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From the Editor's chair

Dear All

At last you will see we are planning for the resumption of live services at Easter, and some fund raising events coming up in May, as long as the pandemic restrictions continue to be eased. Good news as well that all the children are back at our church school. It's so good to see normal activity and the sounds of happy voices in the playground.

The long awaited new fuel tank arrived at St Philip and St James Church recently. It is a fireproof steel tank, which we hope will give many years service.

The Annual revision of the Electoral Roll in the Parish of Corsley and Chapmanslade will take place between April 1st 2021 and May 12th 2021 Any parishioner wishing to have their names added to the current Church Electoral Roll should contact the Electoral Roll officer between the above dates in order to vote at the Annual Parish Church Meeting meeting on 26th May 2021. For an application form for enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll please contact: Rev. Diana Britten 01373 832515 email: dianabritten69@gmail.com. It has never been more important, for members of our parish to take part in our planning and discussion as we work to keep our churches alive in the wake of the pandemic.

It's still not too late to join our 50/50 club. The application form is on page 4. You can then request to join.

Don't forget our latest quiz which is still running until after Easter. It's the Birds Quiz, and the cost is only £3. The prize will be a £20 garden centre voucher and the closing date is the 17th April. Question sheets are available from Sue on 832074 and Judith on 832803 or by emailing Sue suefearpcc@gmail.com.

With very best wishes
Ian

Benefice of Cley Hill Villages Services

Sunday 21st March 2021
5th Sunday in Lent

11am BCP Matins This is an on line service. Service details are attached to this email. The Zoom details are below:

Topic: BCP Matins
Time: Mar 21, 2021 10:45 London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89827378213?pwd=eHVUSEITVmpqTWIxbTVnc2lvYlNtUT09>

Meeting ID: 898 2737 8213
Passcode: 513041

5pm Evening Prayer This is an on line Zoom service. The order of service, readings and hymns are all attached.

Zoom details for the service
Topic: Evening Prayer
Time: Mar 21, 2021 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9632530631?pwd=N1BSRIhQWXIzTCt5VVFIQlFiQXQ0dz09>

Meeting ID: 963 253 0631
Passcode: Farthings

Further Services are shown on the calendar below.

Benefice of Cley Hill Villages Calendar

Date	Time	March 2021 – Service or Event	Place
Sun 21 Mar	1100	BCP Matins	All on Zoom
Sun 21 Mar	1700	Benefice Evening Prayer	„
Sun 28 Mar	1000	Benefice Eucharist	„
Sun 28 Mar	1700	Benefice Evening Prayer	„
Date	Time	April 2021 – Service or Event	Place
Sun 4 Apr	1000	Easter Eucharist	St Margaret's Corsley
Sun 4 Apr	1030	Easter Service	Kingston Deverill
Sun 11 Apr	0930	Eucharist	St Margaret's Corsley
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Important Public Notice



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Future Dates for your diary

Please come to our

Plant and Cake Sale

Saturday May 22nd 2021

10 - 12 noon

In St Margaret's Churchyard

Raising money for our local churches



Parish of Corsley and Chapmanslade Annual Church Meeting

26th May 7pm at St Margaret's Church

This is an opportunity for you to take part in the most important yearly meeting in the parish. We will be looking back at the extraordinary year we have all experienced, and will be considering how the parish will run for the next year. We need volunteers to help in all aspects of church life, and need to consider how we meet the challenges of a changed world after the pandemic.

Corsley House Garden Open to the public

Raising money for our local churches

As long as the changes to social mixing happen as planned, There will be an Open Garden event at Corsley House on Saturday July 18th. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

Corsley and Chapmanslade Parochial Church Council
50/50 Club Supporting your local churches

Why not take part in our 50/50 club draw? It only costs £24 per year for each entry, and 50% of the money raised is paid back out in prizes each year, so the chances of winning one of the £100 monthly draws is very good.

You can pay either £2 per month, £6 every three months, £12 each six months, or the whole amount in one go.

If you would like to take part, please complete the form below, cut it out, and send it to:
Neil Britten, 69 Lane End, Corsley, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 7PG

To the Manager ofBank/Building Society

Address.....

..... Postcode.....

Please pay to **CAF Bank Limited**, sort code **40-52-40**, for the credit of **Corsley and Chapmanslade PCC** whose account number is **00097381** the sum of £.....

(in words).....pounds on theday of201.....

and a like sum on the same day in each succeeding Month/Quarter/Half-year/Year until further notice and debit my account number.....

Name.....please print

Signed.....Date.....

Address.....

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Our Friends in South Sudan

Dear friends

Headline prayer: UK plans to cut aid to South Sudan by 59%: 85 aid organisations have urged Britain to think again about such a reduction, in the face of looming famine and continuing insecurity. Agencies argue that cuts will cost lives in the midst of the current humanitarian disaster (including flooding, mass displacement, ongoing violence and wild-fires), and undermine what has already been achieved with UK aid - food provision, safe water, local peace-building initiatives and work against gender-based violence. The UN estimates that 60% of the population is "increasingly hungry".

- Pray that wiser and more humane counsels will prevail in our government. If you are moved to write to your MP, the address is simply House of Commons London SW1A 0AA.

News from Bishop Moses in Maridi: Bishop wrote to us on Saturday last with his news (I reported last week on the funds we sent after a great response to our appeal):

Lent greetings from the Diocese of Maridi.

On behalf of the Administration of the Diocese of Maridi, I am grateful to you for your sincere prayers and support to us in this session of Lent. Am obligated to share with you our joys and our grievances.

Pastoral visit: I was able to make successful pastoral visits to 4n archdeaconries in the Diocese of Maridi. I visited Kozi archdeaconry from 29th Jan to 2nd February where I had time with Christians in St. Phillip Parish Woko and Pastors fellowship, teaching of Mothers Union, dedication of Woko Nursery school and confirmation of 22 new Christians in the Parish. I also had one night with Christians of St. Mary Parish Matta. The dedication prayer for St. Mary Parish was done on the 1st February. I had to stop and had one night with Christians of Amaki Archdeaconry in Ephesus Parish Chochoro. I visited Eddi Archdeaconry in Two Parishes of St. Joseph Parish Rasolo on 6-7th Feb. and Arende Parish on 14th Feb. and a total of 56 new Christians were confirmed in these two parishes. While visiting Mabilindi Archdeaconry, we dedicated a new Building of Araka Primary school on 21st Februarys and building of Mamenze Nursery school and 32 new Christians were confirmed.

Ordination: The Diocese of Maridi had two months ordination training from January and February for 20 Deacons and 6 Priests who had their three days retreat from 1st march to 3rd March and were ordained on 7th March 2021 on 3rd Sunday of Lent.

Synod - The Diocese of Maridi was able to conduct its 8th General synod which is done normally after each four years. The synod made many resolutions including the need to upgrade Eddi archdeaconry to an area Diocese. The new vision for the Diocese which is ;" to see a church and community in Maridi holistically transformed." The synod Elected Rev. Canon Gerusoma Tito to be the Diocesan Secretary and Mama Tabitha Charles as Mothers Union Leader.

Concern and Prayer Request: The Christian Community in Maridi started experiencing attacks of satan since 23rd February and is not Corona but Disaster made by wildfire. People in Maridi are expecting rain after the period of Dry season which started last year October. Usually when we expect the rainy season, there will be too much movement of winds from South to north and from east to west and if it finds fire that can be the cause of disaster. The parishes which were affected by the wildfire includes; Dakulomu Parish where 4 houses burned and 8 people affected , St. Clement Parish where 14 houses burned Nawangu, St. Peter Parish Mbalaba, St. Jude Parish, St. Stephen Parish Nzumara, Ebenezer Parish Mamenze , Holy Cross Parish Baguya and All Saints Cathedral. In summary 73 houses burned and 345 people affected by these disasters.

As they continue to pray and raise contributions locally for the victims of the wildfire which are targeting the 345 people who are now homeless and without food, yesterday Saturday 12th March, 2021 wildfire also made a disaster in ECSS Guest house of Maridi . Four houses were burned to ashes including the main Payot and the kitchen which is grass-

touched roofing.

Pray with us for the renovation of the guest house as that lies in the priority of the Diocese as we approach the Diocesan centenary.

Much blessings from Maridi

Cattle-related violence: There has been fighting in Gok county, leaving 10 dead and 15 wounded, after cattle from one clan migrated on to the grazing lands of a different clan. Clashes in Lakes state over cattle-raiding left 10 dead and 9 wounded. But in Western Bahr-el-Ghazal, youth pursued cattle raiders, recovered the cattle peacefully, and handed over one of the raiders to the police.

- Pray that all such violence would end, or be resolved thus peacefully.

Those returning home face hardship: 8000 people who had taken refuge in a Protection of Civilians camp in Wau have returned to their homes, but complain they lack food, water and medicines, and cannot cultivate their land because pastoralists have moved in with their cattle, which destroy the crops...and the pastoralists have guns. World Food Programme is to start food distribution in one area this month.

- Pray for local agreements on peaceful coexistence between pastoralists and farmers.

Negotiations for peace: A week-long conference sponsored by the Sant'-Egidio Community of Rome, held in Naivasha, Kenya between South Sudan government representatives and the Opposition Alliance has resulted in both parties signing a Declaration of Principles. This is hailed as the basis for political dialogue aimed at resolving the root causes of the civil war, which these "non-signatory" groups have been demanding.

- Pray that this will indeed lead to meaningful dialogue and agreement and end the continuing conflicts especially in Central Equatoria.

Covid -19 situation: As of today Sudan has reported 28,984 cases (23,397 recovered) and 1,940 deaths. South Sudan has reported 9,490 cases (7,906 recovered) and 104 deaths.

- Pray that the case numbers will not rise further - and that vaccines will be available for both countries, and fairly distributed.

Other good news: 3 child soldiers have been rescued and reunited with their families in Torit, facilitated by Caritas and Unicef.

30 young people, mostly women, have graduated from a three-month vocational training centre in Pochalla (Greater Pibor) trained in tailoring, hairdressing or beauty therapy.

Egypt has sent half a ton of medicines, and other relief items, for displaced people in need.

Yambio has received a large consignment of drugs from the central Health Pool Fund. This has been expedited because of "the health emergency" in Western Equatoria, and the drugs are being distributed to Yambio hospital and other facilities in Yambio county.

- Give thanks for these indicators of hope, and pray for more!

With every blessing - Jane

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St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill	Maggi Ratcliffe	01985 219456
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