

ST MARY'S JULY AND AUGUST SUMMER CHALLENGE



Lots of us have found that a few words of encouragement have helped us stay positive during recent months. We invite everyone, young and old and in-between, to share a poem, a quotation, a bible verse, an image, a photo or a painting – just something that gives you a boost when you need it. Feel free to write your own words, make your own painting or contribute something written or created by someone else. Just pop your contribution on a postcard or postcard-sized piece of card and pop it in the special ‘post box’ at St Mary’s where we shall quarantine it before putting it on display.

We loved looking at the amazing painted stones around our villages and look forward to seeing what comes out of our **‘Summer Challenge!’**



Childrey & Sparsholt Newsletter JULY-AUGUST 2020

www.sparsholtandwestcot.org | www.childrey.org.uk
email for newsletter articles: childreynews@gmail.com Please submit articles by the 18th of the month



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COVID-19

We have set up a community care group and a community working group to assist people during the COVID-19 outbreak and beyond. If you are in the vulnerable category described by the government, or know someone who is, and feel we could support you in general and during periods of isolation – please pass your/their details to:

Clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk

Or during opening hours to Gill at the shop on: info@childreystores.co.uk or 01235 751 459

Communication and caring for our neighbours will help us all during this tough period, so don't hesitate to contact us through the usual Parish Council means or via the shop.



Small, friendly Matwork class at Sparsholt Memorial Hall Mondays 20:00 – 21:00

Email sally@pilateswithsally.co.uk for information & to book a place

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We want to hear your news!

If you have any news, events or opinions you'd like to share with Childrey and Sparsholt residents, we want to hear it. Email the editor on our new email address:

Childreynews@gmail.com

Submissions by the 18th of the month please.

NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S

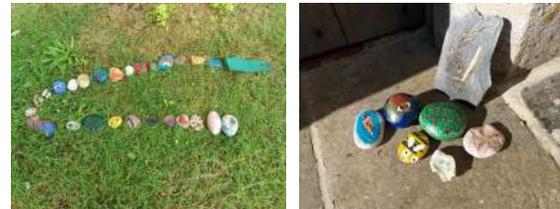
We hope all of you are continuing to stay well. We are sorry that the church has had to remain closed for so long and especially that our summer weddings have had to be postponed. However, you will be pleased to know that we are actively making plans to reopen the church for private prayer subject to certain protocols



Details will be put up round the village and on our social media to keep everyone posted with updates. If you are missing going inside the church, you may like to follow our virtual guided tours on Instagram!

However, we have a beautiful churchyard which is open to visit and walk through, so look out for the new outdoor PRAYER TRAIL which we hope will provide another way to help us look around our world with fresh eyes and add a new dimension to our worship at this time.

We were thrilled when the first painted stones for our June challenge started to appear by the church and the village hall. Thank you so much to everyone for sharing their creativity. We have a new challenge for the summer so check out our JULY AND AUGUST SUMMER POSTCARD CHALLENGE – see poster on the back of this newsletter.



You may also like to follow up the DAILY HOPE free phonenumber on 0800 804 8044 to hear hymns, reflections and prayers. It runs 24 hours a day and can be particularly helpful if you don't have access to the internet.

For those who may like to join in, Leonora and Andrea are continuing to hold a communion service each Sunday at 10am via Zoom, followed by coffee together online. If you would like to join us please contact Revd Andrea Colbrook revd.acolbrook@gmail.com or telephone 07749 865 052 for details of the Zoom link and passwords, as well as a copy of the service.

Finally, both Leonora (760112) and Andrea (07749865052) are at the other end of the phone for anyone who would like a chat.

For updates on everything we're doing in this changing situation, keep an eye open on our social media and on the notice boards on the Barn and outside St Mary's.

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Chat from The Clerk

The next Childrey Parish Council Meeting will be held on a Monday TBC 2020 starting at 7.30pm in Childrey Village Hall or via Zoom link TBC. Please contact me on clerk.childreyipc@aol.co.uk. The next Sparsholt Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th July 2020 starting at 7.00pm in Griffin Memorial Hall, Sparsholt or via Zoom link TBC.

Sparsholt Parish Council would like to ask parishioners if they have any expenditure suggestions that the Parish Council could finance for the village.

Please contact me on clerk.sparsholtipc@aol.co.uk.

Clerk to both Parish Councils Debbie Lewis-Pryde 01235 751923. Please check the village websites and notice boards for updated information regarding meetings.

If any parishioners in Childrey, Sparsholt or Westcot need any assistance, please do get in touch with me. I have volunteers that are happy to do shopping, collect prescriptions (Brett's Chemist in Grove preferred please), do banking or go to the Post Office or anything else that we can help with for anyone that is self-isolating. I have an answer machine to if I am out please leave me your name and phone number and I will call you back, even if you just fancy a chat! Don't be lonely – we all need to look after each other.

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For local information about services offered during COVID-19; updates about critical frontline services such as fire and rescue, waste collections, highways and children's social care: <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-from-the-government> Stanford in the Vale waste recycling centre has reopened, this is only for waste that cannot be safely stored at home and they will operate a one in one out system. No trailers or box vans will be permitted. Traffic marshalls have been employed at the site. Full details on OCC website.

Airband have partnered with the Oxfordshire County Council Digital Infrastructure programme to deliver a significant section of the BiRO (Businesses in Rural Oxfordshire) project. The BiRO project is funded by a £6.3m EAFRD funding through the Rural Broadband Infrastructure scheme to improve broadband for businesses in rural Oxfordshire and will provide ultrafast broadband to 970 SMEs across the region. This creates an opportunity to connect many communities in South Oxfordshire to Full Fibre Broadband (Fibre to the Premise), many of which will qualify for Rural Gigabit Vouchers enabling free installation and free router equipment. It is an opportune time now to collect orders from those requiring a service, they have 150MB and 250MB packages available at £29.99 and £39.00 per month for residential connections. Business packages have a different service level and contention ratio and can be discussed on an individual basis should anyone require this. Kingston Lisle has recently received this service and it should be available in Childrey by August/September. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Roberts, Business Development Executive at Airband on 01905 676 121 or 07495 543 046 or email Andrew.Roberts@airband.co.uk

If your household waste, food bin, recycling bin or brown garden waste bin is not collected on the appointed day, please leave out the following day. Agendas will be posted on both the website and village notice boards. Both Parish Councils reserve the right to change the meeting dates, times and venues – please always check the notice board for correct information. Agendas are published three clear working days before each Parish Council meeting. Also Planning meetings will be inserted periodically to allow the Parish Council to discuss and respond before the VOWHDC deadlines and the agenda will be published on the notice board three clear working days prior to the meeting. Planning applications can be viewed on the VOWHDC planning register. If you notice any potholes, overgrown footpaths or verges or any other highways issues please report to the 'fixmystreet' website. Highways respond quicker to the problems that have the most logs on their site and include photographs. Please DO NOT wait for a Parish Council meeting to report highways issues.