

GRASS

THE NEWSLETTER AT THE ROOTS OF THE GRAND UNION BENEFICE OF BLISWORTH AND STOKE BRUERNE/ SHUTLANGER, WITH GRAFTON REGIS, ALDERTON AND MILTON MALSOR

Rector's Letter

Over the last three months we have experienced a way of life that is unprecedented for everyone and we all understand that it will be many months before life begins to look normal once again.

Over the these last few months I have been reflecting back on how the Church has changed over my lifetime, through its liturgy, ordination of women, divorcees allowed to be re married in church etc. All of these changes have enhanced the life of the Church. This next year will bring many challenges that will have an effect on the shape and life of the Church, as we have come to know it, for some change is not always easy and can take a bit of getting used to, but if we don't have change we never have growth.



The Government has said churches can reopen from 4 July, but there are restrictions, some of which I have copied from the Bishop's letter which was sent out on 29 June.

Here are some highlights of what I expect to be included:

- A record should be kept of who is present, with their contact details;
- It is not permitted to shake hands, or to touch in any other way;
- No books or papers are to be given out;
- Soft furnishings, such as kneelers and pew runners, should be removed;
- Toilets should not be made available, except for emergencies;
- People, other than members of the same household, should if possible stay two metres apart, or at least one metre apart wearing face coverings;
- Face coverings are recommended, but not required unless within two metres;
- Singing is not allowed, except for one cantor if wished, well distanced from everyone else (this is the subject of current research, and the guidance may change later this summer);
- Communion is permitted, but the celebrant's face must be covered during the communion prayer and during the distribution, hand hygiene must be observed, the bread of communion must be placed on the recipient's hands (stretched well away from the body). The priest but nobody else may receive the wine;
- The service should be as short as reasonably possible (aim for 40 minutes at most);
- No refreshments may be served, and people should be encouraged to leave the building promptly at the end of the service.

We have decided as a Benefice that the health and safety of our members is our first priority and have taken the decision not to open for worship or private prayer until August at the very earliest. Until then please do continue to be part of our Wednesday and Sunday worship on Zoom. Thank you for your support and patience.
Richard

Useful Telephone Numbers for the United Benefice of Blisworth and Stoke Bruerne with Grafton Regis, Alderton and Milton Malsor

Rector: Canon Rev'd Richard Stainer, The Rectory, 37 High Street, Blisworth NN7 3B, tel 01604 857619

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Churchwardens of Stoke Bruerne: Mrs Christine Frost, tel 01604 862561.

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Churchwardens of Alderton: Mrs Amanda Selvey, tel 01327 811380.

Churchwardens of Milton Malsor: Mrs Jane Treharne, tel 01604 858323 and Mrs Sue Bell, tel 01327 351043

Acts 435 – an Online Giving Charity

Acts 435 is an online giving charity here in the UK, directly connecting those who want to give with those who are in genuine need of their help, whilst protecting donor anonymity and applicant confidentiality.



It does this by appointing representatives, called Advocates, who are trained by Acts 435 and then post requests directly onto the charity's website for people in their community who are in need. These are small, usually one-off, requests for people experiencing financial difficulty, up to a maximum of £150. For example, it could be a single parent on low income who needs a car to get to work; it has broken down and they cannot afford the repair bill. Alternatively, it could be somebody setting up home, after the breakdown of a relationship, who needs help to purchase a washing machine or a fridge-freezer. Potential donors can view the various requests, which change regularly, on the Acts 435 website and if they would like to help, can donate any amount from £5 up to £150. The money then goes to the Advocate who posted the request, who purchases the item for the applicant or gives them the money depending on the circumstances. 100% of the money raised goes to the person in need.

I have recently become an Advocate for Acts 435 on behalf of the churches in our benefice. So, if you know of anyone who is experiencing financial difficulties and who might benefit from a one-off payment for a particular need, please do get in touch with me, either by telephone on 01327 811380 or by email at amandajaneselvey@aol.com. Alternatively if you think you may be able to help someone in need, please have a look at the requests, which are all listed under the 'Give to Others' section of the Acts 435 website: <https://acts435.org.uk>. Thank you!

Amanda Selvey

Rev'd Colin Hutchings, 9 March 1936 - 22 April 2020, RIP



Colin was born in March 1936 in Heston, London, and had a younger sister, Ruth. His schooling started at Yardley Court Prep School, Tonbridge, where his father was a parish priest, and Highgate School, North London, before being called to do National Service in the Royal Air Force, with Bomber Command Radar, in Luneberg Germany. It was while he was there that he gave his life to the Lord at the age of 20.

On his return home to his father's parish, then in Dollis Hill, London, he found work within the carpet trade for 9 years, eventually travelling as a sales rep covering large areas of the country. We had met in his father's parish in London, where I was teaching, and married in 1960 in my home village in Dorset.

When Colin felt the call to the ministry, he was

sponsored by the Diocese of Bath and Wells (we were then living near Bristol), and he was recommended for training in 1966 and, having spent a year at Oakhill College, he then trained at Clifton Theological College, Bristol. His ordination was in 1968 in Southwell Minster, Notts, to serve his first curacy at St John's Worksop, Notts (1968-71) which was a coal mining community.

His second curacy was at Hampreston/Ferndown, near Bournemouth (1971-76), by which time, we had 3 children, John, Michael and Rachel and, to our great joy, Colin felt called to stay there for 5 years before accepting the post of team Vicar in the Tisbury Team Ministry, near Salisbury (1976-82). Whilst there, Colin was given the opportunity to accept the post of Incumbent in the Falkland Islands (the position was his, awaiting his decision), to begin in 1982 and not returning for 3 years. It took a long time to pray over this and eventually our decision to remain in England was the right one for, at that time, there was the threat of invasion, our sons would be at boarding school with our elderly parents as guardians, we would have to have been self-sufficient, and, as there was no secondary education at that time on the Falklands, Rachel would have to go to school in Argentina. In place of this, a second offer then came for Colin to be Rector of Waddesdon, near Aylesbury, in the Oxford Diocese, and we were there for a very active 18 years (1982-2000).

Then, the time came for retirement and we moved to Pattishall, but having said to the then Bishop of Peterborough, 'have car, will travel', for 13 years Colin covered numerous services and held two interregna, and loved every moment until he was troubled, suddenly, with myasthenis gravis 7 years ago. He always felt that this was the Lord's way of saying, 'now you must rest'. He accepted this with patience and was always so grateful for the wonderful privileges and opportunities which we have shared together, and the people we have met along the way.

How opportune it was that he had his own open air service of farewell following so many which he had organised in his former parishes. What more could we ask for him?

Colin collapsed and could not be resuscitated on 22 April. Being in lockdown, we were only allowed a burial, and this took place on the Friday of the VE Day anniversary celebrations, with Rev'd Karen and the Archdeacon of Northampton officiating. The open air service held in Pattishall churchyard was absolutely wonderful and we do thank so many of you for being there to support us as we gave thanks for Colin's long ministry, which included many parishes in the Benefice and Diocese. Sincere thanks also from all our family for the many letters, cards and telephone calls, which have been very uplifting at this time.

Maureen Hutchings.

VILLAGE NEWS



BLISWORTH

Church Closure

Although our Benefice churches are closed, during the period of lockdown we are holding a service of Holy Communion on-line each Sunday morning at 9.30 a m and a service of Morning Prayer each Wednesday, also at 9.30 a m.

These are for anyone and everyone to join in and each week our numbers increase. They are accessed on Zoom and if you wish to join, please refer to the email you may have received and follow the link. If you have not received an email and would like to be included, please contact a member of your church, Fiona McKenzie, Angela Cheesbrough or the Rector, Canon Richard Stainer.

Numbers can be found elsewhere in GRASS. Several people join in by using their phone. We look forward to seeing you!

Angela Cheesbrough, Churchwarden

Reverend Andrea

Some of you will already know that Andrea has been into hospital and is now back at home but is still not well. She has asked if we can pray for an agreed diagnosis and treatment plan from all departments involved and for an easing of the strange feeling in the back of her head that makes her unsteady on her feet.

I am sure that we all wish her a speedy recovery and we send our love and our prayers, for her and her family.

Blisworth. St John the Baptist Church.

Some churches are now open for visitors and personal prayer. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this as it is impossible for us to comply with all the necessary regulations required.



During the lockdown period, St. John's has had a face-lift. Walls have been re-plastered where necessary and painted white, but leaving the stonework exposed. The vestry, cloakroom and main porch have all been included and by the time this reaches circulation, all the work should be completed.

This is long overdue as it is the first time ever in its 800+ year old history!

Our thanks go to a very generous donor in the Christian community who gave the money specifically for this purpose but who wishes to remain anonymous. Thanks also to Reverend Canon Richard who has overseen this project and dealt with the faculty, the Diocese, the workmen, the paperwork, and the social distancing.

It may not be for several weeks or even months yet but we now look forward to the day when we can meet to worship and praise the risen Lord together in our beautiful village church which we are so privileged to have.



ALDERTON

Churchyard Rota

28 June – 11 July
12 July – 1 August

Brian & Maureen Patton
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Church Services

Public worship will not start in our Benefice in July and we are still awaiting guidance as to how this will look when it does recommence, and more information will hopefully be available in the next edition

Alderton Art Festival

This year due to Covid19 restrictions, Alderton will be running an "Online art festival" from 1 August to end of Saturday 5 September. The response from many artists so far has been encouraging and more details can be found on the website www.aldertonartfestival.co.uk. More information will be available in due course, as and when we know what the 'Covid' situation is. Suggestions on fundraising are welcome from villagers. Please contact Charlie Reece with any fundraising ideas, email charles_reece@btinternet.com.

Update on Alderton's Knight

At last, the work to complete the second stage of conservation on our wooden effigy of a knight in St Margaret's Church has begun. The work should have begun on 4 May 2020 but we were unable to go ahead because of the lockdown. Elizabeth Cheadle, the conservator who undertook the first emergency work to stabilise the figure, will be working in the church from 29 June for possibly, the next 6 weeks. The church will remain closed for general visits as we are working under restrictions, but at least we are beginning to get back to a kind of normality.

A more extensive report will be in the next issue of GRASS. Thanks to everyone for your patience. Events to raise funds for the final stage of a tomb chest will begin as soon as we feel sure of what we are allowed to do.

Stay safe everyone.

Margaret H-T

The Orphan Lambs of Glebe Farm

Hi, I'm Eleanor; I've been asked to write an article for GRASS as, during lockdown, I've been raising two orphan lambs. I have been helping Trevor and Lyn with animal care and husbandry at Glebe Farm since the age of 12, dealing with a wide variety of animals, all of which I have thoroughly enjoyed. Recently, having just graduated from my undergraduate degree, with an upper second in marine biology & oceanography, I have found myself back in Alderton with my family for the summer; this has given me the chance to help out with lambing at the farm.

After the sudden loss of a Shetland ewe on 22 May, Trevor found himself, for the first time, with orphaned lambs, only 3 weeks old. Since then we have taken on the shared responsibility of looking after these orphans, who have been named Allison and Betsy, and we've been bottle-feeding them multiple times a day. I am happy to say Allison and Betsy are now thriving and are currently in the process of being weaned. Not only have we achieved this, but they are also halter trained and are working to simple voice commands, probably better than most year-old dogs!

This experience has been a learning curve for all of us at Glebe Farm as we have never been in this situation before. But it has also been an extremely rewarding and uplifting process too. In a time of such uncertainty and hardships it's lovely to have success stories such as this one to bring a bit of joy back into our lives.

Eleanor Barry



Pizza Time

Recently, on a Saturday evening, the Wood Oven visited the village for the first time and the excitement of having a night off from cooking to enjoy some delicious pizzas was embraced by the majority of the village! It was an opportunity to enjoy a (socially distanced) takeaway with neighbours (and horses!) and was not to be missed.

The Wood Oven is hoping to visit again at the end of August/beginning of September - date to be confirmed, so watch this space! However if you need a pizza fix before then, they have a regular slot in Paulerspury (See their Facebook page for full details).



Fish and Chip Van

There is a fish and chip van which visits Paulerspury on a Thursday evening from 5.30 p m until 8.00 p m. We did try to get them to visit Alderton early one evening, between 6.00 p m and 7.00 p m and there was a lot of interest; however, their schedule did not allow this and the only time they can manage is after 8.00 p m on a Thursday, which is rather late for most people. They will give this a try for a couple of weeks and see if there is any interest at this time. Paulerspury isn't so far to drive to, though.



MILTON MALSOR

Building Work

We hope to start the repairs on the church tower here in Milton next month so any persons visiting the church yard should be aware of the scaffolding which may have to go on to the path, especially when it is being erected. There will also be workmen's vans outside the church on the road near the junction with Barn Lane. Hopefully it will all be sorted by the autumn.

Groceries and Medicines

The younger members of the WI are still collecting medicines and groceries for those that need their service. Jane Trehane

Over the past few months the village has remained quiet and peaceful, reminiscent of earlier times before road traffic made it impossible for children to play in the streets. Noticeable has been the lack of aircraft in the sky. Folk have been out on their bikes and taking walks. The children have missed going to school and the prospect of getting back for September is a relief.

Adjacent to the church wall the children have made a long snake of some 300 decorated pebbles, a cheering sign of friendship and youthful resilience. It is one sign of life ticking over during this unprecedented lockdown. Gardens have been a great blessing and the weather has been sunny and warm; recent rains have been welcome to both gardeners and farmers as everywhere has been remarkably dry.

Whilst both the church and Baptist chapel remain closed much contact continues. Rev Richard's regular services on Zoom on Wednesdays and Sundays are very much appreciated and many keep in touch electronically. It is sad to record that Hilary Stone, a Deacon at the Baptist Church passed away as did Geoff Mellors, a long-time member at Holy Cross Church. Condolences are expressed to both families.

Things have changed in many ways and there has been a noticeable spirit of co-operation and friendship with folk looking out for one another. The Parish Council have held their meetings online, and the Parochial Church Council at Holy Cross met online too. Everyone is looking forward to more normal times.

Malcolm Deacon

Geoffrey (Geoff) William Mellors, RIP

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Geoff Mellors - a true gentleman who will be missed greatly. Geoff was a kind, polite and strong individual, always immaculately turned out and of great standing in Milton Malsor.

Married to Pauline in 1954, for 66 years they have lived a happy life and in Milton Malsor since 1967. They initially rented a property called 'The Beeches' opposite Holy Cross church, before moving into what has been their family home since 1968/69. Geoff has always been involved in the local community, including the village hall for many years, as an active member of the Indoor Bowls Club, and as a regular worshipper of Holy Cross church with Pauline since the day they arrived in the village. Core to their life has been their faith, their love for one another and their family.

Geoff always had a strong faith. As a young boy he was continually active with the Boys' Brigade, getting involved almost daily, and with bible classes on a Sunday. He also had the great honour of being selected to go to Denmark with them. During their life in Milton, Holy Cross has been central in everything. Both great supporters, Geoff along with Pauline have immersed themselves in the life of the church, always willing to help and support in any way he could. But it is the love for one another and the love for his family that was so strong - his love for Pauline, their children Nigel, Simon, the late Louise, and their 4 grandchildren.

Across the entire community in Milton Malsor many came to know him well and he will be missed greatly. Geoff died peacefully on 10 June, and his funeral takes place on 6 July. We extend our love and prayers to Pauline and the entire family at this time.

GENERAL NEWS

A Fascinating Recipe from Mollie Dunkley (Paulerspury)

This recipe is rather old but I hope you will try it.

Many years ago – in the autumn of 1940 in fact, during the early days of World War 11, in Northampton, there was a type of produce show as part of the 'Dig for Victory' campaign to raise funds for the Red Cross. Several members of the horticultural society here in Paulerspury decided to support this by taking their best vegetables, and my mother persuaded me to make this cake for which the recipe was provided. I readily agreed, as at the age of 12, I was eager to cook (I still am, nearly 80 years on!)

The day came and I was appointed to take care of all the items, sitting in the back of a heavy truck, surrounded by vegetables, clutching my precious cake as we chugged along at a leisurely pace.

Guess what? My contribution was worthy of first prize! There was no monetary award – just a card, but I was so pleased, as you can imagine.

Unfortunately, the recipe was lost and through the years, many hours have been spent scouring cookery books to find it again. During the stressful coronavirus lockdown, a friend brought me a book to browse, entitled 'Victory Cookbook', written by Marguerite Patten. Lo and behold, it contains the recipe, which I share with you now, for a vinegar cake. Oh, what joy amid the troubled days; war-time memories are resurfacing! *Obviously, the recipe only shows imperial weights!*



Vinegar Cake

6 oz self raising flour
3 oz margarine (butter is better)
3 oz sugar
Quarter of a pint of milk
1 tablespoon vinegar
Half a teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
4 oz dried fruit.

Cream the margarine and sugar together. Pour milk into a basin, add the vinegar and bicarb – the mixture will rise and froth.

Blend the sieved flour and vinegar liquid into the creamed fat and sugar. Add dried fruit.

Put into a greased 7" tin and bake in a moderate oven for 1 hour.

Another Recipe – a Slightly Different Kind

I noticed in Grass that you would like some recipes; I will certainly try the Anzac biscuits, this recipe is called Happiness Cake:

1 cup good thoughts
1 cup kind deeds
1 cup consideration for others
2 cups sacrifice
2 cups well beaten faults
3 cups forgiveness

Mix thoroughly, add tears of joy, sorrow and sympathy.

Flavour with love and kindly service.

Fold in four cups of prayers and faith. Blend well.

Fold into daily life.

Bake well with the warmth of human kindness and serve with a smile.

It will always satisfy the hunger of starved souls.

Denise Ingram

Notes from a Local Farmer

Welcome, readers.

Another month has passed, perhaps more slowly due to the current situation.

The weather has helped to raise spirits but the effect on households can vary enormously, depending on what careers people have. The looming threat of job losses is only just beginning to take effect.

Here on the farm, we tend to be in a bubble, largely unaffected until we step out into the wide world. It doesn't seem to be a very pleasant place to be at the moment. Only the other day, we had an Amazon Prime van deliver a parcel; on speaking to the driver, he said he could not believe how busy they were and how well paid he is to do the job.

On the farm, we have had a very dry May, which has affected our crops; whilst they look well, they are coming into head early, particularly the spring barley, which does not help yield. The spring wheat looks well and can stand drought better. Winter wheat stands the extremes of weather the best of all, so there should be some good yields. It will be an early harvest this year as crops have raced through their growth stages; interestingly, there have been hardly any weeds in spring crops, or disease.

We are currently on the final spray of the season – a fungicide to protect the flag leaf and ear. So on the whole, I think it will be a reasonable harvest, so not much chance of a famine!

On the livestock side, we are very short of grass and hay crops have been very light, so we are hoping the current thunderstorms will result in some much-needed rain. Having said that, a bolt of lightning struck the power lines at the farm recently, disabling all the television sets, the phone lines and some of the lighting, so we are in the process of repair/renewal. The lambs are continuing to do well with our first lambs going to market on 18 June. We are also worming them for the second time; sheep enjoy the warm, dry weather a bit like the goats, and seem to do well.

We have shorn the mothers at the end of May; they were pleased to have their coats off. A good shearer can do 200 sheep a day, provided they are presented to him and there is somebody to roll the wool up. Interestingly, we have been informed that the Wool Marketing Board still has nine million tonnes to sell, so they are not paying us for the wool until next year, when they will see if they can sell it. It costs us £1.70 to shear a sheep, so the likelihood is that we will lose £1 per sheep – it's an essential job, but a labour of love!

Livestock markets have remained open but you are not allowed out of your vehicle and not allowed to see the livestock sold. Social distancing applies to buyers, and anyone over 70 years of age is not allowed to attend, which rules out three quarters of farmers.

Other jobs this month included servicing all the farm equipment ready for harvest, and also preparation for our annual farm inspection, with pressure washing grain stores and fumigation, and also filling in record books of all animals bought, sold, died, and retained, and numerous other details are required.

However, things are getting better and I will 'speak to you' all next month.

Robert Davy

Fitness Classes in Paulerspury Village Hall

Due to Coronavirus there are only be online classes via Zoom until further notice.

Due to the current situation when we find ourselves locked in, Inhale Pilates classes are running twice weekly online:

Live Zoom classes Mondays 10.00 a m – 11.00 a m, & Thursdays 6.00 p m – 7.00 p m or link to recorded classes.

If you would like to find out more or join in, please feel free to get in touch with Elizabeth on 07547 618987.

Yoga classes taught by Iris Parish are running on Zoom (you don't have to have Zoom on your device; you can join classes with an invitation link). Classes run on Tuesdays from 10.00 a m to 11.30 a m & Fridays 10.00 a m – 11.00 a m. A new 6 week course starts 7 July - fee only £30 for 2 classes a week, suitable for all. For additional information, please contact Sue on: 01327 811 596 or email: fitnessgroup@paulerspuryparish.org.uk

How to Contact the Police

We no longer divide our villages between officers unless they are specifically sponsored by the village. Our team covers all South Northants villages and this ensures villages are covered across all shift patterns. If they have a query for a specific officer, it's best to mark it for their attention via an email and they will pick it up when they are next on duty.

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PCSO Nicole Degg

PCSO James Herbert

PCSO Kev Thompson (Schools Liaison Officer)



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The Boat Inn, Stoke Bruerne

We opened our grocery shop at The Boat Inn in 1960, mainly for the benefit of 'new tourists' using the canal system for relaxation and holidays. This is still up and running and due to the Coronavirus situation, we have greatly extended our product list as attached by a link to our website which is updated each day: http://www.boatinn.co.uk/pdf/groceries_price_list.pdf.

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We now have our canalside hatch open every day for take-away sandwiches, burgers, ice creams, hot, cold and alcoholic drinks.

Hopefully, from 4 July we should be able to offer a limited resumed service of drinks and bar meals plus Sunday lunches in the restaurant.

Andrew Woodward FIH. Director, The Boat Inn, Stoke Bruerne, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 7SB.

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