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Diary for Trio June 2020

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GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS SAY THAT ALL CHURCHES SHOULD BE LOCKED AND SERVICES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE HOWEVER…

during the current arrangements a weekly sheet with prayers and Bible readings is available by e-mail.

If you would like to be included on the distribution list the contacts are…..

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The Diocese of Bath & Wells also have links to prayers & services which you may wish to access using the following link….
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FLAG DAYS FOR JUNE 2020

2nd	Coronation of Elizabeth II 1953
7th	Trinity Sunday
10th	Prince Philip born 1921
11th	Barnabas – Apostle Day of Thanksgiving (Corpus Christi)
13th	Official Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II
21st	Prince William born 1982
24th	John the Baptist
27th	Armed Forces Day
29th	Peter and Paul - Apostles

Thoughts from the Rectory

Since my brief sojourn in hospital I haven't been managing to sleep very well. I tend to get out of bed and sit in my specially adapted chair and read or watch my iPad for an hour or so. A few days ago I watched a documentary on Julian of Norwich.

Julian, or Mother Julian as she is often called, lived in the 14th Century. She was an English anchorite and wrote the earliest surviving book in the English language written by a woman. In 'Revelations of Divine Love' Julian writes of her visions of Jesus and her spiritual experiences. In the time of Julian life for the populace was particularly challenging. Everyday life was overshadowed by plague, death plus vast social change. People regardless of status were affected.

Julian was all too aware of the uncertainties of life. It is possible that she may have had a husband and children who were victims of the Black Death. She, herself, survived a life-threatening illness as well as witnessing the devastation of three plagues with the death of thousands of people. Throughout all of this she recognizes her need for a deeper love of Christ. She goes on, in her writings, to share her visions which lead to her extraordinary faith and knowing of God. She firmly believed that the future is in God's loving hands.

As we continue in the current difficult times with the coronavirus still prevalent and our nation and, indeed, the world struggling in many ways, the writings of Mother Julian can offer a degree of comfort. Some of you will be familiar with one of the most well known pronouncements that Jesus gives her in one of her visions:

' All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.'

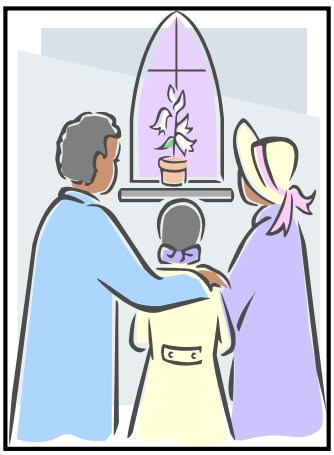
With love and blessing

Jan Knott



THE RECTOR is always happy for you to give her call if you want a chat. Unfortunately at present, due social distancing guidance, Preb. Jan cannot visit you or bring you Communion.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Rector for a chat (01761 479311).



ENQUIRIES about baptism, confirmation and weddings should be made to the Rector. Her day off is usually Friday, but when she is not available or on Leave, then please contact one of the Churchwardens.



WELCOME PACK

If you have new neighbours, please give let the Rector or Churchwarden know so once we are back in action they can have a welcome pack containing a scrumptious bar of chocolate (Traidcraft, of course!) as well as a welcome letter from Preb Jan & the last printed copy of Trio. CRL

Letter from the The Rt. Revd. Ruth Worsley
Bishop of Taunton.
June 2020

Recognise the one who stands beside you

'Stay alert' is the message as we 'ease out of lockdown'. We know that for some there is little ease as we begin to re-engage with a world that is still fearful of Covid-19 and uncertain about its future. The requirement to 'stay alert' is to encourage us to watch out for signs of the virus and protect ourselves and others as necessary.

We've just celebrated Pentecost, often recognised as the birthday of the Church. Jesus' message to his followers as he left them to return to his Father was that they were to 'stay alert', not to guard against something fearful to come but rather to be watchful for the Spirit that would free them from fear. It didn't mean that there weren't still physical dangers to face but rather that their spiritual lives should grow in boldness.

We have seen much courage exhibited throughout this crisis to date. Key workers who have continued to serve us day by day even whilst most of us have remained at home. The NHS has quite rightly been applauded and appreciated at this time **and** there are so many more.

I've been especially impressed by our schools and their teams who have largely been open throughout this period to be provide care for key worker families and vulnerable children. Even at weekends and during this past half term holiday they have been tirelessly supporting their local communities. Staying alert to the needs of our young, they have shown their commitment and care. I want to express my huge gratitude to them!

As we move into June we may be seeing more children returning to schools having been home-schooled for a time. This will not be without fear for some and a need to be especially alert to physical dangers. Whatever the situation we find ourselves to be in at this point, we are reminded that we have a Comforter, an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who strengthens and encourages our faith even at times of doubt and anxiety.

Whether still at home and isolated or beginning a return to wider community life, may you find yourself being alert for and recognising the one who stands alongside you, the Spirit, who is friend, guardian and comforter.

With every good wish *Ruth Worsley*

DUE TO CORONAVIRUS THIS MONTH'S TRIO CONTINUES AS A PDF ONLY.

Thank you to the Community & School websites for putting Trio on them so they can be accessed by as many people as possible & to those in each Parish who email to supporters of Trio so they don't miss out.

I hope you enjoyed May's Trio & thank you to those who have contributed this month, it's really appreciated & I'm sure you'll all learn something & hopefully some bits will make you smile!

Trio is not divided into Church areas so please read on & enjoy & if you wish to contribute next month please email me your item, details on page 23.

Thank you Ed.

This month more Bloopers from Church Bulletins or announcements!

If you watched 'The Big Night In' on TV you may have seen the Vicar of Dibley sketch where Dawn French used the same idea when she said "last month I meant to congratulate two families on having babies not rabies!"

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen



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QUIZ

Some of you will remember John & Pat Jones who often set quizzes to raise funds for Farmborough Hall or Church, well here is one set over 20 years ago!!

Have a go! Don't cheat! Answers on page 23

1. Who was the first man to swim the English Channel [1875]?
2. In which year did Britain have three kings?
3. When was Bristol's Theatre Royal opened?
4. Which part of the body would you find the anvil?
5. Name the girl for whom Sidney Carton died in the "Tale of Two cities?"
6. Which aircraft was known as the "Whispering Giant"?
7. Who wrote the words of "Land of Hope and Glory"?
8. In mythology, whose son flew too near the sun?
9. Name the voice behind "Wallace & Gromit"?
10. Where is the "Sea of Tranquillity"?
11. Who renounced the title "Viscount Stansgate" in 1963?
12. Who is the patron saint of Accountants and Tax Collectors?
13. Who wrote the music & lyrics for the show "Oliver"?
14. What type of fruit is a "Beurre Hardy"?
15. Which planet is nearest the sun?
16. Who was the 40th President of the United States?
17. Who was known as the "Maid of Orleans"?
18. Who painted "The Last Supper"?
19. On which ship did Charles Darwin take his "scientific cruise"?
20. What was Margaret Thatcher's maiden name?
21. In which year was the "Golden Gate" bridge opened [San Francisco]?
22. Who played "Mr Barraclough" in BBC TV's "Porridge"?
23. What is the name of the cat living in 10, Downing Street?
24. Which plant is known as the "Wind-flower"?
25. Which poet lived for a while at 9, North Parade, Bath?

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.



In the Spring of Twenty-Twenty



In the Spring of Twenty-Twenty when the cherry blossom came,
Bluebells unfurled in hedgerows and wild garlic did reclaim,
The space where only badgers dug across the woodland floor,
That unyielded brown and barren just 7 weeks before.

In the Spring of Twenty-Twenty wheat sprang and coloured green,
The pin-stripe, terracotta fields and hares raced in-between.
The hawthorn and the blackthorn redoubled around the edges,
And very quickly thickened the lush white-blossomed hedges.

In the Spring of Twenty-Twenty they said it would be best,
That we stay at home and hibernate under voluntary house arrest.
For if we mixed and mingled our own species might be blighted,
And so we did what we were told, lest others might be smited.

In the Spring of Twenty-Twenty we all kept a dozen paces,
Keeping clear of other folk in shops and other places.
Patiently we queued and queued and tried to be less greedy,
While the hoarders and less scrupulous deprived the old and needy.

In the Spring of Twenty-Twenty we whooped and cheered and hollered,
For the selfless work of heroes, the uniformed and blue-collared.
For those, in truth, who had no choice but to continue about their labours,
Whilst egged-on, at safe distance, by the pageant of their neighbours.

In the Spring of Twenty-Twenty in the wards of the Nightingale,
A masked and aproned army strived to save the seriously unwell.
And as the weeks turned into months and months, in turn, had past,
Hundreds turned to thousands, who gasped and breathed their last.

In the Spring of Twenty-Twenty as the drone of traffic waned,
We heard the drum of woodpeckers as our ears became retrained.
We noticed wrens and goldfinches that tarried on garden fences,
And as the sun reburnished our skin, birdsong refilled our senses.

It was a time of emerging life, yet a time of lives retracted,
A time for most when the sun still shone but in which we were abstracted.
It was a time of calm, yet one of loss, a time of nought, yet plenty.
It was the time of bitter-sweet, the Spring of Twenty-Twenty.



Mark Sperry
24/04/20



COMMUNITIES ARE HERE TO HELP …

IN MARKSBURY…..

Residents are Staying Connected, Offering Help and remember don't be afraid to Seek Help. For further information go to …..

https://marksburyvillage.wixsite.com/hall

IN STANTON PRIOR…..

As always in Stanton there is strong community support with residents looking out for each other.

& IN FARMBOROUGH…..

Residents continue to look out for each other.

Also available throughout the Benefice is….

farmborough community shop







Grocery delivery service

The shop will endeavour to deliver to anyone in the vicinity who is need of the service over the coming weeks.

Please email or call the day before a delivery is required, details are..
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or call 01761 471811 between 1pm & 5pm
Opening hours Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm
Saturday 9am – 12noon Sunday·····CLOSED

Although none of the 'social' groups & clubs which are active in the villages are meeting physically many are keeping in contact via zoom & other social media platforms including our Councils so look out for information so can still be involved if you wish.

What's going on in our Schools during lockdown?

I'm not sure how many of you who are not parents have looked at school websites over the last couple of months (or ever!) but you will find so much information on them & so different from 6 months ago!!
There's support for pupils & their families with links to relevant learning platforms, messages of encouragement, examples of work completed, stories being read & much more.
Have a look at our school's websites …..
https://www.farmboroughchurchprimary.org.uk/
https://www.marksbury.bathnes.sch.uk/
or look at schools where grandchildren go to see whats going on in their schools.

News from both schools…

Farmborough..

Well we've had almost two months of home learning and there are signs that things are about to change as we await developments about the potential return to school for some year groups.

[Since writing R, Y1 & Y6 will be returning in small groups now known as bubbles]

During the last weeks' things have been very different to how school and learning usually happens. We have had a core of about 12 children who have been attending school, generally about 7 or 8 children at any one time. They are the children of keyworkers and also children who have support plans or are vulnerable in some way.
Staff have a rota and take turns to lead the learning.
The day starts with some sort of physical activity, and then some work from the tasks set by their individual teachers.
On Mondays and Fridays at 9.30 the children at school have walked up to the top of the field and joined with some of the neighbours in Brookside Drive as they dance outside of their houses.
It's organised by a parent of a child in YR[reception] who lives there and is a way to get people to meet in a safe way and we've enjoyed their company too.
Following a socially distance break, more work until it's time for lunch, which is eaten together outside (usually) again remembering our social distant.
The afternoon starts with reading and then various creative activities until families arrive to collect their children.



Over the last couple of weeks this banner has been made under Mrs Roberts guidance to add to the banners made by each year group as they leave school.

Children not at school work are on the learning that has been set by teachers. It is a mix of online activities and also paper tasks. We were aware that not all children would be able to print off work at home, so for the last two blocks of work we made individual folders which families came in over two days to collect from the playground.
We have class blogs for children to communicate with their teachers, emails for contact with parents and amazing website pages for each class which contain lots of useful information as well as the current learning tasks.
Families email back the work that their children have completed and we have been delighted by the way that most have coped with the unusual situation, and also the very creative additional learning that both children and their families have enjoyed.
There has been lots of baking, growing, making and investigating.
Recently staff recorded messages for the children and also a recital of our school creed.
One task that Y4-6 recently completed was looking at Passover (y4) and Ramadan (Y5&6) They looked at video clips showing the special significance of these celebrations and then considered in what ways will Passover 2020 be different for Jewish families or Ramadan different for Muslims?
As an extra task, using any safely socially-distant means of communication available to them, they were required to ask someone who would normally go to Church at Easter, how Easter 2020 was different for them this year and report back on what they said.
All in all, the Farmborough spirit has prevailed and children and their families have shown lots of growth mind set and resilience at this time.

Ruth Roberts & all Farmborough Staff



Marksbury..

A Message from

Marksbury CE Primary School

about their activities

A Pirate Life at Marksbury

This week has been full of Pirate fun with a chance for lots of outdoor learning. We began by making telescopes and using them for spying on the playground. It is amazing what you can spot through the end of a telescope! We then created our own treasure maps and learnt how to read coordinates. This helped us when it came to hiding our treasure. Once we had coated our maps in tea to make them look old, Gareth helped us to burn the edges, we thought

it made them smell like marshmallows. We described our maps to each other and talked about what we would like on our islands. On Wednesday we turned the outdoor space into a pirate obstacle course, with a boat, rigging and a castle. Then on Thursday we made pirate themed board games to play at home. The older children made mixed fraction challenge cards which almost caught the teachers out! We are wondering if we may have to walk the plank tomorrow. We hope you have had fun this week completing your pirate themed activities.

One of our fantastic Year 4's has also set herself an amazing project for over half term and is planning on running 50km around Marksbury and surrounding villages all for Julian house.

If you would like more information then please visit her just giving page

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pheobe-pudsey-dawson



DEFLOCKING THE CHURCH

THE authorities at St Mary Redcliffe Bristol have been experiencing problems with pigeons roosting and nesting in the church porch and people attending the church are fed up with the mess, being bombed and slipping on the droppings.

I recently heard three vicars discussing just such a problem. "We tried poison but the people don't like dead pigeons falling from the rafters during mass," one says. "I tried shooting them but it damaged the roof," says another. "We had this problem but not any more," says the third. "I just catch them, christen and confirm them, let them go and we never see them again."

Patrick Bridges.



LINDA MARGARET BARNES

[Farmborough]

IT is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of

Linda Margaret Barnes on May 4th at the age of 63.

Lin, or Lil as she was affectionately known by her family, friends and many villagers, was born in Timsbury the third child of Olive and Dennis Barnes. She was one of five children having two brothers and two sisters, Fred, Roy, Sue and Jenny. The family moved to Farmborough some 50 or so years ago taking up residence at Hunstrete Road.

Lin attended St Mary's Church of England School Timsbury and the Secondary Modern School leaving at the age of 16 when she took up employment with the Gould family at Belle Vue Farm working in the milking parlour as a dairy maid and looking after customers of the local milk round.

Many would have known Lin in a variety of ways. She was the beloved partner of Paul, much loved mother to Clive and Daniel, sister, aunt, great aunt and so much more.

She worked at our local school since 2002 as a cleaner, in 2013 she became Cleaner-in-Charge with her son Danny taking up her old post. Lin was certainly an asset to our school and will be fondly remembered by children and staff.

Lin was also employed as a housekeeper at Hunstrete House Hotel where she was known for hard work, speed and efficiency, on its closure she transferred to Ston Easton Park.

Lin always had time for a bit of a chat whether encountered at school or in the village. She was a very happy person and never fazed by anything that life threw at her.

The family funeral for her was held in the Churchyard on May 28th. She will be greatly missed. We commend Linda into God's loving care.

Rest in peace

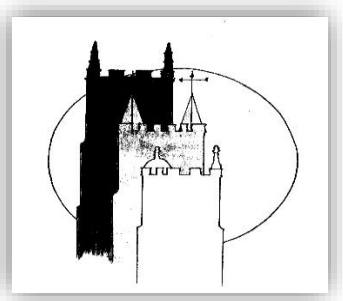






CHURCH LANE LINED WITH LIN'S COLLEAGUES FROM SCHOOL.

THE LOOK OF THE NEW ALLOWED BURIAL SERVICES AT CHURCHES.



CHURCH NEWS.

Dear Friends

I am sure everyone is pleased that Preb Jan has recovered from having her hip replacement and is back at work.
She still can't drive and Nick is acting as her chauffeur and thanks should go to him for this.

Jan has also been invited to postpone her retirement for at least three months and she has agreed to do so, this will hopefully give the parishes and university the opportunity to say goodbye properly and give her the send-off she so deserves.

As always love to all

Catherine Taylor
On behalf of Benefice's Church Wardens

Services.

A thank you to Judith, Chris & Preb. Jan for the 'virtual' services which have been shared & help us to feel part of the 'Church family' but I am sure many feel like Catherine when she said ….

'I hope everyone is well and managing in these difficult and challenging times, I certainly miss the coming together each Sunday for an act of collective worship and a cup of coffee.

It is hard having our church building locked and not available for that quiet moment of contemplation and reflection and I do hope a way to open our doors safely for this will be found in the near future'.

You may be missing singing hymns and Chris Lovell thinks that sadly, it is unlikely we will be able to sing in church for some while (a good way to transmit virus), but if you like to sing use the link below [lyrics on the screen!] to sing along to the Charles Wesley hymn 'Hail the day that sees him rise' and don't worry about the neighbours!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjofDCZlyRY&t=26s

Another option to try is…

VIRTUAL CHORAL EVENSONG

Rodolfus Foundation

IN these crazy turbulent times, we tend to turn to things which have endured for centuries. With churches in lockdown Choral Evensong of the Anglican Church, the liturgy having its origins in the Book of Common Prayer, is just such a thing.

On Tuesday May 19, the Rodolfus Foundation streamed on Facebook and YouTube a Virtual Choral Evensong which adhered firmly to the ancient form of the rite which was both comforting and inspiring and may have calmed the mind and soul of many worshippers deprived of services in this period of uncertainty.

The programme opened with electronic birdsong video-recorded among bluebells in a wood followed by the service which was topped and tailed by organ voluntaries.

From the very young to the not so young, some 260 people took part in what was a very grand and typically English service including Hubert Parry's majestic Coronation Anthem *'I Was Glad',* a magnificent piece which always brings me out in goose bumps when I hear it.

At the time of writing, the service is still available online. Just tap into your tablet or other device 'The Rodolfus Foundation Virtual Evensong - 19th May 2020' and you'll be taken to it. You won't be disappointed.

Patrick Bridges.

Churchyards.

There have been some comments about the lack of maintenance of our churchyards.

The Diocese has issued guidance regarding caring for and securing our church property during lockdown and as was stated in May's Trio "mowing should cease whilst the building is closed and whilst some may not like this, there will be a benefit to wildlife during this time". What is more, early in the lockdown, the contractor was working in the Marksbury churchyard and a policeman stopped and spoke to him saying that work on the churchyard was not essential and should stop.

Maintenance will re-start as soon as possible after easing of lockdown measures allow however when there is an issue relating to Health & Safety action can be taken as visiting graves keeping our social distance is now allowed, this has happened in Farmborough.

Prayer Diary. During the month of June in Marksbury we pray for the homes and families in West Tyning, Priston Lane and Mollifriend Lane.



Monday@9. During this month among the saints and martyrs mentioned in the Lectionary for this month that we would have been thinking about include on:-

June 8 - Thomas Ken born in July 1637 in Berkhampstead.
He was an English cleric who was considered the most eminent of the group of non-juring bishops. (Some bishops refused to transfer their oath of allegiance from Charles II to William and Mary. The bishops maintaining that it couldn't be sworn twice.)
He had been appointed Bishop of Bath & Wells after being made a Prebendary of Winchester cathedral.
Whilst he was at Wells each day he invited beggars from the streets of the city to come and eat lunch with him at the Bishop's Palace.
His sister Anne, was married to Isaak Walton, author of The Compleat Angler with whom he visited Rome in 1674.
Because they refused to swear allegiance to the new monarch he and his colleagues were defrocked and deprived of office.
He was given shelter at Longleat by an old friend from his student days at Oxford, the first Marquess of Bath.
Ken is regarded as the father of English hymnody. He wrote "Awake my soul and with the sun," "Praise God from whom all blessings flow", and "Glory to Thee, my God, this night".
He also wrote "Prayers for the use of scholars of Winchester College".
He died at Longleat in 1711 and is buried at St. John The Baptist in Frome.

June 29 when **Marksbury's patron saint St. Peter** is celebrated (with St. Paul).
Working as a fisherman, at the time named Simon, he met and then followed Jesus throughout his earthly ministry.
Jesus gave him the nickname Peter, meaning rock-like, and throughout the Gospels, we find Peter being impetuous, speaking without thinking, making errors, ultimately denying Jesus, just before the Crucifixion.
And yet Jesus forgave him and entrusted him with the mission of spreading the Good News of God's kingdom.
Peter became bishop of Rome and the first leader of the church.
He was himself martyred in the reign of the Emperor Nero.
Peter is often shown holding keys. Jesus said to him "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven". (Matthew 16 v.19)

Remember..

North East Somerset & Bath Methodist Circuit
Area Minister: Revd. David Winstanley Tel: 01761 439 934
40 North Meadows, Peasedown St.John, Bath BA2 8PS
Information if required at present can be obtained from Revd.David Winstanley via e-mail:- dwin64@hotmail.com



Ian Edwards - Marksbury
(16th May 1935 - 29th April 2020)

Born in Bristol in 1935, Ian was the second of six children.
He attended Downend Junior School followed by Chipping Sodbury Grammar School. On leaving school he joined British Road Services. He was then called up to do National Service at GCHQ in Cheltenham in the Intelligence Corps. Following this, he worked in local government and it was around this time that he met Mahala. They courted for two years, broke up for a month or so but Ian missed Mahala so much that he followed her bus back home one day and asked her to marry him. A couple of days later he slipped an engagement ring on her finger when they were at the cinema. They were married six weeks later, in Warmley.
The rest of Ian's working life was spent with Westminster Bank. This enabled him to get a mortgage and buy his first home in Wick. He moved Mahala and his young family to Plymouth to head up a branch there. No sooner had he got settled, however, he was asked to move back to Bristol to assist with amalgamating several other banks under the NatWest banner. This role was the perfect fit for him in that both his generous nature and mediation skills enabled him to smooth ruffled feathers. He rose to become a senior bank manager and retired at the age of 58.
Once retired, he bought a series of out houses on a site overlooking Marksbury Village Hall. It was here, on a sloping site, that he built his first house, Polmear. Another plot, to the rear of Polmear, then became available. It used to house an old barn, then used by Bence's garage (now the Co-op petrol station), for parking cars that were ready for sale. Because there was no access to this site to make it acceptable to planners, he went on to buy some land off the cottages next door. This enabled him to construct a steeply sloping driveway to the site on which he built his next house, Trevathan. Both Polmear and Trevathan were named after places in Cornwall where Ian had spent many happy summers on holiday with his relatives.
When Trevathan became too big for him, he sold it to his daughter, Anna. He and Mahala moved next door to the final house he constructed called The Byre. Ian was very much a family man who enjoyed the simple things in life. He was never happier than when sharing a family meal, playing games at get togethers or telling stories to his grandchildren. He walked the Cotswold Way and had a love of sport. As a youngster, he played cricket every weekend with his father and uncles at Soundwell. He played for many football teams over the years and, in his late 50s, he became a football referee. He also had a passion for motorbikes and classic cars.
He was a kind, gentle, unassuming man who always took the time to listen to others and to lend a helping hand. He was stoic to the last and is succeeded by his wife, Mahala, their three daughters Sarah, Anna, and Helen, as well as six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

We remember his wife, Mahala, their three daughters Sarah, Anna, and Helen, and all other members of his family and friends in our prayers. *M.Ward*

Jamie Tanner- Marksbury



The funeral of Jamie Tanner, aged 27, was held at Paulton's cemetery on Thursday 21st May.
Preb Jan Knott officiated. Jamie was the son of Tracey and Caroline Tanner, and the grandson of the late Val and Vic Tanner of Marksbury. An unsuspected heart condition led to his early death. We send our deep sympathy to his family, and will keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

May he rest in peace. [JH]



Pat & Paul Harding would like to thank everyone who sent greetings and cards on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in May.

They said "we spent a very happy day in spite of the present circumstances and hope to meet up with all our friends again in the not too distant future."

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

AGED CHURCH FLAGS RESTORED.

TWO tattered and torn Cross of St. George church flags have been repaired and it's thanks to Sally, the Editor of the Trio, for carrying out the difficult and delicate task of restoration.

But what do we do with old and worn out flags?
It is common practice in the United Kingdom to place decommissioned military and other flags or standards in cathedrals, churches and chapels. The technical term for this is laying up. Historically, the idea is that a long honoured flag would find a final resting place to decay quietly and gracefully. Not all flags can be dealt with in this way.

According to the Flag Institute when a flag becomes tattered or faded and is no longer in a suitable condition for use, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, for example by burning, tearing or cutting it into strips so that it no longer resembles the original flag.
Thanks to Sally our two aged restored flags will continue to fly high from the church tower for some time to come.

Patrick Bridges
FarmboroughTower Keeper, Flagman and Keeper of the Great Clock

WHAT DID YOU DO ON MAY 8th?

A VE Day to remember

Thankfully Stanton Prior did not lose anyone fighting in the second world war. But in the seventy-five years since VE Day, villagers have arrived and departed, some carrying extraordinary stories from WW2 and subsequent wars. One is the story of church warden Frances Zagni's parents.

As a taster, an astonishing coincidence: the bomber in which her father was observer and navigator was shot down and crashed into a field in Germany, and a young German boy who loved his camera took a photograph of it. Frances was writing about her parents' wartime experiences, and, at the last moment before the book went to the printers, she learned of this photograph through completely unexpected channels. She received permission to publish the picture, and there it is, on the final page of the book, a most remarkable record.

But the main coincidence is that all the letters between her parents, in both directions between England and the German POW camps – from John to Ursula and from Ursula to John – survived the war and the years. It's an unprecedented, full and vivid firsthand witness of the war. *Geprüft,* which was the German POW camp's ink stamp on out-going post, meaning 'checked' or 'passed the censor', is the book's perfect title.

Another highlight: her father gives details of life in the same POW camp where 'the Great Escape' took place. And another: he taught himself to play violin there (those POWs were extremely creative in their isolation! and difficult it was): to spare his fellow prisoners, he practiced 'grinding out scales' in the camp's farthest-away unserviceable latrine.

So when it came to VE Day last month, there was good reason to recall the end of the war and to ring the bells, so to speak, for reunions and release from confinement. Stanton Prior's church warden, who is also a campanologist, wrote to the relevant authorities about ringing St Lawrence's single bell. It was a memorable occasion enjoyed by all at prescribed social distance outside our now-sadly locked church.

Wayne Hill, member, St Lawrence PCC



St Lawrence Church warden Frances Zagni with grandsons Ollie and Tommy (all same household) preparing to ring in VE Day 75.

Photo credit: Gillian Mesquita

Last month there was a heading 'What were you doing 25 years ago? regarding VE Day, well this got Valerie Webster of Farmborough to send her memories of VE Day itself.



The Party

I have a gift for remembering things – right back to before I was 2 years old. The memories are like pictures and are only connected with very unusual or exciting events – like the day I stroked a bee, thinking it was a furry caterpillar. That didn't end well. VE Day was equally memorable, but for good reasons. I'll try and tell you as a five-year-old.

I remember being on a train, not the train my Grandad drove – that was the LMS Black 5, Manchester to London and back. This was quite a little one. My parents told me that we were going to a party. That was really exciting as I had been to a party once before, when Douglas and Charles Elliot were 5. We'd had fish paste sandwiches which were my favourites. I had wondered if there were the same things at this party.
"Stop swinging your legs, and sit still", I remember my father saying. He was very stern.
My mother had taken a Sunny Stories from her bag.
"Here you are sweetheart. Read this. It won't be long, now," she had said.
I had a bow keeping my black curly hair in place, and a new dress from my Nanna. I remember Mummy saying that I had to look pretty for this very special party.
We went down from South Yorkshire to Manchester, where my grandparents lived. Daddy said the party was the most important one he'd ever go to. I hoped it was as exciting as the twins' one.
At last, the train slowed down and I could see the steam from the engine.
"Come along, we haven't time to stand looking at a train."
My father had said.
I used to love looking at trains.
Oh, my goodness! When we arrived, the party filled the whole of my Nanna and Grandad's street. There was a huge table, all down the middle of the road and the most, lovely smells coming from the houses. Ladies were running in and out of their houses with heaped plates of sandwiches, gorgeous cakes - some great big ones with icing on top - and other little cakes and jam tarts. There were lots of bottles of fizzy pop, and beer for the daddies. My Nanna had made some parkin. It was cut into squares and looked wonderful.

Every one was happy and even my Daddy was smiling. Some people were laughing and crying at the same time. That seemed strange. I didn't know if they were happy or sad.
Lots of people had brought their wirelesses out into the street and all the grown-ups were crowded round to listen to them. Suddenly, everyone started to cheer and then musicians played and the gentlemen grabbed ladies until all of the street was full of people dancing around. Nobody asked me because I was too little, so I ate a piece of Nanna's parkin while no one was watching.

Years later, I discovered what the party was about.
The date? 8th May 1945. The reason for the party? It was VE Day which stands for Victory in Europe Day. It wasn't the end of the war, but it was the end of war with Germany. The German forces in the Netherlands, northwest Germany and Denmark had surrendered to Field Marshall Montgomery on May 4th, and on May 7th General Eisenhower accepted an unconditional surrender of all German troops.

Valerie Webster

This year social distancing was observed by many when taking part in Street Parties, as was the case here in Bridge Gardens & Bellifants in Farmborough.
This is very different to Valerie's memories!

Whether Freya will have such clear memories of her VE Party in 2020 remains to be seen!





Photo credit: Gemma Stone

Freya's preparations were reflected in many households as decorations for the outside of houses were made before tea was served & eaten, 'socially distanced', outside on lawns & driveways.

Many of us may not have been able to fulfil our original plans but at least the weather was kind to everyone!

Dates to note at present!!!

Please mark these dates in your calendar.
Details to be announced nearer the time depending on guidance relating to COVID-19.

August 1st Coffee Morning at All Saints', Farmborough

The annual Stanton Prior **Cream Teas** will be held **every Sunday in August, plus August Bank Holiday Monday.**

Special event: **The Stanton Prior Supper and Auction of Promises** will be held at Marksbury Village Hall on Saturday evening, **28 November 2020.**
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Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

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'At the evening service tonight the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.'

ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 9.

1. Capt. Matthew Webb
2. 1936
3. 1766
4. Ear
5. Lucie Mantee
6. Britannia
7. A. C. Benson
8. Daedalus
9. Peter Sallis
10. The Moon
11. Anthony Wedgewood Benn
12. Matthew
13. Lionel Bart
14. Pear
15. Mercury
16. Ronald Reagan
17. Joan of Arc
18. Leonardo Da Vinci
19. H.M.S. Beagle
20. Roberts
21. 1937
22. Brian Wilde
23. Humphrey
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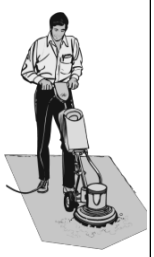
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