

Dear All

Welcome to Keeping In Touch (KIT) 18.

Update on Return to Services

Unfortunately there is still nothing to report yet regarding opening again for services in St Mary's. Thank you to those of you who have returned the survey, it is attached again this week and the return date is Monday 27th July. We have only received a small number of responses so far so please do consider returning it.

We are still awaiting information from the diocese regarding questions we have. The risk assessment is ready for when we are able to restart.

The survey is designed to gauge the intentions of members of the congregation regarding timescale in returning to a 'live' service on a Sunday, to help with our planning. It is simply for planning purposes and of course does not hold anyone to a definite decision.

We know that some of you are not as familiar with the use of IT as others so you can do this in one of the following ways:

- Complete the form and send it as an attachment to treasurerstmaryschidham@gmail.com
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- Print the form and post it to 21 Deeside Avenue, Fishbourne, Chichester PO19 3QF
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- Type your answers into an email and send to treasurerstmaryschidham@gmail.com
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- Call 01243 537216, leave your name and number and someone will call you back

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



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KIT was launched at the start of the lockdown period in March to keep our congregation informed of developments, to help you with information regarding support services and to provide a few hopefully entertaining stories and virtual links to keep you amused during the restricted times.

After 18 weeks we think it has really run its course and therefore this will be the final edition in this format as almost all facilities and services have returned to normal and movement is no longer restricted in anyway. We will still keep you informed of the update regarding the return to services in St Mary's and hopefully it will not be long before this is resolved. Going forward we will provide KIT LITE which will be the pewslip and small snippet of news. We will also use the email list to periodically keep you abreast of events and news from the parish. The pewslip for each week will be available on the Village website.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us during the last few weeks and of course should there be a need for another round of KIT it will appear again.

Don't forget you can also find out what is happening by subscribing to our parish magazine, 'Chidham Parish News'.

This week is the **Sixth Sunday after Trinity**.

As ever, thank you to Stephen for the **pewslip**.

SERVICES FOR SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This week's **Sunday Service** on BBC **Radio 4** at 0810. 'A Word for all Seasons'

"2020 is the 'Year of the Word' in the Catholic Church in England and Wales – to celebrate, share and live out faith through deeper Scriptural engagement. Dioceses have taken on different projects as part of this initiative, and Sunday Worship this morning comes from the Diocese of Leeds where Priests and Parishioners have been exploring the 'Word Unlocked'. Fr Michael Hall will lead the service, "A Word for All Seasons", to reflect on the way that "the God who speaks" meets us in all the changing circumstances of our lives, especially significant at a time when many Christians will have been turning to the Bible for comfort over the last few months. We'll hear passages that have particular emphasis on the importance of the 'Word' of God.

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

This week the live streamed service from **Chichester Cathedral will be at 9.30am**. 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

Songs of Praise - Eyam. **BBC1 1.15pm**

"Rev Kate Bottley visits Eyam in Derbyshire, where 355 years ago residents took the brave decision to lock down their village to prevent the spread of the bubonic plague, saving countless lives across the rest of northern England. Local historians Francine Clifford and Owen Roberts describe how this act of self-sacrifice was inspired by two rival clergymen in an act of unity. The current rector, Rev Mike Gilbert, explains how the church's current activities have striking parallels with the past and reads the moving letter his 17th-century predecessor William Mompesson wrote after his wife's death from the plague".

This week's **Choral Evensong service** on **BBC Radio 3** at **3.00pm** comes from **CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL**. It was recorded during the 2010 Southern Cathedrals Festival, with the choirs of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester Cathedrals.

DRIVE IN WORSHIP – THE FUTURE?

All Saints Church, Crowborough welcomed regular church goers in a local field in 60 cars to its first ever drive-in church service on Sunday 5th July. The hour-long service took place in a field owned by and adjacent to Holy Trinity Church, High Hurstwood. It was led by Holy Trinity Vicar Revd Mark Ashworth and the Vicar of All Saints, Crowborough, Revd Steve Rees. On an average Sunday, All Saints would normally welcome up to 400 people to church and the outside service attracted at least 200.

Churchwarden Nigel Grimwade said: *"What a great joy it was to meet together as a church in this way for the first time since the lockdown. The sun was shining and the surrounding countryside was stunning. Despite social distancing, we were able to safely sing in our cars and pray together, sound our car horns, wipers and lights! The service finished with a rousing chorus of the hymn 'In Christ Alone' echoing around the valley – lifting our spirits as we praised God outdoors."*

THANKYOU THANKYOU THANKYOU

If you have passed St Mary's churchyard or the extension graveyard recently you will have seen that much work has been done in clearing overgrown areas. A big thank you to Bruce and Alison Garrett for all of their hard work and for enhancing these areas for us all.

BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT

This is a UK wide survey aimed at helping to assess the health of the environment by counting the amount and type of butterflies we see. Until 9th August you can be part of this survey either online or via an App. Find out more information here:

<https://www.discoverwildlife.com/animal-facts/insects-invertebrates/big-butterfly-count-how-to-take-part-and-species-to-spot/>

COUNCIL TAX SCAM WARNING

Chichester District Council are warning of a new scam which tells people they can claim council tax reduction. The email appears as though it comes from the Government, but it leads to a website which isn't credible and asks for personal and financial details. If you or anyone you know has concerns about a council tax account call 01243 534509 or email taxation@chichester.gov.uk

DOGS IN PUBLIC SPACES

A review of dog control in public spaces in the area is underway. You can give your views in a survey running until 14th August. Visit www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkdogsinpublicspaces

EMSWORTH LIBRARY

Emsworth Library is now open with reduced hours: initially only on Tuesday and Fridays from 1000 am – 1.00 pm

ST ROCHE'S HILL

You may or may not realise that although mostly referred to as the Trundle, the hill overlooking the Goodwood racecourse is actually St Roche's Hill and the Trundle is only the remains of an Iron Age hillfort on the top.

The name 'Trundle' is Old English for circle or hoop but the ramparts are actually built in a series of 9 straight sections. An early Saxon document also uses the name *Billingabyrig* which today would have translated as Billingbury. The Trundle is one of four hill forts built in Sussex and was built in the middle of the 1st millennium BC but underneath its well preserved boundary there are much slighter remains of a Neolithic causewayed enclosure circa 6000 years old. This was only discovered in 1925 when it was seen for the first time on some aerial photographs.

When the Trundle hillfort was surveyed in 1995 nine house platforms were identified, plus three rectangular buildings possibly from the Roman era. The embankments and ditches of the perimeter of the fort are obviously clearly seen today and would have made an impressive defence. The earthworks would have given Iron Age settlers a degree of safety and a superb view of everything happening on the coastal plain.

Back in the Paleolithic, the sea came near to the bottom of the hill but as ice sheets pressed down on the north of Britain, the south was pushed into the air, leaving old beaches high and dry. These 'raised beaches', when the sea was still there, were often frequented by Paleolithic peoples, the most famous local example being at Boxgrove where flints and a human bone half a million years old was found – Boxgrove Man. Flint finds have also been found in raised beach deposits at the foot of the Trundle, approximately 50 and mostly hand axes.

As with other Neolithic sites, carved chalk objects have been found at the Trundle, including three chalk cups, five large pieces of chalk perforated with large holes and four flat pieces of chalk with incised lines, a common but little understood find.

There is folklore connected to the Trundle regarding the Devil and buried treasure! One story goes that a Golden Calf was buried in the Trundle. Everyone knew where it was but each time they tried to dig it up the Devil moved it away. A similar story records that the calf was known as 'Aaron's Golden Calf', which may give a clue to the origin of this particular piece of folklore.

There is another version of the tales which doesn't mention the Devil at all and where the calf isn't golden! It is said that a Viking raiding party stopped at the Trundle to hide some treasure before they headed west to fight the men of Chichester in Kingley Vale, leaving a ghostly calf to guard their treasure. The Vikings were defeated, leaving the treasure where they buried it, with the ghostly calf being heard crying in the woods of Goodwood, the connection with the previous stories being that there was supposed to be enough treasure to make a Golden Calf.

It has also been suggested that the buried treasure folklore may have come about during the Reformation, when it was thought that Catholics buried or hid valuable church objects rather than having them stolen by the reformers. This certainly makes sense for the Trundle, as a small chapel dedicated to St Roche existed there until the mid 18th century. Saint Roche was a French saint who was said to have been born with the image of a cross on his breast which grew as he did. This was a favourite stopping place for pilgrims making their way to the shrine of St Richard at the cathedral. The existence of the chapel of St Roche on the top of the Trundle is quite significant as he was associated with the control of the weather, which was thought by some to originate on the top of hills (more about St Roche in our September magazine).

In 1645, a large number of the political movement known as 'The Clubmen' used the hill as a military base. The Clubmen were locals who were fed up of successive Royalist and Parliamentary armies who swept through Sussex making all sorts of demands on occupied towns. It is recorded that there was "*divers outrageous proceedings of 1000 Clubmen at Rowkeshill*". Although armed and prepared to fight, the Clubmen never took on any of the occupying forces and dispersed after they heard that the Hampshire Clubmen had been defeated by the Parliamentarians at Winchester.

There was once a Masonic Lodge on the Trundle, set up by the Duke of Richmond in 1730. Later the hill became a beacon site to warn against attack by the French and when lit in 1745 caused much alarm in the surrounding countryside.

In 1801 the Trundle became the site of the first ever Goodwood horse race when the 3rd Duke introduced horse racing for the benefit of the officers of the Sussex Militia and the rest, as they say, is history!

So, whether you are walking 'up the Trundle' or strolling around St Roche's Hill, you now know a little more about it.

THE LIGHTEARTED BIT!

Hope you enjoyed last week's 2 quizzes, answers attached.

This week there is still a quiz but we have attached the answers too – so no peeking!

As the Prime Minister stated this week that all would be back to normal by Christmas (!) it is only fitting that we use a Christmas Quiz for the final KIT !

AND FINALLY...

We can't finish KIT without a final few wise tips from Laurie's Household Encyclopaedia circa 1930.

To ascertain if the bed is damp

Put a mirror for a few moments between the sheets. If it is misty when removed, then the bed is damp.

To treat an abscess

Boil fair sized parsnip to a pulp. Bathe the affected part with the water in which the parsnip has been boiled and then apply the pulp itself as hot as can be borne.

Shopping Lists

Use an old diary for keeping a note of which supplies are running low so as not to forget when ordering from tradesmen.

Hot Water Bottles.

When your earthenware hot water bottle becomes cracked do not throw it away. If filled three parts full with common sand and heated in the oven it will answer the purpose as well as when filled with boiling water. When heating remove the stopper.

Wedding Reception Etiquette

If there is a luncheon, after the bridal party has entered the reception room, except at really formal affairs where rank and precedence must be considered, one usually finds the remainder of the guests pair off as they will, it being left to good taste for precedence to be accorded where due.

As we enter the holiday season, here are a few travelling tips from Laurie to help you out:

- A lady when travelling may certainly accept from a stranger any little polite attentions – the loan of a rug or cushion on a long journey, help with luggage or securing the services of a porter
- A much debated travel question is which of several passengers in a train carriage has the right to decree whether a window shall be open or closed. It is generally conceded that the window-seat passenger facing the engine has that right – but should not exercise it in an arbitrary manner. It is excessively rude for anyone to reach across window-seat passengers to raise or lower the window without at least a polite question or apology
- Any refreshments taken in the train should be of a nature, and consumed in a way, that cannot cause offence.

- When conversing on a long journey, it is right to address people by name when you wish to attract their attention but constant repetition is ill-bred and irritating.

And **lastly**, our prayers:

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

We hope we can all meet again very soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions do please contact us. Remember to stay safe.

Carol & Willem