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CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

I wrote at the beginning of last month's letter how strange it felt to be sitting down to write my letter in time to meet the magazine printing deadlines with Easter four weeks away, aware of how so much seemed to change in a day let alone in a month.

And as I sit down to write one month later it still feels strange. So much has happened, not least lockdown, including the suspension of all church services and who knows what will have changed again by the time you are reading this. One thing I do know is that the national and local celebrations of VE Day, scheduled for the second weekend of May have had to be cancelled, along with so many other things. And whilst I'm pretty certain that we won't be having services in church in May, I am pleased to say that services haven't been cancelled and that they are continuing online and on CD for those without internet access (*see details below*).



And the very end of May sees an important festival in the church's calendar, the Feast of Pentecost, when in the church we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples as recorded in the New Testament. Gathered in Jerusalem at that time were people from many nations and they all heard their own language spoken by these simple Galilean fishermen. The Bible has a story about people being divided by language, the Tower of Babel, and Pentecost is a story of people of different languages being reunited. The Pentecost message is that *we are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us* – which of course is a quote from the maiden speech of Jo Cox when she was elected as the MP for Batley and Spen in 2015.

And the question is: will we emerge from this crisis as more united people, a less divided world? Will we have learnt how to be better people in the light of what we've been through? Perhaps the jury's out on that one and at least one journalist thinks we won't. Matthew Parris wrote these words the other day in *The Times* newspaper:

I'm encountering what is for me an almost intolerable level of guff about reconnecting with nature, learning the joys of contemplation, home-cooking, realising how much more there is to life than nine-to-five, putting the rhythm of lovely walks and daily exercise back into life, birdsong, etc.

CHURCH NEWS

For Matthew Parris nothing will change for the better, we'll all just be a bit poorer. I don't know if he's wrong or right. None of us know. But for me that's not the point. We need to believe that some better part of our reaction to this crisis will last – sense of community, love of nature, whatever it is – because we need to hold on to hope and we also need to remember these words of the Bible:

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are noble, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—think on these things. (Philippians 4:8)

And though I am very aware of the anxiety, the loss and the difficulties that we are experiencing – and all those have felt very close to home for me – I do feel that I have begun to see things in a fresh way. Without the planes directly overhead at Burstow Church I have heard the woodpecker on the wooden spire; in what I feel are clearer, less polluted skies I have seen Venus shining brighter than ever; I have seen my local shopkeepers and their staff in a whole new light; I have felt more than ever that we are one world and as a community, nation and planet we are all in this together; and I have had a glimpse of what really matters when other things fall away. In all this the Spirit of Pentecost lives on.

With love and prayers

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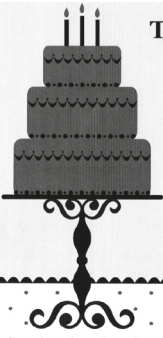
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(Advice from Surrey County Council)

Not everyone is trustworthy and some people will take advantage of this unusual situation. Be aware of:

- People offering miracle cures or vaccines for coronavirus.
- People impersonating healthcare workers, claiming to be offering 'home-testing' for coronavirus.
- E-mails saying you can get a refund on taxes, utilities or similar are usually bogus - they are just after your personal and bank details.
- Fake products saying they can protect you or cure coronavirus.
- Mobile phone applications which claim to give you updates on the virus, but instead, they lock your phone and demand a ransom.
- People offering to do your shopping or collecting medication and asking for money upfront and then disappearing.

Tips to avoid being scammed:

- Be cautious and listen to your instincts. Don't be afraid to hang up, bin it, delete it or shut the door.
- Always ask for ID.
- Be aware of fake news and use trusted sources such as gov.uk or NHS.uk websites.
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NATURE WATCH

For three years or more it was the B word, now it is the C word wall to wall across the media. The virus may be life and death to us humans but the rest of the natural world carries on very much as before. As the restriction of movement around the world has greatly reduced the impact of humans on the environment, animals have been reported to be wandering into the quiet, deserted villages and towns, with Coyotes seen in San Francisco, Pumas spotted in Santiago and wild boar in Barcelona. In the UK there have been reports of Kashmiri goats in Llandudno, browsing on garden hedges, and fallow deer grazing peacefully on lawns in the East End of London. Another major effect of the shut-down has been the reduction in the ambient noise level. Locally, the traffic noise from both the M23 motorway and Gatwick Airport has all but disappeared. It has been an absolute bliss to enjoy the experience and soak-in the silence, and this is emphasised by the better clarity of birdsong and the melancholic bark of a dog in the distance. It probably hasn't been this quiet in Outwood since the 1920/30's.

From mid March the weather improved dramatically, as the non-stop rain abated, to be replaced by warm, sunny conditions. The ground started drying, and within three weeks the previously raging streams had slowed to a trickle and leaves were emerging from the buds as spring quickened. One of the earliest trees to come into leaf were the willows. There are around 400 species worldwide, mainly growing in the cold and temperate zones of the northern hemisphere (the wider willow family also includes the Poplars and Aspen).



Pussy Willow catkins

In the UK the main species include the Grey, Osier, Crack, White and the Goat or Pussy willow, plus a large number of hybrids, particularly the elegant, ornamental Weeping willow, which is a cross from the Chinese willow (*Salix babylonica*). Willows, which are also known as salallows when they have broad leaves and osiers for those with narrow leaves, are dioecious, meaning that the male and female flowers are on different trees. They are deciduous and range in height from 25 metres plus for Weeping willows down to prostrate forms found in Alpine and Arctic regions. They are quick growing and have had many uses over the centuries, one of the earliest being for fishing nets around 8000BC. They've also been used for making baskets, brooms, hurdles, whistles; they were the wattle in "wattle and daub" building construction, biomass fuel, and where would the great game of cricket be without the cricket bat willow (*Salix alba*), and even the leaves have been used as a valuable fodder for sheep and goats. One of the most well known properties of willows is that the sap contains salicylic acid and has been used to relieve aches and pains from as far back as the ancient Greeks. Salicylic acid was first isolated in 1828 but it wasn't until 1897 that a modified version, acetylsalicylic acid, was developed, which was named Aspirin.

The warmer weather conditions have encouraged some early first appearances of the year. Wild flowers have included yellow archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*) and garlic mustard, which is the reason for early sightings of orange tipped butterflies. In early April Gerald Sharpe spotted a Brimstone butterfly and a pair of Mandarin ducks and Paul Pitts reported bats flying both at about the same time that I saw my first pair of skylarks, and on Good Friday a pair of swallows.

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APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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- Tandridge (TDC) have requested - No bonfires please** - We understand the closure of the community recycling centres may create a storage issue for some residents. Please think of others, compost your garden waste where possible and store your rubbish for disposal when the current emergency is over, rather than burn it.
- Bonfires create smoke, cause air pollution and prevent people from being in their gardens** and can have a bigger impact at this time. The coronavirus is known to cause serious respiratory problems, which could be made much worse if the sufferer is exposed to smoke from bonfires.
- Bonfires can also become out of control** or cause accidents, creating extra pressure on the already busy emergency services.

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ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THIS MEETINGS

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OUTWOOD CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE – UPDATE

Despite recent challenges, the committee have continued to progress our grant application for the feasibility study to explore renewable energy options for the village. To meet the end of May submission deadline, we are in the final stages of evaluating responses from the organisations who tendered for the work to select our preferred supplier to carry out the study. The Rural Community Energy Fund also expects us to be very clear about what we hope to achieve and how we intend to do that and so we have also developed compelling vision and mission statements as part of our application.

Regarding other community initiatives, we want to support some villagers who are keen to establish a repair shop, but they need a workshop or shed with an electricity supply. If you are able to help or can suggest a potential location please get in touch via the email address below. With so many keen horticulturists in the village, we are also hoping there might be significant interest in establishing a community composting scheme.

If you are looking for inspiration then Tatsfield (<https://tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com/composting.html>) have been running a scheme for over 20 years, processing around forty tons of green waste annually saving thousands of car miles to council dumps, reducing CO2-producing bonfires and locking carbon into the soil. Again, use the email address below if you are aware of a suitable site and want to get involved. In the meantime, you might want to consider using peat free compost as a simple way to preserve peat as an important carbon store.

If you would like to get involved in any community initiative, you will be strongly supported and helped by the committee. Please contact us through the facebook page – www.facebook.com/Outwood-Climate-Change-Community - or directly to climate.change@outwood.org.



OUTWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual Hort Soc plant sale was scheduled for Saturday May 9th but the current restrictions on our activities makes the event impossible to run in the usual format. However, I know that many of you will have seedlings, perennial divisions, cuttings etc that you would like to pass on. Conversely, I'm sure there are folks who would love to get their hands on some of these plants. Therefore, the Hort Soc have decided to hold a **"Plant Swap"** on May 9th instead. The event will take place outside Outwood Butchers shop between 10am and 2pm. You can come and take any plants you want on Saturday between 10am and 2pm. You can leave donations in an honesty box or on line to the Hort Soc. Any proceeds will be divided between the society and St John's Church.

This year's Garden Stroll will take place for Hort Soc members on Sunday September 27th. It promises to be a real treat so please put the date in your diaries and meet us outside the Lloyd Hall at 2pm. New members are welcome to join the Society on the day and join us for the stroll.

OUTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



MAY REPORT

I have been the village's Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for a number of years now and the time has come to step down from this role. Therefore, I'm looking for someone to take over the role.

I think Neighbourhood Watch is a valuable information tool for communities like ours, to counter crime and antisocial behaviour.

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If you're interested or would like more information, please get in touch.

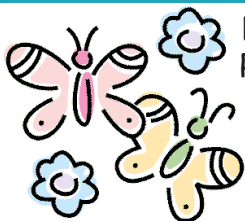
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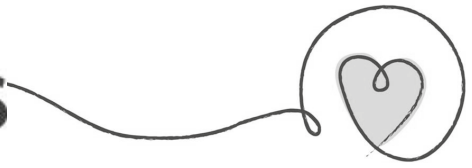
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Sadly, due to the corona virus outbreak this year's summer ball has been

Cancelled

Roaring 20s Picnic Summer Ball

Saturday 20th June

We will let you know future plans for this event when things get back to normal.

Dates for your diary

Longbarn garden visit – Friday 4 September

Race Night – Saturday 10 October

Details of these events in future editions of the Outwood News

Keep safe and well.

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