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# *the* Bridge

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**This striking photo by Oran Balazs won a 'highly commended' position in Bridport Camera Club's latest competition, 'Low Light'. It was taken at Holy Trinity Church, Bothenhampton.**

Selecting the image for recognition, competition judge John Tilsley said, "The strong sidelight picks out the textural difference between the dressed and undressed stone. The same light is producing attractive subtle colour changes over all the image. The chosen viewpoint creates an Escher-like feel to the picture."

Although the club's activities are currently suspended, there is a gallery on their website of photos that members have taken since the restrictions started. You can find it here: [www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk/Galleries](http://www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk/Galleries)



Oran Balazs

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*STOP PRESS! We have just received news about this year's Christian Aid Week (10–16 May). Although the usual collections and events can't take place under the coronavirus restrictions, there will be lots of other fundraising opportunities including a daily quiz, online coffee mornings and shared meals. The Revd Lorna Johnson (contact details on p2) has more information and you can check for news or make donations online at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)*

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# Easter's message for this new reality

**Though the calendar tells us we are in Eastertide – the spring time of new life, new hope – the entire world has juddered into a new reality.**

The experience of lockdown, of life lived in a kind of suspended animation, feels like we've all joined Alice in a weird coronavirus 'wonderland' and fallen headlong down the rabbit hole. In this world Easter hasn't happened; we're still waiting for the light to dawn, for signs of hope.

The fact that the sun shines, the birds sing, the air is fresh – and in polluted areas of the world, cleaner than Greta Thunberg could ever dared hope a few weeks ago – makes the whole experience even more surreal.

We're living in a different way. We are living apart, staying inside, perhaps living inside our heads a little more, and inevitably wondering what life is about in a way that really bites. This isn't something that's happening to other people far away, the ones we usually watch in grainy news coverage on our TV screens. This is happening everywhere. This is happening in our own homes.

And, paradoxically, in that truth we see the hope and the new life of Easter.

## Light of the World

A poem for Easter by Rosalind Bizley

Light of the World, you came into our darkness,  
Shining with love you came into our endless night;  
Hold us, enfold us, your beloved children,  
Lead us, O Christ our Light.

Light of the World, the Son of God, now with us,  
Bearing the sin of your children, you have set us free;  
We are your body, light in the darkness,  
Who will you send? Send me!

Light of the World, your love for us is endless,  
Winter is past, we hear the singing of the dove,  
Now flowers appear and dawn-light fills the heavens,  
Praise to you, God above.

Light of the World, now you shine in us, your children,  
Glowing within us like a candle in the night –  
We will be your love-light, bringing hope to others,  
Shining like the stars with your light.



It feels to me like in our lockdown we are more connected to other people than before, even in these days of isolation. Here in Bridport we see signs of new life, new hope, in the way this community is stirred up to help the most vulnerable. Where people are working together with those they didn't know a few weeks ago to deliver food, fetch medication, phone those living alone and in all they do offer cheer and hope.

The truth about Easter – about new life, new hope – is that it doesn't wait for happy endings or resolution. The joy of Easter comes even in the most difficult days. Hope shines brightest in the darkness of loss and fear.

If you're a praying sort of person, I commend you to keep on praying – especially for those who are suffering so much at the moment across our world and for those who care for them.

And if you're not a praying sort of person, then perhaps simply be mindful, take time to consider that we are one humanity and one world.

In these challenging times many are turning to poetry to find comfort and hope. I share these beautiful words of the poet and theologian John O'Donohue with you.

*This is the time to be slow,  
Lie low to the wall  
Until the bitter weather passes.  
Try, as best you can, not to let  
The wire brush of doubt  
Scrape from your heart  
All sense of yourself  
And your hesitant light.*

*If you remain generous,  
Time will come good;  
And you will find your feet  
Again on fresh pastures of promise,  
Where the air will be kind  
And blushed with beginning.*

## Extraordinary times for all of us

**The coronavirus crisis has changed daily life on a scale that most of us have never witnessed before.**

Schools, offices, restaurants and most shops are closed. Social events are cancelled, religious worship is suspended and churches are locked. Many people are working from home or not at all, while essential workers carry on to support us, many putting their own lives at risk to do so. The message is 'stay at home' – and we don't yet know when this will change.

This issue of The Bridge offers a few suggestions for keeping body and soul together, whether for you that means maintaining the rhythm of worship in your life or simply getting hold of food and other essentials. Stay strong and reach out for help if you need it – we'll get through this together.

*Olivia Daly, Editor*



**The Revd Deb Smith  
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## Keeping prayer alive in these difficult times

**‘Thy Kingdom Come’ is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. It started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England, and has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.**

At this time of challenge and uncertainty, the project’s organisers have compiled a list of suggestions for families who want to weave prayer and bible readings into their days of home schooling.

- *Keep a regular routine of prayer. Good times to pray together are when you do something regularly, such as eating together, going to bed or washing your hands. Or you could light a candle and say the same family prayer at the same time every day.*
- *Read a bible story at bedtime or watch one online with children during the day.*
- *It can be difficult adjusting to not seeing family and friends in person. However, you can still pray for them together each day, and perhaps send them a letter or picture saying that you are thinking of them and praying for them.*
- *Choose a fun family prayer idea from the ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ booklet, available from the website. Some of the activities may not be possible during lockdown, but you can adapt them to your situation.*
- *Listen to a podcast together, such as the Family Prayer Adventure podcasts available on the website.*

The movement’s main event is a wave of prayer running for 11 days between the festivals of Ascension and Pentecost from 21 to 31 May this year. Organisers hope it can still go ahead in some way, even if the current arrangements remain in place. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, says: “Jesus prayed at the Last Supper that we, those who follow him, might ‘be one that the world might believe’. We are invited to make a lasting difference in our nations and in our world, by responding to his call to find a deep unity of purpose in prayer.”

**For these resources, and full details of the movement, visit [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)**

# Bridport Town Council launches its support network

**Bridport Town Council has launched its Covid-19 community support network. A single phone number – 01308 808900 – gives access to advice and practical help provided by local organisations**

**from across the Bridport area and supported by about 150 volunteers. There is also an email address you can use: [enquiries@bridport-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@bridport-tc.gov.uk)**



The group offers support for vulnerable people who are self-isolating in response to government guidelines. This support includes help with shopping for food and other essentials, and fetching prescriptions and medicine, but might also include a friendly call to check on an individual’s health and wellbeing. To keep everyone safe, the network’s volunteers will not try to enter anyone’s home.

You can download a leaflet from the Bridport Town Council website here, and follow them on Facebook for regular updates.

Another group – Bridport Coronavirus Community Support – includes a team of volunteers who are offering similar help with meeting the everyday needs of vulnerable people. They too have a useful Facebook page where you can ask questions, get advice and offer support.

You can also find a condensed list of local businesses’ current arrangements on page 6 of this magazine.

## Time on your hands? Help to create a teddy bears’ picnic!

**Stuck at home and looking for something to keep you busy?** Why not help the Royal Voluntary Service to create a big teddy bears’ picnic! You can knit,



crochet or sew bears in any shape or colour you like, and maybe make some food for them to eat or a blanket to sit on – let your imagination take over!

The charity hopes to display the creations later this year, then sell the items to raise money to support its work. So get started now and let them know what you are making; they will either pick your creations up (circumstances permitting) or you can



post them to the RVS office.

The contact for this project is Maria Jacobson, Service Manager, Dorset Home Library Service, phone 07786 635154, email [maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:maria.jacobson@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk)

# ‘Hymn of the Day’ and other resources from the RSCM

**If, like many of us, you’re missing the musical side of Sunday worship, you’ll be happy to know that the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) has put together a range of initiatives that will help to hold everyone together in faith and music.**

The RSCM website now features, free for all, Hymn of the Day plus Sunday Self-Service, a simple act of worship with music, readings and prayers, which will change weekly. There will also soon be a daily vocal warmups video to keep your body moving and your voice in good shape if you’re a singer. Even if you don’t consider yourself a singer, why not do it anyway! These resources are here: [www.rscm.org.uk/our-resources/hftd](http://www.rscm.org.uk/our-resources/hftd)

The other new resources are for choristers and other church musicians. The recently launched ‘Showbie’ app has support materials for RSCM Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards and is being filled with new content. This will include pieces for choristers at each level, teaching videos and general training material. The app is free during the current restrictions.

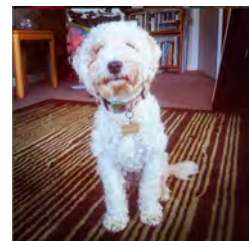
The RSCM is also making its webinars available to everyone, not just members, during the lockdown (a charge applies). There are two daily webinars led by experienced tutors and aimed at vocal coaches, music leaders, singers and organists. Full details at [www.rscm.org.uk/start-learning/webinars](http://www.rscm.org.uk/start-learning/webinars).

“The RSCM is a Christian charity and promotes the study, practice and improvement of music in worship, says RSCM Director Hugh Morris. “In the absence of all the usual routines of life, we hope our initiatives will help to bring structure and unity of purpose. Through them we can continue to work on fulfilling our mission until the darkness lifts and we are in the light again.”

## Social media can help you feel less isolated

You may or may not do social media – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc – but for many people it’s proving a vital resource during lockdown. It’s a great source of local information, as well as a fun way of keeping in touch with friends and family. If you do use it, you might like to follow the Team Facebook page, which Deb and Pete will be updating as much as possible during these challenging times: [www.facebook.com/bridportchurches](https://www.facebook.com/bridportchurches).

You can also follow Deb on Instagram: [www.instagram.com/revdebsmith](https://www.instagram.com/revdebsmith) for pictures of the countryside (and her dog, Polly) and Pete on Twitter [@StoneRevPete](https://twitter.com/StoneRevPete) for a mix of rugby, cricket, the army and the Muppets – oh yes, and church!



## Don’t fall prey to email scammers

**Sadly the coronavirus pandemic has given scammers new ways to try and con people out of their money.**

People in Dorset have received emails about home schooling that ask for bank details, and others purporting to be from the government asking for donations to the NHS. Another email, supposedly from TV Licensing, tells the recipient that they need to renew their licence or face having their reception cut off.

These messages usually contain a link that takes the user to a website – carefully created to look like its genuine equivalent – where they are asked to enter their bank card details.

If you suspect an email in your inbox is fraudulent, you can report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or through their website at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).



**Food parcels in St Mary’s Church ready to be delivered to people in need**

## Cupboard Love food bank moves to a delivery-only service

**The Cupboard Love food bank has had to change its arrangements during the lockdown, and the distribution point at St Mary’s Church is now closed, to protect organisers and the public. However, volunteers are busy delivering food parcels to anyone registered with the food bank who needs supplies.**

Each parcel is a three-day emergency supply for those in need at this difficult time. Anyone who is registered and hasn’t heard from the food bank about a delivery is asked to get in touch if they are in need.

Please don’t ask if you don’t need a parcel, as volunteers are very busy and demand is high. You can get in touch by emailing [cupboardlove.bridport@gmail.com](mailto:cupboardlove.bridport@gmail.com), calling 07443 596096 or via the Facebook page (Bridport Food Bank – Cupboard Love).

# Getting the things you need

Community-minded locals Chloe Branwhite and Louise Buchanan have created a website listing local businesses' arrangements during the current restrictions: [sites.google.com/view/bridportcommunity](https://sites.google.com/view/bridportcommunity). We've printed a selection here – the information was correct at the time of publication, but **please check before setting out**

## Pharmacies

### **Boots, West Street**

01308 422475 · [www.boots.com](http://www.boots.com)

Open 9.30am–4.30pm Monday–Saturday (closed for lunch 1–2pm) and 11am–4pm Sunday

Shop entry as normal. Queue outside for the pharmacy and staff will allow you in to join the five-space queue inside, where the floor has been marked with tape to show a safe standing distance. Free NHS prescription delivery also available.

### **Lloyds Pharmacy, Bridport Medical Centre**

01308 424350 · [www.lloydspharmacy.com](http://www.lloydspharmacy.com)

Open 9.30am–1pm and 2–5.30pm Monday–Friday, 9.45am–12.30pm Saturday. Closed Sunday

Only five customers allowed inside at a time for prescriptions. Please use the outside door to queue, and staff will let you in.

### **Well+, East Street**

01308 422100 · [www.well.co.uk](http://www.well.co.uk)

Open 9am–5.30pm Monday–Friday and 9am–1pm Saturday

Free NHS prescription delivery available. Two customers allowed in the shop at once.

## Cafes, pubs and restaurants

### **Chickenland & Pizza, West Street**

01308 458800 · [www.chickenlandandpizza.co.uk](http://www.chickenlandandpizza.co.uk)

Open 5–11pm daily

Minimum order £10 for delivery, plus £1 charge. Outside Bridport minimum £13 plus £2 charge. Collection also available.

### **Kernow Pantry, Brydian Mews, West Street**

01308 422833 · 07385168355 · *Message through Facebook*

Shop closed. Free delivery locally, £10 minimum order. Menu available on their Facebook page.

### **Prohibition Pizza Club**

07837 393112 · *Message through Facebook*

Operates 5–9pm, Thursday –Sunday

Wood-fired pizza, free delivery in Bridport. Menu on their Facebook page, where you can pre-order. Cash only on delivery.

### **Red Brick Cafe, St Michael's Trading Estate**

07868 752329 · *Message through Facebook*

Takeaway plus delivery within three-mile radius, Fri & Sat lunch & evening. Menu on Facebook. Cash only on delivery.

### **Sundorbon Indian restaurant, South Street**

01308 425266 · [www.sundorbon.co.uk](http://www.sundorbon.co.uk) · Daily from 5pm

Takeaway plus free delivery within three miles of Bridport (min order £15). 10% off online orders via website or app. Cashless transactions preferred, either online or by phone.

### **Taj Mahal Indian restaurant, East Street**

01308 421000 · 01308 424956 · [www.tajmahalbridport.com](http://www.tajmahalbridport.com)

Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 6pm

Takeaway plus free delivery within three miles of Bridport (min order £20). Order by phone.

## Shops

### **AJ Supplies, St Andrew's Industrial Estate, Shoe Lane**

01308 423728 · [sales@ajsupplies.co.uk](mailto:sales@ajsupplies.co.uk)

Open 9am–5pm Monday–Friday

Delivery service available for cleaning products and toiletries.

### **Auto-bitz, East Street**

01308 424380 · [www.auto-net.co.uk](http://www.auto-net.co.uk) · [richard@auto-bitz.co.uk](mailto:richard@auto-bitz.co.uk)

Open 8.30am–5.30pm Monday–Saturday (close 5pm Sat)

Car parts and accessories, plus cycles. No entry to shop but drop off/pick up service available at the door for goods and repairs. Priority to NHS staff. Delivery available after 5.30pm.

### **Balsons Butchers, West Allington**

01308 422638 · [www.rjbalson.co.uk](http://www.rjbalson.co.uk) · [richard@rjbalson.co.uk](mailto:richard@rjbalson.co.uk)

Open from 7am Monday–Saturday. Closes 1pm Monday, 4pm Tuesday–Friday, 3pm Saturday

Shop open, max two customers at once. Delivery also available. See website for details.

### **Bridget's Market, East Street**

01308 427096 · *Message through Facebook*

Open 8am–3pm Monday–Saturday

Shop open as usual with maximum of three customers inside at a time. Delivery service available.

### **Bridport Post Office, West Street**

01308 422499

Open 10am–4pm Monday–Friday, closed Saturday & Sunday

Please use the hand sanitiser in the hall and keep your distance.

### **Co-op supermarket, Sea Road North**

01308 421541

Open 7am–8pm daily (shorter than usual hours)

Protected shopping hour for vulnerable customers, carers and NHS workers 8–9am Monday–Saturday and 10–11am Sundays.

### **Footprints, East Street**

01308 422511 · [info@footprints.co.uk](mailto:info@footprints.co.uk) · [www.footprints.co.uk](http://www.footprints.co.uk)

Shop closed. Some photo and printing orders taken via website.

### **Framptons Butchers, Town Hall**

01308 422995 · *Enquiries through Facebook*

Open 8am–5pm Monday–Saturday, closed Sunday

Shop open and deliveries available. Phone to order and pay (no orders through Facebook). £10 minimum order.

**Fruits of the Earth, Victoria Grove**

01308 425827

Deliveries available – phone for details.

**Leakers Bakery, East Street**

01308 423296 · [www.leakersbakery.co.uk](http://www.leakersbakery.co.uk)

Open 7am–3pm Monday–Saturday

Shop open and local delivery available. Phone for details.

**Londis (Skilling Stores), Alexandra Road**

01308 424434

Open 6am–10pm daily

Shop open, plus local delivery service (no newspaper delivery)

**MacSorsons fish stall, Bridport market (West Street)**

01297 32253 · [macsorsons@hotmail.com](mailto:macsorsons@hotmail.com)

Market stall open on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

**MDS Meats, North Mills Trading Estate**

01308 427152 · [mdsmeats@gmail.com](mailto:mdsmeats@gmail.com) · [www.mdsmeats.co.uk](http://www.mdsmeats.co.uk)

Collection plus free local delivery. Order by email or phone.

**Morrisons, South Street**

01308 420616

Open 8am–8pm Monday–Saturday, 9.30am–4pm Sunday

Also open 7–8am Monday–Saturday and 9–9.30am Sunday for

NHS staff (ID required).

**Naturalife, South Street**

01308 459690 · [www.naturalife-wholefoods.com](http://www.naturalife-wholefoods.com)

Open 9am–5pm Monday–Saturday

Minimum £20 spend for free delivery within a five-mile radius.

Please phone to arrange, ideally in the afternoon.

**Nina's Greengrocers, South Street**

01308 422794

Open 8am–2pm most days (not Sunday)

Shop open as usual. No delivery service.

**Palmers Wine Store, South Street**

01308 427500 · [www.palmerswinestore.com](http://www.palmerswinestore.com)

Open 9am–6pm Monday–Saturday

Shop open as usual for beer and wine sales, plus free delivery.

**Punch & Judy bakery, West Street**

07841 523664 · Message through Facebook

Open 8am–3pm Monday–Saturday

Shop open and local delivery available.

**Rawles Butchers, East Street**

01308 427590

Open 9.30am–1pm Monday, 9am–4pm Tuesday–Thursday,

9.30am–4pm Friday, 9.30am–1.30pm Saturday

Shop open plus delivery service – phone to order and pay.

**Selected Grapes, St Michael's Trading Estate**

01308 427177 · [info@selectedgrapes.co.uk](mailto:info@selectedgrapes.co.uk)

Independent wine merchant with daily delivery service to the Bridport area. Email for list by return.

**SJ Norman & Sons Butchers, Bradpole**

01308 423618 · [admin@sjnorman.com](mailto:admin@sjnorman.com)

Open 8am–1pm Mon and Sat, 8am–4pm Tues–Fri

Shop open, plus free local delivery service. Phone to order.

**Spar, West Bay Road, West Bay**

01308 420120

Open daily 7.30am (8am Sunday), closing 6pm or earlier

Shop open. No delivery service, but you can phone ahead to order if you want to make a 'contactless' collection from outside the shop. Contactless payment preferred for all customers.

**Waitrose, West Street**

01308 422252

Open 8am–8pm Monday–Saturday, 10am–4pm Sunday

'One in, one out' in operation. First hour of opening restricted to elderly and vulnerable customers & their carers. Some essentials reserved for NHS staff, plus priority checkout (ID required).

**Washingpool Farm Shop, Dottery Road**

01308 459549 · [info@washingpool.co.uk](mailto:info@washingpool.co.uk) · [www.washingpool.co.uk](http://www.washingpool.co.uk)

Open 8am–2pm Monday–Saturday, closed Sunday

Queuing system in car park and limit of five customers in the shop at once. Order collection until 5.30pm daily from external restaurant doors (dedicated parking bay for this purpose).

Please email orders and allow 48 hours. Full details on website.

No delivery service available to new customers.

**Waste Not Want Not, South Street**

07775 380797 · [www.wastenotwantnotbridport.co.uk](http://www.wastenotwantnotbridport.co.uk)

Open 10am–3pm Mon–Thurs, 10.30am–2.30pm Fri–Sat

Shop open (please use handwashing facility at the door), plus online orders (minimum £10).

**Animal care****Animal House, South Street**

01308 424349 · Message via Facebook

Open 9am–3pm Monday–Saturday (Thurs closing 2pm)

Pet shop open, plus free delivery service to Bridport and surrounding area. Phone to arrange deliveries and to pay.

Please use the hand sanitiser at the door.

**Bredy Vets, Sea Road North**

01308 456771 · [www.bredyvets.co.uk](http://www.bredyvets.co.uk)

Emergency service only, 24/7; no routine appointments or flea/worm treatments. Phone to arrange a collection slot for other prescription medication or prescription food.

**Haydon Vets, Gore Cross**

01308 456771 · [www.bredyvets.co.uk](http://www.bredyvets.co.uk)

Non-urgent appointments postponed and video consultations preferred where possible. For appointments at the surgery, wait in your car and phone to say you have arrived. Phone to arrange collection of medication (parasite treatments available).

**Others****Friths Opticians, West Street**

01308 311002 · [www.frithsopticians.co.uk](http://www.frithsopticians.co.uk)

Phone and email service only, 9am–5pm

**Kevin Turner Physiotherapy, West Bay**

07775 727275 · [www.kevinturnerphysiotherapyclinic.co.uk](http://www.kevinturnerphysiotherapyclinic.co.uk)

Video consultation available via Zoom: 30 minutes £29. Please call to book and you will receive a link that you can click to join the Zoom meeting.

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(Wednesday is her day off)

### Bradpole village hall

The village hall is held in trust for the benefit of residents, but the current team of trustees has lost some members and can no longer manage it. The Charity Commission has told us that if we can't find some more managing trustees, the hall may have to close. That would mean that ownership would revert to the Commissioners, who might decide to sell it. Holy Trinity uses the hall for a number of activities and it would be a great loss if it was not available.

A special meeting had been planned for Monday 23 March to discuss the future of the hall, but it has been postponed because of the coronavirus situation. Meanwhile, anyone who would like to volunteer as a managing trustee can get in touch as follows. Those people who have already expressed an interest will be contacted directly.

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## HOLY TRINITY Bothenhampton

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Home communion – Revd Kay Watters 427290

Director of music – Sue Smith 456955

During this period of isolation, Bothenhampton residents know how important it is to keep in touch with one another, either by phone or online, and those living in Main Street enjoy their daily lunchtime wave and chat-at-a-distance. A friendly word makes all the difference to someone feeling lonely – and an offer of shopping, if you are able to go out, is particularly appreciated.

### The Revd Kay Watters sends the following message:

Dear everyone,

As I write this I haven't a clue what state the country and the world will be in when you actually read it. Everyone I am in

### Parish Council

The village hall and the parish council office within are currently closed because of the coronavirus restrictions. This means the parish clerk can only be contacted by email: [bradpole@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:bradpole@dorset-aptc.gov.uk). Current information is on the village website: [www.bradpole.org.uk](http://www.bradpole.org.uk).

*"You are the light of the world,  
A city on a hill cannot be hidden."  
Matthew 5:14*

There is something about genuine goodness,  
true kindness, authentic love,  
that glows, that shines, that stands out.

And if much around us, much in our own lives,  
is dull and dreary, even dark and dismal;  
then the goodness, the kindness and the love  
shine more brightly, stand out more clearly.

So where do we see the light of God's love shining?  
And who sees the light of God's love shining through us?

### From Janis:

Dear friends,

In these troubled and uncertain times I want to reassure you that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm sharing a couple of things with you and I hope you'll find them helpful. They were sent to me some time ago by the late Shirley Smith. There is a photo of St Michael's Mount in Cornwall (left), and some beautiful words (above).

Some of us may be having difficulty praying at the moment. Please offer whatever words are in your heart, remembering that it is God who reads the pages of our hearts; He knows us by name and will hear us.

The words from Romans 8:38–39 remind us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Stay safe – with love, blessings and prayers,  
*The Revd Janis Moore*

contact with is 'doing their bit' to help us come to grips with the virus that is sweeping the globe.

As a church we are lighting candles and praying. People across the world are finding ways to show their appreciation for their health service personnel, and many are repeating the words of church services, either at the same time at home or as groups on the internet. Many are grieving, unexpectedly, and many, many more are worried and scared for the future, and we pray for all of them, to a loving God who cares for each one of us, whatever colour or creed.

When this is over – and please God may we be hearing this will soon be so – we shall celebrate together and rejoice that God's gifts of skill and care for others were shared by so many with those they did not know.

You will be reading this online, so let me share with you an appropriate nugget from Bournemouth Hospital Radio: 'stewardesses' is the longest word you can type with just your left hand, and 'lollipop' with your right! Keep smiling, be of good cheer (Deuteronomy 31, 6-8).

Sending you, and all you love and care for, my love and prayers,

*The Revd Kay Watters*



## ST MARY'S Walditch

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 please contact The Revd Ann Ayling 424896  
 (Wednesday is her day off)

### A thought-provoking article: A VILLAGE RESPONSE

Just five weeks ago, I visited Eyam, a remote village in Derbyshire, also known as 'The Plague Village'. Little did I suspect that 'the plague' would resonate with us today!

Eyam had a population of 350 in the 17th century. In 1665 the outbreak of bubonic plague in London spread, when a bale of cloth infested with fleas, ordered by Eyam's tailor, Alexander Hadfield, arrived at his home. As it dried out, in front of the fire, the plague was released.

When the severity of the outbreak became apparent, villagers looked to their Rector, the Revd William Mompesson, for leadership. He, and a Puritan Minister, Thomas Stanley, determined that the village should be quarantined to avoid the spread of the disease.

Provisions were left for villagers at the Boundary Stone, where there were holes in which payment could be laid – filled with vinegar in the hope that it would cleanse the coins.

The death toll in the village reached 260, but the plague was contained.

The current poet laureate, Simon Armitage, has written a poem for this present time, called 'Lockdown', which, in part, refers to the response of the villagers of Eyam:

And I couldn't escape the waking dream  
 of infected fleas

in the warp and weft of saggy cloth,  
 by the tailor's hearth

in ye old Eyam,  
 Then couldn't un-see

the Boundary Stone,  
 that cock-eyed dice with its six dark holes,

thimbles brimming with vinegar wine  
 purging the plagued coins.

Which brought to mind the sorry story  
 of Emmott Sydoll and Rowland Torre,

Star crossed lovers on either side  
 of the quarantine line

whose wordless courtship spanned the river  
*till she came no longer.*

Four centuries later we are affected by an invisible, but deadly, virus. In many ways our response is obviously different; we put our faith in advanced health care, science and technology.

But the selflessness, love and generosity shown by the villagers of Eyam in 1665 are now very obvious in

the response of Walditch villagers towards their friends and neighbours: through phone calls, shopping trips, the collection of prescriptions, reassurance, and solidarity in spite of 'social distancing'.

Currently, St Mary's Church, Walditch – the building – is closed, but 'The Church' is still open to all; whether you have faith or no faith, there are people to listen and to talk to you.

We know that things will eventually worsen in our rural community, so we must be prepared to support each other even further. Goodwill brings us closer together, and good will come from this crisis.

Recent spring days bring such hope: buds, camellias, blue skies, the dawn chorus... God's promise of renewal – and it will happen!

*The Revd Ann Ayling*

You can find the whole of 'Lockdown' online at [www.simonarmitage.com](http://www.simonarmitage.com)

## ST MARY'S Bridport

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### St Mary's in lockdown: Only Connect!

Your own response to the words 'Only Connect' may lead you to smile ruefully as you contemplate your inability to answer any of the questions on the Monday-night TV quiz show, or it may prompt a memory of the words of an impassioned Margaret Schlegel in EM Forster's novel, *Howards End*. For the folks at St Mary's it has meant a new way of thinking about what it means to be part of a worshipping community.

Notices explaining the need to modify our practice in light of Covid-19 were much in evidence throughout February, and then on Sunday 15 March – with a much-depleted congregation – we began to address the reality of what it might mean to be 'church' if we couldn't physically meet together on a Sunday morning.

We have often given lip service to our understanding of the need to be 'one body' with others in our worshipping community, but does anyone know, for example, how to contact the lady who slips in at the last minute and sits near the back? We were challenged to act differently and begin to really connect with one another, so we set up a new communication system where everyone was linked to one another using a cascade model. To make this happen, we have had to do some detective work and find out about those who we should have known more about in the first place!

As the crisis unfolded through the early weeks of March, everything changed. Since then, the church has been opened only to allow the courageous 'Walk in Wednesday' volunteers to continue their work to make this essential community support initiative happen. They fully understand what it means to be part of a connected community and we applaud them.

*continued overleaf*

And oh yes, we've been in to try to fix the intruder alarm and to give freedom to a sparrow who made a brief entrance but decided it was not his longed-for des res!

I wonder, if we had not been in this situation, would we have spent quite so much time talking with one another about live-streamed services that we have seen, or about what we have been reading, or the focus of our prayers? I very much doubt it – but as one parishioner said to me this week, “Stop trying to find the superficial good in this! We now need to connect more than ever in an attempt to walk alongside those who are finding it all dreadful.” I hope and pray that we will continue to do so.

And for those who like the ‘missing vowels’ round:

JHN THRTN VRS THRY FV

*Lesley Hill*

*Churchwarden, St Mary's Bridport*

## ST SWITHUN'S Allington

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# Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council needs new members and volunteers

### **Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council is the lowest tier of government in Dorset, along with Bridport Town Council.**

The Parish Council has direct contact with Dorset Councillors and under normal working arrangements deals daily with Dorset Council officers on many different subjects. The council receives funds from Dorset Council in the form of a precept collected through local council tax and the Community Infrastructure Levy, which is applied to building activity and intended to improve local infrastructure.

The parish council's achievements during 2019 included:

- negotiating a 30mph speed limit for Upper Walditch;
- identifying and authorising tree surgery in the Howard Road amenity area and the John Gundry and John Holt play areas;
- presenting the case for a 20mph speed limit in Crock Lane;
- presenting a case for safer crossing of Sea Road South to the Highways Agency
- arranging inspection of John Gundry and John Holt play areas and sponsoring volunteer groups to improve them;
- working with Bridport Town Council and the community to fund the installation of the new Lower Walditch play area;
- agreeing with Bridport Town Council the transfer to Bridport of the Jellyfields and Wanderwell Quarry nature reserves, with a joint 10-year development plan;
- appointing a footpaths officer to inspect and manage footpaths in the parish, keeping them clear where he can and reporting on work needed where he cannot;
- calling in Dorset Highways and Countryside Service officers to clear mud from outside residents' houses and repair drains;
- repeatedly contacting Dorset Planning about unsatisfactory planning applications; and
- negotiating complaints about signage on A35 and Pasture Way with Highways England.

During 2020 – coronavirus situation permitting – the council hopes to create a parish plan and a climate emergency action plan, which will reveal what more we need to do to look after our environment and respond to residents' concerns.

### **New local councillors are urgently required**

Three new parish councillors are needed to fill vacancies so that we can do a better job for residents. If you're interested, please email Tan Cox, the council's clerk, at [clerk@bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com) or visit the website, [bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com](http://bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com). The council usually meets monthly in either Walditch or Bothenhampton village hall. Councillors are not paid but do receive expenses.

We are also urgently seeking an Upper Walditch volunteer to look after the defibrillator outside Walditch Village Hall (i.e. to make regular checks that it still works). If you can help, please contact the clerk on the email address above.

The council's website also includes useful information about both communities.

## Online services during lockdown

Bridport Team Ministry will be broadcasting a limited number of services online while churches are closed for the lockdown. You can find them on Pete's YouTube account here as well as on the BTM Facebook page, where there are also prayers, reflections and updates.

You might also be interested in some information from the Church of England about supporting good mental health in these challenging times: [click here](#).

All adverts with monthly events have been removed from this issue as no events will be held until further notice.

Credits will be given to paid advertisers when things are back to normal.

You can download this magazine from the team website:

[www.bridport-team-ministry.org](http://www.bridport-team-ministry.org)

If you have neighbours/friends who cannot access the internet and it is safe and legal to do so please let them have a copy.

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## New freephone number for the Citizens Advice Consumer Service: 0808 223 1133

This is who to contact with consumer problems, where consumer advice is needed or if you want to report something to Trading Standards?

There is a new freephone number for residents to use to call the national Citizens Advice Consumer Service – this service is funded by central Government and is the first point of contact for any consumers needing advice on unfair trading, or unsatisfactory goods and services they have bought, or to report a matter to local Trading Standards, at Dorset Council.

This replaces the normal rate 03454 04 05 06 number, which will still work and carry an introductory message to invite callers to make use of the freephone number.

An adviser will answer your call as soon as possible, usually within a few minutes. Once you are speaking to an adviser your call should take an average of 8 to 10 minutes

Calls are free from mobiles and landlines using the new number: 0808 223 1133.

More details on the Dorset Council website, Trading Standards pages: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/business-consumers-licences/trading-standards/trading-standards-consumer-advice/trading-standards-consumer-advice.aspx>

To enable Trading Standards to investigate offences and intervene in appropriate cases, referrals from Citizens Advice are made electronically overnight or by instant call contact where required.

## Citizens Advice

Although the local bureau is closed, it is maintaining, albeit restricted timewise, an online and phone service. Should you or someone you know need advice on any subject – maybe relating to the present circumstances – you can ring 03444 111 444 (Adviceline). This is a free national number, but the system recognises where you are calling from and directs your call to the nearest CA, which will answer if available. Otherwise your call will be diverted to another bureau in Dorset.

You can also email enquiries to: [advice@bridport-cab.org.uk](mailto:advice@bridport-cab.org.uk). The CA website [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) has a comprehensive range of information, and the Government has been updating its website daily: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)



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