

The Villager

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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell
Up Nately, Newnham, Nately Scures, Greywell

TO CONSIDER COPPICING SUSTAINABLE WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

It is easy to think of woodlands as wild places, but in the UK and Europe, most have been managed for centuries. Until about 150 years ago, deciduous woodlands in the UK were coppiced for timber for a variety of industries. With the decline of the coppice industry, many woodlands became economically unviable, the coppice cycle stopped and the woods were left unmanaged, becoming overgrown and reverting to poor quality high canopy, or alternatively, planted up with conifers or grubbed up for agricultural use.

Today coppicing is practised mostly for woodland conservation, as in many ancient woodlands managed by conservation charities such as Wildlife Trusts and the National Trust where much of the work is done by volunteers.

'Coppice' originates from the French 'couper' to cut. Trees in a coppice or copse are cut down to the base (called the stool) promoting vigorous regrowth. This can help to prevent the manifestation of dead or diseased wood in the tree, by regular removal and renewal, dramatically extending the life-span of a tree. Many ancient woodlands owe their longevity to coppicing,

Coppicing can greatly increase variety of habitat and so biodiversity (which in the past was merely a side-effect). It presents an opportunity for woodland flowers and so butterfly species and other woodland pollinators. As a 'coup' becomes older, it becomes a valuable habitat for low cover nesting birds. Woodpiles provide great habitat for invertebrates, mosses, lichens and fungi.

<https://plantscientist.wordpress.com/2014/10/21/coppicing-conserving-ancient-woodland-with-active-management/> <https://www.sncv.org.uk/the-ecological-benefits-of-coppicing/>
www.wanderingwoodsmen.co.uk/coppicing-a-brief-history/
<https://geographiesofheritage.wordpress.com/2017/03/16/the-dynamic-heritage-of-woodland-management-destruction-renewal-and-the-art-of-coppicing/>



Basing House was the largest private house in Tudor England; now a nationally important historic site.

During the Civil War, the house was the last Royalist stronghold in the south east and a key site in the battle between King and Parliament. It was besieged and destroyed by Oliver Cromwell in October 1645.

Basing House is now managed by Hampshire Cultural Trust, a local heritage and arts charity.

Basing House Art and Poetry Competition

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/english-civil-war-competition>

Competition from Basingstoke Mayor Cllr Diane Taylor for all school and sixth form students in the borough to produce a piece of artwork inspired by Basing House and / or the English Civil War. Submissions can be in any form, for example drawing, photography, sculpture, music, poetry.

Send entries – by Friday 12th March – to MayoralCoordinator@basingstoke.gov.uk or to Zoe McLaren, Mayoral Events Coordinator, BDBC, Civic Offices London Road, Basingstoke RG21 4AH

Subject to Covid restrictions being lifted, the winner(s) will be invited to join the Mayor at a special opening of the English Civil War Art and Poetry Exhibition at Basing House. They will also receive a Mayor's plaque and an annual family pass to Basing House. The winners' schools will each receive a free educational visit to Basing House, potentially including a travel bursary.

NEW TRANSPORT PLAN FOR HAMPSHIRE

The Local Transport Plan sets objectives, policies and strategy. A Review of the Plan needs to consider the changing context of new technologies, the pandemic and increased focus on active lifestyles, plus the challenges of climate change.

PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS CONSULTATION

It is short, maybe about 15 minutes to complete, open until 28 February:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan>

*'You are invited to influence the development of the emerging:
Vision: What will our transport system look like in 2050?*

Outcomes: What are we trying to achieve in terms of climate change, economy, the environment and society?

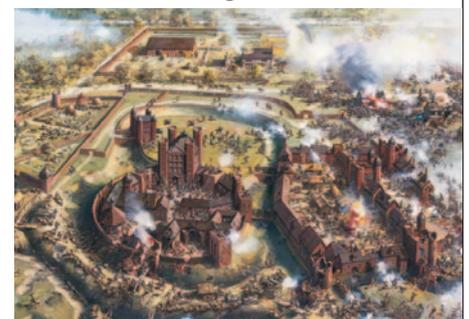
Guiding Principles: How we will change the way in which we plan and Deliver transport?'

EXAMPLE OF QUESTION...

'Given limited funding, which of the following measures should be prioritised?'

- Seeking measures, such as low traffic neighbourhoods, to remove through-traffic from local centres
- Implementing plans to better manage / rationalise logistics and delivery and impacts on local communities
- Safer traffic speeds, with more widespread introduction of lower speed limits where appropriate
- Providing more support through education and training, particularly targeted at more vulnerable users such as children and older people.'

The Battle for Basing House 1645



PHOTOS: Hampshire Cultural Trust

Mapledurwell & Up Nately

NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 20th January

Village Hall hedgecutting Thanks to Alan Hutton for cutting back the hedge and clearing the tarmac along the Old Road by the Village Hall.

Parish maintenance contract (for Village Hall grounds, plus environs of both Mapledurwell and Up Nately ponds) agreed for a further 12 months with Martin Gosling. Additional jobs around the Village Hall including some tree works are being tendered.

Playground inspections Parish Council insurance requires that play areas and equipment be checked at least once every four weeks by a competent person (as deemed by the Council rather than specificity qualified). Plus an annual 'official' inspection. From April onwards BDBC will charge for their playground inspections; the Parish Council has agreed to arrange its own.

Village hall parking BDBC advised that planning permission not required to resume use of the old car park.

Allotments The Parish Council wishes to convey its thanks to Colin Trussler for the work, time and care he has put into mowing the allotment paths and 'meadow', and general caretaking for the past many years.

Community pay-back team

Works schedule A team is allocated to the allotments for a number of weeks on Thursday of each week and can be up to eight workers. With Covid restrictions preventing use of a minibus, the team has so far comprised one man (fortunately a gardener by trade) able to drive to the site, plus supervisor - working on 10th and 17th December. The following Thursdays being Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and then lockdown, they have so far been unable to return.

Qualifying work Clarification that the team will work on all 'communal' areas of the allotment land (including improving or regenerating plots in preparation for new tenants). They won't work on plots allocated to individual allotment holders. Work is to be in accordance with management advice from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Tree works and TCA application

1. Goat Willow with broken limbs - coppice; 2. Central trees with tall canopy overshadowing plots - coppice; 3. Selected Willow / Hazel to be coppiced - traditional management providing more diverse habitats; 4. Tree growth and undergrowth to be

HELP GIVE OUR VILLAGE HALL A NEW LEASE OF LIFE



The Village Hall needs new people to help revive the Hall Committee and bring life back to the building post Covid.

Just a little bit of your time will go a long way to keeping the hall at the heart of Parish life and *the* venue for bringing the community together.

As and when the time comes!

This is a great way to take part in and give back to the community.

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and / or Liz Preece
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removed if blocking watercourses; 5. Saplings to be removed to reduce overcrowding, particularly by 'pond'.

Advice provided by BDBC Tree Officer on sustainable tree management.

Frog Lane chalk stream lease proposal Ongoing discussion with Bidwells for Corpus Christi.

Defibrillators Both defibrillators have received routine replacements of new battery and pads (plus spare pads), plus a new circuit board for the Up Nately cabinet. Thanks to David Bone plus helpers for technical assistance and replacing parts.

Alison Stent has taken over as Parish Council 'caretaker' for the defibrillator at the Gamekeepers. Thanks to Phil and Sandra Costello who keep a regular check, a record of the cabinet code (and both have received defibrillator training).

Up Nately Pond Thanks from the Parish Council and on behalf of the Village to David Bone and Alan Cooper who since the phone box and pond restorations some five years ago have looked after the pond area, phone box, defibrillator. These tasks are now handed over to new volunteers.

Parking by Mapledurwell Pond With Covid restrictions bringing increased numbers of people out to walk in the countryside, there are problems with cars being parked by Mapledurwell Pond. The road layout here isn't designed for parking which hampers the passage of farm vehicles. Discussed how best to deter, considering a notice advising motorists.

Village Hall Committee

Long standing members Jane Komrower, Liz Preece and Lorna Cuthill are now stepping down. Appreciation expressed on behalf of the Parish Council and Community for their time and amazing input over many years.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/00107/PIP (25 Jan) The Farm, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell.

Application for Permission in Principle for residential development for a maximum of nine dwellings.

20/03338/HSE (granted 22 Jan) Hillside, Heather Lane. Single storey oak framed sun room on side elevation.

APP/H1705/W/20/3259723 (appeal allowed 18 Jan) ref 20/00901/FUL. Erection of a detached double garage. The Gamekeepers, Tunworth Road.

20/03328/FUL (27 Nov) Waterside, Frog Lane. Proposed redevelopment of redundant offices (and light industrial unit) to create two family dwellings.

20/00153/FUL (refused 01 December) Elmwood, Heather Lane, Up Nately.

Demolition of outbuilding and erection of 1 no. five-bed detached dwelling with associated access and landscaping.

20/02087/GPDOFF (pending 07 August) Riverview House, London Road. Change of use from Class B1(a) office to Class C3 residential, consisting of 8 x one-bed flats.

20/02124/FUL (pending 05 Aug) The Egg Yard, Greywell Road. Revised application for two x 3-bedroomed chalet bungalows.

20/01723/FUL (pending 29 June) Brockwell (Paddock and Stable) Andwell Lane. Eight dwellings with service road.

20/00060/HSE (pending 03 March) The Farm, Tunworth Road. Single storey rear extension.

20/00009/PIP (pending 03 Jan 2020) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Permission in Principle for conversion of an agricultural building to one dwelling.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00050/21/TCA (27 Jan) Mapledurwell Allotments, Frog Lane. RG25 2LJ T1 Goat Willow: coppice. G1 Central line of trees (Willow): coppice.

T/00014/21/TCA (07 Jan) The Willows, Greywell Road Mapledurwell. T1 Ash: pollard to leave finished height of 4.5m with a crown spread of 1.75m.

Newnham & Nately Scures



<https://www.lux-review.com/.../hospitality-awards-2020/10/>

'We are very proud to share our award with you.
'It has not been an easy year for any of us but when we are blessed with such recognition, it builds us with confidence for 2021.
'Thank you all for being part of this amazing journey.'

Donna & Chris

Old House Newnham Green
Brighten up your day with a hearty home cooked takeaway
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We can also serve our takeaway chilled, so you can heat it up at your convenience. It can be kept in your fridge for up to three days, (not suitable for freezing).
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NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 6th January

A30 speed limit and gateways

HCC has drafted the design for the new speed limit signs. The proposal includes reinforcing speed zone entry points with place names – eastbound towards Water End as it becomes 60 and then onwards into Nately Scures (part way up Scures Hill) as it becomes 50. The latter will be before the existing 'lanes merging' sign

Parish Council requested 'white gate' features – to raise driver awareness that entering a residential area – and so reinforce this sense of place and modify the nature of the road. These will need to be considered as part of a separate 'community-funded initiative'. There are potential safety concerns with introducing additional rigid features on a high speed road. (To research 'flexible' safety features.)

The Bus Shelter by Crown Lane has been repaired by the Lengthman with new front boarding. The Baredown shelter's future is being considered. To repair or replace?

Hedging Barracks lane adjacent to Kingsbridge End
 Work was intended to cut back the existing hedge and reinforce with additional native planting. In the event, fallen chain

link and barbed wire fencing entwined with the hedge, reinforcing metal frames, wrought iron, and metal five-bar gate, meant the whole length being cleared. Native hedging whips planted (150), mix of hawthorn, blackthorn, common dogwood, dogrose, goat willow. Thanks to The Conservation Volunteers for supplying free hedging, and to John Maclean, Mapledurwell & Up Nately Tree Warden, for procuring.

Iron Bull Roadhouse New tenants are working to reopen the Y-Knot / Red Lion as the Iron Bull Roadhouse bar/cafe/diner.

Villager Regretfully the February *Villager* will be electronic copies only.

Appreciation – Newnham Green
 Thank you to Manor Farm for their care of the Green, the mowing and particularly additional 'above and beyond' jobs such as raking the grass.

The pond through the year: JANUARY (sorry missed the snow)



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/00025/FUL (validated 25th Jan)
 Nately Place, Scures Hill. Erection of replacement detached dwelling house and detached ancillary accommodation building, following demolition of existing detached dwelling house and garage. Erection of acoustic fencing to front/road-side boundary and landscaped retaining bank inbound of south boundary to facilitate leveling within rear garden.

20/02920/RET (granted 19th Jan)
 1 Kingsbridge End, Old School Road. Removal of Condition 13 of Planning Permission BDB/57678 to allow for installation of a gate to form pedestrian access to the rear of the property.

21/00038/FUL (validated 06 Jan) Land at Blackstocks Lane. Erection of 1 no. dwelling. (Replacement application for 20/01666/FUL withdrawn 7th Dec.)

20/01974/FUL (pending 24 July) Chapel House, Newnham Road. Change of use of agricultural access to residential curtilage. Erection of 1.0 metre high brick wall to frontage to replace metal railings. Renovation and alterations to old chapel.

0/01798/FUL (granted 18 Dec) Land adjacent to Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Erection of a dwellinghouse partly on the site of a tennis court; formation of access driveway following demolition of car port attached to stables at Tithe Barn Cottage. Plus amendment for addition of attached garage.

20/01666/FUL (withdrawn 7th Dec) Land at Blackstocks Lane. Erection of 1 no. new dwelling and detached garage.

20/01597/FUL (pending 24 June) Land at Blackstocks Lanes. Erection of 2 no. dwellings and associated parking.

16/03282/RET (Pending 15th Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. 'Change of use from solely agricultural to mixed agricultural use to include the diversification of farm open days for no more than 100 days in a year, with ancillary tea room and associated car parking.' Consultation on new description only. To be decided by Development Control, date tba.

PARISH TREE APPLICATION

T/00500/20/TPO (pending 23 Sept) 3 Kingsbridge Copse. 2 Oak & 1 Ash: prune.

OLD BASING APPLICATIONS

20/03374/FUL (validated 02 Dec) Wildwood Farm, Newnham Lane. Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of the site with the erection of 9 no. dwellings

20/02954/FUL (validated 23 Oct) Land at Wildwood Farm, Newnham Lane. Erection of 2 no. detached dwellings.



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YOUR LOCAL **ROTARY** **ROUNDUP**

February 2021

MAKING THE BEST OF IT

Our Rotary President usually takes on their role of leading the club in June each year, but in these altered times it was decided last June, when we all thought life would be different by Christmas, to roll this forward to January. So now after being our President for 18 months Alf McCarthy has handed over the role to our new President Gareth Lewis. The club wishes him well for his Presidency

And so we review our year

All our social activities have been cancelled. Our formal events such as Charter Night, Presidents Night and Charity evening didn't happen. Most of our fundraising has come to an abrupt end but prudently we did have some funds tucked away that we could put to good use

So did we achieve anything worth mentioning?

We helped Mencap sell some of their produce - which raised much needed money for them. More importantly we helped Mencap fund the replacement of their dying van without which they would not be able to function.

We also helped Besom replace their van. Besom in Basingstoke helps people make a difference. It provides a bridge between those who want to give time, money, things or skills and those who are in need. It ensures what is given is used effectively. The service it provides is free. For example someone may be refurbishing a room and have good quality furniture to donate to Besom who then give it someone who has been homeless and is moving to an empty new home. Effective recycling!

We purchased equipment for Helping Hands for the Blind allowing them to continue running the community radio station from volunteers homes. An essential lifeline in normal times but this year many more people have learned about, and benefitted from, the work of this great local charity.

We supported the Spotlight food bank both financially and with drivers in the longer term to help deliver food parcels. Rotarians also helped Inspero deliver their food parcels

We have again supported Age Concern with their social therapy groups

Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 35men & women from a wide variety of backgrounds. All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help others less fortunate, and they find Basingstoke Deane Rotary adds another extremely enjoyable dimension to their lives.

If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just tune in to www.rcbd.org.uk to see what we have coming up, or contact Helen or Paul above to find out more . We think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Facebook: @RotaryBasingstokeDeane

Twitter: @RBstokeDeane

We continue to support Lend with Care, a microfinance charity which enables people in the UK to make small loans to entrepreneurs from poor communities around the world. This charity changes lives by lifting people out of poverty by financing loans for them to start their own businesses

Against all the odds we managed to set up a pop-up restaurant to provide Christmas lunch for the clients and volunteers of the Camrose Centre who do wonderful work caring for the homeless in the borough

As Rotarians, the icing on the cake at the end of 2020 was that, at very short notice, we, along with the other Rotary Clubs in North Hampshire were asked to help the local GP practices with setting up the site and marshalling patients for the vaccination programme. It's our hope for the future.

Rotary Foundation is one of the largest charities in the world. During the year we received three grants totalling £5,000 from Foundation towards our projects, including –



"A Healthier Hampshire in a Heartbeat"

We are raising funds to finance the provision of equipment for Basingstoke Hospital to treat a debilitating heart condition called Atrial Fibrillation, which whilst a little known condition, affects large numbers of the population. The equipment will cost approx. £60,000 in total, towards which we have to date raised £18,000. Our Rotary target is £30,000 with the balance being funded by a matched grant.

You'll find more information on our website:

www.rcbd.org.uk

Still a chance to donate - go to:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/a-healthier-hampshire-in-a-heartbeat>

So how did we do in 2020? Think we made the best of a difficult year! We were delighted to welcome Laura and David as two new members of our club this year. If you like the sound of what we do & would like to share in the fun read the notes below.

Dear Residents

As is customary I will update you with the state of crime reported in each of the parishes in the area of this magazine for 2020, however before doing so I wish to update you on some crime within the area of this magazine.



I am appealing for any witnesses or information in relation to the following crimes, overnight of January 7th and 8th a fields of growing crops were driven over at the Drove, Mapledurwell by an unknown vehicle. Whilst usually we would link this type of incident with poaching in this particular case we can link it with the burglary of two sheds in the Hungry Lodge area overnight of January 10th and 11th in which a large amount of tools etc was stolen. I urge residents in all area to please use security equipment to help protect your sheds and outbuildings and please postcode or mark any tools and garden equipment stored in them.

In Herriard on January 7th 2021 at lunchtime a white Ford Transit tipper registration MK08OUH was seen in Bagmore Lane where the driver was seen to call on houses asking about scrap metal, along with having a good look at houses, he also asked about who owned a van parked nearby and a local wood yard premises. Later that morning at 3 am a vehicle was heard near the same cottages, when disturbed by a resident the vehicle made off, however later that day (8th) I had reported to me that outbuildings had been broken into at two premises in that area. In addition, on the 7th a resident of Tunworth heard someone on his driveway and he looked and challenged two men who ran off. From my enquiries, I have established that a silver Honda CRV vehicle registration BD51 CWK was seen in the area at that time. Two hours later Police chased it from the scene of a farm burglary at Selbourne, Alton. I continue to urge all residents to remain vigilant and keep your property secured and it is vital that if seen you report any suspicious incidents. If you see either of these vehicles please let me know immediately, I know they do come around the Mapledurwell, Greywell and Newnham areas.

The area in which I write is that of my former area, which covered twenty-two parishes and is of 75 sq miles, you may recall that as of 2014 my area increased considerably to cover as far as the Andover border. Now back to 2020 where generally crime fell across the area, this was due to COVID and the initial lock down; we know this as prior to March crime was rising in every month on the same period in 2019. The highest reported crime of 2020 was that of criminal damage (CD) which was mainly fields of growing crops and farm property damaged by poachers. Of burglary offences we had 62 sheds, garages and other outbuildings (Non Dwelling Burglaries – NDB), broken into a reduction of 17 on the 2019 figures and of house burglary, this fell from 5 to 2, the lowest recorded since 2014. Interestingly as assaults increased from 21 in 2019 to 31 in 2020, most were of a domestic nature. Crimes such as Harassment, Blackmail etc. are deemed as ‘Other Crimes’. Those involving theft of / from vehicles are recorded as Vehicle Crime – (VC). The breakdown was that seven parishes saw an increase in reported crime; eleven saw a decrease and four had the same amount in both years. Two parishes had no reported crime at all.

Parish	2019	2020	Crimes Reported
Mapledurwell	12	10	2 x NDB, 2 x Assault, 2 x Theft, 2 x CD, 1 x Other Crimes, 1 x PO
Up Nately	3	11	5 x NDB, 1 x CD, 1 x Assault, 4 x Other Crimes
Andwell	9	0	None
Newnham	21	31	7 x NDB, 10 x CD, 5 x Assaults, 5 x VC, 2 x Other Crime, 2 x Theft
Nately Scures	13	12	1 x NDB, 4 x Assaults, 3 x CD, 1 x Theft, 1 x VC, 2 x Other Crime

NDB = Non Dwelling Burglary CD = Criminal Damage DR = Drugs Possession VC Vehicle crime
PO Public Order

The increase in crimes in Newnham was predominately due to an issue concerning some units at the Fosters Business Park where ten crimes were reported, I am pleased to report these have been resolved and security at the premises has been improved considerably. For Nately Scures eight of the twelve were at the Country Hotel.

Finally, we have had a huge increase in reports of sheep worrying, where dogs off the lead have been chasing sheep and bit into several causing one 10-month-old lamb a considerable wound requiring treatment. Further action is underway against the owner and person in charge of the dog at the time in some of these incidents. May I yet again warn ALL owners of any dog to please keep your dog under proper control and ideally on a lead when near farm livestock. With the current lock down in place people are walking more with their dogs which is good, but yet again and this is the third time I have had to deal with a sheep worrying incident in also as many months, keep your dog under control, please keep to designated footpaths, enjoy the countryside but follow the Countryside Code. Please also remember if a dog is found worrying livestock on agricultural land the farmers do have a lawful right to shoot that dog, please do not put you, your dog or the farmers in that position.

Many thanks as always

Andrew Reid, Local Constable

Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'
www.united-parish.org.uk

From the Parish Registers:

Funeral

16 December

Anne Wilhelmine Court
St Nicholas' Newnham

May she rest in peace

Message from Rev Helen

The start of a new year brings new plans and as you may remember, back in the Spring of 2020 I was planning to go on a placement to broaden my ministerial experience as part of my ongoing curacy training. Unfortunately, the first lockdown prevented this from happening, however, I was still keen to try to arrange placement at a later date.

This has now been possible and I am writing to let you know that from Monday 18th January I will be on placement with Canon Marion de Quidt at St John's Church in Hook. This is likely to be for around 2 months and I plan to return to the Benefice around Easter.

While I am on placement the Rev Simon Butler will be looking after the United Parish. In any instance when you would usually contact me, he will be the first port of call. You can email him on simon@moretolife.church or phone him on 01256 861706.

I will continue to hold you all in my prayers during my placement

Many Thanks, Helen

Worship and Events in February

Because of the worsening Coronavirus situation, all PCCs in our Benefice took the decision to suspend public worship in our churches for January and February to limit any risks to our church members and to the wider community.

We will continue to provide a traditional online service at 9.00am on Sunday mornings (and available after that time). You can join this service at www.moretolife.church/news-blog.

There will also be a live Informal Service via Zoom at 11.00 am on Sunday mornings. Please email chris@moretolife.church in advance if you would like to join this service and he will send you the Zoom ID and Passcode details.

Lent is almost upon us and so our thoughts turn to Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Our Youth Pastor, Helen Chatfield, will host a Zoom pancake fiesta at 4.00pm on Tuesday 16th February. The Zoom codes to join Helen are: Meeting ID 872 4655 4118 and Passcode 987654.

Using the same Zoom codes, you can also join Helen every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4.00pm for Fun@4 (games, crafts and Bible activities), and on the first and third Sundays at 3.30pm for Messy Church.

Our online Ash Wednesday service is at 7.30pm on 17th February - do please join it at www.moretolife.church/news-blog.

During this time our church buildings will be open for funerals as and when required, and we continue to open at specific times of the week for private prayer and reflection. The information is on the website, but for quick reference here are the times for each of our churches:

Churches open for private prayer

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Greywell	-	-	10.00-3.00	-	-	-	10.00-3.00
Herriard	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Long Sutton	-	-	-	9.30-5.30	-	-	9.30-5.30
Mapledurwell	-	-	10.00-3.00	-	-	-	10.00-3.00
Nately Scures	-	-	-	-	-	9.00-6.00	9.00-6.00
Newnham	-	-	11.30-3.00	-	-	---	11.30-3.00
Odiham	-	-	9.00-12.30	-	-	9.00-12.30	---
South Warn	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.30-3.00
Tunworth	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Up Nately	-	-	9.00-5.00	-	-	9.00-5.00	9.00-5.00
Upton Grey	-	-	9.00-5.00	-	-	-	9.00-5.00
Weston P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* St Mary's Herriard is available for private prayer - please contact the Herriard Estate office during working hours (telephone 01256 381275)

** All Saints Tunworth is available for private prayer on the same basis as before Covid

Letter from Rev'd Chris Dudgeon

Each February I'm struck by how close the dates are for Valentine's Day (Sunday 14th) and Ash Wednesday (Wed 17th), and the link between the two. But what is this link?

I remember my earliest encounters with Valentine's Day at primary school, when there was always great excitement about whether one would receive a Valentine's card – sent by a mystery admirer, and preferably in a bright red, scented envelope!



St Valentine himself was a priest in Rome, who was martyred in AD 269, reputedly for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century, and for performing weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry. He is commemorated on 14th February each year, and the way in which he demonstrated and shared God's love with others, even to the point of giving his life for them, has led many to send cards to loved ones on that day.

Ash Wednesday is also a powerful reminder of God's love for us. This February it takes place three days after Valentine's Day, and marks the beginning of Lent, a period of forty days of self-examination, penitence, and preparation for Easter. The forty days remind us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan, at the start of his ministry which ended with his dying on the cross on Good Friday.



As we meet on Ash Wednesday, we mark the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads, as a reminder of Jesus' death, and of the love that he shows for each one of us.

In John's first letter in the New Testament, we read: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us."

And so we see this link between Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday - in that they both speak so richly of love – and in particular, God's love for us.

As we approach these two events this February, let's remember that even though we are still in lockdown, and the storm of this pandemic continues to rage around us, God is with us in the midst of it all. He loves us so much that he died on the cross for us at Easter. He rose again and is with us today, removing our fears and anxiety, and giving us his peace.

In Isaiah, God says: "For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand, and says to you: Do not fear; I will help you."

As a simple prayer today, let's thank him for his love, place our hand in his, and ask him to fill us once again with his love and his peace.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Chris Dudgeon - chris@moretolife.church

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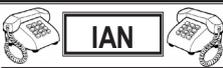
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