

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH- KIRTON

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UPDATE;

We hope that everybody is keeping safe and well in these unprecedented times!

As most people will know, Revd Zoe Burton is no longer Priest in Charge of this parish, and we are now in Interregnum. Until a replacement is found for her, Revd Alistair has kindly agreed to make himself available if we need his services! If you do need to make contact please ring one of the numbers above.

We have no details of a leaving-do yet for Zoe, but will keep you informed!

There is a wonderful community spirit throughout the parish, with so much help available from different quarters - all this can be accessed on the Facebook Community page, and we know that many people are using this source already. A big THANK YOU to all those kind souls who have volunteered their services to help others with shopping etc - you are all very much appreciated!

RIP;

It is with great sadness that we report the death of MICHAEL KILROSS, of 24, Kirton Park, who died on February 29th, after a very short illness. Michael had been a keen member of the domino team at the 'Fox,' pub when it was open, and more recently, could often be seen out and about walking his dog in the village - many people will miss having a friendly chat with him!

His funeral service took place at Sherwood Forest Crematorium, on Friday, March 20th.

Our Love and deepest Sympathies go his wife Cynthia and family - God Bless Michael !

RIP;

CAROLE O'KEEFE died very suddenly at home, 22, Kirton Park, on April 13th. This was totally unexpected and a dreadful shock, not just to Tony, but to the entire village!

Obviously, it will be some time before Carole can be buried in the churchyard at Kirton. Sadly, it will not be possible under the current restrictions, to open the Church and give her the warm, well-attended send-off that the family would like. Instead, there will be a brief committal at the graveside, attended by close family members only.

If this is the case, could we ask as many people as possible in the village, to line the route at the time of her funeral, as a mark of respect to Carole, and to give Tony and family the support they need at such a sad and frustrating time?

In a few weeks of course, the situation regarding restrictions may have been eased somewhat, in which case it might be possible to carry out a normal funeral service in Church. It is unknown at present what will happen, but we will give more details nearer the time.

In the meantime we send our Love and deepest Sympathies to Tony and family -God Bless Carole!

CONGRATULATIONS!

BIG Congratulations to Anne and Tony Firth, whose Diamond Wedding day fell on April 2nd this year! Sadly, their celebration event had to be cancelled due to the present coronavirus crisis, but nevertheless, the Queen remembered and sent them a card - and we all wish them the very best for the next 60 years ! So until we can have a drink with you Anne and Tony - SALUTE!

RAINBOWS;

It is lovely to see the many rainbows around the village at present - and the rainbow ribbons be-decking the signposts! Thank you to all those who have taken the time to display them! The rainbow is a tribute to the NHS staff and other frontline workers during the coronavirus pandemic. We thank them all for their selflessness and great dedication to duty.

DON'T FORGET TO GIVE THEM A CLAP ON THURSDAYS AT 8PM!

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100 CLUB;

It was with great reluctance that all 100 Club activity has been cancelled this year. That is because, there is really no way of knowing when we will be able to make the 5 draws. These always take place publicly, at a social event, either a Coffee Morning or Village Lunch etc, where we can observe maximum transparency. However, this obviously will be difficult to plan this year, and may not be possible at all! Also, we still have one outstanding draw to make from last year. Therefore, when we do get the go-ahead to hold a function again, we will make much of that draw then!

Those who have paid us already can either have their money returned, or leave it as their subscription for next year. Cheques will only be valid for six months, and so these will have to be returned in due course!

Thank you very much to those of you who have already paid, but said to keep their money as a donation into Church funds - a kind gesture and much appreciated!

We will look forward to next year when hopefully things will be back to normal

.....what WAS normal??

VE DAY;

As the VE Day celebrations at 'The Shed' on May 9th have been cancelled, there has been a suggestion that instead, each house trims up with flags etc and that the occupants enjoy a picnic in their gardens that day and chat to their neighbours, keeping to the strict guide-lines of social distancing of course !

Enjoy yourselves but remember.....

KEEP SAFE KIRTON!

INTERESTING SNIPPET OF CHURCH HISTORY!

(From Church records)

Until the mid -1800s, the entrance to the Church at Kirton consisted of a rough path on the left of Tuxford Road, at the top of Church Hill (opposite Egmanton Lane.) It would have accessed the Church across farmland, through an entrance, which is still there today, to the top of the graveyard, The current steps and Lychgate were not in evidence until 1875, when a former Rector, Rev. C.T.Lawson had them built, together with the now listed retaining wall. He also planted the trees next to the road on the banking.

Before that time a small house used to stand where the Lychgate now is, and a hedge behind it formed the boundary with the churchyard. The postman used to leave letters at this house and people from the village fetched them.