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The Parish of POSTLING
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The Bi-monthly Newsletter of St. Mary & St. Radigund's Church, Postling

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Postling and Coronavirus As you are aware, all gatherings that had been planned in the village over the next few weeks have been postponed. But it does not mean that nothing is happening

The church building is closed, but the church meets for a morning service every Sunday morning at 9.30am. These are led either by the Rev Stephen Dougal or by Peter and Sarah. We meet on 'Zoom' a platform that is easy to download, free of charge, on to a laptop or smart phone. If you would like to receive a link to the weekly service, then please let us know.

Postling Desert Island Discs. Every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, by Zoom. If you would like to be sent a weekly link to this live show then please let us know. Peter Russell, Gill Dixon and Chris Reynolds have been our first castaways. More celebrated village personalities to come in May. If you'd like to see and hear a previous edition, click here : [Desert Island Discs Episode 2 - Gill Dixon Final.mp4](#)

Postling Annual Progressive Supper. This year, an adapted version of this unmissable event will take place by 'Zoom' on Saturday 30th May. We have simplified the format so that you stay at home for a 2-course meal and your mystery guests will arrive on your screens at the appointed times. If you have not already replied, PLEASE do so in the next few days, as this event will take a little organisation and technical practice!

POSTLING OPEN GARDENS

Sadly, this event cannot take place as planned over the weekend of the 30-31st May. However, we are hoping that, towards the end of the summer, once restrictions have been lifted, we might be able to organise an informal village-only socially distanced event, to allow us to wander round safely and enjoy each other's beautiful gardens

Happy Hour. Just as soon as we can, Happy Hour will re-start. It may have to be a bring-your-own-drink socially-distanced occasion in the churchyard, but it will return!

The Church building is closed, but church has continued and the building stands at the heart of our village, just as it has for the last thousand years. However, with no services in the church and no fund-raising events, the church has no income at all apart from those generous people in the village who give regularly.

There are many calls on your finances during this difficult time, but if you do feel moved to make a contribution- or even set up a monthly standing order -that would be very gratefully accepted. If you bank on-line, then the church's Barclays account is called Postling Church Council. The sort code is 20-02-62 and the Account number is 30686751. Or John Ayris, our Treasurer or Peter Le Feuvre would be happy to receive a cheque. Thank you



A Postling party in 1927-might even have been a progressive supper!

Peter Le Feuvre is in the middle of updating and expanding the history of Postling and is looking for documents and photos that you might have lurking in your cupboards and drawers. If you are living in an older house, any information or pictures of the house in former days would be greatly appreciated.

If some of your friends and family have never visited you in Postling, you could entice them down with the words of Sir Stephen Glynne, written in the 1830s : *'This small, obscure village is in a remote situation, amongst very bad roads. The appearance of the place is wretched and poverty-stricken'*.

Things have changed somewhat since then.... But maybe the roads are not much better!

Thank you to everybody in the village who have responded to this crisis with kindness, generosity and compassion