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## MINISTERIAL LETTER FROM THE CURATE

My thoughts have been very much on expectation in the last few weeks. For many children the return to school has been the first step to moving out of these strange times. For many parents this has also been a moment of relief.

We have so many things to be expectant for with the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions: seeing family and friends, getting haircuts, the beginnings of a dream of a Summer holiday, and for us as a Church community the ability to meet again, to worship and to grief and give praise for all that has been and all that will be.

In amongst this we celebrate Eastertide. As Christians we are Easter people. It is the point when the life of Christ reaches its most transformative. Yet Lent and the run up to Easter are a time of self-reflection and a period when we journey through the trials and tribulations of his wilderness experience and the sorrows and pain of Holy Week.

I think that a parallel exists between waiting in expectation for the future post Covid-19 and the Easter journey. We know there is hope coming, and we can imagine what it might look like, and yet we cannot know what this could be, until it happens. When things happen they are never quite as we expected and whilst waiting many of us continue to experience pain and sorrow and difficulties.

The new world, that Jesus' disciples expected is not the world they found themselves in when witnessing the crucifixion even when they saw Jesus after his resurrection. Their expectations and their hopes and dreams could not imagine the world that came about.

As we head into the depths of Spring and look to the Summer, with our hopes and dreams and expectations, let us remember that Jesus' death and resurrection didn't restore the world, but transformed it. Our future will not be the same as the past.

I look forward to spending time getting to know the Benefice and all of you. I enjoy cycling and cycled between the 5 churches in the last month, and look forward to cycling more across the Benefice in the coming months.

We expect the world to be different in the future, but what are we going to do to change it? Striving to return to the past shouldn't be an option for the Easter people. "May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears" (Nelson Mandela).

With every blessing in this Easter season, Revd. David Anderton

## THOUGHTS FROM THE CHURCHYARD

In her popular TV programme, Lucy Worsley challenges accepted views of history. She has knowledge and resources that, in the general way, make me feel inadequate. She is also provocative, as when she questions the usage in World War Two of the slogan "Keep Calm and Carry on!" – certainly I don't remember it – and the existence of the Blitz Spirit. If I write as a Londoner whose childhood was spent in rural Essex, the matter of which I tell was true of every great city – remember Coventry and all the others – and every settlement that ever was bombed.

Life alters in a trice. At one moment, people are sleeping or watching. At the next, the bomb or land-mine falls. All is terribly changed. In our village, the wooden-built structures – all those cottages with black weather-boarded exteriors – collapsed. At the epicentre of the blast, brick-built houses and shops went too. And the lives of two little boys, our schoolmates Robin (aged 10) and David (7) Clark, were instantly snuffed out. It was dark, and panic and confusion reigned.

It was the result of random chance, the misfortune of lying under the flight-path of the aircraft heading towards London. Farther to the west lay the real target, with the Thames and the reservoirs assisting the navigators to find it. For the Londoners there was no one-off. If you had been bombed out one night, there was every likelihood of it being repeated in whatever place you had taken refuge. Even sheltering in the Underground did not guarantee your safety. If there was a "Blitz Spirit", it was born from the knowledge that there was no alternative but to keep on going on.

The opening shots of the TV series "Call the Midwife" remind us of the old East End with its poor streets and tenements and poverty, particularly the one that shows an unlikely great liner in the background to suggest river or dockland. They give a picture of a community, loving, hating and sharing. When it was all over and here in Britain the work of reconstruction had begun, brave New Towns were built to house a new generation of Londoners. These had heating, lighting and running water – decent sanitation at last – but, despite the many improvements in living standards that they brought, the planners of the new towns (Harlow, Basildon, etc.) could not recreate that closeness of shared doorways and shared living that was at the heart of the old East End.

What of Lucy Worsley's "Blitz Spirit"? Perhaps the Press invented it. Our families, or rather our fathers, would have expressed the notion less politely as "Don't let the bastards grind you down!".

Jean Biggs

### **APRIL PARISH NEWS DISTRIBUTION DISRUPTION**

We are still following guidance issued by the Church of England that paper copies of parish magazines should not be hand-delivered as a measure against transmission of Covid-19.

We have been attempting to distribute the *Parish News* since May 2020 as much as possible by electronic means. However, we have been unable to reach a large proportion of our readership, especially those who must self-isolate and who do not have internet access. Many of our distributors are also self-isolating and are unable to help with communications. We are, to some extent, relying on word-of-mouth and your goodwill to help the *Parish News* reach its usual readership. If there is anyone you know who usually receives the *Parish News* and who is likely to miss out, please provide whatever help you feel you can. Thank you for support during this time.

April's *Parish News* can be found online at [www.achurchnearyou.com/abbots-bromley-st-nicholas](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/abbots-bromley-st-nicholas) This has had contact information removed in order to allay data privacy concerns.

Visit [www.facebook.com/stnicholaschurchabbotsbromley](https://www.facebook.com/stnicholaschurchabbotsbromley) to see any latest comments from St. Nicholas' Church. You can view this page without a Facebook account.

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Ed

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## **ABBOTS BROMLEY NEWS AND NOTICES**

### **ABBOTS BROMLEY W.I.**

The committee is continuing to plan for next year 2022, to celebrate our ABWI centenary. Members are being asked for suggestions and so far several ideas have come forward. Amongst them are a formal dinner or lunch, a garden party, a ceilidh and the planting of a memorial tree in the new A.B. Sports Association ground.

Zoom is continuing as a regular method of communication for the committee and members.

Our first speaker of the year is Kath Reynolds whose subject is 'Afternoon Tea with Grandma'. Members will be able to zoom in on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm. She is amusing and well known.

New members will be welcomed when once again we begin our normal meetings and can enjoy other activities, probably later in the year.

Details of our activities can be found on our website which is kept up to date. See [www.abwi.org.uk](http://www.abwi.org.uk)

### **IN MEMORY OF MARJ WOOLLETT**

The family of Marj Woollett would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all of your cards, flowers, donations and messages of support at the sad loss of our very much loved Wife, Mum, Nan and Great Nanny.

A sincere thanks also goes to the many people who paid their respects along the roadside during the funeral procession. It was extremely moving to see, on what was a very difficult day.

A special thanks goes to Jo for creating the beautiful wreaths.

Finally, a special thanks to Gill and Mark from The Cash Stores (Top Shop) for keeping a condolence book and for accepting donations.

We are very grateful for all your kindness.

Cyril, Elaine, Mark, Emma, Ben, Charlie and Alfie

## **ABBOTS BROMLEY PRODUCE GUILD**

It's been a year since our members got together in Church House for our Annual General Meeting. Since then we have tried to keep in touch via email.

We managed to have our potato competition last year, albeit from our own gardens. Those of us living near to each other walked to each other's gardens to witness the weigh-ins.

Our booking secretary, Jean Gallimore, has managed to rebook speakers for the coming months in the hope that we will get together again soon.

In the meantime, one of our members, Sue Jolly, has created a newsletter for us. The first issue was at the beginning of March with contributions from members about what's going on in their gardens. There were helpful tips on what seeds to plant (varieties etc.) and when to plant them. We're looking forward to the next issue!

We were very sad to hear that Mrs. Margaret Perkin passed away in February. Margaret, I believe, was a founding member of the Guild along with her brother George Arnold. She will be sadly missed by us all.

We very much look forward to seeing you when all restrictions are finally lifted; let's hope it won't be too long. Take care and stay safe.

### **MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

For the time being the mobile library service has been suspended. See [www.staffordshire.gov.uk](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk) for further updates.

If the service is permitted to restart this month, and assuming it continues its fortnightly schedule, the service to Abbots Bromley, "Mobile Library 1" contact number 07773 791131, [presumably at the Bagot Arms] will visit fortnightly including 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

Alternatively, Uttoxeter and Rugeley libraries are operating limited services. For further detail and information about Covid-19 precautions see [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries) or call 0300 111 8000

**EVERGREENS**

Easter Wishes from all the Committee of Evergreens. Three months of 2021 have passed already and we are now beyond 23<sup>rd</sup> March which marks 1 year since Covid-19 changed the lives of so many, and certainly we wonder if life will ever be quite the same again. Sadly also, we have lost one or two of our members and our thoughts go out to all concerned.

We hope you have managed to keep in touch with family and friends, and appreciate it's been a very difficult time all round. Some of our members' lives have changed in many areas, with others tackling difficult illnesses.

Easter brings the promise of warmer weather, colours coming into our lives with crocus and daffodils springing up everywhere, and hopefully, with vaccines being rolled out and numbers with the virus dropping, we are all looking forward to easier times ahead.

Things are still difficult and we are not yet able to say where or when we will meet together again, but we just wanted to take the opportunity of wishing you all a very HAPPY EASTER.

Sandra Cottrell, Secretary

**IN MEMORY OF MARGARET PERKIN**

We wish to express our thanks for the expressions of sympathy we have received following the loss of our mother. She was a kind and considerate person who always had time for a chat. These qualities showed in the comments we have received. I'm sure she would have appreciated them.

John & Stephen Perkin

**A message from the St. Nicholas Welcome Team**

Abbots Bromley is a friendly lively busy village and we would like to help new residents settle in and take part.

Have you a new neighbour recently moved to the Village?

How about dropping in a copy of our *Parish News* magazine to make them feel welcome or please ring Anthea on 840624 or Maureen on 840936 and we would be happy to assist.

**ST.NICHOLAS' CHURCH – CASH STORES COLLECTION THANKS**

On behalf of St. Nicholas' Church I would like to say a big thank you to Gill & Mark at Cash Stores (Top Shop) for hosting a collection box for donations to St. Nicholas' Church. They are quite happy to keep it in their shop on an ongoing basis and make sure it is emptied when required to allow further donations. Over the last 12 months the money raised this way has been very welcome and I can't thank them enough.

So, if you see a small wooden box in Cash Stores (Top Shop), remember it is there in support of St. Nicholas' Church – every little helps! Thank you again Gill & Mark, and thank you too to everyone who has contributed to this collection and supported St. Nicholas' Church in other ways. Your help is much appreciated.

Gill Grundy, Acting Treasurer of St. Nicholas' P.C.C.

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**ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH JUST GIVING PAGE**

Following advice from Lichfield Diocese, Revd Davis has set up a fundraising page at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/abbotsbromleychurch](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/abbotsbromleychurch) at which you could make a donation. Remember, if you pay income tax you can apply Gift Aid effectively to increase your donation by 25% through tax recovery from HMRC.

**A.B. VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB DRAW**

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Month	No.	Name	Amount
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"	87	Mirri Barker	£25
"	11	Gill Hurst	£25
"	175	Martin Godfrey	£50

**HOME MADE JAMS AND MARMALADE**

Whilst St. Nicholas' church is closed because of Covid-19 restrictions, I still have some jams and marmalade for sale at home. Please contact me to see what flavours I have left. It will soon be time for the new season's marmalade oranges. All monies raised go into the funds for the upkeep of our beautiful village church.

Anthea Blower Tel: 840624

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Wednesday 31 March	Wednesday 07 April
Wednesday 14 April	Wednesday 21 April
Wednesday 28 April	Wednesday 05 May

### DIARY FOR MARCH

Apr 2021 St. Nicholas’ church building is closed during Covid-19 lockdown  
 Sun 4 Apr Easter Sunday short holy communion (hopefully)

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For latest arrangements please contact your group’s representative.

### FROM THE REGISTERS

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### CONTACT PARISH NEWS

Please see earlier printed copies of the *Parish News* for our contact details.

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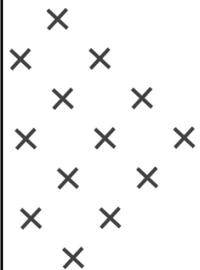


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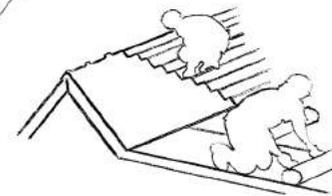
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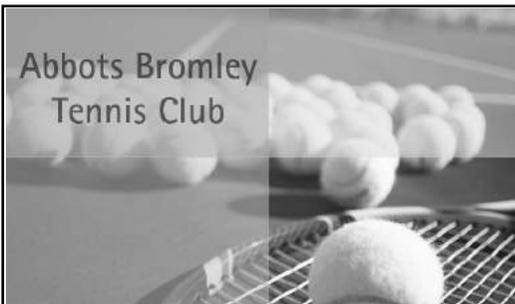
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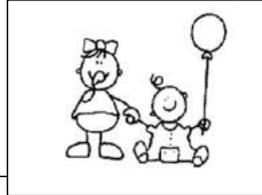
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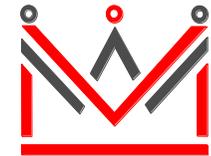
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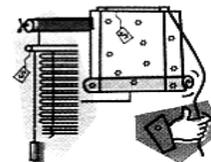
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