ST MARY & ST PETER NEWSLETTER

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

STAY ALER

Ascension Day I received a post on a WhatsApp chat which said, "Ascension Day is when Jesus started working from home." I thought it was a brilliant comment and it brought a smile to my face. I've never thought about Jesus's ascension into heaven, in this way before. It seemed so relevant to us today, with so many of us working from home, as we've had to

learn to do.

I think that when Jesus ascended, to be with his Father, he was very different from when he'd come to earth. There was a sense in which he had been

'perfect' when he was born, Immanuel, God with us. But, when he returned to heaven he took all of his human frailty with him. He didn't go back as a 'perfect' human being, but with the holes in his hands, feet and side, of his crucifixion. He also took the intimate knowledge of what it is to be human with him. He knew what it was to be a baby and cry for a feed or a nappy change; to grow up in a village with brothers and sisters; to learn a trade ... carpentry; to love parties (wedding feast at Cana in Galilee); to be angry; to cry at the death of a dear friend; to eat meals with friends and family; and so on. God truly knows what it is to be human, and I think this is

> wonderful. It gives me hope that God isn't a distant 'heavenly' being, but is accessible and understands us.

> I also love the fact that Jesus's return home, liberated God's Holy Spirit

to come down to earth so he could sustain us and guide us in our complicated lives today. He can do this, because he fully knows what it is to be human. Aren't we fortunate! God really is with us today.

Mandy Elmes

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Temporary changes to your recycling and rubbish collection

Households on a Green Week, week commencing 25 May, will have their rubbish and recycling collected as follows:

Weeks starting	What you can put out for collections on these weeks	COLLECTIONS RETURN TO NORMAL ON 22ND JUNE
25 May	Food waste Garden Waste - maximum of 4 garden waste sacks OR 1 x brown wheelie bin	
1 June	Food waste 1 x green box of cans 1 x green box of glass Household rubbish – maximum of: 4 x 60 litre black bags OR 1 x black wheelie bin + 1 x 60 litre black bag	
8 June	Food waste Paper, card and plastic (max total of 6 clear bags) Garden Waste - maximum of 4 garden waste sacks OR 1 x brown wheelie bin	FOR ALL ADVERTISING QUERIES, CONTACT Paul Armstrong boxlangads@gmail.com TEL: 01206 616604
15 June	Food Waste Household rubbish – maximum of 4 x 60 litre black bags OR 1 x black wheelie bin + 1 x 60 litre black bag	

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If there is no reply, please do not leave a message but **RING ANY OTHER NUMBER**

Please note that the second Wednesday contact number is now 272774 (not **272504** as appears on the leaflets).

Deadline for submissions for the July edition: 15th June. Contact the editor via email: lwbnewsletter@gmail.com



PEOPLE of all ages and backgrounds are joining together to fight COVID. Support the NHS, help scientific research and help get us out of lockdown safely.

Take 1-minute to report your health daily, even if you are well. To help support this important initiative, more volunteers are needed using app.. You the can even report on behalf of older relatives (like your mum or the app nan) in today.

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https://play.google.com/store/ apps/details? id=com.joinzoe.covid_zoe CHURCHES can no longer be kept open as places for prayer and solace. Therefore all churches will be locked and will remain so until further notice. The park Boxted car at has also church been closed for the time being although it is still possible park visit and to the graveyard.

Should you require prayer, please contact Revd Mandy Elmes via email

lwb.wb.gh.parishes@gmail.com.

Sunday services are now on the St Mary's West Bergholt Website for all to view —

www.stmaryswestbergholt.co .uk/streamed-services

This requires no Facebook and therefore account means everyone can access the recorded services. They uploaded will be on Sunday afternoons for as long as services are streamed.

The PCC met on 12th May via Zoom. Liz Nickerson has stepped down as PCC Secretary. She was warmly thanked for all that she has done during the past three years. Emma Fowler, attending by invitation, was asked to take the minutes as she will step into the role of PCC Secretary when the APCM occurs.

The finances of the parish were considered, particularly in the light of the churches being closed and the consequential significant reduction in income. It was agreed that those making their donations by envelopes would be contacted and asked whether they would be prepared to make their donations in another way, during the current restrictions. The PCC has sought a reduced Parish to pay Share. Discussions about this were ongoing at the time of the PCC Meeting.

Stephen Garner and Graham Pullen were thanked for their good offices in maintaining the fabric of both St. Mary's and St. Peter's.

David Hope has sadly resigned as the Chairman of Good Neighbours. He was warmly thanked for having been a founding force and mainstay of its ongoing success. A new chairman is being sought at this time.

Steve Pollington and Paul Armstrong, editor and advertising coordinator respectively, were thanked for all that they are doing with the new style of the Newsletter. Janine Wilde in the Church Office was thanked for updating the Parish website.

The APCM and the elections for Deanery Synod representatives, have been put on hold until lockdown ends.





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