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A free newsletter published by the Church for every home in Boxted & Langham

April 2020

STAY AT HOME

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save lives

The Coronavirus Pandemic is something none of us anticipated or imagined. It is challenging the whole world. We never expected to be here. It is new territory for everyone.

We are devastated that so many thousands of people have died, are fighting for their lives and have the infection. It is a scary and challenging time for us all, and we're only just beginning to understand what's really happening. There isn't a map to follow. We are in uncharted territory.

This is somewhat like the position that, Mary, Jesus' mother and Mary Magdalene were in, when they were at the foot of the cross. It was the most terrible time in their lives. They didn't know how they have arrived at this point, but they knew it was life changing. This was proved when Mary Magdalene met Jesus on the first Easter morning. Then, she knew that her Master was alive, again. She didn't understand how this had happened, but she knew it was true. Something good had come out of Jesus' death.

And these women can give us inspiration in our current situation. After his death they felt full of pain, fear, death and despair, just as we do now. But, when he rose, their lives were transformed, they too knew what it was to have a new life. As we face this pandemic, may we always remember that Jesus is journeying with us, and that he can bring life out of death, good out of bad, even in the Coronavirus Pandemic world.

May this Easter bring us all life out of death and light out of darkness.

Happy Easter,



Good Neighbours

The Good Neighbours will remain at people's service during the current pandemic. However, most Volunteers are within the age range regarded as most vulnerable to the corona virus and, although their numbers are reinforced by new responders who have come forward, it may be that the Good Neighbours' response to calls for assistance will not always be as prompt and effective as we like. Included with this issue of the Newsletter is a new card showing the Good Neighbours' current phone numbers – please keep it by you.

For the period of the emergency, call the numbers shown for any assistance that does not involve food or grocery deliveries. For food or grocery orders, see the Langham Community Shop/ Birchwood Farm Shop leaflet in wide circulation in both villages.

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BOTH CHURCHES IN THE PARISH ARE
CURRENTLY CLOSED .

The Archbishops of Canterbury and
York have written a letter asking that
all churches stop holding services
from now until further notice.

Each Sunday Rev'd Mandy Elmes will
stream a church service from The
Rectory via Facebook for everyone in
the three parishes.

10am Sunday Service with prayers
and sermon. Communion will follow
shortly afterwards.

If you already have Facebook
account please add St Mary's
Church, West Bergholt as a 'friend' -
filming will stream from here and then
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BOXTED PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

In these difficult times, you'll be
pleased to hear that the community
is pulling together to help each other
out. Here are some links that may
help you in the days/weeks/months
ahead.

Boxted Parish Council has launched
a new website which will give you up
to date information about resources
around the village. The main site
address is: [https://
boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk/](https://boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk/).

Crucially, there is a page dedicated
to giving local information about
resources available during the
Coronavirus outbreak. This page can
be accessed at: [https://
boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk/home-2/
covid-19-corona-virus/](https://boxtedparishcouncil.org.uk/home-2/covid-19-corona-virus/)

Much of the information is now
internet based so if you have a
neighbour who doesn't have internet
access, please try to keep them up
to date (at a distance of two metres
of course!).

We have taken the necessary decision to close our doors and will be up and running when it is safe to do so ... in the meantime, you can call or email an order and we will deliver to you (in the Langham & Boxted Area).

Stay safe & let us know if we can help



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- ✓ Basic household essentials
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- ✓ A friendly chat

We also offer a 'meals on wheels service' that you can order by telephone and which we can deliver to residents of Boxted. Should you be interested in this, we can deliver you a menu.



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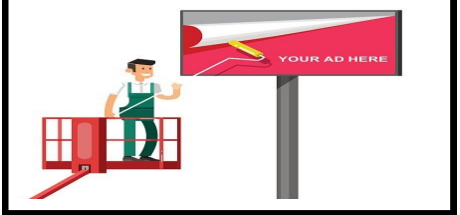
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NEW EDITOR

I am pleased to confirm that we have a new editor, Steve Pollington, who will be taking over the reigns of the Parish newsletter and this edition will be the last I will be coordinating.

Steve currently lives within the parish and comes with a wealth of experience in producing regular magazines and along with Paul Armstrong our Advertising Lead some exciting developments are planned for taking the newsletter forward and wish them continued success.

I would like to thank all those who have helped in one way or another whilst I have been Editor whether this has been submitting articles for inclusion, assisting in distribution or our loyal readers.

Special thanks to Pauline Coverly, Claire Arculus, Paul Armstrong, Don Markham and Dominic Shiel without who I would not have been able to complete each edition.

With Best Wishes Tim Clarke

PCC UPDATE

The PCC has agreed to give a short summary of its meetings so that what it is considering and deciding is generally known.

The PCC met on 11th March. The finances of the parish were considered in the light of the need to be financially self-supporting as a parish, and as part of our MMU, The North Colchester Family of Churches, by 2025 when the national church will not be subsidising this Diocese. This is because MMUs which do not cover the costs of their stipendiary clergy will not be given another one when the current one moves. This parish covers its share of the costs at present, but we need to keep an eye on this as our expenditure is greater than our income.

It was agreed that Stephen Pollington would succeed Tim Clarke as editor of the Newsletter. Paul Armstrong will care for the advertisements. Thank-you very much both of you.

A new list of those who can Administer the Elements, the bread and the wine, in Eucharistic services, was agreed. When the current situation changes they will be offered training and they will be formally welcomed in church.

Safeguarding: the Parish Activity plans and risk assessments were presented and approved.

The PCC has worked hard to produce a Priorities and Strategy document which will guide the life and development of the parish in the coming five years. It will be circulated before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, so that it can be discussed there.

Dominic Sheil and Denise Hobday have agreed to continue to represent the parish on the Deanery Synod. Stephen Garner will be standing down.

LANGHAM 100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS - FEB 2020

1. Elizabeth Ellis (43)
2. Marlena Lipski (34)
3. Rosie Helliwell (86)
4. Mr & Mrs Johnson (77)



TO ALL THOSE HELPING OUR VILLAGES

KEEPING BOXTED LITTER FREE!

In 2008 the St Peter's Church community initiated a volunteer group from the village to address the then huge problem of litter along our village roads. Since then the group has grown to more than 25 active volunteers.

Although we cannot yet claim that our roads are litter free the group has made a real difference. It is not a glamorous activity and the group deserve a big 'thank you' for their efforts, persistence and achievements. If you see them out and about with their litter pickers give them a toot to show your appreciation!

Members of the group take on a designated stretch of road and aim to walk it once a month. Whilst the group are able to walk more than 80 per cent of our roads on this basis we are looking for a handful of additional volunteers so that we can cover all the village roads. If anyone is interested in joining the group either as a regular or occasional 'task force' volunteer please contact the co-ordinator Stephen Whybrow at stephenwhybrow@msn.com or on 01206 272773 or 07801749575

If any resident notices a vehicle fly tipping to try and take a note of the details of the vehicle and report this to CBC. Our villages are now becoming very vulnerable to this sort of thing, being the first areas of countryside north of the town.

BOXTED HISTORY GROUP


Greyfriars is a very well known building in Colchester which was the subject of February's talk hosted by Alan Skinner, the last principal of the Adult Learning Centre located there. Alan was well researched on the history of the site which is now a fraction of its original size in Roman times. A group of Franciscan Monks settled on the site around 1226 but the large friary wasn't completed until 300 years later. With the dissolution of the monasteries the friary was demolished and the site broken up and used for many things over the centuries from a secure area for holding prisoners after the Siege of Colchester to a Botanical Garden.

A series of grand houses were built in the Georgian period and in 1904 the last private owner, Dr Fenn, sold the property to create a Convent school and evolved into what we see today. In 1923 the Council brought the site for the Lower School for Boys which in turn became the Adult Learning Centre for the next 40 years. Now its been sympathically restored and opened again as a Hotel.

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Connect and reach out to your neighbours
As self-isolation increases, we need to find new ways to stay connected and check in on one another for our physical and mental wellbeing. Share phone numbers and stay in touch.



Make the most of local online groups
Keep up to date, share information and be a positive part of your local community conversations.



Support vulnerable or isolated people
Different groups in our communities are at increased risk and social isolation and loneliness are key concerns for all ages. There are things you can do like volunteering for local support services or donating to food banks to help.



Share accurate information and advice
Support anyone who may be anxious about Covid-19. Sign post them to the correct advice from Public Health England and encourage people to follow the correct hygiene practices.

