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Ninfield & Hooe

June 2021

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St MARY's & St OSWALD's NOTICE BOARD CHURCH SERVICE TIMES



Date	St. Mary's 9.30 unless stated	St. Oswald's 11.00 unless stated
6 th June	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
13 th June	No Service	10.30 Joint Parish Eucharist
20 th June	Family Eucharist	Parish Eucharist
27 th June	Parish Eucharist	Parish Eucharist

Opening times for Private Prayer

St. Mary's - Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm

St. Oswald's - Open daily from 9.00am - 5.00pm

Any alterations or additions to these service times will be displayed on the church notice boards, the weekly sheet and can be found on the church website along with other church details ~ www.ninfield.org.uk

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Dear Friends,

I'm writing this well before we have reached Ascension Day – or as someone put it 'the day Jesus started working from home'!

It seems a long time ago since Easter this year, due to the lockdown, but again, it's helped me to appreciate how it was for the first followers of Jesus, filled with uncertainty among signs of hope – for them, meeting the risen Lord Jesus, but still not sure of the future. And for Christians that remains the present reality too.

We're still not sure when church buildings will fully reopen for public worship with no limits for weddings or funerals – and when they do, things will be very different to how they were before. Broadcast services will remain, I think, although perhaps not weekly as it takes a lot of time to put them together. Mind you I have learnt a lot about technology in the past 12 months! It is important that those unwilling or unable to attend church can still be fed spiritually, and while lacking the closeness of fellowship with others, the same Risen, Ascended Jesus will meet with us whether we are in church, or in our homes.

Because that's what the Ascension is all about. Jesus really did start working from home. But unlike us this meant he was no longer limited by what makes us and him human. Before he ascends back to his father in heaven, he gave to his troubled friends several promises. The first was that they would receive another helper, another friend – The Holy Spirit – one who is like Jesus, but whose presence would reassure them as they listened to his voice in prayer and followed his words. Second, he promised eternal hope. I am relieved to say that as I write, our communities have not been overwhelmed by funerals, although our hearts go out to any who have lost loved ones recently. I am particularly mindful of those who have not been able to say their final goodbye's to those they love with the 'proper' funeral!

Jesus promised to prepare a place for us in his Father's house – what an amazing image of eternal life. A place where we will be known and will know both God and our loved ones. This crisis has caused many of us to re-evaluate our lives, and for some this has meant regaining faith and trusting in a loving God, one who is close to us even

when we at the moment have to be separate from others.

Jesus completed his work on earth, returned to his Father, and now, each and every day, gives hope to troubled hearts. We now enter the Sundays after Trinity when we concentrate upon the teachings of Jesus and that teaching reminds us that Jesus is there for you so hang on to that, and remember I am also here for you – practically and spiritually – don't hesitate to call me.

Paul

Father,

At this time of year, we remember Barnabas, a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, who encouraged people to stay true to you – and others to trust you for the first time.

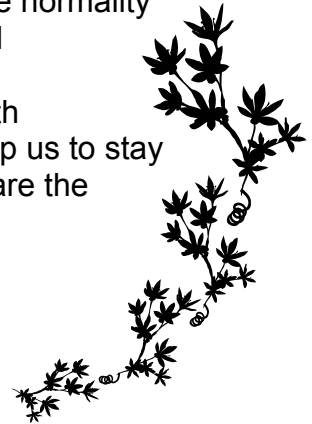
Lord, we have gone through difficult days. The pandemic has taught us that we are not in control. We don't know what each new day might bring.

As we move into June and the hope of more normality after the restrictions of Lockdown, we too need Encouragement.

Help us to have courage to step forward with confidence and common sense. Most of all help us to stay true to you and to trust you, knowing that you are the security we need, knowing that you will never leave us or forsake us.

Help us to be encouraged!

In Jesus name, Amen.



Ninfield Book Exchange

The next meeting will be as usual in the Methodist Hall from 10.00 - 11.30 am on Friday 4th June. Please remember your mask when coming along. We look forward to seeing you. David Swales



Editors' Note

It seems to have been a quiet month as we all prepare to getting back to a type of normality from 17th May. Talking to several people in the village, some are keen to go back with others remaining cautious and happy to bide their time. Not much is planned for June in the village, so again not much to write about. We look forward to having to scratch our heads on trying to work out how we can getting everything in, rather than what have we got to fill the pages!

One highlight of the last month was hearing the cuckoo here in Ninfield, one day only Sunday 2nd May, Anne heard one in Hooe, first we've heard for years. *Nicki & Carol*



NINFIELD SURGERY

As you may have seen in the local press, we are continuing to do only the second Covid-19 vaccinations locally and will in contact with our patients to book these at the local hub. All other vaccinations after this will be done at the larger vaccination sites and can be booked either online or by phoning 119.

The proposed merger with Sea Road and Pebsham Surgeries is still proceeding and we will let our patients know when there is further news.

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We would thank you for your continued support during this time.

OUR SCHOOL

Cricket is back on the Rec, the School allotment has suddenly grown lots of weeds and I've even seen that big yellow ball in the sky. It's amazing how a bit of extra sunlight and warmth can make things feel so much better.

In reality however, we are continuing to work in class bubbles with staggered start, finish and lunch times. So life is still operating in semi-lockdown mode. But hopefully not for much longer. After all if we are soon going to be able to fly to Spain for our holidays, then surely I will be able to get my cup of tea and piece of cake in a crowded staff room.

The children are coping admirably, there have been a few more tears this term but given what is going on in the outside world that doesn't surprise me. It's Year 6 that I feel sorry for, they are going to miss out on the joys of SATs week, as the tests have been cancelled again this year. However at least they may get the chance to go on the annual Bewl Water residential trip this year, for which we are currently awaiting the green light from the powers that be.

The highlight of the term so far has been the discovery of a family, or families, of bats in the roof. They were discovered when some initial survey work was being carried out for our de-carbonisation project. We are awaiting a Bat survey to see what needs to be done going forward. So not only are we going to be producing 43% less carbon we may also end up as a wildlife refuge with our very own colony of Bats. They will go well with all the Robins that are about.....

By the time you read this, five trim, athletic bodies will have completed a 26 mile hike from Brighton to Eastbourne in aid of Macmillan Cancer. We have chosen the fittest amongst us, one Head Teacher, Two Teachers, One Chair of Governors and a Sporty Parent to represent Ninfield School's finest. So if things are a bit quiet next month you will know why!

Ian Moffat

"**The Neighbourhood Development Plan** questionnaire generated a good response from residents with 350 people completing their forms. Preliminary analysis shows there was a general consensus against more large estates being built here in Ninfield over the next 20 years. Most people (around 68%) were in favour of individual houses or small developments of up to 10 houses (although around 18% wanted no further development). The biggest housing issue identified was the cost of buying a home here.

People said they wanted Ninfield to remain rural, tranquil, safe and friendly and there was general agreement that our countryside and woodlands should be protected.

Other than housing, people wanted to see more small shops (especially a bakery), small office/commercial units, a community orchard and specific areas for nature conservation.

The analysis will go into more depth over the next few weeks and will add to our evidence base for the NDP. "



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Ninfield Parish Council meet on the 4th May for their annual general meeting. It was earlier than normal as after 6th May virtual meetings are not longer allowed.

Kamala Williamson was unanimously voted in as Chair for the forthcoming year and Sami Guard was received a unanimous vote to be Vice Chair.

With no virtual meetings allowed the next planned Parish council meeting is 24th June at 7pm in the Methodist Hall subject to the social distancing requirements being eased.

In the meantime the councillors are still attending to all Parish Council matters. We will still respond to any planning applications and any resident is welcome to contact the clerk or a councillor when they need to.

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We are continuing to observe Covid restrictions and follow government guidelines, although I am sure there are many of our followers looking forward to the day when we can meet again safely. Unfortunately, there are differing views as to what constitutes “safe” these days, so we will continue to hedge our bets as to when our first meeting will be. Speakers are provisionally arranged for later this year, but subject to confirmation nearer the time.

DID YOU KNOW... in November 1756 a powerful earthquake took place in the Atlantic off the coast of Lisbon, Portugal. It is estimated to have had a magnitude of at least 8.4 and caused widespread destruction from the effects of the earthquake as well as the fires and tsunami that followed. It was estimated that over 30,000 people died in Portugal alone but the effects were felt and seen much further afield – the shocks were felt all over Europe as far as Finland, as well as North Africa and the Caribbean. A three metre (ten foot) tsunami hit the coast of Cornwall so it is reasonable to assume that Hooe also felt the effects of this event quite strongly. John James Newport indicated in a talk that he gave that the disturbance of the sea led to the choking up of its haven, preventing the sea from coming in across the marsh. The Pilbeam family, when excavating on the marsh to create a small waterway, uncovered a number of old, fallen, buried trees all pointing in a similar direction, which indicates that they may have been brought down by a force of nature such as a tsunami.

Which brings me to the main part of my text. A man called Nathanael Torriano who had been a draper, sea clerk and physician before becoming a minister of religion, gave a sermon in both Hooe and Ninfield on Friday 6th February 1756 (a national day of fasting) as curate of both parishes. It was such a powerful sermon that it was published by desire of the parishioners and the original manuscript is now housed in the British Museum. It has been reproduced in book form, the text of which covers 48 pages. It is said that his congregation on that evening must have been more sleepy than usual, for at one point he said: "Do not prostitute this house of prayer by changing it into a dormitory." But it was hardly surprising given the length of his sermon!

Torriano was certainly a man of great vision and knowledge. He told his congregation of the devastation that had taken place – “... a most terrible earthquake, that destroyed many Cities and People, and extended very far, great and terrible Lightnings went before it, then great and unusual Storms of Wind; then a great and sudden Noise, as if a mighty rushing Wind, the Sea wrought, the Waves swelled, the Billows roared, the Earth shook, Buildings trembled, some burst asunder and others were first lifted up and then fell down and horrible Noise was heard.... Thus tremendous is this Display of God’s almighty Power...“. It was a powerful description of the events that had taken place and caused such destruction and death in that far away land.

He compared an earthquake with other devastating events such as war, rough seas, fire, famine and disease, pointing out that its effects had far greater impact than any of them. It could demolish fortifications and safe havens for ships, people could escape a house fire, but an earthquake would “follow them into the fields and streets”. It would destroy houses and people in a way that no plague has ever done and it does not recognise the difference between rich and poor – it treats them all the same, “...sweeping all away in a moment”.



He then went on to suggest that this kind of event could happen anywhere - that God had chosen Lisbon this time, but it could so easily have been our community, not them, who had felt the mighty shock. If the less severe effects of the earthquake were indeed seen here it would certainly have substantiated the message of his sermon, as the text did briefly refer to events that had happened locally – “... can we hear the Water rumbling as if it were with Fear, and the Rains almost deluging our levels, thereby threatening your

Beasts with Death and yourselves, with Famine...”

Nathanael Torriano painted a picture of desolation and despair hundreds of miles away that could just have easily have taken place here. He urged his congregation not only to turn to God and repent, but also to contribute generously to the charitable donations that were already being made across the country. His would have been a large congregation, far bigger than we see today, and he was clearly an imposing speaker. It surely had a great effect on these people at the time because they asked for it to be published and today it remains a text of great spiritual importance... and its roots were here, in the parishes of Hooe and Ninfield.

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You will have seen the thermometer at the hall entrance, this shows the total build cost to be £250,000, with £50,000 needed for the internal works. The plea for donations through Crowdfunder and from locals sending in their cheques has so far raised £6,500.00 as of 17th May when we went to print.

The Crowdfunder appeal will run until Saturday 5th June if you would like to make a donation there, just visit <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/our-big-build-1> All the money raised here will go towards the kitchen, where we would like to see, along with the work tops, double sink and cupboards, a cooker, dishwasher, glass washer, food fridge and drinks fridge. And for those who donate this way, there are some rewards for you to consider! For those of you who wish to donate directly please make your cheque payable to Ninfield Memorial Hall and send to Ninfield Memorial Hall, c/o Elm Cottage, Marlpits Lane, Ninfield, TN33 9LD or put in the red letter box on the wall of the hall.

Everyone who donates, be it via Crowdfunder, direct cheques, bacs or with offers of help, will receive an invite to our opening event, which will take place - hopefully - early September,

Offer of Help

Along with financial help we also received this helpful offer from Rev Paul Frostick should any of you be interested

With the Memorial Hall in Ninfield understandably being out of action for a while some organisations may find themselves without anywhere to meet. Subject to availability I have no problem in them using St Mary's church. We forget that before the Victorians brought

their restricted ideas into church use, the church building was an asset for the community and most village activities including markets were held in church.

If any organisations want to use it please get in touch. You are **most welcome!** The same applies to St Oswald's church – I believe the Hooe Village Hall may be opened on 21st June but if not please remember the church is there, again subject to availability

For St. Mary's - Phil Ringrose 892792

For St. Oswald's - Jack Rist 892576

To Past and Present Members of the **HOOE OPEN GROUP**

The last fifteen months have been the most difficult in living memory not just for us but the whole world, yet here we are looking forward to meeting up with family and friends once again very soon.

Due to various restrictions it has not been possible for Nicki and I to take over the control of Open Group finances and make plans for the future of HOGS. After much consideration we feel it would be best to ask Edna and David Wallis to close the bank account in the Group's name and donate what money is available to Charity.

As it is your Group we would appreciate suggestions as to a suitable charity or if you would prefer we would make the choice for you. Just give either of us a call to discuss.

Nicki Murphy. 01424 893867 Heather Sinden. 01424 893422

I hope you are keeping safe and well and look forward to seeing you in the not too distant future.

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1st NINFIELD & CROWHURST **SCOUT GROUP '100 CLUB'**

It has been fantastic to see some of our groups being able to meet up face to face after such a long period of lockdowns and restrictions. During the lockdowns many of our groups have continued contact with online meetings ranging from treasure hunts, home baking and even making bird boxes having had kits distributed in advance. Fantastic! As with so many charities, we have missed the annual events and chances to fundraise for our group so we are delighted to introduce a new local fundraising lottery.

You are invited to become part of the '1st Ninfield & Crowhurst Scout Group 100 Club' to help raise funds for our Scout Group and win a monthly prize of £25 + an additional bonus prize of £100 at Christmas.

What is it all about?

The 100 Club has been set-up to help raise funds to maintain and improve the amenities of the 1st Ninfield & Crowhurst Scout Group for the benefit of all our young people.

The Club runs for 12 months of the year from 1st May

The Membership fee is £12.50 per number is payable up front annually

The draws will take place the first week of every month at one of our Scout Group meetings

The person whose number comes up will win £25 (or £100 in the additional December draw)

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The Club is open to those involved with the 1st Ninfield & Crowhurst Scout Group, their family and friends of the group.

How do I enter?

To apply for 100 Club Membership, you must be over 18, if you are then 1st Ninfield & Crowhurst Scout Group Executive Committee please complete the attached form using your preferred payment method with your most up to date information, so we know where to send your winning monies to and return to:

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Firstly - let's hope that by the time you read this edition of the magazine, we are into the big easing of restrictions, and on the way to a full unlocking! It's a nervous time, as the new Variant is rearing up and threatening to spoil all the tentative plans that are being discussed on Zoom links throughout the Village! But for now - let's keep everything crossed and start to sharpen the pencils for Summer diary entries!

Huge thanks go to David Swales and the team at the Methodist Hall, for managing to juggle our slots into their mix, for the Dance Classes that have had to move out of the Memorial Hall for the term of the big build. I am so pleased that, from Wednesday 2nd June- there will be Dancercise every Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm, Movement 2 Music every Monday morning - 2 classes, 9.30am -10.25, 10.30- 11.25am; and, on alternate Fridays at 7-8pm, either Show Dance or Ballroom (4th, 11th and on..). Limited space I'm afraid, but please call me or email, to see if there are places available - all classes £5 per session.

Now, news on the Village Fete planned for Saturday 24th July! The Carnival Co. met in May and agreed on Insurance costs, Security detail and the necessary Toilets, tables and chairs to be hired from Meridian Marquees. Also decided was to have a Raffle as usual, and a Tombola- and there will be the Tea Tent, Bar, Bbq, Crafts, The Village Market, Children's Activity Area, Live Entertainment, and in the evening, a great Band providing Live Music for a good old bop!! More ideas are still being discussed, but the main feeling is that this one-day, scaled down event, which will not be a late one, is for Ninfield residents, friends and families, to hopefully have a relaxing time, enjoying good local fun and making the most of safely being out after a strange, wearying year!

So, the next thing is - the first call for Volunteers! We would be so grateful if people could join us for getting Gala Tents and small marquees up on the Friday evening before...And, would anyone be able to make a Cake for the Tea Tent please..?! There are shifts behind the Bar to enjoy (yes, it really is fun!) -and also in the Tea Tent . Can you sell some Raffle Tickets? Man the Tombola stall? All help is much appreciated and if anyone would like to get involved, PLEASE

call me on the numbers below, or email, and come to the next meeting which will be on Wednesday 9th June - call me to find out the Venue!!!

This Summer Village Fete is being put on by Ninfield Carnival & Sports Association, with the help and support of local volunteers, and is for Ninfield:- running costs will be kept to minimum, and, after outgoings are met, donations will be made to local causes, and a chosen NHS Charity . PLEASE help us make it happen!

Lastly, I'd just like to wish the builders at the Memorial Hall the best of luck, and hope they get a good start, an easy middle and quick end to the Job!! I know Carol has put something elsewhere in the Magazine about the Crowdfunding page and the funds raised so far - but -if you can donate any small amount to the Hall refurb Funds it is much appreciated! There are all the internals to do, and funds at the moment are rather short! And, if you can donate a significant amount - you can have your 'silhouette' at the Gala Night on Saturday 13th November! Begging over!

For all information on Dance Classes, Carnival Summer Village Fete or The Gala Night - please call me on 01424 893699, call/text 07970650321 or email samanthaguard@btinternet.com

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 21st June at 7.00pm when we will be meeting in the hall for the first time for over a year. Of course this is subject to no change in the Covid regulations. We look forward to seeing you all again in person.

Consultation – Proposed new village hall

The Council has not been idle this past year. Much work has been carried out fine tuning plans for the new village hall. After discussions with residents, hearing their views and ideas, hours of work debating the subject the Council has arrived at a plan which, we believe, will serve the parish well for year to come. However, a planning application will not be submitted to Wealden until everyone in the village has had the opportunity to see what is proposed and to make final comments.

Very soon each household will be receiving a leaflet reminding us all how to view the plans. At present this is the timetable:

- On **Monday 21st June** at the parish council meeting we will agree the plans ready to go out to consultation.
- As soon as possible following the meeting, plans will be on view on the village notice board and posted on the front window of the hall
- **Consultation Day:** On **Saturday 26th June** the hall will be open from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Plans will be on display and councillors will be on hand to meet up with residents
- The Council will spend the period from 21st June – 12th July receiving, discussing and taking into consideration the comments submitted during the consultation period, and making amendments.
- On **Monday 12th July** at the parish council meeting the final completed plan will be approved and the decision will be taken to submit a planning application to Wealden District Council
- Immediately following the 12th July meeting the planning application will be submitted

This is just the first stage! Once planning approval is received our attention will turn to detail, engaging an architect, preparing tenders etc. We will also be able to step up a gear with our fund raising efforts. The Village Fund Raising/Community Team has done a great job thus far, but once the hall has the benefit of a planning approval it will be possible to apply for a variety of grants to help us along.

A small number of people in the village have achieved a huge amount to get to this point. Whilst I won't name them to thank them individually there is one person who we would like to thank publicly. Peter Cosham, assisted by his wife Jenny, has interpreted our thoughts and ideas and spent hours of his time, free of charge, producing the plans that we are about to share. Without Peter this task would have been so much more difficult. Huge thanks to Peter from us all.

Community Allotment

As you know the Parish Council has allocated one of their allotments as a Community Allotment and this is proving to be very popular. Not only is the plot productive it is becoming a great venue to meet with friends and swap gardening stories. The allotment is for anyone and everyone who live in the parish, there will be a warm welcome to one and all. If

you would like to get involved, learn more, or interested to see what is happening on the Community Allotment just pop along to look or you could call Cllr Gary Durman 893007 who has taken on the responsibilities of allotments for the Parish Council.

Carol and Tracy, who are regulars, have asked that we thank Jeremy Trinder, Cherry Tree Cottage, Hooe, publicly for his generosity and kindness. Jeremy has donated a vast selection of garden tools and equipment to the Community. His thoughtfulness has helped get, and keep the project going – the lack of tools is not a barrier to get involved. So – hearty and grateful thanks Jeremy.

Speeding Traffic and related problems

The problems on our roads have not gone away; traffic is still speeding through the village. As this is a problem experienced by all 6 parishes in my District ward I have arranged a public meeting to be held in The Reid Hall, Boreham Street on Friday 25th June at 10.30, I am pleased to let you know Huw Merriman MP has agreed to attend. I will also be inviting other people of influence in Sussex so that as many people as possible can hear our concerns and perhaps, together, we can work to tackle the issue. Whilst this meeting is being arranged by your District Councillor it is, in fact, as a result of Hooe Parish Council debate and request.

When you went to the hall on Election Day to cast your votes.....

..... did you notice one of our residents, new to the village, clearing the weeds from the pavement in front of her house? What a brilliant effort – sincere thanks for taking the trouble to help keep the village tidy and keep the pavement safe **Community Clean up**

The National Great British Clean up runs from 28th May – 13th June and, as usual, Hooe will be taking part. Our date has still to be finalised but please reserve the most likely date

Saturday 12th June
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Return at 12.00 noon

Further details later! Pam Doodes Vice Chairman

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Worms Eye View

At long last some rain has fallen. It's early May as I write this and it was a pleasure to get wet as I did looking this morning. I do not say this very often, but it was really appreciated today.

Life has been rather strange this year and I do not mean due to the pandemic. It has been late to hear the first Cuckoo and then to see the Swallows, it just shows that one cannot take life for granted.

In June we can look forward to Midsummer Eve and celebrate in two very different ways. The first being, that it is a likely time for ghosts to appear. To be more exact if you happen to be near to an old oak tree just before midnight ghosts will come up from it roots and joining hands will dance around the tree until the cock crows, when the ghosts will disappear down to the trees roots again. Perhaps you will see them as you pass the tree after celebrating Midsummer Eve.

Another way to celebrate and was practiced by young girls many years ago, was to make a Midsummer Man. These were two pieces of Opine (an herbaceous purple flowered plant) known to young girls as Livelong-Love Long, pushed into empty cotton reels which were then taken to bed. One reel was given the name of the young man who was liked and the other the young ladies name. In the morning if the reels had fallen towards each other, all was good, but if they had fallen in opposite directions, then the love would not last! This sounds mad, but I am remembering this for the 1930's, when there was no television, mobile phone or computer games, just paper books and an occasional trip to the cinema in Hailsham, which they would open up on a Saturday morning for us local children. One film I remember well, it made me cry, was Tom Browns School Days.

I will finish on a happier note, which is to remind you that on Sussex Day June 16th. You should make a Sussex Pond Pudding. This consists of 6oz of suet, 6oz raisins, and 6oz of flour and ¼ pint of milk. Mix together then bake in a tin 8ins long, 6ins wide and 6ins deep. Bake for 1 hour. Very tasty.

And just to remind you, 'A swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon'

Anne

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Sunday Services for June 2021:

- 6th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Dawn Novis
- 13th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Communion with Revd. Clive Redknap
- 20th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise
- 27th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise with Alan Hurrell

Other Activities:

- 2nd 1.30-3.00 pm Messy Church - 'Outdoor Treasure Hunt'
- 4th 10.00-11.30 am Book exchange in Hall

Pleased to share with you our Service details for June & some other events. If you come along to the Church, or Hall, please wear a mask in the building. Thanks.

We are encouraged that we have planned our first Messy Church since the Covid pandemic started. We will meet on June 2nd look forward to enjoying a time together. We'll take part in an 'Outdoor Treasure Hunt' but will keep families 'guessing' about the 'expedition' except that we'll meet outside our Hall @ 1.30pm . Families can attend in 'family bubbles' & we ask you to bring a picnic & drink. It will be great fun!!

Church Anniversary / Birthday event - Sunday July 4th

We plan to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the building of our Church on the above date. The foundation stone of our chapel was laid on the 6th July 1871.

On July 4th we will have a 'Birthday' service in our Church at 10.30am & then at 4.00pm Cakes & refreshments will be served on the recreation ground (adjacent to the pavilion). We plan to have a display of photos, music & singing, including some of our favourite Messy Church songs sung by our young people in a Celebration event at 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along in the afternoon to enjoy this special 'Ninfield' day.

An amazing 'Telling Our Story' booklet will also be available to tell us about the many activities that have taken place over the years. The booklet includes lots of photographs of local people & their stories.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
2 Sam 6: 1-10, 2 Chron 13, 15: 1-28

Copies of God's Laws for the Jews were kept in a special holy chest - the Ark. It had been stored at Keriath Jearim for 20 years...

When King David made Jerusalem his capital, he decided to bring the Ark there.



David brought his soldiers and a huge crowd came too



They put the Ark on a new cart and set off down the hill.



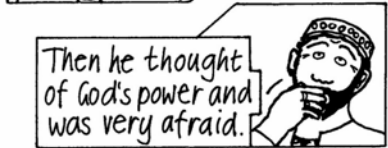
The oxen stumbled, and Uzzah thought the Ark might fall off the cart.



He forgot the Ark was holy and held on to it.



David was very angry with God that Uzzah had died



Then he thought of God's power and was very afraid.

So he left the Ark stored at the house of Obed Edom.



David realised that they had not treated God's Ark with respect.



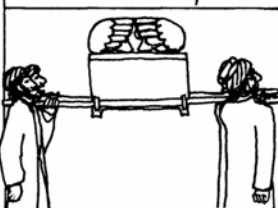
He talked to the Levites, the tribe that God had chosen to be His priests.



They organised musicians and trumpeters, and people to carry the Ark.



God's holy Ark was treated with respect.



Everyone cheered and sang as the Ark was carried into Jerusalem.



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