

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

November 2020



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Welcome...

Inside this issue you will find enclosed a book of raffle tickets (see page 17 for details) for the Friends of All Saints Annual Festive Raffle!

It's also good to be able to bring you news of more things that are actually 'happening' – Banbury Artfest and the Christmas Wreath making competition. Sadly, the Bourtons' Local Christmas Business Fair is not able to take place but hopefully you will still be able to contact some of our local businesses for Christmas presents!

Please don't forget to pass on your loose change for the Children in Need appeal.

Happy November, keep warm and safe and don't forget that the help network, which was set up back in the Spring, is still on offer for anyone who is unwell, shielding or isolating. See FB Bourtons' Coronavirus Support Group or call me.

Sue

**The November
Community Coffee
Morning is
cancelled.**

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Community News

Bourtons' Art Group

Meet on Mondays, 10^{am} to 1^{pm}, £13pp. Until further notice these sessions are run online – please contact Barry (The Artery) on 01295 275150 for further information. See page 6 regarding Banbury Artfest.

Bourtons' Gardening Club – will not meet until further notice.

Bourtons' Village Hall

Note from Geoff Tyler...

Chairman, VHMC

"On behalf of the Management Committee, I am pleased to advise that the Village Hall re-opened on Monday 12th October. As a Committee we have worked hard to ensure the Hall is Covid19 compliant in all respects as defined by the current Government rules and restrictions. Our compliance will be automatically updated to reflect any changes in regulations by the Government.

Whilst the Hall is available free of charge to all in our two villages until the end of March 2021, the conditions of hire have changed to embrace all aspects of the regulations. For further information please contact Maggie MacAngus on 01295 750497."

The Bell Inn continues to offer a take away service Monday to Friday, 5-8:30^{pm}; Saturday, Noon to 8:30^{pm} and Sunday, Noon to 6^{pm}.

Opening hours are:

Monday to Thursday: 5^{pm} to 10^{pm}

Friday: 3^{pm} to 10^{pm}

Saturday: Noon to 10^{pm}

Sunday: Noon to 9^{pm}

Please call 01295 750862 for more information regarding menu and take away delivery options.

When visiting the pub please observe the one-way system and social distancing guidelines.

Croprey Walking Group – will not meet until further notice.

Foodbank

Contributions may be left either in Church or with Gina Cumming at Greenslade, Crow Lane, GB - please leave items under covered area near door.

Items are taken to the Banbury Foodbank, The People's Church, Banbury.



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Note from Maggie MacAngus...

"Dear Residents

The playground re-opened on 14th September (which was clean up to that date) but already is covered with rubbish.

Beer, wine bottles, drink cans, crisp packets, take-way containers that have been burnt, and it is only the 21st September.

THIS IS NOT ON... SMALL CHILDREN AND PARENTS NEED TO KNOW THAT THIS IS A SAFE PLAY AREA. TWO MOTHERS PICKED UP A LOT OF THE RUBBISH AND I WENT DOWN TO FINISH OFF WITH OUR 3-YEAR-OLD NEIGHBOUR.

SHAME ON YOU... If you can't use any of the 3 bins in the playground DON'T GO THERE.

With thanks to Immi Dixon aged 3 - "LITTER PICKER"

Very cross Maggie MacAngus"



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Bourtons' Local Christmas Business Fair is cancelled...
Note from Jane Wimbury...

Unfortunately, owing to the current Covid-19 situation we have had to cancel the Christmas Business Fair. Please do contact local businesses for your Christmas gifts.

Banbury Artfest

Contact Barry Whitehouse, The Artery for more information of how to showcase your Art during Banbury Artfest...

www.thearteryonline.com Tel: 01295 275150

I'm taking part in the



November 14th-29th

See our work on

<https://banburyartfest.com>

One of the poems entered into the Bourtons' poetry competition:

Summer in the Bourtons

I rest my head on my soft grassy pillow,
Heaven's Golden Globe warming my face
And the gentle breeze caressing my skin.
Nature's orchestra creates a symphony of birdsong,
While Mrs Reynard sits patiently
Under the fruit trees waiting for dinner to fall.
The gentle perfume of the blossom wafts on the air,
The candy floss clouds drift past in a clear azure sky.
As the sun slowly dips below the horizon,
The sky becomes a tapestry of twinkling lights
I look up at the heavens, and think of family far apart,
As they too gaze upon those same stars.
And while life, in these uncertain times, may be hard
I am always grateful for my little corner of paradise,
To be found in summer in Great Bourton.



Henri Senn



XMAS COMPETITION

THE BOURTONS' BIG WREATH OFF - 2020

Let's get creative this Christmas and see how much we can raise for Katharine House Hospice by giving our front doors some yuletide cheer.

* Your wreath must be fit for purpose (outdoor display). It can be any size or shape; traditional, upcycled, modern, foraged, flowery, amusing, vintage.....as long as it is an original work and you live in the Bourtons parish.

* Please make a donation (big or small) to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/BourtonsBigWreathOff and enter the competition by emailing bourtonsbigwreathoff@gmail.com with a photo of your Christmas wreath in situ on an external door, plus your name, age and address by **December 11th.**

* Lots of prizes in the following categories

1. Age 10 (on Xmas day 2020) and under
2. Age 11 - 100

Judging will take place on
Saturday December 19th

Let's see how much money we can raise for



**KATHARINE
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KATHARINE HOUSE CHRISTMAS SHOP 2020

Our online Christmas shop is up and running with a selection of this year's Christmas cards, knitted novelties and our eBay shop has lots of wonderful gifts for sale. Head to www.khh.org.uk/christmas-shop to find yours.

MEANINGFUL CHOCOLATE ADVENT CALENDAR - CHRISTMAS 2020

When you buy your advent calendar this year, did you know you could also support Katharine House? We have been lucky enough to be included in the Meaningful Chocolate Company's Fairtrade advent calendar this year; when you purchase your advent calendar, a donation comes straight to the hospice. Why not get yours today at www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/products/hospice-advent-calendar

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS EVENTS – 1-31 DECEMBER 2020

This year we are putting together a series of festive events to bring the community together and spread some Christmas cheer this December! Prepare yourself for Christmas Jumpers, Festive Challenges, a Virtual Balloon Race, Christmas Concert and not forgetting the annual RCB Tractor Run! Join us as we celebrate making every moment matter this Christmas.

www.khh.org.uk/Christmas2020

SANTA FUN RUN – 13 DECEMBER 2020

This year our Santa Fun Run is going to have to look slightly different due to the current social distancing guidelines, but we are working hard to ensure we can host a fun, festive, event for everyone to get involved with. Head to www.khh.org.uk/santa20 to register your interest and keep up to date with this year's event.

LIGHTS OF LOVE – 15 DECEMBER 2020

Our lights of love service will go live, streamed from the hospice to your home this December. We will have a ceremony led by James our Chaplain as well as some music and readings. You can make your dedication to a loved one at www.khh.org.uk/lights

FREE DIGITAL KATHARINE HOUSE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Keep up to date with your hospice. Please sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with what's happening at Katharine House Hospice, including news of our fundraising events and developments at the hospice. Just head to our website to sign up >> www.khh.org.uk/newsletter

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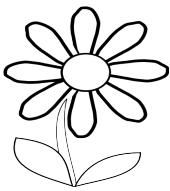
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THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT Minutes of the VIRTUAL meeting held online on
Tuesday October 13th 2020 at 19:30hrs

Note: The Local Authorities & Police & Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority & Police & Crime Panel Meetings) (England & Wales) Regulations 2020 allowed Parish Councils to convene their meetings virtually online.

In attendance online: Cllr Mrs S E Leszczynski (Chairman),
Cllrs Mrs S Upton, A Johnson, D Drummond; DCllr P Chapman &
S Bowen (Clerk) **Apologies:** DCllr G Reynolds (business).

Declarations of Interest: None

Public Participation: NO members of the public joined the meeting virtually.

Minutes: The previous Council meetings (September) minutes were received and **APPROVED**.

Item

Footpaths - Progress Report

Damaged stiles on footpath 138/8/30 have been reported by a resident. One of the landowners has been contacted and is investigating.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report

More potholes have been marked up but outstanding repairs remain. Further reports of new potholes have been reported and will be loaded to FixMyStreets.com.

It was noted that the verges within the 30mph speed limits do not appear to have been mown in LB and GB during August as promised by OCC, this has been reported but OCC confirm cuts were done. Further follow-up with OCC. A response has been received from OCC re annual grant available for cutting of verges inside 30mph limits. Analysis has been completed which differs significantly from the area declared by OCC and further investigation is required.

Defibrillators - Progress Report

Both units inspected and reported OK.

Website development - Progress Report.

Nothing to report

Projects: Garners Field

The LAP remains closed and this has been reported to HH; a response on a re-opening date is awaited.

An email update has now been received from HH but no action yet on any of the outstanding items. HH have confirmed that the extension of the Hall building warranty requested due to the non-use caused by the pandemic cannot be granted. A letter is to be sent to HH confirming all of the items that remain outstanding and must be fixed before the expiry of the warranty at the end of November.

Projects: Clock restoration

The installation of the auto wind mechanism has been completed and a confirmation received from Mr Damen that the work was satisfactory. The final invoice has been received and will now be paid. The further contract to renovate the clockface will be deferred, on the advice of the specialist contractor, Smiths of Derby, until the external building repairs to be organised by the PCC, to avoid damage during that process.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces

The GB playground has now reopened and the goalposts have been refurbished, thanks to Mr Barrett. Litter comprising mainly bottles and other unmentionables remains a significant problem.

Users of all our playgrounds are reminded to follow the Covid safety guidance to avoid the spread of infection.

Much of the repair work has been completed in the LB playground, thanks to the Chairman, Mr Haynes and Mr Miller for their generous support. The climbing frame nearest the shelter is taped off as repairs remain to be completed. It is anticipated that the LB playground will reopen shortly. Litter, mainly from snacks and smoking in the shelter here has also been a continual problem during the shutdown period.

Allotments

The annual rent invoices have been issued and 40% of tenants have already paid representing 52% of projected income, thanks to those who have paid promptly. Reminders will be issued later this week.

Public transport

A second copy of the signed s106 funding agreement to support community transport has now been received by OCC but they are unable to commit to a date when payment can be expected. A note will be sent to Ability CIC informing them.

Village Hall:

Confirmation has been received from VHMC of the reopening date for the Village Hall.

Badly leaking guttering has been reported and this is being investigated.

Community Hall:

The draft lease has still not been received and this is now causing some concern. A letter will be sent to the CHMC Chairman requesting urgent attention to this matter as the tenancy has been in operation for nearly a year.

It was **RESOLVED** that a grit bin will be purchased by the parish council for the CH to provide grit for the access path.

Healthcare

No update about the future of the Horton hospital was available on this occasion. The Cropredy surgery was commended for the excellent way in which its staff have managed the administering of flu vaccinations for the over 65year old patients.

Finance & Administration

The financial report for October including receipts and payments had been previously circulated to Cllrs and was **APPROVED**.

9 payments totaling £9,711.05 were **APPROVED**. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

SW Services: August mowing - £341.00

CDC: dog bin emptying - £878.59

SW Services: July mowing - £515.00

Norris & Fisher: Parish insurance policy renewal - £1,022.87 Note: no significant increase due to long term agreement.

Smith of Derby: final payment; clock autowind installation - £6,199.20

SW Services: September mowing - £316.00

Prysebros Ltd: September weed kill - £294.00

G Barrett: repainting work at VH and GB playground - £130.00

The insurance premium renewal notice was previously circulated with a recommendation from the Clerk for acceptance. A small increase of £12 was noted due to minor changes in individual excesses. It was **RESOLVED** that this be accepted.

No applications have been received from residents for the 2 vacant Councillor posts. This was noted and concern expressed that with the Chairman resigning in December, we will then have 3 vacancies. Urgent action is required to generate interest in these vacancies; information is available on the website and any interested residents can speak with any Councillor or the Clerk for further information.

OCC are encouraging a review of winter resilience plans. This Parish does not have a formal plan and an approach is to be made to the group who provided support in the early stages of Covid to investigate if they could provide some support if circumstances arose. Concern was expressed whether all potentially vulnerable residents would know who to turn to for help, and whether all those people are known to somebody who could offer help.

A reminder has been received from OALC that a formal Information Publication Scheme must be in place and it was **RESOLVED** that we adopt the model scheme developed by the Information Commissioner.

The Chairman reminded Council that there are pieces of land in our ownership that are not registered. The Government have set a date for all such land in public ownership to be registered with the Land Registry. Work will commence to achieve this as quickly as possible.

Planning applications

New Applications

20/02479/F: Little Bourton Acres, Hanwell Lane, GB - change of use to allow external storage. This was discussed and it was recognised that there are few if any valid planning grounds for objection. Council recognises that this could easily be the start of a significant industrial/storage development in open rural countryside in an exposed position and will review the opportunities for objection.

Decisions

20/01961/EL: provision of electricity to The Stables site - **GRANTED**

20/02060/F: The Stables, Main Street, GB - change of use to residential gypsy/traveller caravan site - **REFUSED**

Enforcement matters - no updates.

19/00161/ENFC: Sharawle, Main Street, GB - this matter continues to be reviewed by CDC and action is awaited.

20/00345/MON: Land east of South View - 3 bungalow development - complaints made regarding flooding caused by groundworks. and also the removal of a mature hedge that was subject to a specific planning condition - extensive exchange of emails has confirmed that an arrangement has been reached with the landowner on both matters. Council discussed this extensively and it was RESOLVED that a letter be sent to CDC expressing our dissatisfaction with the handling of this matter.

Correspondence

Communication received from OCC re arrangements for Remembrance Day. It was confirmed that the PCC has received guidance from the Bishop/Diocese and this will be followed.

The CDC Parish Liaison meeting will be held virtually on November 11th. We await joining instructions but if any resident has ideas for questions to be submitted please contact one of your Councillors or the Clerk

New business

No other new business was discussed.

County & District Councillors report

DCllr Chapman updated Council on matters related to current planning applications and enforcement matters.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday NOVEMBER 10th at 19.30hrs as a virtual meeting unless current guidance is changed.

Meeting closed at 20:50hrs

Minutes drafted by the Clerk on 14/10/20.

Back in time...

Note from Brian Cannon...

"November is the month when we remember and commemorate all those who were lost in the wars. Nearly every family has a tragedy to tell and I will illustrate what happened in the 1st World War and how it affected my family.

My Grandfather's younger brother John Alan Cannon and therefore my Great Uncle left his family in 1917 to fight in France and never returned. I have a photograph of him in 1917 in his army uniform with his wife and five children just before he left for France. His wife was expecting another son who was also to be named John who would never see his father.

I have an old family Bible with records of births and deaths and on news of his death there was an emotionally charged hand written entry which says 'He died to save others, himself he could not save'. There must have been many other widows left in such tragic circumstances.

I did not know whether his body was ever found or if he had a decent burial so we made an enquiry with the War Graves Commission who sent a photograph of his grave in Daours Cemetery in France. On his gravestone it says he was killed in action on 27th August 1918 aged 36. Our friends and fellow hoggy watchers Sue and John Ong were going to stay in the Daours area of France in 2018 and said they would visit the cemetery. They found the grave and put poppies on it. How good is that?"



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Kate at Barnsend, Main Street;
John at Copperfields, Swan Lane;
Gina at Greenslade, Crow Lane;
Pauline at Alnecot, School Lane;
David at The Red House, School Lane;
Bobbie at The Den, Chapel Lane, Little B

Thank you to those of you who've already dropped off your
loose change...



Need a venue?

For enquiries and bookings for the Bourtons' Halls, contact:

Village Hall:

Maggie MacAngus – 01295 750497

Community Hall:

Claire Yates – 07810 518794

or email:

bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com

Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/bourtonscommunityhall>

Friends of All Saints



The Friends are working hard to sell our Annual 'Festive' raffle tickets – have you bought yours yet? Do you wish to buy more?

To pay for tickets enclosed in the November Broadsheet, please pop your money, with your completed ticket stubs, in an envelope and drop in at one of the following addresses:

Liz, 41 Garners Field;	Kate, Barnsend, Main Street;
Clare, Stoneleigh, Swan Lane;	Carol, 1 Church Close;
Pauline, Alnecot, School Lane;	Gina, Greenslade, Crow Lane;
Sue, Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane;	Helen, Buzzards Farmhouse, Little B

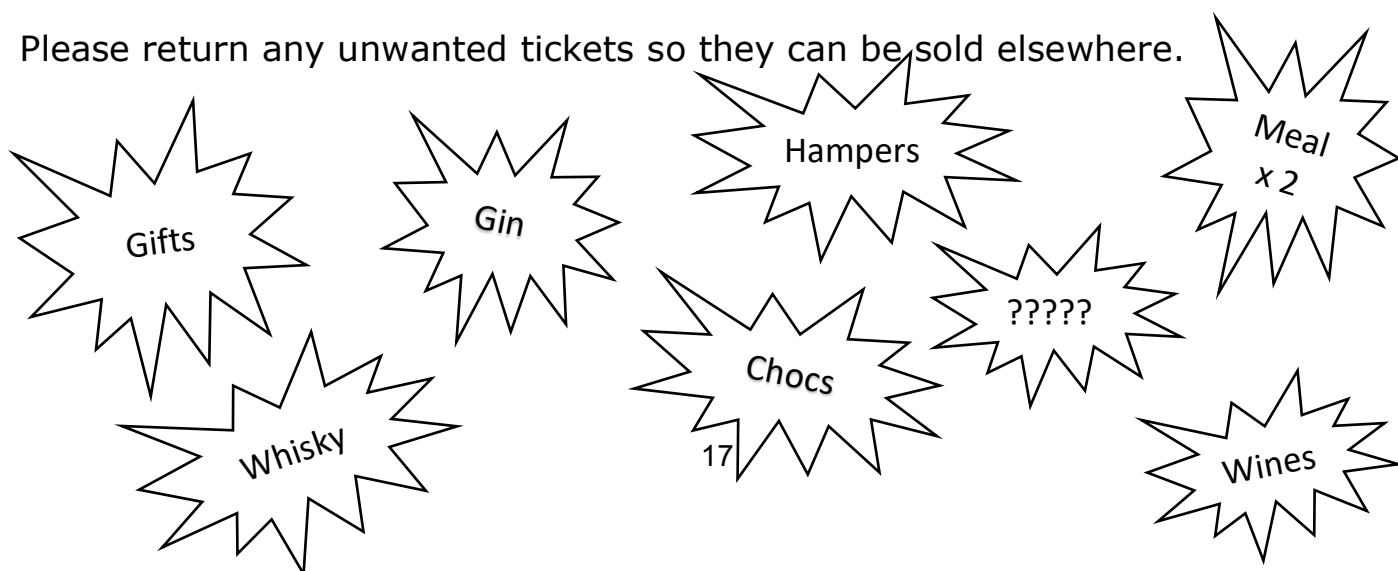
Or call any of the below who will happily arrange to collect from you and also bring additional tickets if you wish to buy more. Ring landline or Text:

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Gina:	750730	07771 756780
Sue:	758036	07828 626503
Helen:	n/a	07940 117174

Alternatively, should you wish to pay by bank transfer please remit to HSBC: 40-09-02 70401048, quoting 'Raffle followed by your surname' and don't forget to pass your ticket stubs on as above.

Tickets are also available from Richard at The Bell Inn, and Dickie at The Dirt House.

Please return any unwanted tickets so they can be sold elsewhere.

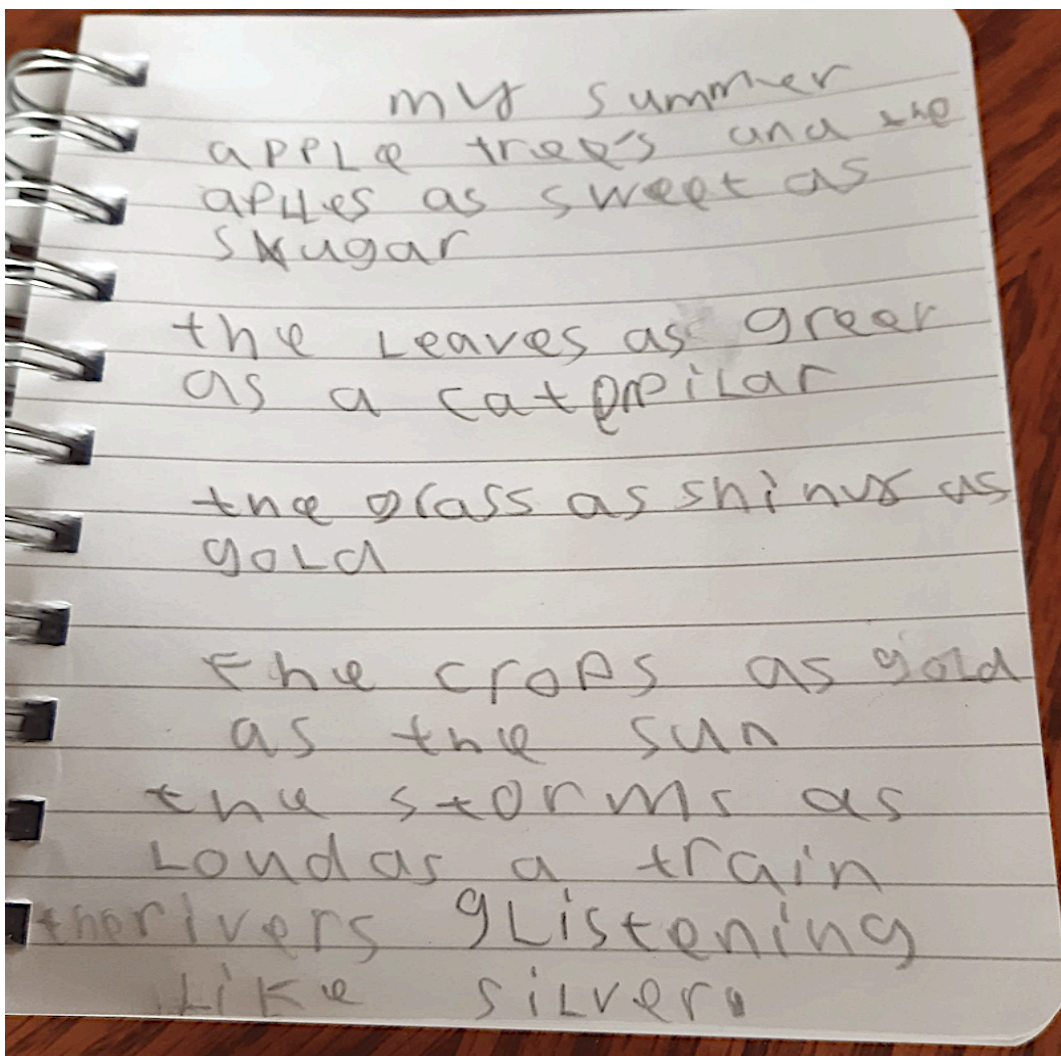


There will be more information in the December Broadsheet about the arrangements for the actual draw which will take place on Sunday, 6th December.

Thanks to our generous friends and neighbours for prize donations and not forgetting Cosy Creative Crafts (Jane Wimbury), Majestic Wine, Michael Jones Jeweller, Paul & Ku Webber of Cropredy Lawn... it's not too late to donate a prize – the more the merrier...

😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 **Thank You!** 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊

Another lovely poem entered into the Bourtons' poetry competition:



Anon, aged 8

Garden Centre, Café and Antiques



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Shires Edge Benefice Church Services

Note from The Revd Hilary...

"For the time being public worship will be available at those Churches listed below and are open to all across the Benefice. All welcome although I'm sure you'll appreciate that there is a need to limit numbers during the crisis and each church has a maximum capacity. More information available from the Church Wardens or me.

1 st Nov	Sun	10 ^{am}	Wardington	Family Service
		11 ^{am}	Gt Bourton	Holy Communion
		4pm	Mollington	Evening Prayers
8 th Nov	Sun	8:30 ^{am}	Claydon	Holy Communion
		10:55 ^{am}	Cropredy	Remembrance Service
		10:55 ^{am}	Wardington	Remembrance Service
15 th Nov	Sun	10 ^{am}	Wardington	Family Communion
22 nd Nov	Sun	10 ^{am}	Cropredy	Morning Prayer
		10 ^{am}	Mollington	Holy Communion
		4 ^{pm}	Claydon	Evening Prayer
29 th Nov	Sun	10 ^{am}	Cropredy	Holy Communion
		4 ^{pm}	Gt Bourton	Evening Prayer

For your comfort and safety please do read the notes displayed on noticeboards regarding what to expect if attending Worship.

Tuesday's Noon Zoom services continue – please call me for details and for telephone access.

Keep taking care of yourselves and others.

Love from Hilary"

Email: vicar@campbells.me.uk Tel: 01295 750385