud the amazing NHS workers and key workers and we wonder whether we have to go back or not, back to the same old hectic life that we were used to or if we can stay in this new-found normality. Some prefer it this way, me included. I like the new way of life: lazy mornings, lunch when I feel like it, I prefer it like this; with a bit of flexibility in my life. Of course, it would be selfish for me to want the new normal to stay, because of all of the key workers, putting their lives at risk every day and it is not fair. But even so, a small part of me likes this new normal and wants it to stay.

But nonetheless, there are so many aspects of our old lives that I miss: meeting with my friends; playing a football match every weekend with training every week, and that's just a few of the things I miss. I long for family days out and even for going to school. I long to see the faces of my friends and not just their gaming avatars. I want to be able to visit family and hug them in person or to be round for tea, not just seeing them over Skype or Facetime or whatever.

Sport. I could write pages and pages on how much I miss it and how much I want it to be back. I miss the exciting drama of the climax of the Premier League: will Villa stay up? Is it 'to be or not to be'? We have missed the Euros and the excitement around those; some games were to be held here in the UK but alas it was not to happen. It's all well and good having an Esports competition but you can only watch James Maddison beat Keinan Davies at FIFA so many times. We have missed the Olympics from Tokyo that we were all so looking forward to. We have missed the last few games of the Six Nations in the rugby but that seems so long ago now. Unfortunately, I think that we are going to have to get used to life without sport. But I can't see that working; it will be like a cracker without cheese or strawberries without cream. We will have to though. It will soon be the new normal.

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What about schools? What will they be like when we all get back? Will we have separate booths for each desk? Will we be separated by riot police with PPE on? Will we be wearing our blazers as facemasks because we failed to source any? Did you hear about the face masks from Turkey? Turns out they were only fit for chickens.

I'm so bored that I am writing one-liners that wouldn't make a pub of drunks laugh. But I forgot... there's no such thing as a pub full of people anymore, thank the coronavirus later... when you can go outside again.

*Harry Green (Year 8)*

### ***How quarantine can be a good thing***

As of late, I personally have begun to feel disconcerted by some of the people that live in our society; though with everyone spending so much more time watching the media because of lockdown, I suppose it's inevitable that people will show more of their unsavoury sides.

Even so, I do not think this is a righteous excuse for purposefully shaming others in our time of need. An example of this is Pridefall; who are a group of people that set out to abuse and mock people that are LGBTQ+ in Pride month.

Indeed, this is a time when we should instead be helping and supporting other people; this time should be an opportunity to realise many of the things wrong with ourselves and try to fix them as best as we can. Although we are apart from the rest of society, we can use this time to grow closer than ever with those who we share a community with, and to make a start on change for the better.

For example, we've seen the amazing effect this quarantine has had on the environment; clear waters and even clearer skies, so let's try to keep it that way.

Many people have also taken a major stand against racism and police brutality, which is making massive strides to creating a more equal and accepting world.

Through social media you have more accessibility to resources that contribute to change, such as petitions, and you can use your voice to reach more people, even if it's just telling your family and friends.

I don't think we should let age be a boundary to help change either. If young people like us want to voice our opinions then we should be heard and taken into account, as adults are; we should not focus on what sets us apart, but rather what makes us all human.

*Lucy Ramsey (Year 9)*

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## *Dubious, doubtful or definite?*

As befits the summer season, August gets off to a slow start when it comes to saints. We get a rest day before we open on the 2nd with the Eighth Sunday after Trinity.

Germanus, a fifth-century bishop of Auxerre who, according to tradition, twice spent time in Britain helping the local church, is on the 3rd. The 5th sees the commemoration of Oswald, the king of Northumbria who died in battle against the Mercians in 642 (not to be confused with the tenth-century bishop of Worcester).



*Saint Cuthbert's meeting with Boisil at Melrose*

The Transfiguration, commemorating the events recounted on Mount Tabor in the three synoptic gospels, is on the 6th. Depending on mood, the 7th offers a choice between the dubious Boisil of Melrose or John Mason Neale, a prolific writer and translator of hymns whose translations include such beloved classics as *O come, O come, Emmanuel* and *Of the Father's love begotten*.

On the 8th we remember Dominic, twelfth-century founder of the Order of Preachers which came to bear his name (the Dominicans, also known as the black friars). Whether the two men found in the book for the 9th (Felim, father of Columba, and Crumnathy, an Irish monk) actually existed is a question I am inclined to answer in the negative, but the two women who occupy the same day were definitely real: Mary Sumner, founder of the

Mothers' Union and Edith Stein, a Carmelite nun killed in Auschwitz. However, all this is displaced by the Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

The 10th is Laurence, a third-century deacon at Rome who (according to a much later tradition) was martyred by being roasted on a gridiron. There is another choice on the 11th, between Clare of Assisi, founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), and John Henry Newman.

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A trio of commemorations follows: Florence Nightingale, the ‘lady with the lamp’, and Octavia Hill, a Victorian social reformer, both on the 13th; and Maximilian Kolbe, a priest who volunteered to die in place of another prisoner in Auschwitz in 1941, on the 14th. The 15th can be celebrated as the main feast of Mary, although I always prefer to use the alternative of 8th September, as the August date is celebrated in Roman Catholic countries as the feast of the Assumption, a doctrine invented by Pope Pius XII in 1950. The Tenth Sunday after Trinity is on the 16th.

There is then a pause to enjoy the heat or hide from the rain before we come to the 20th and Bernard, the twelfth-century abbot of Clairvaux, or William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army. The 23rd, were it not the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, would witness Wales commemorating Tydfil, a probably-mythical figure from whom the name of Merthyr Tydfil allegedly derives.

Bartholomew, the month’s only apostolic feast day, falls on the 24th, although he is one of the most obscure disciples and usually conflated with the Nathaniel of John’s gospel. Ebba of Coldingham, founder of the double monastery in the Berwickshire town, is on the 25th, which merits a particular mention as my mother grew up there.

On the 27th we remember Monica, the mother of Augustine of Hippo, who seems to make it into the calendar as compensation for having so complex a son.



Augustine himself, fourth- and fifth-century bishop of Hippo in North Africa and arguably the most influential theologian in Christian history, follows on the 28th.

The 29th is the Beheading of John the Baptist, a rather gruesome occasion beloved of Renaissance artists. John Bunyan, best known for *Pilgrim’s Progress*, is on the 30th, displaced this year by the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

The month concludes at Lindisfarne on the 31st with Aidan, a seventh-century Scottish missionary who became bishop on the island.

*Phil Bradford*

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## *Extracts from Wendy's 1982 scrapbook*

Sunday 1st August - Vicar from Lewes preached about St Pancras and Marylebone. Peggy sat by me. Judith was with John.

Monday 2nd Aug - Went to Heron Close, 20 present, sang to guitar from Sound of living waters. Worthy art Thou and Peter and John are especially lovely.

Wednesday 4th - Bought my copy of "Sound of living waters".

Thursday 7th - Man rang to say Dedicotts were an old religious family. Rev. Dedicott of Abberley.

Friday 6th - Feast of the transfiguration, such a lovely festival but did not wake till 7.40 so did not go.

Sunday 8th August - Jim rang and asked me to read John 13.1-15 about Peter/washing the feet account. How we serve other people is how we serve God. Judith was there with John. Last Monday, Judith said 'If there are going to be 5,000,000 unemployed, we've got to be ready to answer people who ask us how our faith helps us - because if we can't help them we may as well not be there.'

Monday 9th - Went to Levertons', Mum came. Sat by Bessie. 21 present good.

Wednesday 11th - Went to St. Michael's Abberley to see Rev John Dedicote's plaque.

Friday 13th - Did not go to the service, but walked round to talk to Jim. Judith had been to Dartmouth to take Patrick, on Tuesday. I said about Abberley. Bessie hoped Mum would come on Monday.

15th August - I read for Jim as Frank at Brighton.

16th - Mum and Peggy went. They enjoyed it.

22nd - Frank back. Good sermon on loft conversion and Pentecostal.

23rd - I took Peggy to Nancy's.

29th Aug - good sermon by Frank. Listen to God. Teach congregation to hear.

*A cutting from the August Parish Magazine is included in the scrapbook, with the following page filler:*

We know that some churches hold animal services from time to time, but what do you make of the Cornish Parish which states in their Parish Magazine:

"The Vicar reported an increased number of communicants during the year. He also stated that the death watch beetle had been confirmed in the Parish Church."

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In the scrapbook is this letter from Wendy to the local newspaper. This is about the previous sports centre, demolished to make way for Sainsbury's.

# *Better use for the site*

SIR — I am writing to draw the attention of readers in the Bromwich Lane area to the proposed half million pound sports complex to be built on Swanpool caravan site.

We live on a quiet corner which many of the residents chose simply for this reason. Are all such places of peace to be sacrificed for progress? Our lane is meant to be for the access of the residents and as a service road for some of the shops in St Johns.

Coaches will enter from Powell's Row and it would be easy for all service traffic to do likewise. Our lane could then be blocked off where it turns into the back of our bungalows, giving us the peace we seek in this area.

However, it seems strange that in these days of enormous financial cuts, money should be readily available for such non-essential activities, as there is already a sports centre elsewhere in the city. Perhaps one is proposed at each compass point.

Millions have to be saved on education and social services and yet can be spent on recreation. Surely the values are misplaced. Is the aim, perhaps, to create excellent sports people who have had to be educated on the bare essentials? Many of these now having to be provided from money that schools have raised for

themselves.

I know the caravan site now only houses two residential vans, but is no thought to be given to these residents who have lived there for many years? Surely if this site is to be finally closed it would be far better used for housing development. It would be ideal for old people's bungalows as it is level and so near the shops, doctor, church and library.

I think Swanpool caravan site would be far more profitably used for much-needed housing for the elderly rather than for non-essential recreational activities in these days of economic difficulty.

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# Worcestershire Libraries and Learning Service



## ***St John's Library to re-open on Monday 3rd August.***

Six of Worcestershire's libraries re-opened on 4th July including The Hive. To date, only limited services have been available at these sites and customers have not been able to enter the library to browse and borrow, to read or study or to relax and meet friends. On Monday 3rd August a further 5 libraries will re-open including St John's.

From Monday 3rd August, service provision at all open libraries will be extended and customers will be able to:

- Browse shelves and borrow books using self-service kiosks.
- Return books.
- Pre-book public computers.
- Pre-book a desk in the library for study and/or wi-fi access.
- Place reservations as normal. Reserve and Collect will cease on 1st August and normal reservation fees will apply.

Library staff will be on hand to answer queries and provide information

Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place for everyone's safety. The number of customers allowed into the library at any one time will be managed; browsing time will be limited to 20 minutes and computers and desks will be cleaned thoroughly after each use.

Revised opening hours for libraries that have re-opened can be found on the Council's dedicated Library webpages.

Users are encouraged to continue using the Digital Library Hub offering:

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### REPORT ON ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CENTRE

ST. JOHN'S Youth Centre has now approximately 30 members. The club's activities during the Summer months have consisted mainly of outdoor activities, e.g., walking and cycling, but a comprehensive winter programme is now being arranged and this will be active as from September.

The Drama Section of the club competed in the Deanery Youth Council Drama Festival. Unfortunately they did not win the contest, but plans are now in operation ready for next year.

*From the magazine archive (August 1952)*

### *An extract from the Vicar's letter*

And there we are today—a large body of steadfast and loyal Christian people whose ultimate object is to bring the light and life of our Lord to all around us. Undoubtedly we all have our faults and failings, but the point is that we try sincerely and to the best of our ability to live each day close to God, and we strive to love and serve each other. The result has been that a countless number of people have been guided and strengthened to face up to the trials and tribulations of everyday existence. New faith and courage has been born in each one of us. This has happened at St. John's in a truly wonderful way.

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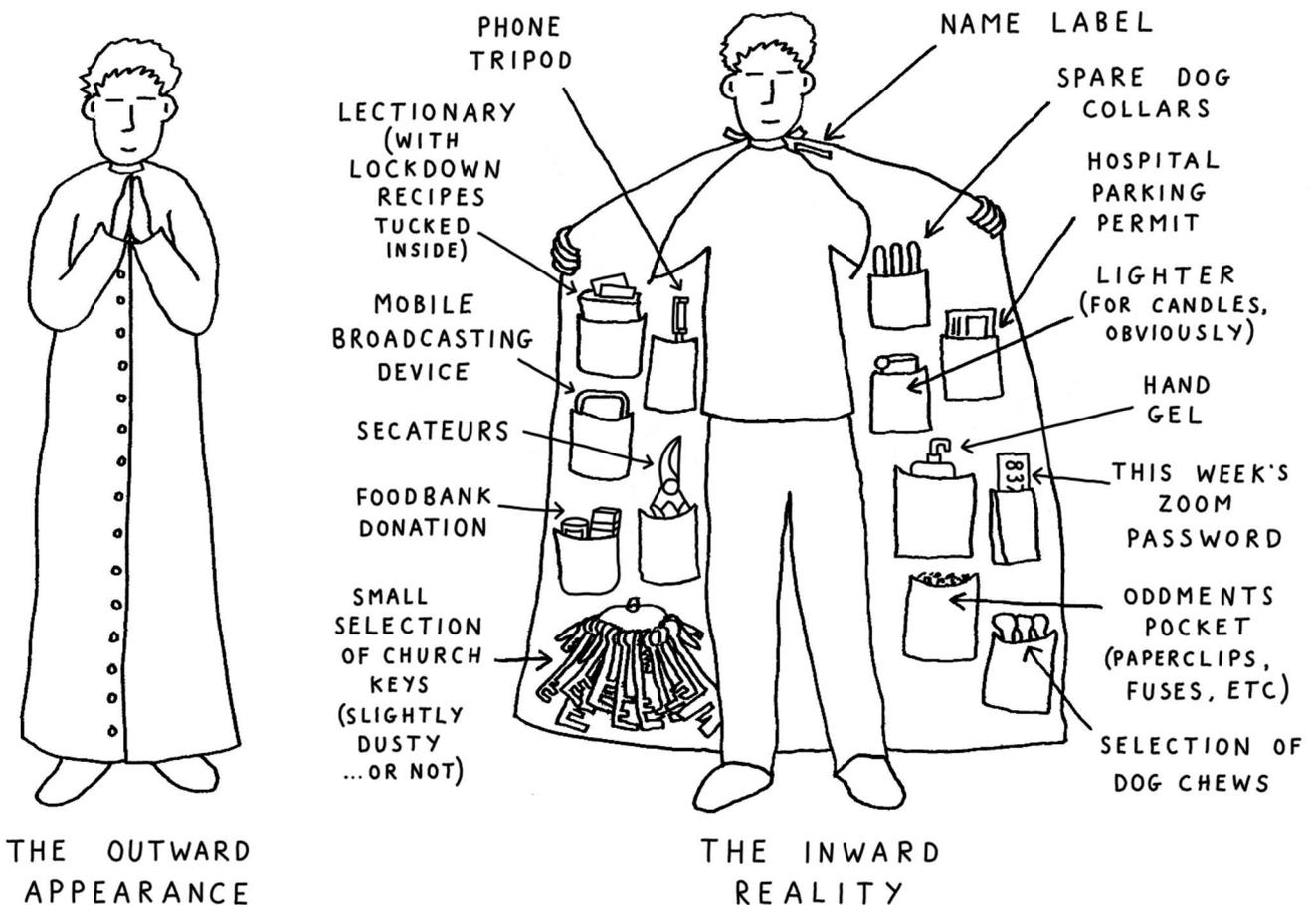


## *Puzzle solution*

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*And finally....*

# THE CASSOCK



*Rumour has it that Phil omits the secateurs!*



## Sunday services in the West Worcester Group, August 2020

	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Clement's</b>	<b>St. David's</b>	<b>St Michael's</b>
<b>2nd August</b>	10.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	4pm Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist
<b>9th August</b>	10.30am Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer		10.30am Morning Prayer
<b>16th August</b>	10.30am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist	4pm Eucharist	10.30am Morning Prayer
<b>23rd August</b>	10.30am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist		10.30am Morning Prayer
<b>30th August</b>	10.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Eucharist	4pm Eucharist	10.30 am Eucharist

**The information above is correct at the time of going to press, but please watch the weekly church newsletters and website for the latest information.**

**The government guidance on face coverings in places of worship (updated 17th July 2020) says: "People are ... encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a place of worship."**