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My favourite quote is by Seneca: 'It goes a long way towards making someone trustworthy if you trust them.'
Clive Stafford-Smith

Letter from Sally

Growing up in Stratford-on-Avon one of the highlights of the year was the mop fairs held each October right in the centre of the town. The lights, music, smell, excitement together with the rides and entertainment are a strong memory from my childhood. The first mop fair in Stratford-on-Avon was held in the 14th century after the black death had ravaged the local population. People without work would come to the fair and offer their services to employers who were only too happy to come as the disease had wiped out much of their workforce. The fair is still held today under a Royal Charter of 1676. However, I am not sure the businesses situated in the town centre are always happy with its presence as it does mean enormous disruption in so many ways!

As we ease ourselves gently out of the pandemic we can relate to certain employment issues, not the same as in the 14th century, and not may I add all caused by the pandemic, even so they are beginning to impact on our lives. Some companies are already planning to shift to flexible workspaces after positive experiences with remote work during the pandemic. A move that will reduce the overall space they need and bring fewer workers into offices each day, reducing the need to travel and all the harm that can cause to our environment. But the most worrying work crisis is that there is now a huge shortage of workers in the social care sector, which means the elderly and vulnerable are at most risk of suffering. There is also a lack of trained lorry drivers to transport our food and goods, becoming another problem as we rely so much on this movement of our vital supplies. But we probably hear less about the impact which is going to be caused by the loss of the £20 a week Universal Credit ending 6th Oct. This has been a “vital lifeline” for low-paid workers during the pandemic and now will mean many families will be going without even the essentials in life. As I write this letter higher gas and electricity bills are also predicted causing fuel poverty and even more hardship to these families.

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We are in the season of Harvest when traditionally in the church, it is a time to give donations of food to the less fortunate, particularly those who society often forget or even reject. Our benefice Harvest Festival service is at St. Mark on Sunday 10th October at 9.30 am, when we will be asking for donations for the Winchester Churches Night Shelter, a charity who offer an essential lifeline to people who are experiencing homelessness wcns.org.uk. If you are unable to attend the Harvest service but feel that you would like to donate food or money to them, or perhaps your local food bank; then maybe this is an opportunity to seriously consider helping those who are now finding life such a struggle in every sense, physically and emotionally.

As churches emerge from the pandemic, worship and many other parts of the everyday life of a church has changed. This has particularly been the case in our benefice especially now that Victoria has left. We will so miss her spiritual guidance and her support to everyone who lived in the parishes of Ampfield, Chilworth and North Baddesley. Therefore, we must continue to make sure that we are seen as a living and vibrant presence of God in our communities, especially when it comes to helping those in need.

I end with a quote from the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby who I believe is speaking to those who have faith as well as those who have none.

“As a civilised society, we have a duty to support those among us who are vulnerable and in need. When times are hard, that duty should be felt more than ever, not disappear or diminish.”

Sally



Online and Onsite Worship

The harvest service this year will be on Sunday 10th October at St Mark, Ampfield. Donations of tins and packaged food are welcome and will be passed on to the Winchester Churches Night Shelter after the service.

As Victoria leaves and we move into a time of interregnum the service pattern that we have had for the last few months will continue with a couple of minor amendments – Communion in the glade will become Morning prayer in the glade and the This Week With God discussion group will take a pause.

The regular service pattern is:

Sunday at 09:30

1st Sunday – Worship for All, online only

2nd Sunday – Communion at St Mark, Ampfield

3rd Sunday – Communion at All Saints, North Baddesley and streamed live online

4th Sunday – Communion at St Denys, Chilworth

5th Sunday (when there is one) – Communion at St John, North Baddesley

Sunday at 11:30

Morning Prayer using the Book of Common Prayer (on Zoom)

Tuesday at 10:30: Morning prayer in the glade at St Mark's, bring a picnic chair (in church room if raining).

We have reviewed the Covid restrictions to help prevent the spread of the virus in our churches and have decided to keep them unchanged for the time being – in particular, strongly advising mask wearing and retaining socially distanced seating. The full details are available [here](#).

As the service pattern is hopefully now more stable, it can be published without my additional musings so I'll sign off here. As usual, if you have any questions about services onsite or online, do have a look on the website www.acnb-church.org or drop us an email at joinin@acnb-church.org

Thanks for reading

Abbie West



Benefice news

Victoria's final Communion service at St Mark was on the 26th September. We were joined by the other churches within the benefice which made for a fine turn out from regular church attendees and village residents. The readings were given by churchwardens from each of our four churches. Victoria's sermon, or as she put it 'less of a preach but more of a speech' highlighted the work of a parish priest and vicar overseeing a flock of over 10000 souls which vividly described its diversity and what we should remember in choosing her replacement.

Victoria was joined by her husband Andrew who had just returned hot foot from visiting Nagorno Karabakh in his position with the Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust. He has, during Victoria's time with us, lent her significant support in her role. At the end of the service Mark, a church warden of All Saints, gave a thoughtful presentation to Victoria after which we repaired to St Mark's room for tea, coffee and lashings of cake. It was joyful to catch up with so many after so long. It brought an end to a poignant yet happy morning. We all wish Victoria, Andrew and their family a very happy future wherever their ministry may send them.

During Covid our organist, Derek, retired after many years of loyal service to us and other churches. David fortunately came to our rescue just in time but as Victoria's farewell was his first Service, it was a baptism of fire for him in many ways. It was a joy that our Covid-masked singing could once more be to fine accompaniment.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

There was an excellent response to the invitation to attend this coffee morning at All Saints and a total of £483 was raised for MacMillan Cancer Support. Thank you to every one who attended and gave so generously.

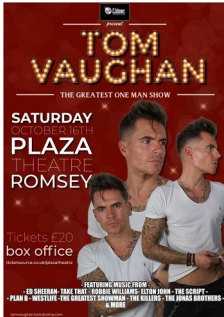
Congratulations

We send our congratulations to Abbie and Mark who were commissioned at Winchester Cathedral as Lay Worship Leaders in the Benefice and delighted that they are part of the team helping to lead worship.

What's on

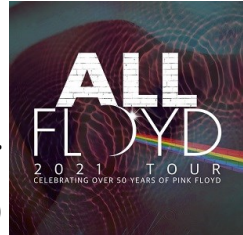
Plaza Theatre Romsey

Visit www.plazatheatre.com for more details and booking.



Tom Vaughan:
The Greatest One Man Show
Sat 16th Oct 2021 |
19:30 | £20.00

All Floyd 2021
Tribute Tour
Fri 29th - Sat 30th Oct 2021 |
19:30 | £18.00



Hillier's Gardens Ampfield

The Gardens are open but to avoid disappointment pre-book or call ahead of your visit, 01794 368787.

The Tilia Tree Café, Courtyard Café, The Garden Restaurant, The Tree House and Wobbly bridge are now open.

There are many activities coming up in October, including art, crafts, photography and nature walks. Check Hillier's website for details.

Mottisfont

The Wild Play area is closed, water play area is open. Free entry for under 5s.

The Coach House and Kitchen Café* (*open weekends only) are open from 10am until 4.45pm daily, serving hot and cold drinks, light snacks, lunches and cakes. Limited seating is available in both cafes, but plenty of outdoor seating.

The garden is open from 10:00 - 17:00

Art gallery: Closed

House: 11:00 - 16:00

“The mind cannot absorb what the backside cannot endure”
Prince Philip on long sermons.



For ticket purchases and enquiries please contact
Romsey Visitor Information Centre, 13 Church
Street, Romsey, Tel 01794 512987 (*no booking fee*)

Or book online:

[Music In Romsey Abbey event tickets from TicketSource.](#) (*booking fee applies*)

Sat 2 Oct 7.30pm

The Four Seasons & Requiem

Nova Foresta Classical Players with The Romsey Singers

Vivaldi: The Four Seasons

Fauré: Requiem

Sat 23 Oct 7pm

Gabrieli Roar: Re-creation

Haydn: The Creation

Gabrieli, under Paul McCreesh, performs Haydn's The Creation, joined by a chorus of local young singers and a line-up of stunning soloists.

Please note the revised start time of 7pm

Sat 30 Oct 7.30pm

An Evening with Michelmersh Silver Band

With a reputation for top-quality entertainment, Hampshire's premier brass band returns with a concert packed full of music to suit all tastes.

Lunchtime concerts:

Admission to Lunchtime Recitals is free but donations to support the work of the parish are welcome—please arrive 10 mins in advance

Tuesday 5th October, 1pm

Christine Lewry (Mezzo) and Jenny Broome (Harp)

Tuesday 12th October, 1pm

Charlotte Constantine (Recorder) and George Castle (Harpsichord)

Tuesday 26th October, 1pm

Rebecca White (Soprano) and Claire Tester (Piano)

(Tickets available from 11th October)

The Garden Show Broadlands

1 - 3 October 2021

10am - 5pm Friday & Saturday

Explore all that autumn planting has to offer, the show features specialist growers, garden related goods, artisan designs, homeware products, fashion accessories & delicious country foods. There will also be talks, demonstrations, activities for young & old, expert advice and a variety of music & entertainment.

The Ampfield Market (Est. 2000)

On Saturday 4th September the Ampfield Market opened its doors for the first time since March 2020. Our loyal traders were all eager and ready to return. The safety of all our contributors and customers was paramount. We asked that everyone should wear a mask inside the hall, there was a strict one way system and plenty of sanitisers for everyone to use.

All our delicious refreshments were served in the Garden Room. Fortunately the weather was kind and we were able to spread out onto the sunny patio where people gathered for long awaited conversations with friends and family.

We are all on a bit of a learning curve, but the reward of seeing this popular event return was well worth all the effort. The traders didn't disappoint and provided wonderful displays of their products and we once again were able to provide the very lovely fresh fruit and veg as before. We are still trying to source a reliable bakery to supply bread and I have investigated many avenues without success, but if any of you can recommend a supplier I would be delighted to hear from you via julie@ampfield.org.uk. We are hoping to go from strength to strength again in the months leading up to Christmas and beyond. We look forward very much to seeing you all again soon.

Julie Trotter and the Team.

The Ampfield Art Class 2021

The Ampfield art class is now in its nineteenth year. It usually takes place on a Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm in Ampfield Village Hall (SO51 9BJ) If you are an absolute beginner or if you would like to develop your skills further, then you are very welcome to come along and join our enthusiastic, friendly and informal group when we return. We have returned for the autumn term at the usual time. I will make every effort to ensure that the class is Covid safe, but I would be very grateful if you would please wear a mask for the safety of others. If you would like more information please contact Julie Trotter via: julie@ampfield.org.uk



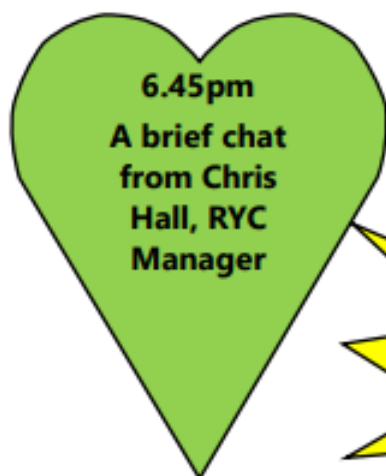
Find out what we do...

Friday 15th October

6-8pm

The Appletree Centre

All Welcome



For more information please
contact Ruth Day
Ruth@romseyyoungcarers.org.uk
or call 01794 515908

Registered Charity Number: 1182278

“Love does not consist in gazing at each other,
but in looking outward together in the same
direction”

Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Harvest Festival



St. Mark's Sunday 10th October 9.30

Donations of tins and packaged food are welcome and will be passed on to the Winchester Churches Night Shelter after the service.

Ampfield School will hold their Harvest celebration on **Thursday 14th October, 2.15** at St. Mark's and all are welcome.

**The
Ampfield Market**
(Established in 2000, now in its 21st year!)
is back at last!

Saturday 2nd October
From 10am to 12noon
in Ampfield Village Hall
(SO51 9BJ)

Our Market has a great reputation, we regularly sell:-
Fresh fruit and veg, Fairtrade foods, jams, chutneys
and pickles, cakes, biscuits and scones, plants and
fresh flowers, cards and wrapping paper, books,
antiques, unusual crafts, jewellery, children's clothes,
toys, honey, seasonal surprises, bric a brac and
much much more.

**Fresh coffee and a wonderful selection of
cakes will be served all morning
in the Garden Room**

Parking and admission are always FREE
All proceeds support the Village Hall
Registered charity no.1057353
Contact Julie on 023 80254587 for table bookings
and information.

Next date Saturday 6th November 2021

Work in the churchyard

May 1987-July 1989

The church by this time was very smart and leak-free and Arthur Moore suggested a project which would make the maintenance of the churchyard much easier. Many of the burials had been carried out by one of the great personalities of the village, Mr. Jack Pack, vicarage gardener to the Awdrys who was also sexton and



Grave humps



Jack Pack

generally cared for the church for many decades of the 20th century. He retired officially in 1950. If there was to be no gravestone he marked each grave with a numbered iron cross, but as he liked to bury people alongside their earthly friends rather than in any sort of chronological order, and since from time to time hooligans enjoyed pulling out the crosses and throwing them around the churchyard, no-one any longer has any idea of where specific people are

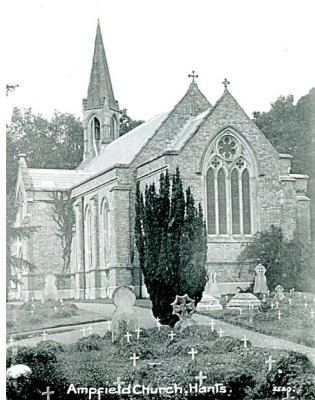


Levelling graves, work in progress

buried unless they had a gravestone. Jack had continued an earlier tradition and left the graves with very high grass-covered mounds, which were extremely difficult to mow. Arthur Moore's suggestion was that we could level these, a group of us working each Saturday morning, just one or two humps at a time by splitting the turf, folding it back, removing the

unwanted soil and then folding the turf back so that it was level. By each lunchtime a fresh batch of graves were completed with no mess left to show, and plants still flowering in the grass. Cont. ...

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It was a hugely successful project and as each hump was levelled, so its position was marked by the placing of a square granite cobble. These are all still in place and can be found, though many are somewhat buried in the grass now.

At the time we were discussing this project, I happened to visit a churchyard further up the Test valley, where they had just levelled their grave humps the easy way, using a digger, and it had left an unsightly sea of mud and must have involved a great loss of wild flowers. Our method did

neither of these and we had enormous fun and camaraderie as we worked, finishing each session with a cold drink and biscuits provided by Renate Moore. I do have a slight reservation about this levelling job though. Once the mower could keep the grass under control I fear that we lost many varieties of the wild flowers which had abounded. Hugo Scucek had carried out a survey in 1971 in which he had counted over 100 different species of wild flower, including some very rare specimens. It has been a great joy however, this spring, to see how the bluebells and primroses have spread so profusely across the main part of the churchyard and to know that orchids and other species can still be found.



Enjoying refreshments after levelling graves



Liz Hallett

Friends of Chapel Wood

This month's article of the activities of the Friends of Chapel Wood has not been the easiest to prepare. Apart from the usual report of our monthly working party, we have some good news, but we also have some very disappointing news.

The monthly working party went well. Half of our group concentrated on putting together some seating around the new dipping platform. We hope that the children of Ampfield School will find them helpful whilst they are enjoying lessons on biodiversity and ecology, using the dipping platform to assist with the search for good examples. As you will see below the seats are relatively simple but effective. Whilst this was going on, the remainder of the group finished the tidy-up of the burial ground started last month and managed to walk the footpath network clearing the undergrowth which had accumulated over the summer.

On the good news front, we reported last month that we had been in tentative discussions with an offshoot of the Hants and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust called Team Wilder. It is exciting to report that we might now be in the throes of joining forces with them. We are looking forward to working with Team Wilder as it would provide the Friends with additional insights into how we can help and support nature on our own doorsteps. It would also provide valuable support for the local schools as they seek to impart a love of nature amongst their children. We have two links:

<https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/team-wilder>

<https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/blog/tag/team-wilder>

The second is a link to the on-line blog, as these comments can offer a good insight into what really goes on. We will keep everyone posted as this develops.

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Finally, the disappointing news. Sometime between mid-afternoon on Thursday 16th September and the morning of Friday 17th September, much of the cross sections of wood we were using to construct our seating was removed from the site and thus is no longer available to us. In the process, it seems the gate entrance on to Chapel Hill was also badly damaged. These pieces of wood are so heavy it is hard to know why someone would bother. The police have been advised. Indeed, whilst writing this article a member of Hants. constabulary rang me to let us know they are on the case, as it were. We are grateful for their input.

In terms of the outstanding seating, we have sufficient sections of oak in other parts of the wood to make a further four or five seats. We will start on this next month. On the subject of next month, the working party will be deferred for one week to 16th October, in the morning at 09:45; all welcome.



Before our visitors arrived



Graham Roads



Afterwards

St. Mark's PCC Meeting held on Monday 13 September 2021

This meeting was the last to be chaired by Rev. Victoria, as she leaves the Benefice at the end of September. It was also the first to be held in St. Mark's Room, and face to face, for a long while. There was a great deal to discuss, including the following:-

Organist -

David Truslove has accepted the post and he will play at Victoria's Farewell Service on 26 September at St. Mark's. He will play for our monthly service. We extend a warm welcome to David and look forward to hearing him play.

New Kitchen -

this is almost finished apart from the tiling and flooring. The Romsey Men's Shed have carried out this work brilliantly and a donation will be sent to them. Kate McCallum was thanked for her hard work on this project.

Sound System -

we are hoping to update this in the near future as our old system is not working at all well and many people have complained that they are unable to hear at services, funerals etc. The cost will be well over £2,000.

Rotas -

now that the Church is opening up again we will need more volunteers to help with certain jobs; cleaning the Church and Church Room; flowers (until the end of the year we have volunteers to bring flowers in once a month so they are in place for the second Sunday service); Brass cleaning, which has not been carried out at all during the pandemic! If anyone would like to volunteer to help with these jobs, and/or would be able to organise any of the rotas to start in the New Year, please chat with any member of PCC. Thank you.

Finance -

Pam, our Treasurer extends the PCC's thanks to our congregation for all their support during the pandemic. The Friends of St. Mark's hope to meet soon to discuss possible future fundraising events.

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Village Market Church Table –

Daryl Pugh, Churchwarden, has manned this table, which sells various cards, calendars, notebooks/Fairtrade food etc. for many years. We are hoping that we could have a rota of different people who would like to help on this stall. The Market takes place on the first Saturday of the month from 10am – 12pm. Please contact Daryl or any member of PCC if you would like to help.

Harvest Festival –

a joint Benefice service will be held on Sunday 10 October at 9.30am in St. Mark's. If anyone who usually does a flower arrangement, would like to contribute one this year, please do so. Arrangements can be brought to church in the week before the service; the church will be open during the day that week.

Jennie Edwards
PCC Secretary



Ampfield Parish Council

The Council convened on 13 September, following its summer break. The Council has joined Team Wilder (a Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust scheme). More will be published separately on this. At the allotments, we will be improving the access by installing a new gate. It was noted that the audit of the accounts for 2020-21 had been successfully concluded, and the Clerk will be publishing a notice about this. The Mayor of Test Valley will be visiting the parish for a Tree Planting Ceremony to commemorate those affected by COVID-19 – details will be published separately.

We are looking forward to publishing our Autumn Newsletter soon. This will be published online. The next Parish Council Meeting is:

7pm Monday 11 October 2021
at Ampfield Village Hall.

Ampfield Parish Council,

Kate Orange

clerk@ampfield.org.uk

www.ampfield.org.uk

The Federation of Ampfield & John Keble CofE Primary Schools



We're back!

It has been a genuine pleasure to see all the children and families back to school again this week. Many new families have joined us this term, including those who

have relocated from overseas. I want to offer my warm welcome to our new families and I wish them happy and successful times ahead. In my Collective Worship at Ampfield this week, I told the children about the Jewish celebration of Rosh Hashanah and how apples and honey are eaten to bring about a sweet and joyful new year.

A Family of Schools serving the wider community

Perhaps one of the things that makes our two schools a little different from other schools is that our families come from far and wide to be part of our little family. We serve families from Winchester City, Badger Farm, Oliver's Battery, Colden Common, Shawford, Twyford, Hursley, Ampfield, Otterbourne, Braishfield, Broughton, Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury, Eastleigh, Bishopstoke, North Baddesley, Swanmore, Southampton and Romsey. Wherever you live, you are welcome in our two schools. The two schools federated in September 2013 and we have grown closer together. We look to each other as partners; working together in service to the children and families that choose us and need us. Now that the restrictions on contact and social distancing has been lifted, you will begin to see staff working at or visiting both schools more and more.

Our presence on social media

Over the summer, I had the chance to set up federation Facebook and Instagram pages. You can find them by searching for 'ampfieldjohnkebleschools'. It has been a great way to show our families and potential new families who we are and what we do. Please do follow/like. There is also a federation Twitter account ampfieldJKfed but I think I may retire this account due to running the other two!

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School Tours for Year R 2022

We're trying something new this year! I have set up an Eventbrite page and have started to add School Tours for those parents wishing to come and visit before they choose their schools for Year R 2022.

There are event links on the new Facebook page and you can also go directly to the Eventbrite page by searching for us or using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/ampfield-amp-john-keble-cofe-primary-schools-34449734841>

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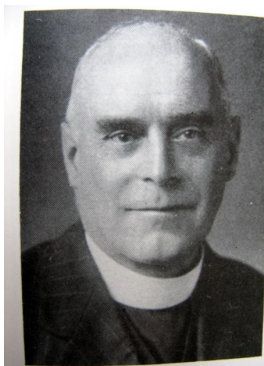
Website: www.ajkfed.com



David Ware has been appointed Executive Deputy Head Teacher over both schools. More details of the new set up next month.

***A sneaky
interloper ...***





Memorials of Ampfield 12 by The Reverend Lake.

Maintenance of the church

At the period when Ampfield church was built it was customary to meet the expenses of the church repairs and maintenance by a church rate, agreed to by the parishioners assembled in Vestry.

Unfortunately the Vestry minutes, church wardens accounts and church rate book do not go back further than the year 1862.

In that year a Vestry meeting was held, and it was agreed to levy a rate for this purpose, the agreement being signed by Thomas Sillence and Chas Eavis, churchwardens, and Nick Lavington on behalf of the parishioners. The rate levied was on an average 3d which brought in a sum of about £37.

In 1868

“the Compulsory Church Rates Abolition Act” was passed, under which a rate could no longer be received by legal process from those who refused to pay it. This really gave the death-blow to this method of meeting church expenses, as in the case of Ampfield the following extracts from the Vestry Minutes will show:-

1869:

“That a rate of 2d in the [?] be raised, but in as much as the amount thus collected will be insufficient to meet the expenses, a bag be held at the Church door on every Sunday afternoon to collect the offerings of all persons willing to contribute as a supplement of the rate.”

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1879:

“The accounts were examined and was found to be a deficit. Besides the former defaulters, the Rev John White, (vicar of Timsbury 1859, succeed to Ampfield House Estate 1866, died 1885) had refused to pay his rate, he will therefore have no claim to his pew in the Church, but must be content with some other seat at the lower end of the church.”

1889:

“That the Church rate be continued as hitherto, but that all parishioners be invited to contribute towards a fund for supplementing this, and that there be two collections in the church in support of the church fund each year.”

1906:

“The Church rate came to end in 1906, when the number paying Rate was reduced to four, the amount received from this source being only 13, as against 35 from offertories.”

From that time the church has been maintained by collections in church and by voluntary contributions.

Contributed by Nick



“All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us”

J.R.R.Tolkein

Ron and Stella's Quiz Night

1. What year was Heinz established?
2. When was the first London Marathon?
3. Which country (by area) is the largest in the world?
4. What does IPA stand for?
5. Where was Boris Johnson born?
6. Which footballer holds the title for most goals scored in the Premier League of all time?
7. Which county (by area) is the smallest in the world?
8. Lou Reed was a member of which rock band?
9. Which classic novel opens with the line 'Call me Ishmael'?
10. When did the second Severn Crossing (The Prince of Wales Bridge) open?



Answers on page 30

In response to Covid-19
AMPFIELD NEIGHBOURS

working with **unity**

The Test Valley Borough Council Volunteer Support Group

A group of Ampfield residents have come together to help as volunteers working with Unity during the Covid-19 pandemic. Unity is the Test Valley Borough Council Volunteer Support Group. If you live in Ampfield and need help with collecting prescriptions or shopping

contact

Unity on the Test Valley Community Helpline -

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Someone from **Ampfield Neighbours** will be in touch.

Romsey Food Bank in the Pandemic

During the COVID-19 epidemic the food bank is now more important than ever. ACNB churches can also help you access the Food Bank service if you need it.

The epidemic puts Food Banks under great strain. Please donate as much food as you can to support their work at this time.

Donations can be taken to any of these collection points*

Romsey Foodbank

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

1030 - 1230.

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(shop opening hours)

Community Life Centre,

Flemming Avenue, North Baddesley

10 - 12 Mon - Fri

*All church collection points are now closed, until restrictions are lifted.

Recipe of the Month



Steve White is a master-baker and makes the most delicious loaves. For many years he would visit Ampfield School and create a wheat sheaf loaf for the Harvest Festival Service in the church. A few years ago, Victoria (new to the parish) decided to use this loaf as the communion bread. Little did she know that so many little hands (clean and otherwise) had joined in this creation! All the bread that has been blessed must be eaten at the end of communion. Watching Victoria and her helpers trying to

gobble up the rather substantial amount of leftover bread is a sight I will never forget!

Here is Steve's basic bread recipe:

3 lbs flour
4 tsp salt
1 tsp sugar
1 tsp milk powder
2oz vegetable oil
1 oz fresh yeast
1.5 pints water (98°F)

Pre-heat oven to 230°

Place a tray of water in oven base to create steam

Put salt, sugar, oil and half flour in bowl

Mix on slow speed for at least 4 mins until dough is clear of bowl

Cover with cloth, allow to prove for 35-40 mins

Knock back for 15 mins and shape into desired pieces

(Bread 1lb, rolls 2oz)

Cover with cloth and plastic sheet and prove for 30 mins

Bake - Bread 25 mins; rolls 12 mins.

A Prayer for Autumn

Creator God, for daily bread
and all who work
to bring your harvest home
we bring our thanks today.

Forgive our ingratitude
we who have so much
yet waste what you have given.

For those whose harvest is poor,
whose crops have withered,
water tainted, children starve,
help those who bring relief
and bestow on us
an unaccustomed generosity,
that all might share from your garden
and all might sing your praise.

Creator God, provider of all
we bring our thanks today.

Amen



John Birch, 2016 : Faith and Worship.com

RIPE+STRIDES

We had lovely sunshine for our walk. Jo, Phil and Jennie were walking for St. Mark's again this year, but we were joined on our walk by Sally, and for the first leg by Victoria and Jemma. We met and signed in at All Saints, Hursley. We then walked through the village to the path next to the school and through the woodland to St. Mark's. Daryl was there and we had a quick drink. Next stop was The White Horse, where we ate a delicious lunch. We crossed the road and walked along Wingham Lane through the woods, and then along the Straight Mile to reach St. Swithun's at Crampmoor.

Once again this Church was not open, which is a great shame as we would have liked to see inside. We then crossed fields, a railway track, and were up and over many stiles. We came across some beautiful horses in one of the fields. We carried on until we reached the area called Emer Bog (fairly dry thankfully), and then walked through Body Farm to reach St. John the Baptist Church. Jo, Phil and Sally walked on to All Saints at North Baddesley. It was a very sociable walk with lots of chatter and laughter, especially with all those stiles!

Thank you to all those who agreed to sponsor us. Money is still coming in, but we will let you know how much we have raised. The money is split equally between the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust and St. Mark's Church.

Jennie



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

This month has been a difficult one for me as I have been incapacitated in several ways ending with a fractured ankle sustained when walking my dogs. I have withdrawn somewhat from my friends as I have been like the injured animal who finds a safe place to recover and of course that has been home. So yes I have been feeling a little sorry for myself but being at home has meant I have had a lot of time to reflect on what is good in my life.

And it really is good. Not least my family, but my friends too, especially those at St Mark's who help in a quiet, giving way. This was particularly evident on the final Sunday of the month when we gathered for Victoria's last service with us and our heartfelt farewells to her and Andrew. There is such a lot of love out there and we don't explore it enough in our busy lives.

Currently I am forced to slow up and have a lot of time to look at life and I am going to embrace the solitude and spend some more time with God, praising Him and thanking Him for His love.



Kate



Answers to Ron and Stella's Quiz Night

1. 1869
2. 1981
3. Russia (17 million sq. miles)
4. Indian Pale Ale
5. New York
6. Alan Shearer (260 goals)
7. Vatican City (0.2 sq. miles)
8. The Velvet Underground
9. Moby Dick
10. 1996

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All Saints Church,
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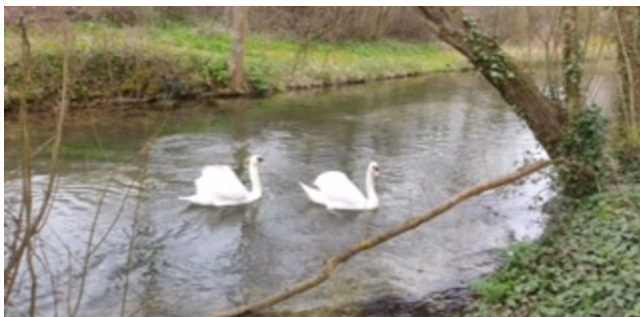
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