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Keeping you in touch with Outwood, Stanley, Wrenthorpe and Alverthorpe Churches 17th January-24th January

Dear all,

These are strange times. Whether it be the high daily death rates, the new lockdown, the uncertainty and difficulties caused by Brexit (bad times for the fishing industry) or the unsettling pictures from America, there's lots that might make us feel troubled and unsettled. The snowy weather might or might not make you feel better, depending on whether you like snow or not, or how far you have to go out of the house or not, though at least there's nothing particularly unusual or unsettling about snow in January. And while our PCCs have all taken the difficult decision to suspend public worship, no-one did it with a light heart. It is the right decision, but it is still a painful one.

Nonetheless, there are some things to be hopeful about. I know that people in our congregations are starting to receive the vaccine, which is extremely cheering news, because not only does it protect them, the more people are vaccinated, the harder it will be for the virus to spread. It's encouraging to hear that the vaccine is being rolled out locally, and that people have generally had a good experience of the process.

But of course for Christians, our ultimate hope is in Christ. This Sunday sees the beginning of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is still going ahead, albeit online. It will still have its usual focus of prayer "that they all may be one", but this year it is also a time to pray that the world be delivered from the scourge of Covid. This year, the opening service comes from St Paul's Alverthorpe - it will be streamed on Sunday 24th at 4pm on the benefice website. St Anne's will be hosting the first lunchtime service, on Zoom, on Monday the 18th at 12 noon. Please feel encouraged to join in one or more of them!

On a lighter note, we have another quiz coming up next week, organised by Nicholas Jennings of St Anne's, on Wednesday 20th at 7:30. Zoom details will go out via email to all St Anne's subscribers, but everyone is welcome - please contact me for an invitation.

With prayers and best wishes,

Rev'd Jo

Prayers and Readings for this Week

2nd Sunday of Epiphany (17th January)

I Samuel 3.1-10
Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18
Revelation 5.1-10
John 1.43-end

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches
of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

3rd Sunday of Epiphany (24th January)

Genesis 14.17-20
Psalm 128
Revelation 19.6-10
John 2.1-11

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:

renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Upcoming Church Events

Outwood

15th February – 7:30pm Virtual PCC on Zoom

Wrenthorpe

19th January – 7pm St Prayer meeting on zoom

20th January – 7:30pm Virtual Quiz

27th January – 7:30pm Virtual PCC on Zoom

Regular events online:

All our weekday online events are hosted on Zoom, either through the benefice's website's meeting rooms, or through a meeting login. For more information about how to join and how to use Zoom, please contact us.

Sundays

- 11am Coffee Morning on Zoom for St Anne's Wrenthorpe

Mondays

- 10am 'Start the Week – Drop in for Chat and Prayer' on Zoom
- 7:30pm St Peter's Stanley Housegroup on Zoom

Tuesdays

- 10am Coffee Morning for St Paul's on Zoom

Worship Online, on the Radio and on Television

Sunday Worship is broadcast on Radio 4 at 8:10am. Songs of Praise is broadcast on BBC1 at 1:15pm. The Church of England streams a service on YouTube every Sunday at 9am.

You can also join in with our church services online! We're showing them live on the churches' Facebook pages. If you don't have Facebook, you can still watch the services: type your church's name and 'Facebook' into Google, and click on the first link. The videos should be available to view once the service has concluded

The pattern for online services is as follows:

Sundays:

- 10am Parish Mass (St Mary Magdalene Outwood)
- 10am Parish Eucharist (St Anne's Wrenthorpe)
- 10am Holy Communion (from St Peter's and St Paul's on alternate weeks)
- 5:30pm Reflection

Mondays

- 9am Iona Morning prayer
- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (live from St Mary Magdalene's)

Tuesdays:

- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's) (no service on 8 December)
- 9pm Iona Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Wednesdays:

- 9am Iona Morning Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)
- 9pm Sung Compline (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)
- 9pm Iona Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Thursdays:

- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)
- 6pm Prayer for the Nation (St Mary Magdalene's)
- 9pm Iona Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Fridays

- 9pm Iona Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Saturdays:

- 12:30pm Midday Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)

Online Week of Prayer for Christian Unity services

Mon 18th, 12pm from St Anne's
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81388709700?pwd=a1psamdyLzFUaVICMGdWT0NyZG9qUT09>

Meeting ID: 813 8870 9700
Passcode: 418072

Wed 20th St John's Wakefield: to receive an invite to their service online contact Rev Stephanie

Buchanan on 01924 371029 or e-mail stjohn.churchwarden@gmail.com

Thurs 21st St Austin's & English Martyrs: to join them on zoom contact Bernard Martin on berneboy60@gmail.com for access

Fri 22nd New Life : is on the New Life Church Wakefield Facebook page from 12-12:30pm or contact Rev Kevin Foster kdfoster@live.co.uk

Sunday 24th at 4pm: streamed from the North Wakefield Benefice website.

Good News from Around the World



The Halifax Boots may look like any other pharmacist, but this is one that is different, as it will be the first in the country to offer vaccinations against the coronavirus. Boots was chosen by NHS England due to their track record in delivering vaccines in the past, but we're mostly pleased that the first pharmacy to offer the jabs is in Yorkshire! They'll be distributing the Oxford vaccine.

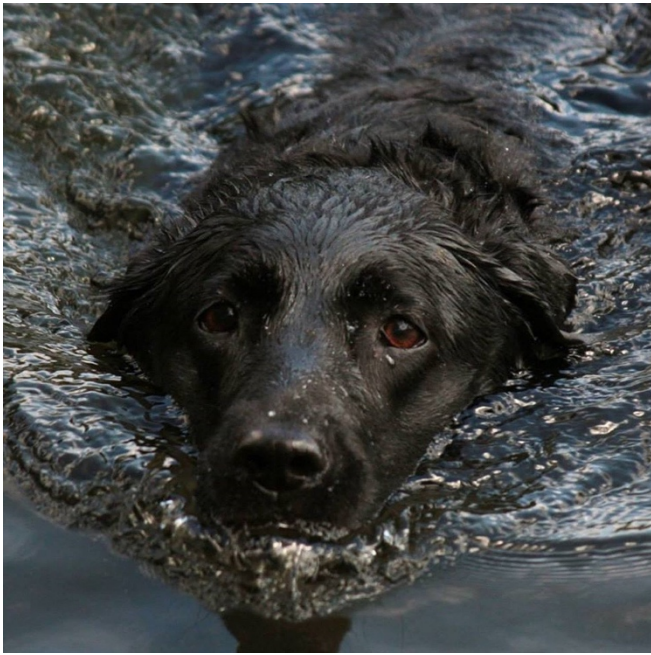


You may soon not need to worry about jabs for Coronavirus, if a small Sussex firm is successful.

losBio based in Burgess Hill. Clinical trials with primates have shown that an oral form of the vaccine may be just as successful as the more traditional jab and pills could be transported much more easily than the vaccine. It may even be an improvement of the effectiveness of the treatment. Wayne Channing of losBio explains: "You catch Covid in your mucosal cells. But with jabs you get injected into the arm which goes into the muscles and blood cells. Our tablets go straight into mucosal cells to illicit mucosal immunity so we hit the virus where it is. When you catch this virus you breath it in or swallow it, and 80pc of your immune system cells are mucosal so we are addressing that directly. I think this will be a new paradigm in vaccination."



Pizza Time! Ben Berman, a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, was wondering what he could do to lift people's spirits in lockdown. His grandmother had died of Covid in April, and he wanted to honour her memory and help those in need. Then he remembered that, right at the start of lockdown, he'd baked pizzas for a pizza party which had to be cancelled - and he'd got the pizza to his friends by boxing them up and lowering them on a string. He decided he would start baking pizzas for anyone who wanted them, and giving them away, with the request that the recipients give money to charities helping the hungry and the homeless. On Instagram as "GoodPizzaPHL", he's become so popular that he now has to draw names out of a hat - but the pizza is still lowered out of his window to the lucky winners. "It brings people joy to watch a pizza coming down from the second story, just for them," he said. "This is something positive that I can do from my own apartment."



Jogger saves dog from icy water

Kind-hearted runner, Darcy Pell of Doncaster, was jogging in Pontefract Park when he noticed a dog was drowning in a frozen lake, having fallen through the ice. Mr Pell, an experienced cold water swimmer, lowered himself into the lake and swam out, saving the dog and returning it to its owner. Mr Pell said, "I'm not a hero, I just saw a dog in need." But Mr Pell stressed that he could only do this because one of his hobbies is wild swimming and he is used to being in icy water - if you aren't used to it, he says, stay out of the water and look for a rope or something to throw to the casualty instead.

The dog quickly recovered from its fright and was able to carry on with its walk.

Visiting Churches



Our churches are open for visits at the following times:

Monday 4pm-5pm St Mary Magdalene's Outwood
 Wednesday 12:30pm-1:30pm St Anne's Wrenthorpe
 Saturday 2-3pm St Mary Magdalene's Outwood (on 19th December only)
 Saturday 10-12pm St Paul's Alverthorpe

All our churches can also be visited by appointment

Wrenthorpe & Kirkhamgate Food Bank



Regular collection boxes for the food bank are hosted in both St Anne's and St Mary Magdalene's churches. 72% of families with children who depend on foodbanks are in work, and the need for support is growing, especially in the current Covid-19 restrictions. Please bring non-perishable food and toiletries to church when you are able to, and the boxes will be taken to the food bank as they fill up!

A Recipe from Mother Jo Kershaw: Shrimp Sauce Piquante

There have been some difficulties getting certain imported fresh vegetables of late - I had to put my plans to cook the delicious Sicilian aubergine dish, Pasta Norma, on hold - but I haven't noticed any difficulties with peppers, and onions and celery should be fine. If you do have trouble with peppers, the kind sold chopped in jars can be used in a pinch.

This is a popular recipe from New Orleans, and in its original form would use the abundant fresh

seafood of the country. However, frozen prawns work really well here (but do defrost them before cooking). Like most Cajun recipes, the base is a roux sauce, in which you cook finely chopped peppers, onions, and celery - three vegetables which are so important in local cooking that they're known as the Holy Trinity. Like many Louisianan recipes, it fuses French cooking with New World ingredients - and a love of spice contributed by the Africans brought as slaves. But whatever the historical unhappinesses that lie behind this combination, the end result is a joyous, warming celebration of good food, and its ability to bring comfort in good times as well as bad.



Note on the spicing: Lousianans like this dish hot - I have slightly toned down the heat level, but adapt as you see fit...
The roux needs constant attention to stop it burning, so I suggest you chop the vegetables before you start.

Quantities for 4

2/3 cup/ 160 ml neutral tasting oil (eg sunflower)
1/2 cup/ 70 g plain flour
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1 stick celery, finely chopped
1 green pepper, chopped small
3 cloves of garlic, minced
A handful of parsley, chopped
2 cans tomatoes, chopped (or passata)
4 tbsp red wine
4 bay leaves, crushed
2 tsp allspice
8 whole dried cloves
2 tsp salt (or to taste)
A generous grind of black pepper
1/4 tsp cayenne
1/2 tsp chilli powder
1/2 tsp dried thyme
4 tsps lemon juice

2 cups/ 500ml water

400g raw prawns or shrimp, defrosted if necessary

To serve: boiled white rice

In a heavy based saucepan, heat the oil over a low heat. Add the flour gradually, stirring constantly so that lumps don't form, and continue to stir and cook until the roux reaches a light brown colour. Do not try to hurry this stage! If the flour burns it will ruin the dish.

Add the onion, celery, and pepper, stir well, and turn the heat up to medium. Cook until the vegetables begin to soften and colour. Add the herbs, spices, tomatoes, wine and lemon juice - stir well and bring to the boil. Then add the water, stir well, and bring back to the boil.

Reduce the heat and simmer for half an hour, stirring occasionally to make sure it doesn't stick.

Add the shrimp or prawns, bring back to the boil, and then reduce the heat and simmer until cooked (about seven minutes).

RIP

Please remember and pray for those who have died recently whose funerals will be led by members of our clergy team, and others from the local community.

Alverthorpe – Ian Hirst, Richard Barnes, Pat Goodwin and Ron Churm
Outwood –John Mountain, Doris Kemp, Christine Stephenson, Jamie Farrar
Wrenthorpe – Emma Carter, Elizabeth Peaker

Getting help with COVID-19

The current advice from the NHS if you feel ill is to stay at home. If you cannot cope with your symptoms and you're seriously ill call NHS 111. There is a local hotline for Covid-19 support. If you can't get out for things you need and you don't have any friends, family or support available within the community, help is available. Call: 0345 8 506 506 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Choose option 3 to make a request for support and help will be arranged.

Staying in touch with each other

It's hard to cope with being alone or not seeing many people for a long period of time, and everyone struggles. If you want a chat, you can call any of the vicars in this team. Leave your numbers so we can keep in touch too!

Outwood: Fr Jonathan (01924 373758/frjonathanbish@gmail.com)
Wrenthorpe: Mthr Jo (01924 373758/revdjokershaw@gmail.com)
Stanley & Alverthorpe: Rev'd Glenn (01924 [218484/cogginsglenn@gmail.com](mailto:218484@cogginsglenn@gmail.com))

Keeping you entertained!

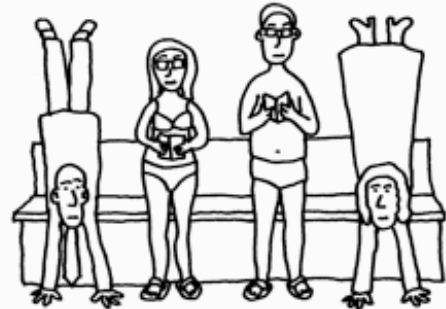
From Cartoon Church – We're looking forward to happier times this week!

HOLIDAYMAKERS

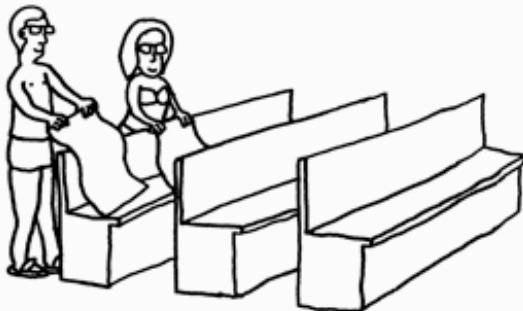
HOW TO SPOT THEM IN CHURCH



THEY ARE DRESSED
RATHER INFORMALLY



THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF
THE WAY WE DO THINGS



THEY ARRIVE EARLY IN THE
MORNING TO RESERVE A BACK
PEW USING THEIR TOWELS



WHEN ASKED, THEY SAY THAT
THEY ARE HOLIDAYMAKERS