

# MOMSS MAGAZINE



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Drawing by Anne Farmer**

**MAY 2020**

**News & Views for our MOMSS villages of  
Middlezoy, Othery, Moorlinch, Stawell,  
Sutton Mallet and Greinton**

## MOMSS MAGAZINE

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## ***FROM THE EDITOR***

Welcome to our second edition of the electronic/digital/contactless MOMSS Magazine. Our April edition was halted in mid-print by the UK government's Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic national lockdown so only became available as pdfs via email or posted into group facebook pages and restricted websites. This will continue as long as there is the lockdown so if you know of people who want to receive our emailed editions please get them to contact us at [momssgeditor@live.co.uk](mailto:momssgeditor@live.co.uk) and we will distribute the magazine on our 'BCC' (Blind Carbon Copies) system. From mid-May we will be putting together the June edition and will be happy to receive articles, photos etc.

In this edition we have re-arranged some sections and introduced others so that you will continue to have news, views, questions, advice, suggestions, illustrations, humour and encouragement aplenty so after your daily exercise or work session sit back, relax and enjoy!

*Anita Winslade (Editor, May 2020 edition)*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Because of the cancellation of all events to the end of May the Centre Pages Calendar and Lists of local Clubs and Societies sessions have been removed. These will appear again in the first edition of the magazine to be published when we know lockdown will be completely lifted.

The May Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

The Late Spring Bank Holiday will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>.

## ***PEOPLE IN THE NEWS***

### **Frank Reynolds of Stawell**

Frank was taken to hospital on Saturday 18 April suffering with breathing problems but sadly passed away on Sunday 19 April. Our sincere condolences to Jean and family members for the loss of such an amazing and inspiring character.



### **Captain Tom Moore of Marston Moretaine**

'Captain Tom', as he has now become known, at the age of 99 has completed a most determined 100 laps of his garden just before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 30 April to raise funds for the NHS. His aim was to raise £1,000 and because of national and international TV, radio and press coverage has succeeded in raising £29 million to date (29 April). Inspired by his dedication singer Michael Ball (of the Ball family of Bridgwater) and Captain Tom and NHS vocalists joined in a 'virtual' choir and made a visual and choral record of a version of 'You'll never walk alone'; this single has become an international hit and became the No 1 record in the UK music charts. In an interview Captain Tom gave an encouraging quote "Tomorrow will be a good day" and we all look forward to it. Well done Captain Tom and 'thank you' for your kindness.

# ***BENEFICE, DEANERY AND DIOCESAN ITEMS***

## **CHURCHES AND CHAPELS TO REMAIN CLOSED**

Whilst the Coronavirus lockdown continues our churches and chapels have to remain closed. We will let you know as soon as they can be re-opened to the public for prayer, worship, thanksgiving and celebration.

## **CHURCH OUTSIDE OF CHURCH**

### **Family beyond buildings**

The English word **Church** has at least two definitions – (1) a building (2) family. Most people think of the first rather than the second.

In this period of social distancing and self-isolating to protect humans from the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic the British government decided to have all public buildings including churches and chapels in the UK shut until further notice. That means that the people who used those buildings to practice their faith have had to find different ways to worship, whether in public or in privacy. With this intent Christian authorities decided to go 'digital' with online services comprising individuals joining together like family members via Zoom or Webinar or other sharing media broadcasts. Locally the benefice villages have been able to join in with the Glastonbury Abbey Group set up by Rev David McGeoch and David Chapman or with the UB Group which was set up by Fiona Hixon and vicar Andrea. The services that have been held have been much appreciated by everyone who tuned in and our thanks are extended to all the organisers and participants. Further services are being planned for regular broadcasts until our buildings are again open to the family of church members and everyone else who wishes to enter.

*Anita Winslade, Editor*

## **A TIME TO 'LOVE OUR NEIGHBOURS AS OURSELVES'**



I wonder - are you someone who gets everything ready long before you need to; jobs done well before time; someone who is never late for anything? Or are you someone who leaves things to the last minute; works right up to the deadline; catches the bus or train with moments to spare? Or maybe you are somewhere in the middle?

One of the things that Bishop Ruth and I enjoy doing is writing these articles each month for parish magazines and newsletters. It gives us a chance to keep in touch with people across the diocese and to share

the things that are in our hearts and minds as the year unfolds. The only drawback is that we have to write these articles well in advance, so that they reach magazine editors and church administrators in good time. The problem is of course that things may change in all sorts of ways between us writing them and you reading them. I am particularly conscious of that this month, as we are in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. Things are changing very fast and it is hard to know what the next few weeks will bring. That inevitably brings with it a certain degree of uncertainty and some of us, especially those who are isolated and cut off, may be feeling anxious for ourselves or for others.

My hope throughout this time of lockdown is that although some of us may have felt

physically isolated from each other, that we have not felt socially or spiritually isolated. Indeed, I have been truly amazed and encouraged by all the stories I have heard of people caring for each other, phoning each other and going shopping for those who cannot get out to buy the food they need. At this stage none of us knows quite how and when this virus will eventually be brought under control. However, I do hope that when we get to the stage that restrictions can be safely lifted and we begin to go out and shop as we did before, that things will be different. Many of us have had difficulty buying the food we wanted. Some of us have had to rely on others for our daily needs. We have had to learn new ways to pray and keep in touch with others in our churches and communities. We have had to trust, hope, and look out for our neighbours, especially those who are particularly vulnerable. We have been humbled by the courage and dedication of those who work in the NHS and care homes and all who as 'key workers' have worked tirelessly to look after and provide for us. Jesus taught us to 'Love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind' and 'to love our neighbours as ourselves'. My hope and prayer is that as we emerge from this pandemic that we and our communities may be more compassionate, more generous, more grateful. And may we all have discovered what it is to know in a deeper way the peace and the presence of God. May the peace and the joy of the Risen Lord be with you.

*The Rt Rev Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath & Wells*

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Stand Against Violence (SAV) was established in 2005 in response to the murder of my brother, Lloyd Fouracre, who was beaten to death in Taunton, one day before his 18th birthday. Our vision is to work in communities to give people a chance to live in a world without violence.

By working with those age groups most at risk of being either a victim or perpetrator of violence and using a holistic approach, we tackle the issue of violence from multiple perspectives. Our approach highlights the consequences of violence by challenge young people to consider their actions before they make the wrong choice. Our work takes us into both small local primary schools and larger secondary ones as well as pupil referral units and other Youth organisations. Some of your children might even have taken part in one of our workshops!

Today there are 1.3 million random acts of violence in England and Wales each year

(ONS, 2018), each one with the potential of life changing consequences. In 2005, when Lloyd was murdered, myself and my family were of course devastated, and it irreversibly changed our lives. At that time I wanted to ensure that Lloyd's death was not in vain, do our bit to prevent his tragic death being repeated and whilst it is sad to see that our work is needed now more than ever it is also a privilege to be able to play our part in creating a more peaceful and safe world for all. I want to thank you for all the support that we have had from the community over the years, from donating to SAV when hosting your own events through to attending ours. Together we can make sure Lloyd's story becomes the exception and not the rule.

Should you feel you wish to support our work, you can do so either by visiting our website [www.standagainstviolence.co.uk](http://www.standagainstviolence.co.uk) and clicking the red donate button at the top of the page, or by sending a cheque made payable to Stand Against Violence to our office at 7 Bridge street Taunton TA1 1TD. Thank you. *Adam Fouracre, FRSA, CEO*

## **NEED ADVICE IN THESE STRANGE TIMES?**

During times of such severe restrictions and financial worries feeling lonely or helpless is something we all need to manage and hopefully change so a phone call to the following charity helplines is a possible way forward.

Childline: 0800 1111

Samaritans: 116 123

Domestic Violence Hotline: 0808 2000 247

The Survivors Trust: 0808 801 0181

Mind: 0300 123 3393

Age UK: 0800 169 6565

## ***REGULAR ITEMS***

### **SEDGE MOORS TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

#### **AGM and Social Evening**

These events took place on Wednesday 11 March in Othery Church Room. Thanks and appreciation were extended to all members who support the Association whether by being officers and Committee members or organising and helping at events, fundraising and/or hosting the French Twinning members when they visit us. The audited 2019 Accounts presented by the Treasurer were adopted by the meeting. The Committee was re-elected with Roger Harding as Chairman, Mervyn Winslade Vice Chairman, Jan Harding Secretary and Anita Winslade Treasurer, several other members were also elected to the committee. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic the Quiz Night due to be held on 21 March was postponed to later in the year and the visit by our Normandy twinning friends has been postponed to 2021.

#### **Launch of SMTA Lottery**

The SMTA fundraising lottery was launched at the AGM and social evening. Based on a 100 Club format, there are just 100 tickets each priced at £10 and the draw date will be 25 July 2020. The prizes are: 1st £250, 2nd £125, 3rd £75.

Tickets can be purchased by anyone and available from the committee members.

*Anita Winslade, Treasurer, 01823 698368*



## **WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION (WFA)**

### **Somerset Branch**

Whilst in lockdown you may want to look at some of the following sites if your ancestor died in the Great or Second (World) War;

<https://www.cwgc.org> will give you the date of death, number and regiment and in some cases next of kin. If you can access Ancestry you can match these details with the Great War medal records rescued by the WFA and any surviving attestation papers many of which were burnt in a fire during WW2. If the person was wounded look for silver war badge records, these were issued from September 1916 to stop injured men being accused of shirking their duty by not fighting; before this many received abuse and white feathers.

Pension records are available on <https://www.fold3.com> If you are a member of the WFA access of this is free through the main site <http://www.westernfrontassociation.com> Other sites of interest are <https://www.longlongtrail.co.uk> and for graves <https://www.twgpp.org>

For the Second World War you need to apply and pay for service records <https://www.gov.uk/get-copy-military-service-records> (brief details may be on the

<https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk> by subscription). A search in the Gazette can be helpful - this page will tell you how <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/all-notices/content/116>

Peter Hart posts details of his free podcasts on the branch Facebook page, please join it. For those who know Peter these are very interesting. He was at the Imperial War Museum for 39 years before his recent retirement and has a unique style of sharing his huge knowledge. You can also follow these on:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/peter-harts-military-history/id1497949409>

Sites such as [www.hooge crater.com](http://www.hooge crater.com) are trying to make some of their museum collections available.

Although not all military history <https://www.british-history.ac.uk> is making all transcribed content free until 31 July.

The National Archives are soon going to be giving everyone free access to their digitised collections.

We hope to see you at meetings in Othery Village Hall once it is safe to hold them.

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## SKY AT NIGHT - May

### Sunrise Sunset

Beginning of May 5.42am-8.34pm

End of May 5.01am-9.16pm

### Moon Phases

Full 7 May

Last Qtr 14 May

New Moon 22 May

Last Qtr 30 May

### Planets

Venus, the evening star, starts the month shining brightly in the west at sunset but starts to move towards the Sun disappearing from sight mid-month to return as the morning star mid-June. For the night owls the gas giant Planets Jupiter and Saturn rise in the east around 1am.

### Stars

Looking towards the south around 11am you will see the red giant star Arcturus. This star is the fourth brightest star in the northern sky, it is 26 times the size and 170 times as bright as our Sun and yet is lower in temperature! Also it takes the light from Arcturus 37 years to reach us which means we are seeing it as it was in the year 1983. Arcturus sits at the bottom of a kite shaped asterism of stars that form the Constellation of Bootes, The Herdsman. This Constellation contains many interesting double stars which are visible with a small telescope or a pair of binoculars.

### Phenomena

It is interesting each month to watch as the moon, planets and stars appear to move around each other and this month is no exception. In the early morning sky on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> the Moon, Jupiter and Saturn sit close together and then after sunset in the west on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> you may spot Mercury below the much brighter Venus, then finally on the 24<sup>th</sup> the Moon grazes the top of the Seven Sisters star cluster.

*Paul Adamson, 01823 698156*

## SOMERSET LEVELS STARGAZERS

Our meetings are now on hold until further notice but you are, of course, able to Stargaze and maybe locate some of the objects mentioned in the Sky At Night article from your home, to help with this and for other useful information please visit our website and follow us on Facebook.

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## **FARM DIARY**

This is written for non-farmers who live surrounded by farmland.

**In the Field.** We did have three fields we planned to put into spring barley. Two were sown at the end of March and surprisingly are trying to come up. The third was too dry. In the third week of April, we decided to abandon the plan to sow this one. We may use some surplus seeds of various things and put them all in to act as a green manure. This means no income from that field this year. We have had strange times in the fields as it has been relentlessly wet during the winter so that on our clay soils a lot of plants have given up or suffered. This has been followed by a dry time.

**Footpaths.** There is an extensive network of footpaths around the county and these can be found on the Somerset County Council website. When walking on these through fields, do please remember that the fields are the farmer's work place. Grass fields are for grazing animals. So please do not leave any litter and leave all gates as you found them. If walking with your dog do keep it on a lead if you are near any sheep and also with cattle. However do be prepared to unleash your dog if the cattle start chasing you. You cannot outrun them but the dog can. Generally they will be interested or concerned about the dog not you. Cattle are inquisitive.

**White flour.** In The Daily Telegraph of 16 April Helena Horton reported that Rothampstead Research institute in Hertfordshire has found that white flour is the healthiest it has been in 200 years. This is contrary to the pervading myth from some nutritionists that because of plant breeding white flour has become less nutritious over time. A three year study conducted by Rothampstead that compared historic wheat varieties with modern ones has shown an increase in dietary fibre and other features beneficial to human health. In particular, the concentration of betaine, beneficial for cardiovascular health, has increased. Levels of asparagine which can be converted to a potential carcinogen when baked has decreased.

It is also interesting to note that after the second world war most of our bread wheat was imported. Now most of our bread wheat is home-grown. This helps with security of supply.

*Richard Graham*

## **BURROWBRIDGE WOMENS INSTITUTE**

As with all clubs and societies across the country, Burrowbridge WI has cancelled its meetings, however its members are actively supporting friends, families, and each other during this challenging time.

We will return at some point and when we do we have a really exciting programme over the next 12 months including: seated Pom-Pom dancing, a soap making demonstration, a talk on winter customs, a scarf tying demonstration evening and lots of other craft besides!

We meet on the third Monday each month at 7.30pm in the Coronation Hall, Burrowbridge. You can be guaranteed a warm welcome with tea and biscuits. We are mixed group of local ladies ranging from 35 to 90+ in age, all are welcome!

For more details contact Jo Washington on 07814 243567.

We hope all of our local community stays safe and well during this unprecedented time.

*Jo Washington, jowashington@hotmail.com*

# **MIDDLEZOY VILLAGE NEWS**

## **MIDDLEZOY LOCKDOWN ARTS PROJECT**

This year's Festival is on hold so why not take part in a small project ending in an installation?

There has never been a time when all residents of the village are here, it's a strange time. We are spending time on our doorsteps clapping and dancing so why not photograph households (including pets) standing on their doorsteps. Obviously, residents would have to agree and no doubt there will be some who would not wish to take part. We will put the pictures together as thumbnail prints and make them into a montage to be displayed in the village hall for all time and when we are let free have an afternoon displaying them together with the daily walk photos.

The project will need a jazzy name, any ideas?

The digital archive could eventually be passed to the Village Heritage Group for posterity.

Additionally, we would love to put together a series of short (10 second) videos to create a short film 'Middlezoy in a Day - Lockdown 2020' which will include what people are getting up to during quarantine and to span an entire day from waking up to bedtime. We would love all residents to get involved! Please send any photos or videos to [middlezoyartsfestival@outlook.com](mailto:middlezoyartsfestival@outlook.com) or via our Facebook page.

Many thanks,

*Middlezoy Arts Committee*

## **MIDDLEZOY DISTANCE DANCING**

### **Every Saturday morning at 11am**

Middlezoy held its first Social Distancing Dance on Saturday 4 April which proved to be very popular with the residents. Therefore we are running a weekly slot on a Saturdays at 11am (weather permitting, and following police guidelines on obtaining correct permissions and social distancing). Please feel free to join in from the comfort of your garden, drive, doorstep or home. Whether you are dancing, waving to your neighbours or just enjoying the music – let's enjoy a little bit of fun and uplift our spirits. As from Saturday 18 April, we will be having a colour theme from the NHS rainbow to show our support, starting from red, whether it be something dug out from the wardrobe or something creative!

2 May yellow, 9 May green, 16 May blue, 23 May indigo, 30 May violet, 6 June red.

Please follow the government guidelines regarding social distancing.

*Sarita Parish*

## **MIDDLEZOY SHOP AND POST OFFICE**

Despite these unprecedented times, Middlezoy Village Shop and Post Office has remained open (opening times shown on the inside back page).

It is with great thanks to the Middlezoy Village Shop committee, (including Jennie who is still working hard ordering and checking the finances), Linda from the Post Office, and the work of the Middlezoy Coronavirus volunteer helpers, and an ever-growing list of shop volunteers (some doing 2 shifts a week) that these vital services have been able to continue.

In an effort to reduce risk to customers, Middlezoy volunteers have introduced contactless payment and an effective outdoor shop counter, covered by a generously donated gazebo which has now been converted into a fixed covered pergola - thank you Garry, Eleanor, Matt, Ian, Rich and Jason. There are also 2ms spaced queuing markers and a strict one-customer-at-a-time policy for those entering the shop building in order to access the post office.

Due to the increased number of those self-isolating in our communities, the Middlezoy Coronavirus helpers have also introduced a home delivery service for Middlezoy postcode residents. Residents can order basic groceries, including fruit, vegetables, milk, bread and eggs online at <https://middlezoyvillageshop.mailchimpsites.com> or by phoning Aviva on 01823 690212. There is a 50p admin fee for each order. Place your order by 12noon Saturday to receive your goods on the following Friday or Saturday.

To arrange for Bridgwater-based prescription collections to be delivered to Middlezoy Village Shop, unless home delivery is requested, please contact your village helper or Aviva on 01823 690212.

To arrange Middlezoy Newspaper reservations and deliveries please contact Chris East on 07919540688.

Our thanks to all involved, including the packing and delivery teams, residents who have kindly donated fridges and freezers, Sarah for food hygiene guidance and coordinators who have made it all possible, including Jennie, Kate, Rachel, Jason and Aviva.

For more information and latest updates, please follow us on the Middlezoy Village Shop Facebook page.

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*shop pergola*



*shop queuing system*



*shop delivery service*

## **MIDDLEZOY CORONAVIRUS HELPERS**

On 15 March, one Facebook post instigated a volunteer network of over 40 Middlezoy residents.

After assigning 13 villagers' homes, over 360 slips were hand-posted to every home in the village to ensure all residents have someone to call should they need help or support during this difficult time.

If an assigned helper is unable to help at any given time, they are able to call upon the other 30+ helpers - so no request is a burden and every request is answered! If you need help contact your assigned helper or Rachel on 01823 698272 or 07702 877511

or Kate on 01823 690566 or 07779 718499.

So far, the helpers have been collecting prescriptions, delivering groceries and newspapers and offering support to residents on a daily basis ever since. They have also been instrumental in keeping Middlezoy Village Shop open and introducing a new home delivery service.

In a bid to raise spirits and bring the community closer than ever before (yet keeping at least 2ms apart!), members of the Middlezoy Coronavirus Helpers group have also been doing activities, such as donating Easter bonnets for the children to decorate, creating a Village Easter Quiz walk and every Saturday at 11am we have been dancing in the street. The winner of the Decorated Easter Bonnet competition was Sophia. Bonnets for decoration and the prize were donated by Sue Gray and Caroline Roarty.



It has been remarkable how a small community has become even closer despite social distancing and self-isolation. On behalf of all the Middlezoy Coronavirus Helpers - we thank all residents.

Please watch our little video at: <https://bit.ly/3bn99fK>

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## MIDDLEZOY PRAYERS

### The Church Within Our Community

The day Sarah Blake had to close our church until further notice was a day which saddened many people in our village. The fact that our church was open every day seemed even more important in the situation we all find ourselves in today. Closing the church was the right thing to do and alternative ways to worship have been found. The church has returned to being the people not the building.

But ...we don't have a dedicated place to pray, speak with God, clear our muddled mind - a place to find peace. We know that many more than just the 'regulars' go into our village church and especially at times of national/global crisis.

What we want to do is give you an alternative to going into our church building.

You can send your prayer to [middlezoyprayers@gmail.com](mailto:middlezoyprayers@gmail.com) This email is dedicated to this purpose, Sarah, vicar Andrea and myself will have access to it.

On a Saturday evening after 7pm one of us will cut and paste all the prayer requests onto an email and send the email out to a group which is 'getting together' and who will pray these prayer requests for a week. You can mention names, use initials or just make it completely anonymous, whatever you wish as God knows who and what you mean.

For ease of setting this up the initial group who are going to pray for us are members of the church community but people who wish to join this group will be warmly welcomed. Just let us know via the email. We will start this on Saturday 25 April and look forward to hearing from you.

*Jean Campbell, Sarah Blake*

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With initially services being cancelled and then the church building closed, Lent and Easter were still celebrated, even if it was in an unaccustomed way.

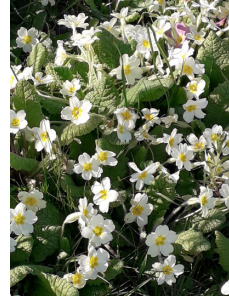
In the church, just before we had the instruction to close the building, there was an opportunity to make Mothering Sunday posies and then Sarah and Rob Blake arranged for the Easter Garden display in the porch (*see photo on next page*). I understand there were even chocolate eggs available on Easter Sunday.

Rev Andrea has arranged for the Sunday services to be on-line. If you wish to join these services please contact Ian Campbell at [meadowbank@btinternet.com](mailto:meadowbank@btinternet.com) and the connection details can be forwarded. Alternatively, every Sunday there are pre-recorded services on the Bath and Wells and Church of England



websites.

The wildflowers are flourishing in the churchyard. It has therefore been decided to delay any grass cutting so that they can be enjoyed when your daily walk takes you through the churchyard.



wildflowers  
April 2020

### **South Aisle Roof Covering**

The restrictions have delayed any practical work in replacing then covering on the south aisle roof. We are in discussions with the Deanery and our architect regarding laying a high quality roofing felt as a more durable temporary covering. This will provide time for the funds to be raised to lay a permanent covering.

### **Jars of Change Appeal**

The collection for the Jars of Change Appeal had to be cancelled. We suggest you keep placing your change in a jar and we will arrange collection once the restrictions are relaxed sufficiently.



### **Bridgwater Foodbank**

Bridgwater Foodbank are reporting that they are fairly well stocked at present as they are using monetary donations to purchase stock direct from Brookers, the catering suppliers. Due to the restrictions donating produce is difficult and, at present, monetary donations are preferred. We are looking at a way that donations can be made in the village and will put the details on the village Facebook page. Donations can also be made direct to Bridgwater Foodbank on their website.

*Ian Campbell*

### **MIDDLEZOY COMMUNITY PROJECT**

Due to the postponement of the Queen concert in March and the VE 75 Day on May 8, we had lots of stock in our bar so we organised a sale at the club. Our team paying great respect to social distancing, managed to sell the majority of the stock providing us with recovered expenditure of £660. We of course will replace this in the autumn when Queen are invited back, and we will of course have a great party to celebrate the end of lockdown.

We have invited a Rod Stewart tribute to come to the hall in early 2021, so look out on the website below for this exciting event.

One of our main money raising projects at the moment is for the refurbishment of the village hall toilets. Estimates have identified that the total cost is likely to be over

£12,000, so we are aiming to raise at least 50% of this from grant funding. We have applied for this from the Calor Rural Community Fund and hope that we are successful. Please see our website [www.middlezoyvillagehall.org](http://www.middlezoyvillagehall.org) for more details of the hall.

*Mike Birks, Chairman*

## **OTHERY VILLAGE NEWS**

### **MAISEY'S BAKERY OPEN AGAIN**

We have reopened our shop but with limited times and days and just selling Bread, Rolls, Pies, Pasties and Cakes. We unfortunately won't be preparing any hot food or filled rolls. If you would like to pre-order any of the above please ring 01823 698244. We will be adhering to social distancing and only allowing one person in the shop at any time. Thank you and stay safe.

Opening Days and Hours:

Tuesdays 9am - 1pm,      Thursdays 9am - 1pm,      Saturdays 9am - 1pm

*Tonia and Russel Maisey*

### **OTHERY PARISH COUNCIL**

Othery Parish Council will not be holding close contact meetings until the government restrictions are lifted, to keep everyone safe.

Most officers and all members of both Somerset County Council and Sedgemoor District Council are now working from home which is challenging at the best of times. They are making sure that the authorities continue to function but at this moment in time there is very little filtering down to Parish Council level.

Othery Parish Council members are in regular communication when required and make

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decisions by email but should we need to have a debate on an important issue we will look to use Skype or another suitable piece of software.

I have asked Sedgemoor what would happen if a planning application came forward. The Parish Council could not hold a public meeting as is required to discuss the application and if it had to go to a Sedgemoor planning meeting that meeting could not take place. I have been assured that guidance has been requested from the Government and that as soon as the position is known it will be communicated to all Parish and Town Councils. As we recently initiated online banking we are able to pay any invoices once the invoice has been circulated by email to the Parish Council members and their agreement received by the Clerk.

If you have any issues which should come to the attention of the Parish Council you can email them to the Parish Clerk who will cascade them to the members of the Parish Council for their consideration.

Othery has a wonderful community spirit with many of you keeping an eye on elderly neighbours and long may it continue.

Stay safe and observe the isolation that the government has put in place and thankfully we are in one of the safest areas of the country. Your continued isolation and regular hand washing will keep us all safe.

*John Swayne, Clerk to the Council  
01278 662188 [j.swayne@btinternet.com](mailto:j.swayne@btinternet.com)*

## **OTHERY READING GROUP**

The book this month was 'A Wood of One's Own' by Ruth Pavey.

Following the current social distancing requirements our usual monthly meeting was carried out on-line by Zoom and phone, glasses of wine at the ready.

Ruth Pavey lives in London and works as a gardening correspondent for various publications. However she has strong ties with Somerset, fell in love with the Somerset Levels and there she was able to realise her ambition by purchasing a four acre plot of scrub land that had previously been an orchard and create a woodland retreat.



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The book contains snippets of levels local history, portraits of its inhabitants both past and present accompanied by her hand drawn illustrations. It charts the process Ruth went through

to transform her land into a haven where plants and animals could thrive. Our readers enjoyed this first book written by Ruth; for some it evoked childhood memories of life on the levels plus people they knew. They enjoyed seeing the local names and picturing familiar places. One member especially enjoyed the descriptions, sketches and pictures painted by Ruth's text. The descriptions of clearing brambles especially evoked her memories. She felt that she could have stepped into Ruth's domain and walked it with her. The exact location was agreed resonated with the members as did the house in Langport. The local nature of both brought the book more alive and relevant to us. One reader however found that although she enjoyed memories the book evoked she found it a bit of a slog and rather too much about the author. Summing up a nice soothing bedtime read especially as it didn't reflect the sense of darkness, a wonderful contrast. It was a positive book to read in a dark time. A gentle read. Next month's book is 'The Bees' by Laline Paull. If interested in knowing more about the Book Reading Group please contact [martinwall@mac.com](mailto:martinwall@mac.com)

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*Marion Hilling*

### **OTHERY VILLAGE HALL**

Hello to all of you in our community; the Village Hall committee does hope that you are all well and staying safe.

We are continuing to follow the guidelines and the hall will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

However, we are happy to announce that the floor in the main hall has had its regular service and is looking splendid and waiting for you all to come and make use of it as soon as we have the all clear to resume normal social distancing and functions and activities can resume again.

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## **MOORLINCH VILLAGE NEWS**

### **MOORLINCH EASTER BONNET COMPETITION**

Many thanks to all the participants in the recent Easter Bonnet Competition.

Perhaps surprisingly there was only one entry in the children's competition and Connie Atkinson was a runaway winner.



Congratulations Connie - you looked the perfect Easter Bunny!

The adult category saw an inspiring selection of sun drenched creativity for Spring. Lots of entries and lots of votes - in the end Gilly Hayward just pipped Anne Farmer to take first prize!



*Mary Mason,  
Chair Moorlinch CHC*

## **STAWELL & SUTTON MALLET VILLAGE NEWS**

More information is available on the website [www.stawellvillage.info](http://www.stawellvillage.info)

### **'HERCULE' NOT REQUIRED ON 'THE ABERDONIAN'**

We have gone virtual. As the old Music Hall song said "Everybody's doing it".

We'd never done it before and were slightly wary. As we're missing going out, our first foray into the virtual world was a train ride. You can go anywhere worldwide but we went from Taunton to Aberdeen. This takes five hours but with time hanging heavy on our hands, we pressed the button.

The best thing about this mode of transport is its simplicity. No driving to Taunton, finding a parking space, humping your luggage up and down the stairs, no booking office with the person in front of you in the queue asking for details of the Trans-Siberian Express and would her senior citizen's card be acceptable in the eyes of the Oriental ticket inspector? None of that, you go straight from your snug, or 'Cwtch' as it's known *chez Reynolds*, to your reserved seat in first class and honestly you would swear you were actually on a train and not at home wearing a bucket on your head. Marvellous, and did I hear a whistle?

I did and we slide slowly out of Taunton station. A click brings a virtual cup of coffee with, a nice touch, GWR in the foam and a menu for lunch appears where you simply highlight your desires and allergies if any. We don't have any. I don't like artichokes but

that wasn't covered so I went straight for the roast pheasant to be consumed sometime after Stoke on Trent but before Oldham.

Click now to the exterior view and admire the English countryside and was that a tantalising glimpse of the Bristol Channel? Another great joy of virtual travel is the lack of announcements which you can opt out of. None of the 'Make Sure You have ALL Your Hand Luggage' nonsense for us.

Now what's this appearing? Well knock me down with a cryptic clue, we are only offered a Crossword. 'Held Up By Experts on British Rail?' Six letters.

Oh, Oh. Here's the ticket inspector. Goodness me it's Bernard Cribbins, jovial as ever and a lovely way with his one hole punch. You can if you wish question him on any aspect of your journey. I opt for 'Unusual Happenings at Macclesfield Station' and learn that in 1944 a Mrs Maureen Lines, in danger of missing her connection, was passed over the heads of the Second Battalion of the Buffs and caught her train to Cheltenham by the skin of her teeth. I feel better for knowing that.

So there you have it, a taste of virtual travel during lockdown. Anyone care to join us on a trip to the International Space Station?

*Frank Reynolds*

## ***GREINTON VILLAGE NEWS***

### **COMMUNITY HELP AND CO-OPERATION**

In an effort to provide some community support within the parish of Greinton, we have established a couple of ways of establishing and maintaining contact between residents. I maintain a list of email addresses of those who want to be kept informed of what is going on by email; it could be social events, council notifications of road closures or anything else of general interest.

Only the Chair of Greinton Parish meeting and I have access to the list, which covers about one third of the households in the village. Your email address will not be divulged to anyone else and will not be used for any other purpose. If you would like to be included, please send your contact details to [greintonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:greintonvillage@gmail.com) Secondly there is a Facebook group called Greinton Village Hall which publishes village hall information for anyone who may be interested. Either can be used to ask for help or to offer it to anyone who may be in need.

Stay safe during these trying times.

*Toby Crispin*

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## A POEM OF EASTER

'Twas late in '19 when the virus began  
Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.  
People were sick, hospitals full,  
Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.

As winter gave way to the promise of spring,  
The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.  
People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.  
They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.

April approached and churches were closed.  
“There won’t be an Easter,” the world supposed.  
“There won’t be church services, and egg hunts are out.  
No reason for new dresses when we can’t go about.”

Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.  
The world was focused on masks and on tests.  
“Easter can’t happen this year,” it proclaimed.  
“Online and at home, it just won’t be the same.”

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went.  
The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.  
The world awoke Sunday and nothing had changed.  
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.

“Pooh pooh to the saints,” the world was grumbling.  
“They’re finding out now that no Easter is coming.  
“They’re just waking up! We know just what they’ll do!  
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,  
And then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo.

“That noise,” said the world, “will be something to hear.”  
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.  
And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.  
It started down low, then it started to rise.

But the sound wasn’t depressed. Why, this sound was triumphant!  
It couldn’t be so! But it grew with abundance!  
The world stared around, popping its eyes.  
Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!

Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small,  
Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!  
It hadn’t stopped Easter from coming! It came!  
Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine  
Stood puzzling and puzzling. “Just how can it be?”  
“It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,  
It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money.”

Then the world thought of something it hadn't before.  
"Maybe Easter," it thought, "doesn't come from a store.  
Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."

And what happened then? Well....the story's not done.  
What will YOU do? Will you share with that one  
Or two or more people needing hope in this night?  
Will you share the source of your life in this fight?

The churches are empty - but so is the tomb,  
And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.  
So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer,  
As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope when it looks at God's people.  
May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.  
May the world find Faith in Jesus' death and resurrection,  
May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.

May 2020 be known as the year of survival,  
But not only that – Let it start a revival.

*Kristi Bothur (With a nod to 'Dr Seuss')*

## **GARDENING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS**

To be positive during such a difficult time, we can get jobs done around the garden. If we can't buy more plants from the nurseries; this could be good! Maybe we have pot-bound plants that need planting out. Or maybe we can move the plants we have to a better spot? If you don't have a big garden the pruning could wait until it can be disposed of again, or chopped and sacked.

Clearing out my cluttered shed is something I've made a start on. Great to be able to get at everything again. Then to treat and stain. My patio is now clear of weeds (wild plants!) and wobbly slabs now level and wobble-free. Paths cleared and cleaned up.

No use of chemicals which is better for wildlife. Any repairs needed for the fences? If you can feel creative how about constructing features for the garden using the materials that you already have, such as bamboo or wood/timber. Transforming

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metal objects? Something practical or just for fun. If you have the suitable paints add colour to pots, furniture or anything else that would look better with a lick of paint. For wildlife, a nest-box, bug-house or hedgehog hibernation box? New feeding station for the birds? Children hand-printing some pots?

Have you noticed all the insects in our gardens? They're so beneficial for pollination, providing food (aphids, for example) for the predating insects, such as ladybird and lace-wing larvae and food for the birds. An incredible eco-system going on out there. House-plants do well when given rainwater. If you have a water-butt use this water as it feeds as well as waters the plants.

When we finally come out of the lock-down I wonder how many delightful or even amazing gardens there will be. Keep safe and happy gardening.

*Erika Leece*

### **LOCAL PLANT NURSERIES CURRENTLY OFFERING DELIVERY**

The plant nurseries below are all offering delivery services for plants and vegetables. Please contact them to see if they can deliver to you and if there is a minimum delivery order or charge. Might be worth getting together (by phone or digitally, of course) and putting in a bigger order to avoid lots of charges and visits!

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**Facebook:** *R J Countryside & Garden Services*

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**Oaklands Plant Nursery at Street** Perennials, fruit trees, vegetables, compost, pots

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**Facebook:** *Oaklands Nursery Ltd*

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Orders over £30 qualify for free delivery, otherwise £5 delivery

### **MOT TESTS**

If your vehicle is due for a MOT Test during this period of lockdown don't worry – you will not be fined as the government have given every due vehicle a date extension to 31 October.



# CONNIE ATKINSON'S WILDLIFE DIARY

Connie has been keeping a wildlife diary since the beginning of lockdown.

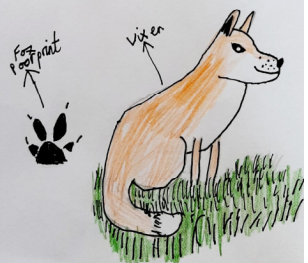
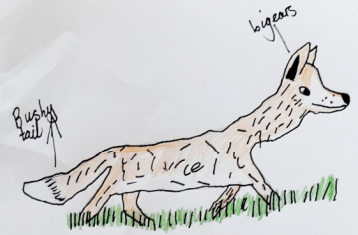
On her walks she has seen badgers and foxes and has drawn them and made notes about them.

I think they are absolutely delightful and very well done - especially as she is only 6 years old - 7 next month.

Jane Stryker

**FOXES**  
 Yesterday we saw a fox!

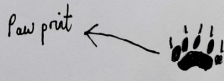
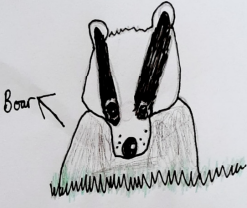
1. Foxes are part of the dog family.
2. A male fox is a dog and a female is called a vixen.
3. Baby foxes are called pups.
4. Their hearing is so good that they can hear a clock ticking 40 metres away!
5. They have VERY good night vision.
6. You can find foxes all over the world.
7. They always hunt alone.



# BADGER

We saw lots of badger holes on our walks.

1. A badger hole is called a sett.
2. A male is called a boar and a female is a sow.
3. They normally eat worms.
4. Badgers are in the same family as otters, stoats and weasels.
5. Females give birth to 1-5 cubs in January to March.
6. A group of badgers is called a cete.
7. Badgers are nocturnal & they live up to 14 years!



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 Dispose of poo bags in a dog poop bin or take them home.

## **EVERYONE** (A reflective poem)

Some say when will we be back to normal,  
So normal is hard to define  
'Cos each of us has our own thinking time.  
Like because of Covid 19, I can't support my football team  
That leaves Yeovil Town neither up nor down  
And Somerset have prepared their wicket but there ain't no cricket.

The churches stand aloft and won't fall down if someone coughs  
But, heigh ho, people and communities are on the go  
Looking out for neighbours, family and friends  
Coming up with ideas to make amends.

What then is our thinking with God the Creator  
Can he still be our stronghold and mentor?  
A God of surprises that's for sure  
But promises to look after the needy and poor.  
We are all equal in his eyes, touching everyone as we send prayers to the skies.  
Tending to each one with love and care, please don't despair.

Then each Thursday night at eight,  
We keep that date, a symbol to thank those with all their might  
To support the victims in their awful plight  
Our hands may sting aplenty  
But spare a thought for lives that are left frail and empty.

Jesus said "You are now my hands and my feet,  
Do unto others as you would do unto me"  
The message is there for all to see  
Whether it's this year or in the next.

Be on God's frontline and help to make the sun shine  
As the world longs for peace, love hope and unity  
As it builds its immunity.  
Do what you can but stay safe my friends until this pandemic ends.

*Pauline Davies*

## **RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY**

If you have thought about researching your family history now may be the time to start. Many family members in isolation may welcome a phone call where you can ask about any relatives they can remember. Write down any recollections of dates and places. Look in old books for inscriptions with names and dates. Start with yourself and work backwards don't believe details written in online trees without checking many have followed the wrong branch and been shared. There are many sites with free access to data. Have a look at <https://www.freebmd.org.uk> for registration details, also <https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/login.asp> is free to register and will give you

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Pat Adamson,  
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## QUIZ FOR ALL THE FAMILY

- 1 How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2 Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3 From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4 In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5 What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6 After which animal are the Canary Islands named?
- 7 What was King George VI's first name?
- 8 What is the defining colour of a male purple finch?
- 9 Where did Kiwi fruit originate?
- 10 What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

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125g chilled unsalted butter, cut into small cubes

About 75ml cold whole milk

Filling: 6 Leek and Pork sausages, skinned and put in a mixing bowl

Half an onion finely chopped

Tsp dried mixed herbs

Couple twists of black pepper

Branstons pickle (Small chunk) or any other you have in the cupboard

#### Method pastry:

Sift flour and salt together and mix well. Add the butter and rub in with your fingertips, or give them a quick blitz in a food processor, until the mixture resembles fine bread crumbs. Mix in the milk, little by little, until the pastry just comes together, turn out on to a work surface and knead briefly to bring it to a ball. Wrap and chill for 30 minutes.

#### Filling:

Combine all the ingredients, except the pickle, in a ball and chill.

Remove pastry from the fridge and roll out into an oblong, about 60cm long x 20cm wide, to thickness of a pound coin. Spread a thin line of pickle along the centre of the pastry, take the filling and reform into a long sausage to fit the 60cm pastry, place on top of the line of pickle. Brush the edge of the pastry nearest you with water, then pick up the long edge of the pastry, furthest away from you, and wrap it tightly around the sausage filling, roll

it towards you to form a tight roll, keeping the seam underneath. It may be necessary to slightly stretch the roll to 60cm again. Then cut into 18 equal slices with 2 or 3

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		Call sign	
Greinton Phone box	TA7 9BW	CHT-RT-15 8 3	
Middlezoy Chapel	TA7 0NZ.	SC0253	
Middlezoy Village Hall	TA7 0PG	SC0254	(machine at car park end)
Moorlinch Farm	TA7 9BU		
Othery Village Hall	TA7 0QU		
Stawell Village Hall	TA7 9AD		

Within 200m of a defibrillator they can give you the code to open the cabinet on post code alone, farther away the call sign is required.

### HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS

The recycling and rubbish collections for all the MOMSS & G area are as follows:

Recycling Boxes:

Thursdays 7, 14, 21, Friday 29 May,

Black Wheeled Bins:

Thursday 14, Friday 29 May

Garden Waste Bins:

Service suspended until further notice.



### POLICE

Emergencies only tel: 999

Non emergencies tel: 101

### CRIMESTOPPERS

8am -10pm Weekdays 0800 555 111

### MOBILE LIBRARY

This facility has been suspended until further notice.

For further information about reading books online contact Libraries Direct on 0300 123 2224 or visit [www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries)



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# MOMSS COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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## CHURCH INFORMATION

### Priest-in-Charge

Rev Andrea Harwood

### United Benefice Readers

Pauline Davies 01278 451280, Jeanette Scott 01278 722220  
and Richard Graham 01278 722284

### Parish Auxiliary Lay Ministers

Mervyn Winslade (Othery); Ruth Peberdy and Roger Harding (Stawell)

### Churchwardens

Middlezoy: Ian Campbell 01823 698790  
Othery: Mervyn Winslade 01823 698368 and Margaret Harris 01823 698838  
Moorlinch: Fiona Hixon 01458 211096  
Stawell: Rachel Fortune 01278 723416  
Sutton Mallet contact: Brian Lishman 01278 722579  
Greinton contact: Jean Heywood 01458 210497

## METHODIST CHURCH MINISTER

Middlezoy: Rev Deborah Kirk 01823 334854

## PARISH COUNCILS/MEETINGS

Middlezoy—Chairman: Paul Baker 01823 698082  
Othery—Chairman: Tony Bostock 01823 690112  
Moorlinch—Meeting Chairman: Ron Hixon 01458 211096  
Stawell and Sutton Mallet—Chairman: Brian Lishman 01278 722579  
Greinton—Enquiries: Toby Crispin 01458 210227

## DISTRICT PCSOs

Kim Wrixon 07889 658309; Lora Bray 07720 642007

## VILLAGE AGENTS

Middlezoy, Othery, Moorlinch, Stawell, Sutton Mallet and Greinton:  
Claire Baker, email: [claireb@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:claireb@somersetccc.org.uk) or 07494 883654

## HELPFUL NUMBERS

Middlezoy: School 01823 698465; The George Inn 01823 698215;  
Shop and P.O. 01823 698981 PO - Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:45am-12pm, 2pm-5pm  
Shop - Open every weekday at 8am but closes 10am on Wed. Open Saturday 8am-12noon.

Othery: Maisey's Bakery 01823 698244; School 01823 698464;  
The London Inn 01823 698416

Moorlinch: Ring O'Bells 01458 210358; Garage 01458 210298;

## VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Middlezoy Village Hall 07840 064132; Othery Village Hall 01823 690428;  
Moorlinch Church Hall 01458 210755;  
Stawell & Sutton Mallet Village Hall 01278 722860; Greinton Village Hall 01458 210277



As all churches and chapels have been closed and services suspended until further notice listed below are the Common Worship readings and lessons for the days that we would normally have held services.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>READINGS</b>
May 3 Sun	Fourth Sunday of Easter	OT: Genesis, chapter 7 Psalm: 23 Epistle: Acts, chapter 2, verses 42 to the end Gospel: John, chapter 10, verses 1 to 10
6 Wed	Morning Prayer	Psalm: 135 OT: Exodus, chapter 33 Gospel: Luke chapter 3, verses 15 to 22
10 Sun	Fifth Sunday of Easter	OT: Genesis, chapter 8, verses 1 to 19 Psalm: 31, verses 1 to 5, 15 and 16 Epistle: Acts, chapter 7, verses 55 to the end Gospel: John, chapter 14, verses 1 to 14
13 Wed	Morning Prayer	Psalm: 30 OT: Numbers, chapter 12 Gospel: Luke, chapter 5, verses 12 to 26
17 Sun	Sixth Sunday of Easter	OT: Genesis, chapter 8, verse 20 to chapter 9, verse 17 Psalm: 66, verses 7 to the end Epistle: Acts, chapter 17, verses 22 to 31 Gospel: John, chapter 14, verses 15 to 21
20 Wed	Morning Prayer	Psalm: 132 OT: Numbers, chapter 17, verses 1 to 11 Gospel: Luke, chapter 7, verses 1 to 10
21 Thu	ASCENSION	OT: Daniel, chapter 7, verses 9 to 14 Psalm: 47 Epistle: Acts, chapter 1, verses 1 to 11 Gospel: Luke, chapter 24, verses 36 to the end
24 Sun	Seventh Sunday of Easter	OT: Ezekiel, chapter 36, verses 24 to 28 Psalm: 68, verses 1 to 10 and 32 to the end Epistle: Acts, chapter 1, verses 6 to 14 Gospel: John, chapter 17, verses 1 to 11
27 Wed	Morning Prayer	Psalm: 29 OT: Numbers, chapter 23, verses 13 to the end Gospel: Luke, chapter 8, verses 16 to 25
31 Sun	PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)	OT: Numbers, chapter 11, verses 24 to 30 Psalm: 104, verses 24 to the end Epistle: Acts, chapter 2, verses 1 to 21 Gospel: John, chapter 20, verses 19 to 23
June 3 Wed	Morning Prayer	Psalm: 119, verses 153 to the end OT: Joshua, chapter 3 Gospel: Luke, chapter 9, verses 37 to 50
7 Sun	TRINITY SUNDAY	OT: Isaiah, chapter 40, verses 12-17 and 27 to the end Psalm: 8 Epistle: 2 Corinthians, chapter 13, verses 11 to end Gospel: Matthew, chapter 28, verses 16 to 20