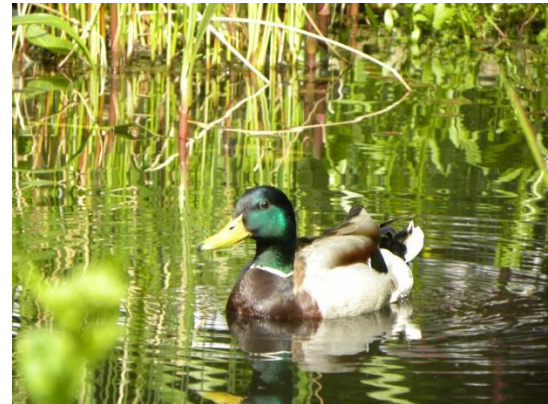


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The Rector's letter

29 April 2021

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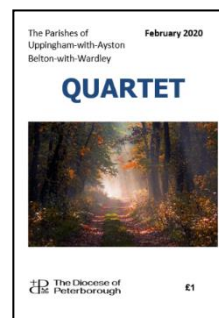
Dear friends,

So here we are at May already! I really don't know where the year has gone, but like many of you I am enjoying the sunshine, even if the temperatures are a little cooler than last week. Debbie and I are trying to be hardy, taking off our coats for recording the services, but then they go back on quite sharpish. Our fantastic cameraman Nick has gone from shorts, back into his coat again, as we brave the chill for you.

I am sure as we move through May we will see warmer weather and enjoy a more pleasant coffee with friends and family in the outdoors. It is good to be able to see people, even if in a small way, and we look forward over the next few months to be able to re-engage with each other. It is good to be back in church, and to welcome back our choir in their splendid refurbished robes, even though we still have social distancing, with no processions or congregational singing.

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I hope that we will gradually be able to move forward in small incremental steps, so that later this year we might all be able to sing hymns, and join in coffee together. Our full pattern of services across the benefice will be looked at over the summer as we seek to introduce a *new normal* in the autumn.

As the blossoming and opening of business has brought new life to our town during Eastertide, I pray that Ascension Day will bring us patience for what is to come, and Pentecost an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. God has been faithful to us over the months of the pandemic, and will continue to be so. In many ways we have seen shoots of new life, and experienced his presence, in the silence and stillness of isolation. We pray that as we move forward, each of us at different paces, we do not lose that. May we continue to feel his presence with us in all we do. Let none of us get so busy that we fail to notice his presence all around us, or to fail to have time for a relationship with him. God is with us in times of loneliness, pain and suffering – but he is also with us in times of joy, fellowship and activity. May we find patience to find a blessing in each step forward, and joy in lives recovered, as well as time for reflection on all that we have lost.

Christ is risen from the dead! And in him we have immeasurable hope.

Every blessing for a joyful, hope filled May.

Rachel

Joan Taylor, 1929 – 2021, RIP

Richard, Pat, Emma and Tom Cole would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and messages following the recent death of Joan whose funeral was held recently in Uppingham. Joan moved to Rutland in her mid-80's to be closer to her family and greatly enjoyed her time here, the warmth of the welcome she received from all those she met, and the friendship of so many. She will be sadly missed but warmly remembered.



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Services in Uppingham Parish Church May 2021

2nd	Easter 5	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharist (CW) <i>short, choral</i>
9th	Easter 6	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharist (CW) <i>short, choral</i>
Tuesday 11th		10am	MU Holy Communion & meeting
Thursday 13th	Ascension Day, 7pm		Eucharist (CW) <i>short, choral</i>
16th	Easter 7	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharist (CW) <i>short, choral</i>
23rd	Pentecost	8am 10.30am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharist (CW) <i>short, choral</i> Choral Evensong <i>music by Tallis, Clucas, Stanford and Ives</i>
30th	Trinity Sunday	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Eucharist (CW) <i>short, virtual choir</i>

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Geoff Thompson (01572 821560)

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On the farm...

more news from Jeff Whelband

Spring is trying very hard to spring – and all is very busy on the farm. The ewes and lambs have been turned out, and they are enjoying the warm days, once the frosts decide to go away. As always, they make a lovely sight doing what lambs do.

Boris and his gang are also out in the field. They now have to be separated from Hetey and her girls. A new leader of the boys has emerged, named Curly Top, who seems to have more of a grasp on leadership than Boris (not difficult...)! Hetey has all her girls in order – even the young ones, some of whom have a natural interest in Curly Top and the boys.

There are new additions to the Farm, some of whom are planned, such as Teddy, a 2 year old Welsh cob (seen here) who is a companion for Jack when they decide to recreate the Grand National. It is an entertaining sight.



Unplanned additions are Bill and Ben – two Billy goats, who were offered to India (farmer's daughter) as a birthday present. Described as miniature goats, miniature they are not! Too late – India has fallen in love with them! As they eat anything green, I fear for the vegetable garden later in the year (time to buy a new electric fence). Finally, the Pigs are also out in their own fields, with newly built sleeping huts, and they are loving life! All we need to do now is pray for RAIN....

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The Times, 28 April

The Crystal Ball

Music for May 2021

Well, we're back in business again, even if we have had to relocate.¹ And with the exception of Trinity Sunday, we hope to be singing in the flesh throughout this month and beyond. To the music, then.

On 2 May, we introduce a new setting for the Eucharist. John Bertalot's *Johannesburg Service* uses the musical language of South Africa, and I can safely say that nothing quite like it has ever been heard in Uppingham church; listen and enjoy. In more conventional idiom, we have the Coronation communion motet *O taste and see* by Vaughan Williams as the introit for that morning, plus a treat for John Rutter fans in the form of his *Look at the world*, for which he also wrote the words. The following week we have Peter Nardone's now familiar *I give to you a new commandment*, incorporating the plainsong *Ubi caritas*; and on Thursday 13, Ascension Day, we have the first of two contributions by Sir William Harris when we perform his luminous *Holy is the true light* at the evening Sung Eucharist. For the Sunday after Ascension, we shall be reviving another anthem by this composer: *All creatures of our God and King* sets selected verses from the well-known hymn in a joyful and almost madrigalian style, suitable for the triumphal theme of the Sunday.

That brings us to Whitsunday, 23 May, when we have two sung services. In the morning *O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace*, adapted from Tye's music for *The Actes of the Apostles*, is the introit, with more Rutter (*I will sing with the spirit*, the words of the RSCM motto) for the anthem; in the evening, Choral Evensong will feature Tallis's miniature *O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit*, the responses by Old Uppinghamian Humphrey Clucas, Stanford's great C major setting of the canticles (his personal favourite) and Grayston Ives's music to clothe verses by George Herbert, *Listen, sweet Dove*. Last month we had a congregation of five for our first live Evensong since lockdown began last year; there's plenty of room for more (even if you can't yet join in with the hymns)!

As I noted above, we can't manage a live choir for Trinity Sunday, which is rather sad; but we can offer you our recording of Tchaikovsky's well-loved *Hymn to the Trinity* in compensation for our absence. More next month.

Succentor

¹ Perhaps one day someone will explain why the formation deemed safe for five months last year (before anyone was vaccinated) has now been deemed unsafe. Another of life's little mysteries.



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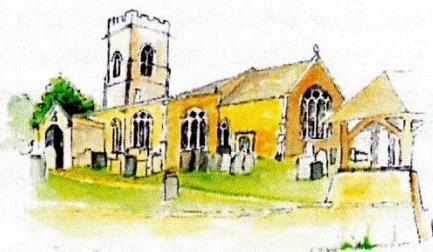
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Annual Church Meetings

We are holding our annual church meetings on Monday 24th May, subject to the covid-19 regulations at that time. While any parish resident or regular attendees at St.Peter may vote for the churchwardens at the election meeting, you **MUST** be on the Church Electoral Roll if you wish to vote for any resolutions at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, including the elections for the PCC.

Please consider joining the Electoral Roll if you have any interest in the future mission of St.Peter's Church, or the development of additional facilities, for which we are now raising funds, and seeking grants.

Nomination forms are available from the Electoral Roll Officer,

Mr. Bob Atkinson (01572 717464)

Services and Events in May

Note: All services are subject to current Covid-19 restrictions

Date	Location	Time	Details
2 nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
9 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
13 th May Ascension Day	Uppingham Parish Church	Please check the time and form of the service nearer the date	
16 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
23 rd May Day of Pentecost	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
Monday 24 th May	St. Peter's Church	7:00 pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
30 th May Trinity Sunday	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
6 th June First Sunday after Trinity	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
<i>Wednesday Morning Prayers are suspended until further notice</i>			
<i>All Care Home services are suspended until further notice</i>			
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St. Peter's website: www.belton-wardley.org.uk

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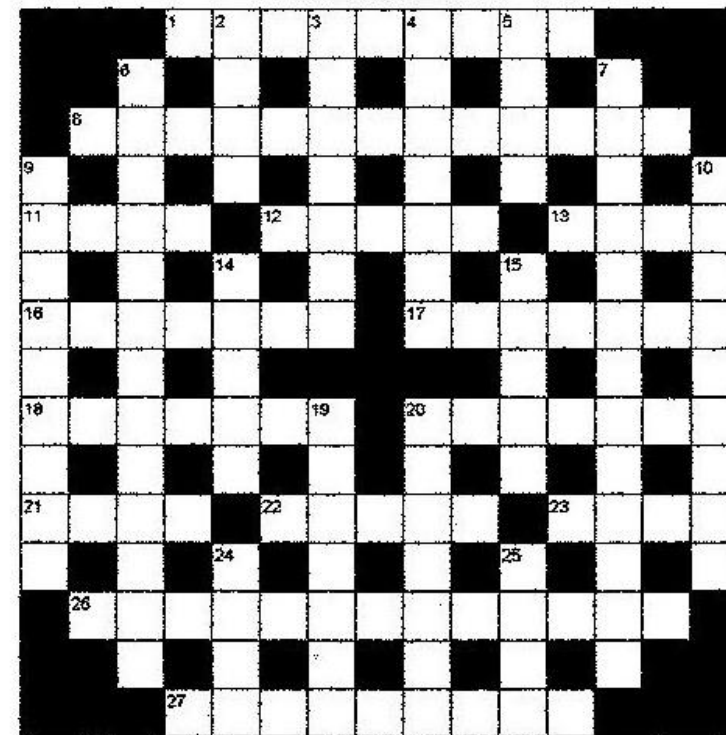
'Now is the month . . .'

Across

- 1 Ship of hawthorn (9)
- 8 Not directly like *Pilgrim's Progress*, for instance (13)
- 11 Drive out, having lost head in combat (4)
- 12 Narrow-minded type, very keen on religious texts (5)
- 13 Support is equal, it's said (4)
- 16 Prime Minister of the month after (7)
- 17 Makes insulting remarks about 'snowmobiles' (7)
- 18 Bill struggles to incorporate section and tells you what to do (7)
- 20 Foreigner of the month to dance around (7)
- 21 Slave heard at the seaside (4)
- 22 Monarch on board (5)
- 23 Unfinished workroom for boss (4)
- 26 Fitter team I'm beginning to exercise in new line-up repeatedly (4,5,4)
- 27 Devise alternative to yen in list (9)

Down

- 2 Response integral to fundamentalism (4)
- 3 State 'Highly coloured article needed' (7)
- 4 Threatening order in Open University at start of session (7)
- 5 Drug with sulphur and gold for Biblical character (4)
- 6 'The ____ Compared to the Air we Breathe' (Hopkins) (7,6)
- 7 A wonderful experience taking in the whole universe? Just wait a little while (3,2,4,4)
- 9 Hopeless enthusiasm likely to be found in Oxford? (4,5)
- 10 Make the music louder! (9)
- 14 'To ____ upon the midnight with no pain' (Keats) (5)
- 15 Woman of stone? (5)
- 19 Scramble *and* drag one's feet (7)
- 20 Description of those most likely to inherit? (7)
- 24 James might be a senior member of the clergy (4)
- 25 'There was no small ____ among the soldiers' (Acts 12) (4)



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On April 13th we were able to hold our first Eucharist for some months, and it was a joy to be back. Our May meeting will be on **Tuesday 13th** at 10.00am in church, and our June date is the 8th. Then, I hope that by the time of our July meeting we will be able to gather once more in the Church Hall, with refreshments and a speaker. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible!

We need to think about planning some fundraising events for later in the year. The work of the MU is needed more than ever in supporting overseas projects, and we have been unable to meet for over a year. All ideas welcome, especially things we haven't tried before.

Much thought, work and prayer goes into the work of our Diocese, notably led by Jill Cannings, and into national and international events, remembering especially our world-wide leader Sheran Harper of Guyana. There are two events this month.

- **May 12th: Diocesan Quiet evening, 7pm, via Zoom.** Revd Christine Ostler writes: The focus of the evening will be *God's Call Through Covid*, led by Bishop Andrew Proud, comprising a series of brief addresses, accompanied by an image, and suggestions for reflection and prayer. Then Night Prayer (Compline) finishing around 8.30pm.
- **May 14th** is the date of the international **Thy Kingdom Come** service, which has previously been held in Coventry Cathedral, but again will be online; it will start at 2pm and you can join by watching on Facebook or YouTube. There is a **TKC website** www.thykingdomcome.global which has lots of resources, or it can be accessed through the MU website.

Do visit the MU website if you can – it's a good read! And please ask me to send you the **Zoom link** for the Diocesan Quiet evening: it's very easy to join!

I am so sorry that some of you are still unable to access this material; hopefully the situation won't last too much longer. Why not turn the page now, and read the generous offer this month from **Age UK – Get Connected...**? You could be online and up-and-running well in time for the Diocesan Quiet evening, if you so wish!

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Our peripatetic choir...?

Nick Clarke read out the following statement before the start of Eucharist on 25 April: *Our choir and their music form an important part of our worship here at St Peter & St Paul. However, like much else in life at present, there are guidelines that limit what they can do and how they should operate at present. Last Sunday there was a certain amount of concern about seeing almost a dozen members of the choir singing in the Jeremy Taylor chapel.*

Canon Rachel and I held a meeting with John Wardle and other members of the choir to see if a better solution could be found. As you can see, we are trialling a new area for the choir from today. Using the west end offers choir members greater personal space and better ventilation. Clearly, there are issues: access to the pews is now down the north aisle only. Fiddly, I know, but it ensures everyone's safety. Thank you for your patience. At the end of the service, the choir will leave through the south door during the organ voluntary. This means that leaving church at the end of the service will be much easier. Please do not linger inside the building, and save your conversation with friends until you are outside in the fresh air. We recognise this is another bump in the road we are all travelling on. We look forward to the time when choir will return to their former area and our church life can return to a more familiar pattern.



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Looking Backwards and Forwards

Earlier this year we celebrated the 11th anniversary of Bishop Donald's arrival as our bishop. It was good to give thanks for his inspiring and visionary leadership and especially his commitment to the growth of every Church.

Ascension Day this month will be the 10th anniversary of my own consecration as one of your bishops in Westminster Abbey and St Peter's Day next month will mark 35 years since my ordination in Southwark Cathedral. Again, it has been good to look back over the countless ways in which I have been enriched by the family of God's people in Peterborough diocese. For example, the folk from Corby and Rushden who helped bring my faith alive as a teenager, wonderful mission training in Northampton as a curate, refreshing retreats at Ecton House and Launde Abbey, a faithful colleague whose father had been Vicar of Oakham and a memorable residential workshop at the Cathedral led by Canon (now Archbishop of York) Stephen Cottrell.

It's good to look back and celebrate. During lockdown I have learnt to value a way of praying in which each evening I review the day by asking the question; "Where has God been in my life today?" it's a great question, sometimes challenging, sometimes encouraging, often surprising. It has really helped me in daily seeking to walk with Jesus.

Dag Hammarskjöld, the second Secretary General of the United Nations, famously once said: For all that has been, Thank You. For all that is to come, Yes!"

Looking forward to a post-lockdown world and church where it's too early to

say how much will have changed and how much will remain the same, I have been looking back to a book which inspired me 35 years ago. "I heard the Owl call my

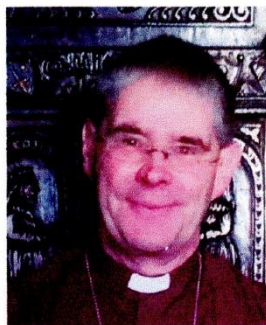
name" by Margaret Craven tells the story of a terminally ill young priest Mark Brian, with less than 3 years to live, who is sent to serve the remote Tsawataineuk village of Kingcome in the wilds of British Columbia, Canada, because it is where his bishop would have wished to go if he were young again in similar circumstances.

At first Mark fails to understand and makes little connection with the community, but gradually he learns to listen, to walk alongside and share people's lives, serving them in a Christ-like way, remembering that Jesus came and walked alongside all of us. The young priest and the village are both transformed. It's a beautiful description of the kind of "humbler, simpler, bolder Church" of which Archbishop Stephen has recently spoken.

May God bless and guide us as we seek to listen to our communities, walk alongside them and renew the lives of our Churches in the coming months.

With my thanks, prayers and best wishes,

+John
Bishop of Brixworth



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I (your full name) _____

of (your full address & postcode) _____

declare that this is the first*/second/ _____ Codicil to my last Will

dated____/____/_____. * *Indicate what number this Codicil is.*

I give to THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST PETER AND ST PAUL UPPINGHAM (Registered in England and Wales with
Charity Reg No. 1138063) the sum of (amount in figures and words)

£ _____

or a____% share of the residue of my estate to be applied to its general purposes
absolutely.

I confirm that the other aspects covered in my Will and any other Codicils are correct.

Signed _____ Date ____/____/____

Signed by the above named testator in our presence and then by us in his/hers.

Witness 1

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