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News of members

It is with sadness we report that Mrs Dorothy Durden died at Park House after a series of strokes. She was a lovely lady and a great supporter of St Johns Coffee mornings. Audrey Scullard has been in touch to say that Tony is now on palliative care owing to his cancer illnesses.

Stella and John are trying to keep everybody in isolation's spirits up with weekly reports, and an article in the "Observer" newspaper. For Palm Sunday they tried to get Palm crosses out to all members. They are also recommended Helen of the Baptist Church's idea of 7pm out at your front door and sing a hymn or such on Sunday nights.

This means we clap at 8pm on Thursdays for the NHS and essential workers, and sing the National Anthem at 8pm on Friday nights. All at our front doors!!!!

For Easter Friday Stella and John put a crown of thorns on the cross in front of the church, and Anne Maggs changed it on Easter Sunday for one of flowers to show our joy.



Eluned Brown recently turned 103. She was going to have a party.... But with Coronovirus her family could just wave to her through the

window. She had masses of Cards and Telephone calls from everyone wishing her 'an isolated' happy birthday. Penblwydd Hapus Eluned from us all.

Ann Maggs still has her arm in a sling. And in sympathy with Ann......Brenda Harris has fallen. She had x-rays and has chipped her pelvis bone and has been in a lot of pain.

Terra Rescue Eco Engines

If only we could have something that slowed flood water, stabilised the land, absorbed carbon, breathed out oxygen, and provided essential habitat for our wildlife? We call them Terra Rescue Eco Engines or TREEs for short.

A Prayer to say each night.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Episcopal Church Common Prayer Book

Seen on a Church Notice Board

Prophecy class cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. I.Redd.it

Irish Proverb

Don't resent growing old. Many are denied the privilege.

Desmond Tutu says

No child should be born without hope. No person should live without Freedom.

THE DAFFODILS

I wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils, Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze. Continuous as the stars that shine

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And twinkle on the milky way, They stretched in never-ending line



Along the margin of a bay: Ten thousand saw I at a glance

Tossing their heads in

sprightly dance.

The waves beside them dance, but they Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:

A Poet could not but be gay In such a jocund company!

I gazed -and gazed-but little thought What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie In vacant or in pensive mood, They flash upon that inward eye Which is the bliss of solitude;

And then my heart with pleasure fills, And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth (1770-1850)



Recipe of the Month: Toothpaste

(just in case you are running out and can't find any in the shops)

Blitz 2 tablespoons Bicarbonate of soda with 4 tablespoons of coconut oil. Store in a glass screw top jar.

Good Morning

We all say Good Morning to others. Do you know the new meaning of "Good morning"?

- G Get up
- O Open your heart
- O Open your mind
- D Dedicate your day to God
- M Mediate on God's word
- O Optimise your faith and hope
- R Rebuke all evils
- N Never doubt God's love

- Inspire someone
- N Nothing should scare you
- G Go out with joy

So, I say Good Morning and have a blessed day!

Analysis of name of Jesus

J reveals JOY

E reveals EXAMPLE

S reveals SERVICE

U reveals UNDERSTANDING

S reveals SALVATION

We have his promise that he knows us by name; that he is with us always; that our names too will rank with his.

And that we will know his Father, as his Father surely knows each one of us!

A couple of quotes:

Accept what is, Let go what was, and have faith in what will be.

Neither your story or scars define you – His scars do.

The Church mouse says

The more arguments you win, the fewer friends you'll have,

Children's Corner

Four of these statements are true and one is a fib. But which one?

A The first person to fly over the North Pole was called Dickie Byrd.

- B. Wild camels can be found in Australia.
- C. Jellyfish are made up of over 95% water.
- D. There is a town In America called Santa Claus.
- E. More than 2,000 people died in the Great Fire of London in 1666.

From Judith Keller's Facebook

Fear does not stop death. It stops Life, and worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles. It takes away today's peace.

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High Street

It doesn't look like we will be seeing Judith Keller from USA this May. We know she is in lock down just like us in Chicago and send her our best wishes. We are not seeing the "25" either as a lot of us do after church on Sundays. Thought a photo which included the empty High Street might be something to sigh over - no coffee no teacakes no scones!



Church Collection

Sue Bonser has asked if members can do a direct debit into the bank, or forward her a cheque with their collection money. Please ring her for more information and a big thank you to everyone who is already doing it. Phone 842082.

This will keep the Church monies ticking over.

Editorial

If anyone has news of members, or a story about isolation or Coronavirus, please give Shirley a ring 844002 or email shirleybdraper@gmail.com at least by Friday 22nd May for the June Newsletter. Any contributions would be appreciated!

Re-deployment

Shirley's daughter Anne (who helps her with the Newsletter printing) and her partner Russ usually work at the Greenhill Avenue Centre for adults with learning disabilities. When the Council closed it, they asked Russ to take seats out of his bus and to take Anne and Lloyd across each day to the Neyland Medical Equipment Warehouse (Shapes) for the duration of the virus closedown. Anne and Lloyd deep clean beds, commodes, hoists, etc. and Russ delivers them in his "bus-van" to private households and collects unneeded equipment.

Scrapbooking

This is something you might like to do while we are all staying in so much. The idea is to preserve your memories, possibly of what you are doing now, possibly of things you have done in the past, or of your family and friends, or whatever else you would like. Create a page or set of pages which present your memories, generally including words, pictures, photos, and possibly ephemera such as tickets, in a pleasing (to you) way.

Still bored...

After 40 years spent watching television, Fred said to his wife Ethel, "Lets do something really exciting today". Through Ethel's mind flashed – a day out shopping? A ride out into the beautiful countryside? A meal at a really posh Restaurant? "Excellent", said Ethel "What shall we do?" "Well", said Fred.... "Let's change chairs"

Answer for Children's Corner

E. Only six people died in the great fire of London.