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Uplyme Church Services

As per the directive from the Government, all Church Services have been cancelled. Some churches are preparing to open for private prayer. We will keep you posted as and when this may happen at Uplyme.

The Uplyme Church Service is on YouTube at 10am (or any time later if you wish) followed by a live get together over DIY coffee on Zoom at 11am.

You can view the service on YouTube by clicking this link:
www.youtube.com/channel/UCcIQWLSAS49TN4ACnJTeFIQ

This will take you to the Uplyme Church YouTube channel – you can click it now and will see recordings of previous week's services. Early on Sunday morning the service will become visible. There will be two versions – a **traditional version** and a more **contemporary version**. The main content is the same in each but some of the liturgy and the songs are different. You can watch on your computer, smart phone, tablet or Internet connected TV.

After the service, at 11am, there will be a time of fellowship on Zoom or dial in if you don't have a tablet, phone or computer with a camera. Details of how to access this are given below. We will have a few minutes all together and then try to divide everybody up (randomly) into smaller groups of about 5.

Join Zoom Catch up chat at 11am – [www.us02web.zoom.us/j/88508747830?](https://www.us02web.zoom.us/j/88508747830?pwd=WHg1cGs1QlNnVTJQWHFkdGpNc01jQT09)
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The meeting ID is **885 0874 7830** and the password is **7evZ5W** (you may not need them).

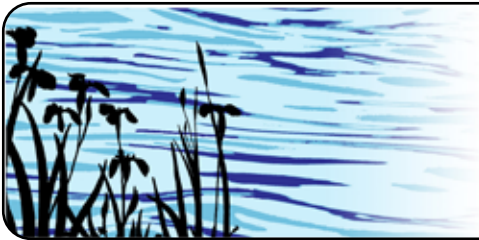
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We look forward to worshipping with you

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Go to - **www.exeter.anglican.org** and follow the links.

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Please remember the **NEXT** issue of the magazine is for **August** and all articles up to and including things for early **September** should be with us by the **10th July**

Email to - parishnews@uplymechurch.org.uk



So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!

James 3 : 5

Social media is a great thing. The ability to communicate and utilise the various media available to us has been absolutely vital over the last few months. I have no doubt that through the modern media lives and people's well-being, have been massively protected during an unprecedented time of crisis. I am so grateful for the fact that we have continued to enjoy worship and study and prayer and conversation with friends and family and community through communications media that were possible or available 100 years ago. Modern communication tools are a wonderful thing.

Unfortunately, as human, beings we have a tremendous ability to misuse as well as to reap the benefits of most things. The lack of personal filters that some show when writing on social media can be deeply wounding or threatening. Things haven't changed much in the 2000 years or so since James wrote the words of his letter in the Bible – it is a letter which really bears reading regularly.

We are fortunate to live in a world where freedom of speech is deemed to be a vital right, yet that freedom also extends to those who use it to abuse and vilify and incite hatred and violence.

Winston Churchill once wrote :

"Some people's idea of free speech is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone says anything back, that is an outrage."

As we move from the depths of "lockdown" and into a new world of social distancing and shielding, the use of electronic media is likely to be ever more important and active. May we use it to benefit each other and avoid the pitfalls of thoughtless and hurtful words.

As we go forward, questioning what has happened, and considering how to become the new community and society, let us remember the exhortations of James and the Bible – that the words of the tongue reflect the person inside. Let us really think about what we say – and the way we say it.

With thoughts and prayers

Clive Sedgewick

From the Editor

Hello and welcome to the July Parish Magazine.

We have gone ahead and printed the magazine, as it seems that post, packages and parcels are being delivered regularly to people along with newspapers. It has also been brought to our attention that many people do not have access to the internet and cannot download a copy of the magazine, and have been asking when it will be back as a hard copy. Well, here it is..... for now! We look forward to hearing from you and about your events very soon.

What a fantastic idea the Horticultural society is having with their 'Virtual Show' full details are in the magazine and I hope you will try to take part. It's good to see that things are being eased, so many businesses are struggling now, and this is even hitting our advertising which may cause problems in the future. Please use the trades and services in the magazine, they are local and would really value your support.

The church is looking at possibly some sort of re-opening for private prayer, but the rules are very strict and we have to see if we can follow them without putting a burden on one or two people.

As we await the arrival of Nicky Davies the new incumbent for the Axe Valley Mission Community, she drops us a line and is really looking forward to joining us.

As lockdown is eased, it is most important now, more than ever, that everybody **"Stay Alert, Control the Virus & Save Lives"**. Social distancing is still a bore, but we must do it. Together, just like the Village, we will get through this together.

#KeepWell, KeepSafe

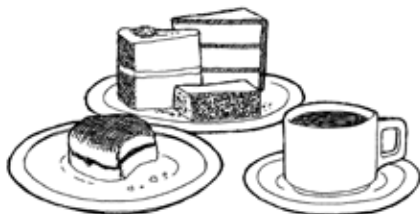
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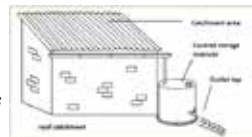
shuna.art@gmail.com



Uplyme - Uganda - United - Update

As we begin to ease lockdown in our lovely village, consider what life must be like if you lived in rural Uganda. Little clean water and sanitation, limited access to hospital miles away, little transport, basic accommodation. They have also

had higher than average rainfall recently which has meant landslips and damage to crops. So hunger and loss of life and livelihood, threat of water-borne disease, in addition to all the other challenges...including Covid-19. 'The East African country has confirmed 457 coronavirus cases, with zero deaths, and 72 recoveries,' reported by Africa CDC on 2.6.20. Kigezi continue to work with local communities to help change lives and situations. Here is their report: (written in April 2020)



"This year the team from the Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Programme (KDWSP) have been working in a number of communities

KAATO GRAVITY FLOW SCHEME

The Kaato gravity flow scheme is one of the biggest projects we have ever attempted. Once finished, it will supply twelve villages and over 9,100 people with clean water from two springs. These springs will be connected to 74 tap stands by almost 20 km of pipes.

This year the community:

- built two collection boxes to tap the springs
- built two large reservoir tanks to store water (with a third under construction)
- built two of the five break pressure tanks (that help regulate water pressure)
- added 36 tap stands
- laid over nine kilometres of pipes

But our work in the community goes beyond the gravity flow scheme. It began with a baseline survey of over 1000 households. The survey helped us identify the following issues for the community:

- A lack of water
- Degraded land quality – making it harder to grow crops
- Landslides
- Hygiene challenges – particularly people not using latrines
- High incidences of waterborne diseases

So KDWSP have provided community members with training in hygiene and sanitation to help them understand how diseases spread and why good hygiene is important. We have also run training on sustainable land management to help the community restore the quality of the soil. Finally, we helped the community set up committees to manage the work and maintain the scheme in the future.



Community members in Nyamabare building bench terraces

LAND MANAGEMENT IN NYAMABARE

In Nyamabare Parish, we have been helping communities learn to manage their land sustainably. Following our training on land management and '**Farming God's Way**', we have provided support for community members transforming the way they use the land. So far they have built:

- **21,900 sq meters of bench terraces:** these will reduce soil erosion, prevent mudslides and provide farmers with stable land to farm on.
- **14,000 sq meters of drainage channels and 34 percolation pits:** these will channel and catch water during heavy rains, ensuring it seeps into the ground. This will reduce erosion, improve soil quality and maintain groundwater reserves.
- **14 energy saving stoves:** these require less wood for fuel, so reducing the number of trees people cut down.

The communities are using what they have learnt to reverse the effects of soil erosion in two gulleys – repairing damage to the landscape. Thirty-four local farmers have also set up demonstration gardens to help their neighbours learn about Farming God's Way. This will help them protect their soil, use less water and produce more food.

One of the artisans from Ihembe working on a tank.



COLLECTING RAINWATER IN IHEMBE

Ihembe community sits on a hilltop about 2500 meters above sea level. Recently the community has been growing as people from the valleys move to escape the effects of landslides. But being on the hilltop has its own problems - community members faced a 5 kilometre round trip to collect water. That was before we provided training and support to help the community build rainwater collection tanks. **So far they have built 84 tanks, providing clean water for 406 people.**

OTHER WORK

As well as assisting with community projects, we have been working on other sources of clean water too, including: **9 institutional water tanks:** these are large rainwater tanks built for schools, health centres, churches and their communities. Almost 3000 people are benefitting from them.

20 protected springs: these are springs where a small tank is built around the water source. This protects it from being contaminated, while still allowing the stream to flow. Almost 5000 people in 20 communities are benefitting from these."

A group of artisans working on an institutional tank for a school.



As we await details of the start date for our new team member ...

A Message from Rev Nicky Davies – Team Vicar in Waiting

Hello to everyone in the Axe Valley Mission Community.

I have been holding you in prayer throughout lockdown and trying not to get too upset that the arrangements for my move to be with you there, are postponed at present.

I have been delighted to see the online content being produced there, as well as centrally at the Cathedral and diocesan input too. We are all learning about the joys and challenges of zoom and online streaming! It's also great to see the caring that's going on.

As a ministry team here, in the Avon Valley Churches in the New Forest, we've been incredibly busy. I have oversight of three churches in our group of seven and have been working with others in the communities to ensure that everyone who may be isolated or vulnerable for any reason is cared for.

We set up Local Support Groups and in one village set up a Helpline number. We've also got 'care-rings' going on with people keeping in regular phone contact with others in their church community. I've played my part in delivering prescriptions and shopping and other tasks.

We've also been broadcasting a Thought for The Day and services... it's been an incredibly busy time and I've had my moments of feeling overwhelmed with it all but I know that the God who made and loves us, is always there, to comfort us and inspire us to keep going!

We also launched Behind the Hedge, a scarecrow competition, to help raise spirits.... And I attach a photograph of one to make you smile. The creativity involved has been astounding.

It is heart-breaking to see the way the Foodbank here, and nationally, is needed more than ever and I get first hand experience of this when I volunteer, once a fortnight.

Looking to the future I am hopeful that our attitude to the care of God's world will forever be changed following this? It's exciting to see people growing their own fruit and veg and gardening at this time. In our garden, the rhubarb is doing well and beans, courgettes, tomatoes etc are all getting going now!



I am very much looking forward to being there with you, when it is safe and possible to do so... may we all find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

x

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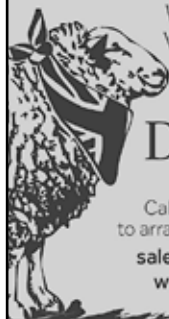


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Lockdown Bible Course

One of the ways members of Uplyme Church have responded to lockdown has been by doing a Tom Wright online course on the meaning of the cross.

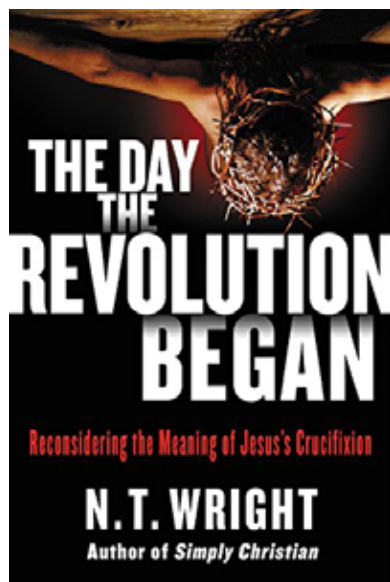
Tom Wright, is a leading biblical scholar and perhaps the most important apologist since C S Lewis. He was Canon theologian at Westminster Abbey, then Bishop of Durham before becoming Research Professor of New Testament and early Christianity at the University of Andrews. He is currently at Wycliffe College in Oxford. He “knows his stuff”.

In 2016 Tom brought out an important new book “The Day the Revolution Began”, in it he challenges us to rethink the meaning of Jesus’ crucifixion. Something happened on Good Friday as a result of which the world is a different place. It was not just about “going to heaven when we die”, Wright tells us. If something did happen which makes the world a better place that really would be good news.

We are able to do this course by a screen share on ZOOM. The course began on 18th June and may have ended before you read this but the latest session will be available on the Church’s Facebook page.

Churchill said, “*Never waste a good crisis*”. None of us, are enjoying the present time. But being locked in does give us a chance to do things, which we say we don’t have the time to do. Getting a better understanding of the Christian faith is certainly one. How much do many of us really know about the Bible. Do we know more about Islam or Buddhism than Christianity? It may be some time before we can go back into the church building and perhaps we can organise other similar courses in the months ahead. If we do details will be on the church website and in future editions of Parish News.

Don Draper





Uplyme Help@Hand - Cares

General Enquiries:

Anne – 01297 444799 Marilyn – 07885 859946

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Sue – 01297 444289 David – 01297 444799

Help at Hand activities during Lockdown

As I have said previously, it is still the case (at the time of writing this) that the majority of our established volunteers are not able to offer help, but thanks to all the new younger volunteers who have come forward, we can indeed provide support.

So please do ring the help lines if you have an urgent need for prescriptions., essential supplies etc. We will put you in touch with someone who ready and willing.

Lockdown experience

The editor suggested that, with nothing new to add or plan for at this stage, each contributor to the Parish News might want to describe something of their personal experience in lockdown. So here goes!

We (David and Anne above) have been socially isolating since March 3rd – I know the date as it was our last book club meeting! Dave is in the shielded and extremely vulnerable group so it has been an unusual time to say the least, but definitely not all bad.

Neighbours and friends have been brilliant – literally anything we have needed has been managed by someone. Supermarket delivery men have struggled up our side path in the dark to get the items to our kitchen door, with never a grumble, just care and concern. Amazon has come into its own with such vital items as hair cutting clippers and scissors, amongst other things from its huge range.

At first the phone was red hot as we used the time to catch up with friends (who we usually only contact at Christmas and haven't seen for years), and check on those who we knew were on their own. Latterly

we realised we could actually see these long-lost friends as the grandchildren taught us to use Facetime and Zoom. What a joy – the newly acquired IT skills but also our regular and helpful contact with the grandchildren! We “see” them far more often than we would normally as all their busy lives have been curtailed (as have ours). A chat with us may be a welcome break from school or college work or perhaps an excuse not to wash up! Whatever the reason, it has been a real blessing. Dave’s first haircut by me was under grandson guidance and encouragement.

Talking of blessings, Uplyme Church has done an amazing job creating two forms of morning service on U tube, traditional and contemporary, which can be enjoyed along with a cup of coffee at a time convenient to us. It has been good to hear how corona virus has impacted our local GP surgery, a nurse at Exeter R D & E Hospital, a local care home and staff from Mrs. Ethelston’s school all included as part of the church service (which is available anytime to anyone). Creatures of habit that we are, we watch at the normal time of 10.0 am! A Zoom chat afterwards and Zoom singalongs on Friday night have kept us in touch with lots of friends.

Although you are probably bored stiff by now, just a couple more positives!

Thanks to a loan from a friend, I am endeavouring to teach myself the alto sax (neighbours might be needing earplugs though!).

Dave and I look forward each day to following Jo Cursley on Facebook as she photographs her daily walk. We’ve watched how spring has turned into summer so we haven’t missed out! Aren’t we so very fortunate that the scenery and wildlife in our area is just incredibly beautiful?

We are prepared for the fact that life will be different from normal after lockdown is lifted. However, I am sure that the closeness of friends, neighbours, community and family will be strengthened for ever.

Anne Hardman

WALKING ROUND OUR EIGHT PARISHES ROUSDON AND COMBPYNE

It is Friday 22nd May 2020 and we have been in lockdown since 23rd March. I can now drive for a walk and I have decided to do one of my late wife Liz's walks at Rousdon and Combpayne. As I set off I think "Liz had walks around all our parishes, so perhaps I should walk them all and report to the Parish News". I set off at Dowlands House and am soon walking through the



Rousdon (Peek) Estate, which when we arrived in Uplyme in 1993 housed Allhallows School, complete with its own fire engine and farm buildings. It also had a cricket ground with a brick-built pavilion where Uplyme and Lyme

Regis Cricket Club would play matches on the dates of the Village Fete and Horticultural Show. Sadly, the school went bust not that long after our arrival and the grounds are now an attractive residential estate with most of the buildings converted to residential use and the main building divided into three apartments. The fields remain and there were some young cattle grazing as I passed by the former school chapel along the public bridleway which runs through the estate. There are lodges at either end of the tarmaced bridleway and I passed the eastern one into a track that leads to a tiny hamlet called Charton (only half a dozen houses).

At a T junction, I turn left along the country road to and across the main Lyme Regis to Sidmouth road and follow the road ahead until I turn left along another country road towards Combpayne. The hedgerows are resplendent with buttercups, pink campion and foxgloves with a few remaining bluebells

in shady areas. I soon arrive at the hamlet of Combpyne and walk down to the small church of St. Mary the Virgin, with the village pond (quite large) on the opposite side of the road. I turn round and walk along the road towards Rousdon before turning off at the Manor house and following a footpath uphill through a grassy meadow to some arable fields which are just showing the green shoots of a crop. After following the path through two fields I emerge again at the main road by the Pinewood caravan and chalet site and cross over again on to another country road ahead. After arriving at some stables I turn left on to a track (public bridleway) with cultivated fields on either side. I was surprised to see four fields of broad beans on this walk, one in full flower, another almost fully grown and the other two only a few inches above the ground.



As I make my way along the track I also see several fields of winter barley which seems to be doing well and another field of green shoots just emerging. Before long I arrive at the road from Axmouth to Rousdon and turn left back to Dowlands House and the car. The walk is just over four

and a half miles and took me one hour 50 minutes at a steady pace with a couple of brief stops. Full details and a map can be downloaded from the Lyme Regis website www.lymeregis.org/walking.aspx As Liz had walks for all the surrounding areas, I will not have to do any complicated map reading so plan to provide a walk at all our parishes in the Parish News over the coming months. Next up might well be Chardstock, one of my favourite walks. If you are considering doing this walk, I should mention that the red telephone box at the start point has disappeared but the small lay-by is still there on the left and Dowlands House is immediately ahead of you as you park. The photos are of Dowlands House, the start of the walk and the church of St. Mary the Virgin, Combpyne.

David Jones

News From The Pub



Hello Everyone.

Well here we are, nearly at the end of June and still no information or confirmation as to when we can re- open our lovely little Village Pub.

However, we have been making some big changes inside, many of you have already visited 'The Offy' our new Off License and Takeaway and we have been encouraged and so pleased by your response to our efforts, Thank You. I know lots of you will have seen our efforts in the garden and to socially distance areas in the paddock.

We have so many people to thank for all their help and I would like to acknowledge them here in our Parish Mag, as we are so lucky to have them all on hand in our Village. Our very big thanks to John F, Fluxy and Mike, James and Allen B, Alison from Busybee Florist, Dave R, Richard H, Jack L W, Alex and Ben.



Sian and Kingsley who designed made and installed the new sign for 'THE OFFY' its exactly what we wanted. Thank you we love it xxx

Our big huge thanks to William Thomson who expertly designed, built and installed the safety screening all around bar, and the new safety screening serving area in THE OFFY. Thank You William, we are so pleased with your work and how it all looks. We have had so many lovely comments already from people visiting THE OFFY and I am sure everyone will be so impressed when they see the Bar, it will certainly help customers and staff to feel safe when the time comes for re-opening. We love it. Xx

Big huge thanks also to Scott from Woodscott who has very generously gifted the pub the most amazing Snug in our Paddock. It is an undercover rainproof seating Snug for 6 people, we have plans for who can use this

space when we are allowed let them!! Steve and I have already sat in there in the evening with a little glass of wine, I am telling you now, every garden should have one! We love it xx

Thank You again for you supporting our Takeaways, we are so grateful to each and every one of you, it really does mean The World to us. Big thanks of course to our most amazing

Delivery Driver John Fowler, who has delivered to people in our Village twice a week since the beginning of May. We Love You xxx

I hope by the time you are reading this I will have been allowed into Wales!!

I have had many an emotional cry during the past three months!! I am so longing to see our Grandchildren my own Mother and our own Children.

My Mother has Dementia and is being safely looked after in her nursing home, we speak every week and I apologised last week for not having visited her for over three months, she asked me why? I replied its because of this awful Virus Mam... after a moments pause my lovely Mam replied ..Virus? Oh! I don't know anything about a Virus!! I cried of course xx

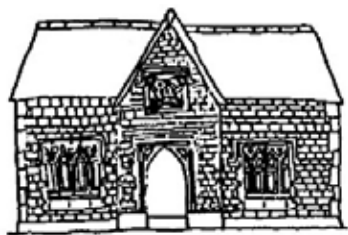
Well that's it for this month, we really do hope that we will see you soon, it might be that we will have to limit the amount of people using the Pub on The first few days of re-opening and we will let you know our plans via our FaceBook page.

Warmest wishes, much love and please stay safe.

Wendy xx



PS: A very confused friend of ours rang the pub and asked me if it was December because he thought he had seen Santa Claus in our garden.....Steve is planning on a short back and sides ASAP!!



Hello from all at Mrs Ethelston's Primary.

It has been a strange few months for us at school. Fortunately, we have been able to remain open to Key Worker children and inline with government guidance, we have also been able to open to the wider year groups at the start of June. Although the children are all receiving the same learning, they are all having different experiences. Two children have kindly shared their story of what education has been like for them.

Stay safe everyone

Miss Lyons.

When I first went to school, it was very quiet and there were hardly any people, but now there are loads of us. Groups arrive and leave school at different times. It's very different from a usual day in school but it's really nice to be at school because we get all the help we need and see some of our friends and teachers. We can wear our own clothes which is awesome!

Ella

During lockdown I have had to work from home and so far it has been fine. School online is strange, and not seeing my class is a bit weird, but on the whole life in lockdown is alright. Some of the good things are that you are able to go in the garden and play after work which is nice. I log on to Google classroom at 9:30 every school day as that is when my work comes through. Next, I will go through my day's work and look at what I have for school. Sometimes I finish early but other days I can be working until 2 o'clock, morning work is Maths and English, the afternoon work is usually RE, Topic or Art. A few days a week I call my friends on Face Time and do my work with them. In my spare time I have been making scrubs, headbands and face masks for the NHS. Luckily, we live near the sea so swimming is a firm favourite! School at home is ok but I hope it ends soon as I miss my friends.

Thank you to our amazing key workers and NHS!

Hebe





A poem - The NHS army by Matt Kelly

I'll tell you a tale, that's been recently written,
Of a powerful army, so Great it saved Britain,
They didn't have bombs and they didn't have planes,
They fought with their hearts and they fought with their brains,

They didn't have bullets, armed just with a mask,
We sent them to war, with one simple task,
To show us the way, to lead and inspire us,
To protect us from harm and fight off the virus,

It couldn't be stopped by our bulletproof vests,
An invisible enemy, invaded our chests,
So we called on our weapon, our soldiers in Blue,
"All Doctors, All Nurses, Your Country needs you"

We clapped on our streets, hearts bursting with pride,
As they went off to war, while we stayed inside,
They struggled at first, as they searched for supplies,
But they stared down the virus, in the whites of its eyes,

They leaped from the trenches and didn't think twice,
Some never came back, the ultimate price,
So tired, so weary, yet still they fought on,
As the virus was beaten and the battle was won,

The many of us, owe so much, to so few,
The brave and the bold, our heroes in Blue,
So let's line the streets and remember our debt ,
We love you, our heroes, Lest we forget.

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This month we're holding our virtual Summer Flower and Produce Fair. Do start compiling your entries ready for submission from 6 July. We're also looking for a new Treasurer so if you, or anyone you know, might be interested, please get in touch. And if you would like to sign up for our special newsletter to keep us all in touch during the coronavirus restrictions please visit our website www.ulrhs.wordpress.com and scroll down the Welcome page to the link 'Sign up for our monthly email newsletter'.

New Treasurer wanted

We are looking for a new treasurer for the Society to take over from John Routley, who has decided to step down from the role after more than 25 years.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in the role please get in touch with John for an informal chat or email him. It would be an advantage to be familiar with preparing accounts. John can be contacted on 01297 445257 or at anita.routley@sky.com.

Virtual Summer Show to be held on 11 July

This year our virtual summer show will consist of galleries of photographs to be displayed on our website www.ulrhs.wordpress.com. There will be one gallery for each of the 12 classes below and you can start compiling your entries now ready for submission from **6-8 July**.

Entries will be for fun and there will be no judging. A maximum of two entries per person allowed per class. Please see the website for details of how to enter.

1. Mixed flowers, 7 stems at least two kinds
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5. Longest and shortest runner bean – photograph your entry with a ruler/tape measure alongside
6. Potato in a Bucket – photograph your potatoes together with an A4 sheet displaying the weight in kg/g, and ideally include yourself in the photo
7. Jam jar of flowers
8. Floral art – 'From the Garden', an arrangement of flowers and foliage in a vase
9. Chocolate cake – any size from cup cake upwards, decorated/filled as you choose
10. An animal made from packaging e.g. egg boxes, loo roll inners, cardboard (for 16 years of age and under)
11. Hand-made card or drawing on theme of 'Thank you NHS/Key workers'
12. Photography of 'Life under Lockdown' – funny or serious

The full newsletter contains many more stories for those of a horticultural bent. For further information please visit our website.

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India 1977 – Hope in Darkness.

As Programme Controller for the Christian Broadcasting Association Seychelles, I was on an audience research visit in Delhi. My host was an Irish missionary to University students in that city, one of whom had been a drug addict.

This lad had begun to experience the freeing power of Jesus Christ when he was tricked into smoking a powerful ‘joint’. He fell into a deep depression and committed suicide. He had been much loved by an aristocratic uncle who – broken hearted, visited my host who had previously supported his nephew. The old man called to express his appreciation.

After paying his respects, the Uncle was tearfully departing when he spotted a large, framed picture of a gravestone on the wall. The gravestone bore the inscription of a promise of Jesus to another bereaved person:-

“I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN THOUGH HE DIES; AND WHOEVER LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE.”

The old uncle stopped, turned to my host and asked if his nephew had believed in Jesus Christ. “Yes, most definitely” said my host who, on saying this, was warmly embraced by the reassured old man who departed, comforted in the belief that one day, he would see his nephew again.

David Dare.



We're sorry that Shining Stars Playgroup is closed at the moment but we hope to re-start in September, if circumstances allow. In the meantime stay safe.



For more information:-

see our web page - www.uplymechurch.org.uk/congregations/shining-stars/

visit our Facebook page - **Shining Stars Playgroup**

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Hort Thorts from Nigel Ball

I was woken this morning to the dog barking at 4am, the cat came through the window at 5am to greet me. Birds were singing and wildlife in abundance were up and about as a new day started. I also noticed a bit later much more activity on the human front!

Lockdown has certainly been a different way of life for our household. Fourteen weeks on your 'own patch', so to speak, and my wife having to endure the dentist and hospitals at different times certainly makes you understand what God has given us.

It goes without saying the kindness, thoughtfulness, offers of help, picking up prescriptions, does seem overwhelming at times. I would during these jottings like to thank Doctors, Nurses for the difficult times we have had and are going through. *You know who you all are, so i do not need to mention you by name.....*

Just a big thank you to you all.

It always sticks in my mind how a garden gives you hope, beauty and focus in life at the time of recovery from illness. Healing of the soul and the mind humbles me. Sight, smell and hearing are three of Gods greatest gifts, and yet often we take them for granted. I look around me while writing these notes I am always amazed of the size of the Alliums, the scent of a Rose, and the sound and feel of the breeze that filters through the trees. What more can we need in life, but to stop and chill-out and look at this wonderful landscape and area we live in.

I must now write a poem to keep us in mind how lucky we are.

Happy Times Ahead

Happy Gardening

Nigel Ball

How Lucky We Are.

I sit here in the garden putting pen to paper for you
Not knowing what is coming next, I ask
"Do you"?

All I know we are lucky and in Gods care
out in your garden ,in your home, or just
standing there.

Flowers with colour bright and full of
scent

All this must be like heaven sent
Birds with song so loud and sweet
Rows of flowers and Veg planted so neat.

Shapes of trees and whispering wind
doth shake
No more of people or Aviation make
We are so lucky to live in this
environment so clean
With blue skies, no traffic for a long time
seen.

Will we ever know what normal is again
If things go back to full on this would be a
shame
I guess the human race has so much to
learn
from past to present, we will take our
turn.

It is no use worrying about yesterday or
tomorrow
We all go through times of happiness and
sorrow
How lucky we are to have today
So all you have to do is pray.



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Gospel Singers

Gospel Singers has been going several years now, and has encountered challenges from time to time, but as for all aspects of life at the moment, this is probably the biggest challenge as of course we are unable to practice in the Church building. However, undaunted as ever, several of us wanted to continue anyway, so with the help of Zoom some of us meet with Chloe Stratta our leader. Zoom is not an ideal medium for singing together as it comes out in a very disjointed, muddled and unharmonious... well...noise! So Chloe mutes us and then she and Paul sing while we join in at home. It is a strange way to be having to carry on, but we are very keen and so it at least re-familiarises us with songs we already know. We are not meeting every week but intermittently. On our recent zoom meeting, though, not only did we sing a couple of songs, but we had added entertainment from a couple of members. Mark Stratta showed us some brilliant paintings he had done of the local area. What skill he has. Brian Impey sang from Oklahoma in a glorious baritone and Jenny Short gave us a lively reading of a poem adapted by one of her grandchildren. So all in all it was great to be together and entertained, only for half an hour, but it was so memorable. It was also a joy to see Chloe and Paul's baby, Gabriel, who is growing up well, now walking and speaking! We all know Gabriel as he came to most of our rehearsals from tiny babyhood in the Church so we all loved seeing him again. Gabriel looked at the screen and recognised his grandparents, which was amazing too.

We can't wait all to be singing together once more, enjoying being together and taking part in our communal sound, but in the meantime our strong sense of community and spirit continues.

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During this time, the core group have been meeting and looking at the practicalities to enable the resettlement to run smoothly.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have offered help, there is always space for new volunteers so if you would like to get involve it would be great to hear from you. The best way to contact us is via our email at **uplymecomunitysponsorship@gmail.com**.

There are some great videos showing how teenagers and children have settled into life in Devon.

To watch them go to **www.devon.gov.uk/refugees-in-devon**

Best wishes to you all

Ed's Extra -

We hope you are all keeping well and safe. Please make use of all the contacts we have tried to publish in the magazines over the past couple of months. There are lots of groups out there who are trying to help and support those at most risk and vulnerable.

What a village we are!

Most of the groups that meet in and around the parish are **not** meeting, this does not mean they have stopped completely. You should contact the groups themselves to keep up to date about their progress and what they are planning.

If you have access to social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) you can get the most up to date information around the village and find out what's happening. Now may be a good time to join!

We are so glad to be back in print with this issue of the magazine, and thank you for your understanding during this time. Please remember to support your local businesses, many who advertise in the magazine.

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