

## Mursley Church Toilet, Kitchenette and Refurbishment Project

Hopefully by the time you read this article the project works in Mursley church will be completed. The provision of a toilet in church has been an aspiration of the PCC since first suggested by Rev. John Kinchin-Smith over 20 years ago. Through the generous support of Mursley residents and grant awarding bodies, Wren, Garfield Weston Foundation, All Churches Trust and Oxford Diocese the aspiration has become a reality.

The scope of the works is more than the provision of a toilet, it includes a kitchenette for the provision of beverages and light refreshments, a refitted vestry area comprising the removal of pine panels to allow for an open and versatile area around the font and replacement of ad hoc cupboards with bespoke oak panelled storage units and a privacy screen.

Pews have been removed at the west end of the nave to create a flexible space suitable for refreshments and small group meetings. The front row of pews in the nave has been removed to create a bigger space for worship, school and musical events.

While undertaking the project works an area of rotten wooden flooring was uncovered adjacent to the works. The opportunity was taken to do this repair work, rotten timbers removed and continuance of the new quarry tile flooring installed, this has incurred an extra cost of **£6000** to maintain the church building in its usual good order. If anyone would like to contribute to these works repairs or the toilet project please contact Bey Christian 720630, Andrew Cowell 720425 or Barbara Williamson 720270.

We hope Mursley church building will soon reopen so that you can take a look at the work that has been done. We have a dedication service planned for 14th June 2020 however this is subject to postponement due to COVID-19.

Mursley PCC much appreciates your support for the realisation of this project and express their thanks to MF Tofield for the professional way they carried out the project in the midst of the unprecedented events.

All works have been designed by architects Arnold Bartosch Ltd and approved through the Church of England Faculty system including their consultees, The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, The Victorian Society and Historic England.

There are many communities in the world which still do not have access to running water or sanitation.

Mursley PCC when undertaking the Mursley Church toilet project made a commitment to support twinning a toilet block. Toilet twinning is an organisation which supports the provision of toilets in areas of the world in need.

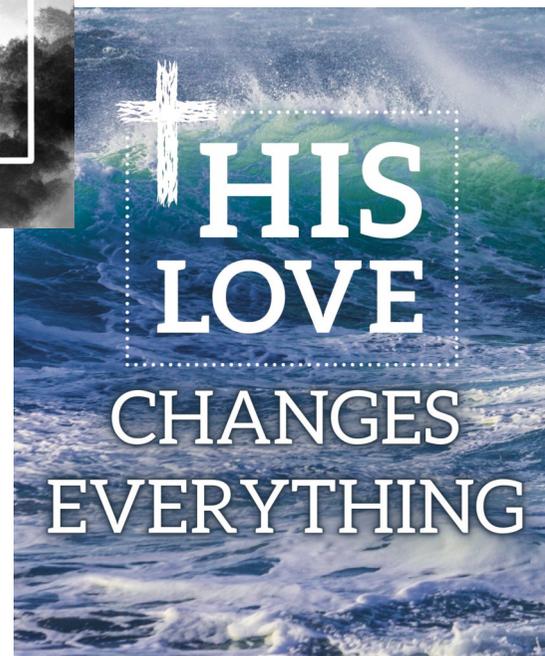
Mursley PCC allocated funds from Lent Lunch 2018 to provide a toilet block in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, the cost was £240. You will be able to see a photo in the new church toilet. A small cost to make a huge difference. More details are available on this link [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org).



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St Mary the Virgin Mursley normally holds a Gift Day in May for those who wish to contribute to the annual upkeep costs of our village church, for example insurance, churchyard maintenance, heating to keep the fabric in good order, electrical inspections, clock maintenance.



At this time we appreciate as well as dealing with the emotional and health issues of the COVID-19 pandemic that families will also be to varying degrees experiencing financial consequences too.

Gift Day will not take place in May as planned but will be postponed until such time as our country has moved beyond the current challenge and better times have returned, as they surely will. We pray for those serving our communities at this time and that they will be kept safe.

If you would like to contribute to the upkeep of our village church at this time either as a one off donation or regular standing order you can do so by bank transfer using the Mursley PCC account details below. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please contact Barbara Williamson on 720270.

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We pray for our community in Mursley and the world as we tackle this pandemic. May we know the peace of God and rest assured that this will end and we will return to living lives that fully embrace the wonder of God's creation.

Love thy neighbour. Matthew 22:39

## Reflections from the Rectory

ΚΑΙΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΚΑΙ ΠΡΟΟΔΟΣ

Dear Friends

As I write we are heading towards the end of our 4th week in lockdown. These are indeed unusual times that no one has experienced anything quite like before. That of course brings with it uncertainty and concern along with questions like how long will it last and how might things be different when we come out the other side? My hope and prayer is that we might relearn the things that are truly valuable in life: our families, friends and relationships along with those who care for us in many different ways. It has been great to see and hear the support and encouragement that is being shown to those who work in the NHS and other key services, many of whom are quite literally putting their lives on the line for us. May we continue to recognise their value in our world and how fortunate we are to have the facilities we do.

But within all this uncertainty we need something we can know as a firm foundation, something we can rely upon as a certainty. I believe the Bible gives us the answer. In the book of Hebrews 13:8 the writer says: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Jesus is steadfast - the way we worship changes and reflects our changing culture, sometimes the way we understand Jesus changes as we delve deeper into scriptures and our relationship with him, but he always remains the same.

When the world seems a strange and uncertain place Jesus brings stability, continuity and through that can also bring us a sense of peace. And so as I pray for you, for our communities and our world, I pray for a sense of grounding and security and I also pray "the peace of the Lord be with you!"

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### Passed On

The Easter message is this: death is not the end but the beginning. It is the natural and unavoidable end of human life, but recently I have noticed people increasingly use the phrase 'passed on.' Apparently, no one 'dies' any longer. They just 'pass on.'

It's our latest attempt to avoid the word 'death.' We don't like the idea, so we try to eliminate the word. 'Passed on' or its more negative alternative 'passed away' are the current favourites. Just listen to the radio, or people talking.

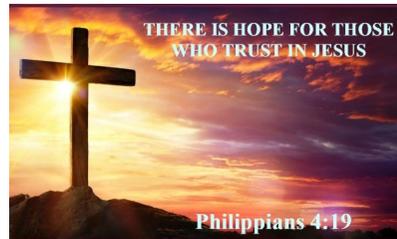
'Passed on' sounds vaguely religious. The person hasn't disappeared, they've simply moved – but where? That left an open question. What we are saying, by implication, is that they have not ceased to exist. Heaven, hell, reincarnation or purgatory are all encompassed in the all popular notion of 'up there!'

As a Christian who believes in resurrection and eternal life, I suppose I shouldn't object to 'passing on,' but the truth is that before we can 'pass on' we have to die. There is simply no alternative.

So, let me summarise my personal and doubtless prejudiced conclusions. For me, 'passed away' is out because it is simply not true. Anyone who loses a loved one finds that they still exist – in love, in memory, in that photo on the mantelpiece. For many people death is not the end it is a beginning – a door which Jesus called 'eternal life.'

Died or 'passed on', there is light at the end of the tunnel!

Canon David Winter



*Editor: The Ven John Barton looks to history for a parallel of what is happening now.*

### Severed from routine and obliged to fashion new habits

Imagine a world where everything familiar has gone, the capital city's most famous religious landmark has been destroyed, you have been transported to a foreign country, and have no idea when or if you will be permitted to go home. That's roughly what happened to the Jewish people in what is called the Babylonian Captivity more than 500 years BC. Jerusalem and its Temple had been obliterated.

In exile, the Jews weren't treated too badly, but they were bereft of the land they believed God had given them and where they felt Him to be present. When their captors, innocently, asked them to sing one of their religious songs, they bristled, "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" But their faith matured in the 70-year exile. Scribes consolidated the Scriptures, new kinds of congregations, called synagogues, sprang up where they could worship and teach the faith. Their somewhat provincial view of God actually got bigger - not only did they find Israel's God accessible in their foreign surroundings, but their prophets began to see that God was for all people. Here's part of Isaiah, Chapter 45

*"Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth;  
for I am God, and there is no other.  
By myself I have sworn,  
my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked:  
Before me every knee will bow;  
by me every tongue will swear.  
They will say of me,  
'In the LORD alone are deliverance and strength.'"*

Finally, and after many of the original exiles had died, the Persians conquered Babylon, and gave the exiles the option to go home, which many did.

There must be a lesson here for many people round the world who, because of Covid-19, suddenly found themselves severed from routine and obliged to fashion new habits for an unspecified period. Regular worshippers were banished from their churches. The observance of Holy Week and Easter had to be in a makeshift fashion. Special events were cancelled.

At the same time, on the first Sunday of this 'exile' the Church of England attracted its largest 'congregation' ever. A recorded service led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is estimated to have been seen or heard by around five million people. Nearly 30 per cent of those watching online were under the age of 34.

It's too soon to say what the long-term impact will be. But while we cogitate on that, don't forget to send your usual weekly offering to the Church Treasurer!



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John Sergieff, Russian priest,  
1829 – 1908



Village Hall AGM postponed till further  
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Dorothy Clingan  
19 Church Lane  
Passed away 1-2-20

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Colin Clingan

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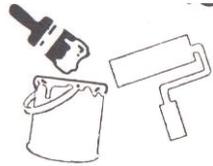
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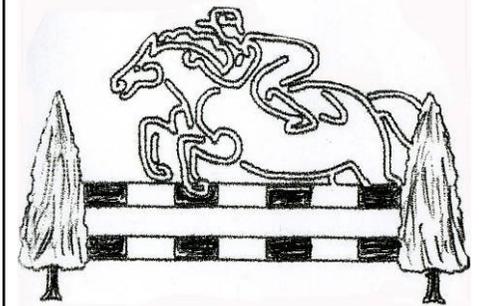
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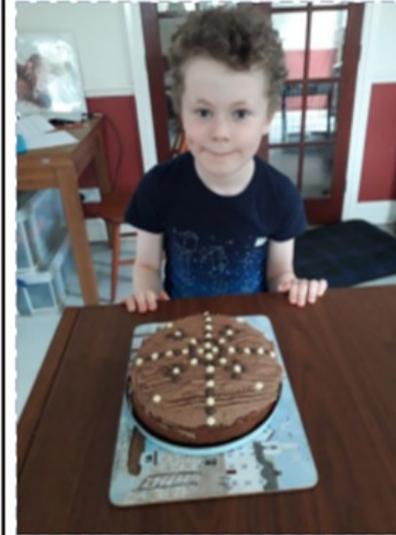
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And strengthen those who give their skill and care  
To return us to health and well-being.  
Through him who is always the resurrection and the life,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

NB I read this prayer from former Bishop of Oxford John Pritchard's compilation Pocket Prayers for Troubled Times and thought I would share it. Susan Sang (Mursley)



Year 4



**Jacob H.**—It's Jacob. Today I made a cake and this is a picture of it. I'm really proud because everyone said it was yummy!

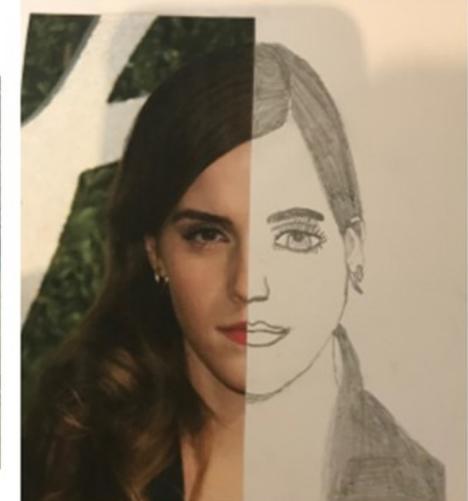


**Matilda C.**—Matilda has really enjoyed the online art sessions with Miss J and created this wonderful Half and half picture.

Year 5



**Alexander F.**—Alexander has submitted a photo of him practicing his football skills. He cannot wait until the team can play together again, and is doing his utmost to keep his skills up in the meantime (and also his physical activity levels).



**Francesca D.**—Francesca has also really enjoyed following Miss Jeffery's online art instructions too and has produced a magical Half and half picture.



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### News from Swanbourne

One of the songs that our Sunday School at the Methodist chapel sings says 'The church is not a building, the church is not steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is the people.' The problem that we have today is not just that our buildings are closed to us, but that we, the people, have to keep apart. How can one be a church not only without a building and but also without the opportunities of fellowship? It is hope alone that can keep us alive, the hope that when this is all over, whenever that might be, we will, with God's help, have sustained our love sufficiently to begin afresh as the church. In the meantime, it feels like we are in survival mode.

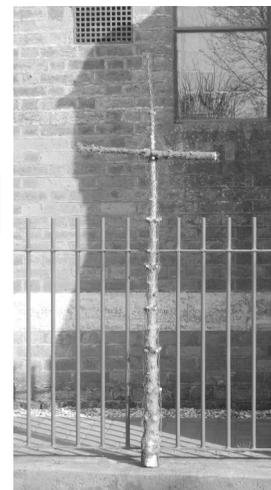
But are there also opportunities for growth and for change? Where do we want to be when the church doors are opened once more, and we can resume our shared journey of faith?

On Good Friday, a cross was placed outside the Methodist chapel, on behalf of both the church and the chapel. We also invited all who wanted to, to place flowers on the cross on Easter Sunday as a symbol of the victory of Love over Death. I do not know how many people took up this invitation, but the cross was covered in flowers by Sunday evening.

This is just one example of ways in which we have to think of fresh ways of showing our communities that not only are we still alive, but we are relevant to the life of the community.

Ken Harris

Good Friday



Easter Sunday



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By Anamaria Cook

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#### Ingredients

60g cocoa powder, sieved  
200g Caster sugar  
60ml vegetable oil  
2 large eggs  
180g plain flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
70g icing sugar



#### Method

Mix the cocoa, caster sugar and oil together. Add the eggs one at a time, whisking until fully combined.

In a separate bowl, mix the flour, baking powder and a pinch of salt together, then add to the cocoa mixture and mix until a soft dough forms. (If it feels soft, transfer to the fridge and chill for 1 hr).

Heat the oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Tip the icing sugar into a shallow dish. Form a heaped teaspoon of the dough into a ball and roll in the sugar to coat. Repeat with the remaining dough, then put, evenly spaced, on a baking tray lined with baking parchment.

Bake in the centre of the oven for 10 mins - they will firm up as they cool. Transfer to a wire rack and leave to cool.

It will keep for several days in a biscuit tin.

## Reflected Faith: the Gathered Church

Doesn't the simple pleasure of going to church and exchanging the peace at Sunday worship seem long ago now? These days, we are not even allowed into our churches!

But we can take comfort when we think back to the Apostles who were commissioned to build God's Church. After the first Pentecost, what did they do? They didn't rush out and build church buildings. No! Rather the people gathered together, in their own homes.

Clearly, we can't physically 'gather' just now, but we have the technology to 'gather' together, both in real time and at a later time. And it is important to do so. There is something powerful when we pray together rather than alone. Try phoning a friend with the same written prayer and saying it together. How does that feel? Any different from saying it on your own?

So, THE Church, which is alive and well in you and me, will find new ways to be together. After all, the early Christians had the added complication of being persecuted, often to death, for their faith. And yet they persisted.

Perhaps we could each sit at our dining table at a set time, with one or two items before us, such as a small glass of wine, a lit candle, stones, and a cross. Indeed, anything that reminds us of our Risen Saviour. We could then 'share' this time in praying the same prayers and knowing that we are part of an eternal fellowship that is only temporarily divided.

What will you use to reflect and encourage your faith? What items naturally around your home would bring others to your mind, help you to concentrate and allow your spirit to fly with the Holy Spirit? Who will you be connecting with to pray?

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We are very impressed, keep up the good work!

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**Audrey L**—Audrey has painted a lovely Spanish flag to go with this weeks nursery rhyme and as part of 'Spanish Day' at home which involved pael-la, Spanish music and flag painting.

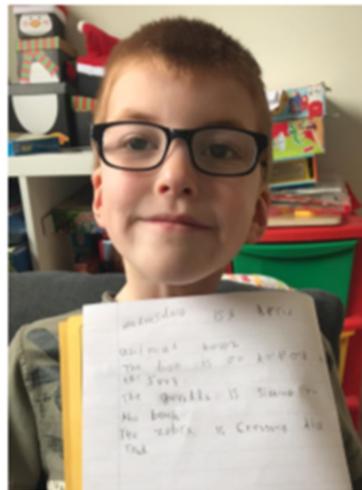


**Bonnie C**—Bonnie has produced a wonderful Easter egg design.

**Year 1**



**Florence Rose W**—"I have been writing lots of letters to my family and friends. I love writing notes and drawing pictures for other people. I hope people smile and feel happy when they read them. I always have a competition with my brother to see who can include the most adjectives in our writing!"



**Charlie L**—Charlie has done incredibly well to produce some fantastic descriptive writing using the image from the **Pobble365** website. Nice work Charlie!

**Mursley Parish Precept Survey Results**

Many thanks to those who took part in the recent door to door Parish Precept survey undertaken by Mursley Church, Village Hall and Sports Association. The survey was undertaken at the suggestion of the Parish Council to gauge opinion in principle to an average £50 per year increase in council tax to help sustain the three village community amenities.

The responses were as shown in the table below with 174 of the 184 signatures, 94.6%, in favour of the proposal.

'Yes' Responses	'No' Responses	No reply at Door	Qualified 'Yes/No' responses not included
174	10	58	5

The £50 increase would for a Band D property in 2019-20 (£1,783.58) result in a 2.8% increase in total council tax bill.

In 2018-19 Drayton Parslow, a similar size village, collected a 370% larger parish precept than Mursley so had over 3 times as much money to invest in the village community.

Village	Parish Precept and Special Expenses 2019/20	Population 2011 Census	Parish Precept per head
Mursley (current)	£9,100	611	£14.89
Drayton Parslow	£33,650	614	£54.80
East Claydon	£20,000	345	£57.97
Granborough	£22,700	545	£41.65
Little Horwood	£14,000	434	£32.26
Swanbourne	£15,000	437	£34.32
<i>Mursley (proposed)</i>	<i>9,100+12,500=£21,500</i>	<i>611</i>	<i>£35.19</i>

As mentioned in the recent Parish Council 'Parish Pump' our three organisations will work with the Parish Council as they consider the survey results. If you would like to give a voluntary contribution to one of the three organisation please contact Andrew Cowell (Church) 07990 534940, Barry Agnew (Village Hall) 07810 587498, Duncan Jones (Sports Association) 07989 921052.

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We don't know yet where this will all lead, but we can be sure that the world in our generation has been changed in certain ways and will not go fully back to 'the way things were.'

What may be a peak has come during Easter week, and we are reminded once again of the ultimate price paid by our Lord to atone for our sins. We can take comfort in the fact (not the wishful thought) that He cares for us in all of our trials and tribulations, and has a plan for each of our lives.

For the time being, at this time of writing, we cannot worship nor seek solace in our churches...yet we can still share in fellowship and worship thanks to the excellent work of Simon, David, and others to 'go online' and to develop the benefice website, [www.5Parishes.org.uk](http://www.5Parishes.org.uk)

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### Your Garden in May

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#### Flower Borders

Tidy up spring flowering bulbs and perennials –allow the bulb leaves to die down and cut off the old foliage of perennials such as pulmonaria, lift and divide large clumps and replant with plenty of water and fertiliser. Cut back spreading and trailing plants such



as alyssum and aubretia to encourage fresh growth and new flowers. Make sure tall perennials are staked, peonies, delphiniums and oriental poppies are prone to undignified collapse. Tie in sweet peas using sweet pea rings or soft twine. Removing tendrils and sideshoots will result in longer stemmed flowers. Hoe your borders to get rid of weeds before they take hold (ideally on a dry day to desiccate the victims) and add mulch to both stop the weeds and add conditioner to the soil. Keeping on top of this now, it will save you lots of time and energy later on. In the last week of May as long as there is no forecast of frost, you can start planting your summer bedding and hanging baskets. Give everything a good feed including the lawn, to get things growing.

#### Trees, Shrubs and Roses

Feed acid loving plants such as camellias and rhododendrons with ericaceous feed if you are on neutral or alkaline soil. Keep areas around trees and shrubs clear or grass and weeds will prevent essential moisture getting through. Mulching with bark or compost will help. Spray roses with fungicide to ward against black spot and mildew. Repeat every fortnight until the autumn. Feed with a foliar feed and beware greenfly – treat immediately if an infestation occurs.



#### Kitchen Garden

Many vegetable crops can be sown this month such as broad beans, carrots, lettuces, spinach, salad leaves and leeks either as seed or as plug plants.

Sow salads in short runs every fortnight to ensure a continuous crop. Plant out brassicas, earth up potatoes and tomatoes and strawberries can be started in the greenhouse to move outside as soon as the danger of frosts have gone.

May is an exciting month with garden really coming alive, so enjoy it.

Gill Gallon

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#### Bless you?

People used to say 'bless you' if you sneezed. Nowadays they might say something ruder! We live in troubled times.



Some say that the expression started in Rome, when plague broke out. Sneezing was one of the plague's main symptoms, and Pope Gregory I suggested that a tiny prayer in the form of saying, "God bless you" after a sneeze would protect the person from death. Sadly, that does not always work, but we can still remind ourselves of Psalm 91: 4-6

*He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

*You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.*

#### WDCB CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

In light of the current Coronavirus situation all trips, excursions and scheduled services are cancelled until at least the end of May.

As the Government continues to issue new guidelines, and we monitor the availability of our drivers, we will provide further updates on our services.

Please do all you can to keep yourself safe in these challenging times.

Best Regards

Lynne King, WDCB Co-ordinator on behalf of the Trustees



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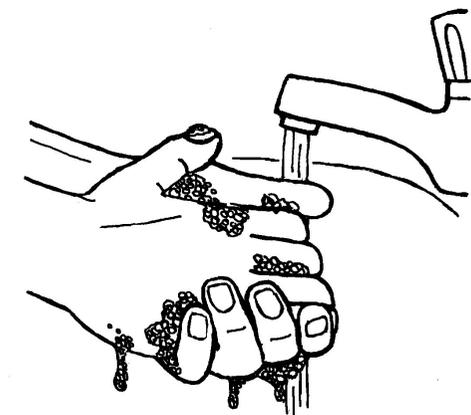
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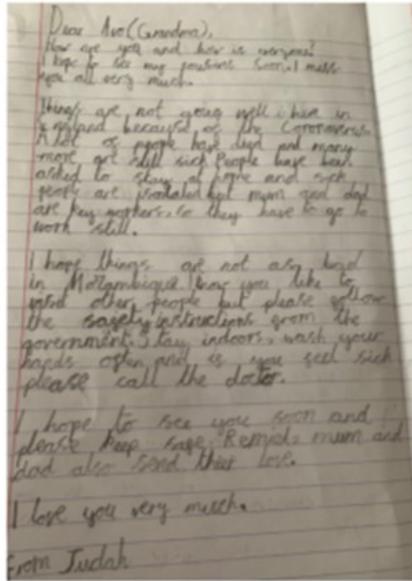
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**Year 2**



**Chloe C**—I made this Roman mosaic out of clay. I am very proud of it because it is like a real Roman mosaic.



**Judah O-O**—Here is a letter to my grandma that I have written. It shows the importance of keeping in touch with our family near and far and also making sure they understand what they need to do at this time.

**Year 3**



**Felicity B**—Felicity has created a fantastic drawing of Celtic warrior (Boudicca)



**Oscar W**—I love playing the drums and my favourite piece at the moment is called *Island In The Sun*. I also love the music I play to. I now have my drum lessons with Mr Graham on Skype and it's great fun! I was disappointed that my drum exam was cancelled but then we got an email to say I can still take it online so I'm really excited."

**All the events below presently suspended till further notice**

**Fun, Food and Fellowship**

A bimonthly meeting for ladies in Mursley and surrounding villages. Over a relaxed homemade meal we will share in an informal discussion about issues that affect Christian women. Open to ladies of all ages. Places are limited but you are all most welcome to come along. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 which will be shared between the cost of food and a chosen charity.



Meetings will be in our homes. If you would like to come along and also if you are happy to occasionally host do please get in touch.

For more information and to reserve a place please contact Ruth Jay Telephone **01296 728471** Text **07599268568** or email [ruthmary.jay@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ruthmary.jay@hotmail.co.uk)

**Hands on Wednesday**

at 10.30am to 12.30pm

At Old Stocks, 1a Church Lane, Mursley  
We will open weekly during term time only



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**Everyday Christianity Discussed over Dinner**

Meet at 7.30pm for drinks at 9 The Beechams

Over the starter - introduction of the topic Main course, Dessert & Coffee

- discussion and issues raised

Open to men, £15 split 50/50 meal costs/Church Funds

would be much appreciated.



**Due to catering please prebook with Andrew and Joy**

If you are interested in coming along, contact Andrew Cowell 01296 720425

## Information & Morning Service details in the Benefice

In an effort to get information out to people more quickly about events that are happening particularly at this time but also going beyond we have set up a new email list for the benefice. there is a sign up form that you can either click straight through to here

<https://www.subscribe.com/o9h0v3> or you can visit the website at [www.5parishes.org.uk](http://www.5parishes.org.uk) and click the link 'stay in touch' which you will find under the contact tab.

Please do pass this round to anyone you think might be interested, you can ask to be updated about just things specific to your parish or the whole Benefice (we would particular recommend including the Benefice at the moment as much of our online stuff will be for all). You can update and unsubscribe from lists at any time by clicking a link at the bottom of each email.

Many thanks and God bless  
Simon & David

### Mursley - paper copy

If you require a paper copy for private use & weekly readings update please contact Andrew 720425 or 07990 534940 or Bey 720630 or 07751 964736.

### Join us online at 10am Sunday morning Diocese of Oxford

The Diocesan live-stream will begin at 10am from around the Diocese and three of our bishops working together, each from their own homes (God willing).

- ◆ Download the order of service
  - ◆ Watch the service on the website, on Facebook or on YouTube
- Everything you need can be found at [oxford.anglican.org/livestream](http://oxford.anglican.org/livestream)



## Compline - An Order for Night Prayer

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day is kept.*

Most merciful God, we confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

### Psalm 134

1 Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary and bless the Lord.

3 The Lord who made heaven and earth. give you blessing out of Zion.

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name;  
leave us not, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14.9*

**Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.**

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.

2 My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

3 A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. *Luke 2.29-32*

**Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings*

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it the snares of the enemy; may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In peace we will lie down and sleep; for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus, for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning, so do we look for you, O Christ.

The Lord bless you and watch over you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace. Amen.

