

Church Window

The magazine for the parishes of

St. Peter's

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon



&



St. Leonard's

Warmingham

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.
Hebrews 10: 23

Keep Well - Keep Safe

March 2021

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Dear Friends,

We're so grateful for the welcome that you have extended to us, for the many cards and beautiful bunches of flowers, and for everything that was done to make the induction service as good as it could be, under the circumstances. St Peter's looked absolutely beautiful - a huge thank you to all who contributed to that, and to those who hired the media company so that people could join us from the safety and comfort of their homes.



Thank you too to those who have asked how we are settling in – we are so grateful to be here in such a beautiful place, with such lovely people around us. There are still a few boxes (mainly mine) to be unpacked – it's harder to find the motivation to make everything neat at a time when we can't have anyone round.

It continues to be a really strange and difficult time for us all. The combination of this third lockdown and the cold weather has reminded me of that famous quote C S Lewis from "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe": "it is always winter in Narnia—always winter, but it never gets to Christmas". Obviously it is spring and Easter that we are now longing for and looking forward to, but however hopeful we are it is very hard not to be affected by the length and hardness of this lockdown period.

I'm writing this a few days before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent – in one sense it feels as though we have been in and out of a year long Lent already. I'm sure that we can all reflect on how lockdown and wilderness time have certain similarities. I pray that we can all find flashes of joy and hope at this time, for me the number of you who have now been vaccinated is really encouraging and points to a real ending to our current situation.

When Christ was in the wilderness he was not alone, Mark tells us that "he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him." There's an interesting theological discussion to be had about the meaning of "with the wild beasts" which I won't go into now, but please be assured that, whenever you feel alone, you are not. To return briefly to C S Lewis, Aslan whispers "courage, dear heart" to Lucy, and those words are for us all from Christ, whenever we need to hear them. God is very present, as refuge, strength and comforter wherever we are, whether we can sense him or not.

Revd Catherine Cleghorn

From our February registers



Baptisms will resume when we re-open for services again on Sundays.



Weddings can only legally happen in exceptional circumstances at the moment.



“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted”

Funerals Government guidance permits a maximum of thirty people attending, subject to the church carrying out a risk assessment and taking all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of coronavirus.

Further information can be found on the Chester Diocese website -
Coronavirus (Covid-19) guidance for churches

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

<http://www.warminghamchurch.weebly.com>
<http://www.stpeters-leighton.org.uk>

Give me a sense of humour, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humour out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.

Saturday Church



Saturday Church is held in Warmingham Village Hall from 9.45am with craft, stories, songs and worship for families of all ages.

Unfortunately we are still unable to meet in the Village Hall but please come along to

St. Leonard's Mothering Sunday Service in Church on Sunday 14th March at 11.30am

In order to follow coronavirus regulations, masks need to be worn in church by adults and young people over eleven years of age. Social distancing must be observed. Families may sit in family bubbles.

Please let us know if you are coming along by emailing helan.isherwood@sky.com or ring Helan on 01606 841711.

Future Saturday Church dates

17th April
8th May
12th June
10th July



Lent Course at Warmingham

Our Lent Course started via Zoom on Monday 22nd February.

We are following a study called “Inspired by Hope” written by Mark Calder for the charity Embrace the Middle East. This is an ecumenical charity based in the UK which supports and helps to fund projects run by Christian partners in the Middle East. As part of the course we look to the rich heritage and faithful witness of Middle Eastern Christians.

For example one of the many church families is the Coptic Orthodox Church which maintains the largest Christian community in the Middle East with up to ten million adherents in Egypt as well as a significant *diaspora* in America and Western Europe. It is traditionally believed to have been founded by St Mark the Evangelist around AD 42. The Coptic Church has always retained a distinctive Egyptian flavour independent of both Latin and Greek influences. It has recently seen a marked increase in monastic vocations and the development of a lively Sunday School movement. Its leader is Pope Tawadros II.

Events for St. Leonard’s Church – save the dates

Friday 16th April

On-line family Quiz Evening

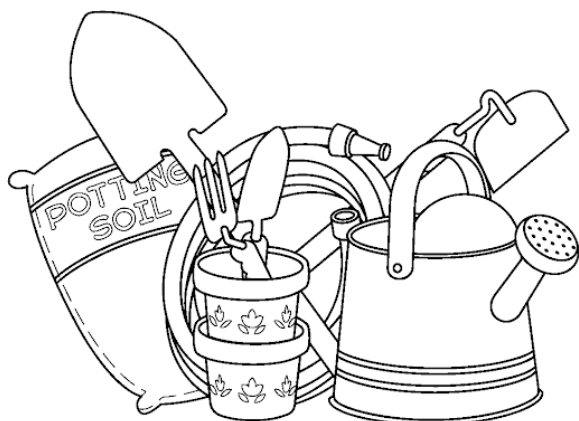
Sunday 2nd May

Wakes Queen Crowning and Family Service
at 11.30am in Church

More information in next month’s magazine or via Facebook or website.

A day in my life under lockdown?

Would you like to share with readers how you are spending your time at home, and what, if anything, you actually like about it? We would love to hear from you.



Knowledgeable Gardener wanted for a few hours a week to help with beautiful established garden and borders. Please call 07794 994329



I'm sure many of you know that I have a little Welsh blood flowing in my veins but I'm not a thoroughbred like my friend Joan. I was brought up in Llandudno and Joan on Anglesey. St David's Day is very special to both of us.

The feast of St David the patron Saint of Wales falls on March 1st. The date of St David's death in the year 589AD.

St David was born in the year 500- The grandson of Ceredig ap Cunedda, the King of Ceredigion. Legend tells us he was born on a clifftop in Pembrokeshire during a fierce storm. The spot is marked by the ruins of Nons Chapel and a nearby well is said to be Holy and have healing powers.

St David became a preacher founding monastic settlements and churches in Wales, Brittany, South West England and some think the Abbey at Glastonbury. St David made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and a stone he brought back is set into an altar at St David's Cathedral.



St David was teetotal and a vegetarian. Some say he ate only leeks and drank only water which is why the leek is a symbol of Wales.

St David performed miracles - the most famous being was when he was preaching to a large crowd at Llanddewi Brefi. The people at the back complained they couldn't see or hear him. St David threw a handkerchief down at his feet. The ground on which he stood rose up to form a hill. A white dove, sent by God settled on his shoulder. All the crowd could then see and hear him and listen to his words of wisdom and his messages from God.

St David died on 1st March 589AD and was buried at the site of St David's Cathedral where his shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the Middle Ages. His last words to his followers came from a sermon he gave on the previous Sunday:

***Be Joyful**

***Keep the Faith**

***Do little things you have heard or seen me do.**

The phrase -

"Gwnewch y pethau Bychan mewn bywyd"



Do the little things in life, is still a well known maxim in Wales, and a good way to live your life. It often is the little acts of kindness or the quiet word at the right moment that really makes a

difference.

March 1st also falls at the time when the daffodils appear to be everywhere, and it's thought this is why it has become the national flower of Wales.

So from the tiny Welsh contingent in the choir can I wish you, A happy St David's Day

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus.



Reaching out to Parishioners

During this pandemic we have all been introduced to new ways of communication, whether it be Zoom, WhatsApp or just hand signals and eye contact over a mask. Our parish magazine, "Church Window" has been the backbone of our monthly communication to parishioners for many years, but is it still an effective, and more importantly, a cost-effective platform, or is the website and email the way forward?

What a fantastic job Gail is making of producing and printing such wonderful magazine editions, month after month. Thank you to Gail, and all her contributors, advertisers, and those of you who make donations towards its cost. It is very much appreciated, but it is always good to review how we have done things in the past, and whether we could do things any better going forward, and the start of Catherine's new ministry could be the catalyst for a thorough appraisal. Who would have thought that sitting at home taking in one of Catherine's on-line services would prove so fulfilling?

Not everyone is familiar or comfortable with that on-line technology and having a "hard copy" magazine literally in our hands to read, is still a powerful requisite. I do not have all the answers, apart from a few less pages perhaps and asking more of you to consider a financial contribution, but when we can, I feel that there needs to be an open discussion between both parishes on how we balance our requirements with cost-effective solutions. The magazine is costing us over £3000 per year to print 350/400 copies each month, without compensating Gail for her efforts. As Treasurer, I do not resent this sum, but it is always good to reflect, if it provides good value for money and whether today's magazine achieves all our needs and requirements in this technological age.

With some 6000 households in our Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon parish alone, our communication needs vary from those of Warmingham with fewer households, but how do we reach out to all our potential members in a cost-effective way. It would be good to contact those 6000 households at least once a year, like Warmingham do theirs, but how do we achieve that feat, and is a monthly copy of our treasured "Church Window" the best way to achieve it?

Food for thought perhaps.

John Edge

Prayer for Families

Dear Father God,

In this month, when we especially think about mothers, we thank you for the families and friends you have given us. You know how hard it has been to have been separated over these past months, how much we have missed and longed for their hugs, their physical presence and fellowship.

As we hold on to the hope of overcoming the pandemic, help us to be strengthened by the power of the love we receive – and to strengthen others by the love we give.

May we know that, wherever we are, whatever our circumstances, we and our loved ones are held safe and connected by your unfailing love for us, revealed in Jesus – who is alive – and from whom nothing, no pandemic, no man-made turmoil, absolutely nothing and no-one can separate us, when we put our trust in Him.

Thank you, Father, that we belong to your family. Thank you for the love and security we have in you.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

March Bible Readings

7th March The 3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 20: 1-17 John 2.13-22
14th March The 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 John 19.25b-27
21st March The 5th Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)	Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12.20-33
28th March Palm Sunday	Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-end Mark 11: 1-11

Your daily walk should be a sacred ritual

Under lockdown, millions of us who rarely walked around our immediate locality are now well acquainted with every nearby driveway, every crack in the pavement, and every pothole in the road. We have developed views on our



neighbours' gardens, on their oddly coloured garage doors, and on their dogs, children and cars. If we go out at the same time every day, we may even be saying hello to the same people we don't know every day.

For many of us, that daily walk has become the high point of our day. After all, it is one of the few liberties we have left. Some of us go early, to enjoy the relative peace and quiet. Some of us go midday, to at least see other people, even if we can't talk to them. Others of us opt for dusk, the dark comfort of a street with lit houses and stars in the sky.

Whatever time you most enjoy, make sure you do make the time to go for your walk. Your mental and physical fitness can only improve!

Wild Lent – discovering God through creation

By Rachel Summers, Kevin Mayhew, £7.99



Wild Lent could change how you experience Lent this year. Instead of a nice cosy room, coffee, biscuits and lots of discussion about the meaning of Lent, you'll be wrapping up warm and heading off into the wilds!

You could get up close and personal with creation and make a shadow clock, have a sunrise breakfast walk, go on a giant egg hunt, hug a tree, walk barefoot... and share God's creation with others. The book gives you lots of ideas for things to make and do, whatever the weather.

Rachel Summers is a Forest School Practitioner and runs Curious Wilds, which provides forest school sessions.

Editor: The Revd Canon Paul Hardingham offers the following for Lent...

Finding God in Each Moment of the Day

Do you know the popular series of books entitled *Where's Wally?* These books are filled with very detailed cartoon drawings in each of which is hidden Wally. He is dressed in a red and white striped ski cap and glasses and the challenge is to find Wally. You have to search for some time to pick him out of the crowd, but Wally is always there!

In many ways, like finding Wally, we need to develop the skill of identifying God's presence in our daily lives. One approach that can help us to find God throughout the day is to do a daily review of our day with God. It can provide us with a means of seeing where God has been at work during our day. It's an opportunity of remembering how God has been at work and how we have responded to Him. As the psalmist says, *'On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night'* (Ps 63:6).

What does this look like in practice? Here is a step by step guide:

1. Be still for a moment, and quiet your mind.
2. Acknowledge that Jesus is present. Invite Him to guide you.
3. Recall the beginning of the day, when you first woke up. Watch that scene, as if on film. What is your reaction to what you see? Talk to God about it.
4. Continue through the film of your day, going from scene to scene. As you reflect on each one, some scenes may fill you with gratitude, others with regret. Speak directly to God about this. You may also want to pray for those you encountered during the day.
5. End your review with a prayer of thanksgiving for God's mercy and love. Ask him to refresh you as you sleep.

As you begin reviewing your day with God regularly, you can expect to see two things beginning to happen:

Firstly, you will become more aware of recurring negative patterns in your life, which will challenge these wrong attitudes and habits and increase your desire to grow and change.

Secondly, you will become more aware of God's presence in the ordinary moments of your life. And when you start experiencing the reality of God's presence with you every day, it's not ordinary any more!

How to stop stress getting the better of you

With the third lockdown, too many of us are facing a torrent of stress over job insecurity, home schooling, isolation, illness, or all of the above!

Stress makes us want to eat badly, exercise less and drink more. It also has a profound effect on our immune system.

While brief or 'acute' stress can spur us on to some specific achievement, the opposite is true of 'chronic' stress, which does only damage. It suppresses our immune system, making us more susceptible to bugs. That is why a stressful event can leave you feeling run down, or trigger a bad cold, shingles, or asthma.

So how do we give our immune systems some help during this crisis?

Eat well. A balanced diet includes at least all six plant-based food groups: fruit, vegetables, wholegrains, legume, nuts and seeds.

Exercise every day: regular moderate exercise helps your immune system.

Get enough sleep. It has been called "the foundation of the immune system." Avoid caffeine in the afternoon and keep devices, laptops or screens away from you for an hour before bedtime. Instead, stretch and relax, and consider a hot shower or bath.

Finally, **don't be mean to yourself.** Practise some self-compassion. Give yourself some private time, forget perfectionism, and accept that 'sometimes half-good is good enough.' Be kind to yourself – because even that will help your immune system.

Why not contact a lonely neighbour?

The public have been urged to write letters to their lonely neighbours, as the Government has announced a £7.5million cash injection for community-boosting activities. It is hoped that people will "reach out virtually and help combat loneliness", says Robert Jenrick, the Communities Secretary. This could be done either by "picking up the phone or writing a letter."

He urges, "Let's all do what we can to connect with our older neighbours, in a Covid-secure way, so they feel less alone and know how valuable they are to their communities at this time."

The charity Age UK has said it reckons there to be about 1.4million older people in England who are "chronically lonely."

St. Peter's March Services

St Peter's will be open from Sunday March 7th, initially just for the 10.45am services. We will hopefully live-stream these services to both Facebook pages so that people who cannot come to church can still join us online.

Date	Time	Service
7th March The 3rd Sunday of Lent	10.45am	Holy Communion
14th March The 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	10.45am	Holy Communion
21st March The 5th Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)	10.45am	Holy Communion
28th March Palm Sunday	10.45am	Holy Communion



**The
Children's
Society**

Children's Society Boxes

Thank you to those who sent their boxes in to Church for the annual emptying and to Philip who kindly delivered them to me.

I apologise for the delay in completing the admin, I have been

staying at home but got to the Bank today to make the final deposits, and I can now confirm that the total collected was £413.40.

Margaret Davies

St. Leonard's March Services

St Leonard's will open on March 14th for the 11.30am service. We can sadly not hold Saturday Church on March 13th, but would like to invite those who would normally come to Saturday Church to join us for the Mothering Sunday service on the 14th. Please contact Helan for details and to let her know if you are coming - helan.isherwood @sky.com / 01606 841711.

Date	Time	Service
14th March The 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	11.30am	Family Service
21st March The 5th Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)	11.30am	Holy Communion
28th March Palm Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion

Please keep to the coronavirus regulations: those over eleven years old are required to wear masks and observe social distancing and hygiene procedures.

The latest information can be found on St. Leonard's Facebook page or by contacting the Vicar or Churchwardens.

Forthcoming events:

Friday 16th April

On-line family Quiz Evening

Sunday 2nd May

Wakes Queen Crowning and Family Service
at 11.30am in Church

St. Paul's Pantry

Hightown, Crewe. CW1 3BY Tel: 01270 586186

Here's our monthly Foodbank data for January that you may wish to share with your congregations:-

Donations of food received weighed **1710kg** and we were able to help **281** people during the month.

We have been so grateful for people's generosity over recent months and we really appreciate all the food donations we have received. Unfortunately we have started to run short of certain items.

If you are able to donate, we are currently running low on long life milk, tinned potatoes, tinned meat pies, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, pot noodles/instant noodles, instant pasta and sauce, tinned sandwich meat, jam and rice.

Donations of any of the items listed above would be really helpful, and can be dropped off at our back gate in St Paul's Street anytime between 9.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes,

John Rivers

Communications & E-Commerce Co-ordinator



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Birthdays, Christenings and much
more. We have a meeting room and
kitchen available

Please contact the bookings
secretary:

07483 906104

or visit our website for more
information:

www.warminghamvh.co.uk

News from Warmingham CE Primary

As last half term drew to an end, we spent some time reflecting on everything we had achieved. The term started so well – the children were so excited about their new study themes and the term ahead. That night everything changed – schools closed once more and we started delivering our lessons remotely. Nothing will ever replace a qualified teacher in front of a class of eager children, but together, we have ensured our children have been able to continue their learning journeys during these challenging times. It's not been easy, in fact the opposite but we have done it!



One day soon

On Monday night we heard that we will be able to reopen our doors to all of our wonderful children on 8th March – and we can't wait! We have really missed each and every one of them. The school just isn't the same without them all. There is now a glimmer of hope - one day, hopefully very soon, we will be able to pop our bubbles and be together as a whole school once again. Sharing the same drop off times, chatting in the playground before the children start school, seeing friends from other classes at playtime, looking after our buddies, singing together as a whole school - the list goes on and on. One day soon.

Worship at Warmingham CE Primary - Lent

The month of February saw the start of Lent, marked by Ash Wednesday on 17th February. As Christians, Lent offers a time for prayer and penance, remembering the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who withdrew into the wilderness and fasted for forty days. It is often a time where we may choose to make our own personal sacrifice, to 'give something up' during the time leading up to Easter. The pandemic and current lockdown has brought into sharp focus much of what we have been forced to give up or go without, as the many restrictions have come into force.

Many people sacrifice something during Lent (like coffee, sweets, or shopping) as a way of tuning our hearts back to God. The **point** of

sacrificing something important is to remember that God wants to be the most important aspect of our lives. Lent **reminds** us of our waywardness and calls us back to His love. There are three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Each one helps us grow in holiness.

Sacrificing something for forty days can be particularly challenging for children and some adults too! A much more meaningful way is to complete a series of daily challenges. The beautiful thing about Lent is that every day is a new chance to make a difference.



Justice

This half term we will be focusing on Christian value of Justice and how Jesus can help us to do the right thing, stand up for others and the world around us.

Editor: The Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the CofE, considers all that mothers have done for us this past year.

Let's clap for mothers!

As Mother's Day approaches, let's hear it for all the mothers who have been on the frontline of helping our country survive the Covid pandemic!

Just as we've clapped on our doorsteps for the NHS and other heroes, let's applaud all that mothers have done – often balancing home



and employment – during these long lockdown months.

Research shows that mums have carried out most of the home schooling and household tasks – with many also holding down important frontline roles in the NHS and other essential services.

Women spent more than twice as much time as men on their children's home schooling and development during the lockdown, according to a study by University College London. It measured how parents responded while schools and nurseries were closed to most families.

The survey, reported by the Guardian newspaper, found that women across several age groups took the major share of childcare and home schooling. Those with primary school-aged children “were considerably more likely” to have given up working than fathers with children of the same age.

The pressure on families was further increased as many grandparents and other carers were unable to help. Family and friendship networks were put under strain with contacts restricted to online Zoom or Facetime calls that are often difficult with younger children.

Launching a Children's Society report into children's welfare during the lockdown, chief executive Mark Russell said: “We are living in unprecedented times. Months of national lockdown, only small numbers of children in school, and many families experiencing real crisis. Coronavirus has impacted every area of our lives and The Children's Society has been deeply concerned about the impact of this crisis on children, especially the most disadvantaged.”

He added: “Our survey found a higher proportion of young people experiencing low well-being than we are used to seeing. Whilst we know that most children's well-being will ‘bounce-back’, there will be some who do not.”

Mothers are at the frontline of helping our children cope with – and then recover from – the effects of the Covid pandemic and the extended lockdowns.

Many working mothers lost their jobs because of the pandemic, and families will be hard-pressed to make up for the income lost. Food bank provider, the Trussell Trust has warned churches to prepare for a ‘tidal wave’ of poverty and to be ready to help their local communities.

This Mother's Day, daffodils and chocolate may seem very thin reward for the major contribution of mums across our nation.

In normal times, they have a challenging and demanding job to do. Through the pandemic, they have risen to the challenges and sought to ensure children thrive despite the lockdowns.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let's recognise the amazing efforts made by mothers in the home with their children.

Let's also celebrate the vital roles many also play – as do those without children – in the NHS, in education, in the government and civil service, in keeping vital supplies flowing – and in our pulpits and across our churches.

Coronavirus near Easter: still a good time to pause, pray and remember

When the UK death toll for coronavirus recently reached 100,000, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued a call to the nation. They asked everyone to pause and remember the victims of Covid-19. The victims and their families were 'known to God and cherished by God'.

Perhaps, as we approach Easter, we should consider stopping again and remembering again the terrible cost of the pandemic.

In their open letter, Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell had insisted that death does not have "the last word", and the Christian faith promises that one day "every tear will be wiped away".

God, they wrote, knows grief and suffering and "shares in the weight of our sadness".

Turning to the wider impact of the pandemic, the loneliness, anxiety and economic hardship, they then invited people to "cast their fears on God".

The archbishops said: "We write to you in consolation, but also in encouragement, and ultimately in the hope of Jesus Christ. The God who comes to us in Jesus knew grief and suffering Himself. On the cross, Jesus shares the weight of our sadness."

"Most of all, we have hope because God raised Jesus from the dead. This is the Christian hope that we will be celebrating at Easter. We live in the hope that we will share in His resurrection. Death doesn't have the last word. In God's kingdom, every tear will be wiped away.

"Please be assured of our prayers. Please join us."

Wear your daffodil and unite in memory

Marie Curie, the UK's leading end-of-life care charity will this year celebrate their 35th annual Great Daffodil Appeal, which is held every March across the UK. The money raised from this appeal enables the charity to continue their vital work providing care and support to people living with a terminal illness and their families.

The coronavirus continues to have a devastating effect on Marie Curie's fundraising, as activities up and down the country have had to be cancelled. However, there's still lots of ways people can get involved, with things like the Step into Spring Challenge in March where people walk 10,000 steps a day, they can host a virtual collection or buy and wear one of the charity's iconic daffodils in memory of a loved one.

This year will be even more special as the charity encourages the nation to come together to reflect, grieve and remember for a National Day of Reflection. **Tuesday 23rd March 2021** will mark one year since the UK first went into a nationwide lockdown and Marie Curie is inviting the nation to unite and remember those who died and show support and solidarity for those who have been bereaved. The charity knows how important it is for people to grieve and the emotional and psychological impact of not being able to say goodbye properly and grieving in isolation can have.

Due to the pandemic, Marie Curie won't have their normal collections on the street, so donations are more important than ever. To support the Great Daffodil Appeal, you can donate at www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil or you can buy your daffodil pin in store at a number of high street stores including Superdrug or Savers.

😊 Switched on

A housewife was helping her aged mother get up the stairs on their brand-new stair lift when the minister telephoned her. He was horrified to hear her say: "I'm so sorry, but I'll have to ring you back. I can't talk right now because I've finally got Mother in the electric chair and I'm eager to press the switch and see if it works!"



Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal

Nigel Beeton writes: For those of us fortunate enough to have gardens one reliable source of joy and pleasure over the past dark months has been the birds visiting our gardens. I even saw goldfinches in mine, they are not common visitors but it's lovely to see them when they come! They really are spectacular birds!

The Goldfinch

A flash of yellow, gold, and red
dancing in our flower bed.
Flocked together, bringing charm
their joyful song restoring calm.

Through centuries since times of old
we've always loved their plumage bold;
As they gathered round to feed
seeking grubs, and thistle seed.

So, go ahead, and plant some thistles
you will see, among the bristles.
Golden birds who dance and dart
bringing joy to warm your heart.

By Nigel Beeton



Spring

It's not just plants and flowers in spring
there's old ideas that still cling.
We buy paper and paint too,
our homes in spring we make anew.
There's curtains, carpets, even mats,
for great grand houses or small flats.
"We'll do the lounge, that's all we need"
so get it done at greatest speed.
Then we say with furrowed brow
"The hallway looks so dingy now".
And so it goes from room to room
each one we clean and carefully groom.
When all is done we gaze with pride
and know we have to paint outside!

H.K. Banks



Warmingham Village News

Facebook Groups

Warmingham Village Community Group is a Facebook site for community announcements and events. This is a group you can join or put posts on.

Warmingham Village Hall is a Facebook site that has news about events at the Village Hall.

Unfortunately we are again unable to hold the annual Wakes event in May. We do, however, plan to crown our Wakes Queen, Jessica Price, at St. Leonard's Church **Wakes Service on Sunday 2nd May at 11.30am**. This will enable Jess to represent the village at any events that do occur in the summer.

Warmingham & District W.I.

Unfortunately the Women's Institute is still unable to meet.

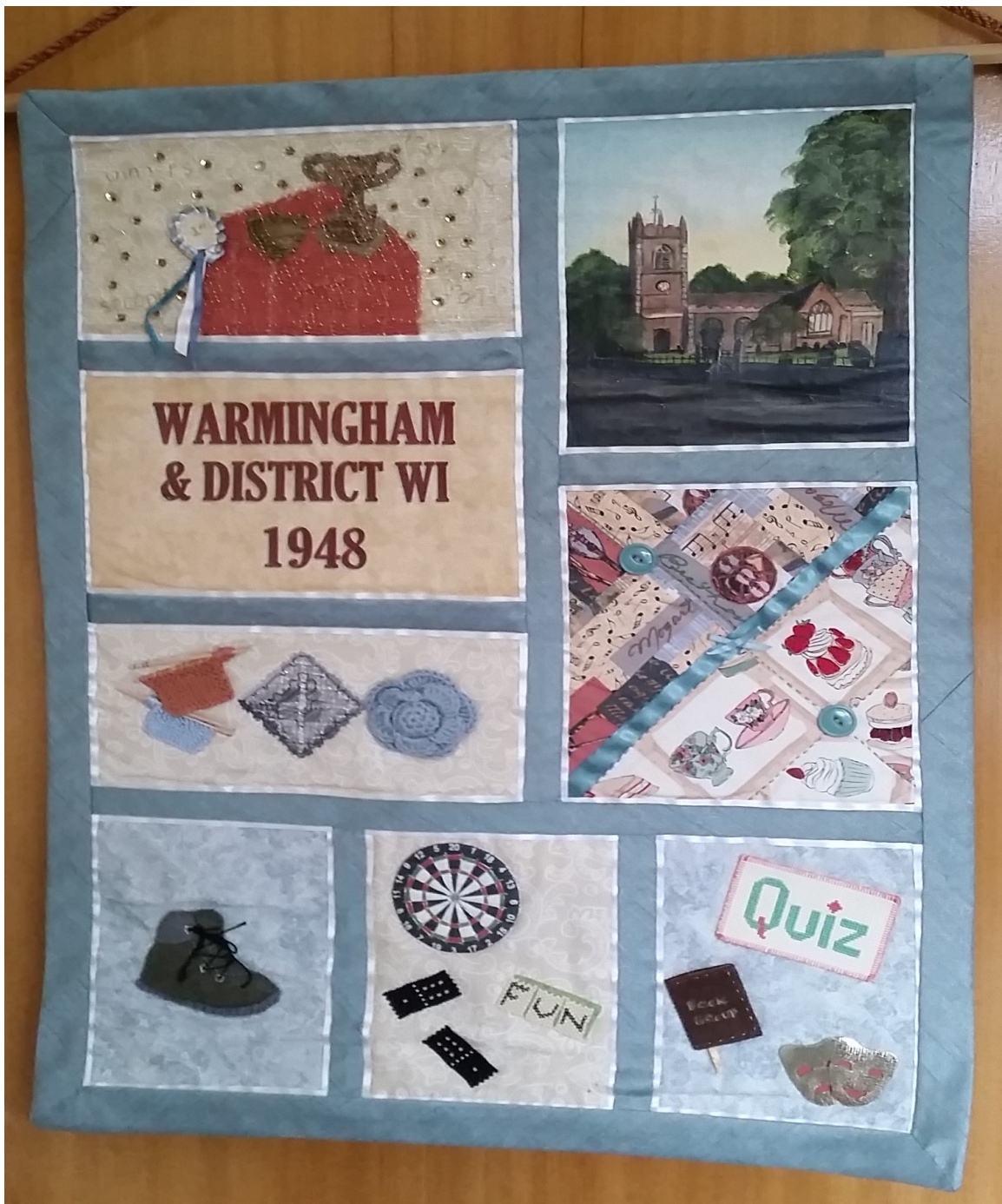
One of our members, Margaret Blackwell, has rediscovered a banner that was constructed and worked by crafty members to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Warmingham & District W.I. (See *next page*)

Our W.I. was founded in 1948, as shown on the banner, which was put together for the celebration in 2008. It represents some of the different activities that we participate in at W.I.

Competitions at local shows and the Cheshire Show, knitting, patchwork, walking, darts, dominoes, painting, theatre visits, quizzes, book group to name a few.

At present we are not only missing the monthly meetings but also joining together in a variety of activities.

Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome and for further information please contact Helan on 01606 841711 or helan.isherwood@sky.com



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😊 Little old lady seeks handsome young man

An advert appeared in a student newspaper of a university: "Sweet little old lady wishes to correspond with good-looking university student – especially a six-footer with brown eyes, answering to initials J.A.D." It was signed: "his mother."

St. Peter's March Book of Remembrance

- 2nd Leslie Treweek (1990), Winifred Irving (1992)
3rd Connie Croft (2014), Jean Allman (2018)
4th Lucy Knowles (1956)
5th Robert Newton (1974), Stephen Gunn (1996)
6th Dr Swapan Mozumdar (2020)
7th Dorothy Darlington (1979), Stanley (Stan) Keery (2013)
8th Edwin Akrigg (2017)
9th Doris Tomkinson (1993), Beryl Norton-Lloyd (1996),
Malcolm Bate (2011), Eileen Bolderson (2014)
10th Alice Edgley (1998),
12th Marjorie Tomkinson (2010)
14th Roy Evans (2011)
15th Michael Barrett (1977), Keith Brammer (1982), Nancy Twiss (2019)
19th Nellie Brown (1965)
20th Olive Hough (1989), Trevor Cope (2018)
23rd Harold Penkeyman (2002)
25th Jessie Broad (1969), Robert (Bob) Smith (1996),
Margaret Metcalfe (1997), Geoffrey Larkin (2005)
26th Richard Howarth (2007)
27th George Fairhurst (1917), Alan Parker (2015), Cyril Chesters (2019)
29th Michael Callwood (2015), Alfred Johnson (1991)
30th Samuel Newton (1966), Sidney Twiss (2004)
31st Maureen Prawl (2009), Muriel Hough (2014), John Astbury (2017)

Bishop

A little girl told her mother, "We went to a confirmation service at the cathedral and I saw the bishop. Now I know what a crook looks like!"

Cats & dogs

Behind every cat that crosses the street, there is a dog saying, "Go ahead, you can make it."

Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are God.

The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.

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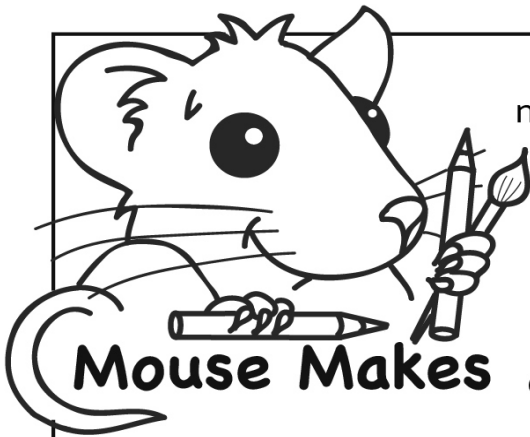


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Children's Page



Jesus was **loved** by his mother Mary, she looked after him, worried about him and prayed for him. She **cuddled** Jesus when he was born, **cried** when he died and **rejoiced** when he rose from the dead.

SOLOMON
1 Chronicles 3:5

JOHN
Luke 1:57-60

ESAU and JACOB
Genesis 25:24-26

JESUS
Acts 1:14

Who is my mother?
Look up the Bible verses then find the mother's names in the word search

CAIN and ABEL
Genesis 4:1-2

JOSEPH
Genesis 30:22-24

ISHMAEL
Genesis 16:15

TIMOTHY
2 Timothy 1:5

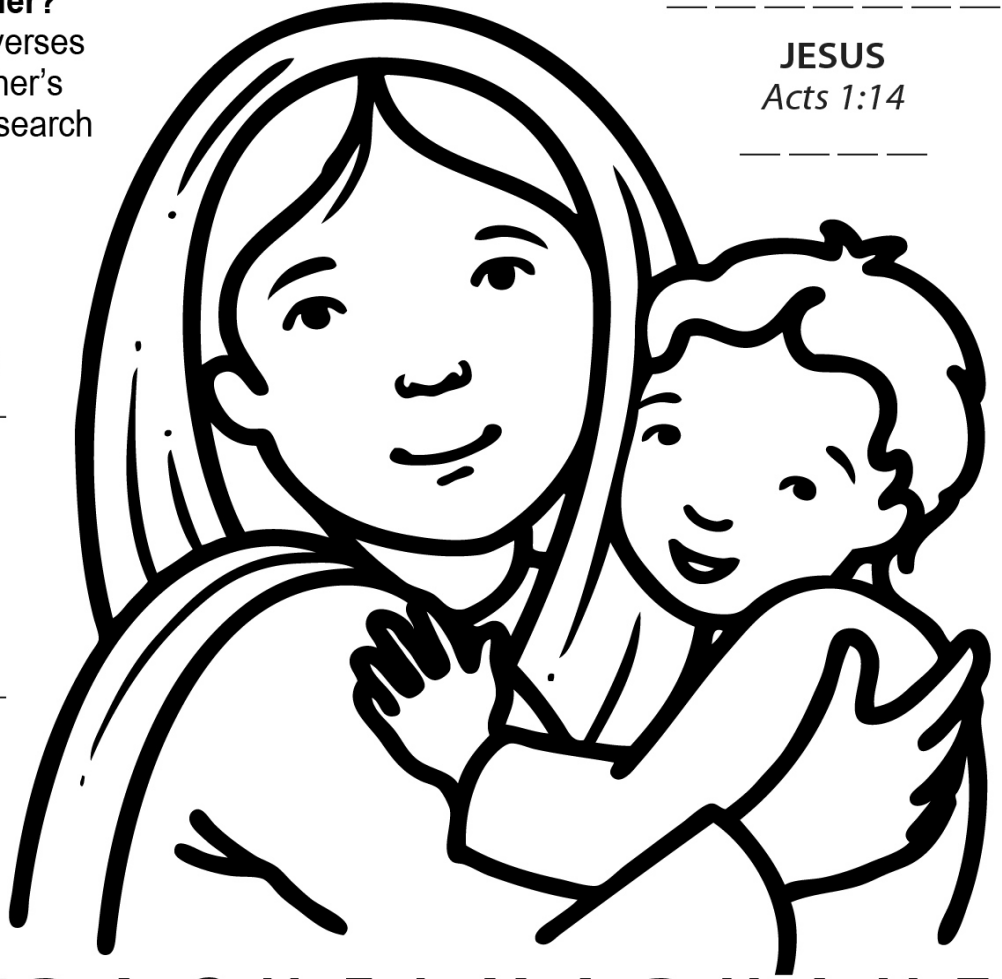
RUBEN
Genesis 29:32

GAD
Genesis 35:26

SAMUEL
1 Samuel 1:20

OBED
Matthew 1:5

ISAAC
Genesis 21:3



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There are two other words in the word search, can you find them?

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 band parties get togethers aerobics children's parties
 education after school clubs special events community
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