

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

28th March 2020

Norma Jenns



Daffodils on The Green

The first glimpse of daffodils in early spring brings with it the promise of sunshine and lighter days. This was certainly how I felt on 1 March when I stopped to appreciate their beauty and colour when walking across 'The Green' behind the Station in Amersham.



I have lived in Amersham now for fifty years and have trodden this path many, many times so how was I to know on this occasion the significance of these particular daffodils? How could I have known then that we would be unable to hold a Mothering Day Service in our church and that it wouldn't be possible to distribute our traditional daffodil posies during that service to members of our congregation?

I was pleased that the picture was used on our Mothering Day Order of Service when we did Church differently because although in a different format - we did have our daffodils!

Daffodils are a symbol of spring and symbolise new beginnings and rebirth. They're a positive, life-affirming symbol, with a bright and joyful yellow colour. They are strong, resilient flowers that pop up year after year, filling us with hope and wonder. Was it this that inspired William Wordsworth to write his much-loved poem 'I wandered Lonely as a Cloud' whilst walking in the Lake District with his sister Dorothy? The poem was written on 15 April 1802 so how could he have known that we could use it in an act of mindfulness during this time of encouraged isolation? The first three verses are full of colour and joy whilst the final verse will resonate with us during our weeks of isolation.

*For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.*

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Liz Waumsley



People are putting rainbows in their windows as a sign of hope for people passing by. Bella and Jessica are sharing theirs with all of us.

