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# Vicar's Letter

Dear All

Settling down on a grey, wet January morning to write this letter immediately after the announcement of our third lockdown, it was hard at first to summon up the energy and willpower to think of a positive message. But then one of the members of the team here said they'd just seen the first primrose of the year and we all decided to list all the things for which we can be thankful, rather than bemoaning what we can't do during this period of restrictions.

Firstly we must give thanks for the tireless support of health workers and the arrival of vaccinations for all of us eventually. We are thankful for the antibiotics and intensive care procedures which mean that unlike the pandemic of the early twentieth century, when thousands died and many collapsed in the street, recovery rates are good and for many of those affected Covid will be no more than a dose of seasonal flu.

Secondly, we are grateful for the support of all those workers whose efforts sustain our lives during this challenging time. How would we cope without supermarket deliveries, checkout operators and shelf stackers keeping us supplied with food and other essential goods? What would life be like without regular rubbish collections, access to the recycling centre and delivery drivers? Bus drivers, train operators, taxi drivers, may have far fewer passengers during this time, but they are still operating so those who can't work from home can keep their jobs and continue to provide services we all need.

Here in Benbinfo, we are grateful to all members of our communities who have reached out to neighbours with offers of shopping, collecting prescriptions and extending a hand of friendship. We are

thankful for the imaginative ways in which Christmas was celebrated in our villages; the Binsted Village Advent Calendar, the Froyle Flying Carols and the film production of *The Real Nativity*, having been watched over 1400 times on YouTube.

And let's not forget the natural world, pointed out by our primrose spotter. In staying home more than we did before, we have observed bullfinches, tree creepers and woodpeckers along with many species we might not normally have time to notice. We've walked every day, noting the changes in the seasons and appreciating the improvement in our waistlines. The days are already lengthening now we have passed the winter solstice and we are often blessed with glorious sunrises and sunsets over our beautiful woods, hills and fields.

Then one of the team, a keen singer, deprived at present of regular opportunities to sing in church, suggested we should all sing that gloriously triumphant hymn *Give Thanks*, so here are the words, which we invite you to belt out in your homes or when out for your daily walk. Don't worry about looking daft, it won't frighten the horses and it makes us all feel better! You have to sing it through twice to get the most out of it!

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
 Give thanks to the Holy One  
 Give thanks because He's given  
 Jesus Christ His Son.....  
 And now let the weak say I am strong,  
 Let the poor say I am rich,  
 Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
 Give thanks.

*Yann and the team*

# YOUTH UPDATE

February 2021

Happy New Year! 2020 was a year none of us expected, a year of isolation, confusing rules and loss for many, so it doesn't seem implausible that perhaps our expectations for 2021 are quite pessimistic. However, amongst the heartache of last year, there was a lot of joy and good news! In 2020 whales came back to the Atlantic after more than 100 years; China, as the biggest air polluter in the world, committed to achieving zero emissions by 2060; people saved 48 animal species from extinction; the elephant population in Kenya doubled; Scotland will provide free menstrual products to all women; and the vaccine against Covid-19 became the fastest developed vaccine in history.

Closer to home, people in our villages came together to pick up shopping, prescriptions and other essentials for each other; there were over 3000 objections for the No Wey Incinerator campaign in October; our 6 Anna Friends, who work alongside our Anna Chaplain, Nicky Smallwood, were commissioned; our online version of The Real Nativity, has been watched over 1400 times on YouTube and the Christingle service has reached over 400; we have put together an online Sunday service every Sunday since March, plus Thought for the Day videos Monday to Friday without pausing; and we've made 17 online school assemblies!

So, digging deeper into 2020 we can see glimmers of hope, for the environment, for our neighbours and for the church reaching out into the community. Looking ahead into 2021, in terms of our wonderful children and young people, we will be continuing to meet with our older and younger youth groups via Zoom until we can meet again, we plan for Messy Church to continue to thrive over Zoom as we settle into this new routine, and Yann and I are already planning our next online school assemblies! Looking even further ahead, we are planning to attend Satellites camp run by YouthScape in the summer and we have a Youth Alpha course in the works for late 2021. As a youth and children's team, we would really value your prayers for all that's ahead of us in 2021, for ideas, inspiration and joy!

I don't know about you, but as I get back into my lockdown routine of PE with Joe Wicks and baking (a lot!) I feel it is important that we find hope and joy in the little things. I pray you find glimmers of hope in this dark winter and can look forward to brighter times soon.

## **Gemma Ball**

*Pastoral Assistant (Youth)  
and Administrator*

*PS. here's a recipe for my  
favourite lockdown bake...  
enjoy! (see next page)*

# Chocolate Ganache Tarts

(makes 4-6 12cm tarts)

## Ingredients

- 300g (10 oz) milk chocolate, finely chopped
- 200ml (1/3pt) double cream
- 150g plain flour
- 75g unsalted butter
- 50g icing sugar
- 1 egg yolk

## Method

1. Put 150g plain flour and 75g unsalted butter in a bowl and rub together with your fingertips until it resembles breadcrumbs.
2. Mix in 50g icing sugar and a pinch of salt followed by 1 egg yolk. If the pastry feels too dry to form a dough, add 1 tbsp water. Shape the dough into a ball, flatten it out into a disc, wrap it in cling film, then chill for at least 30 mins.
3. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface to the thickness of a £1 coin and line your tart tins with the pastry.
4. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C fan/40°F/Gas 6. Line the cases with greaseproof paper and baking beans and bake for 15 minutes.
5. Pour the cream into a small saucepan and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat and pour over the chocolate in a jug. Leave for 5 minutes to melt then gently fold with a spatula until completely melted and combined.
6. Pour the ganache into each of the tart cases and transfer to the fridge to chill for 3 hours until set.
7. Bring the tarts to room temperature before serving and serve with whatever topping you like! Hazelnuts, strawberries, raspberries...

## Church Register

Funerals, cremations and interments of ashes:

### Bentley

December	23 <sup>rd</sup> – Winifred King	
January	12 <sup>th</sup> – Jeremy Thallon	14 <sup>th</sup> – Philip Bowden

### Binsted

January	15 <sup>th</sup> – Audrey Mosley	27 <sup>th</sup> – Ann Miller
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### Froyle

January	21 <sup>st</sup> – Christopher Little	29 <sup>th</sup> – Michael Starbuck
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# An update from our Anna Chaplain

I mentioned in the December edition that our wonderful team of Anna Friends (left to right: Liz Carey, Marilyn Greenway, Nick Carter, Richard Greenway, Sarah Roberts and Steve Fice) hadn't yet been commissioned at a service... well they have now! We decided to gather at St. Mary's Church, Bentley to record a socially distanced commissioning Service, led by Revd. Yann.



If you missed the commissioning service on Sunday 13 December, you can watch it here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42A2nfnQ9\\_I&t=845s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42A2nfnQ9_I&t=845s)

Debbie Thrower then followed up the story in one of her Anna Chaplaincy blogs, which you can read here: <https://www.annachaplaincy.org.uk/post/motivations-of-a-group-of-hampshire-anna-friends>.

With Candlemas on 2 February, it's a great time of year to celebrate Anna Chaplaincy Ministry, and indeed all older people in our families and communities. At Candlemas we remember the presentation of Christ in the Temple, which fulfilled Old Testament scripture.

The account in Luke's gospel, details the encounter between Mary, Joseph and Jesus, and Simeon and Anna. Both Simeon

and Anna are described as elderly, with Simeon being led to the Temple that day, by the Holy Spirit to see the Messiah; and Anna being an 84 year old widow who, "never left the Temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day" (Luke 2:37).

Anna and Simeon are two remarkable characters, and wonderful examples of God working through older people in the most significant story of all time. No matter what stage of life we are at, God has important roles for each of us.

Wishing you love, peace and comfort for this New Year

*Rev. Nicky Smallwood*  
(Anna Chaplain)  
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# Our Sunday services are closed for now.

Following Boris Johnson's address on Monday, the 4th January and the imposition of another national lockdown, and in line with Winchester Diocese' recommendation for parishes to consider not holding services, we have reviewed what we should do about live services.

Although public worship is still allowed, the overall thrust of the Prime Minister's message and the extraordinary acceleration of the disease in all parts of the country, including our own, seemed to us to be incompatible with people continuing to gather for live services. With great reluctance, we have therefore decided not to hold further live services in the Benefice for the time being.

Our churches will continue to be made available for private prayer and we will continue to minister to those who are most vulnerable in our Benefice through our Anna Chaplaincy work and the Pastoral Team.

The Benefice online services, Thought for the Day, School Assemblies, online Messy Church will of course continue, and can be accessed through the benefice website ([www.benbinfro.co.uk](http://www.benbinfro.co.uk)) or by searching 'benbinfro' on YouTube. We're also due to start a weekly online Alpha Course on Thursday 28th January at 7pm.

The situation will of course be regularly reviewed and I want to thank you for your patience, prayers and understanding at this time.

Blessings, Yann and the Rector's Council

# 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.

14th February 2020 at 4:30pm

We're looking forward to seeing you!



Contact Gemma at [gemma@benbinfro.co.uk](mailto:gemma@benbinfro.co.uk) for more details!

# FIND US ONLINE



Since making the decision to close our churches for now, you can find our online services on our YouTube Channel on Sundays at 11am.

Our services are also available to listen to via a phone line for those who have little or no internet connection. Just call 01420 552652.

We are still posting short Thought for the Day videos on YouTube at 6:30am Monday to Friday. It's been great to see how popular they continue to be!

The church website is continually updated with any news and updated guidance, along with the links to all our online content, so do have a look or contact the church office if you have any questions.



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# Bored with Lockdown?

# Nothing new on TV?

## Want to try something new?

Come and join us for some evenings of discovery

# Alpha



Join us on-line for a Zoom get-together on Thursday evenings to explore the meaning of life & Christianity.

Bring with you a glass of wine/cup of coffee/nibbles!

A fun evening of exploration. Invite a friend!

Starts: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7 p.m.

(The session will last about 1-1½ hours)



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# Froyle's Ark Boarding Pass

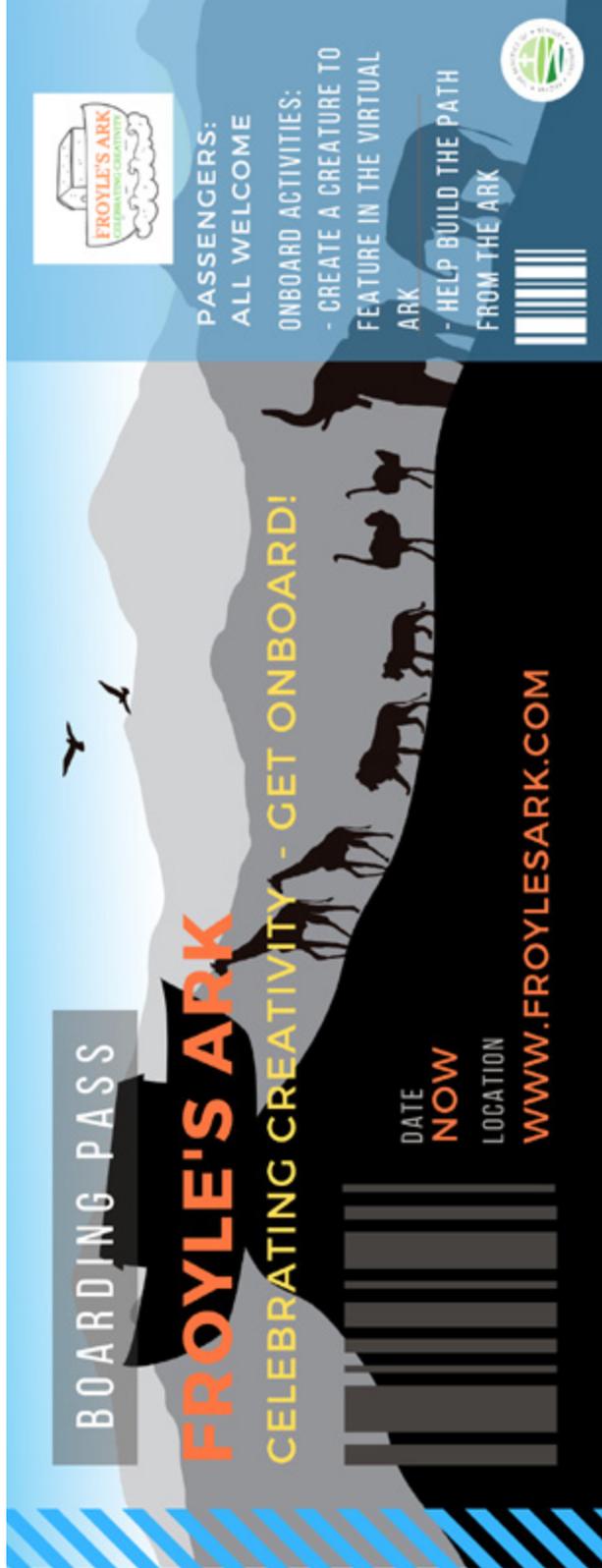
## First Call for all Bugs & Beasties

Scratchy, bored, frustrated,  
low, directionless and  
without motivation?

Your Noah's Ark Boarding  
Pass is here to help get  
you away from the Covid  
cloud and into a Rainbow  
of Positive Creativity and  
Happiness.

We're all in the midst of a  
great tumultuous pandemic  
storm together...  
a storm without end, wind  
and waves, thunder and  
lightening battering us from  
every side.

At times like this getting  
creative and busy with our  
hands and making something  
helps a lot.



PASSENGERS:  
ALL WELCOME

ONBOARD ACTIVITIES:

- CREATE A CREATURE TO  
FEATURE IN THE VIRTUAL  
ARK

- HELP BUILD THE PATH  
FROM THE ARK



# WHAT CREATURE WILL YOU CREATE?

ANTELOPE, ANT, APE, ADDER  
BUTTERFLY, BEE, BUZZARD, BUFFALO  
CAT, CATERPILLAR, CROCODILE, CAMEL  
DOG, DRAGONFLY, DOLPHIN, DOVE  
EAGLE, EARWIG, ESK, ELEPHANT  
FOX, FALCON, FLY, FROG  
GIRAFFE, GOOSE, GECKO, GERBIL  
HARE, HAMSTER, HIPPO, HUMMINGBIRD  
IGUANA, INDRİ, IMPALA  
JAY, JELLYFISH, JAGUA, JERBOA  
KOALA, KINGFISHER, KILLER WHALE  
LIMA, LADYBIRD, LION FISH  
MEERKAT, MANATEE, MANDRILL

MARWHAŁ, NIGHTINGALE, NEWT, NAUTILUS  
OWL, ORANGUTAN, OKAPI  
PARROT, PIKE, PORCUPINE, PIG  
QUAIL, QUOKKA, QUOLL  
RHINO, ROBIN, RABBIT, RACCOON  
SNAKE, SLOTH, SEAGULL  
TIGER, TOAD, TORTOISE  
URCHIN, URATA, WYRMUNG, WAKAR  
VIPER, VOLE, VULTURE  
WHALE, WEASEL, WILDEBEEST, WRASSE  
XENARTHRA, X-RAY TETRA  
YAK, YOUR FAVOURITE CREATURE  
ZEBRA, ZORILLA, ZORRO



DRAW, PAINT, SEW, KNIT,  
EMBROIDER, PHOTOGRAPH,  
BUILD, SCULPT, DOODLE,  
TELL A JOKE, WRITE A  
STORY OR A POEM.

REGISTER AT  
[FROYLESARK.COM](http://FROYLESARK.COM) FOR  
TUTORIALS, MATERIALS  
AND MORE.



So, having put away the sleigh, and with the outdoor carols a receding memory, we thought we'd better build an ark: Froyle's Ark.

We can't build it just yet, but we can start filling it with bugs and beasties and WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP.

Join us and Manufacture Millipede, Build a Bison, Crayon a Creepy-Crawly or Paint a Pig for the voyage. Froyle's Ark will be delighted to receive Writings, Drawings or Objects of any kind which express your feelings. So; Pen a Poem, Dream a Doodle, Jot a Joke and look afresh at the favourite things surrounding you. We can carry treasures of anything you'd like to preserve.

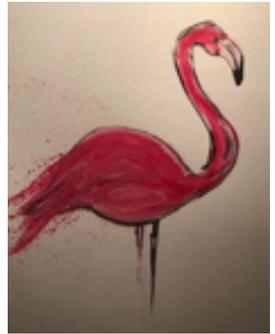
There are endless avenues of creative expression. We're all different; adults, children and families can make amazing things.... Froyle's Ark has no limit to how many homemade beasts or cargo it can carry...

### **Here's the plan:**

Soon there will be the [www.froylesark.com](http://www.froylesark.com) website for you to visit where you will find ideas to inspire you and get you started.

Let your imagination flow and get crafting and creating. Photograph your creation and submit the photos or documents to the Virtual Gallery at [www.Froylesark.com](http://www.Froylesark.com). The Ark Gallery opens for boarding and embarkation from 1st March 2021 and The Ark Gallery will open for visitors on April 1st 2021.

When the Storm has passed, our ship of wonder will dock safely in the calm waters of St Mary's church, Upper Froyle. All of the exhibits from the online Gallery will be called into an actual, real life Ark that we'll all be able to visit. The spectacle of our collective creative talents will be something to behold after we've all spent so long in a storm of isolation!



For all details, please visit [Froylesark.com](http://Froylesark.com). Register your boarding card as we simply need to understand how big we need to make the Ark. The more the merrier. There are many ways to get involved in this exciting Village event. We'll also be needing to recruit a team of Ark builders, so we hope there are some aspiring shipwrights out there?

Let's get cracking. The future of our village and maybe our world depends upon it. Just how many of this amazing planets' 8.7 million species can we get into Froyle's Ark ...?

## Church School Values at Bentley CE Primary School



As a Church School we use 'values' as a way to introduce children to teaching from the Bible as well as to support their development as citizens and community members. Each term we have a value word which focus our daily Collective Worship teaching towards. The themes are universal to us all, whether a child or adult has a religious faith or not. We learn about; Hope, Determination, Forgiveness, Peace, Remembrance, Justice and many more.

In the Spring term, as we approach Easter, we encourage our school to reflect on the three special values chosen by our staff, pupils and families. These values are extra special and we think they reflect our school best. They are 'Love, Community and Courage'. In the words of the children;

**Love** – we love our school, we love learning. We are loved by our families and friends and we show others love too. We love the planet too. We are kind to ourselves too and that can be tricky!

**Courage** – we want to be brave and try new things. We are courageous in doing the right thing even when it is difficult.

**Community** – we work together with the grown-ups at school, our families at home

and in Bentley and the places we live. We support one another and we don't let people be lonely. We help people whenever we can; we support three charities every year, we do litter picking and we collect for the Food Bank so that things can be made fair for everyone in our community.

This year we would like to ask for your help to develop our Values work in school. We would like nominations for stories from the Bible which reflect 'Love', 'Courage' or 'Community'. We want to collect these stories and share them in school. If you have a good example from a different Faith we would be interested to have these too!

You can email your idea to us or write it down and pop it into our black post box on the school vehicle access gate.

## Bentley CE Primary

Please give us your name, the name and details of the story (e.g. Daniel in the Lions Den Old Testament, Daniel 6) and we would like to know which of our three values you think it applies to and why.

We would very much appreciate your help and if you would like to submit several ideas then please do! We are hoping to create a

long list of stories to link to 'Love', 'Courage' and 'Community' from many members of our Bentley community. We also plan to create some Bible story films and a Values mural in the sports hall based on this project.

Thank you in advance for getting involved.

**Katy Pinchess, Headteacher**



## School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

**Happy New Year to everyone from Silver Birch class! Last term we had lots of fun working on our Victorian Art Project based upon the inspiration of William Morris. We used Lino cutting and printing techniques to create some of the pictures below:**

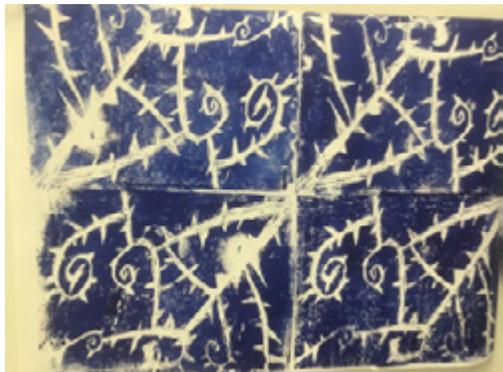




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Darcey had a stroke of genius by creating the solar system in biscuit form and they were really yummy!

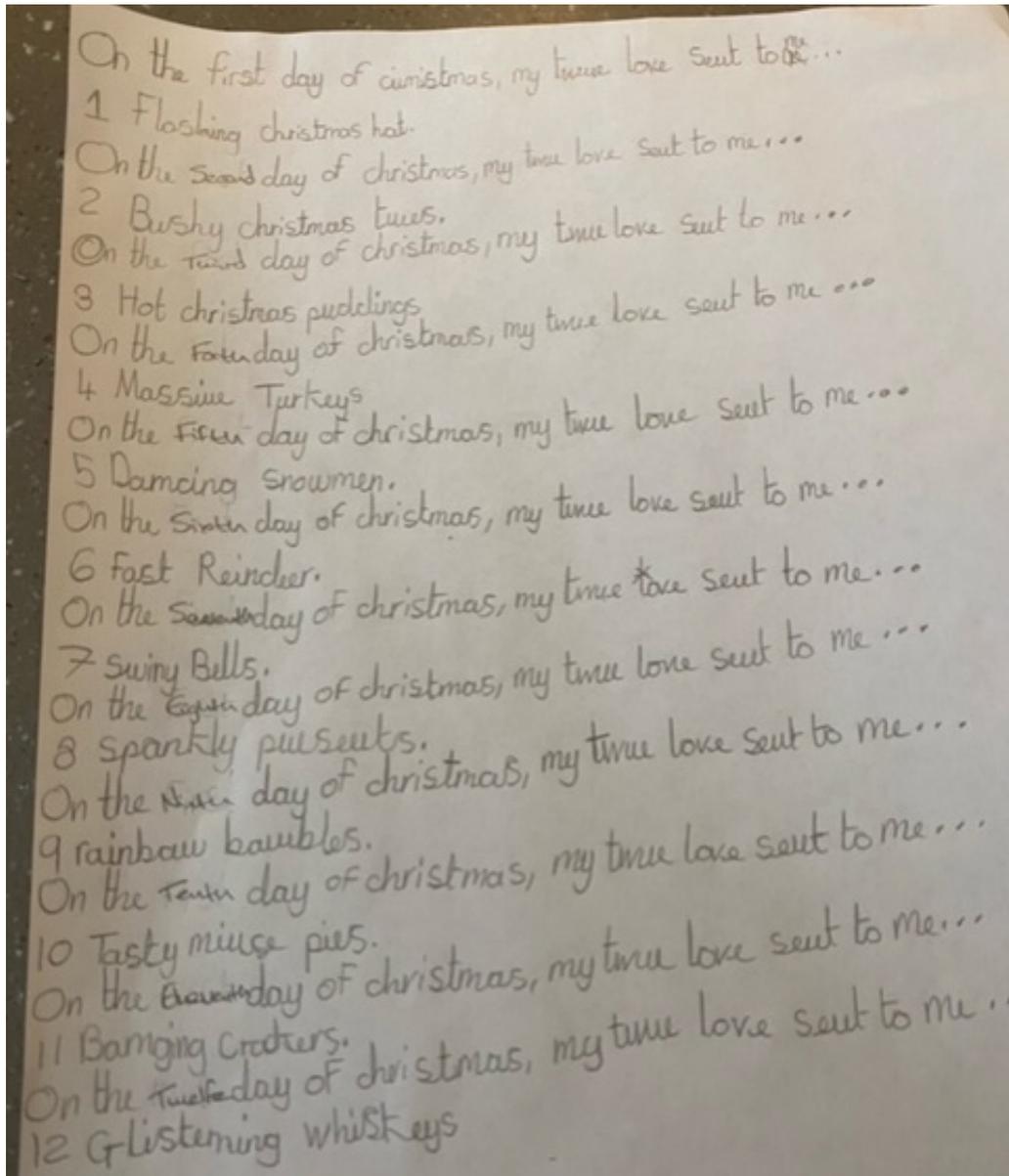




## School News - Binsted CE Primary

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

We also spent the last week of term creating our very own Twelve days Of Christmas, Lucy was really proud of her fantastic version below:



Happy New Year from Silver Birch and Mr Jennings



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

## The Sound Collector

A stranger came this morning,  
Dressed all in black and grey,  
Put every sound into a bag,  
And carried it away.

The flicking of the pages,  
The tapping of the drain,  
The barking from a dog,  
The splashing from the rain.

The crackling of a volcano,  
The twisting of the trees,  
The thudding from the thunder,  
The whispering from the leaves.

A stranger came this morning,  
He did not say his name,  
Left us only silence,  
Life will never be the same.

*By Warwick, Year 3*

## The Sound Collector

A stranger came this morning,  
Dressed all in black and grey,  
Put every sound into a bag,  
And carried it away.

The dinging of the doorbell,  
The creaking of the stairs,  
The flushing of the toilet,  
The brushing of the hairs.

The howling of the wind,  
The swishing of the trees,  
The burning of the fire,  
The whooshing of the leaves.

A stranger came this morning,  
He did not say his name,  
Left us only silence,  
Life will never be the same.

*By Xanthe, Year 2*

## ROUND TWO OF THE CAMPAIGN

Hampshire County Council announced that there would be a second public consultation on Veolia's planning application just before the Christmas break. Despite the short notice, the No Wey Incinerator campaign team worked with its technical consultants and experts to give objectors guidelines before the deadline of February 8th, 2021. Objections submitted during the first consultation in the summer, will still count.

After receiving close to 3,300 objections from local residents, Hampshire issued three



Regulation 25 notices to Veolia, asking many questions about their application, including the need for an incinerator and why it should be located in this particular area. Veolia responded to these formal notices and this new information is published at: <https://planning.hants.gov.uk/>. The application number is: 33619/007 and the new documents are on the EIA tab dated 14 December 2020.

For further information contact the action group at: [info@noweyincinerator.com](mailto:info@noweyincinerator.com).

# LIVE @ 5

We're back!

**Sunday 28th February at 5pm  
on YouTube**

Join us on Zoom at 4:30pm for  
tea and cake

Meeting ID: 830 1145 2668

Passcode: 739842



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# A Day in the life of a Special Constable

I have been a Special Constable in Hampshire for ten years and am due to move on. So I thought that it might be interesting to explain more about the role.

A special constable is a fully warranted police officer. He or she will have passed quite a rigorous process to be accepted. This includes a physical test but is not subject to a maximum age limit.

Training is a combination of classroom, on the job with a regular officer, and computer-based instruction. It can take as little as twelve months. In all cases it should take less than two years. At some stage during the formal classroom/computer training, the student is 'attested' which is a process of being sworn in in front of a magistrate as a warranted officer. The student is then assigned to a tutor, a regular officer qualified in that role. As far as is possible, the Special will do duties with that tutor and be exposed to, and deal with, the day-to-day tasks and situations experienced by a police officer.

Only when the student has experienced and satisfactorily dealt with a specific list of possible incidents or occurrences will he/she be signed off by the tutor as being appropriate to be recommended for 'independent' status. This is then approved by senior management and the officer is then able to patrol by himself/herself.

At this stage the officer should be booked on a driving course. Specials are only trained to 'patrol' and are not permitted to drive over the speed limit or use lights and sirens. The only exception is to stop a vehicle from behind using blue lights - called a 'compliant stop'.

He/she is then expected to do a minimum number of hours each month and keep up-to-date with continuous professional development both in classrooms and on line. A physical test and first aid refreshers come round every year.

I am a fully independent special. I joined specifically to cover my local area and see myself as being in support of my regular officer colleagues and PCSOs in an arc in the north of the northern area covered by Hampshire Constabulary. In crude terms this is the villages of Binsted, Isington, Bentley, Froyle, Shalden, Lasham (including the airfield), Bentworth, Medstead, the Wields, Farringdon, Wyck and Kingsley.

The officers' day is divided into three shifts - Days, Lates and Nights. The precise timing varies from weekdays and Thursdays to Sunday.

In general I choose only to do the day shifts which start at 0700 and, depending on the day of the week, end at 15.30 or 17.00. As I am retired I manage to do three shifts a week. The day shift 'parades' at Alton police station at 07.00. 'Parade' involves all of the officers on that shift assembling round a table with a large computer screen. Issues aired and discussed range from any tasks left incomplete by the night shift who have just finished through highlighting particular types of prevalent crime, suspect vehicles and individuals that might be in the area.

Tasks are then allocated and crews assigned to vehicles. Some might be double-crewed (rarely the case in the Covid era), some might be crewed by a single officer. In my case I am only a 'basic' driver. This entitles me to drive any vehicle but not to respond outside speed limits or use blue lights and sirens. I tend to be assigned a vehicle by myself to patrol my chosen area. All vehicles have trackers. So, at any time, the control room knows where any of the resources are situated and can assign the closest unit(s) accordingly.

Despite my choice to be a 'local' officer, I am deployable anywhere to any incident where I might be the closest available unit. I might be in Medstead when there is a traffic incident on the A339 or I could be sent to a sudden death in Petersfield. Overnight burglaries, discovered when the victim gets up or goes to work in the morning, will usually end up as tasks for the day shift. I could get sent to such an incident or in support of a colleague who may be dealing with one or more burglaries. Such support might involve taking statements, carrying out house to house investigations about who heard or saw what or seeing if there is any local CCTV. We also deal with traffic incidents or

sudden deaths where a doctor is unable to give a certificate.

No day is the same - some can be quiet and some really busy. Sometimes one gets home on time and sometimes a large amount of follow-up work back at the station involves being late off. Busy days have involved an arrest of a motorist who had driven home so drunk that he couldn't remember that he had damaged another car, dealing with a possible dementia sufferer who thought, wrongly, that he had had a large amount of money stolen, a diesel spill on the A339, a fire on the central reservation of the A31 resulting from a fallen electricity cable, a sudden death at an old people's home and numerous calls to domestic issues and disturbances.

My role is thoroughly enjoyable and intensely rewarding. I associate with some of the finest and most dedicated police officers in the UK. I recommend to anyone, whatever age, to consider becoming a Special and supporting your local officers in Hampshire. There is currently a scheme where members of the public are able to experience first-hand a day in the life of a regular Hampshire officer. Go to this link to find out more:

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/join-us/community-observer-scheme/>

The link also has information on the Special Constabulary

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to hear first hand about the role. Yann has my email address.

Finally I should mention that there is not a permanent recruiting campaign. Also, Covid-19 will have an impact on any recruitment.

# Five health benefits of yarn crafts

By Louisa Bird, [SecretYarnStash.co.uk](http://SecretYarnStash.co.uk)

**The colder months have settled in and while some find comfort in warm blankets and popcorn in front of a film, for others this is a difficult time of year. Crafting has long been hailed for improving mental health, increasing dexterity in the hands and has even been proven to delay the effects of dementia. It is more vital now than it ever was, when other hobbies and activities might not be possible taking the time to improve or pick up a new craft can bring important health benefits.**

## 1. Crafting as stress relief.

Working with your hands can help to settle your mind by giving you something specific and physical to do. The repetitiveness of crafting has also been shown to release serotonin which can alleviate depression and Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). As well as boosting your overall mood, crafting lowers your blood pressure by reducing cortisol in the body. It is a heart healthy activity in more ways than one, giving both your physical and mental health a boost.

## 2. Increased confidence

The accomplishment that you feel from learning a new skill can strengthen your confidence. Making something and holding it in your hands, getting to wear it yourself or gifting it as a sign of love will also increase your self-esteem. If you find work/life balance hard to manage, crafting is also a good place to turn as it forces you to relax without losing that feeling of productivity and self-worth.

## 3. Reduces restlessness

We all become more sedentary during the winter as the cold can make outdoor activities less appealing. Being stuck indoors can make you restless and lead to insomnia but that frustration can be eased by knitting or crochet as it takes you away from repetitive thoughts and feelings in your mind and gives your body somewhere to focus its energy.

## 4. Stops mindless eating and drinking

During the long wintery evenings crafting can stop you from reaching for the crisps or chocolate, curbing those moments of mindless snacking in front of the TV. You may also find it helpful during the festive period as giving yourself something hold in your hands can slow your pace of drinking.

## 5. Crafting for socialising

It won't come as too much of a surprise, but crafting can also bring you closer to the people you care about. Learning something new with another person has been shown to keep you motivated and cement your new skills more quickly. Why not challenge a friend to learn a craft with you? Sharing progress through pictures or making small objects to send to each other lets them know you're thinking of them.

Taking the time to craft provides us with so much more than covered here; it is also a form of self-expression, a skill that can be turned into a career, and a way of improving memory and cognitive skills. You don't need to know everything at the start to enjoy the health benefits of crafting, you will reap the rewards whether you're a complete beginner or you have years of experience so why not pick up your needles or hooks and enjoy some yarn therapy.

# BENTLEY GARDEN CLUB



At the time of writing (5<sup>th</sup> January 2021) strict Covid-19 restrictions are still in place. Even with the roll out of the vaccination programme it is impossible to know when restrictions are likely to be removed enough for us to restart our monthly get togethers. Hopefully, we will be able to meet again sometime later in 2021. As soon as this is possible, and speakers are booked, we will let you know.

We know that you paid your subscription for 2020 and were only 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*

## BENTLEY MEMORIAL HALL 100+ CLUB

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

Contact Steve Fice, Chairman Bentley Memorial Hall 01420 22197  
steve.fice@btinternet.com

### Congratulations to the Winners

#### December 2020

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2 <sup>nd</sup> prize Jean Stephens	2 <sup>nd</sup> prize Stella Croom-Johnson
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize Joan Longhurst	3 <sup>rd</sup> prize Kathy Ogilvie Thompson

Details of the February 2021 draw will appear  
in the next magazine.

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# NOVEMBER WEATHER STATISTICS

## Temperature

Daytime maximum 16.2°C (7<sup>th</sup>) to 5.6°C (27<sup>th</sup>)  
4 days below 10°C

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Nighttime minimum -2.9°C (4<sup>th</sup>) to 11.4°C (17<sup>th</sup>)  
9 nights below 0°C

## Rainfall

Total for month 2.28 inches (58.0 mm) over 19 days

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Wettest days 0.92 inches (23.4 mm) (14<sup>th</sup>)

## Wind

Dominant wind direction South West

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Maximum gust 32 mph (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>)

# DECEMBER WEATHER STATISTICS

## Temperature

Daytime maximum 12.8°C (21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>) to 0.8°C (31<sup>st</sup>)  
19 days above 10°C / 9 days below 5°C

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Nighttime minimum -4.7°C (31<sup>st</sup>) to 10.2°C (18<sup>th</sup>)  
11 nights below 0°C

## Rainfall

Total for month 3.51 inches (89.2 mm) over 25 days

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Wettest days 0.68 inches (17.2 mm) (27<sup>th</sup>)

## Wind

Dominant wind direction South South West

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Maximum gust 33 mph (27<sup>th</sup>)

## WEATHER STATISTICS FOR 2020



### Temperature



Highest Daytime temperature 36.6°C (11<sup>th</sup> August)

Lowest Nighttime temperature -5.7°C (25<sup>th</sup> March)



### Rainfall



Total rainfall 31.19 inches (792.1 mm) (wettest month was October)



### Wind



Strongest gust of wind 41 mph (14th January)

*Parish Weatherman*

## Patient Participation Group

### Bentley Village Surgery

The Bentley Village Surgery Patient Participation Group (BVS-PPG), set up early this year as a bridge between the practice and its patients; improving communications both ways and helping develop local health services. There are 10 patient members and a representative from the Practice.

Having got started, Covid 19 changed our focus dramatically and the Group has spent the last 9 months trying to give what help it can to the Practice. This dreadful disease has put an immense additional burden on our doctors and their staff and presented them with serious challenges and we aim to help wherever we can with practical help and support from the local community.

Most recently we organised help with the Flu Vaccination Clinics with volunteers, within the surgery and outside as traffic marshals, helping to make these (now almost completed) a success. The next challenge will (we hope) be Covid Vaccination Clinics, when the Government gives the go-ahead, probably in the New Year. These will probably be held in a central location, not at the practice, but please be patient, the surgery will keep everyone informed as soon as any details are available.

In the meantime the BVS-PPG would like to say HUGE THANK YOU, on behalf of all the patients, to all the staff at the surgery for their tireless work, in extraordinary circumstances this year. We know the pandemic is not yet behind us but we want the staff to know that we appreciate their hard work and wish them well.

BVS-PPG

# WAYMARKS...

## Covid 19

**As I start to write this piece, Hampshire has gone into Tier 4, so putting an end to any hopes of New Year walking in groups. Who knows how long we will face restrictions? Nevertheless, you can still go out individually or in family groups, so please continue making the most of our lovely countryside!**

## Footpath improvements at South Hay

On Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, all members of Binsted Rights of Way Group turned out to remove two dilapidated stiles and install new kissing gates on paths 18 and 16b, between South Hay and Wheatley. Group member Claire Wood took a series of photographs of the working party in operation and presents her impressions below.

## New year, new kissing gates!

Thankfully, dry weather greeted Binsted's team of volunteer path wardens as they spent a wintry December day replacing two crumbling stiles on the parish's rights of way network.

Under the guidance of Adam Macey, HCC Community Engagement Ranger, the group installed two new kissing gates on the right of way just east of South Hay.



*Removing a stile and positioning the new gate*



*Assembling the second kissing gate*

Improvements like this are important, particularly at this time when walking in our beautiful countryside is attracting more people than ever. It is crucial to ensure as much access to paths by keeping them in as good a condition as possible.

Binsted's rights of ways volunteers regularly inspect, grade and maintain our paths and bridleways, but anyone can report and track

rights of way problems, using Hampshire's Countryside Access Management website: [www.hantsrow.esdm.co.uk](http://www.hantsrow.esdm.co.uk)

The installation of the kissing gates was a joint project, funded by Hampshire County Council and supported by the landowner.



*One kissing gate finished!!*



*...and a few days later in better weather*

### **Why are kissing gates so large?**

Kissing gates need to be large enough to accommodate a wheelchair. Although the normal action of the gate is for it to swing back within the circular structure, allowing a walker to squeeze pass the gate and continue on their way, there is a special arrangement for those users who are dependent upon a wheelchair. The photograph below shows how the gate can be released to swing the other way if opened by a Radar key.



## Alton Walking Festival 2021

Alton Town Council is planning to offer the Walking Festival throughout May 2021, so, fingers crossed that the event will still be able to take place. If it does go ahead, a wide range of walks of varying lengths will be on offer, some within the parishes of Binsted and Bentley. More details will be provided when things become clearer at a later date!

### Walk of the Month

Here's a walk largely within the parish of Bentley, which approaches Crondall; it is just under 7 miles in length and would be an ideal walk for a dry, bright winter's day

#### Bentley to East Green

Start at the car park at Bentley Recreation Ground, which is off School Lane. Head across the playing field to go through a gate in the far corner, then turn left and walk along the road for a short distance, soon heading off to the left on a path which crosses a field, meets the St Swithun's Way and continues across another field, then passes through a series of three kissing gates and over another field to meet a lane. Cross the lane and go ahead on a metalled lane which brings you to East Green.

#### East Green to Lee Wood

Follow the lane around to the left and turn left again at a lane junction. Shortly afterwards, turn right on a path through Wallfield Copse. At the far side of the Copse, go right and then left to climb steeply up a field and continue ahead in a broadly north easterly direction until you reach a lane. Go left and soon turn right onto a bridleway. When you reach another lane (Old Farnham Lane), turn left, leaving St Swithun's Way, and walk uphill, bearing right where the lane joins another lane, continuing ahead past a spot height of 137 metres. Bear left at the next

lane junction and turn right onto a footpath, leaving the parish of Bentley, shortly afterwards. The next mile or so of pleasant easy walking in a northerly direction takes you gently uphill and then firmly downhill. You'll see Clare Park over to your right. The path widens and becomes a track, which swerves left at the bottom of the slope; follow it and ignore the footpath continuing ahead towards Crondall.

At the next junction, turn right, with a good view of Crondall church ahead, then left. Follow the track west and then briefly north before turning left onto a track which heads in a southwesterly direction towards Lee Wood.

#### Lee Wood to Bentley

As you enter the wood, the track becomes a narrower path and bears left; ignore the turn on the right. You now head in a southerly direction through the wood, ignoring another path on the right, until emerging near Swanthorpe House. At a junction with a metalled lane, bear right and then bear left at another lane junction. Looking to the right you'll see Horsedown Common (165m) across the fields. Continue ahead on the lane to a crossroads (where you re-enter the parish of Bentley). Go straight across and downhill past Glade Farm, then on up the hill on the far side and round a bend in the lane (watch out for traffic at this point).

You'll see a footpath sign on the left; cross the stile and follow a rough path down the edge of the field to emerge at Bury Court Cottages. Follow the metalled track south to reach and pass Bury Court. The last part of the walk to reach Bentley is a pleasant stroll along a sunken green lane to Bentley Church.

After Bentley church continue ahead on the lane and then turn left at a junction. Walk east along the lane for a short distance before turning right into School Lane and so back to your starting point, just beyond the school.

# WILD GEESE: LOOKING OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER

The following comes from the Bentley Magazine of December 1981 and in these times of Lockdown Mark 3, it seems to me that we need that V-shaped formation just as much as this aids the geese on their flight.

“One of the intriguing mysteries of nature is a flock of wild geese flying in a V-shaped formation. When a group of aerodynamic engineers studied this phenomenon they made an interesting discovery.

As the geese fly in the V-formation, the flapping of the wings of each bird gives an uplift to the one before and behind him, and he in turn receives an uplift from them. This lift creates approximately 70% more forward thrust, so that as a group the geese can fly further than they can individually. If one goose slips out of formation and tries to fly on his own, he gives and receives nothing.

In these troubled days God is trying to pull us together and show us that as we move with one another, we can go further and accomplish more than we can by travelling alone. He is telling us that if we walk side by side, love each other and feel for one another, we will be stronger and have a much more powerful thrust in our lives, both as a Church and as individuals.”

What this article fails to mention is that, the lead goose in a V-shaped formation constantly changes, falling back as they become tired. Perhaps there is a lesson there for us, in looking to step up and support our church leadership in whatever way we can, to ensure they continue to have sufficient energy and wherewithal to best support us in these unusual times.

# BINSTED VILLAGE ADVENT CALENDAR



The second year of this popular project was a huge success. So many people wanted to take part that some days had to have more than one design. The imaginative glowing designs brought joy to everyone who saw them in the days before Christmas.

Thanks to everyone who contributed, starting with Binsted School on December 1, getting the calendar off to a colourful start. And special thanks to Tessa Droy who created the stunning design for Holy Cross Church on December 24. Not just one window, but both sides of the church porch, depicting the entire Nativity story! Thank you to everyone in this beautiful village for embracing Advent so wholeheartedly and giving us all joy and hope in these challenging times.



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There are many interesting **photos of Old Alton** as well information on **items in the Collections**, and if you have any queries - or perhaps recognise a scene – you can post a comment on Facebook or email our Manager Cerian Gale (email address at the top). Cerian will be checking the emails every week and she and Local Historian Jane Hurst will be glad to provide some extra background.

Hope to see you back at the venues in the near future.

Jill Line

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends

Thank you for your generous Christmas gifts. My family and I will undoubtedly enjoy the two bottles of delicious Champagne when we are all next together. Then when I can next browse in Waterstones I look forward to using my gift card. This all feels very self indulgent - thank you very much.

Best wishes to all of you.

*Christopher*

# Covid Vaccination Update: A31 Primary Care Network – January 2021

The roll out of the vaccination programme will take place as quickly as supplies allow. Please note that so far, Covid vaccines have been very limited in terms of supplies, despite press and news coverage setting a different level of expectation. This is the case for both the Pfizer and the Astra Zeneca vaccines.

- 1. Please be patient and wait to be contacted:** Practice staff and NHS staff in a local contact centre will be handling appointment bookings for patients across North Hampshire, including patients registered at Bentley Village Surgery, Boundaries, Chawton Park Surgery and The Wilson Practice.
- 2. Please avoid calling your surgery for information:** Vaccine rollout is being planned and managed at scale across North Hampshire so that individual GP practices can continue to provide care in the normal way. Practice telephone lines need to remain open to patients for these services.
- 3. Please be reassured - YOU WILL BE CONTACTED when your appointment is due:**
  - Landline calls will be made to people without mobile phones. If contact cannot be established by mobile phone or landline, patients will receive a letter.
  - Within a priority group, patients will be called for vaccination in age order in accordance with guidance from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).
- 4. Please turn up for your appointment:** Every vaccine shot is a precious commodity. Although few in number, there have already been missed appointments. If you are unable to make your appointment, please call the number provided as soon as possible so that your appointment and vaccine can be reallocated.
- 5. After your vaccination, please continue to follow all guidance to control the virus:** The large increase in cases hospitals are seeing and the emergence of a new variant of the virus shows us that we cannot let our guard down. Even those who have received a vaccine still need to follow social distancing and all other guidance relating to reducing the spread, for example continuing to wear masks.

Although this is the biggest vaccination programme the NHS has ever undertaken, it is important to remember the NHS is used to delivering millions of vaccines a year. In our local area we are off to an excellent start with the rollout programme at our Covid vaccination hub at Chineham. For example, patients who were invited to receive the Pfizer vaccine before Christmas have received their second dose as originally scheduled.

The vaccine clinics are at a dedicated hub in Chineham: While recognising the challenges for a number of patients in terms of getting to Chineham, please understand that having a dedicated hub is the most effective way to deliver a mass vaccination programme alongside provision of normal practice-based GP services. *The Covid vaccination programme is very different when compared to the annual local flu clinics that you may be familiar with.* The scale, the process, the stringent requirements and the speed at which this must be delivered, added to the need to maintain day-to-day GP services and be there when patients need help in what must be the most challenging winter health crisis we have ever faced, all point to the need for a shared service to ensure that the vaccine can be distributed with minimum disruption and in the shortest possible time, subject to supply.

The aim is to give protection to as many people as possible, as quickly as possible. The planning in our area has been GP-led and much thought has been given to balancing all the factors involved. Please be reassured vaccinations will be given locally to care-home residents and to patients who are house-bound.

For all other patients, please find ways to get yourself to Chineham, asking for support from relatives and support bubbles where necessary. Local Care Group Services and other volunteer groups may be able to help, depending on availability of drivers and Covid risk assessments.

**Thank you for your patience, understanding and doing all you can to follow what is being asked of you here.**

# BOOK REVIEWS

**Author of the month: Rowan Williams.** Rowan Williams is a former Archbishop of Canterbury and a former Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge. He is an outstanding theological writer and teacher, and an accomplished poet and translator.

## Book of the month:

**“Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life”, SPCK, 2016, 86 pages.**

Very good copies available from [www.bookfinder.com](http://www.bookfinder.com) at the time of writing from £3.95 including postage.

Bentley, Binsted and Froyle are embarking on an Alpha course. A pioneer of that course describes Rowan Williams as having godly wisdom which helps us understand profound truths.

A disciple is someone who learns and follows. The book explores more about what that means, about growing in relationship, in fruitfulness, in service and in joy. It is about being aware and attentive, being with Jesus, and being with the Father through the Son. It covers faith and understanding, hope and memory, and love and want.

It also deals with forgiveness, and examines what is meant by “the Lord”, “the Spirit”

and “being transformed”. We are reminded that we are each of equal value to God and are all dependent on each other. The book asks “How can Christians make a difference?” and concludes with brilliant thoughts about self-knowledge, stillness, growth and joy.

Two ideas which this reviewer found especially helpful are:

- Becoming holy is being taken over by the extraordinariness of God.
- To hear what God is saying we need a degree of stillness – stillness of body as well as of mind or heart.

Readers may also be interested in Rowan Williams’ more recent book:

**“Candles in the Dark: Faith, hope and love in a time of pandemic”, SPCK, 2020, 96 pages.** New copies available from [www.bookfinder.com](http://www.bookfinder.com) at the time of writing from £7.69 including postage.



## Binsted Church Christmas **Sales Success**

A huge thank you to those who supported the sale of Christmas cards depicting scenes of Holy Cross Church, Binsted and the purchase of the beautifully handmade Christmas wreaths. A profit of £778.25 has been made, which is much needed for the Church funds. Let us hope that the Christmas Fair can take place next year.

# Yews

Yews are one of only three conifers native to Britain. In Binsted they have radiated out from the churchyards. They have been around for a long time. The world's oldest known wooden implement is a yew spear, believed to be around 420,000 years old, found at Clacton, Essex. Individual trees can live for thousands of years but they never grow particularly tall. Get up close and you can see why. Instead of a single trunk the base is a bundle of smaller ones, as if the tree keeps starting again every so often.

There are two genders. The males grow small cones which shed clouds of pollen in early spring, and from early September the females bear small, cup-shaped berries called arils. (There is also some evidence, apparently, of gender reassignment). The arils, like most parts of the yew, are not for human consumption, but in November you will often see the trees seething with thrushes and crows building up their fat stores for the coming winter. At the same time they are helping to distribute the seeds of the next generation of yews.

The rule-of-thumb that the slowest-growing trees produce the strongest wood certainly applies here. The best bows were made from yew wood, hence the word yeoman. Such was the strategic importance of this raw material that exports were banned at one time. 2m-long yew bows were found in Henry VIII's warship Mary Rose, when it was raised from the sea bed.

There is no longer a call for yew plantations but they have been planted in churchyards for as long as such places have existed. The pragmatic explanation for this is that it would encourage the keepers of livestock to stop their animals grazing in the cemeteries, given that the stock could come to harm by eating yew foliage. However there is no doubt that the tree also had a deep spiritual importance even back in pre-Christian times

We have lived with yews for all these millennia and throughout that time they have been the inspiration for writers, including Shakespeare, Wordsworth, and Lawrence. Having just wandered through the Holy Cross churchyard to the grave of Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, which is overhung by a fine yew, I find these words to be apt:

*OLD Yew, which graspest at the stones  
That name the under-lying dead,  
Thy fibres net the dreamless head,  
Thy roots are wrapt about the bones.*

*The seasons bring the flower again,  
And bring the firstling to the flock;  
And in the dusk of thee, the clock  
Beats out the little lives of men.*

From **In Memoriam** by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Ben Hamlin  
Tree Warden

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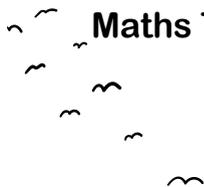
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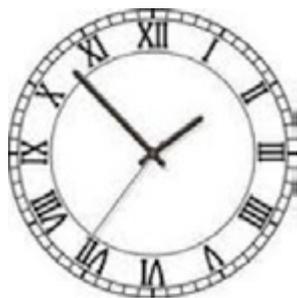
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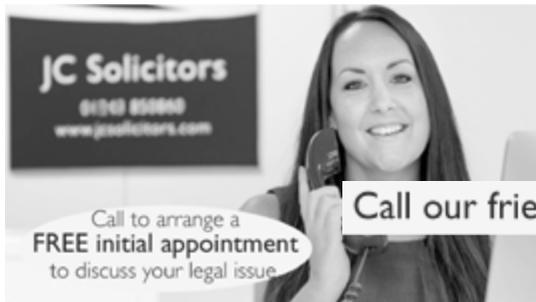
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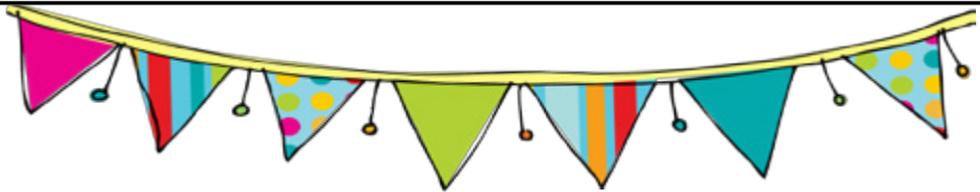
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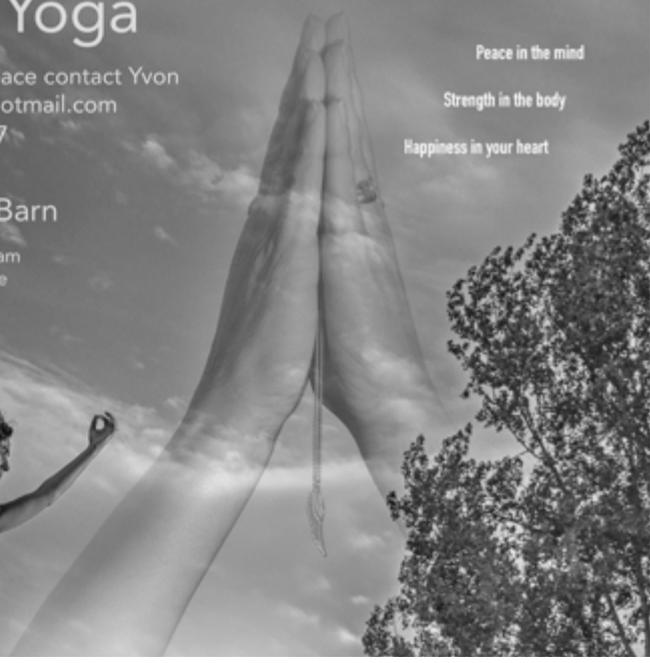
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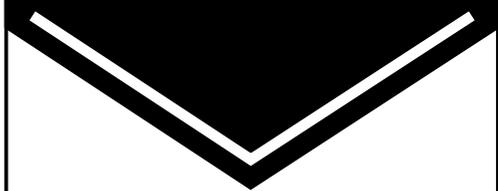
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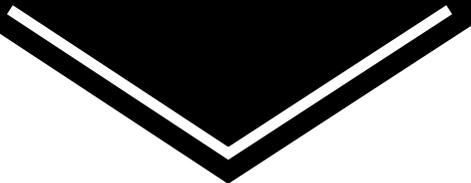
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