

Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Village Newsletter

April 2020

Editorial

Well, what an odd month this has been. How quickly our lives have changed in the past couple of weeks and how good to see our villages coming together to help our communities. We have all been inundated with information recently and I know I have been sending out copious emails adding to those you may also be getting from elsewhere. But information is good and I believe it is better to see something twice than not at all.

On a positive note, my call for an old second-hand bike, (remember that email from two weeks ago?), had a very positive response and an old bike has been passed on to a new, delighted owner.

Below I have included a number of bits of information to do with our current situation together with a couple of non Corona things.

Stay safe everyone, keep smiling and most of all if you need anything at all, ask.

Liz

Message from Revd. Maureen

I am here for everyone in our village - whether they go to church or not - and am holding everyone in my prayers and for a good outcome. However, because of my age I am obliged to stay in the house and am very sad that there is no worship happening in our church building.

However the church is not about buildings but about people, and in our concern for one another we are showing our love and care and, in a way, being church. We don't need to kneel down and put our hands together and close our eyes to pray. And we don't have to use special or particular words. It's OK to be angry with God - he has broad shoulders - and needs to know how we're really feeling. So, I have prayed when having a bath or using the loo - pray wherever and whenever, there are no rules. Words are not necessary. I often just picture people in my mind and ask God to bless them - and that is prayer. We actually don't need to say anything, because Christians believe that God knows what we want, before we ask. There is a story about an old man who went into church to sit and think, but he said nothing. He was asked one day what he was doing, and he said "I looks at him and he looks at me."

Your friend and priest, Maureen.

Rubbish and Recycling Dates

Please note that garden waste collections, green bin, have been suspended until further notice and that all the county tips are now closed.

Tue 7 th April	Black bin and Recycling
Wed 15 th April	Recycling
Tue 21 st April	Black bin and Recycling
Tue 28 th April	Recycling

Fiveways Parish Magazine

Our Parish magazine Fiveways is to suspend publication until all restrictions are lifted. We apologise to all our readers but be assured that Fiveways will be back!

Coronavirus Community Support Networks

You will all aware by now that the two villages have set up their own support networks. Neil Longstreet in Tolland and Kate Campbell in Lydeard St Lawrence are the initial contact points if you need any sort of help.

On behalf of all the people in both villages I would like to say a huge heartfelt thanks to Neil and Kate for organising these networks. I know a lot of work goes on in the background and a large number of people have already asked for help.

Lydeard St Lawrence

Many thanks to all of those who have joined the support network. We now have about forty volunteers from Lydeard St Lawrence and surrounding areas from Rich's Holford to Chapel Leigh who are ready to help (in line with government guidelines) with tasks such as prescription and food deliveries, jobs in the garden and dog walks or can phone those who might be lonely or isolated during this crisis. To request help or for more information, please contact Kate Campbell on 01984 667509 or katebest@btinternet.com

Tolland

Caroline Longstreet (01984 [667460](tel:01984667460)/caro.longstreet@gmail.com) is the Tolland 'prescription coordinator' who will collect and deliver prescriptions from Lister House Surgery.

Some people may be getting low on heating oil and Mole Valley Farmers have confirmed that there has been a huge surge in demand which has led to big delays in delivery. You may want to check your oil, or gas, levels and act accordingly.

Beware of Corona and Other Scams

We need to be extra vigilant and alert to possible scams and criminal activities now. See [here](#) for the latest from Somerset and Avon police

Local firms doing Takeaways and Deliveries

(Please note that this situation is changing daily so please phone first.)

- **Farm Shop in BL** they can do deliveries or you can collect 433973 please phone the day before
- **The Farmers Arms** are able to supply bread and pizza. Ring them the day before to order. Collection only. 01823 432267
- **M&S in Taunton** are letting one person into the Food Hall at a time and wiping down trolleys in front of customers before using them.
- **Quantock Brewery**, Westridge Way, Broadgauge Business Park, Bishops Lydeard, TA4 3RU
Phone 01823 433812 to place an order and arrange delivery.
- **Quantock Pet and Equine**, 7a Westridge Way, Broadgauge Business Park, Bishops Lydeard, TA4 3RU
Phone 01823 431411 to place an order and arrange delivery.
- **The Blueball Inn**, Triscombe, TA4 3HE Offering a takeaway menu, available for collection or delivery.
Phone 01984 618242 to place an order.
- **Daisy Tea Room**, 5 Church Street, Bishops Lydeard, TA4 3AT Offering a takeaway menu, available for collection only. Phone 01823 617098 to place an order.
- **The Lethbridge Arms**, Gore Square Offering a takeaway menu, and free delivery within a 3 mile radius. Phone 01823 433467 to place an order.

Outcome of the extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on 23rd March 2020

Business Continuity Motion to Council

In light of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic and government advice, Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council resolves that:

- (a) Should the council be unable to meet for whatever reason, the Clerk be given delegated authority to progress all ongoing matters and projects and authorise all regular payments and incur expenditure in line with the council's agreed budget.
- (b) Any decisions taken under resolution (a) above will be taken, whenever possible, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chair of the council and the relevant Committee Chairman (if appropriate). A record of all decisions and expenditure incurred under delegated authority will be kept and reported to members when the council next meets.
- (c) The authority to decide the council's response to planning applications be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and Chairman and Vice Chair of the council. Whenever possible, members of the Planning Committee (or council in the case of large applications) will be informed of applications out for consultation and will be invited to submit comments to the Clerk.
- (d) The provisions outlined in resolutions (a) to (c) above will override any requirements to the contrary in the council's standing orders, financial regulations or terms of reference.
- (e) Should the Clerk be unable to perform her duties, Councillor Venner will assume the role of Proper Officer and RFO in an unpaid capacity.
- (f) The Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chair, may incur expenditure from the Community Infrastructure Levy and/or the Community Benefit Fund where such expenditure will help the community's efforts to support those in need of assistance or prevent social isolation.
- (g) Should the Government allow councils to meet virtually (online), the council will take all reasonable steps to facilitate this.

CHURCH NEWS

The Church continues to be alive and active, but our buildings must close and all church services are suspended for the foreseeable future. We are seeing a huge increase in the number of people falling sick with COVID-19. We must distance ourselves from one another and prevent the spread of infection in order to save lives.

Therefore, as well as public worship being suspended, the churches of Tolland and Lydeard St Lawrence and all church buildings in the Church of England are now closed. Our worship of God and our care for each other will continue.

Our website contains details of how to join others online for prayer, worship, study, and community life.

See: www.bathandwells.org.uk

The vicar/churchwardens for Lydeard St Lawrence church can be contacted in an emergency by telephoning: 01984 667472 or emailing on reverendmaureenyoung@gmail.com

Keeping In Touch With The Church

Message from Revd. Maureen

Now that I've got my head round the current situation, I have come to the conclusion that it's very important for us to keep in touch with one another and pray for one another.

We are setting up a new email address for the whole Benefice, and will try to send out on a once a week basis a notice sheet to keep you up to date with what's going on, or not, and also with prayer requests. I will supply the words of the Collect for Sundays and a note of the Gospel reading with a very short reflection which you may find useful.

I hope that you feel you would like to be included in this - whether or not you attend church or not - just to be reassured that some things are continuing not a community gathered together but privately in our own homes.

If you would like to receive such information, please could you email: intouch@bishopslydeardbenefice.org in order that we have your permission under GDPR to send you what we are putting together. There is no obligation to do this, but as I have your email details I didn't want to leave anyone out of the proposed circulation. I won't be upset at all if you feel that this is not for you!

With every blessing for the coming days and week, and be assured that you are in my prayers morning and evening.

Church and Churchyard Tidy – Thank You

A huge thanks to all who turned up to clean the church and churchyard. The weather was chilly but bright, and about ten people in all turned out to help us with our Spring Clear Up. Lots of brass cleaning, vacuuming and polishing was undertaken inside, and the Vestry sported out, tidied up and swept.

A bonfire in the churchyard sorted out dead undergrowth, etc., and we were supplied with very welcome hot tea and coffee and home-made flapjacks.

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to assist. It was good to be able to get out of the house and breathe in some fresh air, doing practical tasks and using some pent-up energy whilst maintaining a healthy distance from one another.

Many thanks to those who came along including: Helen and Dick, Helen Salter, Jill Simpson, Roger Habgood, Andy Smith, Bill and Val Bain, David and Maureen.

News on the Vacancy

At last some excellent news concerning the Vacancy. See the poster below.

THE BENEFICE OF BISHOPS LYDEARD WITH
LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE, BAGBOROUGH,
COMBE FLOREY AND COTHELSTONE

We are pleased to announce the
appointment of

The Revd. Mark Hurley

to be Rector of the Benefice of
Bishops Lydeard with Lydeard St Lawrence,
Bagborough,
Combe Florey and Cothelstone.

This appointment is subject to enhanced DBS clearance.

Mark is currently Priest in Charge
of Swanscombe, Kent in the Diocese of Rochester.
A Licensing date will be arranged, in due course.

We hold Mark, his wife Barbara,
and our parishes in our prayers.

VILLAGE NEWS

Lydeard St Lawrence WI

We started the meeting with our speaker, Margaret Harper, talking about Magical Glass. When she retired, she made cards to sell in aid of SURE (Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment). After doing 500 cards she felt that she wanted to do something more creative, and that is when the idea of using glass to make different items of jewellery occurred.

She had to invest in a kiln which was a big outlay, but a necessity. She explained all the different types of glass that she bought from America. The powdered glass was dangerous if she inhaled it when doing her designs, so she always wears a mask. She explained that she created the first layer of the pattern, then fired it and then repeated this until the jewellery, picture or pendant was completed. The firing varied in temperature from 500 to 750 degrees.

It has taken her a lot of trial and error to make sure that the temperature is correct for the items she is firing. It all sounded very complicated, but the finished product was really impressive.

We were impressed with the sparkly pendant which seemed to match whatever colour you were wearing. She sold some of her items in aid of SURE and we all thought this was a worthwhile charity.

We then had our meeting and the correspondence was read. There are a lot of events to be held in the next few months, but these could be cancelled due to the coronavirus. We lost the skittles by one pin after a play off because we both scored the same. Taunton Flower Show was discussed and some ideas were suggested. We have got 4 months to come up with our final idea.

The village hall committee has kindly agreed to our WI banner being displayed in the hall encased in a wooden frame. We asked our representative to thank them for their kind offer.

The meeting finished with tea and cakes.

Gill Boyce

Horticultural Show

I am keeping my fingers crossed that we will be able to go ahead with the horticultural show in September. All this staying at home should ensure we all have the most fantastic gardens.

The list of classes is [here](#). I have tried out the recipe for the Men Only class and it was delicious. Now its up to you guys.

Village Agent

Lydeard St Lawrence has a new Village Agent, Chrissy Brewer.

Cat Sweatman is still the agent for Tolland.

Details for both agents are in the contact list at the end of the newsletter.

CONTACTS

Event	Contact	Tel	Email
Benefice Rector Benefice Associate Priest	Vacant Rev'd Maureen Young	01984 667472	reverendmaureenyoung@gmail.com
Lydeard St Lawrence Church Wardens	David Young Pat Coles	667472 ExD	dryoung47@googlemail.com brian.coles.coles@btinternet.com
Tolland Church	Maureen Canney	656236	
Scarr Chapel	Bill Caines	667416	jennyscarr73@hotmail.com
Bell ringing	Janet Bond	667372	janet.jimbond@gmail.com
Cricket 1st Team	Paul Smith	07901 847709	
Junior Cricket	Simon Broad	667739	simonbroad3@gmail.com
Lydeard Lifts	Liz McConnell	667375	liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com
Lydeard Lunch Club	Phil Barker		phil_r_barker@yahoo.co.uk
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Pilates	Laura Sinclair	07714 276447	pilatesbylaurachlotte@gmail.com
Post Office	Watchet Post Office	631223	
Table tennis	Mel Horner	667347	melhorner@btinternet.com
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Village Agent (Tolland)	Cat Sweatman	07746 340546	cat@somersetccc.org.uk
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Local Police	PC Jo Jeffery PCSO Louise Fyne Non Emergency Number	07889 657943 07889 659476 101	Joanne.jeffery@avonandsomerset.police.uk Louise.fyne@avonandsomerset.police.uk
Community Council Oil Orders		01603 881888	somersetbuying@af-affinity.co.uk

Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School	www.lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk
LSL Village Web Page	www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk
Benefice Churches	www.bishopslydeardbenefice.org

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