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Editor's Note By Emmeline Moore

We are all at home, staying safe, except I'm at Hogwarts. My two boys have decided that we are all at the famous Harry Potter school of wizardry and witchcraft, mostly because we are living and learning at home.



Apparently, I am the Dark Arts teacher, my youngest is Ron and my oldest son is Harry, the dog is even Sirius Black. My husband has not shaved for two weeks and is a little disappointed that his newly grown beard is somewhat greyer than expected, for this reason he has been named Dumbledore.

We have the Forbidden Forest in our garden consisting of about three trees and the famous Devil Snare made from a heap of conifer cuttings. Ron regularly gets stuck and needs Harry's special wand to help him out!

The great moving staircase comes into life around bath time and at this point of the day I need to remind myself to be patient, helped by a glass of wine.

Unfortunately no obvious magic is taking place at this school, if it were I would magically conjure up a teacher that knew what they were doing. There would be lots more chocolate on offer and the milk and bread would never run out.

However, having said that, there is a subtle magic taking place, the bird song is brighter than ever before, the tadpoles in our pond are fascinating us, our beautiful walks across the golf course are breath taking and my children are taking on some independent roles like making their own beds, opening their own curtains in the morning and getting breakfast. Maybe we don't need magical wands after all!

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Rector's Letter *By Reverend Harry Latham*

What a strange time we have been having without St Peter's due to the Lockdown required by the battle against Covid 19.

Many clergy, like Christopher & myself, found ourselves propelled (with the help of our children) towards the idea of making video services or livestreaming services.

I am certainly no film director or movie star and find the experience of being filmed a fairly uncomfortable proceeding. But my children have helped with techy stuff and plenty of laughter has accompanied the process.

Holy Week went surprisingly well 'online' and we may well have to do Sunday 'online' for some time to come. Please do find the offerings on the Benefice Websites and on YouTube and Facebook.

On Good Friday I read a poem that is one of my favourites. It speaks to me strongly about how we are made for heaven even whilst still on our earthly pilgrimage. It speaks of the desire in our human hearts to be seen and known and welcomed and loved. It acknowledges the propensity we have to turn away from God fuelled by a cocktail of wilfulness, fear and shame. But above all it reassures us (or at least me) that we are loved.



A Poem by Evangeline Paterson

And that will be heaven
And that will be heaven
at last the first unclouded
seeing

to stand like the sunflower
turned full face to the sun drenched
With light in the still centre
held while the circling planets
hum with an utter joy

seeing and knowing
at last in every particle
seen and known and not turning away

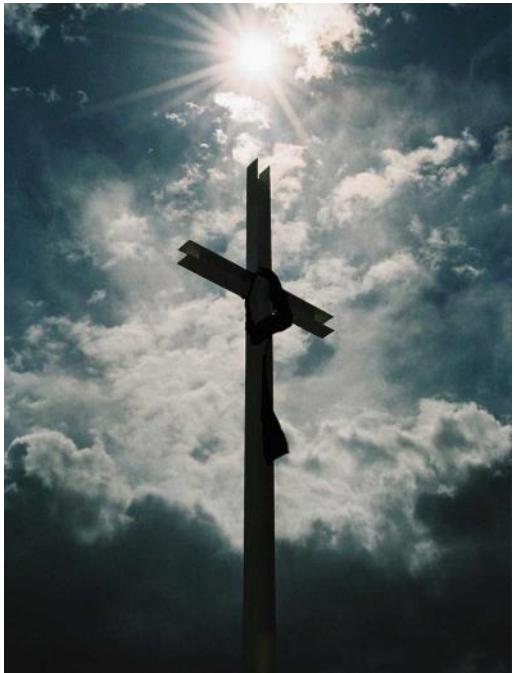
never turning away
again

As we head from Easter to Ascension and Pentecost let me encourage you to let this poem speak to you and stir up a hunger in you for more of God.

Very best wishes, Harry

Good Friday Prayer

Lord Jesus by your wounded feet
Direct our paths aright
Lord Jesus by your nailed hands
Move ours to deeds of love
Lord Jesus by your pierced side
Cleanse our desires
Lord Jesus by your crown of thorns
Remove our selfish pride
Lord Jesus by your silence
Shame our complaints
Lord Jesus by your parched lips
Curb our cruel speech
Lord Jesus by your closing eyes
Look on our sin no more
Lord Jesus by your broken heart
Break ours



Recent Benefice Events

Mother's Day, light a candle of hope in your window.

Every year, St Peter's Mother's Day is always a service to remember. All Mums present are given a posy of daffodils from either their children or another member of the congregation. The men serve the tea/coffee and are in charge of the washing up, whilst the Mum's relax and chat.

This year we were unable to celebrate such an event at St Peter's due to the Coronavirus. Members of the congregation did however light a candle of hope in their windows. This candle was seen shining strongly from The Rectory.



Holy Week



It was very odd not be able to have the kind of Holy Week services that we would normally expect.

On Monday 11 people joined in a Benefice Compline on Zoom, and on Tuesday there were 21 – a good number.

On Wednesday people were encouraged to watch 'The Passion of the Christ' but this had fewer takers.

Then Thursday, Friday and Sunday had mini-services on video from Harry and Facebook live-streaming from Christopher.

Looking forward it seems that we may have quite a few more weeks of similar services and virtual meetings.

Please explore the St Peter's website and the Headley & Box Hill website as well as our FaceBook pages and YouTube.

Easter Day

Life does seem strange at the moment. Hardly anyone is even using the path past the church. Neil and Sylvia Williams put a seven foot high banner in the shape of a cross, saying "JESUS IS RISEN" on the doors of the church from about 10.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m on Easter Day just to let anyone passing know that we and Jesus are still alive and thinking of them.

Thank you Neil and Sylvia.



From St Peter's Registers

Baptism Tala Ferguson

Funeral Lizzie Geddes

World Day Of Prayer Reflection By Mo Atkins

The annual 'World Day of Prayer' Service, on Friday, 6th March, was both blessed and memorable in more ways than one. Bright, afternoon sunshine streamed into St. Peter's Church, as the congregation from

Walton, Headley, Tadworth and Kingswood, gathered for the celebration, prepared this year by the Christian women of Zimbabwe, on the theme, 'Rise, take up your mat and walk'.

It was to be the last time that the church was filled with worshippers before services were suspended. Hard to believe that one week we were sharing, joyously, in the global movement that is the World Day Prayer and the next we were sharing sadly, in a global pandemic.

The service highlighted the troubles of Zimbabwe, a country already in economic crisis where starvation and hardship are part of daily life. Lively Zimbabwean music was played before the start of the service, when three candles representing love, peace and reconciliation were carried to the chancel step. They were lit, from the Paschal candle and placed on a table, draped with colourful Zimbabwean material, touching the floor to symbolise unity. These cloths and other authentic artefacts, displayed on the national flag, were kindly loaned by Samantha McKintosh, Tracy Latham's sister. On



another small table was a small jar of flame lilies, the national flower of Zimbabwe, meaning 'full of glory'.

During the service, Eileen Hannah gave a short talk about the charity 'ZANE'

(Zimbabwe A National Emergency') which works to help the most destitute, impoverished, and vulnerable in a country which is imploding with malnutrition, untreated illness, escalating unemployment and fractured families - and this before Covid-19. Eileen read the meditation, based on a reading from the Gospel of John. At the end, we were invited to write down, on cards, our commitments to support our communities with actions of love, peace and reconciliation. Poignantly, there has been plenty of opportunity to carry out our intentions since Friday, 6th March.

After the service delicious refreshments were served in the Breech Lane Community Centre. Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed cakes, scones and sandwiches and to Norma, Jill and Pauline who served the teas. A big thank you also, to the Rector, Harry, for his technical help and support, to Jenny Tuttle for playing the music and to everyone who took part in the service.

Hopefully, it won't be long before we too can 'Rise, take up our mats and walk'.



Services Within Our Benefice of Headley & Box Hill

St Mary's, Headley

Sundays	8.00am	Prayer book Communion (except 3rd Sunday)
	10.30am	1st & 3rd Sundays: Parish Communion
	9.30am	2nd Sundays: Joint Family Communion
	9.30am	4th Sundays: Family Communion



St Andrew's, Box Hill

Sundays	9.30am	1st Sundays: Contemporary Worship Service
	9.30am	2nd Sundays: Joint Family Communion at Headley
	9.30am	3rd Sundays: Informal Family Communion
	9.30am	4th Sundays: Morning Praise



CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Following the announcements from the Prime Minister and the Archbishop of Canterbury, all services and meetings at St Mary's, St Andrew's and Walton Heath Manor are cancelled at present.

EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Holy Communion takes place at Walton Heath Manor, Hurst Drive, 2.30pm



COMMUNION

At Walton Heath Manor

Sometimes you may find this Book Of Common Prayer Service a convenient opportunity. The service includes hymns, an interesting talk followed by refreshments and accompanied by piano music.

The Clock Stands at Ten to Three *By John Bishop*



Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 23rd March St Peter's was closed and the doors were locked. Steps were taken to stop the clock. Harry went up into the tower on 24th March with instructions and technical directions from the clock winders, and stopped the mechanism at **precisely ten to three.**

Rupert Brooke's poem ("The Old Vicarage, Grantchester") was written two years before the start of the First World War in 1912. He wrote it in a small cafe in Berlin while he was living there and suffering from homesickness. While he was away, he wondered if life was continuing at home in Grantchester in the way it had always seemed to have done , and it ended with the words

Oh is the water sweet and cool,
Gentle and brown above the pool?

Stands the church clock at ten to three?
And is there honey still for tea?

Harry thought it was appropriate to stop the clock at **ten to three** as we all set out to face the Covid-19 pandemic – an unknown enemy with frightening powers – and as we wondered if life would eventually return to the way we remember it.

So there's significance in what our newly cleaned and gilded clock will be showing until the day when we are able to set it in motion again. We hope that day won't be too far ahead, and that at that time we'll find that the world we know now won't be too much altered.



TWOAT supplied money to purchase materials to build four bench desks to start a new school for a village in a remote part of Tanzania.

The TWOAT committee has sadly concluded that in light of the current health emergency it will not be possible for us to continue with any of our planned programme of events for at least 4 months and quite probably longer. We took this decision because many of our committee members and our supporters fall into the government category of being particularly vulnerable, who should self-isolate.

In particular the Charity Film Show, which was generously offered jointly to us and to Walton Primary by Curzon Country Cinema to take place on March 29th, will now be postponed. Curzon Country Cinema have generously offered to reschedule the event to a date in September/October or whenever the health emergency is over.

The Walton May Fayre has just been confirmed as cancelled so our Bottle Stall will also not happen.

Our John Allinson Sponsored Walks scheduled for May will sadly have to be postponed. However, in this case we have started to consider how we may give our supporters other opportunities to generate sponsorship donations. We will publish more about that in a future bulletin, however, I can say that I have suggested to my own wife that we sponsor each other for the number of weeks that we successfully manage to isolate ourselves! We would welcome any suggestions you may have.

Over the next few months we will publish news from our projects as their need for support will not be diminished despite our inability to organise our normal fund raising events.

About Our Cross By Alice Thompson aged 8



We could not go to church this year so my family celebrated Easter by making a cross to put outside our house.

We put the NHS in the heart of our cross because Jesus said “love one another” and the health service is a good example of how humans can do that. We pray that God protects the health service and people who serve.

Faith, hope and love are the most important things we have. So we put these words on our cross too.

At the top of our cross we put the words “Christ is Risen” which means Jesus is alive. That is what Easter is all about so I will say more about that:

Jesus is our friend. He understands the difficult things about being human like being

poor or in pain. Jesus understands how it feels to really miss someone because he really missed his Father when he was on the cross. Then Jesus died.

But that is not the end of the story.

Jesus came back to life to show us that darkness cannot win the world. No matter how sad or worried we feel, God is working to make things better.

This Easter is different but that doesn't mean we can't have fun. Some people call it joy. We just have to be grateful for what we have. I hope our cross brings joy to people walking by.

Happy Easter!



The Daffodils by the entrance to the village next to Mere Pond, planted by Walton in Bloom.

We hope you are staying safe and well and that those of you lucky enough to have a garden are making the most of it. There are obvious health benefits, both physical and mental, to getting close to nature and watching things grow.

If you have any plants that you could share with your neighbours why not leave them on your boundary with a little note. If you have any seeds why not share them, you may even like to hold a growing competition and invite people to take part.

This is the perfect time to start a compost heap as there will be no brown bin collections for a while. The internet has lots of information about what you can and cannot add.

Walton News have bedding plants for sale, subject to availability.

Jobs for May and June

Continue to mulch borders, cover soil 5-10 cm with well-rotted manure, garden compost or wood chippings to help retain moisture and suppress weeds.

If you have a pond now is a good time to lift and divide water plants to stop congestion. Sew seeds directly into prepared seedbeds when all chance of frost has passed.

Help hedgehogs by creating a hedgehog highway by cutting a hole in your fence or laying a piece of 13 by 13 cm pipe at the base of the fence. They can then travel for food or a mate.



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For all the Walton Heath golfers out there that can't play at the moment.

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For the right-handed golfer:

1. Face the doorway to your bathroom.
2. With your shoulders back, extend your right arm out and place your right hand flat against the door frame. It should be at shoulder height.
3. Hold your hand in place and turn your upper body to the left. Your trail arm will stay behind you.

For the left-handed golfer:

1. Face the doorway to your bathroom.
2. With your shoulders back, extend your left arm out and place your left hand flat against the door frame. It should be at shoulder height.
3. Hold your hand in place and turn your upper body to the right. Your trail arm will stay behind you

Open Group Newsletter By Mo Atkins

The previous edition of Window on Walton was filled with anticipation.....dates for our diaries, meetings, events and the celebration of Easter.



see the photos and videos. Thank you for your continued support of the Friends of the Children's Trust.'

We were looking forward to the 'Recycling Presentation', by Iain Muir, to have been held on St. Patrick's Day, in conjunction with the Village Forum and open to all. This will be rescheduled when safe to do so.

Few could have anticipated that the world would become a very different place, some might say unrecognisable, in such a short space of time.

It is indeed strange not to be planning for the summer run of Open Group cake baking, open gardens and fundraising events. However, there is still plenty we can do to fundraise in our changed surroundings.

'THE FIRS' ON CAMERA!

One piece of good news is that we shall not be deprived of visiting Sue Edwards' spring garden as Friends of the Children's Trust write.....

'With the aid of the very talented assistance of her contacts, Sue has overseen an amazing virtual tour of her lovely garden. This has been put on to the Friend's website.

Just go to <https://friendsofthechildrenstrust.org.uk/> and scroll down to the bottom of the first page, click on the picture to open and finally on Gallery to

So, do take a virtual stroll around the grounds of 'The Firs' and support the life changing work of The Children's Trust at the same time. You won't be disappointed!

Charities and churches are going to experience huge holes in their income and will rely on our generosity in different ways. Standing orders can be set up and donations to food banks can still be made. It is possible to add an amount to pay for store donations to food banks, when ordering online from some supermarkets.

Open Group plans to extend its fundraising for Princess Alice Hospice, throughout 2021. The postponed talk about its work will be rescheduled.

Soup Saturdays, in Christchurch Hall, during Lent, may have been cut short but nevertheless, it has been possible to provide a limited quantity of homemade soup, for delivery, once a week to vulnerable residents.

The monthly Village Kitchen was due to resume in May. A hub for nourishment, not only from food, but from fellowship and a sharing of ideas and troubles, they are currently 'on hold' but will return.... watch this space!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the combined Community Support initiative, providing help for isolated and vulnerable residents in Walton and Tadworth (please see flyer and article by Mike Fox). The response from local people has been overwhelming and, at time of writing, available volunteers outnumber calls for help. If you, or someone you know, would like help with shopping or prescription collection, a listening ear or just a friendly phone call we should be pleased to hear from you. Equally, if you would like to join the register of volunteers, then please contact, Revd Tim Astin, Mo Atkins or Mike Fox. Details on flyer on page 20 &21.



NORMA'S RAFFLE PRIZE!

Those who came to Sue Edwards' 'Planting for Pleasure' demonstration, in Christchurch Hall, last October, will remember that Norma was the lucky and deserved winner of the 'bulb lasagne', layered with tulips, hyacinths and muscari.

Well, here it is, six months on, gloriously in bloom! A sight to lift the spirits. We hope that you will feel, in

whatever circumstances you are reading this virtual edition, that there are people, ready to listen, chat or help. Remember the saying, 'a trouble shared is a trouble halved.'

Importantly, keep hold of the thought that, when the time is right, we shall look forward, with anticipation, to happier times ... meanwhile, keep washing your hands!



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 **The Health Emergency Support Project in Tadworth & Walton By Mike Fox**



When the health emergency burst upon us it was obvious that we would face a major challenge in Tadworth & Walton because many of our residents were likely to be in vulnerable categories.

Fortunately, we had a head start because myself, representing both Neighbourhood Watch and Tadworth & Walton Residents

Association, had previously created a shared database with email addresses relating to nearly half the households in the two villages.

A team was formed including myself; Revd. Tim Astin of The Church of the Good Shepherd, who is also the local contact for VARB (Reigate & Banstead Council's

organisation to coordinate volunteers), and Mo Atkins, representing both St Peter's and the Walton Open Group.

Using the email database we put out requests for volunteers initially to deliver leaflets to every household and subsequently to provide support to those households needing to isolate themselves.

The leaflets themselves were both to offer support and to ask for more volunteers. Within a day of putting out the email request we had over 130 volunteers.

The leaflets were duly delivered and this prompted a further surge of volunteers and as I write this article we have around 200 volunteers some of whom are themselves isolating but offering to provide telephone support to others in the same situation. Some eighty-five people have contacted us either asking for immediate help or indicating that they might need our help in future.

In the early weeks some requests came from areas outside our two villages including Tattenham Corner, Lower Kingswood and even Redhill. This was because our leaflet had been picked up and published on social media whilst the help available in these other areas was less well publicised. Fortunately, we were able to put these out of area callers in touch with local support groups.

Some of the seventy-nine calls from our own residents were just making their situation known to us as they thought they might need help in future. So far, we have provided shopping assistance, collection of

prescriptions or telephone support to over seventy households.

For several reasons we are still interested in having more volunteers.

Firstly, we are still getting a steady trickle of new requests from people whose initial stockpiles of food are running low.

Secondly in some cases our volunteers are being asked to take over support from family members who were having to drive considerable distances only to drop off bags of shopping at the front door whilst being unable to enter their family member's properties for fear of bringing infection. Thirdly some of the original volunteers have had to drop out temporarily as a result of having had to isolate themselves after developing symptoms that might indicate infection.

Finally, it is probable that we may lose some of our volunteers when the government starts to ease the current restrictions. For example, we might lose our two very willing student helpers, who originally returned home when their colleges closed down, but would go back if they re-open.

The team contact for new volunteers is Revd. Tim Astin (01737 813152), for requesting support in Walton it is Mo Atkins (07799136894) and for support in Tadworth it is Mike Fox (01737 350452).



Community Support in Tadworth and Walton

**Are you self-isolating?
Need help with shopping etc.?
Like a chat on the phone?**

Volunteers are ready to help. If you are finding self-isolation difficult, feeling lonely or worried, or just need some errands doing, please contact us.

Also if you know someone who needs support, do tell us about them.

Volunteers

All volunteers are local residents and are vetted. Thank you to those who have volunteered help already. If you would like to help, do contact us.

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Community Support in Tadworth and Walton

Many people keen to help each other during this Coronavirus emergency. This partnership of local trusted organisations have combined to provide coordination between people with needs and volunteers. We will put you in touch with named volunteers.

Please be careful of scammers

Sadly there are a few 'bad apples' and a very few people have been cheated. If you have any worries about a person calling, or offering help, or just want to check them out, please ring one of our contacts:

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For the long haul

None of us know how long this will last, or how we will feel in a few weeks time. You might not need help at first, or even with support from your families, you might find you need some conversation or help. So do keep this, and ring if you need to.

Sir Anthony Hope Hawkins (1863-1933) and Stephen Dickenson Winkworth (1865-1938). By Robert Ruddell

One hundred years ago there were so many high-profile politicians, newspaper and publishing executives, industrialists, medical practitioners and businessmen with luxurious houses or mansions living in Walton.

For many however, the village was a weekend retreat into the beautiful countryside of Surrey with its wonderful air and the opportunity for country pursuits and golf on the heath.

Like many others, Hope Hawkins and Winkworth were members of the Golf Club and played their part in village life.

When Sir Anthony Hope Hawkins, who lived at Heath Farm in Deans Lane, died in 1933 the Rector GW Borlase wrote that he "will be greatly missed by his many friends. His books have charmed many of us for a generation, and will be read for years to come. His was a singularly beautiful character, always courteous, kindly and sympathetic. His

religion was sincere and his life was governed by noble ideas."

Stephen Dickenson Winkworth lived in Lovelands the mansion in Chequers Lane at the junction of Heath Drive, from around 1909 until his death in 1938.

I have been trying to establish for some time what happened to Lovelands. I believe the mansion was demolished some 20 to 30 years ago and has never been built on. Stephen Winkworth died in 1938 and from 'Find My Past 1939 Record' living at Lovelands were his widow Dorothy Winkworth and their son William and family. In April and June 1944 William Winkworth was shown as living at The Old Rectory.

I wonder whether anyone in the village can help me? Was Lovelands requisitioned during WWII? Why has it never been built on? Do you know who lived there after the Winkworth Family? Etc.

SIR ANTHONY HOPE HAWKINS (1863-1933)

Sir Anthony was an English novelist and playwright who wrote under the pseudonym Anthony Hope. He was born in 1863, the son of Revd Edwards Comerford Hawkins and Jane Grahame. His father was the headmaster of St John's Foundation School for the sons of Poor Clergy and Anthony started his education at the school in Leatherhead.

Later, he went to Marlborough and then Balliol College, Oxford. He trained as a barrister and was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1887. He stood unsuccessfully for Parliament in 1892 for South Buckinghamshire. By 1893, he was well established in legal practice and had five novels published.

Hope is best remembered for The Prisoner of Zenda (1894) having taken one month to write it. By July 1895 he had decided to abandon his legal profession and devote himself to writing. He became a prolific writer, especially of adventure novels and wrote thirty-two volumes of fiction over the course of his lifetime and had a large popular following.

Hope wrote two novels which were published in 1919 - Beaumeroy Home from the Wars and The Secret of the Tower which contains fanciful descriptions of The Tadworth Tower. In 1903 he married Elizabeth Somerville and



they had two sons and a daughter. After his marriage he lived at 41 Bedford Square, London (which now bears a Blue Plaque) for 14 years.

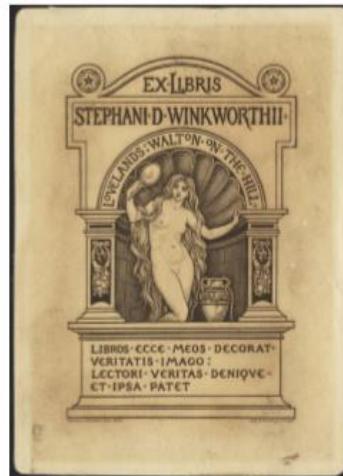
Due to ill health, Anthony Hope rented, and then subsequently bought, Heath Farm, Deans Lane, in the village of Walton on the Hill where he lived from 1914 -33. Heath Farm was for 16

years the site of the village workhouse. He was knighted in 1918 for his contribution to propaganda during WWI. Kenneth Grahame, the author of The Wind in the Willows, was a cousin of Anthony Hope.

STEPHEN DICKENSON WINKWORTH (1865-1938)



Stephen married Dorothy Mary "Doll" Wilberforce, a descendant of William Wilberforce in 1895, and they had two sons and two daughters. On 31 January 1921, at his London house, 13 Craven Hill Gardens, the Oriental Ceramic Society was founded



with fifteen members; George Eumorfopoulos was President and A L Hetherington Secretary.

He gave his collection of Chinese porcelain to his son William Wilberforce Winkworth, and

his Chinese ceramics to the British Museum. William also became a full-time collector and marchand-amateur. Winkworth was a major contributor to the Royal Academy exhibition of 1935-6.

He was on the original committee of Walton Heath GC in 1904, and was there in 1937/8. Stephen had an unusual method of putting, as he stood facing the hole with the ball between his feet and putted it backhanded, with a left-handed stroke hitting the ball between his legs. At the shorter putts he was deadly and James Braid used to say that he was the best holier-out he had ever seen.

In addition to Walton he was a man of many clubs, Woking and Romford among others, and earned some fame as a tennis player. Lovelands, a nineteenth-century mansion in Chequers Lane, opposite the end of Heath



Drive, now demolished, was his country home in the village.



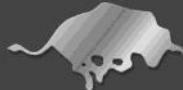
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I have lived in the area for nearly 60 years and I am blessed with many friends and contacts. In recent days I have felt called to devise certain arrangements and now I share this information with my friends.

The Coronavirus epidemic has, in a matter of weeks, propelled us all into new and frightening circumstances. I can recall that in the 1940's our lives were challenged and we were fearful in so many ways. There were national days of prayer when every town held Civic Services. There was an emphasis on the people seeking God's guidance and practicing a living faith.

The Coronavirus plague rightly demands that all people avoid personal contact so as to stem the deadly tide of infection. Clearly this means that Christians are unable to meet so worship and gatherings are suspended.

Throughout history in times of crisis the faithful turn to God in prayer to seek His comfort and guidance. After all it is only Jesus Christ who offers the faithful real life beyond the grave.

It seems to me that in this emergency our belief in Jesus Christ must be proclaimed. While so much is uncertain we have confidence in the eternal Good News of Jesus Christ.

The faithful must be constantly encouraged to be diligent in prayer – worship and Bible reading for these are the tried and tested ways in which believers survive and grow.

Modern technology offers so many creative avenues for communication to be maintained with

every member of a congregation. Churches should provide creative links to each of their members and encourage daily prayer to offer support.

Here at Walton Heath Manor, care home for the elderly, we have a complete 'lockdown' with residents confined to the manor house and garden. No relatives or visitors are allowed to enter and even our Rector is unable to visit.

As a resident, and also Lay Chaplain, I am able to lead worship & provide Holy Communion with pre-consecrated wafers. We are joined by our Roman Catholic residents as their Ministers may not enter the manor. These are the arrangements we now have in place, for the duration of the emergency:

- Prayer Time every day for Residents & Staff. In the Conservatory at 12 noon, for twenty minutes or longer. Bible Reading. Intercessory prayer.
- Sunday 11 am Holy Communion - Common Worship with full readings, sermon, intercessions and Holy Communion, with four hymns chosen by the residents.





- Tuesday 2.30 pm Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer with all the above features.

This care home offers to the residents & staff an almost unique worship opportunity of shared daily prayer and Holy Communion which is currently denied to most Christians.

In one sense we are rather like a closed religious community and this leads me to wonder if there is a role for us to be a local

prayer hub where we receive requests for prayer that are included in our Worship. If you feel we can provide 'prayer support' for you and your Church I would be delighted to hear from you from time to time, as you feel appropriate.

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Church Flowers By Penelope Dring

Easter Lilies

Thank you to all those who had kindly contributed to the Easter Lilies - by now I should have been in touch with you.

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Thank you, and best wishes to everyone, Penelope Dring



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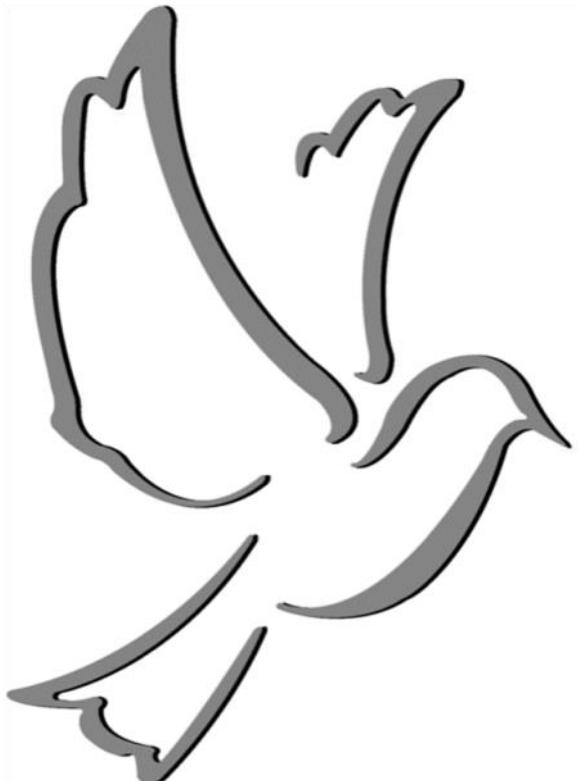
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Walton Village Forum By Grant Webster, Chairman.

I'm sure like me, none of you anticipated the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic would have on all our lives. Not for a moment did I think I'd be writing my forum update having spent the past three weeks in isolation at home, but here we are.

It's interesting that at times like this we see both the best and worst in humanity, however from what I've seen and heard, our own community has done an amazing job of coming together and caring not only for the vulnerable amongst us but looking out for each other too. There have been numerous initiatives in and around the local area and the council has done a fantastic job in supporting all of them.

I think we will all agree that our local councillors have done an incredible job in keeping us informed both from a county and borough perspective and I'd like to extend a special thank you to all of them for the excellent job they are doing in communicating with us on a regular basis. I've bumped into a number of you (from a socially acceptable distance) who have thanked me for the regular and informative email updates that I forward on from our councillors, so I am glad you're finding them useful.



Sadly, there have also been a number of scams and scammers who have taken advantage of the vulnerable amongst us, especially in the first week or so of the isolation advice. Although in the minority, I think we all find this type of behaviour despicable. There is a lot of advice around about how to

deal with these situations should they arise so please, if you're unsure then just ask a family member, friend or neighbour because if it doesn't feel right it probably isn't.

Unfortunately, this year you won't see any hanging baskets around the village. Given the government advice the committee agreed that it would go against the spirit of us staying at home to be seen maintaining them. That said, I'm sure you'll all join me in thanking Jean Bye and her Walton-in-Bloom team for the fantastic showing of spring bulbs all around the village and for how fabulous Gun Corner is looking again this year.

I'm sure we have all been doing our best to support our local businesses that have had to adapt to how they may normally do business. A number of businesses have adapted to offer delivery services amongst other key changes to their respective operating models.

Let's be mindful of how challenging this time has been for all our businesses and if we really value them then we should do what we can to support each and every one of them.

In closing I'd like to extend a special thank you from all of us to our local NHS heroes and anyone working in frontline public services. You are all doing an incredible job and as a community we thank you for all your efforts in helping to protect us and hopefully by staying at home, we can protect you.

If anyone has any questions or requires further information about what local community support is available then please email us at info@waltonvillageforum.com and we'd be happy to point you in the right direction.

I look forward to seeing you in and around the village.

Garden Bonfires and the effects it has on Covid19

By Louise Skinner, Local GP.

Even a small garden bonfire may cause increase breathing problems in patients with Covid 19 which puts them at greater risk of needing hospitalisation or dying. This will particularly be a problem with warmer days which are forecasted over coming weeks.

As GPs we are also being overwhelmed with lots of asthmatics having breathing problems as well, which is increasing their risks of problems with Covid. Again, even a small fire can trigger an asthma attack.

We are in discussions about looking at the problem long term but the emergency is happening now before any possible legislation can be put in place so we can only really explain the risks of having bonfires and hope residents listen.

We're trying really hard to keep everyone safe so the more people who follow simple advice

like staying at home and not having bonfires the better, this will help us to do what we need to do and focus on the patients who need us most.



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May

Service/Event

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Sun 10th		Mini service	YouTube
Thurs 14th	8.15pm	Read Mark Learn	Zoom
Sun 17th		Mini service	YouTube
Sun 24th		Mini service	YouTube
Thurs 28th	8.15pm	Read Mark Learn	Zoom
Sun 31st		Mini service	YouTube

June

Sun 7th		Mini service	YouTube
Thurs 11th	8.15pm	Read Mark Learn	Zoom
Sun 14th		Mini service	YouTube
Sun 21st		Mini service	YouTube
Thurs 25th	8.15pm	Read Mark Learn	Zoom
Sun 28th		Mini service	YouTube

If you would like to join in with RML on Zoom then please email Harry at isaiah61@uwclub.net to request an invite.

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Following the announcements from the Prime Minister and the Archbishop of Canterbury, all services and meetings in St Peter's are now either suspended or broadcast via YouTube until further notice.



St Peter's Services

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SUNDAYS

8.00am 1662 Prayer Book Communion (45mins)

This is a quiet traditional and spoken service of Communion with a short talk (a wonderful way to start the day)



11.00am Main Morning Service

(60mins) This service actually starts at 11am, but there is Coffee and Tea from 10.30am!



1st Sunday is an ALL-AGE Service (including a Craft activity)



2nd Sunday is a Parish Communion Service (more traditional)



3rd Sunday is a FAMILY Service (quite lively)



4th Sunday is a FAMILY Communion Service (less traditional)



TUESDAYS

At 2:30pm every Tuesday there is a Prayer Book Holy Communion Service with a talk and hymns followed by tea and cake that takes place at Walton Heath Manor Care Home, Hurst Drive, KT20 7QT.

Visitors are always welcome. Contact Tom Rhind-Tutt 01737 911730

WEDNESDAYS (1ST AND 3RD)

From 10.15am until 12 noon in St. Peter's Church we meet to pray and study the Bible.

10.15am Parish Prayers, 10.45am Refreshments, 11.00am St Luke's Gospel examined and explained, 12.00 noon conclude. Visitors are most welcome to join us. Contact Tom Rhind-Tutt 01737 911730



THURSDAYS (2ND AND 4TH)

From 8pm to 9.30pm twice a month there is a gathering in St. Peter's for coffee and chat, Bible study and prayer.

Please drop in and try this group out.



Virtual Events *To keep you entertained during lockdown.*

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The British Museum	The museum has taken a number of its exhibits to a digital platform.	www.britishmuseum.org/collection/galleries
The National Gallery	Take the virtual tour of 18 gallery rooms showcasing more than 300 paintings in total	www.nationalgallery.org.uk/visiting/virtual-tours
The Royal Academy of Arts	If you want to brush up on your art skills, The Royal Academy of Arts' website has an online life drawing tutorial.	http://www.royalacademy.org.uk/article/watch-life-drawing-live-anatomy-class
Buckingham Palace	The Queen's residence offers 360 virtual tours of iconic rooms.	www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace
Westminster Abbey	Take a virtual tour inside Westminster Abbey	www.westminster-abbey.org/learning/virtual-tours
Houses of Parliament	No area of the Houses of Parliament is off-limits in this 360-degree virtual tour.	http://www.parliament.uk/visiting/virtualtour/
Canterbury Cathedral	There are several areas of Canterbury Cathedral that the public can enjoy online.	www.canterbury-cathedral.org/visit/information/tour/
National Theatre at Home	The 'National Theatre at Home' project invites you to catch four of the theatre's best-loved productions weekly on Thursdays for free.	www.secretldn.com/national-theatre-at-home/
Stonehenge Monument	The English Heritage site boasts an official virtual tour that offers 360 degree views.	www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stonehenge/
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<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hidcote/features/hidcote-virtual-tours>

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sissinghurst-castle-garden/features/sissinghurst-castle-virtual-tours>

Classical Music

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RAF Museum

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<http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/things-to-see-and-do/virtual-tours.aspx>

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www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-fitness-studio/pilates-for-beginners/

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MU Lent Reflections By Rachel Ruddmore

Tuesday 10th March 2020 & Tuesday 13th March 2018. David Skitt (Minister of Edenbridge & Oxted at United Reformed Churches Redhill) led our Mother's Union meeting. Its the 3rd time I've heard him speak at St Peter's & it was the last event I went to before my family went into isolation. I took some notes from his meditation & those of previous ones I can't do it justice – I'm sharing his muses & anecdotes with you as best I can remember – I hope you might find comfort from his words.

In his Lent meditation, David explained there's always 'Tension' in our lives / things pulling both ways. In this time of Lock down some may be experiencing that now more than ever with new pressures they might be experiencing!

David recalled his 7 year old grandson had one view of when lent ran from - which differed from his 'traditional' view that Lent ran for 40 days from Ash Wed to Palm Sun. His grandson insisted that none of the Sundays count therefore it takes you up to Easter Day.....

Whatever lent is for us personally we were invited to take advantage of it's 'space'. As lockdown continues & beyond, you might find strength in the words of the first song we listened to:

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease,
enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

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We reflected on the human need to pause like Jesus did after his baptism.

David once walked the Thames walk (one of the best walks he's ever done) he wanted to do it in a special time, but on the South bank of river, he noticed a mother horse teaching her foal to drink - he simply had to 'pause' & watch this 20 minute life lesson - something special being passed on.

David talked of VAR (video assistant referee) which has been introduced in the Premier League & that it's ironically controversial in that these days if your own team scores a Goal, you now have to wait for the VAR to confirm the result before cheering your team. A 'Pause' has been introduced into the game. In life we do need to pause too.

There's a sense we need to pause about certain aspects of our lives. Maybe some of us are being given this time now – yes for many, there is much suffering & hardship, but without daily commutes, less frequent trips to the shops & clubs being closed for some of us, we are not so beholden to the clock & may be fortunate to have more time to attend to things & people we don't normally have time for. For others - front line people however, they are working harder than ever – but no doubt, appreciate any free time they are afforded more than ever!

David's Grandson William & his cousin Oscar got excited about cricket & played together & against one another. For the first 20 minutes, William's bowling was good, but Oscar's batting was even better. David decided to 'intervene' & made a 'false' call to 'help' even things out & called Leg before wicket (LBW). The Hit was nowhere near Oscar's leg - but he felt he had to 'change the fate'. Oscar (who had been put out) wasn't having it & decided to show David how far it would have missed it by. David knew he was in the wrong, but stuck to his guns & told Oscar that the umpire is always right! The 'impasse' was broken by William saying, "we should send it up to VAR". Then, he said he'd had a look & Oscar was not out! A 7 year old's logic, behaviour & attitude got Oscar & David reunited!!

David explained to us that William's grace & lack of selfishness & appreciating that it was far better to continue to have an enjoyable time in the park for all, rather than pursuing his own personal win, was more important! David likened this to following God - saying it would help find a way forward through reconciliation justice & fair play through love & offering a chance of a new start & in a broken community, suggesting we can pray for the spirit of Christ to bring us together against everything that would tear us apart!

LOVE is what brings us forward & HOPE brings us together in our own lives & the communities around us.

We were invited to look to the invisible spirit made visible in Jesus. Matthew 21:1-11 Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King. In this context, we were invited to think of the community

we live in, the family we come from, the groups we belong to.....& asked what we wanted the impact of the groups we belong to have on our community & in the wider world? These are things we might be reflecting on now. We prayed 'Let my life be yours & yet let it still be me'

Give us the space to reflect - sometimes in life, 'demands' on us (from family organisations, work etc), can make our own sense of worth threatened. Emphasis on an individual - Jesus focused on individuals e.g. tax collector, leper etc anyone could be invited & made to feel part of the family of God - he wants to bless us as individuals. Reading the book 'Behind the lens' by David Suchet - when accepting a part in a play/movie, he always tries to imagine the play without that figure when deciding whether to take a part. We reflected on the contribution we can make & our inner peace, relationships in our families – we were reminded that we all have a unique calling & asked to reconsider what it might be like without this.

"The prophet has us all carved on the palm of his hands. Let my life be yours (God's) & yet let it still be me!"

Communal & personal aspects of human life brought together by Jesus's love.

Matthew mentions 2 donkeys in that passage, it would have been a very difficult journey. One interpretation depicts Jesus on a blanket riding between the 2 donkeys - rather like bringing 2 things together that would otherwise be going in opposite directions & tries to keep them together. Family can be like that when we

have our own sense that everything is pulling in different directions & that we're being pulled apart. Jesus brings these different parts together in his own way through love, mercy & faith. He does this in the days that ensue through the 'passion' Sunday.

Irving Berlin (an American Composer) said a question he'd most like to be asked in an interview but never had been was 'what did he think of his songs/hits that didn't 'make it'? His answer would be "they were WONDERFUL!"

In these strange times, maybe we could try to remember this when we get to the end of the day. I'm sure we all have our own worries. I could have done a better job with my children - why did I get cross with them? What am I going to eat tomorrow, will I have enough food to last? Can I keep my job & paying the mortgage & putting food on everyone's plates? When will I see my family again? Then there are those working in the front line or with family / friends in the front line, we hope & pray they will stay healthy, others may already have been sick or have loved ones who are sick or may even have lost someone. All our worries are relative & not helped if we then tune into the news or browse the internet looking at daily stats & forecasts for the economy.

Despite all our worries & shortcomings wouldn't it be better to get to the end of the day & think about the 'WONDERFUL' things that have happened or that we have. Our health, families, friends, the church & GOD. That moment we took to sit with the sunshine on our face, feeling its warm

beams, or a phone call, email we decided to make to a friend.

My children are in the Scouting Association & they have been fantastic in coming up with 'weekly challenges' for the children to help out at home - keeping their rooms tidy/ beds made (3 week challenge & parents have to report back) & another 3 week challenge of the parent's choice. Another task they have set is for the children to keep a daily diary during this time of confinement for the purpose of recording what went well that day. Sometimes this has been a challenge if a school day has dragged, or siblings have argued, but without fail the children have found 'something' positive (& sometimes remembered several things) that they really enjoyed or was special. To help encourage them I've sat with them & done it alongside them. Often it's easier to remember (& we haven't managed it daily & have had to come back to it & do several days in one sitting sometimes) your worries & fears, but I think if in years to come I look back on this - I'd much rather remember the special & happy times & cherish these.

Tonight, our MU group are going to try our first Zoom meeting - I'm looking forward to seeing everyone & hearing about their Easter with a difference. This will definitely be one of the WONDERFUL things for my diary in today's entry - staying connected with others & worshiping together.

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Walton on the Hill Primary School *By Headteacher, Tim Samuel.*



Whether we are calling the time we are currently living in '*unprecedented*', '*uncertain*' or '*extraordinary*' it really doesn't matter; what does matter is that the strong sense of community that pervades the village is sustained, including within our school as one of the '*stakeholders!*' I would like to thank the wonderful parents from our school for their support, for the hard work the staff are committing to deliver work for the children and to many of our parents who are working so hard in their key roles to help others. I also think the fantastic staff at the Walton News, Ye Village Butchers, Walton Pharmacy and the Co-op all deserve a mention for staying open and providing such essential services to the community.

As a school community it is imperative that we conduct ourselves with our school moto of '***Global School Vision – Village School Value***' at the heart of all our actions. We

are experiencing a pandemic which is having a far reaching and devastating impact on so many countries, potentially far more so than here in the UK. I have been in contact with friends of mine in the town of Morogoro in Tanzania, where I used to live, and they are deeply concerned about the impact it will have as their living conditions do not lend themselves well with social distancing guidance. Similarly, the international charity that our school is supporting this year, Health Improvement Project Zanzibar (<https://www.hipz.org.uk/>), are facing a massive challenge to support the local population. With 1 doctor for every 20,000, health care provision is very stretched and the incredible work they do is dependent on international charitable funding. I ask that we keep sight of the international dimension of this crisis and to consider making a donation to HIPZ or one of the many very worthy charities that need help more than ever at this time.



Our '**Village School Values**' are also so very important and as a school we are trying to do our bit to help the local community by opening our doors to the children of a very limited number of critical workers who are performing such challenging tasks to keep people safe and healthy. We are also providing work and support for whatever our families need at this time. One lovely story I have heard that clearly exemplifies our values is of one family, while taking their daily exercise, using stealth to write happy and supportive messages in chalk on the doorsteps of their friend's houses. A true act of being community minded and caring! Wellbeing and positive mental health are an absolute priority at this time and although we are asking children to complete some work we have shared with our community that this should not become an additional pressure or be overly burdensome as we will be back in school together and will be able to work out where any gaps in learning are then. Please do get in touch with me if you are aware of a family in our community, whether they attend our school or not, who may need some support from us in the coming weeks.

One thing that the lockdown has given many of us is time; time we can use to do '*stuff*' we have been putting off! I remember my Grandmother having a '**Round Tuit**' (*a small*



ceramic plate with this phrase written on it!) which she would regularly present to my Grandad when she wanted something done! Our school staff have been working hard on the work for children while they are at home and I have been trying to get ahead with the admin side of my role, however, when I have been in school I have started a few jobs I have wanted to tackle! One such '*project*' has been to build a shed for our scooters and bikes. Using skip finds (*having asked permission*) and other bits of recycled wood we now have a new 'stable' full of bikes and scooters to use. It still needs a few finishing touches, but it is structurally sound and functional if not a thing of beauty.

While in school this week I was talking to a colleague about the amount of time we now have available to us and they shared that their families experience has been positive as they are now taking more time to play games together, talk to each other and eat meals together. For those of us lucky enough to have families around us we often lead overly busy lives which do not always allow us enough time to spend with those at home. A curious, yet meaningful celebration, was that this family who would normally be fairly chilled have had some discussions / arguments which usually there wouldn't have been time to have. This has been a valued

learning experience demonstrating character and opinions that may otherwise have remained unheard. One thing I will certainly take from this time is the need to protect time to be with our families and commit to 'quality' time and not allow our busy lives to take over again when lockdown and other restrictions are removed.

September and it would be very sad if we are unable to have them back in school, particularly sad for me as they started the school at the same time I did, 7 years ago! We will ensure we make time to celebrate their graduation from our school whenever that might be! However, we must all follow the guidance and do what is right to keep people safe.

So what next...?!

As we all are, it is very much a waiting game to see what happens with this awful disease and how it will impact on the remainder of our academic year. Our current Year 6 class (the oldest children in our school) will be leaving us to head off to Secondary School in

Please do get in touch with me at the school if there is anything I or the school can do to help you at this time: head@walton-on-the-hill.surrey.sch.uk.



We are now closed until further notice.

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I'm embarrassed to ask but... "Is there any evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus?"

This is a really good question to ask and the answer is "Yes!" Modern sceptics sometimes say "Dead people do not rise"

from the dead. Therefore Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead. End of discussion.

" But to quote the UCCF publication Uncover "the philosophical question of induction, does not allow the conclusion to be drawn from the premise. Observation does not determine fixed laws, which may be used to determine whether something did or did not happen in the past. It merely establishes the probability of events of a certain type."

What cannot be denied is that the earliest Christians certainly believed Jesus had been raised from the dead. So let us look at the evidence and then decide what is most probable.

Jesus' mutilated body was wrapped tight in a linen cloth and placed in a rock tomb with a very heavy stone blocking the entrance. A guard of soldiers was placed to prevent the body being moved. But three days later the stone was rolled away, the tomb was empty, the body missing. Moreover the disciples gave accounts of seeing the risen Jesus and a terrified group of people found new



courage to continue Jesus' ministry. Of his closest followers all but one were martyred for proclaiming Jesus

was God and had been raised from the dead. Was Jesus really dead? Well the Roman flogging often killed people and crucifixion always did. A spear was pushed into Jesus' heart to check he was dead and he was. Any idea that he revived in the tomb and escaped is ridiculous. Did the Jewish leaders steal the body? Well if they had they could have produced it to squash claims of resurrection. Did the disciples steal the body? Well if they had done so would they really be willing to die for a lie? The most probable explanation for their behaviour and for the growth of the early Church in the Roman Empire is that Jesus did rise from the dead.

But here is the rub and maybe the reason some people prefer to think of Jesus as dead. If he was raised then it gives considerable weight to the things he taught about himself. The logic is that he was and is the Son of God, that he loves us very much, that he did indeed die for our sins and that he will return to judge the living and the dead. **He is therefore looking to us to respond to him.**

ChristChurch By Rev'd John B Gordon

Dear Friends,

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked.....Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you". Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you". When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven then; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained". (John 20: v19ff)

This year Holy Week and Easter Day 2020 was "celebrated" under the official Government lockdown to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. On Easter day I was awake at dawn to pray and read the set Bible readings for an Easter Vigil. Outside it was completely still. Because of the lockdown there was no noise pollution from traffic or airplanes coming in or out of London. The only sound to be heard was birdsong.

It felt like the Easter Garden where Mary discovered the tomb empty and the Risen Christ.

The reading from John's gospel above has Jesus breathing the life of the Holy Spirit into the disciples. It is an echo of the Creation



story where God breathes life into the still body of Adam. Easter Day is literally the first new day of Creation!

I have been fascinated and challenged in equal

measure of photographs from around the world during this pandemic showing pollution free cities because we are not using our cars. In an Indian city "before" you couldn't literally see the other end of the High Street and now "after" the smog is gone and the air is crystal clean. In the midst of the suffering and death of this global pandemic we are now being afforded an opportunity possibly to begin at Day Zero, the first day of creation.

Twice, Jesus blessed the disciples with peace (Shalom). As the global human family, we must not allow ourselves to be fearful and to slip back into our recognised ways of unsustainable living. Individually and collectively, it is our responsibility, to make a real difference to make our world a better place built on the found community spirit of help and support that we have shown to each other during the lockdown.

With Every Blessing,

Reverend John Gordon.



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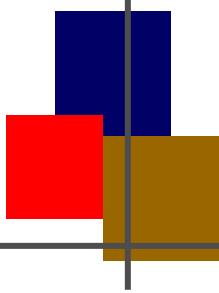
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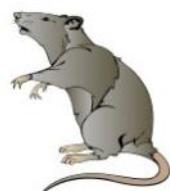


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Local Chef Laura Palmer *Chocolate Sorbet and Ice Magic.....*



I was going to do a healthy superfood salad for the summer edition of Window on Walton. But then, well, the world changed, and the way we shop for food changed too, and there's no point publishing a recipe with lots of ingredients, only for half of them to be unavailable.

So even though this is another chocolate recipe, hear me out, it's worth it. I've adapted it from the first Green and Black's cookbook, with a couple of additions and a few tweaks. Just a few ingredients, most of which I'm pretty sure are available in our lovely Post Office. It's super easy to make too, you don't need a sugar thermometer or ice cream maker. You do need access to a freezer though.

It might be indulgent, but it's lighter, yet strangely richer than ice cream, and even though we might promise ourselves that tomorrow will be the day we start a daily Joe Wicks workout/dust off that exercise bike/do a thousand star jumps in the garden, none of us are likely to be donning swimwear and jetting off to sunnier climes any time soon. Not that I wear my bikini on the plane, but you know what I mean.

Anyone remember Ice Magic from the 80's? Well, here's how to make it at home, if you've ever wondered (I have) and use up some of that leftover Easter chocolate at the same time.

Ingredients:

For the chocolate sorbet: 230ml kettle hot water, 140g caster sugar, a tablespoon of golden syrup, a teaspoon of vanilla paste or the seeds from 1 pod, 100g good dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids if possible but I've also used Bournville with success), 60g cocoa powder (definitely not instant hot chocolate!), another 100ml hot water.

For the Ice Magic: 50g white, milk or dark chocolate, a teaspoon of coconut oil, sprinkles (optional).



To make the chocolate sorbet:

1. Put the 230ml hot water, caster sugar, golden syrup and vanilla in a small pan and heat gently until everything has dissolved, then bring to a simmer and bubble over a medium heat for 5 minutes. Meanwhile chop the chocolate into small pieces and place in a large heatproof bowl.
2. Turn off the heat and place the bowl of chocolate over the pan of sugar syrup to melt. When melted, remove the bowl, add the extra 100ml hot water to the sugar syrup and heat again until it just starts to bubble. Turn off the heat.
3. Add the cocoa and whisk with a balloon whisk until smooth, then whisk the chocolatey syrup into the melted chocolate. Keep whisking until you have a glossy liquid the consistency of a really rich hot chocolate. Don't worry that it tastes too sweet, the freezer will dull the sweetness and it's needed to balance the bitterness of the cocoa.
4. Transfer to a large freezer-proof box and leave to cool before popping in the freezer. Leave for 30 to 40 minutes then whisk again. The mix will have thickened slightly but still be very thin – like the river running through Willy Wonka's factory.
5. Return to the freezer and repeat every 30-40 minutes. You'll find the mix at the edges and base of the box start to freeze and become a sorbet consistency, whisk these back into the mixture and freeze again. After a few hours you'll have a thick chocolatey mixture. Transfer this to a deeper, smaller container and freeze until solid.
6. Scoop and serve, with or without the Ice Magic (below).

To make the Ice Magic:

Melt the chocolate with the coconut oil and stir until smooth. Leave to cool slightly then pour over the chocolate sorbet or any ice cream of your choice. If using sprinkles add them quickly before it sets.

Top Tip:

make the Ice Magic before you scoop your ice cream or sorbet and chill your bowls before serving up.

Reacting and Responding

The rapid changes we have all experienced to our daily lives since the beginning of March are really quite astonishing. There was no preparation or training for this and it has all been very discombobulating for most, if not all of us.

Looking back over the last few weeks I know that I have reacted in a whole variety of ways. In the early days I felt paralysed by indecisions – should I buy larger shops than normal in case we have to isolate for 14 days or is that being selfish? I burst into tears when I heard Boris's announcement that schools would be closing indefinitely. I felt quite exhausted by the invitation to lots of group zoom meetings because I really felt like retreating into my cave to process all the changes.

Our reactions to the impact of the changes to our daily lives are complex and individual – after all we are all different. This is a life event that is common to us all but we are all in different circumstances. Some people live on their own so not being able to go out highlights their aloneness and perhaps also their dependence on others. Others live with many people so that being stuck together in a confined space makes them feel suffocated and they long for their own space. Some generally enjoy good health so are not normally overly worried about illness and the vulnerability and fragility that it exposes. Others constantly battle with physical ill health and so are

already living with a sensitivity to their physical vulnerability. Some people are used to structuring their own time every day, others normally rely on the structure imposed on them by the demands of life. Some have jobs that have become more busy and demanding due to the crisis, others have lost their jobs or been furloughed and have a lot more free time now. And we all have different personalities. Some are introverts, some extroverts. Some love to be busy others crave a gentle and quiet life.

I wonder if you have ever thought about the difference between a reaction and a response? Psychologist Henry Cloud says that the difference between reacting and responding is choice. When you are reacting, they are in control. When you respond you are. In stressful and threatening situations that are beyond our control we instinctively react because our fight, flight or freeze responses are activated and we feel the need to protect ourselves and give ourselves the best chance at survival (hence the panic buying).

There are many external stresses upon us at this time and it is not surprising we all reacted to the unfolding situation. However, as time goes on, I imagine we are beginning to find ways to respond rather than react. As we all have time to get used to the new situation, we can find ways to take back control of things; our



fight flight freeze



attitudes, our thoughts, our behaviour to name just a few. There are many things we can't control but finding the things we can and choosing well helps us stay mentally healthy in these times.

When I find myself in 'fight' mode and feeling very argumentative in my family with regards to domestic chores I need to recognize that I am reacting. With everyone at home there are lots of needs to be met and I often feel quite overwhelmed by them. I have had to notice my 'fight' reaction and its unhelpful consequences. I can then choose to respond to my own stress by writing rotas and talking openly about what needs to be done and by whom, which has better consequences.

When I find myself in 'flight' mode I remember that as an introvert I do need my own space and to build in time for me to be alone is ok. But I also need to remember that sometimes I need to seek comfort from others and not feel I have to keep all my

worrying thoughts and feelings to myself. I also need to offer comfort and conversation to those who are more extrovert or have too much time alone.

When I find myself in 'freeze' mode, paralysed by anxiety or indecision, I try and get moving physically – normally by going for a walk because this moves me out of the 'freeze' state and helps me problem solve and think more creatively and hopefully.

In these difficult and challenging times where there is much we can't control but some things we can I wonder if the serenity prayer can help us?

'Please give me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference'

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Lockdown is a particularly trying time for people who are normally very active, so those kids who had regularly played football will be tapping their feet looking for some sort of release.

If you have a garden or any space at your home that can function as a stand-in for Old Trafford, then use it to your advantage.

Get your kids to practise their first touch, see how many kick-ups they can do or even take on the cross bar challenge with the washing line! Remind them that football will return and it's wise to stay sharp for when that day comes.

The [England](#) national team has launched a 'Football's Staying Home' campaign which will see motivational videos, skills tutorials and throwbacks shared on their [YouTube](#) and social channels through the week.

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