

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH AND PARISH MAGAZINE *JULY 2020*



Please see the notices inside; there are names and phone numbers which you may find helpful.

Please do pass on these to any of your neighbours who may not have the information.

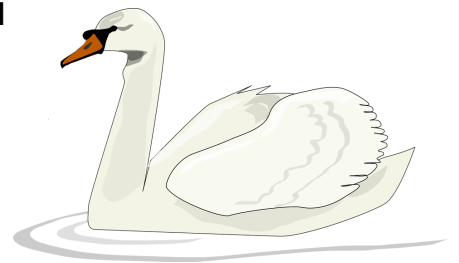
STOP PRESS!!!!

Sunday worship will recommence from Sunday, 12th July at **St. Michael's Church**. See inside for details of services.

Tom and the team can't wait to welcome you all back to ***The Swan*** on 15th July.

Our opening hours are now Wednesday-Sunday, 12.00—23.00.

As always, thank you for all your support!



Churchwardens:

Jane Lunt (662910)

Diana Thomas (663738)

Coronavirus - We're here to help

The Marbury and district Help Team has been working well, providing advice and assistance to anyone who needs it.

To join the Marbury WhatsApp group, contact **Jill Shakeshaft: 07702 303590** and she will add you to the group. It's a great way of keeping in touch and up-to-date with what's happening locally.

For help with shopping or prescriptions collection (which will be left on your doorstep) call **Hannah Owen – 07791 712504** - who will co-ordinate and arrange for someone to do this.

If you would like to chat to someone, or you are struggling with isolation or the feeling of anxiety, **Alison** has volunteered to offer support and a listening ear:

Alison Hunter Johnston 07967 955669

For contact calls and prayers, you can speak to **Jane Lunt, 01948 662910** or **07412 688648**, or **Diana Thomas 01948 663738**

Health and Safety:

When taking delivery of grocery or prescription orders please remember current **government advice regarding hygiene** to help keep you safe and well – **gov.uk**. **Do** wash your hands after any contact with goods.

Please remember Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (at least 2m distance). Wash your hands regularly.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TO START AGAIN !

St Michael's re-opened daily for private prayer in June and we are now allowed to resume some form of public worship. We are pleased to announce that our first service will be on Sunday, 12th July at 11 am. The service will be taken by the Archdeacon, Ven. Dr. Mike Gilbertson and will be based on the Service of the Word. This will not be a "normal" service! There will be no singing, alternate pews will have to remain empty, social distancing rules must apply at all times etc.

Given the need for social distancing of 2 metres in church, the capacity of St Michael's is going to be limited: we can certainly accommodate a congregation of at least 25 people all 2 metres apart. If we have some households, family groups and "bubbles" who can sit closer together the capacity will increase. So that we can be sure that we will not exceed capacity, if you would like to come to our service on Sunday 12th at 11 am, could you please let Carol Sheard know, either by phone (01948 663087), by text message (07778 604470) or email (richardandcarol.sheard@btinternet.com). Please let Carol know how many will be coming and if they form a household group that can sit close together.

We would also ask you to note the following guidelines from the Diocese (updated on 30th June) :-

Q: What about those worshippers who are over 70 or clinically vulnerable, those who may have symptoms, and those self-isolating?

A: Certain groups of people may be at increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19, including people who are aged 70 or older, regardless of medical conditions. Individuals who fall within this group are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household. Those who are considered to be extremely clinically vulnerable to COVID-19 will have been advised to shield and are currently advised not to meet more than one person from outside of their own household, and therefore not currently advised to attend places of worship."

After the service on Sunday, 12th we will be holding simple services of Morning Prayer, led by Alison Hunter Johnston, on Sunday, 19th July and Sunday, 26th, both at 10 am. Following that, we will reassess.

Churchwardens Diana Thomas and Jane Lunt

MARBURY PARISH MAGAZINE, JUNE 2020

It is a great privilege to be asked to write a few words for the magazine this month. As we slowly start to come out of lockdown and return to a new normal, I find myself wondering what the legacy of this pandemic will be and what historians will make of 2020? Covid-19 has had an impact on almost every aspect of our lives even if we haven't contracted the virus ourselves (and it's worth remembering that there have been confirmed cases in only about 1 in 200 people in the UK). We still have much to learn about the virus, including why it seems to affect some people far more seriously than others (including why it appears to affect those from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds particularly severely), how best to treat those who are seriously ill with it, and how to develop an effective vaccine.

Beyond the obvious health impacts, the economic impact of the virus has been far reaching, with whole industries being forced to temporarily shut down and, although many are beginning to re-open, for many, including the hard-pressed retail sector, it is likely that Covid-19 will only serve to accelerate the move towards on-line shopping.

The economic impacts have been softened for many by government intervention but we have to face the fact that there are many who will be impacted long term by the loss of jobs and livelihoods. Then, there is the toll of the lockdown, which has seen a marked rise in mental health issues, marriage breakdowns and incidents of domestic violence.

On a positive note, the dramatic drop in air and road travel has seen a significant reduction in carbon dioxide emissions (although not by enough to begin to change the impact of climate change).

We can none of us know what the future holds, yet, amidst all the uncertainty, as Christians we have a hope, a hope that is steadfast and certain, a hope that is found in Jesus Christ. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews tells us that God is the same yesterday, today and forever and, having given his only Son to die on the cross on that first Good Friday to rescue us, God is not going to desert us.

As the lockdown restrictions begin to ease, we need to be continuing to share God's love amongst the communities in which we live. We can do this in practical ways, with simple acts of kindness and friendship as well as, and no less significantly, by continuing to pray for those in need near and far. Please do continue to remember Veronica and her family in your prayers at this difficult time and I look forward to being able to meet with you all again very soon once we are able to meet in church to share in worship together.

Jeremy Hunns

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall will be open on Thursday each week, from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., to receive food donations for the Whitchurch Food Bank—a huge, grateful “thank you” to all who have given. There are also plenty of books, jigsaws, DVDs, etc. for anyone to borrow.

Please maintain “social distancing” if you meet anyone at the hall, wash your hands before and after handling items, especially on return to your home: remember **government advice regarding hygiene** to help keep you safe and well – **gov.uk**.

GOOD NEWS!!

The Village Hall applied for and has been awarded a grant of £10,000 under the Retail Hospitality & Leisure Grant Fund. This is a European Commission approved scheme to help businesses affected by the Coronavirus outbreak.

The committee is discussing how to maximise the use of the grant for the benefit of the hall long term: “*watch this space!*”



Please ! -

act in a responsible manner and clean up after your dog - Footpaths, grass verges near people's houses, public areas - it's **horrid**, even when it's hidden! No-one wants a nasty surprise....

The grass outside the Village Hall is particularly bad; please do **not** allow your dog to foul this area.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meetings aren't taking place at the moment because of the current restrictions.

However, do please contact your local Parish Councillor if you have any queries or concerns about local matters.

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Lisa Tiplady clerk@marburyanddistrict.org.uk

Whitchurch Food bank

Donations

Suggested Items:

Whole and Semi Long Life Milk
Tinned Rice Pudding
Small Sponge Puddings
Long Life Fruit Juice
Tinned Vegetables
Small Jars of Coffee
Tinned Spaghetti

Squash
Jars of Jam
Tinned Fruit
Rice Pudding
Tinned Fish
Tooth paste
Rice/Pasta

or any other suitable items

Many thanks for your donations — they are all gratefully received.

The Village Hall will be open for you to drop off donations on
Thursdays, from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

REPAIRS TO LYCHGATE

St. Michael's Lychgate is a listed War Memorial and is in need of repair. A grant covering a substantial part of the cost has been received from the War Memorials Trust and arrangements are in hand for the work to be done.

Contractors will start work shortly after 9th July, and will be finished before 1st August.

During the work the Lychgate will be closed and entry to the church will be via the Vicarage garden entrance through the small side gate.

SAFETY

Many people have expressed concern recently about cars being driven fast or dangerously in the area.

The police have requested that incidents are reported to them with the time and location of any incident, and vehicle details/registration number if possible. Ring the police on "101" or email to: sharon.jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

If anyone has dash-cam or phone footage, the police would appreciate that as evidence.

Do take care and do **not** put yourself at risk.

Useful phone numbers and contacts for residents

Church business	01948 663738/662910
Parish web-site	www.parishmag.org
Clerk Parish Council	Lisa Tiplady clerk@marburyanddistrict.org.uk
Parish Council web-site:	www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk
Village Hall Bookings	664900 (Penny Allington)
Village Hall web-site:	www.marburyvillagehall.co.uk
<i>Doctors:</i>	
Churchmere Practice	01948 320044 (Bridgewater)
Wrenbury Surgery	01270 780210
Out of hours	Dial 111 — NHS
Travel information	traveline.info
Mobile library	0300 123 5018 3rd Thursday, p.m.
Citizens' Advice Bureau	0800 630 0762
Police, non-emergency	101
Police, emergency	999
Police Officer Nicky Berry	nicola.berry@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
PCSO 7149 Sharon Jones	sharon.jones@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
Nantwich Police Web Site	www.cheshire.police.uk
Cheshire East Information	0300 123 5500
To report litter	0300 123 5011
Environmental Health	0300 123 5015
Dog Warden	0300 123 5021
Social Care and Health	0300 123 5010
Potholes	0300 123 5020 www.cheshireeasthighways.org

Defibrillators are located at:

phone boxes @ Wrenbury Road Marbury & Gauntons Bank, Norbury; Ravensmoor x roads; The Black Bear, Whitchurch; The Civic Centre, Whitchurch; The Bull Ring, Whitchurch; Sainsbury's, Whitchurch; Tesco, Whitchurch; Swimming Baths, Whitchurch; Cholmondeley Arms.

If you have information which would be helpful to others please e-mail them to: ***makinatmarbury@aol.com***

More useful phone numbers and contacts:

Cheshire East Fire & Rescue Service	01606 868700
Crimestoppers (you can call anonymously)	0800 555 111
Cheshire East Council	0300 123 5500
Childline	0800 1111
Red Cross	0844 871 1111
Samaritans	116 123
Alzheimer's Society	0300 222 1122
The Silver Line	0800 470 8090
NHS Choices	www.nhs.uk

PARISH COUNCILLORS to contact for local matters:

MARBURY

Janet Makin	1 Heath Lane, Marbury,	SY13 4NE	01948 665724
Chris Wheeler	The Old Smithy, Marbury	SY13 4LS	01948 665981
John David	Rowan Hse, School Ln, Marbury	SY13 4LH	01948 666065
Andy Ashton	Fox Hall, Heath Lane, Marbury	SY13 4NB	07779 271758

NORBURY

John Gibbins	The Mount Farm, Norbury,	SY13 4HT	01948 663734
Philip Shakeshaft	The Croft, Norbury,	SY13 4HS	01948 666221
Rob Perry	Chair: Pear Tree Farm, Norbury,	SY13 4HZ	01948 666350
Marian Turnbull	Ginger Cottage, Swanwick Green,	SY13 4HL	07949 784308

WIRSWALL

Joe Briggs	Wood Farm, Wirswall,	SY13 4LF	01948 663733
Fiona Wilson	2 Bradeley Gn Cottages	SY13 4HE	07801 928925
Peter Chapman	Greenbank Farm	SY13 4HD	01948 662131

CLERK, PARISH COUNCIL:

Lisa Tiplady	clerk@marburyanddistrict.org.uk	07788 288015
Web Site:	www.marburyanddistrict.org.uk	

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR:

Stan Davies	Egerton Farm, Egerton, Malpas,	SY14 8AN	01829 720368
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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT:

Edward Timpson	edward.timpson.mp@parliament.uk	01829 733 243
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