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Vicar's Letter

Dear All

After weeks of grey skies, heavy with rain, after variously named storms, this letter is being written with the sun shining on spring flowers. So that made us think that despite the current climate doom and gloom with alarming headlines in the papers every day, we should all consider how we can best survive challenging times. Coronavirus, bare supermarket shelves, floods and the possible development of a polluting incinerator right in the midst of Benbinfro, are all creating anxiety and giving some sleepless nights.

Of course, there are many members of our three churches congregations and residents in our villages, who will scoff and say, 'think this is challenging? It's nothing compared to the war.' One of our team was talking to elderly ladies in a local care home recently, who laughed at the prospect of impending doom as they recalled sucking on Oxo cubes instead of sweets and creating inventive recipes from potatoes and beetroot.

And as this very letter is being written, there will be others, of a younger generation, who are trying to find room in their crowded homes for yet another enormous multi-pack of toilet rolls. Newspaper pictures and TV coverage of empty supermarket shelves are fuelling the assumption that essential supplies will run short, encouraging the mass purchase of cleaning products, hand gel and pasta, despite assurances that there won't be shortages.

But not everyone can buy in bulk. What about the person on a very limited budget, or an older person who can only carry a few items at a time? Not everyone has the finances or the wheel-power to cart home multiple purchases. Shouldn't we all at this time be thinking about people who are vulnerable, and not just those who are physically less capable, but also those whose mental fragility may make them more susceptible to unsettling anxiety? We can make sure they have sufficient essential supplies, but how do we calm their worries, reassure them and help them put current problems into perspective? And more to the point, how do we do the same for ourselves?

Psychiatrists and therapists often suggest the simple technique of thinking of three good things every day, or 'counting your blessings' as those elderly ladies would say. So we all thought of three good things about the day as this letter was being composed: clusters of primroses bursting into flower, the warmth of the sun's rays, the 'smell' of spring in the air, baking with children, arranging sprigs of blossom in vases, and watching the bluetits building nests in the clematis. We can all list three good things and it truly does help us to feel better about our current situation.

And above all, we can turn to the power of prayer and many find the serenity prayer particularly helpful: God, grant me the serenity to accept the **things I cannot change**, Courage to **change** the **things** I can, And wisdom to know the difference.

Yann and the team

Covid-19 ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear all

In light of the Covid-19 outbreak we'd like to make you aware of local points of contact that are coordinating help for the villages:

For Bentley, for help with shopping or posting mail, please call Linda Fuller on 01420 23752 or 07891 825410;

for help with prescriptions please call Bentley Care Group on 01420 23440;

For Binsted, please call Kay Hunter Johnston on 01420 544743.

For Sunday services and a daily thought for the day Monday to Fridays, please look at the BenBinFro youtube channel – you can find it by searching **benbinfro** on youtube.com or by pasting the following into your browser:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTcZ1SJQ3gXKhRC0F0bFa_Q/videos

We also have links in the church website, www.benbinfro.co.uk and on our Facebook page.

Blessings

Yann

Church Registers

BENTLEY – Confirmation

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| 8th March | Pauline Anderson Douglas Armstrong-Field Gemma Ball Sam Ball Toby Dubreuil Lyla MacInnes Rose MacInnes Amanda Maher Jacob Potter Bethany Turk |
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BENTLEY – Funeral

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| 10th March | Funeral of Nathan Dobson |
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BINSTED – Burial of Ashes

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| 6th March | Caroline Flemming |
| 23rd March | Betty Hobbs |

Tree Damage in Binsted Churchyard

You might have noticed that some of the trees in Binsted churchyard suffered damage in the recent storms. We would like to extend our thanks to Kingsley Tree Services for their prompt and professional work in tidying everything up. Following this we have asked Kingsley Tree Services to prepare a report on the state of the trees, to ensure the continuing safety of churchyard users.

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BINSTED COFFEE SHOP

Why not come and join us for coffee/tea, cakes and a chat in a friendly welcoming atmosphere



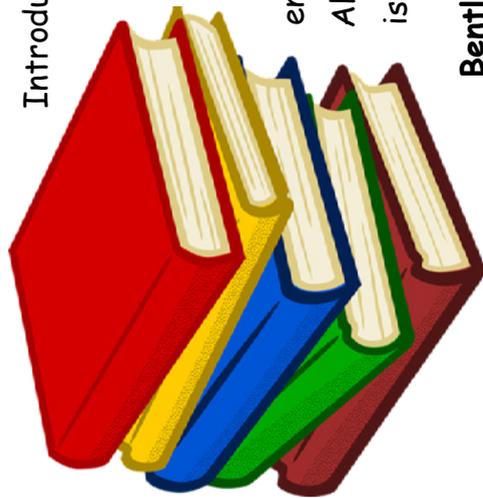
At the Wickham Institute (Binsted Village Hall)
Church Street, Binsted, GU34 4NX

Children very welcome, toys available to play with

Books Beat Boredom

Looking for something to do whilst staying at home?

We would love you to listen to children read or read to children while they are not at school!



Introduce your favourite book to the younger generation; let them introduce you to one of their favourite books or pick an entirely new book - all that we ask is the book chosen is age appropriate. Children would benefit from the reading routine while not at school and it will hopefully provide some much needed entertainment and company for those self-isolating. All interaction will take place remotely on whatever technology is available for both listener and reader.

Bentley children will be matched with Bentley Self-Isolators.

If you are interested in finding out more (whether parent of child or self-isolator), please contact

Millie Powell at m9powell@hotmail.com or 07786517564

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Wheatley House Garden Open, with Plant Sale

Saturday 2nd May

10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Wheatley House,

Wheatley Lane, GU35 9PA

Entrance £3 (children free) to include

Light Refreshments

Ample Parking Available

All proceeds in aid of Binsted Church

Come and wander around the beautiful garden and find inspiration, as well as buying from a large selection of perennial plants from Wheatley House (already in pots to take away). If you have any spare plants you wish to donate to the sale, please bring them with you, making sure they are clearly labelled. The garden is open annually in late August for the National Garden Scheme but this is a great opportunity to see it at a different time





**WICKHAM INSTITUTE
SPRING SUPPER
SATURDAY 2ND MAY 2020
7.30 PM**

Why not come and join us for good home-made food and pleasant company.

Tickets cost £15 each and can be booked by calling
01420 23157 or emailing
treasurer@wickhaminstitute.co.uk

Early booking is recommended as this is a popular event.

Please note that you need to provide your own drink.

Our kitchen refurbishment was supported by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund



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BENTLEY GARDEN **CLUB PLANT SALE**

BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 9th MAY 2020

Doors open 10am



***OUR BIGGEST &
BEST PLANT
SALE EVER***

**COME AND BUY PLANTS
AND VEGETABLES FOR
YOUR GARDEN AT
EXCELLENT PRICES.**

**Refreshments available plus a raffle and
cake stall.**

All plant contributions will be very

10 | B&B Magazine welcome on the day.

BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



Our next meeting will be:

Tuesday 7th April 2020 – meeting as usual in the Bentley Memorial Hall Denis Smith Room at 8pm. This will be our annual Spring Show. The classes are shown in your Membership Cards. Please look in your garden and join in. You could win a prize! Entries should be set up by 7.45 please. Whilst the entries are being judged we will have our usual light-hearted quiz.

For your diaries

Tuesday 5th May 2020 – At this meeting, as usual in the Bentley Memorial Hall Denis Smith Room at 8pm, we will be having a talk by David Miller on “Keukenhof Tulip Festival, Holland”.

Saturday 9th May 2020 – Our Annual Plant Sale in the Memorial Hall from 10am to 12 noon.

Visitors are welcome at our normal meetings @ £2 on the door.

ALTON U3A

The Monthly Meeting for April will be on the 17th in the Community centre as usual, at 2.00pm. The subject is “Five generations of my Anglo-Indian Family during the British Raj”. Jenny Mallin has written an award winning book based on her 4x grandmothers ancient cook book. We will learn about family life on the railways as well as their lifestyles.

More information can be found on the U3A website. Entrance £1.00 gains you a cuppa at the end. All are welcome, members or not.

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School News - Bentley CE Primary

Maths at Bentley CE Primary School

Maths is a vital life skill. At Bentley we believe the calculation skills children learn in their journey through our school will be drawn upon and used many times whilst at secondary school and beyond.

We aim to develop confident mathematicians who are willing to give each challenge a go and use what they know to support their new learning. Pupils are encouraged to use resources to help build their understanding of how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. In addition, resources such as numicon, diennes place value counters, support children to talk about their mathematical thinking and begin to explain and their understanding.



Year 1 children discussing how to partition numbers

Once the children have understood the new concept they can move to show their understanding through pictures.

With our new wonderful Year R outdoor learning classroom, the children can

really get their hands dirty! Using various real life objects the children have been able to investigate capacity. Our Year R teacher, Miss Smith, has been impressed with the variety of mathematical language the children have been using - bigger than, smaller than - as well as predicting the container that will hold the most.



Year R children in their outdoor learning space

A key skill for the children to learn is the multiplication facts up to an including the 12 times tables. In addition, they need to know the related division facts. Once the children have understood the patterns within the times tables and are quickly able to recall the facts, they begin to understand more

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abstract mathematical concepts such as fractions, area and perimeter, and ratio. We use a variety of teaching methods to support this learning including the on-line programme 'TT Rockstars.' Each child from Year 1 up has their own login and are encouraged to practise their times tables at home. We have noticed those that are regular users make rapid progress through our times table scheme. At the end of this academic year, Year 4 will be taking the first Multiplication Tables Check which is a national test set by the Government.

During lessons, all children are encouraged to self-select their independent task to reflect their current level of understanding. The different tasks give all children a sense of achievement and build their mathematical confidence. If a child finishes their independent task they can move to the 'chilli challenge' which is an investigative task to get the children to think more deeply and encourage them to explain their thinking.

Why not have a go at a recent Year 4 Reach 100 activity? The children need to create a number sentence which has two 2-digit numbers which make 100. How many possibilities did you find? Did you use a variety of addition, multiplication, subtraction and division? All answers would be greatly received by me!

Every term we have a whole school reasoning activity which is really exciting

as the children love the idea that the whole school is working on a similar task. Have a go at our autumn reasoning task.

Beads & Bags

This challenge involves three beads and lots of bags. There are as many bags as you need.

Find a way to put the beads into some of the bags. Find another way to put the beads into some of the bags. How many different ways can you make? Have you tried putting a bag into another bag?

Can you record your ways? How do you know you got them all?

In addition, we run two whole school 'Week of inspirational Maths' which include a variety of activities to encourage children to discuss maths. Great fun!

We believe the children should be given opportunities to experience maths away from the classroom; at Bentley we run various extracurricular clubs that support mathematical learning such as maths club, cookery club, board games and chess club.

You are very welcome to have a go at some of the above challenges and send any interesting findings to the school office. We look forward to hearing from you!

Mrs Rushin, Maths Leader



School News - Binsted CE Primary

At Binsted we believe in the Christian values of Faith, Hope & Love.

Rowan class – Year 2

Rowan class have enjoyed writing a variety of adventure stories based on *The Snail and The Whale* by Julia Donaldson, *The Way Back Home* by Oliver Jeffers and *Journey* by Aaron Becker. Here is a selection of work we would like to share with you all.

The Snail's Postcard

Dear snail friends,
I have been travelling around the wide world with my friend the whale. First we went to Antarctica and saw plump seals and soft, cuddly penguins skidding on icebergs. Next I went to the Amazon. It was my favourite place because there was loads of interesting animals scurrying everywhere. After that we dived under water and saw colourful coral reefs and tropical fish. Last we swam through a scary storm!
From your friend snail xx

By Warwick

The Beached Whale

On Tuesday 11th February a big black Humpback whale beached on West Wittering beach. The whale lost his way because he was upset by the noisy speedboats. The whale was trapped on the golden sand. He could not go back to the deep, blue sea. His friend the snail crawled away to get help. He went to the

school and left a trail saying 'Save the Whale!'. Quickly the children ran out from school to fetch the firemen. They rushed to the beach to help the whale. Everyone helped to save the whale. Chief Hawkins from the fire station explained that if there was no water the whale would die. He said "We worked together to dig a pool and sprayed water on him and waited for the tide to come back in. Off the whale swam with the snail.

By Brooke

A Journey around the World

Dear snail friends,
I have been travelling around the world. I saw hard and freezing icebergs in Antarctica. After that we saw the Amazon which was my favourite part because we saw a waterfall. Then we went under the water and sharks were surrounding us! When there was a storm I held onto the whale's tail as

hard as I could. We did get beached but don't worry, now we are ok.

Love from little snail.

By Gus

A Different Planet

On our next adventure my alien friend took me to his home planet. All around us there were shiny, bright crystals, humungous mushrooms and pretty mountains. I could smell smoke coming out of a creaky house and the twinkling stars with magic dust. It was a lovely night! We flew over twirling towers and pretty palm trees. The clouds were as high as the sun and like candy floss.

By Eden



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A New World

The bright, red door was behind the little girl. She could see bright lanterns, a sparkling stream and a tall Rowan tree close by. Far away there was a castle. In this castle stood golden soldiers, with lots of people standing along a beautiful river. High up in the sky red, hot air balloons floated next to purple gliders and a warship. There were pointy crystals and gigantic, beautiful pink planets in the sky. I could hear the birds singing as they flew very carefully.

By Scarlet

Through the magic door

The red door stood in the silky light. So did the pretty lamps and the giant trees. In the distance was a slippery river and the red beautiful boat. I travelled to a castle on the boat. I could see gold rooftops and behind that more water and old trees. In the sky above me I could see wild birds and a red balloon floating over the top of the castle. Far away I could hear a waterfall splashing. There were people wearing funny clothes and guards waiting on the grass.

By Stella

The Way Back Home

One sunny day there lived a boy that was putting his things in the cupboard. Suddenly he found a rusty, red, shiny and sparkling plane. He decided to go for a ride on it straight away. He took off higher and higher and higher. He flew until his plane ran out of fuel! Suddenly he crashed loudly on the moon with a big BANG! Somewhere in space there was an alien that was having a problem with his engine. The alien crashed on the moon too with a big BANG! "Hello" said the alien and "hello" said the boy. They boy happily showed the alien his broken down plane and the alien showed his damaged UFO.

By Oliver

Continued

They had to get the tools first. The little boy went back to Earth on his parachute and he landed in the sea. After that he was exhausted! Finally the boy was home. His favourite TV show was about to start so he decided to watch it. Then he realised what he was supposed to be doing. The little boy got his things. He tried jumping but it didn't work so he had to hike up a mountain. The boy climbed and climbed till he reached the top. When he was at the top a very strong rope was lowered and he climbed very carefully up it. When he got to the top on the moon the little boy fixed the alien's UFO and the alien fixed the boy's plane. They waved goodbye. The next day the boy got a Walkie - Talkie. The alien said "Hello! Hello?"

By Jacob

Free kids activities at home:

what's on TV and online while they're off school

Here's your new school timetable: from PE lessons to reading sessions

By Emma Bullimore, Thomas Ling from the Radio Times online

Thursday, 26th March 2020 at 10:53 am

Schools may be closed, but that doesn't mean studies have finished. As parents across the country get to grips with home schooling their children, we've got good news for you – some famous faces are on hand to help you out with a lesson plan...

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, famous folk are broadcasting live from their posh living rooms and fancy home offices, sharing their wisdom with us all.

So here's your new school timetable:

9am PE with Joe Wicks

Fitness expert Joe Wicks

Joe was one of the first celebs to offer his services to the nation. His half hour morning workouts are just what we need to get the blood pumping at the start of the day and are suitable for parents and children to do together, just search for 'PE with Joe Wicks' on YouTube. His trademark enthusiasm should be just the ticket to get everyone in a good mood ahead of a day of learning.

Where to watch: Youtube

9.30am Geography with Steve Backshall

From habitats to holotypes, parasites to pademelons, BBC presenter Steve Backshall will bring wildlife into your lounge – mess-free. Each Wednesday he'll host a live classroom across his social channels.

Where to watch: Youtube

10am Science and Maths with Konnie Huq and Carol Vorderman

Time to sit down and learn something. Carol Vorderman has a successful online maths school, which she is making free during the coronavirus outbreak. Log on any day of the week for lots of useful maths lessons for a wide range of ages and abilities. If your child prefers science, former Blue Peter presenter Konnie Huq will be releasing videos at 10am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday through her official YouTube channel, which she promises will be “educational but entertaining, low tech but fun.”

Where to watch: Youtube

10.30am Literacy with David Walliams and JK Rowling

Two of the UK’s biggest-selling children’s authors are doing their best to keep everyone reading. David Walliams is releasing a free audio story from The World’s Worst Children every day at 11am (he’s calling it ‘Elevenes’ – you can listen to it the next day), available via his website. Meanwhile, JK Rowling is relaxing copyright restrictions on her books, to allow teachers to conduct live readings via the internet.

Where to watch: Worldofdavidwalliams.com

11am Gardening and nature with Maddie and Greg

Serving up lessons on the great outdoors indoors are Cbeebies favourite Maddie Moate (Maddie’s Do You Know?) and BBC science journalist Greg Foot. Each weekday they’ll be dropping a live half-show at 11am on Youtube, delving into everything from daffodil Dissection to how to make a bird feeder from a plastic bottle. Thanks to YouTube comment features, kids will also be able to ask their teachers questions in real-time.

Where to watch: Youtube

11.30am Dance with Oti Mabuse

Strictly favourite Oti Mabuse is a brilliant choreographer, so it's no surprise that she has managed to come up with some fun routines for kids. Dancing with her husband Marius, both in animal onesies, their aim is for everyone to have a great time – so no complicated steps, just high energy happy moves with great music. Oti will be live-streaming her kids classes every day at 11.30am via her YouTube channel and Instagram account.

Where to watch: Youtube

12pm Food tech with Jamie Oliver

We've been impressed with Jamie Oliver's Keep Cooking and Carry On series over on Channel 4 – and it'll teach the small ones a thing or two as well. The show airs daily at 5.30pm but is also available on demand.

Where to watch: All4

1pm Music with Nick Cope and Myleene Klass

Myleene Klass is joined by her daughters Ava and Hero for 'Myleene's Music Klass' (see what she's done there?), teaching children the basics of classical music. The next video will be released on Friday at 10am via her YouTube page – but thanks to the wonders of the internet, you can enjoy it at any time.

Meanwhile, musician Nick Cope is performing online concerts for families. The next one will livestream at 3pm on Thursday 26th March via his YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Where to watch: Youtube

1.30pm Dance with Darcey Bussell

Yes, that's the Darcey Bussell from Strictly Come Dancing. A 10-minute children's dance fitness programme from the ballroom queen and former BBC judge is being broadcast live on Facebook every 1.30pm on weekdays from 30th March.

Where to watch: Facebook

2pm History with Dan Snow

From D-Day to 1066, a whole host of programmes from historian and presenter Dan Snow are available to watch entirely free for a whole month (!) over on HistoryHit.TV.

Where to watch: HistoryHit.TV

3pm Science with Professor Brian Cox, Robin Ince & guests

The first man of BBC science Brian Cox will be joined by comedian (and fellow host of hit podcast The Infinite Monkey Cage) Robin Ince to front The Stay at Home Show on YouTube. On each episode (airing almost daily) they'll be joined by guests including Josie Long and Reece Shearsmith for a special science-based Q&A session. You can see an upcoming schedule of their shows here.

Where to watch: Youtube

4pm Home Economics with Theo Michaels

Theo Michaels: semi-finalist on Masterchef in 2014 and now your kids' new teacher. The cooking maestro will be serving up simple recipes (think gnocchi and flatbread) live on Instagram at 4pm each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. He'll handily post the (very short) list of needed ingredients the day before.

For the original article visit <https://www.radiotimes.com/news/tv/2020-03-26/kids-entertainment-tv/>

VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

Binsted Bells ring out for 75th anniversary of VE Day

The UK Government, The Church of England, and the Central Council of Church Bellringers have all requested that Church Bells be rung on Friday the 8th May at 7.00pm to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day.

As most (all!) parishoners will know, Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, KG, GCB, DSO, PC, DL, is buried in the churchyard at Holy Cross, Binsted. "Monty" was of course the leading British Commander during most of the Second World War.

Sadly the Binsted ringers are now so depleted that we are unable to ring the bells for any special ringing

ourselves and we feel it is important, especially with regard to the "Monty" connection, that this anniversary is marked with a special full peal, duration approx. 2hours 45minutes. So, we have arranged for a band to come along and ring a peal during the day from 9.30am to 12.30pm to mark this. Full details will be published closer to the date.

The local band, with help from our ringing friends at Frensham, will also ring briefly at 7.00pm.

If anyone would like to help us ring the bells, please come along to see us on any Thursday Practise 7.30pm to 9.00pm.



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The Wickham Institute 100+ Club

As promised, listed below are the lucky winners of the March 2020 draws:

March 2020

1st prize Claire Fargetot

2nd prize Caroline Rogers

3rd prize Tammy Yates

Details of the April 2020 draw will appear in the next magazine.

Remember each number only costs £12 (£1 per month) and you have three chances to win each month!

50% of the monthly purchase price of each number goes in prizes and 50% to the running costs of The Wickham Institute. The more people that participate in the 100+ club, the more money that is paid out in monthly prizes.

If you would like to participate an application form can be obtained from Andrew Croom-Johnson on 01420 23157 or email a request to Andrew at treasurer@wickhaminstitute.co.uk.

Bentley Parish Council - Vacancy for new Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

We are looking for a new **Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer** for **Bentley Parish Council**. The position is part time, working for 20 hours a week and a Parish Council evening meeting once per month. The role will initially involve working from home but we are planning to take up an office in the Bentley Memorial Hall in the near future.

We would consider splitting the job into the two separate roles of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, with hours to suit each position. You are welcome to apply for the role most suitable for your skills.

Overall Responsibilities

The Clerk to the Parish Council will be the Proper Officer of the Council and as such is under a statutory duty to carry out all the functions, and in particular to serve or issue all the notifications required by law of a local authority's Proper Officer. The Clerk will be totally responsible for ensuring that the instructions of the Council in connection with its function as a Local Authority are carried out. The Clerk will be expected to advise the Council on, and assist in the formation of, overall policies to be followed in respect of the Authority's activities and in particular to produce all the information required for making effective decisions and to implement constructively all decisions. The person appointed will be accountable to the Council for the effective management of all its resources and will report to them as and when required. Also the Clerk will be responsible for managing various contractors and projects as they arise.

The Responsible Financial Officer will be responsible for all financial records of the Council. The RFO will report to each Council meeting, will manage the Council's finances and prepare forecasts for the Council's annual budget. The RFO will prepare the accounts and accompanying documentation for the annual internal and external audits.

Qualifications

Clerk:

Word, Excel and Book keeping experience, good English language and communication skills are essential, previous local government experience and ability to update website is desirable. The CiLCA qualification is welcomed, but the Council is happy to support training to attain the qualification.

Salary subject to experience from £25,000 pro rata. Pension scheme, mobile telephone, laptop computer and home allowance also provided.

Responsible Financial Officer

Word, Excel and Book Keeping experience are essential, as is willingness to undergo training in an accounts package specifically designed for Parish Councils.

Salary subject to experience from £25,000 pro rata.

Closing date details:

Please send CV and covering letter detailing relevant skills and experience which you can bring to the role:

Bentley Parish Council, Bentley Memorial Hall, Bentley, GU10 5NB
or email clerk@bentleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Please apply by 1 May 2020.

Contact person:

For any queries please email clerk@bentleyparishcouncil.co.uk or see full details of the position at www.bentleyparishcouncil.co.uk



ACT 2020 Preliminary Planning trip to Tanzania

With GoMad pulling out of the area, we have set up a new charity this year, called Action and Compassion for Tanzania (ACT) to continue to build on the work that many people from our benefice and beyond have done in five trips to Mtwara in Tanzania. We're planning the projects for our trip this summer and here's a quick report on the trip David and Darren made in February.

We arrived at Dar es Salaam's gleaming new International Airport to be met by Joan who amongst other things interprets and works on the ground for us in Tanzania. We took an 11 hour bus journey to our first stop at Mtandi Primary School, set up originally by Bishop Trevor Huddleston. It has a specialist unit for albino, partially sighted and unsighted students and, although some distance from our core area, we looked at some of their potential project needs such

as a fence, painting a playroom and putting in tactile and braille pictures and tiling in the kitchen. Next we went in a 4 wheel drive vehicle to visit the remote village of Marumba on behalf of the Tanzania Development Trust, of which David is a member, to see the fruits of their three year project. Stars of the visit were the beekeepers who, dressed in their outfits all day, insisted on us visiting their 90 new hives. It was good to be able to learn from a number of projects there such

as the new kindergarten, which resembles what we hope to do in Mtwara. Our host, Rev Linus Buriani, has just been made the director of mission and evangelism for the Anglican Church in Tanzania and he is keen to work with new charities.

We drove back to the coast and south to Mtwara town where we were met by Sister Monica at the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer. The next day they showed us around the bungalow on the beach, with newly installed beds, and where our group will stay this summer. Travelling to town, we met Freddy who has helped on the ground for the last 4 years and had been organising to see various project possibilities. Driving 10 km north to Mikindani, where many of our past projects are, we visited Singilo Primary school. Here we discussed the possibilities of building toilets, similar to those we built in Mtwara town last year, and also their primary need for water for about 700 students, who are 80 in a class.

The next day we took a teacher from Singilo Primary School and showed her the toilets we built in Kambarage Primary school in Mtwara Town, to assess their suitability for

Singilo. We also discussed with this school their needs for a kindergarten classroom for 84 children. We then took the teacher to the Water Authority and agreed to pay off a £50 debt the school had for water which meant that on returning to the school we were able to meet the local engineer to kick off the installation of the water pipe before we come back in the summer.

We also visited Mitengo Primary School to discuss a girl's dormitory conversion and later we met with the new young and enthusiastic Anglican Pastor Christopher to discuss extending our original goat project. We went next door to Mikindani Secondary school, where we had previously put in a water tank and last year converted a room for a girl's dormitory, and we discussed a summer project of new toilets.

On our last day we accompanied EdUKaid workers on their menstrual health project visits to two Primary schools. Finally, we met with Lewazi, a young and well trained Maasai government vet, who helps us with the goat project and who is very keen to keep working with us on this and potentially developing it further, possibly into chickens.





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BOOKS

Author of the Month: James Dunn

Books of the Month by James Dunn:

“Who was Jesus?”, SPCK, 2016, Paperback, 44 pages.

“Why believe in Jesus’ Resurrection?”, SPCK, 2016, Paperback, 44 pages.

James D G Dunn was for many years Professor of Divinity at the University of Durham.

He is one of the most prolific authors in British New Testament studies.

He was a Methodist Local Preacher for forty years. He and his wife have now retired to Sussex to be nearer their family and worship at the local parish church.

Jesus is the most influential person to have walked the earth.

But why? And what makes his life and message so important to so many people today?

In “Who was Jesus?”, the first of these two “little books of guidance”, James Dunn investigates what is known about the historical Jesus, and the reasons for his enormous impact – then and now. In addition to an Introduction and a Conclusion, this book features three main sections: Jesus' life, Jesus' mission and Jesus' self-understanding.

Each reader of the book will have their own favourite passages. For this reviewer, the section on Jesus' self-understanding ticks that box most. James Dunn reminds us of Jesus' view of his commission, that he was a prophet, a teacher, anointed with God's Spirit, Messiah, Son of Man and Son of God – and what that all means. Whichever part of the book works best for you, it shouldn't take too long to read. With a total of only 44 pages, you might well find you have more time than you thought to read the book again!

At Easter, the second of our books this month is especially appropriate. In “Why believe in Jesus' Resurrection?”, James Dunn sets out clearly the arguments surrounding Jesus' resurrection. He explains why most scholars consider the weight of historical evidence points in its favour. If you read this book, you may find yourself being reminded – or perhaps discovering for the first time – that the resurrection of Jesus lies at the heart of the Christian gospel. It is regarded by Christian believers as the foundation of their faith.

This book reminds us of the most extraordinary claim - that a man who lived 2,000 years ago died, but then rose from the dead! We read the only first-hand account we have of this – the most striking personal testimony by Paul, previously known as Saul. His encounter with the risen Jesus transformed him. Previously, he had been outraged by the claims that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Now, he became a uniquely important Christian evangelist.

The book also covers earlier claims to encounter Jesus risen from the dead, tensions between the several accounts of Jesus' “resurrection appearances”, the “empty tomb tradition”, and where did the idea of resurrection come from?

At the time of writing, very good secondhand copies of both books are available via www.bookfinder.com from £2.97/£2.48p including postage. If you would prefer to borrow a copy, they are available in the small library at the back of Holy Cross Church, Binsted.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

THE DIFFERENCE

Appearing in the February 1986 magazine, this short piece remains as apposite today as then

“I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn’t have the time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task.
“Why doesn’t God help me?” I wondered,
He answered, “YOU DIDN’T ASK”.

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on, grey and bleak,
I wondered why God didn’t show me
He said “BUT YOU DIDN’T SEEK”.

I tried to come into God’s presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
“My child, YOU DIDN’T KNOCK”.

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that I had to take time to pray.”

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WAYMARKS...again

You may remember that I wrote about waymarking in last month's piece. Well, here's some news about the rights of way in Alice Holt Forest. If you have ever walked or cycled in the part of the Forest lying east of the A325 you may have noticed the multitude of signs everywhere: Family friendly walk, Short circuit from the car park; Accessible by buggies.....lots of signs to show visitors who park in the main car park how to navigate their way around the central part of the Forest, find the café, locate the toilets, etc!

Well, there are a number of rights of way crossing this part of the Forest (three footpaths and one bridleway) but not a single HCC footpath or bridleway waymark in sight (well, not apart from those for the long distance Shipwrights Way route, but that is really a cycling trail) You might think that a lack of footpath waymarks in such an over-interpreted place as Alice Holt is not that big a problem, but just try walking west from Rowledge on the footpath (it's actually number 44) that heads across towards the A325 and the Forestry Research Station. You'll soon find yourself diverting down a forest track, just because it looks like a main route....but it isn't the right of way! A clear waymark roundel at the appropriate junction would solve the problem nicely, while there are plenty of other spots where reassurance about the right of way route would be very helpful.

Forest England have been very cooperative about this matter and we will soon be starting a project to put in waymarks at all appropriate points in the Forest where rights of way need to be clearly identified.

Familiarisation Walks in the parish

Just a reminder about these walks, which are open to all, on Tuesday afternoons, once a month. Upcoming walks are:

April 21st *Isington and Bentley Station*

June 16th *Wheatley and South Hay*

July 14th *Wyck and surroundings*

These walks will all start at the Wickham Institute at 2pm and will all be 3-4 miles in length and taken at an easy pace.

All are welcome!

Walk of the month:

Isington and the northern hangers

This month's walk is about 3 miles long and explores the hangers on the northern side of the Binsted plateau.

Start at the Wickham Institute and take the path across to The Street. Turn right along the pavement and continue to where the Hay Place track turns right; pass this point and then cross the road to follow a clear path running

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north onto the plateau. The path continues in a northerly direction and soon starts to descend past woodland on the right. At a junction of paths, bear left and follow a headland path downhill in a north westerly direction. Go through a gate onto a track which takes you past some dwellings and emerges onto a lane close to a railway bridge.

Turn right and follow the lane into Isington, ignoring two turns on the left. Continue walking east and, as you start to leave Isington, look for a field gate on the right with a footpath sign. Go through this and follow a track to go under the railway. Turn left after the bridge and follow the green lane, which soon bears south eastward; there are usually pigs in the field on your left. Continue on the green lane (ignoring cross paths) and descend to a gate. Go through the gate and climb across the grassy field to a stile (this one is the highest stile in Binsted!)

After the stile the path emerges on the top of the hanger; follow it along the hanger edge and, at a junction of paths, go straight ahead over a stile. A few metres further on, turn left to cross another stile and descend the hanger (with wild garlic in spring) towards Catham Cope. The path jigs right and then left to emerge onto a huge field. At this point, turn right and walk in a south easterly direction, with woodland on your right. The route is not always clear at this point, but you can't go far wrong if you follow the edge of the woods. You will notice a belt of woodland curving in on your left hand side; this marks the route of the old Bentley to Bordon branch line. Just opposite the southern end of this piece of woodland you'll see waymarks on your right. Turn right and follow

a path south westerly uphill through Redcap Cope; this path can be muddy! At the top of the climb, cross a stile and continue ahead; you will soon pass the stile that you climbed in order to descend to Catham Cope; I hope you enjoy the deviation through the wooded northern hangers of Binsted!

Go ahead, cross the stile and turn left. At the next junction of paths, at the top of Home Hanger, turn right onto the path that heads west across the plateau. You will have a fine view of Telegraph House on your left and a distant view of Binsted church spire ahead. Where the path meets another at right angles, turn left. After a short distance, turn right onto another path crossing the plateau. Where this path meets (at right angles) the path that you originally followed down to Isington, turn left and retrace your steps to the start

I hope you enjoy this walk. There is some climbing, but the hangers and woods should be lovely, particularly in spring or summer.

Feedback

I'd be really interested to receive feedback about these walks! Has anyone tried them out yet? Would you appreciate a map of the route?

Ian 07766 174275

BIRD-WATCHING MEMORIES



At Bill Stanford's Memorial Service not long ago in Froyle Church, wonderful memories were stirred by his son Giles in his address, not least of Bill's enthusiasm and talent as a naturalist and birdwatcher. Bill was a career soldier, and his many adventures around the world were faithfully recorded in his diary, most particularly his lists of birds identified. Bill was a lot more scientific than most of us birdwatchers about this, but an interest in birds as well as the fauna and flora around us is common enough among soldiers, and has quite a long history.

One famous example was the wartime Chief of the (Imperial, then) General Staff, General Alanbrooke, who was a pioneer of bird photography and seemed to value his ornithology as a respite from his extremely demanding and often exasperating boss, Winston Churchill. My favourite story about Alanbrooke's bird-watching is described in his diary, during a visit with Churchill to Turkey:

"Our two trains were drawn up tail to tail in the middle of an open plain....During our discussion with the Turkish general (Cakmak), I was facing him seated at a long central table....Whilst talking to him I could see out of the window behind him, and suddenly spotted what I thought was a pallid harrier (pictured) busy quartering over the plain. I had never seen a pallid harrier, and was not certain

whether what I was looking at was one, or a hen harrier (very similar). I was consequently very intent on looking out of that window, much to Cakmak's discomfiture, who kept looking round and possibly thought that I had spotted someone getting ready to have a shot at him! It was not possible for me to explain through the interpreter that I was only "bird-watching"!!

Rather like remembering one's "notable" sporting triumphs- a goal, a wicket or a spectacular one-handed catch - so it is with such bird-watching incidents that stick in the mind. My own interest in birds developed from soldiering, too, especially on

areas like Salisbury Plain. To this day, for example, I have a vivid picture of a short-eared owl - the first I had ever seen - with its huge, yellow eyes, sitting in the long grass and staring at me in my tank. I have never been so close to one since. I did once spot a pallid harrier on passage through northern Cyprus years ago, and these days one of the best places to seek out hen harriers is on Islay, off the west coast of Scotland.

These can be thrilling experiences once you are hooked All you need is a notebook and a decent pair of binos! HP

FEBRUARY WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum 14.2°C (23rd) to 7.2°C (11th)
17 days above 10°C

Nighttime minimum - 3.3°C (7th) to 10.2°C (15th)
Only 6 nights below 0°C



Rainfall



Total for month 5.81 inches (147.5 mm) over 22 days
(Normal February rainfall is around 2 inches)

Wettest days 1.05 inches (26.6 mm) (16th)
0.74 inches (18.8mm) (8/9th storm Dennis)
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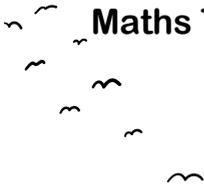
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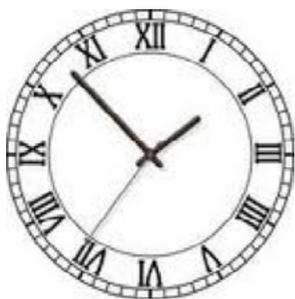


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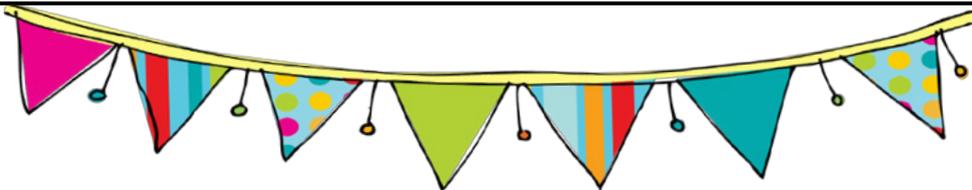
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