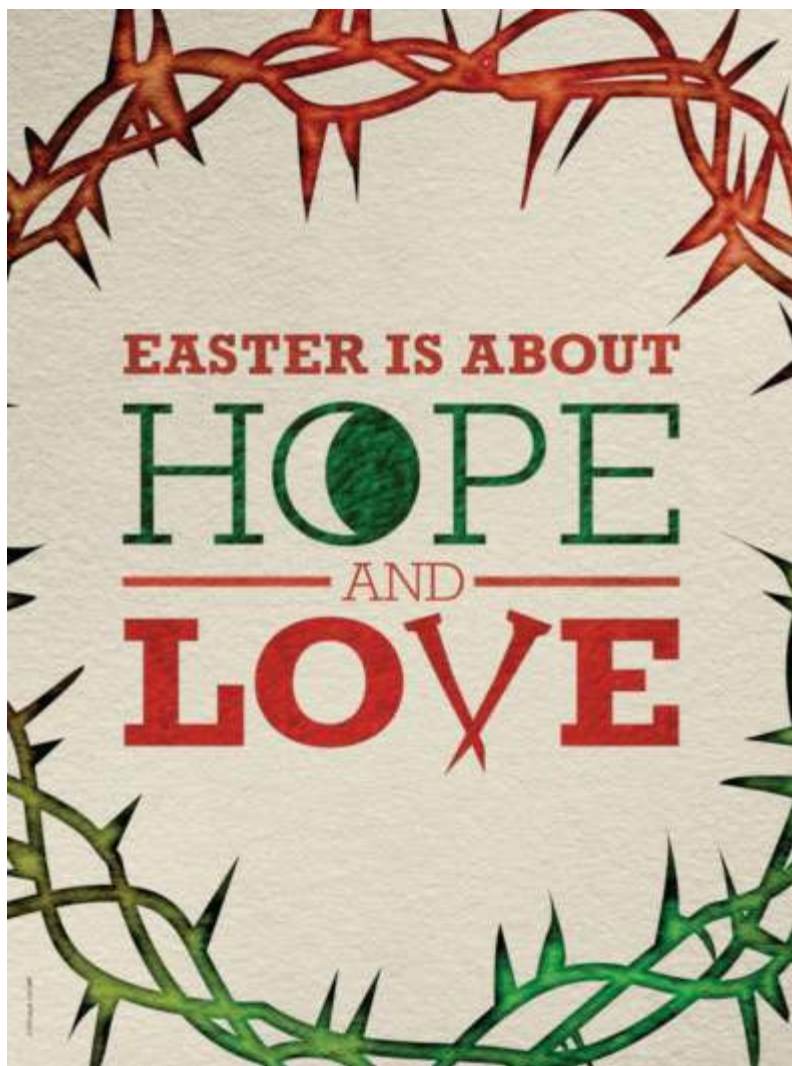


# *Englefield Parish News*

April - May 2020



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**Front cover:** *The 'O' in HOPE illustrates the stone of Jesus' tomb being moved away, and the 'V' in LOVE represents the nails of the crucifixion pointing to the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for everyone, demonstrating God's love for all, the true message of Easter: hope and love.*

Englefield Parish News is published every two months and is now distributed free to all households in the parish of Englefield. Contributions are welcome and can be emailed to [catherinehaig@gmail.com](mailto:catherinehaig@gmail.com) or handed in to Nick Wynne-Jones or to the Village Stores by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

# From St Mark's House

## Dear friends

Public worship has been put on hold (for the first time since 1208!) at a high point of the year: Easter. While services and celebrations may cease, the Easter message of life, love and hope shines even more brightly against the sombre setting of the coronavirus pestilence. The news is full of disease and the fear of death, as the coronavirus sends shock waves through the world, shaking our security. Secular pundits warn that global pandemics are among the greatest threats facing humanity, but biblical prophets see disease as a parable for humanity's greatest malady - *sin* - the rejection of God, his law and his love. It has been said that sin is the ultimate pandemic, leaving no human free from its fatal infection, suffering and death. We are mortal. While politicians seek to contain coronavirus, scientists search for vaccine to combat it. But there is no political solution or scientific remedy that can cure the pandemic of human sin.

A natural response to this contagion is fear which comes in many forms: fear for ourselves or our loved ones; present or future. Fear is not wrong - Jesus reproves his disciples for lack of faith not for being fearful. Being afraid is being human; because our Creator knows exactly what we are like, he sympathises with our fears and frailty. God repeatedly encourages his children 'Don't be afraid' and with that command comes the needed assurance. The Bible reminds us that Christ shared in our humanity so that 'by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil - and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death'<sup>1</sup>. That is why it is 'Good' Friday. It doesn't stop there. After Christ was crucified his devastated and disillusioned disciples were hiding, their hopes had died with Christ. But then on Easter Day, the risen Christ came to his frightened followers and said, 'Do not be afraid; peace be with you'.<sup>2</sup> As Jesus' friend Peter wrote, Jesus Christ has given us 'a living hope'.<sup>3</sup>

In Wuhan, where the coronavirus emerged, Pastor Huang Lei shared how his church has witnessed God's grace in the challenges they faced, enabling them to redirect their energies from anxiety and panic to love and preparation. He commented, '*This epidemic provides an opportunity for us to introspect our faith, reflect on ourselves, strengthen our spiritual life and to depend on God. [It is} a rarely seen disaster in human history, yet everything presents an opportunity to glorify God.*' The pastor reminds believers that '*Christ has already given us his peace, but his peace is not to remove us from disaster and death, but rather to have peace in the midst of disaster and death, because Christ has already overcome these things.*'

In Easter peace and hope

*Nick and Harriet*

Bible references: <sup>1</sup> Hebrews 2.14-15 <sup>2</sup> John's Gospel 20.19 <sup>3</sup> 1 Peter 1.3

## *Here to help: local contacts*

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Englefield Estate Yard	0118 930 2538 maintenance@englefield.co.uk
Englefield Stores	0118 930 2479
Cobbs Farm Shop	0118 930 4064 englefieldshop@cobbsfarmshops.co.uk
Theale Medical Centre	0118 930 3081
NHS online coronavirus service	111.nhs.uk/covid-19 or call 111
Royal Berkshire Hospital	0118 322 5111
West Berks Community Hospital	01635 273300
Theale Pharmacy	0118 930 2542 Monday to Friday 09.00-18.00 Sat 09.00-13.00 (closed Sunday and Bank Holiday)
Lloyds Pharmacy (Calcot)	0118 938 2265 Monday to Friday 08.30-21.00 Sat 08.00-20.00, Sun 10.00-16.00 Bank Holiday hours vary
NHS dentist Dentalcare	0118 984 5894 - Pangbourne
West Berkshire Council	01635 551111 Out of hours emergency 01635 42161 www.westberks.gov.uk/
Englefield Parish Council	www.englefieldpc.org.uk/
Theale Parish Council	www.thealeparishcouncil.gov.uk
Englefield Primary School	0118 9302 337 www.englefieldprimary.co.uk
Police	101 or 999 (for emergencies)
Utility suppliers	Electricity - SSEN 0800 072 7282 Oil - Ford Fuels 0148 872 829 Gas - National Grid 0800 111 999 Water - Thames Water 0800714 614 Drainage - Total Drainage 0118 9421140
West Berkshire Community Support Hub: guidance for residents and businesses and for individuals wanting support or offering to volunteer 01635 503579 <a href="https://info.westberks.gov.uk/coronavirus-communityhub">https://info.westberks.gov.uk/coronavirus-communityhub</a>	
BBC Radio Berkshire – community support groups – Covid-19 Hub #makeadifference; Reading Care 07380 248606 open 08.00-20.00 email berks_covid_help@outlook.com.	

## *St Mark's response*

Following advice from the Church of England, there will be no Sunday services or public worship at St Mark's until further notice. However, the church building will be kept open for private prayer and we have set up arrangements for people to ask for practical help and a listening ear by contacting in the first instance:

Rev'd Nick Wynne-Jones	0118 9303595	nwwj@stmarksenglefield.org.uk
Carol Boulter	0118 930 3182	carolboulter@lukers.org.uk
Torquil Montague-Johnstone	0118 971 4536	torquilmj@newburyweb.net

Please also see the list of contact numbers opposite. Working with St Mark's, the Parish Council and the Englefield Charitable Trust, the Englefield Estate Office is acting as a parish community hub which anyone can call 24 hours a day should they need help (0118 9302504).

Further updates will be posted on [www.stmarksenglefield.org.uk](http://www.stmarksenglefield.org.uk).

## *Congratulations*

To Sarah and Daryl Andrews on the birth of Aurelia May on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February, a first grandchild for Paula Fenwick.

To Charlotte Hollands and Phil Corden on their engagement.

To Mary Riall starting her year as High Sheriff of Berkshire in April.

To Rosie Riall and Jack Bartholomew on their engagement.

To Lin and Den Sergeant on becoming great grandparents to Rory, born in February.

## *Baptism*

Otso John Lahti Fishburn, on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

## *RIP*

Neville McBain who died on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February and whose thanksgiving service was held at St Mark's on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Our thoughts are with Susannah, Sam, Joe, Ben, Rosa and all the family.

## *Englefield Estate response*

We would like to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to protect our colleagues, occupiers and neighbours upon whom the success of the Estate depends by minimising the risks from coronavirus (covid-19). As you will see from the leaflet sent to every home, we are working with the church, parish council, friends and neighbours to provide assistance should anyone find it hard to access the help they need.

In the coming weeks it is inevitable that some of our activity may be affected but our aim is to provide our usual services, even if we might be working in different ways whilst following all Government guidance. In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the impact our new policy might have on us visiting Estate properties or holding meetings:

- Please continue to report maintenance issues as normal and we will assess the urgency and discuss with you the time frame for addressing the issue.
- Before meeting with anyone during the normal course of business we will enquire as to their coronavirus status. If they are a coronavirus risk we will not meet with them in person.
- Before attending a property we will make enquiries as to whether there are any suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus. If there are cases, we will review NHS advice and may not visit the property unless for essential repairs.

In order to protect our staff, contractors and other residents, if you or someone in an Estate property is either self-isolating or has been diagnosed as having coronavirus please let us know as soon as possible by calling the Estate Office 0118 930 2504. We are undoubtedly facing a challenge which is having a significant impact on all of us but we are committed to working with you and our colleagues to support each other. We're very grateful for everyone's assistance.

*Edward Crookes, Estates Director*

## *Stay safe*

If you have symptoms and need medical advice, use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service at [111.nhs.uk/covid-19](https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19), or if you have no internet access, call NHS 111 from your phone. Do not go to the surgery, pharmacy or hospital. In a medical emergency, dial 999. See [www.thealemedicalcentre.com](https://www.thealemedicalcentre.com) for further advice.

## *First aid training*

Members of the PCC completed a first aid course in February. Trainer Teresa Evans led the 3-hour Basic Life Support First Aid Course (including adult/child/ infant CPR), which covered a range of emergency responses.

Many thanks to Carol and Hugh Boulter for hosting and for arranging the bring and share supper afterwards.



## *Kingdom Coffee*

There will be a new look to coffee after Sunday services when these resume at St Mark's. Kingdom Coffee machines have been installed in the vestry, along with new kitchen units. Coffee-making is now safer and more streamlined and will be served in recyclable paper cups. A big thank you to Paula Fenwick for all her help and organisation on this.



## *New guidebook for St Mark's*

A new guidebook is now available in the church. Compiled by Anne Edgar, it outlines the history and architecture of St Mark's, with information about its monuments and stained glass windows, placing the church in the context of the village and Estate. Copies are available from the back of the church at £7 each and our thanks are due to Anne for all her hard work.

## *Garden closure*

The decision has been taken to close access to Englefield garden to visitors until further notice.

## *Englefield School remembers Neville*

Neville McBain began his connection with the school when he became part of our parent body in September 2006. All four of his children came to the school but we didn't really get to know Neville until his posting overseas came to an end.



In October 2010 Neville was appointed Parent Governor, voted on by the rest of the parent body. With all his previous work and life experience he took to the role easily and was such a reassuring presence that he was then voted in as Chair of Governors in September 2011.

Even in a volunteer role, Neville was a professional. His leadership of the Governing body was a great mix of setting high standards and professionalism, with no trace of ego. He was a very calm and insightful chair who was always very interested in the views of others; he was particularly good at giving everyone the chance to share their thoughts. He also had an extraordinary ability to focus on the detail and the big picture simultaneously.

Neville was a proper 'gentle' man who wanted the very best for the pupils and staff of the school and led the governors with humour, energy, humility and a strong desire to do the right thing.

Such a terrible loss for all.

*Hilary Latimer, Headteacher*

## *Village Stores and Tea Room*

Following Government guidance, the Tea Room has had to close but the Village Stores remains very much open for business. Andy and Laura are doing a magnificent job keeping the shelves stocked with tinned and packet food, milk, bread, frozen food and fresh fruit and vegetables.

Wednesday coffee mornings have also been cancelled until further notice.

## *APCM*

The APCM is cancelled, as is the Lent course, Time to Pray and all other church meetings for the foreseeable future. Please see [www.stmarksenglefield.org.uk](http://www.stmarksenglefield.org.uk).

# VE Day

Plans for VE Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May in Englefield have been put on hold. This is the text of the letter received from Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster VE Day 75:



'I am afraid that the terrible Coronavirus emergency and consequent Government guidance means that we must advise participants to cancel or postpone the majority of the VE Day 75 community celebrations due to take place on the bank holiday weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May. It is right and proper that people should be kept safe and healthy.

'My sincere thanks to everyone who registered their events and were looking forward to celebrating VE Day 75. I know how disappointed you will be that these cannot now go ahead as planned. However, we are still encouraging solo pipers and town criers to continue to mark the occasion from a safe and suitable location.

'I am hoping that all the events you have carefully planned can be moved to the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> August when we will be able to celebrate VE Day and VJ Day, both momentous points in our history. I am in ongoing communication with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport regarding this and hope to be able to give you more news in the coming days.'

*Further information will be posted on the Parish Council website [www.Englefieldpc.org.uk](http://www.Englefieldpc.org.uk)*



*Children at Englefield School on World Book Day*

# The Second World War

We have one more war-related anniversary to mark officially: the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May although current predictions are that public commemoration may be postponed until VJ-Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Both battalions of our county regiment served in India throughout the war against Japan and the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment lost over 300 men in April to June 1944 in the defence of Kohima ridge that ended Japanese ambitions in the direction of India.

The words on the memorial to the 2<sup>nd</sup> British Division at Kohima nowadays close our act of remembrance: *'When you go home, tell them of us and say for your tomorrow, we gave our today.'* VE and VJ-Day are important anniversaries, but 2020 will also be the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the one year that more than any other proved crucial to enabling them to come about. The year when Britain stood fast, and alone; when Hitler knew *'...he must defeat us in these islands or lose the war'* and the US Ambassador, Joseph Kennedy, told his government that the RAF would be obliterated by the Luftwaffe and British surrender was inevitable. Had that been so, as some in parliament and in the country then wanted, there could have been no D-Day and no VE-Day.

Like its predecessor, the Second World War was seen coming from a long way off. Preparations for air raids started in 1937 with the introduction of the Air Raid Precautions (ARP) system. In Englefield Mr Cook, caretaker at the Club and Sub-postmaster, became the Chief ARP Warden with, as his assistants, the schoolmaster Mr Turnbull, the head gardener Mr Bath, and Mr Briant and Mr Bushell. The Warden's Post was at the Post Office, one of the few places in the village with a telephone. In 1939, before war was declared, anti-gas respirators were issued to everyone in anticipation of the coming aerial bombardment and the use of poison gas by the Germans. The Air Raid Wardens were responsible for issuing the masks and Mr Cook's record of the issues, duly signed by the recipients, still exists. The reserved occupations list was published in 1939 and contained a very large number of occupations, covering some five million men, that were considered vital to the war effort in their civilian jobs. Many of the men in Englefield were listed in reserved occupations but when in 1940 the call did go out for volunteers to form the Local Defence Volunteers (later the Home Guard), some 28 men (including some veterans of the earlier war) came forward and, with men from Theale, formed a company of the 4<sup>th</sup> (Pangbourne) Battalion. Unlike Captain Mainwaring, James Strang was properly commissioned as an officer in the Home Guard in February 1941. James Cook (aged 17) and his great pal Harry Day had pre-empted the situation by joining the Royal Engineers Territorial Army in 1938 and were mobilised in 1939. Victor Smith enlisted, also in the Royal Engineers, in June 1940 and his brother Jack, after initially signing-on with the Home Guard, joined the RAF just before Christmas that year. Vic Briant is also known to have enlisted, having already served in the last months of the First World War.

It is somewhat disturbing to speculate on what part Englefield might have played had the RAF not successfully resisted the Luftwaffe through the summer of 1940. Although far inland from any seaborne invasion, Englefield found itself at a focal point in the land defences of the country. In June 1940 there began the hurried construction of a series of defensive ‘stop lines’, dividing the country into compartments and intended to fix an invader long enough to allow for a counter-attack.

The most important of these lines was the General Headquarters line (GHQ line), in fact a network of defensive lines, protecting London. GHQ Line Blue followed the Kennet and Avon Canal from Theale to Bradford on Avon (artillery on May Ridge would have had an excellent field of fire over part of Line Blue) and GHQ Line Red ran from Theale through the Sulham Valley to Pangbourne and then along the River Thames to Abingdon and beyond. The intersection of the two lines formed a vital ‘hinge’ to be forced open to allow an assault on London and would have been an important target. Hurried the construction may have been, but the concrete ‘pill boxes’ that still mark these lines were extremely robust. Apparently, the authorities did try to remove them after the war but they proved impervious to all but the highest of high explosive so they were left in place.

There was a searchlight battery and locator station near Milehouse Farm and heavy anti-aircraft guns at Amner’s Farm and Norcot in Tilehurst. At Moor Copse near Hogmoor Bridge was a ‘Starfish’ decoy site where trays of fuel could be set alight to mimic a burning town in the hope that bombers would drop their bombs on the fires rather than the correct target. The Woolwich Arsenal was evacuated to the newly-built tobacco factory at Theale, a factor that led to more than one second generation marriage in the village years later.

*(continued overleaf)*



As it was, the only 'kinetic' (as we now call it) activity to affect Englefield seems to have been two sticks of bombs dropped, probably dumped from aircraft returning home. One of these was at five minutes past one on the night of 1<sup>st</sup> October 1940 when two bombs landed on May Ridge 600 yards from the farm and the other was on the night of 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October that year when what was reported as 11 high explosive bombs (probably 'only' 10) were dropped in a line across the field behind Bournefield Farm. From neither of these did any damage or casualty result, though in the second case it must have been a close-run thing since Bradfield Lodges were effectively 'bracketed', with bombs in Bennet's Copse on the opposite side of the road and two more falling in the Deer Park just behind the houses.

In the summer of 1940, Mr and Mrs Benyon again opened Englefield House as a Red Cross Auxiliary Hospital and voluntary helpers were called for. Several girls from the village volunteered as general duties members of the Red Cross. People in local towns and villages were also engaged in making clothing and bandages for the Bradfield Rural centre of the County Hospital Supply Dept, run by Miss Benyon.

*Richard Smith*

## *Welcome*

We are very pleased to let you know that Dr Liz Mattison has joined the Estate team in the brand new role of Community and Education Officer at Englefield. She will be developing the education, social and environmental initiatives already going on across the Estate and engaging with local communities. Her initial priority was to be the annual Schools Days event but these will now be subject to coronavirus restrictions.

Liz lives with her young family in Burghfield Common and with a PhD in Agricultural Ecology she has very good knowledge of farming and many other aspects of rural land management and the environment. She can be contacted at [education@englefield.co.uk](mailto:education@englefield.co.uk).

*Englefield Estate Office*

*Schools Days were scheduled for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June this year - further updates will be posted on [www.englefeldestate.co.uk](http://www.englefeldestate.co.uk).*

# News from Rushall Farm



Yesterday I was driving through East Ilsley when there was a wave and a shout from a much loved and familiar friend. Iain Jerney was having a day off from fencing, and clearing up after pruning some apple trees. Helping him was Kyle Wray, completely fixed on the job in hand. He helps Iain on a Monday as work experience from The Castle School and is totally reliable, always cheerful and a hard worker. Iain came to us from Little Heath School over 25 years ago. He had given up on school and GCSEs but loved farming. He worked full time at Rushall Farm for a number of years, was quick to learn new skills and always smiled, always joked even when he'd crashed his newly acquired restored Mini or when nursing a crushed toe and waiting for treatment in the old Newbury Hospital. He now runs a very successful fencing business specialising in the high end market for horses, is married with two children.

Every week 20 students from Brookfield and Castle Schools come to Rushall Farm on a Tuesday. It is the highlight of their week, and Steve encourages them to work on a long list of jobs they can do around the lambing shed; cleaning out pens, bedding and watering the ewes, putting silage out, feeding the pigs and sweeping and tidying up. After a morning when more is done than you would expect, they all gather together in Oaklands for lunch, sometimes supplemented with pancakes, a barbecue or even a full Christmas dinner. Children from Brookfield have been coming here since we started schools work. And for those who are into CBeebies, Justin Fletcher, Mr Tumble, came and recorded an episode of *Something Special* with two pupils from the school, Donna Randall and starring Josephine our retired Waitrose Colombian Black tail chicken.

Something else very special is happening on the last Tuesday of term. Another pupil, Mathew, will officially opened Oaklands in memory of Stuart Featherstone a former pupil who died in a tragic accident on the Bath Road in 2018 aged 46. He worked at Tesco in Newbury and was well liked, loved and known by many people. It was the way Stuart had succeeded in life which inspired the idea to develop the old charcoal site into a place where children can be helped and be encouraged as they find their place in their world of today. So after the opening we will really celebrate and thank you to those who contributed financially to the building work and to Alan Robertson the builder!

*John Bishop*



## *From Englefield Primary School*

*'Sowing the Seeds for a Flourishing Future'*

We started this term off with our Year 5 pupils taking part in a Bake Off competition at Leighton Park School. They won a place in the grand final and ended up getting 2<sup>nd</sup> place by baking some tasty treats for afternoon tea.



Food was high on the agenda again when our Year 1/2 class were visited by Jan and Bev from the Education department at Newbury Showground who led them in a workshop about healthy breakfasts. They made smoothies and porridge and then got to try them...the porridge was a big success and the most popular smoothie was the one made from orange, peach and banana.



Sport has been interesting so far this term. Firstly, we enjoyed some Ten-pin Bowling competitions against other West Berkshire schools. Our KS2 team came first out of 20 teams...not only are we gold medal winners but we also broke the overall record for West Berks for all time! Another well done to our KS1 team who won bronze medals at their competition. We've finally found our school sport!

Five of our Year 5/6 pupils then went to Theale Green School for an archery competition...they had great fun trying various archery-related activities. Our KS2 cross-country team had an exhausting but exhilarating time running around the grounds at Elstree. This is a tough and challenging course and they managed to finish 6<sup>th</sup>...a great team effort.



Unfortunately the incessant rain has caused a lot of events to be cancelled, particularly sporting events such as tag rugby that are usually hosted at this time of year by local independent schools.

As well as sporting events, we involve our pupils in academic challenges which are often organised by senior schools. Well done to the eight pupils in Years 4 and 5 who participated in the maths challenges at St Gabriel's; this involved the teams solving a range of maths problems in a timed event



against other schools. We have also been lucky enough to be joined by boys from Year 7 at Elstree School who came to support our Y5/6 French lessons. Pupils from both schools enjoyed the experience and we hope to repeat this in the summer term.



Mrs Sheppard once again welcomed the parents of our youngest children into her class to spend a morning learning with their children. You could barely see the tables and carpet for the wonderful learning resources that the children got out to share with their parents.

The school was full of budding authors and illustrators as we celebrated our annual Book Week. Several special events took place to promote the enjoyment of reading and writing throughout the school. Pupils in Mrs Sheppard's and Mrs Carney's classes were joined by Rebecca Smith from The Corn Exchange in Newbury who did a story-telling session with them. Each of our pupils learned a poem to perform to their class with the finalists performing to the whole school and a panel of judges. We were so impressed with the quality of the performances; hopefully the experience will engender a love of poetry in all of our pupils. It was fantastic to see such great ideas in action as the pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters. From Gandalf to unicorns, and Harry Potter to the magic faraway tree, the costumes were absolutely fantastic. Well done to everyone!

A good number of our pupils entered the Radio 2 '500 words' competition. We look forward to hearing how they got on!



We have recently been reviewing our vision statement. Having chosen the parable of the Mustard Seed to represent our school values, we have updated our vision to link in with this narrative:

*'Our loving environment cultivates the foundations of mutual respect and the understanding that every child is special in God's eyes. Our children are the seeds from which we will build a brighter future. We nurture and nourish them so they grow and flourish.'*

Added to this we are now using our new tagline, 'Sowing the seeds for a flourishing future.'

Finally, it will soon be time for the children to start planting up the vegetable beds. If growing veg is a particular hobby of yours and you think you might be able to help out, please call the school office (9302337) and we can link you up with one of the classes.

*Hilary Latimer, Headteacher*

## *News from Five a Day*

Among the new arrivals in the Five a Day Market Garden is Sophie Axford (pictured right), who is leading the project, helping the gardening volunteers and organising new workshops and activities. Sophie is excited about working in Englefield, meeting volunteers, local people and contributing to the village community.



Of course, the covid-19 crisis is affecting us. It is more important than ever for people to be able to enjoy the Five a Day garden, which will remain open and available for volunteering as long as we're allowed to.

Many of our project beneficiaries are over 70. Sadly, they are now at home instead of enjoying the spring sunshine and apple blossom (shown below) with us. Some of our gardening volunteers are looking after older people and helping others in their local communities. We wish them all well and look forward to everyone returning to Five a Day as soon as possible.

Several of our gardening volunteers are keen to carry on sowing, planting, weeding and preparing land for the spring and summer vegetables. Thank you to all of them. We take extra care with frequent handwashing, and socially-distance ourselves from each other.



We will continue to grow vegetables to sell at the Garden Centre this spring – starting with rhubarb in April, broad beans in May, and the succession of summer fruit and vegetables.

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who went to the Enharmonic Choir concert in the Long Gallery at Englefield House on 8<sup>th</sup> March. It was a most enjoyable, entertaining and lively evening of music and songs on the theme of food and drink. Donations from the audience were divided between horticultural therapy charity Thrive based at Beech Hill, and the Five a Day Market Garden. Thank you to Daniel and Sandra Nicholls from Enharmonic Choir for the donation of £860.

*Wendy Tobitt on behalf of the Five a Day  
Market Garden Committee*

# From the Old Fire Station Nursery



Here at The Old Fire Station Nursery we continue to be thankful for the many learning opportunities that we are surrounded by within the village. As we move into spring the children have enjoyed making observations and commenting on the flowers growing amongst other activities such as modeling shapes such as eggs and different baby animals with the dough, baking hot cross buns and learning new rhymes. We visited the Garden Centre in the village, and they were very kind to show us some plants in the greenhouse and gifted us some seeds which we are looking forward to planting. We had a fun time celebrating World Book Day with some of the children dressing up and then enjoying a hide and seek game in the woods which involved some of our favorite book characters. The children are very much looking forward to visiting Rushall Farm soon in preparation we have been looking closely at different animals and their babies.

*If you are interested in visiting the nursery/preschool please don't hesitate to get in contact with us on 0118 9306981 or by emailing [sophie@theoldfirestationnursery.co.uk](mailto:sophie@theoldfirestationnursery.co.uk) alternatively if you would like any information about government funding then please call and speak with the nursery manager.*



*Sophie Bieny*



## Posies for Mothering Sunday

Thank you so much to the small group who, in the absence of a church service on Mothering Sunday, arranged and delivered posies of flowers to the homes of some of our congregation. Dropped off on doorsteps, with plenty of social distance, these were warmly received - a reminder that spring is (almost) here and that even in these difficult times the church family is still active and flourishing.

*Nick Wynne-Jones*



# *Becoming more Christ-like*

As we approach Easter I have been reflecting on Bishop Steven's vision for the Oxford diocese that we should become more Christ-like: contemplative, compassionate, and courageous. In my reflection I have identified three main starting points: the work of the Holy Spirit; who is my neighbour (the parable of the Good Samaritan); and thirdly the distinction between purists and pragmatists suggested by Robin Gill, the Editor of the journal, *Theology*.

We know that Jesus frequently drew apart to pray either by himself or with his disciples to listen to his Father. We too in our prayers, in addition to praise and penitence, should set aside time to listen as we say in the prayer of preparation in the communion service: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit and let us remember what St Paul said 'the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity .... And if you are led by the Spirit you are not subject to the law (Galatians 5. 22 and 18).

Turning to compassion, we know that this was displayed by Jesus' wide ministry of healing to so many different people and by his willingness to mix socially with people whom the religious authorities regarded as 'tax collectors and sinners'. He is teaching on 'Who is my neighbour?' is encapsulated in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. A lawyer who was testing Jesus had rightly said 'you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... and your neighbour as yourself,' but then added in order to justify himself, 'and who is my neighbour?' Jesus' reply was the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10 30 -37) It was the despised Samaritan who showed compassion to the man who had been left half dead by the roadside while the priest and the Levite had ignored him. For us the message is whoever is kind and compassionate is our neighbour regardless of their background or status in society and we must do the same. Or, as Jesus said, 'go and do likewise.'

The courage of Jesus is, of course, shown most dramatically in his crucifixion and the events leading up to it but also in his challenging the religious authorities over healing on the Sabbath and by associating with sinners such as tax collectors and prostitutes.

Robin Gill, the Editor of the journal *Theology* makes a useful distinction between 'purists' and 'pragmatists'. Purists hold that all issues of theology and ethics can be determined by reference to scripture and that secular society is inherently sinful. Pragmatists by contrast start from scripture but engage with society in trying to come to agreement about solutions.

The purist view has two weaknesses. First, attitudes to particular issues change through time. During my life time the Church's view on divorce has changed completely yet it is the one time when Jesus expresses a view on sexual ethics (Matthew 5.31). Secondly, using scripture against people with whom we disagree is highly questionable. In the last few weeks I have heard Luke 9.52-55 quoted three

times by very different sources: our Lent course, Keith Ward in our deanery lecture and Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford, in relation to Christian Muslim dialogue. This refers to the occasion when a Samaritan village refused to offer hospitality to Jesus and his followers. The disciples wished to call down fire on their heads in line with how Elijah had brought down fire on the head of the Samaritans recorded in 2 Kings 1.1-16, but Jesus rebuked them. When we criticise people with whom we disagree or dislike, we should ask ourselves how it might appear from the point of view of the recipients!

In the light of all this we should be courageous in questioning fellow Christians about views with which we disagree.

Bishop Steven and his colleagues were compassionate and courageous in setting up chaplaincies for the L.G.b.T.i.+ communities, regardless of how we might view it. So, let us all reflect on Bishop Steven's thought-provoking threefold vision and how we ourselves can become more Christ-like.

*Hugh Boulter*



*The volunteers who stitched the kneelers at St Mark's were (left to right): Heather Turner, Joan Dunn, Joan Baker, Doreen Aldersley, Maxine Terry, Renee Watkins, Rosamund Acton, Winnie Hill, Diana Toller, Cecily Black, Elizabeth Benyon, Briar McDiarmid; seated Susannah Benyon (McBain), Mary Bridge (Johnson), Nathalie Leuthenmayr, Liz John, Anne Boles.*



## Hope beyond coronavirus?

Who would have guessed that in the 2017 Asterix comic *Asterix and the Chariot Race* there would be a character called Coronavirus? Until recently very few of us had heard the word. Now, across the world, it is the most talked about virus.

Even the UK's Prime Minister, in sober tones, has warned that some of our loved ones will die because of coronavirus. And it is easy to fear that it may be us rather than our loved ones who will be struck down.

Coronavirus is no respecter of persons: it can strike rich or poor, famous or unknown, globe-trotters as well as stay-at-homers.

Life has changed radically for the nations of the world and us as individuals. Things we have taken for granted – freedom of travel and of meeting together, supply of basic necessities, and the hope of a long life – have been threatened. Wars, epidemics, plagues and disease have seemed so distant for most of us, but now this unseen virus is acting like a secret agent turning upside down our security and lives. We much prefer our routines, or even our ruts, to being routed by a microscopically minute virus.

There is real concern for millions whose business and employment are affected.

*When life comes crashing down around us, or we fear for our future, there is still hope and security, but it is not to be found in ourselves or our circumstances.*

For years we have been taught survival of the fittest and the horrible idea that epidemics are simply 'mother earth' thinning its ranks. Whatever some may say, life is not 'just dancing to one's DNA'. That does not ring true now. We all know that life is very precious. The Bible teaches wonderfully that God cares, and that He can cope. Writing to Christians in trouble, one of Jesus' disciples, Peter, wrote: 'Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you.'

Of course we want and need to act responsibly. Common sense listens to Government advice, keeps washing our hands, maintains a distance from possible infection and self-isolates where appropriate. But then what?

### **Sharpening our tools!**

A farmer replied to the question, 'What do you do when there is a storm?' saying, 'I go inside and sharpen my tools!'

Once in a while that is a good thing to do. If we have to self-isolate, maybe we can rediscover the joy of life where we take time to read and not just to watch; where we learn again to appreciate and think of others; and start to rediscover a life not based on scurrying activity but taking stock and enjoying our own thoughts and company.

*Now is a good time to read one of the Gospels in the New Testament – Matthew, Mark, Luke or John – and let Jesus introduce Himself to you.*

Of course, what we most fear is not the virus but death itself. Benjamin Franklin supposedly said that nothing is certain except taxes and death. The Bible goes further stating, ‘Each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment.’ The thought of giving account of all we have said and done to the God who gave us life – and really knows all about us – should send a shiver down our spines.

Then some people wonder if coronavirus is an act of God. Is He judging us? When God sent plagues on the Egyptians at the time of Moses, pagan astrologers said to Pharaoh, ‘This is the finger of God’. ‘Sharpening our tools’ should challenge nations and individuals to repent of turning our back on God and His commands, and lead to us turning to Him for forgiveness and help in our time of need.

For decades we have trampled on God’s standards, ignored His commands and lived as if He were either dead, or changes His standards according to our whims. Despite that, our loving God sends wake up calls to point us back to His way. God has not forgotten us. He loves us, though our sin is abhorrent to Him. Human love is capable of great things, but God’s love is so much deeper, higher and intense. Perhaps we should take coronavirus as a loving warning to a rebellious world.

The Book of Psalms in the Bible is a great comfort in times of anxiety or worry. It is available to read online, to read one Psalm a day. Try it and see.

*As yet there is no known cure for the coronavirus invader. But there is a cure for our wrong. God does not want to leave us in a state of despair.*

We don’t know when the virus will subside, but we can know peace in the midst of trouble.

Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, calmed the storm at sea, fed the hungry, cast out demons, and cured the leprous, but His greatest work was to die. When He was crucified, He was taking on Himself our greatest enemies, sin and death. He suffered paying the penalty of the wrong of which we are guilty. Our sin was laid on Him so that if we trust Him, all His goodness could be laid on us.

The poet Cecil Frances Alexander once wrote:

*He died that we might be forgiven  
He died to make us good;  
That we might go at last to Heaven  
Saved by His precious blood.*

### **Fear not**

Jesus conquered death by rising again three days later. It is the living Jesus who says, ‘Fear not’. You don’t need to introduce yourself to God. He knows all about you. Ask Him to be your Lord and Saviour, your Forever Friend; He promises to take you through life, through death and into eternity with Him. No one need fear either

death and meeting God as judge, or being condemned. Heaven is not a reward for doing good, but a gift which Jesus purchased and offers to those who will receive Him into their lives. We know the dangers, but we can know the certainty of God being with us every step of the way. When we are afraid, we are told in the Bible to trust in the Lord.

Read in the Bible Psalm 103 and consider its timeless truths.

Centuries ago the Bible prophet Jeremiah saw his country and city destroyed, his temple burned to ashes, his people starving and death staring at him from the streets and houses he had known so well. Yet in the darkness of destruction he said, 'The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in Him." The Lord is good to those who depend on Him, to those who search for Him. So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord' (Lamentations 3:22-26).

*Coronavirus is awful, but if we turn to the Lord we will find that God can make great and lasting good emerge from it.*

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## *Aldworth Village Hall*

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## *Bluebell walks at Rushall Farm*

These were scheduled to take place over two weekends in April and have sadly now been cancelled. Over the years they have become a major fundraiser for Reading Multiple Sclerosis Society which, like so many local charities, will suffer financial loss as a result of the current crisis. If you want to know more about the work of the RMSS have a look at the website <http://www.msreading.org.uk/>.

More information about the wonderful work that the John Simonds Trust does at Rushall Farm is available on its website <http://www.rushallfarm.org.uk/john-simonds-trust/>. It too will be badly affected by the closure of schools and cancellation of visits. Over the winter, the Trust has been working to develop a new Life Skills course for groups of children who are finding it difficult to settle in school. The children come on a weekly basis for a term; their progress is monitored and the results are already very encouraging. Last year the Trust ran a total of 350 visits, ranging from 10 to 90 pupils, with a broad curriculum catering for schools' requirements from 'Come and see the lambs' through 'Where does my food come from?' and more. In total last year around 14,000 children visited the farm on staffed visits and camps.

The Trust is doing all it can to ensure that this work will manage to continue beyond the current difficulties. Meanwhile, the woodlands and the bluebells here and in many other places around Englefield are still be there to be enjoyed - at a safe distance!

## *Plea from Christian Community Action*

One of the local charities long supported by St Mark's, Christian Community Action in Reading, has put out an urgent plea for donations. 'It is a really busy time at CCA as we are supporting people in Reading experiencing real hardship in these troubled times. Yesterday a family who had nothing, were being housed in an empty property where they were to spend this isolating period, and they had nothing at all. We quickly got into gear and got a bed, kitchen pack and other items together and managed to do an urgent delivery straight away. An elderly gentleman who has recently lost his wife, has been receiving lots of support from our team at Southcote, and we have been helping Readifood by passing on their food parcels to people living near to our centres. Much of what we do is paid for from the retail trade of our charity and furniture shops which are now really struggling as people are only buying essential items such as food and toiletries. Our reserves are very low and we urgently need your help so that we can continue supporting people for the long term future and in particular through this difficult time.' Donations can be made at <https://www.ccam.org.uk/donations>.

## *Thoughts for the week*

These reflections are just some of the short commentaries that are compiled by Aldo Guiducci each week on the readings in church. They are all available, week by week, on the pew sheets and on the church website.

**Jesus said, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick. But go and learn what this means: “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’  
(Matthew 9 v 12-13)**

Why does a person choose to follow Jesus? What kind of follower is Jesus looking for? In these verses, Jesus confronts some of his critics, who are bristling at the company he is keeping. Why is Jesus spending time with an outcast like this tax collector, they wonder, rather than with more respectable company like them? In response, Jesus shines a spotlight on the way we are tempted to compare ourselves with others, overplaying flaws and weaknesses in others while remaining blind to our own. He highlights that he is interested in seeking out those with realistic self-assessment, who are honest about their spiritual condition and recognise their need for rescue. For those who refuse to accept their true condition, and deny that they are sick, the Doctor will not come. To become followers of Jesus, they will need to wake up to their need of him rather than stubbornly insist they are righteous.

**There [Jesus] was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light (Matthew 17 v 2)**

Sometimes, we might have a tremendous ‘mountain-top experience’ which gives us a new insight into our lives, or the world around us. Can such an experience of God’s power sustain us indefinitely, or does our faith rely on an ongoing connection with him? In the transfiguration, the three disciples get a glimpse of Jesus’ glory, which he has had since before the creation of the world, but which was veiled during his time on earth. They had the extraordinary privilege of seeing this glory with their own eyes. Yet before the end, they all fled from Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, and Peter denied him three times. This hard truth should remind us that for our faith to be strong and vibrant, it must be rooted in a present experience of God’s grace, not a remembrance of past experiences, no matter how vivid they were at the time. As vessels of the Holy Spirit, we tend to leak quite readily, and need to ‘be being filled’ (Ephesians 5:18) for us to flourish.

**Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, ‘Why couldn’t we drive it out?’ He replied, ‘Because you have so little faith.’  
(Matthew 17 v 19-20a)**

A high spiritual experience is all too often followed by a crashing anti-climax. This is what Matthew records here: as Jesus and his three disciples come down from the mountain they are met by tragedy, need and failure. His disciples have tried – and failed – to heal a boy suffering from demonic epilepsy. The root cause of this failure is clearly identified by Jesus as a lack of faith. It is striking that it is not the *amount* (a mustard-seed amount would do; v20), but the *object* of faith, which is shown to be important. The fact that the disciples, who have been living and working with Jesus for some time and seen his power at work, nevertheless failed due to a lack of faith in him is significant. It makes evident the reality that faith is both something required of us, and at the same time given as a gift by God.

**‘What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off’  
(Matthew 18 v 12-13)**

The parable of the lost (or wandering) sheep is a marvellous picture of the extravagant love of God. It highlights the tremendous importance he places on each one of his people; the parable reveals a tender-hearted shepherd who is deeply concerned for each sheep as an individual. Especially at the present time, when the media is full of statistics about the spread and impact of covid-19, we should cling to the truth this passage teaches us. The parable shows us that God is deeply concerned about each and every one of us. He is not a remote, corporate figure who is happy with a 99% success rate, but a loving shepherd who is prepared to go to any length to rescue the missing 1% and bring the whole flock in safely. It is also worth noting that Jesus tells this parable in the context of children (see earlier in Matthew 18, including v10 and v14). In first century Jewish society, children were seen to be of very low status and were ignored by most people until they came of age. Jesus tells his parable precisely to challenge this hierarchical view of human worth. Each and every sheep is extremely valuable in the shepherd’s sight. Whenever we are anxious, we can lean on the assurance that God is passionately concerned for each one of us, and is working things out – sometimes in ways we cannot comprehend – to ultimately bring the whole of his flock safely home.



## *Protecting yourself online*

As the world moves more towards being online, it's important that we don't forget to protect ourselves from cyber crime. It can be daunting having to learn new processes like online banking and keeping in touch with our friends and families on social media, but did you know that £1.7million was lost to cyber criminals by residents in the Thames Valley between April 2018 and March 2019?

Here are some of the simple actions that you can take to protect yourself online:

**Use a strong, separate password for your email.** By creating a separate password for your email account, you're securing yourself should your password be stolen from an account elsewhere. Choose three random words and substitute letters for numbers to make the password harder for someone else to guess.

**Watch out for fake emails and texts asking for your information.** These are called phishing messages, and they can sometimes look like they're from genuine sources. Look out for tell-tale signs such as poor spelling and grammar, incorrect email addresses and requests for information or payment out of the blue. Never give out your personal information unless you are sure it's from a trusted source.

**Install the latest software and app updates.** You wouldn't put an old set of tyres on your car. Why would you trust old software to protect your personal data? Software and apps are regularly updated to secure against the newest viruses and online threats. Check the settings on your phone and computer to make sure you have the latest updates installed. Call your manufacturer or go on their website if you're not sure how to do this.

**Secure your social media.** Social media is a great way for us to keep in touch with loved ones and share our lives with them, but would you want a stranger to see this? Check the settings of your social media accounts to make sure you have adequate privacy filters enabled.

More details on how to protect yourself from cyber crime can be found on the Thames Valley Police website: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/online-fraud/cyber-crime-fraud/>

If you think you have been a victim of an online scam, you should report this to Action Fraud on their website or by calling 0300 123 2040.

## *New use for Holy Trinity Rectory garden*

As Rev Martin Davy explains in the Spring 2020 issue of Holy Trinity Theale's parish magazine, plans are afoot for the garden of the Rectory where he and Lisa and their two children now live. During the interregnum, the Diocese of Oxford recognised that the garden was unusually large. As the Bishop of Reading and the Archdeacon and their staff were looking for a new office, the decision was made to relocate to Theale. Preparatory work has now been completed and planning permission was recently given for a new building. Work will start at some point after the summer or possibly early next year. This building will not belong to Holy Trinity but the Diocese has offered the use of one of the rooms to Martin and his team as an office. The church family will also be able to use the larger meeting room at weekends for Sunday Clubs and tea and coffee after the service. This will be particularly useful as Sunday Clubs for children and teenagers are currently being held in the primary school which is due to move into its new premises on Englefield Road later this year.

## *Cobbs update*

Cobbs at Englefield has just announced the closure of its cafe for the foreseeable future although the shop is open as usual. Following the recent recommendations from the Government for the elderly and vulnerable, the team at Cobbs is also working on a local delivery service to those who are in need or isolated at home. If you are interested for yourself or on behalf of someone you know, you can register at [englefieldshop@cobbsfarmshops.co.uk](mailto:englefieldshop@cobbsfarmshops.co.uk).

## *Ideas for isolation?*

For radio listeners, *Soul Music* is a BBC Radio 4 series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact. There are 152 episodes available on BBC Sounds, each half an hour long with different people explaining why music such as the Coventry Carol, the hymn Jerusalem, Mozart's Requiem, through to a whole variety of classical and pop, means so much to them.

Alternatively BBC Two's *Secrets of the Museum* is a six-part series going behind the scenes at the Victoria & Albert Museum revealing the treasure trove of objects, only a quarter of which are on public display, and meeting the curators and conservators who look after them. The series finished at the end of March and will be available to watch for two months after that.

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**Monday – Saturday 9am to 5pm**  
**Sunday 10am to 4pm**  
**Self-service coffee shop - open every day**

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## **ENGLEFIELD STORES AND TEA ROOMS**

The Street, Englefield (tel: 0118 9302479)

Groceries, home made chutneys, preserves & daily newspapers

Local honey. Good selection of cards and stamps

Dry cleaning service 3 times a week

### **TRADITIONAL TEA ROOMS OPEN**

**April to Sept: Mon/Tues/Weds/Friday 10am - 5pm**

**Saturday 10am - 4.30pm**

**Oct to March: Mon/Tues/Weds/Friday 10.30am - 4.30pm**

**Saturday 10.30am - 2.30pm**



Our Nursery is set in the charming village of Englefield.

With spaces available from 3 months 5 years we have a fully qualified and experienced team that provide care and development for your child.

We specialise in outdoor learning and have access to both the grounds and village of Englefield but, with our own 17 seat minibus, we take regular trips to libraries, parks and all kinds of other fun destinations that make for great experiences and enhanced learning.

**Contact us on 01189 306981 or [www.theoldfirestationnursery.co.uk](http://www.theoldfirestationnursery.co.uk)**