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From the Editor's chair

As we prepare for Christmas, the prospect of vaccinations and the potential return to normality, we still have a month of church activity coming up which is far from normal. It is however an opportunity for us to be creative and reach everyone in different ways, so every cloud has a silver lining. Please do look at the different services on offer, and it will be a great pleasure to meet you at one of them. Our Covid19 protection measures are now very well practised, and you can have the confidence these standards are being strictly observed.

As this most difficult year comes towards it's end we would like to give a huge thank you to all those who have continued to work in St Margaret's Church, the only one currently holding services. Bell ringing, when allowed, flower arranging, cleaning, preparing the church for services, and all the other jobs which continue behind the scenes. We must also thank our team of ministers, who have continued to deliver our worship at the same time as coping with outside services, Zoom and very different arrangements in church.

The Alpha course has concluded. Those who took part want to continue, so meetings will resume on 6th January. Please see the note from Trudi later in this newsletter.

The 'It Grows in the Soil' competition has three people in the lead with the same score! In order to find a winner, the three names will be in a draw at St Margaret's on Sunday. We will also be drawing the remaining 50/50 club prizes outstanding for this year, and the winners will receive cheques.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year

Ian

Benefice of Cley Hill Villages Services

Sunday 13th December 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30am Eucharist at St Margaret's Corsley The shortened service sheet, readings and hymns are attached

Readings:

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Topic: Eucharist at St Margarets Corsley

Time: Dec 13, 2020 09:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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Sunday 20th December 2020
4th Sunday of Advent

11am BCP Matins Service at St Margaret's Corsley The service sheet is attached.

3pm Drive in Carol Service in the Car park at Chapmanslade Village Hall The service sheet is attached. Words for the carols and readings will be sent out nearer the time.

Thursday 24th December 2020
Christmas Eve

3pm Crib Service in the churchyard at St Philip and St James Church

Chapmanslade This is a ticket only service, in order to make sure everyone is safely distanced. Please contact Rev Gay Maynard on 01373 832490 for tickets.

Friday 25th December 2020
Christmas Day

10.30am Family Eucharist at St Margaret's Church Corsley Details will be sent out to you closer to the time

Sunday 27th December 2020
1st Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Benefice Eucharist on Zoom Details to be sent out to you closer to the time

Sunday 3rd January 2020
Epiphany

09.30am Family Eucharist at St Margaret's Church Corsley Details will be sent out to you closer to the time

Sunday 10th January 2020
Baptism of Christ

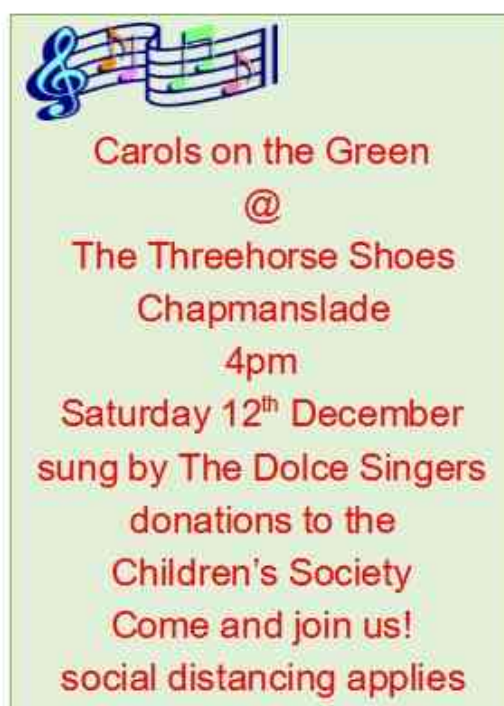
09.30am Eucharist at St Margaret's Church Corsley Details will be sent out to you closer to the time

Benefice of Cley Hill Villages Calendar

Date	Time	December 2020 – Service or Event	Place
Sun 13 Dec	0930	Eucharist	Corsley
Sun 13 Dec	1030	Eucharist	Kingston Deverill
Sun 20 Dec	1030	Eucharist	Brixton Deverill
Sun 20 Dec	1100	BCP Matins	Corsley
Sun 20 Dec	1500	Drive in Carol Service	Chapmanslade Village Hall
Thu 24 Dec	1500	Crib Service. Please contact Rev Gay Maynard for Tickets	At the Church porch Chapmanslade
Thu 24 Dec	1600	Crib Service	In the Church porch Longbridge Deverill
Fri 25 Dec	0930	Christmas Day Eucharist	Kingston Deverill
Fri 25 Dec	1030	Christmas Day Family Eucharist	Corsley
Sun 27 Dec	1030	Benefice Eucharist on Zoom	Details will be sent out closer to the time

Date	Time	January 2021 – Service or Event	Place
Sun 3 Jan	0800	BCP Holy Communion	Kingston Deverill
Sun 3 Jan	0930	Eucharist	Corsley
Sun 3 Jan	1030	Morning Worship	Longbridge Deverill
Wed 6 Jan	2000	Alpha meetings resume	On Zoom
Sun 10 Jan	0930	Family Eucharist	Corsley
Sun 10 Jan	1030	Eucharist	Kingston Deverill
Sun 17 Jan	1030	Eucharist	Brixton Deverill
Sun 17 Jan	1100	BCP Matins	Corsley
Thu 21 Jan	1000	Church & Community Coffee Morning?	Three Horseshoes
Sun 24 Jan	0930	Eucharist	Corsley
Sun 24 Jan	1030	Eucharist	Longbridge Deverill
Sun 31 Jan	1030	Eucharist	Longbridge Deverill
Date	Time	February 2021 – Service or Event	Place
Thu 18 Feb	1000	Church & Community Coffee Morning?	Three Horseshoes

On this afternoon!



Good News about the recent Alpha Course

A very successful Alpha course has now finished. We all learned how to use Zoom, share videos and split into groups and we got to know each other on line but most importantly learned a lot about Christianity and the church. Nicky Gumble's talks have been updated and he is now joined by two younger presenters who travel around the world.

It was great that six people who had never done an alpha course before joined us and others just liked to do the course again now it is updated and we had a total of fourteen. Rev. Trudy Hobson from the Upper Wylve Valley also joined us as she was considering running an Alpha course

herself on line. And we had a wonderful prayer group behind us and had a prayer from them at the start of each meeting.

The vast majority would like to continue meeting in the New year and we are planning to start Wednesday 6th January 8-9pm weekly on zoom again with two sessions talking about our own faith journey and after that the talks by Canon J. John about the 10 commandments. And anybody else would be very welcome to join us even if it is only for some of the sessions.

Anybody new who is interested please contact Trudi Hopkinson trudi-hopkinson@btinternet.com tel. 832393 for details.

Corsley and Chapmanslade Churches **It Grows In The Soil Quiz Answers**

Prize - £20 Garden Centre Voucher

Winning entry to be drawn out of 3 leading entries this Sunday

Question	Answer
1 Mrs Bucket	Hyacinth
2 Eye part	Iris
3 Valley flower?	Lily
4 Truthfulness	Honesty
5 Stringed instrument	Viola
6 Break George's fiery enemy	Snapdragon
7 Wise man knows his onions	Sage
8 Tinned milk	Carnation
9 Sir Percy Blakeney	Scarlet Pimpernel
10 Worn on 11 th of 11 th	Poppy
11 Granada soap with Liz?	Coriander
12 Ivor Novello's time	Lilac
13 Humbug Bill?	Sweet William
14 Tandem cyclist	Daisy
15 He tells a good yarn	Rambler
16 Monastic headgear	Monkshood
17 Brighton steam line?	Bluebell
18 Money made but never used	Mint
19 Carefulness with money	Thrift
20 Elderly gent hasn't shaved	Old Man's Beard
21 Neat and tidy English girl	Primrose

22	Popeye's little boy	Sweet Pea
23	Tiny Tim Tiptoes through	Tulips
24	Two girls go with lamb	Rosemary
25	Nobody asked her to dance	Wallflower
26	Small avalanche	Snowdrop
27	A hundred bees live here	Chive
28	Billy goat drinks from this?	Buttercup
29	Found in Fawlty Towers	Basil
30	Said to march on	Thyme
31	Loss of memory? No?	Forget me not
32	Worn on Basil's paw?	Foxglove
33	After dark, shelter is lethal	Deadly Nightshade
34	Bruce's aural cavity?	Forsythia
35	A clean sweep	Broom
36	Aid to washing up?	Marigold
37	Very warm fire aid	Red hot poker
38	Sir Edward meets the Queen	Heather
39	Partners burdock	Dandelion
40	Breed of cow loses tail	Freesia
41	Butter substitute	Clover
42	Girl is four in Roman times	Ivy
43	Woman's coat	Ladies Mantle
44	Upper class bloomers	Lords and Ladies
45	Small sandy inlet	Bay
46	Seen by wise men	Star of Bethlehem
47	Rover got up	Dog Rose
48	Growth on foot bloom	Cornflower
49	Sound of Music song	Edelweiss
50	Bovine mishap	Cowslip

Thanks to everyone who took part.

Our Friends in South Sudan

Dear friends:

Headline prayer - for Ethiopian refugees now in Sudan. Over 50,000 Ethiopian refugees, fleeing Tigray province, have now crossed into Sudan, another 533 crossed on Sunday; fighting continues across Tigray province.

- Pray for a speedy end to the fighting and for the safe return of those who have fled.

Sudan's economic issues: The Al-Rawat oil field in White Nile has begun production, yielding 440 barrels per day (bpd) from the first well. When all 7 wells are operating, they should produce some 3,000 bpd. The Minister has invited the Chinese ambassador to identify a Chinese company to maintain and expand Sudan's oil refinery capacity. Sudan and Russia have drafted an agreement for a Russian naval base on the Red Sea coast "for logistics and repair". 300 military officers will be stationed there, and will monitor pirate activity around the Horn of Africa. It is also reported that Russian soldiers are guarding the gold mines in the north, until recently owned by the family of Hemetti, the deputy chairman of the Sovereignty Council (the mines have now been handed over to the government).

- Pray that these developments will contribute to Sudan's economic recovery and benefit the whole country.

Maridi: Praise God for a local charity in Salisbury which has sent Bishop Moses £1000 for food aid; and that our funds will enable us to send a similar amount to support the Chaima Christian Institute.

Pray for Bishop Moses, his clergy and people, and for Chaima; and this week pray also for the Mothers' Union, which is very active throughout the Diocese.

The Mothers Union in the Diocese is led by Mama Phoibe Michael as Mothers Leader, Rev.Eunice Naima as the coordinator under the supervision of Mama Rejoice Moses , the wife of the Bishop.

1. Pray for the work of the Mothers' Union, and for Revd. Eunice Naima, and Mama Foibe Michael as the leaders.
2. Pray for the sewing machines project in the Mothers Union centre as most of the machines are now getting old - that they may get new ones.
3. Pray for the 40 orphans and their schooling as the Mothers Union is taking care of their future.
4. Pray for 20 widows being cared for by the office of Mothers Union.

Signs of movement towards peace: Give thanks that:

- Representatives of the Sudan and South Sudan governments have agreed on a "road map" to finding long-term solutions for the 7 million displaced people in both Sudan and South Sudan - some in the other country and some hosted by other countries.
- There has been progress in the peace talks facilitated by Sant'Egidio Community in Rome, between the Opposition Alliance and South Sudan government, with IGAD representatives in attendance. Only two points remain to be agreed in the draft Declaration of Principles which will be the basis for a more widely negotiated peace agreement. The opposition team is headed by Thomas Cirillo, leader of the National Salvation Front (NAS) which has been engaged in damaging conflict in the Yei area. The Community has expressed satisfaction that violence in the Equatoria Region has substantially decreased as a result of the agreement on ceasefire monitoring and the resumption of dialogue; and separately, Yei River residents have confirmed that security has greatly improved over the last three months. And a new community radio station, Access Radio, has started in Yei in the last week.

Concerns remain: There have been reports of cattle raids and killings by "unknown gunmen" in Torit, Bor, Jebel Luri near Juba, Terekeka and Cueibet in the last week.

- Pray for the establishment of competent local administrations and justice systems; and for the disarming of those carrying illegal weapons.
- Pray for those killed and injured in such incidents

Unicef have appealed for \$197 million for children's unmet needs in 2021, as 5.1 million people of whom 3.7 million are children, remain severely affected by conflict, disease, drought and flooding. They are concerned at the increased violence against humanitarian workers and the looting of their supplies; and report that their work in 2020 was curtailed because only half their appeal was funded this year.

- Pray for Unicef and all agencies and individuals working to relieve suffering - and that the children may be fed and cared for

Covid-19: the latest figures are: Sudan - 19,747 cases and 1301 deaths; South Sudan - 3,181 cases and 62 deaths. These may well be under-reported because of lack of testing facilities.

- Pray for all who are sick or fearful, and for those whose lives and livelihoods have been disrupted by the pandemic.

With every blessing - Jane

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