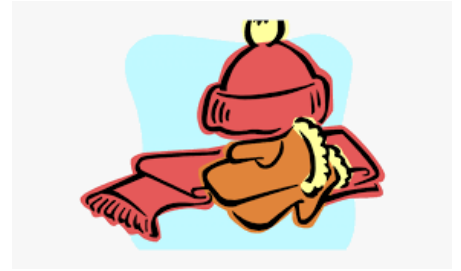


Bosley News

The colder weather is here and during the building work we are without heating so wrap up well.

Due to Covid 19 the Remembrance Service on 8th November at 10.50 will require people to book a place as we probably will not be able to seat everyone.

However, the church will be open on Wednesday 11th November, Remembrance Day for those who could not come to the service. 01260 226389 or alisonmtottle@gmail.com to book a place for the service. There will be a 9.30 service on 22nd November.



Work has finally got underway at St. Mary's Church in Bosley to build the new extension on the south-west corner, for toilet & kitchen facilities. COVID-19 impacted the original start date of the Spring and so only a couple of weeks ago did the builders, R. Beech & Son, finally arrive on site. The old boiler house and outside loo have now been demolished and the footings have started to be excavated under the supervision of Aeon Archaeologists.

It is anticipated that the extension will be finished in December and we will hope to



have some sort of celebratory event (COVID permitting) to enable visitors to see the exciting improvements to our facilities. By having modern, indoor toilets, new efficient heating system & a fully functioning kitchen we hope to be able to use the church building for a wider variety of community-based activities/ clubs/ groups. So, if you're looking for a large space to hold a meeting or group please consider the church building.

The extension is only the first phase of our plans to improve the church; next year we'll be looking towards further changes to the internal layout.

Bosley St. Mary's Pews on sale

The development work at St. Mary's church is progressing apace and the PCC is planning to reduce the number of pews in church to allow for more space for use by the community. A list is being prepared of those who might be interested in buying a pew to convert for household use. The pews are solid oak and could be converted for example to make an attractive corner bench or many other things or made into a range of furniture items. If you are interested, please contact Tom or Joy Collis 01260 291483 to put your name on the list.

Finance update

Our bank balance is dwindling. The Covid 19 is taking its toll on St. Mary's bank balance with no services had there for many months and no collections being taken and the usual fund raising activities in the summer cancelled our main sources of income have disappeared. The bills keep coming in, so our funds are reducing rapidly. Some of the congregation have been making monthly payments through the bank for some time and during lockdown. The PCC knows only too well that it is a difficult time financially for many people, but if you are able to make a monthly transfer or a one off donation through your bank this would be greatly appreciated and would help keep the church afloat. St. Mary's bank details are:

Account no. – 12064903

Sort Code – 16-1712

Name of account – Parochial Church of Bosley

Many thanks.

Unusual visitor spotted

A bit of excitement on Cloudside when a racoon was discovered in the Pollard's hay shed. Some confusion at first wondering whether it was a racoon, however the RSPCA was not interested, and the Animal Rescue people in Congleton came up and fetched it. Apparently, it had a chip but when contacted the people denied all knowledge of it. It looked very happy in its new surroundings but clearly wanted freedom as it managed to undo the catch on his cage and escaped! Perhaps looking for another hay shed to hide up in over the winter.



Not our Racoon!