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Dear Villagers

As I write, the world around us is changing very quickly as governments, nations and we as churches seek to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. The situation we face involves much less movement and less face to face contact than we have been used to. It can seem bewildering and frightening. No doubt many of you will remember the dreadful period when foot and mouth disease forced an effective shutdown of the rural environment to visitors. Covid-19 however is not an agricultural disease and so a different response – our churches can be open.

It is heartening to see that already (less than 24 hours on from the increased restrictions announced by the government) many in our communities are springing into action. Through regular phone calls, local contacts, social media and using willing volunteers to help those who need to self-isolate, we can and should support each other through whatever lies ahead.

As Christians we proclaim a resurrection hope that Easter will still happen. However dark the days may be in the next few weeks, the light of Christ will not be put out. We know that God has not left us and has not brought this upon us as punishment, because God's way is one of love and He stands with us. Let's hold onto hope, look out for each other and look forward to one big party when this crisis is behind us, and once more we can with confidence grasp and shake our neighbours' hand.

Finally a prayer for these times:

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.*

*In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
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Rev'd Julia Curtis

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This gathering is suspended for the time being.

From the registers

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Rachel Arnold, whose funeral was at 4.30pm on Friday 27th March at Wyre Forest Crematorium. Due to current travel restrictions, we gathered locally in Eastham church at the same time to show support for Paul and the family.

Covid-19 response

Each of our communities will be coordinating a local response to the current situation. Do contact me or a member of the pastoral team if you need to be put in touch with local provision or would like a regular phone call to say 'hello' and have a chat.

We are investigating live streaming of services here in TVS, and pointers for on-line prayers, including some to use with children, can be found on the church of England website at www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-liturgy-and-prayer-resources.

Regular services and open churches

During the virus outbreak we will be maintaining a pattern of regular prayer in our communities and keeping our churches open for as long as we are allowed. Therefore, from 23rd March, as many ministers as are available will be in church to pray on behalf of everyone as follows:

Tuesday	9am	Eastham Church
	5pm	Hanley Childe Church
Wednesday	10am	Rochford Church
Thursday	9am	Stanford Church
	5pm	Stoke Bliss Church
Friday	9am	Kyre Church
Saturday	9am	Hanley William Church

If you have a prayer request to be included please ring or email me or your local pastoral team member – see Teme Valley South Contacts on page 2.

Rev'd Julia Curtis

This month's front cover: *Flowers* by local artist Mel Williams, who is exhibiting her work at The Gallery, Shepherd Market in London from 5th to 9th May, see page 12.

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Saturday winners

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Feb 22nd No17 Rita Slater
Feb 29th No 9 Val Rabbit
March 7th No 42 Colin Lord
March 14th No14 Mrs Robinson

There are still plenty of numbers available – why not join in? It's just £1 per draw and the profits are split between Rochford church and the village hall – plus you get two chances each week to win £25!

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Teme Valley Tote

March's prize draw of the Tote, the twelfth and last in this series, was decided when Rev'd Julia Curtis rolled the dice on 3rd March to select the set of random numbers. Prize winners are:

£50 – **Mrs C Gardner** of Eastham (No 315)
£30 – **Mr W R Austin** of Lindridge (No 195)
£20 – **Mr J Cumming** of Eastham (No 293)

Remember a new series starts in April. Just £10 to be entered in 12 monthly draws with prizes each month of £50, £30 and £20. If you have not already joined please contact Robin Dean on 01886 853295 or robin.c.dean@gmail.com, or your local co-ordinator. If you wish to help your local co-ordinator, please contact them or Robin as above.

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Rochford News

Rochford village prides itself on its community activities at both the church and village hall, but unfortunately all these activities are now postponed or cancelled, as per government advice to reduce the risk of coronavirus. Government advice is that people are urged to avoid all non-essential contact and everyone should do what they can to stop coronavirus spreading, particularly important for people who are 70 or over, have a long-term health condition, are pregnant or have a weakened immune system.

This means that the Murder Mystery evening at Rochford Village Hall, which was to have taken place at the end of March, is postponed, Neighbourhood Lunches are cancelled until further notice, all church services are currently cancelled. The church will remain open for anyone who wishes to visit and live streaming of services and pointers for on-line prayers are being investigated, so please keep checking the TVS Facebook page.

A doctor writes ...

On the subject of Facebook, my sister shared a letter with me from a doctor and infectious diseases specialist in Toronto, and I thought it was worth sharing some extracts of this well written letter with you. If you want to read it all, I will share the link on the TVS Facebook Page.

Dr Abdhu Sharkawy writes, "I am not scared of Covid-19. I am rightly concerned for the welfare of those who are elderly, in frail health or disenfranchised who stand to suffer mostly, and disproportionately, at the hands of this new scourge. I am scared about the loss of reason and wave of fear that has induced the masses of society into a spellbinding spiral of panic buying and stockpiling and masks and hand gels that are stolen from hospitals and urgent care clinics where they are actually needed for front line healthcare providers.

"I am scared that travel restrictions will be-

come so far reaching that weddings will be cancelled, graduations missed and family reunions will not materialize. I'm scared those same epidemic fears will limit trade, harm partnerships in multiple sectors, business and otherwise and ultimately culminate in a global recession.

"But mostly, I'm scared about what message we are telling our kids when faced with a threat. Instead of reason, rationality, open-mindedness and altruism, we are telling them to panic, be fearful, suspicious, reactionary and self-interested. The fact is the virus itself will not likely do much harm for many, when it arrives. But our own behaviours and "fight for yourself above all else" attitude could prove disastrous. So I implore you all. Temper fear with reason, panic with patience and uncertainty with education. We have an opportunity to learn a great deal about health hygiene and limiting the spread of innumerable transmissible diseases in our society. Let's meet this challenge together in the best spirit of compassion for others, patience, and above all, an unflinching effort to seek truth, facts and knowledge as opposed to conjecture, speculation and catastrophizing. Facts not fear. Clean hands. Open hearts. Our children will thank us for it."

Andrew Barbé

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Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall

In the light of current circumstances we have taken the step to close the Village Hall and cancel all upcoming events until further notice. Clearly this will mean cancelling pub nights, coffee mornings, neighbourhood lunches and the annual Spring Plant Fair.

Mike Williams

Stoke Bliss & Kyre Neighbourhood Lunches

Sadly we have had to cancel the neighbourhood lunches until further notice **but we are still here to help in any way we can.** So if you need a friend, shopping, transport or any other help, please use the contact numbers on your neighbourhood lunch calendar and one of the team will return your call. We have not forgotten you and are keen to make sure you don't feel alone at this difficult time.

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Grand prize draw

The Stoke Bliss and Kyre Area Church Committee was planning a grand prize draw to run throughout this year and be drawn at Christmas. This was to raise funds for the ceiling repair project at St Peter's, Stoke Bliss.

Due to the unforeseen cancellation of most local events where we would have been selling the draw tickets, we have decided to postpone the draw until next year, when hopefully things will have returned to normal.

We would like to thank those people who had already generously agreed to donate prizes.

Deb Ellis

Neighbourhood lunches

I am very sorry that the wrong date appeared in March's edition of TemeTalk. The monthly Neighbourhood Lunch will remain on the second Thursday of the month when it resumes.

Rev'd Julia Curtis

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Eastham Jottings

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Open all hours

Although there are no services at the church until further notice, the church will always be open and the church and churchyard kept in good order for anyone to come at any time. Julia will be there at 9am every Tuesday.

Eastham Memorial Hall

All events in the hall are postponed until further notice. These include regular events – coffee mornings on the first Wednesday of the month, pub nights on the third Friday, Gardening Club on every other third Tuesday and Tea Time in April, and special events – the Easter flower workshop, skittles and quiz and curry evening, parish council meetings and annual meeting, elections (7th May), the hall AGM (8th June).

Committees will meet via online video services like Zoom, Skype, PowWowNow etc. The trustees will keep the hall in good order during this time.

Church and churchyard spring clean

Let's get in good shape by Saturday 18th April. Please come down on that day or anytime during the weeks before then to square things up.

Flowers, cleaning and sidesmen

April – Sally Jones
May – Tammy Starling

Quiz and Curry evening

Unfortunately the quiz and curry evening planned for Saturday 25th April at Eastham Memorial Hall has been cancelled.

Eastham Litter Pick

About 20 people turned out for the litter pick on 14th March and a great job was done tidying up the roads of Eastham. A special thanks to Worcestershire County Council and Malvern Hills Council who cleared away the fly tipping near Eastham Bridge in early January before the floods played havoc on the weekend of 15th February.

Eastham Riverside Fête

We are planning towards Sunday 16th August and the schedule is already printed, kindly sponsored by Nick Champion. Please get your copy and start planting and perfecting your cooking during the summer. Make sure you have your potatoes planted ready to grow and flourish. The band is booked, and the raffle tickets are on order. Please make sure 16th August is in your diary now.

Annual Pumpkin Competition

Believe it or not, pumpkins will not be affected by coronavirus! So if you want to be in with a chance of winning in Eastham's annual pumpkin competition you will need to get on and plant the seed. Seed from last year's massive winning entry is available by request from Eastham Garden Club, please email Di Clarke, dianac Clarke17@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 07779 047578

The seed will need to be sown during April/May and plants kept very well-watered through the year. The grand weighing and prize giving will be held in October, look out for the details nearer the time.

Good luck!

Celia Adams

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Art Classes

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Our regular monthly service

We have cancelled our regular monthly services for the time being – it is possible that some services will be streamed from Stanford for the whole parish because we have wifi.

Easter service at Stanford

We will not be holding our Dawn Service on Easter Day (12th April) – again there may be a streamed service if you have access to the internet – please look at the Teme Valley South website for further information.

Walking Church from Stanford

We hope to have a Walking Church event at 2pm on 19th April – meet in St Mary's car park and bring wellingtons! Contact Robin (01886 853295) or email robin.c.dean@gmail.com to confirm this before coming to St Mary's.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This meeting, planned for 29th April at Rochford Village Hall, will almost certainly be postponed – watch out for further announcements.

Monthly whist drives

These are over for this season – many thanks to Jenny Hughes and her helpers for organising them. Look for dates starting in the autumn.

Teme Valley Tote

This will still go ahead. We are starting a new series this month. Alexandra has been collecting subscriptions – if you pay by standing order then you will only be contacted if there is a problem. Full details of the Tote are on page 16.

Wine Tasting Evening

The wine tasting evening planned for 23rd April has been postponed until later in the year.

Acapella Concert at St Mary's

The Acapella Concert planned for 2nd May at St Mary's Stanford has been cancelled. It is hoped to reschedule it for next year.

VE Day Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May (VE Day Bank Holiday) – We are not sure what is going to happen but hopefully we will have a better idea with details next month.

Volunteers please – again

People have recently joined both the Church Committee and the Village Hall Committee but we would welcome some more. Robin (01886 853295) is happy to explain what is involved and you are welcome to one of our meetings so that you can see what it is like. We need people to organise events and assist.

Robin Dean

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Rachel Arnold – a tribute

It is with great sadness that the community of Eastham said goodbye to Rachel Arnold, as she lost her short battle with mouth cancer in March. Despite the care of expert doctors, there was nothing that could be done to help Rachel recover and sadly she died, with her husband Paul by her side, in St Richard's Hospice.

We all feel shocked by this, but Rachel would not have wanted our memories of her to be sad ones – she was a positive, smiley girl who wanted to look after everyone. Just one example of this was her care for Jim and Dilys Froggatt in their old age. Many benefited from her gift for fundraising, her organisational skills and her cheerful, friendly way.

Paul and Rachel met as teenagers and had been together since 1981. They were a couple for 39 very special years. It almost goes without saying that her family was so very important to Rachel and her daughters (Lucy, Jenna and Becky) and grandchildren were at the centre of her life. She also loved animals and the world

around her, particularly rainbows – her favourite song was Eva Cassidy's version of *Over the Rainbow*.

Paul and the family are so grateful for all the support, cards and tributes that they have received since Rachel became ill. They have been overwhelmed by the kind things said and tributes shared about Rachel, and Paul thanks everyone for this.

Rachel will be sadly missed and, as a community, we hope to come together to celebrate her life later this year.

A strong and beautiful person: she loved people, and people loved her.

May she rest in peace.

Rev'd Julia Curtis

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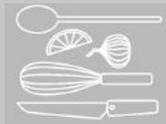
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Teme Valley Tote starts again

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All surplus from the Tote goes to the churches in Teme Valley North and Teme Valley South – last year this amounted to over £3,000. Each ticket costs £10 and enters you in each of the twelve months' draws. There are three prizes each month (£50, £30 and £20). You are able to have as many tickets as you wish. Often people buy a ticket for each member of their family.

Your local Teme Valley South co-ordinators are:

Eastham – Celia Adams

Stoke Bliss and Kyre – Margaret Yarnold

Stanford – Alexandra Winnington

Your local co-ordinators will welcome people to assist them in collecting – please contact them if you can help.

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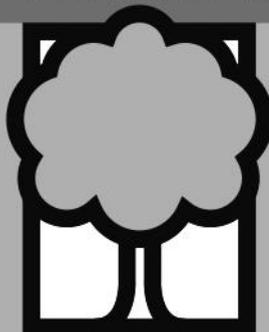


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A message from the artist ...

Ever since we moved into our new house we've been looking for a painting for our staircase wall, and last week we found one on a website called Artfinder.

So I paid the money and had a confirmation email. So far so good, but then I had an email from Artfinder telling me that the artist had a message for me. What could this be? Had she changed her mind about selling it? Had she inadvertently put her fist through the canvas? "Click here" said the email, so I did and found myself on the Artfinder website, with no sign of any message or any place to look for it.

I knew I hadn't set up an account when I bought the picture - this would definitely be a one-off event! Nevertheless I clicked on "my account", entered my email address and then clicked on "forgotten my password".

An email arrived shortly inviting me to reset my password, and then type the new password again, and then, because I'd been careless, type it twice again because the first two didn't match.

Then back to the website to log in. I typed my email address and the new password, and then found where the message must be which meant typing in my email address and password again.

So eventually, after about fifteen minutes of typing my email address and password, I got to where the message from the artist was. And do you know what it said? "Thank you".

SG



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More Rochford News – and now for something completely different ...

My wife is the third generation of her family to live in our house, so we have some interesting old books, letters and papers. I happened to be looking on the bookshelves and came across an old Burford Deaneries Magazine from September 1897, Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee year. I'll share a few extracts from this over the next few months while we have no events to publicise in Rochford.

The Rochford Section

The members of the Tenbury and Rochford branches of the mothers union were entertained to tea at the Rectory with an address being given after tea by Mrs Palmer of Eardisley. Some 60 to 70 sat down to tea and all seemed to enjoy themselves and to enjoy a stroll in the rectory garden. Unfortunately the weather was not so fine as could have been wished; still it was not sufficiently wet to cause inconvenience.

The Annual Meeting of the subscribers to our school was held, though we are sorry to say only some eight attended in response to some 40 to 50 notices sent out. We think it is a great pity that this should be so. We presume however everyone is so fully satisfied with the management as to see no need to interfere.

The Lindridge Section

The old people of the Parish were entertained at a Jubilee tea at Eardiston. 35 accepted the invitations which were issued to those above the age of 60. Conveyances were sent to various parts of the parish for those unable to accomplish the walk and on arriving the party were conducted round the gardens and greenhouses, and later on over parts of the house. Tea over, the vicar called for three cheers for the Queen, and subsequently some indulged in a game of bowls until it was time to return home. After tea, Miss Wallace presented each man with a packet of tobacco and each woman with a packet of tea. Hearty cheers were given for the entertainers by their guests as they drove off.

The elder boys of the choir and school, went by excursion from Wofferton to Blackpool, and as only two of the number had seen the sea before it was a day to be remembered. The only drawback was the excursion train's unpunctuality.

The Diocesan Van of the Church Army has been engaged for the hoppicking, and will, on Saturday Sept 4, take up its position at Eardiston.

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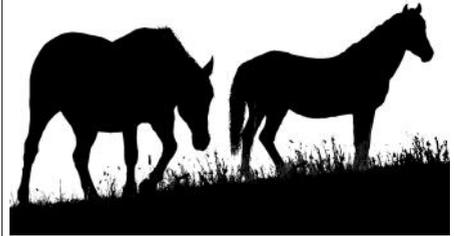
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A pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The third instalment of Maggie Downes' memories of her trip to the Holy Land last November ...

The following day we visited the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu (Gallicantu meaning cock's crow), a Roman Catholic church located on the eastern slope of Mount Zion, just outside the old walled City of Jerusalem. This church is built on the site of the High Priest's palace, Caiaphas, the courtyard of which, it is believed, was where Peter denied Christ three times. The

church is built over several caves, one of which is reputed to be where Christ was held after his arrest. This church has had a chequered history, being destroyed and rebuilt many times, the last time in 1931, so a relatively modern church. We then went on to visit the Tower of David (also known as Jerusalem Citadel) which



(Above) the Western Wall and (below) the River Jordan

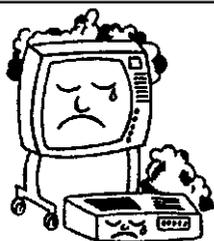
is located near the Jaffa Gate. Tower of David was so named as Byzantine Christians believed the site to be King David's palace. The museum here, opened in 1989, has exhibits covering 4,000 years of Jerusalem's history, from the Canaanite period to modern times. It was a whistlestop tour, just giving us a flavour of the place; again, we could have spent days

here. I did, at least, climb the ramparts to be rewarded with a 360 degree view of the Old and New City of Jerusalem.

After lunch in the Armenian Quarter of the Old City we walked from the Cathedral of St James to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on the way visiting the Syrian Church of St Mark, the Orthodox Church of St John the Baptist and the German Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Our leader ensured that we visited different churches and had a taste of different religions and we visited many and varied churches during our stay.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built on the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion,

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burial and resurrection. It stands on top of the hill known as Golgotha where Jesus was crucified and situated in the Christian Quarter of the Old City. The exterior wasn't very impressive, being squashed between other buildings, but it was very atmospheric and beautiful inside, being the most venerated of all Christian sites.

We then went on to the Western Wall. It was built to support the western side of the Temple Mount and now the wall is the only part of the temple to survive. Seen so many times on television, it was as if I had been there before and



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to touch that wall, for many, gave a feeling of divine presence. It was crowded and men and women were segregated. People were praying, touching the wall and pushing messages between the brickwork.

The next day we drove to Jericho, the City of Palms, supposedly the oldest city in the world. Crop rotation was invented here and there is a 10,000 year old stone age tower. We visited the Romanian Orthodox Church of the Nativity. This is a modern building which was the centre of an international ecclesiastical storm. The church was built against the wishes of the Jerusalem Patriarchate and the entire Romanian Orthodox Church, numbering millions, were excommunicated. Eventually, relations were restored in 2014. The church is highly decorated and you cannot but admire the interior.

We then went on to the River Jordan. It had been closed until recently due to the discovery of a land mine. It wasn't what I expected – the part we visited was not a lot wider than Kyre Brook! In fact you could wade across to Jordan (but you might get your passport wet and would no doubt be turned back). There were a number of people getting wet just a little by having water poured on their heads from a jug to total immersion – I watched!

The next day we left Jerusalem and drove through the West Bank through the Judean Hills to Neblus. Here we visited Jacob's Well and a small Anglican Community at St Phillips which helps educate very young children. We enjoyed visiting their classrooms and, like all young children, being given the opportunity of a new experience, they were intrigued to see these funny looking strangers! We did not stay long as it was almost 'going home time' – we said goodbye to them and it was as if we'd known them all their lives, they were such a friendly little bunch.

We carried on to the Roman city of Sabastia where there were some camels tethered waiting for an unlikely pilgrim to take a ride. We stood and watched in fearful admiration as one of our number climbed aboard!

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Speeding

We are currently looking into automatic speed warning signs. This proves to be costly but we are still investigating the ongoing costs. If you see anyone speeding, please report to 101.

Neighbourhood Watch

Rochford has a WhatsApp group to notify everyone of any suspicious activity. If you would like to join the group please either email or text me your name and mobile number and I will forward it to admin.

Drainage

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Full minutes and agendas of future meetings are on the notice board by the telephone box or at services.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/

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Say you spot a brimstone or a holly blue, two early species, both common hereabouts, what next? Well, note the date and place and log on to an online database called iRecord (go to www.brc.ac.uk/irecord and follow the links). If you live between the points mentioned above, don't struggle with your six-figure OS reference number, just put in SO66.

It's SO66 that they are interested in, because in the last five years only 148 butterfly records have been noted from here, compared with 9,200 from SO95. Now, I haven't looked up where SO95 is, and I bet it's a hot-spot for keen-as-mustard expert butterfly-recorders, but I'd wager a pound to a penny that its butterflies are not better, rarer or more numerous than those in this lovely valley. So, if you spot a butterfly in 2020,

head to a computer and put us on the map. If you've taken part in the Big Butterfly Count well done, you've already contributed some records to the database.

The TVWG regularly does its bit to help children learn about butterflies. In the summer we take to Tenbury's Burgage armed with butterfly nets, specimen pots and identification charts and a gaggle of small people in tow. This is organised by Tenbury Library as part of their summer children's activities and this year, although we picked a day with sweltering heat, it was much enjoyed by all.

So, have I whetted your appetite? Can we put SO95 in the shade? I hope so.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday 9th April 9th when we welcome Suzanne Noble whose talk is called *Orchids in your Garden*. Do join us at 7.30pm at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall. It is just £2 on the door and everybody is most welcome.

Stephanie Macroft

For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area, or to give us your sightings or comments, visit our Facebook page. Our programme of events, bird survey and archive photographs are available on our website www.temevalley-wildlife.co.uk We normally hold meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact us by telephone on 01584 881397 or by email at twwg@outlook.com



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1 teaspoon salt, divided
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
¼ teaspoon onion powder
4 ounces cream cheese, softened
¼ cup grated Parmesan
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 ½ cups chopped fresh spinach
1 teaspoon garlic, minced
½ teaspoon red pepper flakes

Method

- Preheat oven to 200° C.
- Place the chicken breasts on a cutting board and drizzle with oil.
- Add the paprika, ½ teaspoon salt, garlic powder and onion powder to a small bowl and stir to combine. Sprinkle evenly over both sides of the chicken.

- Use a sharp knife to cut a pocket into the side of each chicken breast. Set chicken aside.
- Add cream cheese, Parmesan, mayonnaise, spinach, garlic, red pepper and remaining ½ teaspoon of salt to a small mixing bowl and stir well to combine.
- Spoon the spinach mixture into each chicken breast evenly.
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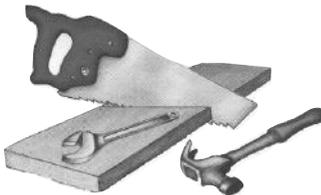
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18th Saturday Church and Churchyard Spring Clean, Eastham, 10am
19th Sunday Walking Church, St Mary's Stanford, 2pm

May

- 8th Friday VE Day 75th anniversary bank holiday
30th Saturday Open Gardens, Stoke Bliss & Kyre

Please note that events in June onwards are subject to cancellation or confirmation

June

- 1st Monday Coffee Morning, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 10.30am
10th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
11th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
13th Saturday Stoke Bliss & Kyre Fête and Dog Show
26th Friday Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7.30 to 10pm

July

- 1st Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
6th Monday Coffee Morning, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 10.30am
9th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
31st Friday Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7.30 to 10pm

August

- 1st Saturday Tenbury Countryside Show
3rd Monday Coffee Morning, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 10.30am
5th Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
13th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
16th Sunday 52nd Riverside Fête, Eastham
21st Friday Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7.30 to 10pm

September

- 2nd Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
7th Monday Coffee Morning, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 10.30am
10th Thursday Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
25th Friday Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7.30 to 10pm

**Send items for inclusion to Sandra Griffiths by 18th of the month
telephone 01568 750665 or email ronsmum@btconnect.com**

Services

April/May 2020

The Church of England has not closed its doors because of COVID-19, but we have been advised by our Archbishops that our worship will need to be adapted during the current period of suspension of services. In Teme Valley South we will be doing the following:

Regular services and open churches

During the virus outbreak we will be maintaining a pattern of regular prayer in our communities and keeping our churches open for as long as we are allowed. Therefore, from 23rd March, as many ministers as are available will be in church to pray on behalf of everyone as follows:

Tuesday	9am	Eastham Church	5pm	Hanley Childe Church
Wednesday	10am	Rochford Church		
Thursday	9am	Stanford Church	5pm	Stoke Bliss Church
Friday	9am	Kyre Church		
Saturday	9am	Hanley William Church		

If you have a prayer request to be included please ring or email me or your local pastoral team member – see Teme Valley South Contacts on page 2.

Sundays

Please check “A Church Near You” or follow Teme Valley South on Facebook – it is my intention to celebrate communion on behalf of the whole parish at 10am each Sunday.

Wherever you happen to be I encourage you to pray at this time so we can be united in spirit if not actually in the same place. The link below will help you with some ideas.

www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-liturgy-and-prayer-resources

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stokeblisskyrevillagehall@gmail.com

Rochford – Ann Prosser, 01584 781317

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