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Here for a Season



When I was a little lad, I remember my mum going food shopping most days, as mums did before the advent of fridges and general car ownership. There was a limit to the amount one could carry and then store. She used to leave me outside the toy shop looking through the window at the display whilst she shopped in the parade (sounds reckless now but one could do that in those days.) I would spend time looking and wishing: all those Dinky toys and Hornby trains.

One day, as we approached the shop, we could see fire engines outside, and then discovered a fire during the night had gutted my lovely toy shop. It was just a blackened mess, I was heartbroken. It stayed like that for weeks and weeks. Eventually, building activity could be seen, and then a notice went up about a 'Grand Opening.' I was there!! I rushed in, my eyes wide open: what a transformation. Before, it had been exciting even with its old fashioned counters and rather dark lighting, but now, it seemed bigger, bright florescent strip lighting and displays made everything far more tempting!!

At Easter, we reflect on the fact that it must have seemed like that to those disciples of old. Living alongside Jesus must have been great, the sick were cured, people felt a release and the good news of the Father's love was preached (read all about it in the New Testament) and then Jesus

suffered desertion and death on a cross. That must have seemed the end; it wasn't. On Easter Sunday morning, early, whilst it was still dark, Jesus rose and Mary was there. The disciples met the Glorified Jesus. "Did not our hearts burn within us whilst he communed with us and broke bread," Yes, the Lord is Risen indeed.

And at Whitsun, the disciples were anointed with the Holy Spirit which changed them from frightened disciples who met behind locked doors to those Saints who preached fearlessly and who cured people in the Name of Jesus. With that anointing, Jesus was with them wherever they were and He is with His church wherever it ministers today, right now, in the midst of all of this. He is with us.

What of Covid 19? Life has changed overnight. What might God be wanting to say to us? We might just start looking at life in a new transforming way and realise life can be better. Very sadly, some will have lost loved ones and we want to minister to those folk but it may be that, in the meantime, these precious Bible verses might direct each of us to cope with death and a new way of living with Jesus for both now and for eternity.

*"Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord Our God though we have rebelled against Him."
"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His compassion never fails; every morning they are renewed."*

And St Paul wrote, *"I am convinced that neither things present nor things to come, nothing in all creation can separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus."* My advice is ~ stay close to Jesus, please.

Peter Viney

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GROUP NOTES AND NEWS

Dear Friends,

It has been a tremendous privilege to have served in the Hambleton Valley for the last few months. In this short period you have made Jane and me feel very much at home. We would have loved to have stayed longer ourselves but I will be licensed to my new role on 1st May. We do hope to keep in touch and would certainly warmly welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral where I shall be in residence.

On a similar vein, following a conversation with Revd Stephen Southgate, we thought it would be helpful for people to understand that his and Annie's move up to West Yorkshire has been delayed by Covid-19 restrictions. Removal firms have had to stop operating for a while and the Diocese of Leeds has suspended the licensing of new posts. In this interim period Stephen continues to offer some pastoral support in another deanery, but you may see him and Annie on their daily exercise or out shopping! I know how grateful they were for their farewell wishes and gifts and we continue to hold them in our prayers as they prepare for their move.

In the short-term Revd Mieke Gaynor is licensed by Bishop Alan to the benefice and will be offering support at least to the return from secondment of Revd Sue Morton on 11th May. Mieke will bring tremendous pastoral wisdom and, of course, much local knowledge. Alongside this provision Graeme Slocombe, Lay Chair of the Wycombe Deanery, will offer more organisational support to the churchwardens. In due course we expect to advertise for an Interim Minister, for up to a period of two years, offering further pastoral care and support to the churchwardens as they assess specific requirements for future church life and incumbency across the villages.

In this Easter Season and during the health crisis it is a tremendous encouragement, as

Peter Viney reminds us in the Group Letter, that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. He promises to give us the Holy Spirit with all the wisdom of Heaven at our disposal. So, as the 14th Century mystic, Julian of Norwich, put it: *'All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.'*

With our love and prayers,

Jonathan

Financial Impact of the Covid virus on our churches

Dear subscribers and readers of our Valley Group magazine, as you might expect the fact that we have had to close our churches and cease normal Sunday services is having an impact not only on our customary Sunday worship but also on our financial position.

The Oxford Diocese and a number of churches around the country are video broadcasting a service with prayers and readings each week. The bishops of Oxford, Buckingham and Reading have all led on-line services since the end of March. This helps to meet our spiritual needs but for our own six churches in the Valley income from the customary plate collections is now foregone.

The costs of clergy and staff salaries and pensions and all the customary overheads incurred continue to apply throughout the time of the epidemic. Clergy remuneration is modest relative to many other occupations and it is important to do what we can to protect our parish share contributions which go towards meeting these costs. Our parish churches generally have little in the way of reserves to offer protection against a fall in regular income and where there is any money put aside it is generally earmarked for the cost of repairs to the church structure

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This is a testing time for all but with God's blessing we shall come through together, stronger and with a deeper appreciation of life and the part we play here.

Kind regards,

David, Group Treasurer

Lest we forget

I'll tell you a tale, that's been recently written,
Of a powerful army, so Great it saved Britain,
They didn't have bombs and they didn't have planes,

They fought with their hearts and they fought with their brains,

They didn't have bullets, armed just with a mask,

We sent them to war, with one simple task,

To show us the way, to lead and inspire us,

To protect us from harm and fight off the virus,

It couldn't be stopped by our bullet proof vests,

An invisible enemy, invaded our chests,

So we called on our weapon, our soldiers in Blue,

"All Doctors, All Nurses, Your Country needs you"

We clapped on our streets, hearts bursting with pride,

As they went off to war, while we stayed inside,

They struggled at first, as they searched for supplies,

But they stared down the virus, in the whites of its eyes,

They leaped from the trenches and didn't think twice,

Some never came back, the ultimate price,



So tired, so weary, yet still they fought on,
As the virus was beaten and the battle was won,
The many of us, owe so much, to so few,
The brave and the bold, our heroes in Blue,
So let's line the streets and remember our debt
We love you, our heroes,
Lest we forget.

Submitted by Angela Magee

One Can Trust

As you may well imagine, demand for the One Can Trust service has risen rapidly this month. They most need tinned meats, tinned meat meals, and tins of vegetables such as carrots, green beans, mushrooms. Also long life milk, cooking sauces and shampoo. They are swimming in pasta and baked beans, so none of those please. Even though the church is not open, the blue box is now in the church porch. If the outer door of the porch is shut, it is not locked and can be opened. Thank you so very much for donating, it helps incredibly, particularly now, in this unprecedented time.

Stay safe and well,

Gwyneth Ashcroft

WILDLIFE

Hambleden Valley Garden Club

The Plant Sale in May is necessarily cancelled, but it will take place next year. Meanwhile, our gardens offer us solace and lots to do in this worrying and unprecedented situation.

Lizzie Arnott

Fawley's feathered friends from Africa

I had missed them entirely last year. According to my annual records I had seen them as early as 9th March but sadly no sign of them this March. However there early in the morning of 4th April was a single Whinchat perched on the wooden railings on the footpath between Lower and Upper Woodend Farms. For me this was the first spring migrant all the way from North Africa. There it was with the same jinxing flight, its white rump clearly visible. It made my day. As far as I am aware they do not breed in Fawley but are en route to the north. Its arrival caused me to reflect on the declining spring migrants from Africa.

I can't remember when I last heard the Turtledove. The Cuckoo with its familiar call is now a rarity in Fawley though I understand it may be flying further north resulting from climate change. Swallows and House Martins have noticeably declined in numbers. This is probably because the Sahel Desert has extended much further south in recent years. Water is essential for migrating birds from southern Africa and now oases are dwindling. Curiously the warbler family seems less affected but this may be that Chiffchaffs for instance have become UK residents, another sign of climate change. Sadly this does not seem to apply to the Willow Warbler which is becoming very scarce. Like the Chiffchaff, the Blackcap is still a regular visitor so it is not all bad news. The warblers are all tiny birds weighing only 7gms yet fly thousands of miles each year. Now that we are all self-isolating there is a much better chance of hearing and seeing these wonderful migrants from Africa in and from our own gardens..

Alfred Waller

Fawley's Amphibian Migration 2020

The Amphibian Migration through Fawley began in mid January and finished in early March. The orchestrator, a founding member and number cruncher for Henley Toad Patrol is John Sumpter of Brunel University and the data collected is invaluable for a better understanding of amphibian life. This year there was a Henley Toad Patrol presence on the site at the bottom of Benhams Lane every night to monitor their movement and to call for more help if necessary.



The creatures always start to move just after dusk when temperatures are 7 degrees or above and particularly like mild, damp conditions. The warmer and wetter the better, and I like to think this is because they can slide through the undergrowth more easily. This year was the second busiest since records began here in 1999, with a staggering 8820 toads, 344 smooth newts and 234 frogs gently gathered up into buckets either at the barrier or on the road and taken down to their spawning pond on the far side of the Marlow Road. At the end of each night, every volunteer emails their totals of each species to John and on one particular evening the migrating total was an astonishing 1835 toads, 39 frogs and 40 smooth newts.

After they have found a partner in the pond and spawned, they begin their return journey so for several weeks the Henley Toad Patrol volunteers on 'road duty' are gathering up toads going both ways. This year 3553 toads

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and 51 frogs were collected on their return journey and placed safely in the bluebell woods of Oaken Grove. A lot of males hitch a lift on the back of a female all the way down through the woods and all the way back again but I won't comment further about my feelings on that!

Sarah Ronan



Nest Building in Medmenham

Hambleden

Verging on a lockdown.....

Monthly since late 1800's this magazine records news about Hambleden. It is a historic archive of factual record. Interest and fascination rewards today's local history researchers. For example....outside whose house in the parish stood a gibbet?

This is written for the as-yet unborn Hambleden researcher who in 2120 will likely digitally seek to read how Hambleden fared in the Covid-19 pestilence.

It manifest itself in March, with it is thought, three parishioners falling sick with Covid 19 symptoms, each of whom self-isolated at home. All recovered.

The village had endured since September a mild winter of heavy rainfall which provoked the brook to be coursing down the valley and through the village. In the last week of March and the first week of April the sun shone warmly. Nature revealed its lushness. Wildlife was abundant. Deer were everywhere, jackdaws examined every possible prospective chimney. Pheasant cocks

squark-squarked in the safety of the valley bottom. This was nature's reassurance in a time of trouble. By government instruction we locked down, housebound save for acquiring essential provisions, medicines and exercise. The warm weekend of March 27-29 had seen large numbers of visitors come to walk in and from the village. Mill End and village car parks were quickly closed by the Estate. Notices outside village homes invited visitors to stay away.

Overhead, arriving passenger and freight jets lessened to a handful a day flying south over the village before turning east to Heathrow. Normally their great numbers meant that they flew west over Hambleden before passing over Fawley and turning left and left again for the airport.

Stag and Huntsman closed. Sports Club closed. Village hall closed, due also to historic recurring problems of excess water in drains when the water table rises. Suddenly there were no Lent lunches, which left cooks at home with heaps of unconsumed soups. The monthly 'pop-up' restaurant, a source of considerable bucolic and gastronomic indulgence was cancelled. The improved weather allowed medicines for patients to be collected outside the surgery. The parish church was locked shut possibly for the first time since the arrival of the Black Death in June 1348. The parting expression "Bless you" originated in the Black Death. There were no services. Planned weddings were cancelled. It was sad to have no Palm Sunday service. Nationally many donkeys were redundant.

Hambleden Stores and Post Office remained open for groceries, papers, postal services and cash. A delivery service was inaugurated by the relatively new innovative manager, to convey provisions to the elderly and medically vulnerable, protectively shielded in their homes. Daily postal deliveries continued. As I write, things are disconcerting and unsettling. There is no prospect in view of anything re-

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opening soon. Passiontide and the great Christian festival of Easter are casualties of the viral enemy. Hambleton is pensive and apprehensive.

Next month.....how our local footpaths are saving our sanity.

Alan Armstrong. Pheasants Hill.

Hambleton Concerts cancelled

I'm sorry to say all this year's concerts are cancelled but, to let you know, all the musicians are happy to perform at a similar time next year.

Christine Wells

For my brother:

Just a few quiet words. I'm not very young, but have had a few tears. I lost my brother; he passed away. We were very close and always had a good laugh, but no more. He is in God's hands now but I have some wonderful memories, they will always be with me. May God bless him.

Hilda Austin, from the village of Hambleton
Background to the above;

We have been taking a number of ladies shopping, to Henley, for several years now, Hilda being one of them. For us, it has proved an absolute privilege, as all of them are inspirational in their positivity, good humour and never-say-die spirit.

Hilda's brother, Ted, was a familiar presence around Henley, using his mobility scooter to get around. Fortunately, we had been able to take Hilda to see her brother, at his home in Henley, the day before he died; their meeting proved a great comfort to them both.

Michael & Diane Cusden

The Choir Outing – Part 1

In Victorian Hambleton, the highlight of the year was the (all male) choir outing – probably the only occasion on which

many of the men ever left the Parish. The outings were described in detail in the Parish Magazines and I will reproduce some of these over the next few months.

In June 1874 they went on one of their best trips ever -

The men of the choir went for their excursion on Wednesday June 3rd. Other trips and holidays of the choir have been successful and full of enjoyment, but none surpassed this. They drove in Mr Feeseys van to Maidenhead Station whence they had pleasure tickets to Paddington. At Paddington, our kind friend Admiral Ryder met us, and to his skilful and persevering guidance is due the most enjoyment we all received.

We first walked across the Park to the Albert Memorial and admired the huge emblems of the four great Continents, the bas-reliefs with figures of all the great men of literature, science and art which the world has ever produced, as well as the elegant and beautiful design of the whole work.

Thence we went to the Kensington Museum, where among so many other curiosities, we did not fail to pay our respects to 'King Coffee's Umbrella' We had not time for more than a passing admiration of the wonders of this museum.

The underground railway took us rapidly to Westminster. To the Abbey of course we went. It was not a 'free' day for the chapels, but the Verger suggested that for a Choir no doubt the Canon in residence would give a 'free' order. The application of the Rector and the Admiral at the Canon's house had the desired effect; and without verger or any hindrance, we had leave to wander among and admire the extraordinary beauties of Henry VII's and other chapels.

Thence through Westminster Hall into two of the Courts adjacent, and then to the river. Here we went on board a steamer which took us rapidly past and through objects of the greatest interest – the Thames Embankment,

Sunday Services This Month

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All church services and related events are cancelled until further advised and our churches are now closed.

However, there are many live-streamed services from the Church of England, Oxford Diocese, All Saints, Marlow and details of these can be found on our website.

We will let you know as soon as the situation changes.

*'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble'. Psalm 46.1
'Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ'.
Galatians 6.2*

Somerset House, London Bridge, the Tower, with the shipping great and small, and landed us at Greenwich at 1.30. Dinner despatched, we visited the Painted Hall, shuddered at the naval engagements, paid our respects to Nelson's coat and sword, and then visited the models of ships etc.

By this time, it was 4.30. We took a steamer again, and returned to Hungerford Stairs, where Gatti's coffee house furnished us a sumptuous tea.

Then our party broke up for a time. Some walked through Regent Street etc to Paddington; some of us went with Admiral Ryder to visit the Newport Market Refuge for homeless and destitute boys which owes so much to his fostering care. Some went, but for a short time, to hear a concert in the Edgware Road. We met again (except for our good guide, who left us in Oxford Street to write half the night for the good of the public) at Paddington Station at 9 o'clock, at Maidenhead Station found the van ready for us, and at 12.30 found ourselves safe and sound in Hambleden again.

What impresses me is their stamina (this was an eighteen-hour day!) and their almost childlike enthusiasm. The walk from Paddington to the Kensington museum is about two miles, and that from Hungerford

Steps to Paddington, even without a 'concert in the Edgware Road' is something over four miles! But then, most of these men would be walking those sorts of distances daily in the course of their employment, to which, of course, they would return the following day. And remember, the journey from Maidenhead to Hambleden would have been made in almost total darkness.

1 Daniel Feeseey from Shogmore

2 Maidenhead Railway Bridge was built in 1838 and was a thing of wonder as the two arches were the widest and flattest in the world. It is testimony to the genius of Brunel that such a bridge with such flat arches was not only built but continues to carry the Great Western Railway main line from Paddington Station to this day. In 1874, it carried two 7ft gauge tracks. The bridge features in 'Rain, Steam and Speed – The Great Western Railway' painted by JMW Turner in 1844.

3 The Albert Memorial had been recently finished; the statue of Albert was not added till 1875.

4 Presented to the museum by Sir Garnet Wolseley following his victory over the Ashanti king, Kofi Kakari some five months earlier.

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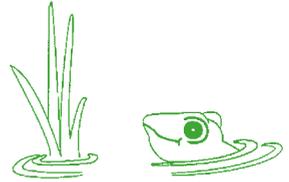
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- 7 Baedeker's 1889 guide to London listed Gatti's as one of the top restaurants in the West End.
- 8 The refuge became well known for teaching the boys music and providing musicians for military bands.

Fawley Village WhatApp Groups

It only seems like yesterday when we held the Fawley Village Association AGM in the village hall and planned lots of “meet your neighbour” coffee mornings and a fantastic village party to be held in June. Although Coronavirus had already appeared in China back in February, we seemed so distant from it and never imagined we would be in “lock down” some four weeks later. We in Fawley have for many years had a village email group to share news and recently a “neighbourhood watch” security group on WhatsApp was set up by Mark Turner, Chair of the Fawley Parish Meeting, to which many villagers subscribed. Mark swung into action as soon as talk of social distancing started and set up a new “Covid-19” Healthcare WhatsApp group to reach out to as many villagers as possible to make sure that the elderly, vulnerable and self-isolators in our village did not feel alone and were able to ask others for help with getting the food and medicines that they needed. Useful information from the government and from other social media was shared to assist people and also to give a sense of comfort to

each other. We have another WhatsApp chat group to share the many coronavirus jokes circulating on social media, inspiring poetry and videos of villagers clapping and “pot banging” to thank the NHS for all their selfless work during this crisis. There have been many examples where we have all pulled together to help each other during this crisis. We set up a village vegetable box scheme after Tamsin Borlase of Bosley Patch offered to supply organic vegetables and sourdough as a bulk Fawley order. There are several villagers who help with this collective effort and we deliver to those self-isolating in the village. Another villager has collected orders for bread from a local artisan baker in Henley via the Whatsapp group and we even have local wine sales from our two village wineries by WhatsApp! Fawley has always been a friendly village and we have found other ways to come together and have even managed a village litter pick as an activity to do on people's daily exercise walks. We shall have to look forward to our village party when all this is over.

Alison Ashby,

Chair Fawley Village Association



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The NHS workers tribute from Fawley in this time of coronavirus

A Fawley resident congratulated all the NHS workers on a fine Thursday evening at 8.0pm by ringing an enormous Swiss cowbell.



Many neighbours heard it, amongst their own noisy tributes, although the thought that it might be heard in Henley was a bit ambitious. The sheep were an appreciative audience although glad they didn't have to wear it round their necks.

Hilary Beck-Burridge**Thanks**

I came to live in Fawley as a bride when I married Oliver Cheriton 68 years ago. Before we had our own children we enjoyed the constant company of 'our twin boys' next door, Jonathan and Chris Hunt, who were just five years old. Jonathan and his wife Monika have been constantly supportive friends throughout the years, particularly since Oliver died. I would like to thank them for their great kindness. In these difficult times relationships have become even more important, and I'd like to thank Les our postman, Pat (the ex policeman) at Waitrose, and my children Gillian, Charlie, Derek and Louise, for all their wonderful support. Along with older friends in Fawley, I have seen so many changes during the years, I am glad to know that the Village is again thriving with young children and that everyone is pulling together in this time of crisis.

Mavis Cheriton**Fawley Fibre**

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The time scale is a little fluid currently but hopefully not too long now, thanks to Rennie Valentine's tireless efforts over the last few years, on behalf of the village. Parents in the village will be eternally grateful to him, with their children probably streaming morning, noon and night.

Hilary Beck-Burridge**Turville****Turville Good Neighbours**

We are now living in very stressful times. This is the first time in my life I have ever witnessed this situation, it's like something out of Star Wars. The hidden enemy being Coronavirus. It has shut shops, schools and our churches. If someone had said last year "There won't be any Lent lunches or Easter this year" we would have said "Don't be silly of course there will". But it has happened and it has brought out the very best in people all over the world. Especially in the Valley. I've been self isolating for 3 weeks now and I haven't wanted for a thing. The phone will ring and someone will say "I'm in Tesco anything you need", or "I'm going shopping what can I get you?", as well as lovely cooked dinners delivered to my door. Yes, we miss our Tuesday Tea Club and Church services but the phone hasn't stopped buzzing with folk wanting to chat. I feel that is a lesson that God is telling us something. I haven't figured it out yet, so many lives have

MEDMENHAM

been lost by this evil bug, and our gallant NHS are working so hard to combat it. They all need our prayers. I also think our Prime Minister does as well.

Pam Harper

Medmenham

Church Bells, Medmenham

It is like going back in time - perhaps a hundred years ago. No traffic, no planes, no people..... just birdsong and the church bells at midday. If it were not for the dreadful circumstances the world now endures, we would surely savour the peace and this sensory pleasure. As it is, the bells remind us that, whilst our churches are all closed, we can come together spiritually and take a moment to say the Lord's Prayer for those who have died during this crisis, their loved ones and those who are tirelessly caring for the sick and vulnerable. A sincere 'thank you' to Mary Cambell who goes to the church each day to activate the bells of Medmenham.

Sue Bateman

It costs so little to take time to be kind

On the evening of Saturday 4th April we were notified by a concerned villager that a homeless man was sleeping rough in the Church porch. Knowing they had provided him with a hot drink and food, we arranged to meet early Sunday morning taking with us tea and fruit. Socially distancing between us all.

We were concerned for his safety at this

unprecedented time and asked him if we could help. He introduced himself as a wayfarer. He explained that he didn't need or want much and simply asked for the tea, fruit and hot water for his flask. His honest and open conversation came naturally and he was keen to share how he came to be in his current situation, a situation which, he confirmed, was a simple life that he was content with.

He seemed well informed of what was currently going on in the wider world and was obviously in touch with support networks. We also informed our local community support officers of his whereabouts. We were obviously eager to ensure he knew where to get help should he need it. We left him so he could take his time packing up before moving on.

When I returned home my immediate thought was a verse from the Bible Hebrews 13. v 2 *'Do not neglect strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained Angels without knowing it.'*

Someone else emailed me with the same thought, saying 'There was a painful beauty about his position'.

When I returned later he had left a note saying,

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