

## Dear All

Welcome to Keeping In Touch (KIT)15. So much has changed since last week – I hope you are able to keep up with what we all can and cannot do!

There is less and less to write about now but we hope you enjoy what we are sending you.

More big news this week as the government has announced that churches can reopen for services from 5<sup>th</sup> July. We have yet to receive detailed guidance but this is expected next week from the Bishop Of Chichester. We will then be able to consider how we can re-open and what service provision will look like. We do already know that services will not include any singing and social distancing will still need to be strictly observed. We need to be mindful that we are of course still in interregnum and therefore we are reliant on retired clergy being available to lead services.

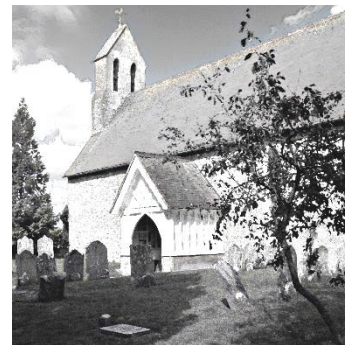
We will not be reopening on 5<sup>th</sup> July but hopefully as soon as practicable beyond that.

We are still able to offer **limited opening of St Mary's for individual private prayer.** We are opening twice a week:

Saturday 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 10.00am – 1200

Several of you visited last Saturday and Wednesday and it was great to know that you were there sitting in our lovely church.



When we reopen for services we may still not be able to have St Mary's open every day as we will need to consider the government's guidance on cleaning arrangements.

As soon as we know more about services restarting, we will let you know! We will do our best to get back up and running as soon as we can but as we have said before, it is not as simple as just unlocking the door.

Who knows, next week might see the very last KIT although we will keep it going as long as is needed.

This week is named the **Third Sunday after Trinity.** As explained last week there will be several 'Sundays after Trinity' until we reach Advent.

Thank you Stephen for the **pewslip.** Looking at the hymns that would have been sung this week, I love every one of them!

*Awake, awake fling off the night!*, the title could almost be a rallying call as we gradually ease our way out of the torrid time we have all experienced. Many of the lyrics of the hymn have resonance for us I think.

Awake, awake: fling off the night!  
for God has sent a glorious light;  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.

Awake and sing, with praises strong,  
in psalm and hymn and Spirit-song.  
Let love our words and works renew  
with all that's good, and right, and true.

Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.

Before the cross expectant kneel,  
that Christ may judge, and judging, heal.

Then rise, as children of the light.  
Be neither proud, nor hide from sight.  
Be careful how you live, and wise  
to sift the truth from cunning lies.

Through Christ give thanks to God, and say  
to other sleepers on the way:  
"Awake, and rise up from the dead  
that Christ may shine on you instead!"

It was written by John Raphael Peacey who was an English cricketer as well as a Canon in the Church of England. He was born in 1896 in Hove, the son of a bishop and the youngest of ten children. He went to school at St Edmund's in Canterbury and from there he joined the army. During the Great War he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Sussex Royal Garrison Artillery, serving in France from 1915 to 1918, after which he was awarded the Military Cross.

On demobilisation he entered Selwyn College, Cambridge, graduating in Theology in 1922. He took Holy Orders and taught for a year at Wellington College. In 1923 he returned to Selwyn as dean, precentor and fellow.

In 1927 he was appointed headmaster at Bishop Cotton School in Simla, India and then in 1935 became Principal of Bishop's College, Calcutta.

He and his wife Mildred returned to England after World War II, and John served as Canon at Bristol Cathedral, where he was director of ordinands for the diocese. Upon his retirement to Sussex in 1966, he became Rural Dean of Hurst.

He wrote some 18 hymn texts which were all published posthumously.

As a cricketer, Peacey's batting style is unknown but he made his first-class debut for Sussex against Cambridge University in 1920. He made two further appearances in 1921 against Warwickshire and Oxford University, before making a single appearance in 1922 against Cambridge again. In these four matches, he scored a total of 54 runs at an average of 9.00, with a high score of 26. He died at Hurstpierpoint on 31 October 1971.

## SERVICES FOR THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This week's **Sunday Service** on BBC **Radio 4** at 0810. *"Looking to the future hopefully, with John Bell of the Iona Community"*.

There will be the usual **live service** on the **Church of England's website** and on their Facebook page at **9.00am** <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>.

This week the live streamed service from **Chichester Cathedral** is led by the Cathedral Treasurer, The **Reverend Stephen Ferns**. You can access this service live by clicking on the link and it will take you to the page with instructions on how to view. You can also view it later [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/services/live-services](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/services/live-services)

**There does not appear to be a showing of Sunday Worship on BBC1** this week

**Songs of Praise** this week features Northern Ireland. *Claire McCollum shares her love of her home of Northern Ireland by looking back on some of Songs of Praise's best faith stories from across the region. With hymns, old and new, recorded across Northern Ireland before the current restrictions.* It will be broadcast at **1.15** on **BBC1**.

This week's **Choral Evensong service** on **BBC Radio 3** at **3.00pm** comes from Manchester Cathedral on the feast of the Birth of John the Baptist.

I came across this again the other day when looking through some old papers.

### **THE BIBLE IN 50 WORDS**

God made  
Adam bit  
Noah arked  
Abraham split  
Joseph ruled  
Jacob fooled  
Bush talked  
Moses balked  
Pharaoh plagued  
People walked  
Sea divided  
Tablets guided  
Promise landed  
Saul freaked  
David peeked  
Prophets warned  
Jesus born  
God walked  
Love talked  
Anger crucified  
Hope died  
Love rose  
Spirit flamed  
Word Spread  
God remained.

### **NEWS FROM EMSWORTH**

Much of Emsworth town centre has been partly 'pedestrianised' in order to improve social distancing in anticipation of an increase in visitor numbers with the easing of the lock down measures.

In addition to the measures for safe distancing on the pavements there will be additional signage asking for a '20 is plenty' speed limit around the High Street and the South Street area.

If you have any questions call Lulu Bowerman 07811 936487

## **CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER & SHORT SERVICES**

Chichester Cathedral is open daily for **individual private prayer** between 12.00 – 4.00pm. Entry will be by the West Door only apart from use of the Cathedral's accessible entrance. Visitors will be limited to a maximum of 60 at one time.

The cathedral has also announced that it will be open on 5<sup>th</sup> July for short services at 0800/0930/1100 closing with Said Evening Prayer at 3.30pm

## **SUSSEX BEREAVEMENT HELPLINE**

The Sussex Bereavement Helpline offers guidance to those who have lost loved ones. Support workers can advise on tasks such as registration of the death and arranging a funeral. They can also give information about sources of help and support for the bereaved and their families and friends.

It is available Monday – Friday 8.00am – 5.00pm 0300 111 2141

## **WILDLIFE RECORDING 2020**

Did you know that you can help to protect the environment by reporting wildlife sightings in the local district by using iRecord? This helps to create a picture of the local wildlife and how this changes over time. iRecord is a website for sharing wildlife observations, including photographs. You will need to register to use it. <https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/>

## **FREE PARKING IN CHICHESTER (and the loos are open too!)**

You can park in the Avenue de Chartres carpark in Chichester for free every weekend until 6<sup>th</sup> September.

All of the public lavatories in Chichester are now open again from 7.00am – 7.30pm.

## **UPPARK**

At Uppark the gardens and woodland have now reopened. You will need to book your visit in advance and will be turned away if you arrive without a booking. Tickets need to be booked by 3.00pm the day before your visit. Members can book for free, while non-members will need to pay when booking. For more info and to book

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uppark-house-and-garden/whats-on>

## **CHICHESTER WELLBEING**

Chichester District residents can access a range of free online and telephone support from Chichester Wellbeing to improve their health and wellbeing. The support on offer includes weight loss workshops, a stop smoking service and alcohol support. People can make an appointment by calling 01243 521041 or email [info@chichesterwellbeing.org.uk](mailto:info@chichesterwellbeing.org.uk).

## **ARMED FORCES DAY – SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Today is the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Armed Forces Day but of course the first to be marked in a virtual way. You can find out more at [www.armedforcesday.org.uk](http://www.armedforcesday.org.uk)

## **DISPOSING OF PPE**

If you are using a disposable mask when you are out and about do remember to put it in your normal rubbish bin and not in the recycling.

## **THE LIGHTHEARTED BIT!**

How was the car quiz? Hopefully you found it an easy task. Answers attached. This week we return to many people's favourite subject.....chocolate. Can you remember these advertising slogans?

## **WILLIAM BUCKLAND**

You may remember last week the extraordinary exploits on William Buckland concerning human body parts. Here is a little more about this unusual man.

Buckland was born at Axminster in Devon and, as a child, would accompany his father, the Rector of Templeton and Trusham, on his walks collecting fossil shells, including ammonites, from the Jurassic-era rocks exposed in local quarries.

He first went to school in Tiverton, moving to Winchester College, from where he won a scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Oxford. He developed an interest in geology and obtained his MA degree in 1808, becoming a Fellow of Corpus Christi in 1809. He was ordained as a priest in 1809. He made frequent geological excursions on horseback, to various parts of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. He was not only a very eminent geologist but also a palaeontologist and wrote the first full account of a fossil dinosaur, which he named *Megalosaurus*.

Buckland preferred to do his field palaeontology and geological work wearing an academic gown. His lectures were notable for their dramatic delivery and he was known to occasionally lecture on horseback. When he lectured indoors he would bring his presentations to life by imitating the movements of the dinosaurs under discussion. Buckland's passion for scientific observation and experiment extended to his home, where he had a table inlaid with dinosaur coprolites or fossilised faeces. The original table top is exhibited at the Lyme Regis Museum.

In 1825 he resigned his college fellowship. He had planned to take up the living of Stoke Charity in Hampshire but, before he could take up the appointment, he was made a Canon of Christ Church, a rich reward for academic distinction without serious administrative responsibilities! The same year he married Mary Morland an accomplished illustrator and collector of fossils. Their honeymoon was a year touring Europe, with visits to famous geologists and geological sites. She continued to assist him in his work, as well as having nine children! On one occasion, Mary helped him decipher footmarks found in a slab of sandstone by covering the kitchen table with paste, while he fetched their pet tortoise and confirmed his intuition, that tortoise footprints matched the fossil marks.

Not only was William Buckland's home filled with specimens – animal as well as mineral, live as well as dead – but he claimed to have eaten his way through the animal kingdom. The most distasteful items were mole and bluebottle fly. Panther, crocodile and mouse were among the other dishes noted by guests. The raconteur Augustus Hare claimed that "*Talk of strange relics led to mention of the heart of a French King preserved at Nuneham in a silver casket. Dr. Buckland, whilst looking at it, exclaimed, 'I have eaten many strange things, but have never eaten the heart of a king before', and, before anyone could hinder him, he had gobbled it up, and the precious relic was lost for ever.*" The heart in question was that of Louis XVI mentioned last week.

He was a friend of Sir Robert Peel who in 1845 appointed him as Dean of Westminster. A Fellow of the Royal Society and twice president of the Geological Society he also kept a menagerie of animals (snakes, eagles and monkeys) at the Deanery.

Several years before his death in 1856 Buckland had reserved a plot for his grave. However when the gravedigger set to work, it was found that an outcrop of solid Jurassic limestone lay just below ground level and explosives had to be used for excavation. Many felt that this was a last jest by the noted geologist. He has a memorial bust in the nave of Westminster Abbey but is buried with his wife in the churchyard at Islip in Oxfordshire.

## LAURIE IS BACK!

A last few tips extraordinary from Laurie:

**Motor Tyres** – these make good fuel for the copper on wash-days. Sawn into lengths, they give great heat and save coal and wood. The inner tube can be cut into rings which can be used instead of string when covering jumpots.

For those of you returning to work:

**Cleaning the brim of a bowler hat** – First rub the brim well with a little fresh butter and clean it off with a solution of rock ammonia dissolved in hot water. Hot the hat under running water and hang out to dry

**Baldness** – Dandruff is a frequent cause of premature baldness. A tablespoon of flowers of sulphur shaken up in a medicine bottle full of water and then applied to the head will keep the scalp free from surf.

**Trouser hems** – Before new trousers are worn cut two strips half an inch wide from old kid gloves and neatly hem inside where the material comes in frequent contact with the shoes

**To Freshen Stale Cake** – Put it in a pudding basin, cover with a lid or plate and steam for half an hour. The cake will be like one newly baked.

**Midges** – A small quantity of white paper carried in the pocket will prevent midges and gnats from troubling you. (!!!!)

As we start to meet and greet each other again this one may be helpful today!

**Introductions** – Upon the majority of introductions it is unnecessary to shake hands, a bow being sufficient.

And **finally**, our prayers:

Loving God

We pray for your guidance and wisdom as your church finds new ways of reaching out into the world with the good news of your generous love and forgiveness.

We pray that all those who have influence over the lives of others might make decisions based on kindness and for the common good.

We pray for comfort and strength for those who are still isolated; for the elderly and those suffering long term illnesses.

Lord lift anxiety from those who are worried about the future, their jobs, businesses and financial position. May they know they are not alone, that you are always with them.

Thank you Lord that your love never fails

**Amen**

Lord, you are ever watchful

and bless us with your gifts;

as you provide for all our needs,

so help us to build only what pleases you,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Stay safe and enjoy the summer sunshine

**Carol & Willem**