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News, reports, updates, thank you's, etc, from individuals or local organisations are free – the more the merrier – keep 'em coming!

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Save your files as .doc – please don't send .docx files – I can't always open them successfully.

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Small ads are £1 for each item whether 'For Sale' or 'Wanted'.

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Deadline

**Deadline for articles
or adverts for the next
issue of The Bridge is
4pm 19th October**

**Please note that no
items will be accepted
after this date**

Diary Dates



October

Thursday 1st

Shooting season begins in earnest – please keep to way-marked official footpaths at all times.

Thursday 15th

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10 am - 12 noon,
Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade

November

Wednesday 11th

Corsley Reading Room Annual General Meeting – via Zoom

Thursday 19th

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes,
Chapmanslade

please note corrected dates!

December

Monday 7th

Corsley Parish Council Quarterly Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room (Lower Room)

Thursday 17th

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10 am - 12 noon, Three Horseshoes,
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January

Thursday 21st

Church and Community Coffee Mornings – 10 am - 12 noon,
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Community Coffee Mornings

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We look forward to seeing you!

Bob's bafflers

- 1 Liquid toilet?
- 2 Miss Britten with nothing
- 3 Pure Port? Sure is different
- 4 Agree to vows five times
- 5 The film director acquires the lot
- 6 My Italian mother
- 7 Partridge, pheasant or wild boar, perhaps?
- 8 Terpsichorean female ruler?
- 9 Lucre, spondulicks, dosh
- 10 Banger reportedly loses age
- 11 Gamble over the first-person accusative
- 12 Put back printer's measure and Russian fighter three times
- 13 Conscious of both myself and a sheep
- 14 Responsibility surrounds retreating enemy
- 15 Dishevelled E.V. luvs ouzo

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Chapmanslade and Corsley

Macmillan Virtual Coffee Morning

As of the 19th September we have already raised over £700 from generous donations via the Chapmanslade and Corsley and Macmillan page, from people attending mini Macmillan coffee mornings (held within the COVID-19 guidance) and through sponsorship of the Welly Wheelers and their WAGs who completed a magnificent 1,000 mile bike challenge.

‘Thank you’ to everyone who donated or took part.

There were more mini Macmillan events right through to the end of September and the page will remain open for the rest of the year, so if you have not donated yet please help us to reach (or even beat) our target of £1300 by donating at

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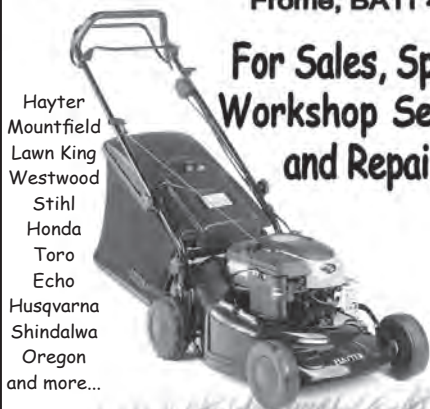
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Science: changing the world

Is there a crisis over food waste?

October 16th is World Food Day.

What did we discover on World Food Day in 2019?

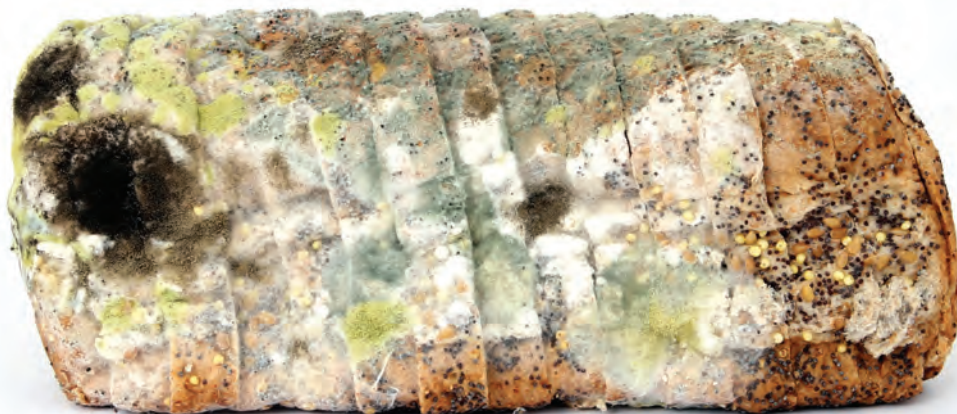
The shocking headlines were that approximately one-third of all food that is grown goes to waste, but that about 820 million people regularly go hungry. Furthermore, about 680 million people in the world are obese.

There are two major components to food waste, the first is the international system for growth and distribution of food. A 2019 report by the Food and Land Use Coalition claims that this is broken and needs government and industry action to fix it. This report (summarised at <https://tinyurl.com/FOLU-report>) makes 10 recommendations for transition to a more sustainable food system.

These include: moving to more plant-based diets; introducing advanced precision farming alongside traditional practices; fishing sustainably; diversification of protein

sources; reducing food loss and food waste; strengthening local food economies; and ensuring women have resources to serve their roles in agriculture and in family nutrition. Modelling suggests that such changes are urgently required to meet the targets set out in the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) estimates that 1.3 billion tonnes of food are lost or wasted each year. Fruits and vegetables, including roots and tubers have the highest loss rates at 40-50% globally, followed by 35% for fish, 30% for cereals and 20% for oil seeds, meat and dairy. The major areas for food waste (95-115 kg per capita) are North America and Europe, with the least waste (6-11 kg per capita) in Sub-Saharan Africa and South and Southeast Asia.



The second major component of food waste, at least in the UK, is in the retail and domestic environments. The FAO states that the over-emphasis on food appearance is responsible for high retail-level waste in industrialised countries. Food which looks misshapen is often thrown away. Figures from 2015 show that over 15 million tonnes of food was lost or wasted in the UK; more recent figures indicate that 6.6 million tonnes of edible food is thrown away by consumers each year. The UK has signed up to halving food waste by 2030.

So what can we do as individuals? We can certainly reduce our food waste. Simple menu-planning and having a shopping list means you can buy what is needed rather than what might be nice to have. If you buy the 3-for-2 special offers, make sure all 3 are eaten, and keep an eye on the realistic use-by dates on foodstuffs. Use-by dates on vegetables are often for optimum appearance or freshness, not for food safety. Food waste in the UK apparently rose by over 30% in early 2020 due to COVID stockpiling and food not

being consumed before its use-by date

There have been some actions taken. Sainsbury's had a "Waste Less, Save More" campaign with a target of reducing food thrown away by 50%; the scheme was abandoned in 2018 with only 9% reduction in waste. Tesco is currently running a small-scale experiment to record food waste so that advice on reducing waste can be given. Schemes such as OLIO (<https://olioex.com/>) allow food retailers, restaurants and others to redistribute surplus food. Each of us can take responsibility for reducing our own food waste, which has the added benefit of reducing the total cost of our food.

Nigel Brown is happy to receive comments, questions and, particularly, suggestions for future articles at nigelbrown48@gmail.com

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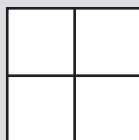


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Dear Friends,

I write on an absolutely glorious day of autumn sunshine. There is something very poignant I think about these days of slowly decreasing light. After the autumn equinox on September 22nd, when there is the perfect balance of light and darkness, we shift once more into a time of greater darkness than light, of longer nights than days. Harvest begins to slow, fruits ripen and fall, letting go of their flesh to release the secret they hold inside, the seeds of the next generation and all the potential and possibilities that lie therein. Our Harvest services will look a little different this year but it is important that we gather to give thanks for our food and for all who work so hard to produce it.

The wheel of the year turns slowly towards winter as the hedgerows shed their green mantle and the trees relinquish their leaves. In the cycle of the church's year we move into a season first of thanksgiving for the harvest, and then of remembering. All Hallows' Eve falls on 31st October each year, and is the day before All Hallows' Day, also known as All Saints' Day in the Christian calendar when we remember the saints. The name derives from the Old English 'hallowed' meaning holy or sanctified. It was thought to be a time when the veil between the living and the dead was particularly thin so you can see why it has been appropriated by secular culture to become Halloween.

Similarly November 2nd, All Souls, is a time for giving thanks for and remembering those we have loved who have died. We are doing our remembering in a slightly different way this year and encouraging those who wish to remember a loved one to come individually on Sunday 1st November, and sit quietly in church for a while. There will be prayers and poems available and the opportunity to hang a prayer or the name of the people being remembered on a prayer tree. St Margaret's Corsley and St Philip and St James Chapmanslade will be open after the 9.30am service at St Margaret's until dusk, St Mary's Kingston from morning until dusk.

As we move into the winter months none of us know how things are going to be with regard to Covid 19 and what restrictions we will be living with. This season of harvest, dying away and remembering is helpful I think as it enables us to lift our gaze from the trials and tribulations of this difficult time to apprehend a much wider perspective. We too as human beings are part of this on going cycle of birth, flourishing, harvest and dying away. The world turns, a new day is born and dies away into evening and the darkness of night, the seasons come and go, as do the seasons of our lives. And in all the beauty and pathos of life and death we are held in the divine embrace of love.

Love and prayers,
Pauline

October Church Diary

Sunday 4th October Trinity 17

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30am at St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship



Sunday 11th October Trinity 18

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist



Wednesday 14th October

7.30pm Alpha@Cley Hill

Please note that there's no Alpha course on 7th October
(Online details on the next page)



Thursday 15th October

10am Church and Community Coffee Morning and 50/50 Club Draw
at the Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

7pm at St Margaret's, Corsley



Sunday 18th October Trinity 19

10.30am St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist

11am St Margaret's, Corsley: BCP Matins resumes (see the details overleaf)



Wednesday 21st October

7.30pm Alpha@Cley Hill

(Online details on the next page)



Sunday 25th September Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist

10.30am at St Peter and St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship



Wednesday 28th October

7.30pm Alpha@Cley Hill

Online details on the next page



Wednesday 31st October

Alpha Day

Some services at St Margaret's, Corsley are also being shown on Zoom.
Details will be made available during the week before in the parish newsletter

Alpha Update We're online



Alpha @ Cley Hill

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As we can no longer gather in person, we are taking our course online! Join us as we continue to explore the big questions of life together



Alpha @ Cley Hill

NEW QUIZ! – It Grows in the Soil

A new quiz began at our Harvest Festival last month, called 'It Grows in the Soil'.

There will be 50 questions to be answered by 28th November. If you would like to join in, it costs £3 per sheet, and there will be a £20 garden voucher as the prize for the highest score. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by a draw.

To get a quiz sheet, contact Judith Helliar on 01373 832803 or Sue Fear on 01373 832074

Our monthly BCP service is restarting

Our regular monthly BCP matins service is resuming this month, and will be taking up the vacant third Sunday at St Margaret's in October, as we can then ensure the church is COVID-19 secure. We will be welcoming Tony Coutts-Britten to lead the service, once again, and would be delighted to see all our regulars back as well.

Church and Community Coffee Mornings

have started again!

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Parish Contacts for Corsley and Chapmanslade

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Corsley Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Chairman, Neil Britten, rounds up the PC's activity in September

There were no remote PC meetings during September, with one planning application dealt with via our COVID-19 procedures, i.e. notices on village noticeboards, The Bridge website and consultation within the PC by email. This is detailed below, with updates on two previous planning applications and a statement in future meetings in 2020.

Planning issues

19/10108/WCM – Corsley House Bund appeal

The deadline for comments on the appeal was the 24th August. The appeal against Wiltshire Council's decision to refuse permission for "...the creation of a landscape and amenity bund with ancillary native tree planting to enhance residential amenity, biodiversity, drainage and the overall setting of a Grade II Listed Building with the ancillary diversion of an existing public right of way at land to the north of the A362, Corsley, Warminster.", was adjudicated by the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector's decision, dated 22nd September, was that the appeal be dismissed. He concludes that "...the proposal would be a sizable landscape intrusion that would have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the area. There would be a serious adverse effect on the landscape of the site and surrounding area".

Noting the proposed re-routing of the public right of way CORY37, he notes that "...the PROW currently terminates awkwardly. Whilst there would be benefits to the route, the bund would detract from users'

experience of the local landscape. Moreover, the realignment of the PROW does not rely on the development per se, and the benefits of moving it to the site's western boundary could be realised without it..."

20/05386/FUL

Cross Keys pub Lyes Green

Conversion of existing first floor function space to provide four bed & breakfast rooms with en-suite bathrooms associated with the public house. New windows, rooflights and external fire escape staircase.

The target date for approval of this application is 21st September. The PC unanimously agreed "No objection" to this proposal, but it should be noted that a copy of a letter from a resident of Lyes Green, forwarding comments to Wiltshire Council expressing concerns over the potential effect of the increased sewage discharge, was received after the PC comments were rendered. This letter is posted on the Wiltshire Council website (planning).

20/06851

Proposed rear two-storey extension at 114 The Hollow.

Two-storey extension on the footprint of the existing single storey rear extension.

The proposal has no greater overlook to the adjoining semi-detached than at present and is sufficiently far away from the next nearest property to have no detrimental effect.

No public comments were received by the PC and a 'no objection' response was unanimously agreed.

Future meetings

The proposed September quarterly meeting was cancelled as no pressing issues emerged, other than the planning applications (see above), which were dealt with by the published lockdown procedures. However, the December meeting must take place as published as the annual approval of expenditure, precept bid for the following year and the three year budget plan are all taken at this meeting. If the current COVID-19 restrictions continue, this will be an online meeting, probably using Zoom, and the access details for members of the public will be published in the November edition of The Bridge.

Dates of next meetings

Quarterly Meeting 7th December

Meetings to be held in the Lower Room at Corsley Reading Room and will begin at 7.30pm unless restrictions dictate otherwise.

*Neil Britten
Chairman*

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MyWilts launch

The council has now launched its new online reporting system, **MyWilts** which replaces the previous MyWiltshire. With **MyWilts** you can report issues such as:

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The council will be adding more services to the app and website, making it simpler, quicker and easier to access council services digitally, when you choose to.

What a wonderful time we had in the Windy Willows

In a departure from our normal Saturday evening slot, the Elizabethan Evening temporarily changed to a Sunday afternoon where we hosted two performances of 'Wind in the Willows'.

Across the two performances we managed to lure out 380 hale and hearty souls just looking for an excuse to get out once more into the fresh air and for a short while forget all of the travails of that naughty COVID thing.

Bubbles and family groups were all well-spaced apart via the aid of our great spacing sticks and with a little prodding and poking if people were getting a little bit too close.

The amphibian antics unfolded before our very eyes with Mr Toad racing around the grounds in his latest car! We were even treated to just a little bit of one Mr Boris Johnson trying his best to soothe our savage brows...

Great credit must go to the Elizabethan Evening organising committee who took the decision at almost the 11th hour as soon as restrictions were lifted on outdoor theatre events to go ahead and set up this performance.

All in all a most excellent way of passing a sunny(ish) Sunday afternoon.

Keep a weather eye out for next year's performance, we may we'll be doing another theatrical twosome, or dramatic double-ender, or duo of dramatic delights.

Chapmanslade Parish Council

Parish Council Briefing

Charles Thackway reports on the September meeting

Chapmanslade Parish Council (PC) met virtually on 9th September and 11 members of the public were present. The following items were discussed:

Reflections on Councillor Keith Muston

The PC reflected on the life of Keith Muston, who sadly passed away on 27th August 2020. Keith was a Parish Councillor since 2013 and Chairman of the PC since 2017. He had also been a life long volunteer and since moving to the village through multiple roles on the Parochial Church Council, as a member of the church, and as a Parish Councillor. Most recently he was also a member and treasurer of the Covid-19 Action Group committee. The PC joined in a silent reflection of Keith's life and its thoughts are with Marion his wife and his children Hannah and Tom at this sad time.

Proposed Travellers Site on Land on Black Dog Hill Adjacent to the A36

A member of the public spoke on a recent application, which had been refused on land on Black Dog Hill adjacent to the A36. The owner has submitted an appeal that gives greater clarification concerning the proposal with less daily traffic exiting and entering the site than previously anticipated. The PC has yet to see the detail of the appeal.

Proposed Waste Incinerator at the Northacre site at Westbury

A member of the public expressed concerns

over the latest planning application for an incinerator at the Northacre site at Westbury. The original gasification application was no longer viable and this amended application would involve new technology. Concerns were raised over its size, associated increased heavy traffic potentially through the village, the environmental impact within the atmosphere and Wiltshire County Councils' waste disposal policy.

The PC will discuss this planning application at its **8th October** meeting (reference 20/06775/WCM Northacre Energy from Waste Facility Stephenson Road Northacre Trading Estate Westbury BA13 4WD. Amended energy from waste facility to that consented under Planning Permission 18/09473/WCM).

Planning applications

20/06413/VAR

The PC supported a variation of a condition of application 19/10721/FUL regarding changes to the roof elevations of some of the units at Thoulstone Farm.

20/06919/OUT

After hearing views from members of the public and following PC discussion, the PC objected to an outline planning application for 5 self-build plots on the land to the north east of 150 High Street for the following reasons:

- It is outside the settlement boundary for

Core Policy

- It is in a Special Landscape Area
- The village has met more than its quota of new housing with 43 new-builds on the land previously owned by Barbers Farm.
- The Village Voice Survey housing needs have been more than met.

Wiltshire Life Awards

Following discussion of nominations received for the Wiltshire Life Awards, the PC decided to submit one nomination as an individual for the Local Hero of the Year award and one for the Community Group of the Year.

Next meeting

The next PC meeting will be held on **8th October** at 7.30 pm. It is likely to be a virtual meeting and members of the public are encouraged to attend by contacting the PC Clerk for joining instructions.

www.chapmanslade.org.uk

Road Closure

From **7pm to midnight** on the **2nd October** the following length of road will be closed to all traffic in the interests of public safety to enable Wiltshire Council to carry out carriageway reactive patching and associated works:

Picket Post, from the turning to Crockerton for a distance of approximately 100m in a southerly direction.

An alternative route will be signposted. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

Corsley Reading Room

Your 'village hall'

Chairman, Hugh Deed, reports on the latest happenings at the hall

Reopening

Clearly the COVID announcement on 9th September has proved to be another set-back. The situation will almost certainly continue to change so please see our website which will always be up-to-date with the latest position on the use of the Reading Room. The health and safety of the community is paramount at these times.

Whilst the Reading Room is not open for general bookings, we are happy to discuss any specific requests to hire which are allowed within the law and within our COVID secure rules. We have, for example, allowed the hall to be used for filming by one person and ensured no one entered the premises for 72 hours before or after.

All the latest rules and guidance are on our website.

Annual General Meeting

The committee has decided to hold the AGM on the planned date of **11th November** as a Zoom meeting. More details will be in the November Bridge. Registration will be required, and you will be sent the sign-in details and papers by email if you would like to attend. For obvious reasons it is anticipated that it will be a brief meeting!

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Countryside Matters

Farming, weather, autumn colours and wildlife
– it's all going on out in the countryside!

As I write, in mid-September, we are enjoying dry, warm, sunny weather – an Indian summer indeed!

The coming days' weather forecast for the south west of England continues to look dry and so the field work continues with next year's cereal crops being sown into warm soil awaiting the eventual rain for germination. Winter-sown crops will send out roots that will hold the soil and stops soil erosion from drying winds and heavy rain storms.

Soil testing will be carried out by an agronomist who will check for soil fertility and the state of health of the soil structure. Farm manure and natural soil improvers, such as lime, are spread at strictly measured amounts and will benefit the crops and the environment.

The birdlife is fascinating when the fields are being ploughed – gulls and rooks feed on the earthworms, insects and larvae; buzzards and kites hover and dive picking up small mammals as they scuttle around and swallows and swifts swoop and swirl, feeding on the insect life as the temperature and air pressure changes.

The markets are busy with store lambs moving from moorland and wetlands to farms where they can graze throughout the winter.

Breeding ewes and rams will be bought and sold – farmers and breeders will use all their years of expertise in choosing new stock to improve their flocks.



Beef animals needing to be housed in covered yards during the winter months will be sold to farmers that have the specialist buildings. Pasture land can then be rested ready for early grass growth next year.

Hedge cutting becomes a priority before the fields become waterlogged whilst ditches and open drains are cleared in preparation for the winter rainfall.

With the lack of recent rainfall and unusually high temperatures, our autumnal colours began earlier with more horse chestnut trees found to be suffering from bleeding canker disease (*Pseudomonas syringae* pathovar *aesculi*).

As I write, small family groups, those who are social distancing or shielding are still allowed to go for country walks, so make the most of the autumn colours and let your minds go back to the childhood joy of hearing the rustle of leaves underfoot and splashing around in muddy puddles and appreciate how lucky we are to live in such lovely countryside.

Judith Helliar

Time to get moving

What the current drop in Stamp Duty Land Tax means for you

If you purchase a residential property between now and 31 March 2021, you only start to pay Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) on the amount that you pay for the property above £500,000. These rates apply whether you are buying your first home or have owned property before, but it does have to be your only property at that time.

Companies and individuals can benefit from the reduction, so long as they are buying residential property. SDLT applies to both freehold and leasehold properties – whether you're buying outright or with a mortgage.

New rates until 31 March 2021

| Property value | SDLT rate |
|--|------------------|
| Up to £500,000 | zero |
| The next £425,000 (the part from £500,001 to £925,000) | 5% |
| The next £575,000 (the part from £925,001 to £1.5 million) | 10% |
| The remaining amount (the part above £1.5 million) | 12% |

Example

If you buy a house for £575,000, the SDLT you owe is calculated as follows:

- 0% on the first £500,000 = £0
- 5% on the final £75,000 = £3,750

Total SDLT = £3,750

This is a saving of £15,000 based on the SDLT rates that were in place before 8 July 2020.

You can use the Government's SDLT calculator to work out how much tax you'll need to pay.

Higher rates for additional properties

If you're buying a second home, you'll still pay SDLT on any property costing more than £40,000 – paying an extra 3%. Simply add 3% to each of the rates shown in the above chart to calculate how much you will pay.

How to pay SDLT

Usually your solicitor will deal with the SDLT return and any payment due, although you can do it yourself. As the buyer, you are ultimately responsible for making sure it's all submitted on time.

If the price of your new home is under £500,000 you must still submit a return (unless exempt) even though you won't need to pay any SDLT.

When else is SDLT not payable?

There are other circumstances in which SDLT is not payable:

- Transfer of property in separation or divorce. If you're divorcing or separating from your spouse or partner, there's no SDLT to pay if you transfer a proportion of your home's value to them.
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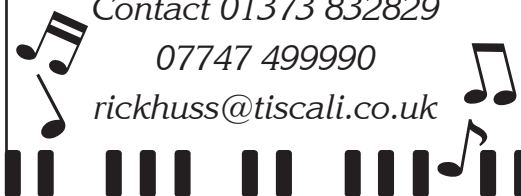
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*"Let us go to the House of the Lord"
Psalm 122, verse 1*

We celebrated this year's harvest on 13th September at the Chapel, our first service since 15th March. A lot of work's been done during the summer; windows have been repaired, frames painted, the entrance hall decorated and the front door painted. Outside, there's a new board on the Chapel wall and the grounds are beautifully tidy. Inside, a large television screen's been installed above the pulpit – it's much easier to see than our slideshow screen was!

In the entrance hall, there's a hand-sanitiser dispenser and the cloakrooms have new automatic soap dispensers. Put your hand under the equipment and squish – you have soap! Instead of cotton towels for our hands, there are paper hand-towel rolls. Elements of the services have changed; we now deliver our gifts to a central point and collect our own drinks from trays.

Our preacher for this historic service was Jonathan Brain, a street-preacher and evangelist from Chippenham, who talked us through the Parable of the Sower, from Mark 4. There was no organ music as Beth Hopwood, our organist for so many years, is unable to play for us now. Thank you for the years of music, Beth. Fortunately, Jonathan provided music for our harvest hymns, with words on-screen. This year, our Harvest produce was all Food Bank requirements, tins, jars and packets of food easy to distribute and

heat. After the service, the goodies were piled into James Mead's car, for him to deliver to a collection point. Thank you, James!

Going to Chapel was like going home. I sat on a socially-distanced pew, complete with my mask, and thought of these words from Psalm 122:1, 'I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the House of the Lord."'

Visiting Preachers

Our list of visiting preachers for 2020 is looking a little 'dented' after the six-month break. Like us, some of our 'regulars' have found their circumstances have changed. However, I'm waiting for local favourites to appear at the Chapel on a Sunday morning, such as Russell Short and Andrew Coxhead, both from Clink Evangelical Church. Yes, we've had 'messages' – and good ones, too – from them on

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