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From the Editor's chair

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who has responded to the sad news of Keith, by sending kind messages to Marion in various ways. She has been very touched and thanks everyone for doing so. The Book of Condolence is in St Philip and St James Church for a final day tomorrow from 11am until 8pm, followed by St Margarets on Sunday from 10.30am until 5pm. Please do go and write a message in it.

There is a PCC meeting on Monday 7th at 2pm. As you would imagine, an important part of our discussion will be directed towards finding a new treasurer. The parish cannot function without one, so, if you or somebody you know might consider doing the role, please contact one of the Church Wardens or Rev Pauline Reid. We will publish a detailed description of what the role entails, for anyone interested.

A new opportunity to join an on line Alpha course next week on Wednesday 9th for it's first session. Full details can be found on page 5.

Chapmanslade School and Busy Bees Pre-school have both restarted this week, and School Head Mrs Chapman has been delighted to report a full complement of children attending, less those away for normal reasons. Please pray for all the staff and pupils in both places, as they begin the new year, especially all the children starting school for the first time.

Best wishes

Ian

Benefice of Cley Hill Villages Services

Sunday 6th September 2020
Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity

9.30am Eucharist at St Margaret's Church Corsley. This will also be available on Zoom at the following link.

Connect with the Zoom Service using this link or the numbers below from 9.25am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/75517274729?pwd=Y2JVMzhrL1I2OWw2VzQ0eFA3aVFyUT09>

Meeting ID: 755 1727 4729

Passcode: 020609

READINGS

Sunday 6th September

Romans 13.8-end

Matthew 18.15-20

Benefice of Cley Hill Villages Calendar

Date	Time	September 2020 – Service or Event	Place
Wed 9 Sep	1930	New! Alpha@Cley Hill	On Line see ad on P6
Fri 11 Sep	1300	Funeral of Georgina Lamb (invitation only)	St Philip and St James Ch
Thu 17 Sep	1000	Church & Community Coffee Morning	Three Horseshoes
Sun 27 Sep	1030	Harvest Eucharist and bring your own lunch	Corsley flower meadow
Date	Time	October 2020 – Service or Event	Place
Sat 3 Oct		Flower Festival	Corsley
Sun 4 Oct		Flower Festival	Corsley
Thu 15 Oct	1000	Church & Community Coffee Morning	Three Horseshoes
Date	Time	November 2020 – Service or Event	Place
Sun 1 Nov		All Saints Day	
Sun 8 Nov		Remembrance Sunday	
Thu 19 Nov	1000	Church & Community Coffee Morning	Three Horseshoes
Sat 28 Nov	1030	Christmas Coffee Morning	Stable Cottage, Chap
Date	Time	December 2020 – Service or Event	Place
Thu 17 Dec	1000	Church & Community Coffee Morning	Three Horseshoes
Sun 20 Dec		Carol Service	
Thu 24 Dec		Christmas Eve	
Fri 25 Dec		Christmas Day	
Date	Time	January 2021 – Service or Event	Place
Thu 21 Jan	1000	Church & Community Coffee Morning	Three Horseshoes
Date	Time	February 2021 – Service or Event	Place
Thu 18 Feb	1000	Church & Community Coffee Morning	Three Horseshoes

Our Friends in South Sudan

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you from the Diocese of Maridi.

It has been a while without writing to you. It always gives me pain and shame when writing to you as if am complaining about life where God has placed me, but as a friend I would like you to share some of our joys and pains. God still on control of our lives and situation and we continue to uphold you as source of our hope and hope is evidence of faith in Christ Jesus.

“Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.” – C.S. Lewis

Current Situation in South Sudan.

Risk of famine : The conflict in South Sudan has damaged the country’s economy, contributing to soaring inflation, as a consequence, food prices continue to rise and many of families in South Sudan go hungry. These numbers are expected to rise as the rain season progresses. Many small business places are closed, and some farmers have been displaced from their land due to flood. Food items are expensive.

Unsuccessful peace process: Despite a peace agreement signed by the warring parties, the population of South Sudan has yet to see an end of fighting. Conflict has resulted in a sharp rise in the number of people fleeing their homes and basic infrastructure such as health and education facilities have been destroyed. The international and regional community needs to be united in supporting the current peace process.

Conflict is threatening civilian lives. Tens of thousands of people have been killed in South Sudan as a direct result of the current conflict and millions have been forced to flee. Many more are likely to flee their homes in the coming months if the situation does not stabilize. Civilians are the main victims of the fighting, looting and ambushes. Conflict has caused health facilities to routinely face shortages of key medical supplies putting further civilian lives in danger. The fighting has also compounded food insecurity with malnutrition becoming a greater threat to many.

Current situation in Maridi:

Life is returning back to normal in Maridi, God’s will the Churches in the Episcopal Diocese of Maridi will officially reopened coming Sunday 5th September, 2020 as we launch a week of witness or mission week in the area where Christians will move door to door to witness for the lord. The Churches are going reopened with using guidelines from the National Taskforce on covid 19 and other guidelines from the Diocesan Bishop of Maridi.

Despite the fact that people are returning to normal life in Maridi. Still the communities in Maridi are seen to be in danger as many people are not keeping the guidelines for

Covid19. Access to information in the rural is limited due to inadequate resources to reach them and the remoteness of the tropical areas. Most of our people are un-educated; they have no access to local media and are seen to live by their traditional and cultural aspects.

There is high level of ignorance and unbelief about the truth of the Coronavirus. People have not adhered to the directives from the National ministry of Health in the Republic of South Sudan and the local directives. People in the rural areas go on shaking hands and not maintained social distancing.

Needs for your Prayers:

- Pray for the Bicycles for the pastors and Evangelists to reach out to the Communities who do not have access to adequate information from reliable and trusted source about coronavirus as it has come to live with us.
- The need to support and the 85 pastors and 125 Lay/Readers in the Diocese with food is still paramount.
- Pray for the 79 Church based teachers who are now jobless and are in need of food support.
- Pray for the Archdeacon Rev.Alex Khamis of Eddi archdeaconry with Churches workers of the archdeaconry displaced from the Churches because of the insecurity in the area. Pray for Madawa Parish, Landlili Parish, Rasolo Parish, Angudri Parish, Mbiligwa Parish, Letuwa Parish , most of the people in those parishes have moved to live with their relatives in Maridi Town.
- Pray for the trauma Healing for the Church leaders as they organize to re-open churches and they themselves are affected with so many trauma.

Much blessings

+ *Moses Zungo*

Contact for further information

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Alpha @ Cley Hill

As we can no longer gather in person to run an Alpha Course we're going online! Join us as we continue to explore the big questions of life together from a Christian perspective. For more information or to register your interest email revgmaynard@gmail.com – we would love to hear from you,

whether you have done the Alpha course before and would like to refresh or whether it's all new to you. We will gather on Wednesday evenings for 1 hour from 7.30pm starting on 9th September. Alpha would normally begin with refreshments so bring along a drink and perhaps something light to eat, if you would like to, as we get together over Zoom. After the welcome we will watch a video together which will last approximately 25mins followed by a time to ask questions and share one another's' thoughts in smaller break out groups, finishing around 8.30pm. We look forward to hearing from you. Revd Gay Maynard

Why not try the first session, like a taster, no commitment, and if you like it you can continue with the course which lasts for 11 sessions.

ZOOM link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83996365897?pwd=c1YwWVM4UWhZnWJMQzA-1MGZlEfpZz09>

Meeting ID: [83996365897](#)

Passcode: 678559

We're going online



Alpha @ Cley Hill

Wed 9 Sep 7.30 pm. 11x1Hr weekly ZOOM

info/register: revgmaynard@gmail.com

Alpha Update

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Church and Community
Coffee Mornings
have started again!
3rd Thursday each month
10am until 12pm at
The Three Horseshoes
Chapmanslade

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Deputy Churchwardens

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Please note that the Office is not open during the Pandemic!		
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For Parish contacts please go to the Benefice website www.cleyhillchurches.org

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