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Vicar's Letter

Dear All

In a world where the rules seem to be changing by the day, the team has decided that it is reassuring to focus on what things that don't change in these strange times. By now, the apples have been picked, the sloe gin bottled and the glorious sunsets we enjoy in this wonderful part of Hampshire will continue to stun us. The potato fields that were harvested early in September have now been sown with winter wheat and the tawny owls can be heard hooting on wintry nights. We may be wondering whether we can gather in groups of six or have to isolate, meet in church in small numbers at a distance or experience services remotely by telephone, DVD or YouTube, but there will still be these constant markers of the seasons and of our lives.

And as the days shorten and darken, we can lift our hearts from the gloom by enjoying the first frosts icing cobwebbed seed heads in the garden and trees black and bare of leaves creating lacy patterns against the winter sky. Birds jostling for position on feeders with nuts and seeds are more evident in the end months of the year, making us aware of nature's struggle to survive while we watch from our heated homes.

Then, just when it seems that winter months are never ending, we are reminded that we have already passed the shortest day and the longest night, when hellebores reveal fat buds of cream and snowdrops begin to push green tips through blankets of leaves.

'But noticing the little things going on around us is called mindfulness,' one of the team said. 'It's a modern idea, making an effort to notice and appreciate what is happening in the present moment.'

'And if you couple that with manifesting,' another team member said, 'visualising what you desire in order to make it happen, you can turn these challenging times into positive ones.'

And then one of the other team members laughed and said, 'But isn't that what we are already doing? Having faith in God, praying for composure, strength and patience, is much the same thing. It may seem modern and more 'woke' to talk about mindfulness and manifestation, but it isn't really anything new. Mindfulness has been practiced by Christian contemplatives for centuries, and the idea of manifesting is echoed in the Apostle Paul's words in Philippians 3 & 4, "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" and, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Visualising his desires was important to Paul. So too our faith will help us bear the challenges of these times and help us to understand what is right for us.'

Our God, our Church, is always with us. It is unchanging like the pattern of the seasons, dependable, reassuring and constant. As it is written in the Book of Common Prayer, in psalm 102, *but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.*

Yann and the team

Messy Church

ZOOM

You're all invited! Whatever age you are, join us on the 2nd Sunday of the month to get stuck in with crafts, songs and a Bible story.

8th November 2020 at 3:30pm

We're looking forward to seeing you!



Contact Gemma at gemma@benbinfro.co.uk for more details!



Remembrance Sunday Services

Sunday 8th November 2020

This Remembrance Sunday we will have to do things differently. Please join with us to remember those who have given their lives and to pray for peace.



There will be an online service for the Benefice starting at 10.30am, with a roll call of all three parishes and then a two minute silence at 11am. This can be found on our YouTube channel or via the Benefice website, www.benbinfro.co.uk.

Should you wish to attend in person there will be the following services, all within COVID-secure guidelines:

Bentley - 10.45am Bentley Memorial Hall car park - Act of Remembrance
11.30am St Mary's Church – church service

Binsted - 10.50am Holy Cross Church - Act of Remembrance.
 The service will take place in the churchyard. Please bring your own chairs, dress appropriately, and be seated by 10:45am. You will be directed where to sit.

Froyle - 10.45am Froyle Village Hall/Recreation Park – Act of Remembrance followed by an outdoor service.

Look out for additional resources and updates on the Benefice website www.benbinfro.uk as guidelines may change and **outdoor services may have to be cancelled due to bad weather.**

Please contact the church office if you have any questions:
admin@benbinfro.org/ 01420 23359

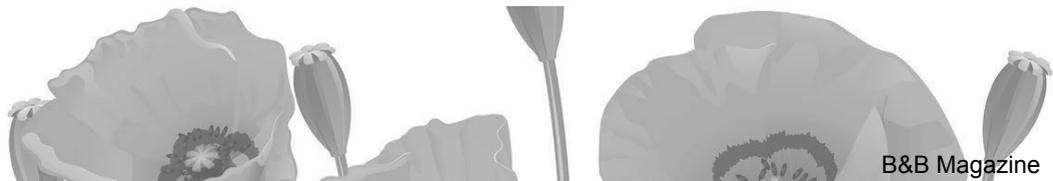
We will remember them.

The current Covid-19 restrictions call for limitations on large gatherings. Therefore, because of the amount of space in the Bentley Memorial Hall car park and around the War Memorial in Binsted churchyard, we will need to carry out the Acts of Remembrance differently this year.

We will be providing a pre-recorded Benefice Remembrance Service, including the Roll of Honour for all three parishes, for everyone to watch and we are hoping to be able to provide more on a village by village basis on our YouTube channel.

If you would still like to attend either an Act of Remembrance or the church service in person, you will need to advise us beforehand by contacting the Church Office at admin@benbinfro.org or calling 01420 23339. If you leave a voice message - please make sure you include your contact details. We will need the names and a contact number for everyone attending so we can let you know if there is capacity and for the NHS Track and Trace service.

Thank you for your understanding in these unusual times.



Advent 2020



**In a year of uncertainty these are some of our
'Lockdown Thoughts'**

Our Advent calendars will be ready from 20th
November.

They can be collected from a box in each of the three
churches
or will also be delivered by our Pastoral Care Team
or personally delivered if you could leave your address
and post code with:-
Helen 07892 842682
Ann 07761 808099
Marilyn 07801 059490

Church Giving

Due to the global pandemic we sadly had to close the doors to our churches and swiftly move ourselves online. Because we had to stop services, our income has dropped, and we are now in a position to ask if you'd consider giving online to the Benefice via the means below.



1. QR Code

For anyone who wishes to donate via QR code, simply turn your mobile/tablet camera on and point it at the QR code above. This will then open up our donation page at Thyngs.

2. GiveaLittle Website

For anyone who wishes to donate online, please visit the Church website, and click on the 'Giving' tab where you will find a button at the bottom of the page for 'GiveaLittle'. Click on the button and you will be taken to a donations page for Bentley, Binsted and Froyle where you'll need to decide how much you'd like to donate, then enter your payment details, and fill in the gift aid information. You'll also be sent an email receipt confirming your donation.

Thank you!

Church Registers September and October

BENTLEY

26th September Wedding of Omojo Judith Onuh and Benedict Kwasi Dapaah

28th September Funeral and Burial of Richard Morris

8th October Funeral and Cremation of Philip Bowden

BINSTED

26th September Internment of Ashes of Wendy Renton

FROYLE

2nd October Cremation of Linda Pincott

BINSTED CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Back in May I mentioned that a series of notelets showing photographs and line drawings of Binsted church are now on sale, and said we intended to use some more of the entries from the competition to create a series of Christmas cards.

The Christmas cards are now on sale for £5 for a pack of 5 cards, all proceeds going to general church funds which support the day-to-day running and maintenance of the church. The wording inside each card reads 'With blessings for Christmas and the New Year'.

The original idea was to put the notelets and the Christmas cards on the sale at the back of the church but as we are still only able to open the church for services this doesn't give everyone a chance to buy them.

If you would like to have a look at either the Christmas cards or the notelets, then please do contact me on **binstedwarden@benbinfro.co.uk** (or PM me on Facebook) to arrange a socially distanced viewing – and maybe even buy some!



Stella Croom-Johnson



School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

Angels Dancing in the Sky

Angels dancing in the sky, they are always there when you cry.

The sun reflects the angels twinkle;
they sprinkle magical twinkly dust, in the air.

They will always be there.

The angels protect us from bad;
we will always be glad.

We are now sorry we have to end -
Magic will never end.



By Lizzie and Autumn Year 4

Our Friendship

I like Lowenna because she is nice,
And her favourite animal is mice.

I like Madeline because she is kind,
And she has a true mind.

We are best friends in our heart,
Even when we're far apart.

We will never break our bond,
In a park or by a pond.

We are besties in rain or sun,
In any weather we'll have fun.

We will always be friends,
We will stick together till the end.

By Lowenna and Madeline (in Beech Class)



School News - Binsted CE Primary

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The Immortal Hero

Slowly in the sky he waits,
just a step away from heavens gates.
He waits for his opponent to arrive.
5,4,3,2,1 collide! Phooph! His guns go boom!
His opponent hath fallen to his doom.
He got so close he could see the crosses on his tail,
as he fell
he left a rather smoky trail.
He saved Britain from the plague,
That plague was Nazism.
This superhuman figure who?
I know he was the few.



By George Warsap Year 5

Bentley CE Primary

Autumn School Report

I am writing this at the start of October and am delighted to say that life at school is now more 'normal' than not. After the schools closure many children had to remain at home learning until September, so we were so happy to have everyone back in school together! The children have been inspirational in getting back into their old routines and also in coping with the new expectations we all have to follow due to COVID. There have been many seasonal delights and they have loved apple picking, finding conkers from the amazing school chestnut tree and Harvest assembly with Yann, albeit on Youtube this year!

Planning the changes and writing the Risk Assessments have taken up quite some time but they have all been done to ensure that we as a school can stay open, even if the local area has to go into lockdown.

I thought that you might like to know a little more about what is different at this time, behind the school gates...

The biggest change is that we cannot have adults into school, as we are told that adult to adult contact is far more likely to spread the virus. As a welcoming village school this has taken the most getting used to, but sadly we have to minimise the number of adults in school. This means no reading volunteers, no PTFA meetings in school and no parents

able to sort through the Lost Property bins! Fortunately there are solutions to most problems; Year 6 have stepped up to reunite those jumpers with their owners and we held our first Virtual PTFA AGM last month with a great 'turn out'.





Anyone going past school will have spotted parents and carers lining up at drop off and pick up times. We apologise for any inconvenience to our local community, but we now have a one way system in place to get all the pupils on and off the playground each day. We are bringing children into school each day with minimum contact to keep school open as best we can, under the ever changing advice and information we receive each day from the government. We are really grateful for all the adult support involved to make this work but it seems to be effective.

We have had to purchase new resources such as a fogger which helps our Caretaker and the Cleaning Team with their additional COVID workload. We seem to be getting through soap, paper towels and anti-bac gel very fast! We have PPE in school and all staff have masks and visors to use where required.

In class the children now have individual resources and they are sitting in rows

facing the front of the class. We are trying to get outdoors as much as possible and are using a Recovery Curriculum to help children to catch up with missing learning from last year when many children had to learn from home. We have found the social aspects the most important as pupils are learning how to deal with being independent again after working at home. They are getting used to being one of thirty in a class again, rather than learning in a family set up.

I am really proud of the pupils, families and staff at Bentley for having such a positive attitude and getting on with school life. It seems very possible that we may require to 'lockdown' or close a class or bubble at some stage but we have the plans ready to deal with Virtual School again should this happen.

Thank you for the support from our local community at this time. It means a lot.

Katy Pinchess
Headteacher



THE WICKHAM INSTITUTE (VILLAGE HALL), BINSTED

www.wickhaminstitute.co.uk



The Wickham Institute 100+ Club

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

October 2020

1st prize Mark Walden

2nd prize Helen MacDonald

3rd prize Claire Fargeot

Details of the November 2020 draw will appear in the December magazine.

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

WAYMARKS...

Autumn walking

Some people seem to feel that walking in the countryside is very much a spring or summer activity and that walking during November and December is probably best avoided. The likelihood of mud is often given as a reason to stay indoors during the months of autumn and winter, but walking during this season can be a great pleasure.

Poor weather is not a constant feature of autumn and winter walking; lovely crisp days can also occur, when simply being out in the countryside or in the woods is a complete delight. Being outdoors during the darker, chillier season is also very good for your health and well-being.

We all know that walking is a great way to maintain physical fitness, but it is also brilliant for boosting your feel-good hormones. Walking increases serotonin levels, helping to stave off feelings of depression and the traditional autumn and winter blues.

So, dress warmly, wear comfortable and waterproof footwear, get out there and enjoy yourself!

Spot the footpath

Here are two more for you to try. Both are in the eastern part of Binsted parish.



Photo 1 The Right of Way runs down this large field to the trees in the distance



Photo 2 There are actually two footpaths in this shot and the one crossing at right angles ahead has a tarmac surface

Walk of the Month

There is no Walk of the Month this time, but I hope to offer more of these, together with maps of the routes, from December onwards, so please watch this space!

Did anyone try the *Crossing the Tracks* walk?

Have you seen any problems?

Please contact the parish Clerk, Sue Hodder, or let me know directly if you come across any problems on a footpath or bridleway in the parish or nearby.

Ian 07766 174275

Where are the footpaths?

Photo 1 looks east and shows footpath 55 descending from Home Hanger towards Broadview Farm

Photo 2 looks west and is taken from footpath 43, with the Arboretum on the right. Up ahead, footpath 44, the tarmac path from Bentley station towards the Forestry Research Station, crosses at right angles. Path 44 is also the first portion of the Shipwrights Way.

Beyond the path junction, path 43 continues past Lodge Pond and soon descends through Lodge Inclosure to meet the Blacknest Road near Broadview Farm



Binsted Christmas Fair

Sadly due to the pandemic the Christmas Fair will not take place in the Wickham Institute this year. However, the famous Christmas wreaths will still be made. So your front doors will be not be bare.

Please pre order your wreath.

Small £10 • Medium £15 • Large £20

by 18th November



Telephone Angela 01420 22922 or email angela1dunne@sky.com

Sam 01420 23365 or email sambarrow@hotmail.co.uk

Arrangements will be made for safe delivery or collection.

Bentley Parish Council

Chairman's Report October 2020

Now that the Parish Magazine is back in print we thought we should resume the Chairman's Report to keep residents informed of what the Council is doing.

Meetings

The Council will continue to meet on the second Monday of the month using Zoom remote video conferencing system. If you would like to join the meeting please email a request to the Clerk a few days before the meeting and she will send you a link to the video meeting. We had a lively meeting in June where we discussed our comments to the planning proposal for the development of East of Hole Lane, with 45 residents joining us.

Parish Clerk

As you probably know Lorraine Jeffs left us to become Town Clerk of Whitehill & Bordon managing a team of six people earlier this year. We met with Joanna Cadman an experienced Clerk who agreed to be our Locum for six months while we set about recruiting a new permanent clerk. We interviewed and offered a position of Assistant Clerk to Emma Wadey from 1st May and she has been gradually taking on the full responsibilities of Clerk while being guided by Joanna. From November 1st Joanna's time with us comes to an end

and Emma will be in sole charge. Email and telephone contact details for Emma are: clerk@bentleyparishcouncil.co.uk and 07795 326539/07930 330308 or if you wish to write to us at: The Clerk, Bentley Memorial Hall, Hole Lane GU10 5LB

Communications

We are in the process of updating our website content and reviewing the layout and usability which we hope to have redesigned in the near future.

When you navigate to our website <http://www.bentleyparishcouncil.co.uk/> our link to our Facebook page (f symbol) on the home page is just below the Contact Us menu.

Our intention is update our Facebook page weekly and update the website monthly with any topical, relevant and local news.

Pond

With the dredging, pruning of trees and dipping platform completed, we replaced the broken fencing on the west side of the pond and erected

low-level fencing and some new duck feeding signs by the dipping platform. We installed a new duck house which was designed and built by Angus Ross-Thompson who we wish well in his new home in the Orkney Islands. Our next task is to start planting up the islands on the edge of the pond which were created from the dredged pond bed.

I wish to say a big thank you to the volunteers who helped with reducing the invasive *Epilobium* and doing a great tidy job up along the roadside of

the pond. Also, to the team from the Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Trust who spent a day clearing the scrub from Carters meadow.

Village Shop

Sally retired from the Village shop and on the 30th August and we presented her with flowers and good-luck cards together with a large sum of shopping vouchers collected by the Village.

John Goodyear

Looking after our hedgehogs



November is usually a time for getting cosy in our blankets on the sofa, drinking hot chocolate and maybe even starting to get in the Christmas spirit. For hedgehogs, November is the time to start making nests for the winter.

With all the major celebrations of Bonfire night on hold, smaller garden celebrations are much more likely, but are a greater risk to our already low hedgehog population. Therefore, it's important we try and look after them.

Here's a few things we can do to look after our hedgehogs:

- Ideally build your bonfire on the day
- Be careful when moving material especially if you are using a fork
- Always check underneath
- Light the fire from one side
- Build your bonfire on a couple of pallets so it's easier to check underneath
- Never use petrol or inflammable liquids (for safety reasons as well)

Thank you!

British Hedgehog Preservation Society

info@britishhedgehogs.org.uk

01584 890801



Volunteers Needed at Phyllis Tuckwell

Local charity Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care is looking for more volunteers to help it provide its vital care for patients and families who are living with an advanced or terminal illness, such as cancer.

It has volunteer vacancies in many different areas of its care. If you fancy flexing your retail muscles, how about a role in one of its charity shops, serving customers, operating the till, and sorting, steaming and pricing stock. Those with good customer skills will relish this role, and flexible morning or afternoon shifts will allow you to fit it in around your other commitments.

For those who would like to offer direct support to patients, a role in the Home Support team might be something which you would find rewarding and enjoyable. Before the pandemic, the charity's Home Support volunteers would visit patients for a chat, or perhaps take them out for a cup of tea at a coffee shop or garden centre. At present, their support is given through phone calls or garden visits, but is perhaps even more important to patients who can feel isolated because of the restrictions the pandemic has caused. Home Support volunteers are asked to support patients for three hours once a week, and are given initial training and ongoing supervision to help them in their role.

For those who are looking for a diverse and fast-paced role, and have good IT, admin and communication skills, maybe a shift on reception at the Hospice in Farnham, or Beacon Centre in Guildford, would be



Volunteers help out on Phyllis Tuckwell's reception, greeting visitors, managing deliveries and answering the phone.

of interest? From greeting visitors and managing deliveries, to answering phones and putting calls through to different teams, there is much variety and no day is the same! Weekday and weekend shifts are available.

A similar role is available on the Hospice's In-Patient Unit, where volunteer Ward Clerks are needed to help greet visitors, assist with admin tasks and answer the phone. Empathy and good communication skills are a must, and vacancies are available during the week and at weekends.

All volunteers taking on a patient-facing role will require a DBS check and will be given training. To find out more about any of these roles, please contact Phyllis Tuckwell's Voluntary Services team on 01252 729400 or email voluntary.services@pth.org.uk. Just a few hours of your time can make a big difference to those who are facing such a difficult time in their lives.

PICK A NUMBER ONE TO TWENTY FOUR AND JOIN THE BINSTED VILLAGE ADVENT CALENDAR TRAIL



Advent windows will
be back again this year!
Sign up at suemsteph@gmail.com
Not feeling creative? We can help

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
MAKING SURE CHRISTMAS HAPPENS
IN BINSTED

BOOK REVIEWS

Author of the Month: Stephen Cottrell

On 9 July this year, Stephen Cottrell was appointed Archbishop of York – the second most senior bishop in the Church of England. He had been Bishop of Reading from 2004 to 2010 and Bishop of Chelmsford from 2010 to 2020. Martin Bashir, the BBC’s Religion Editor, describes him as a pastoral theologian who combines a lifelong affection for traditional liturgy with a desire to commend the Christian faith to the unchurched. He has written widely on evangelism, discipleship and spirituality. He is married to Rebecca and they have 3 children.

Book of the Month by Stephen Cottrell:

“Praying through Life: How to pray in the home, at work and in the family”, Church House Publishing, Second edition, 2003, 159 pages

When Stephen Cottrell was first asked to write this book, he was not convinced that the world really needed another book on prayer. However, research revealed that very few of the many books that had been written on the subject actually tell you how to pray. So he wrote a book that told people what to do. It was well received, and after a few years it sold out.

Archbishop Stephen’s prayer for this second edition remains the same as it was for the first. He hopes it helps people to pray - to get on with weaving prayer into daily life. He hopes people will find encouragement, practical instruction and sustenance to begin a life of prayer.

The book has three main parts: 1) “What is Prayer: Unclenching the Fist”, 2) “How to Pray: Opening our hands to God”, 3) “Catching Fire”, including a chapter on “Becoming Ourselves”.

Part 1 shows us that prayer is relationship with God, and with others. It is relationship for God and relationship with God for others.

Part 2 takes us from the first, most important step, of wanting to pray, through the rhythms and routines of daily life to making time for God and finding where in each day is our time and place for prayer. It covers the time we spend at home and at work, the opportunities we have through the day to pause, re-wind and build prayer into what we are already doing.

These include the start of each day, travelling, mealtimes, and the end of the day. Some of the chapters are about being with children, with teenagers, with others, at work, and wherever you happen to be. Others are about being silent, penitent, praying with our whole being, praying through the week and through the year, and praying when it seems impossible. Some readers may well find the pages containing “Ten golden rules” among the most helpful. We are given ten basic insights which provide a check list and a yardstick for our developing life of prayer. They range from “Start” to “Don’t give up” with eight more ideas in between.

Part 3 links prayer to the growth of the church. When we pray, we become ourselves as God always intended us to be. We enter into a relationship of love where our true self comes to light, knowing it is cherished and valued. This is why Jesus Christ is hope for the whole human race. In the New Testament, Saint Peter becomes utterly transformed as he discovers a new life, a faith worth sharing, strength in Jesus through God’s grace. When Christian people begin to radiate the love of God, other people will start taking the Christian faith seriously.

We are made for heaven. When we pray, we step into eternity. At the time of writing, copies of this book were available from £3.52 from www.bookfinder.com

NO WEY INCINERATOR

Thanks to the dedication of volunteers during the height of the August heatwave, the Veolia application received an astonishing number of submissions. As well as comments from hundreds of individuals, the **final total of 3,300 objections** included two District/Borough Councils (East Hants District Council and Waverley Borough Council), Two Town Councils (Alton and Farnham), 17 Parish Councils, two MPs (Damian Hinds and Jeremy Hunt), CPRE, South Downs National Park and Natural England.

This huge response makes the strength of local opinion very clear. The No Wey action group believes that if the campaign hadn't been hampered by Covid restrictions, the total would have been even higher. As it stands, this application definitely figures as **one of the**

THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SAY NO

UK's ten most objected planning applications, according to a recent survey.

Evaluating all the comments and the consultants report will take HCC some time and they are likely to have many questions about the application. There are serious omissions, from the lack of traffic evaluation impacting on Farnham to the risk to the water table and also to local wildlife. But the overwhelming number of objections should convince HCC to examine the application in minute detail and conclude that such a development is inappropriate and outdated.

The NO WEY campaign will keep monitoring progress and keep supporters informed through mailings, the website and social media.

BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+CLUB

The winners for **October** draws of the Bentley Memorial 100+ Club are below



Contact Steve Fice, Chairman Bentley Memorial Hall 01420 22197
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Congratulations to the Winners

October 2020

1st Prize	Peter & Sally Clarke
2nd Prize	Hugh & Sue Chissell
3rd Prize	Richard Davies

A Marvellous Contraption?

This extract comes from the December 1983 magazine, although hopefully we do not have the need for such a contraption!

'You just wait till Sunday'

"A rich man went to his Vicar and said 'I want you and your wife to take a 3 month trip to the Holy Land at my expense. When you come back, I'll have a surprise for you. The Vicar accepted and he and his wife went off to the Middle East.

3 months later they returned home and were met by the wealthy parishioner, who told them that while they were away he had had a

new church built. 'It's the finest building money can buy, Vicar' said the man 'No expense was spared'. And he was right. It was a magnificent edifice, both outside and in.

But there was one striking difference. There was only one pew and it was at the very back. 'A church with only one pew?' the Vicar asked. 'You just wait till Sunday' said the rich man.

Came the time for Sunday service, the early arrivals entered the church, filed into one pew and sat down. When the pew was full, a switch clicked silently, a circuit closed, the gears meshed, a belt moved and, automatically the rear pew began to move

forward. When it reached the front of the church it came to a stop. At the same time, another empty pew came up from below at the back and more people sat down. And so it continued, pews filling and moving forwards until finally the church was full, from front to back, 'Wonderful' said the Vicar 'Marvellous'.

The service began, the Vicar started to preach his sermon. He launched into his text and, when 12 o'clock came, he was still going strong with no Amen in sight. Again a switch clicked, a circuit closed, gears meshed and the pulpit sank out of sight.

'Wonderful' said the congregation 'Marvellous'."

SEPTEMBER WEATHER STATISTICS



Temperature



Daytime maximum 28.9°C (14th) to 13.3°C (26th)
3 days below 15°C, 5 days above 25°C

Nighttime minimum 2.6°C (28th) to 16.4°C (16th)
4 nights above 10°C, 6 nights below 5°C



Rainfall



Total for month 1.00 inches (25.4 mm) over 8 days

Wettest days 0.33 inches (8.4 mm) (24th)



Wind



Dominant wind direction West

Maximum gust 23 mph (25th)

Parish Weatherman

BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



Just in-case you missed the article in October's magazine, here it is again.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions presently in place, it is impossible to safely meet together for our Garden Club programme. We are sorry for this and know that you will all be missing our friendly monthly get togethers.

To be sure of everyone's well-being we have reluctantly decided to cancel the rest of this year's programme. Hopefully, we will be able to meet again in February next year and be able to fulfil our promised special visits and events that were arranged for 2020.

We know that you have paid your subscription for the year and have only been able to attend two lectures. We have therefore decided that you will all have a free year's membership for 2021.

Stay safe.

From all the Committee.

New Tree Warden for Binsted Parish

The Tree Council's Tree Warden Scheme gives people who feel that trees matter an opportunity to champion their local trees and woods by carrying out or encouraging practical projects and involving their neighbours whenever possible. Community involvement is a central aim of the scheme.

Ben Hamlin has been asked to be Volunteer Tree Warden for our parish as a member of the East Hants Tree Warden Network.

"I am still very new to the work and I hope you can be patient while I come up to speed. Autumn is an important time in the tree calendar. Officially Seed Gathering Season ended on 23 October, but there are still plenty about. I encourage you all to make the most of trees for their seeds, nuts, fruits and autumn colours. When you go for a walk, collect seeds from local parks and woods. If you have self-sown saplings in your garden, and you need to move them, please pot them up if you can, as we plan to create tree nurseries in order to regenerate the trees we will lose over time.



And here's a challenge for you. The picture is of an ancient yew tree somewhere in the parish. Its girth (circumference at your chest height) is 4.05m. Do you have a yew (no pun!) near you that can beat this? Send in a picture and tell us where to find it."

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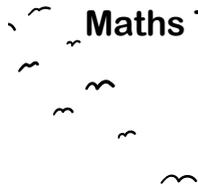
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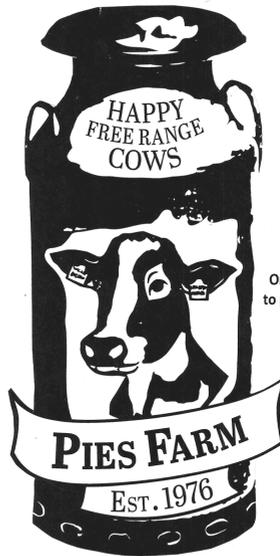
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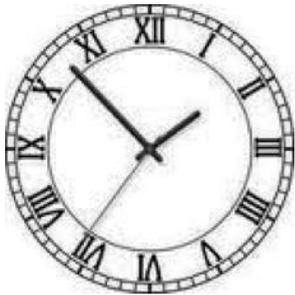
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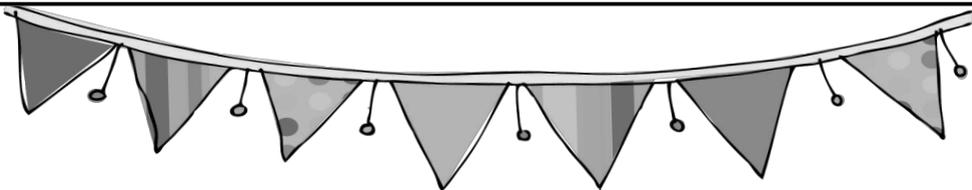
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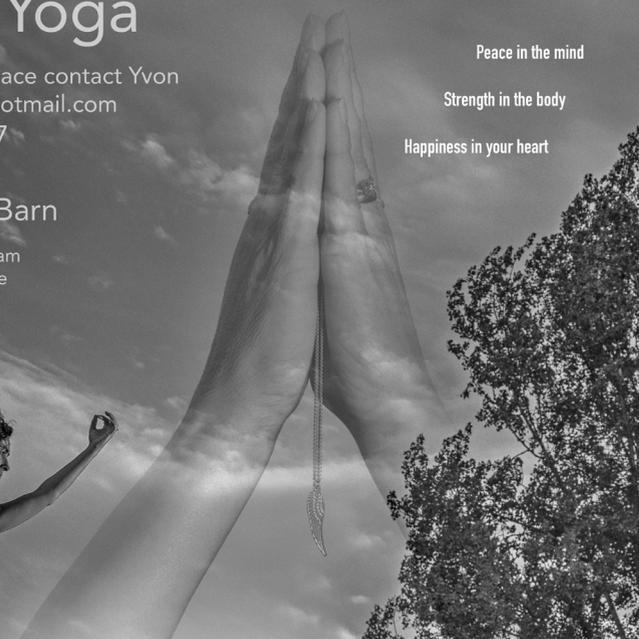
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1ST NOVEMBER • 11AM BENTLEY MORNING WORSHIP
• 11AM ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION

8TH NOVEMBER • 10:30 BENEFICE ONLINE SERVICE
REMEMBRANCE • 10:45 BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL
SUNDAY 11:30 AT BENTLEY CHURCH
• 10:50 BINSTED CHURCH*
• 10:45 FROYLE VILLAGE HALL*
(Please see separate Remembrance notice for further information)

15TH NOVEMBER • 11AM BENTLEY HOLY COMMUNION

22ND NOVEMBER • 11AM BINSTED HOLY COMMUNION
• 6:30PM FROYLE EVENSONG (SAID)

29TH NOVEMBER • 11AM BINSTED BENEFICE SERVICE

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