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The Rector's letter

30 October 2020

The Rectory
45 Lime Tree Avenue

Dear friends,

November is always a month set aside as a time for remembrance, and this November is no different, even if we have to do our remembering in different ways. On Sunday, as well as celebrating All Saints, we have our usual service of thanksgiving for All Souls. There is an opportunity with the recorded service for us all to remember those who have gone before us. Each of us holds in our hearts those whom we love and who are separated from us by death. Each one leaves a hole in our lives; and our grief may be at different stages. For many people, this year, grief may be clearer and more raw, as we have not been able to grieve or honour loved ones as we would have wished. We all need to take time for our sorrow and for our memories, time to laugh and time to cry.

This month also we remember those who have died in war and service of our country. At our service on Remembrance Sunday, at the war memorial, invited representatives will gather to remember on our behalf. And there will be a service of remembrance online, so that together we can remember. This year we will also be recognising all those NHS workers who have lost their lives during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In all our remembrance this year, in these strange circumstances, it is important to remember that God has not changed. God's graciousness and love is ever present. Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever. What we are doing may be different this year, but the sentiments are the same and they still come from the heart.

Remember you are precious and are loved. God wants what will help you to prosper, even when life feels hard.

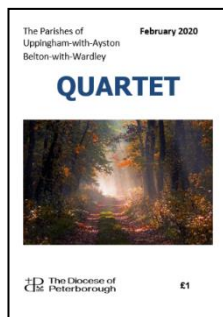
Every blessing

Rachel



*One familiar liturgical outfit – and one strange garb...
(turn to p.12 for elucidation!)*

Quartet in 2020



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November 2020

Sunday Services in Uppingham PC (except Remembrance Sunday)

10am.	Eucharist (said, or short Choral))
11am	Service of the Word

Eucharist will be celebrated in the pews. The service will be about 40 minutes. The Service of the Word will be shorter, round about 30 minutes.

On Remembrance Sunday, 8th November...

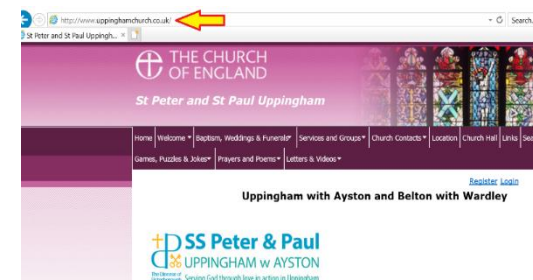
the Eucharist will begin at **9am**. Then, an **online** Service of Remembrance (the service held at the Memorial is by invitation only)

In addition to Sundays (until 12 noon) the church will be open for private prayer, **each Wednesday, 2-4pm.**

As new information becomes available we will publish it on the website, through our mailing and on Nextdoor at Uppingham.

And you are welcome to join us on Sundays for parish worship online
(check the website for details)

Check the Parish Church website now! www.uppinghamchurch.co.uk



More news from the farm

Notes from Jeff Whelband...

As the Autumn fast approaches, and the grass is losing its goodness, all the young Calves have been moved under cover and bedded down on a warm bed of straw and are being fed on hard food and haulage. Blossom and her quartet (furthest away in this photo) don't think much to their winter quarters, as they have lost the right to roam...



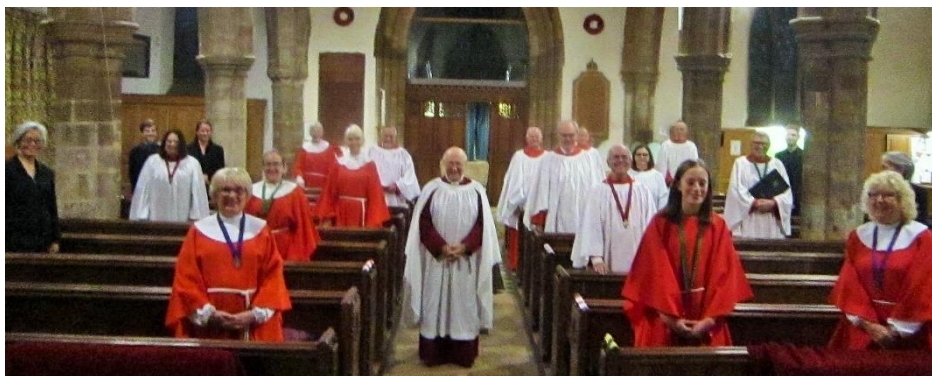
Boris and his gang are still out in the field awaiting a new extension on the barn to be built.



Bantams are doing well but there are no eggs as yet (beware of the Roasting tin)!

The piglets have now left Mother Peggy, and are still roaming free, but they now have their own comfortable bedroom (as shown in this photo).

Thank you, Geoff, keep up the good work as winter comes! [Eds]



The choir, captured in readiness for recording this month's Evensong on the Feast of S. Cecilia (and the birthdate of Benjamin Britten in 1913)

Stop press: Emma (front row) sang her Bishop's Award exam last month; and we have just heard that she has gained a Highly Commended result. Congratulations from us all!

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Geoff Thompson

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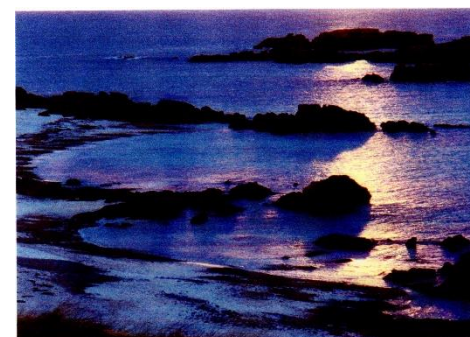
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The Crystal Ball

Music for November 2020

Advancing gingerly into the less than brave new world confronting us, we hope once again to bring you live music in some form or another on every Sunday this month except 15 November, when the screen will have to do duty instead as the source of music. We begin the month, on All Saints' Day, with Victoria's radiant setting of the antiphon *O quam gloriosum* ('O how glorious is the kingdom'), in which the Spanish composer 'brings all heaven before our eyes' in a magical piece of contrapuntal writing.

Following this is Remembrance Sunday, 8 November, on which we would normally have a church packed with service personnel; but, this being the Year of the Plague, there will be only a small-scale commemoration for an invited group. This will take place at 10.30 am (following a Sung Eucharist at the earlier time of 9 am, at which we shall sing Peter Aston's *I give you a new commandment*, with its pertinent emphasis on 'Love one another'); and it will feature a new setting of Binyon's familiar words ('They shall grow not old') by our director of music as an alternative to the well-known one by Douglas Guest. John's setting has many merits, and we hope it will be heard again under happier circumstances; but its most obvious merit this year is that it is an easier piece for a small choir to sing outdoors!

On the following Sunday, there will be a recording of Henry Loosemore's short anthem *O Lord, increase our faith* during the distribution of communion; then on 22 November we shall sing *God omnipotent reigneth*, a powerful setting by Charles Wood of a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 93. You may need your anti-seasickness pills during the second of its two sections, when the waves of the sea are mighty and rage horribly! Having regained your equilibrium by the evening, we hope, you can then watch our YouTube 'broadcast' of Choral Evensong for the feast of St Cecilia, including the Jubilate by Benjamin Britten (born 22 November 1913), Smith responses, Walmisley in D minor and, another first for us, Mendelssohn's *How lovely are the messengers*, a lyrical chorus from his oratorio *St Paul*, as the anthem.

That brings us to the beginning of a new Church year, with Advent Sunday falling on 29 November; and we mark the occasion as we have done in previous years with Adrian Batten's exuberant *O sing joyfully*, as we look forward in hope. We shall also switch to the austere but moving Mass setting by Denis Bédard (*Missa Brevis II*) to mark the change of season.

Christmas will, of course, take a very different shape this year, but there will be music and we will celebrate the birth of our Saviour; watch this space for more details next month.

Succentor





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A number of members were taking a break at the time of our October meeting, and so we were somewhat fewer in number. Those who didn't attend missed a treat. As well as the joy of celebrating the Eucharist together, Debbie Wilds-Smith, our Curate, spoke to us about her recent trip to Uganda, which was part of her training. She was based at Lusaka Cathedral for a month, and met many wonderful Christians living and working in the area, one of whom made a dress for her as a surprise, without taking any measurements! You can see the results in the photo (on p.4). Debbie only had ten minutes to speak, so it was a bit like a taster! She is on my radar for invitation when we get back to normal.

The date of our next meeting is November 10th at 10am, and is the occasion when we collect the subscriptions for the next year. Most of you have received word of our preferred method of payment, a cheque for £23 placed on a sealed envelope with your name on the front. The correct amount in cash is also acceptable. A receipt will only be issued if requested; if you would like one, please write 'receipt' on your envelope. If you are unable to be there on the day, please deliver your envelope by any suitable means to Joy Sworn, or any committee member.

Wendy Halford, our chief collector of bottle tops, will be present at our next meeting, and happy to receive any offerings.

Any donations to MU fund would be very welcome, as we have been unable to collect and fundraise in our usual manner. Again, please hand to Joy or any committee member.

This all seems rather business-like! We do need to care for and cherish the MU in the present situation. I know that Jill, our Diocesan President and her colleagues both in London and around the country, have been working very hard to keep everything together and to keep in touch with everyone. We must do whatever we can to support them.

God bless

Janet Wardle

Golden Ages – A History of Music & Musicians in Uppingham Town - £9

We are in the final stages of producing the companion volume to *Closer to Heaven* - the history of music in Uppingham Parish Church.

This volume – **Golden Ages** - is on the history of music in **Uppingham Town**. The book, written by Vivian Anthony, will be published by the Uppingham Local History Study Group. Edited by John Wardle, it will contain over 24,000 words and 40 pictures and explains how Uppingham came to enjoy the finest range of music of any small town in the country. Golden Ages were enjoyed by the principal



performers in the Uppingham Choral Society, the Rutland Music Festivals and the Uppingham Amateur Operatic Society. The churches and schools of the town along with other groups played important roles in creating this musical Mecca; all are honoured. The book will be available in December.

Closer to Heaven - A History of Music and Musicians at Uppingham Parish Church – Price £7.50

Most of you will have bought your copy but a few copies remain. It tells how UPC has been at the centre of life in Uppingham for centuries and some of the stories associated with its musical life are fascinating. **Workers** running off with pipes from the organ, organists paid to keep the dogs and children quiet in church and to wind the clock on the spire are but two. The changes in the music sung by choir and congregation. What was the 'gallery choir' and what did they sing? Was the music accompanied by bassoons? When did the choir start wearing their robes? How many organs have there been in UPC history and where were they located? How have the choristers and organists been rewarded **over the years**? Has there been any secular in the music in the church?

We hope you will wish to buy one or more copies; we can deliver to you. Please send or email info to vsa505@gmail.com

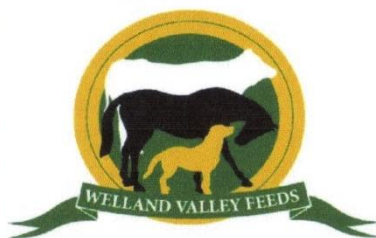
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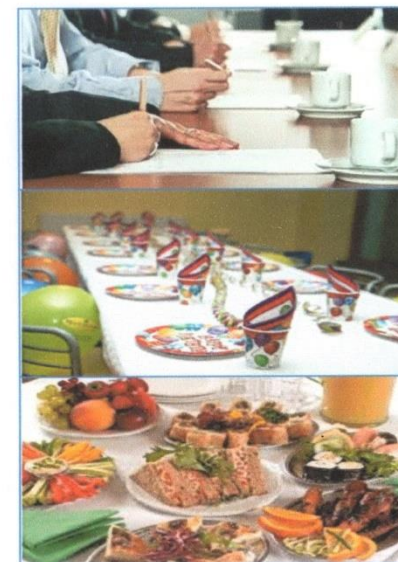
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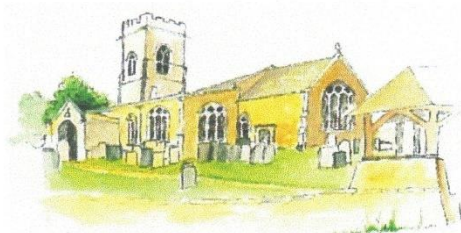
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St. Peter's Church Belton w Wardley



Remembrance Sunday

As usual, we shall be holding our annual Remembrance Sunday services on Sunday 8th November, at 10:00 am and afterwards around the War Memorial at 10:50 am. Both services are subject to changes in the Covid-19 regulations.

In church we must maintain 2 mtrs social distancing between different households, so some of the pews have been blocked off. This results in a significant reduction in our seating capacity. Please avoid these blocked seats, and where two people from different households share a pew, please sit far apart. Masks must be worn throughout the service, and all singing is prohibited.

Similar social distancing arrangements must be followed outside, with household groups staying close together, and groups separated by 2 mtrs from other groups. We regret that we are unable to offer any refreshments in the church, after the services.



Services and Events in November

Date	Location	Time	Details
1st November All Saints Day	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
8th November Remembrance Sunday	St. Peter's Church	10:00 am	Remembrance Service
	War Memorial Belton	10:50 am	Act of Remembrance
15th November Second Sunday Before Advent	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
22nd November Christ the King	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
29th November Advent Sunday	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
6th December Second Sunday of Advent	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
Wednesday Morning Prayers are suspended until further notice			
All Care Home services are suspended until further notice			
Please check with "Parish Notes" for any late changes			

St. Peter's website: www.belton-wardley.org.uk

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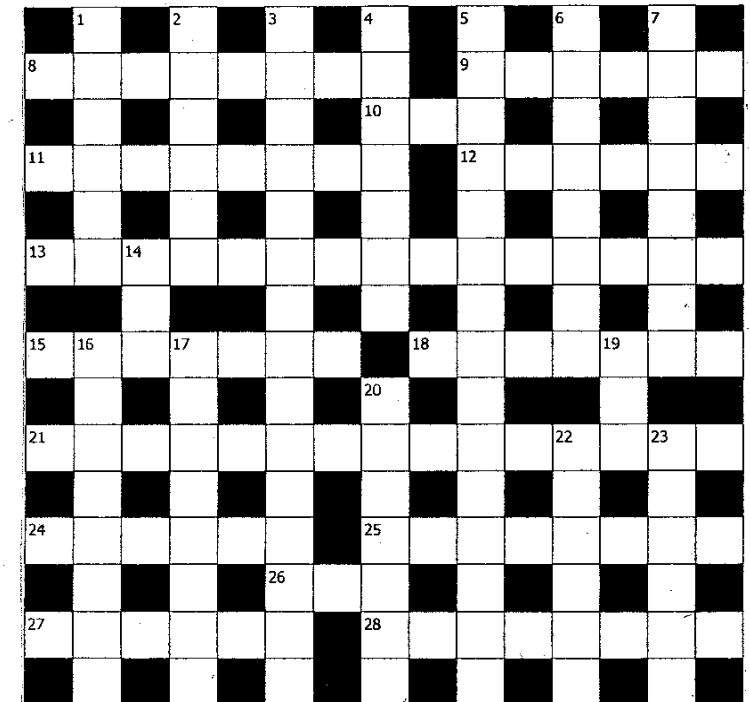
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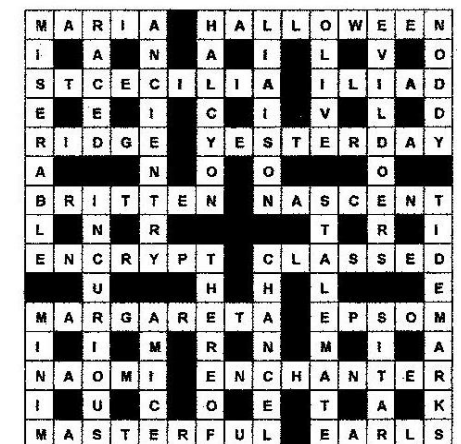
- 8 A case for possessions (8)
 9 'And Joshua made them that day ____ of wood and drawers of water' (Joshua 9) (6)
 10 Prayer from the grave (3)
 11 Least beautiful and most obvious (8)
 12 Where Dorothy wasn't any more (6)
 13 Local means of delivery for 5? (6,2,7)
 15 Descent of eagle in confusion (7)
 18 Fans worship Royal Society (7)
 21 An idiot, as they would say in Rome (3,6,6)
 24 More than one of these, and one's sanity will be questioned! (6)
 25 Camp had an influence (8)
 26 Sense of humour? (3)
 27 Die far off for Lawrence's wife (6)
 28 Designated *Messiah*? (8)

Down

- 1 'Thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land ____' (Isaiah 62) (6)
 2 Less cluttered, thanks to this person? (6)
 3 Hand out pheasants, maybe? That would reveal the secret! (4,3,4,4)
 4 Make a saint? Not quite (7)
 5 Heavenly state within us (3,7,2,3)
 6 Conman widens arrangement with both Left and Right (8)
 7 Bishop, perhaps, making rules (8)
 14 Vessel damaged by fire, losing outer layer (3)
 16 Worshipping the wrong things, the French attempt to follow an artificial language (8)
 17 Amended valences for circled areas (8)
 19 Consume with worry (3)
 20 Musical items from Malcolm Williamson at a soirée (7)
 22 Precise directions describing a statement of faith (6)
 23 'B6', as reported, new type of wild goats (6)



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QUICK QUIZ

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Round 8

General knowledge II

- 1 Where in England will you find Holland?
- 2 What is a shubunkin?
- 3 How many pounds are there in an imperial ton?
- 4 What is the value of X in Scrabble?
- 5 What is the modern name of the game originally called sphairistike?
- 6 In the BBC television series *All Gas and Gaiters*, who played the bishop's chaplain?
- 7 The Romans called it Aquae Sulis. What do we call it?
- 8 What are "angels on horseback"?
- 9 Which film actor's real name was Archibald Leach?
- 10 What object enabled scholars to decipher Egyptian hieroglyphs?

Round 7 (last month's) answers: 1 John 2 Matthias 3 Acts 4 Luke 5 St Paul (Col 4:14)
6 Isaiah (14:12) 7 Seth 8 Malachi 9 Malta (or Melita, Acts 28:1) 10 Cana

Peterborough to Land's End? On your bike!

Michael Moore, Vicar of St Mary's Church, Peterborough, got on his exercise bike in August for a fundraising challenge. Here is his story of just how hard it was...

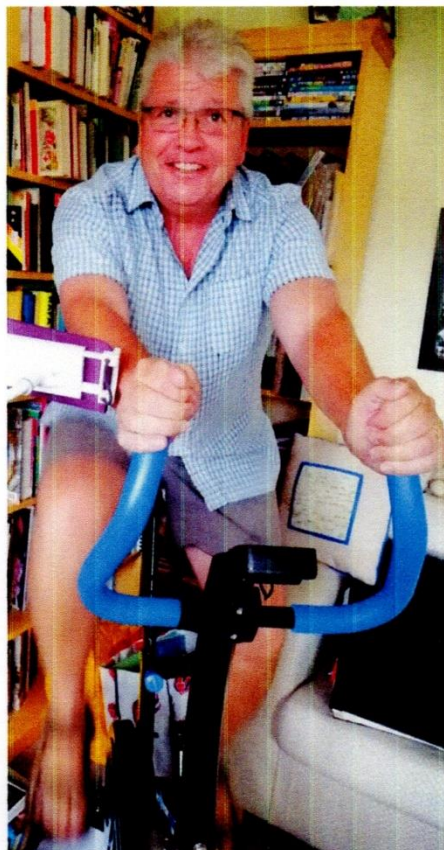
Each year St Mary's Church chooses a specific local charity to support, and this year it chose Peterborough Foodbank. As a result, a fundraising garden party is held at St Mary's Vicarage every summer. However, this year, my wife Sue and I could not, as we usually do, fill people full of cakes and gently (and reverently) extract money from you! So instead, in a heat of madness, I said, "I will cycle to Land's End on my exercise bike".

The distance from Peterborough to Land's End was 374 miles and I divided this into seven days – thus 54 miles per day.

Notionally, I fixed a place in my mind where I would like to aim for each day – the places were Newport Pagnell, Swindon, Bristol, Taunton, Chagford, Bodmin and Land's End.

I knew that it would take about four to five hours a day so I would have to fit my normal work around it all.

The first thing was to split the day into three sessions, and then each session into three-mile stints. I would set off, do the first three miles then stop, walk around the bedroom where the bike is, then walk downstairs and go back up again. I found this would allow the blood to find the numb areas, so as to refresh them before getting straight back on to the bike.



Boredom soon came into play. I kept looking at the speedometer and, as it seemed to slow down, I tried to amuse myself by looking out of the window. This did not work. So I said morning prayer, midday prayer and evening prayer whilst peddling.

As I got more proficient, I started to send emails whilst peddling and making phone calls. Who says men cannot multi-task?!

After day two, soreness started to be a problem. One church member told me to have a bath when I

finished each night. That sounded good advice, but I was so tired after the last session I had a job to get out of the bath! One other member told me to put two banana skins in my shorts so as to ease things along. I did not do this because I didn't want any slip-ups!

So I motored on and prayed as I went along, knowing that God would get me through it because He always has and always will. All I kept thinking of on day four was those people losing their jobs once furlough ends and being short of food. Jesus explicitly tells us to feed the hungry, so I kept on.

When not praying, I listened to two documentaries about the Falklands War – it was really interesting because they had accounts from both sides. I recall

the war very clearly and how I was involved – I was working in a foundry at the time and we worked 18 hours a day for two weeks to make spare parts for the troops' vehicles as they steamed down to the islands. When you hear these real-life stories, you are very grateful for what you have.

After a week of cycling, I finally 'arrived' at Land's End on the Friday night at 7pm and was sorely glad to have done it!

I was glad too that I have not (so far) had to fight in a war.

I was glad that I had raised some money for the Peterborough Foodbank and for the Church.

And I was really glad that I did not have to sit on a bike the following day!

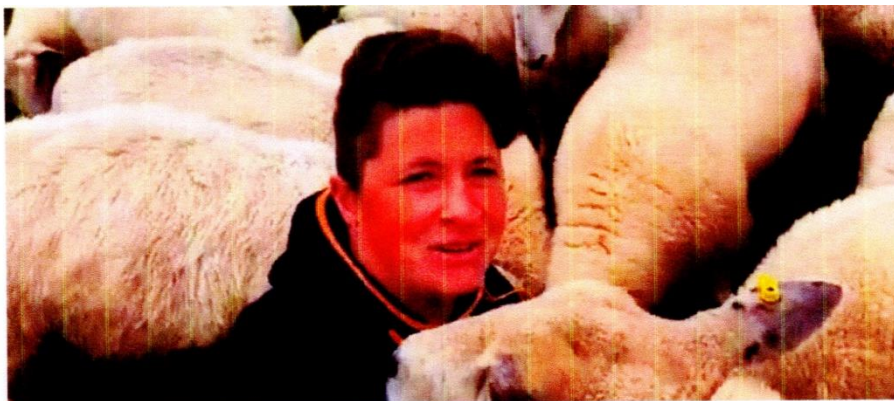
Lockdown log

Nat Stiles is one of two new Mission Enablers (along with Sarah Howes) who joined the Gen2 project in September. She caught up with us to talk about her experiences of the last few months.

I am very lucky to be based in two different churches in our Diocese (St Peter and St Paul, Uppingham and St Andrew, Whissendine) which gives me the opportunity to be involved in different areas of ministry. I am passionate about intergenerational church, where each generation connects together to worship God.

Although the last few months have seen so many restrictions, it has also given us a chance to try new and exciting ways to worship and stay connected.

Lockdown gave me an opportunity to pause, pray and fully think about where God was calling me to be. As a mum, I wanted to support parents/carers, so I turned my energy to a weekly newsletter, which included a short reflection and different links to ideas about online family-friendly worship. I also completed a mental health First Aid course, and I hope to be able to offer support to families and schools.



After researching different ways to engage online, our youth group Rooted was able to restart meeting, but on Zoom – they are such a blessing to our church. It was so important to keep that connection with young people – to just take some time out of the week to worship together, play games and encourage them to keep going on their journeys with Christ. They particularly liked to laugh at my general knowledge when we challenged each other in a quiz!

Together we chose the name 'Rooted', based on the Bible verse from Ephesians 3:17–18: "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ". This has helped us to remember that through all these unsettling times, our roots and connections are in Christ, and that

we need to show these roots and Christ's love to the people around us.

We won't be able to go into schools for some time to deliver collective worship, but we have had great fun thinking of enjoyable ways to record worship for teachers to play in class. Over the last few weeks I've recorded the lost sheep from our farm, and I've climbed a tree for the story of Zacchaeus! I also had to learn how to edit videos, but this has really strengthened our relationship with the local school, and helped the teachers who are having to cope and adapt in so many new ways.

Going forward, it's going to be more important than ever to get creative about worship and how we can reach out as a church. I feel really excited to see where God takes me, to keep looking for the light in the darkness and keep pushing on those new doors, making those spaces for God to come in and do his stuff!

A host of useful information and resources to help you during this time can be found via www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus.



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Remember, remember...

November – 1st: All Saints, 2nd: All Souls, 5th: Guy Fawkes, 8th: Remembrance, 11th: Armistice... 22nd: Christ the King (and 29th is Advent Sunday this year). Lots of church, community, and civic highlights. This year still very real, and very important – but subdued and maybe overshadowed by the virus.

Remembering still matters though. Not just wars and those lost in them or damaged by them, not just those currently in our armed forces – though we mustn't minimise that at all. But we need to remember our story, our history (even Guy Fawkes and his co-conspirators). We need to remember our Church story, and who we are as the inheritors of all the saints, named and unnamed. We need to remember those we have lost, those who have gone before us into eternity. And above all, we need to remember that Jesus is still Lord, that Christ is still King, High King, Lord of lords and King of kings.

In these strange days of covid, apparently **running** through the dark winter ahead, we need hope and light. In a sense, some of that comes through our support for each other, our continued self-discipline for the common good, and the scientific endeavour to find a cure or at least a vaccine. But in the

deepest sense, hope and light come only through Christ – and we are assured of that by remembering the past.

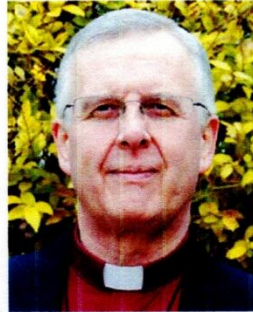
Ultimately we have hope, and light at the end of every tunnel, because God is faithful. Scripture and Church history point so consistently to a merciful, saving, promise-keeping, faithful God. Nothing "in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord". "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength." "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Remember, remember, what a faithful God we have. Remember, remember, his faithfulness to the saints of old. Remember, remember, that Jesus is King. Remember, remember, that he promises to put all things right.

With best wishes

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