

# CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



MAY 2020

# Saint Andrew's Church

## From the PCC

There was an interesting article in "The Times" on Saturday 18 April. Each week there is a column entitled "Credo" tucked away towards the back of the paper, somewhere past the obituaries and is written by a variety of contributors about their thoughts concerning their own particular faith.

On 18 April the column was written by Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce, the Rector of St Bride's Church in Fleet Street. She tells about one of her predecessors in the post in 1665, a Priest by the name of Richard Peirson during the height of the plague. She tells that while many clergy fled London, Peirson was one of the few who stayed at his post. She records that in the month of September he buried 636 people, whole families, officials and the unknown. The symptoms of bubonic plague were horrific and the recovery rate was effectively nil. She wonders how he kept going when every instinct would have craved escape, but he stayed.

At the present time of uncertainty during the current pandemic we are not faced with the same degree of anxiety. We don't have to take the same decisions about contagion, as we abide by the rules of distancing, and we can contact friends, neighbours, shops and suppliers from the safety of our "lockdown". However we must pray for all the sick and for those for whom the lockdown is a torture, perhaps difficult for those living in this beautiful village and countryside to fully comprehend. Peirson survived the plague and in August 1666 he was succeeded by Paul Boston, just a fortnight before the Great Fire of London, which destroyed the then Church of St. Bride's.

Take care, keep well!

*Rod Carless*

**Vicar** Revd Philip Morton, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey,  
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## **Churchwardens**

Rod Carless 01789 773357    Lis Hughes 01789 772578

## **Safeguarding in our Benefice**

Benefice Safeguarding Officer – Lisa Farmer Tel. 01386 40401

Safeguarding Advocate – Elizabeth Spencer Tel. 01789 720078

For enquiries concerning **Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals** contact the Benefice administrator, Wendy Stafford, Tel 01386 424728

Note the Rotas for Sidesmen, Church Cleaning and Flowers are suspended until further notice.

## **The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages**

It goes without saying that this Easter season has been the most unusual in living memory. The usual declaration, “Christ is Risen!” rings a bit hollow in empty churches. It is the first time in 800 years that all parish churches have been instructed to close, and even for people who don’t normally attend church, it has been difficult to accept. Somehow, the idea of churches being closed and locked suggests that God is no longer among us, that praying and worship have ceased and we are now on our own. It is no coincidence that many people have talked about the lockdown as being like a ‘long Easter Saturday’ with Christ locked away in a tomb, and all the hopes of His followers lying in tatters.

Yet, there is another Biblical image that comes to my mind. In the Book of Isaiah, it says, “A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots”. This refers to Jesse, the father of King David, who was an ancestor of Jesus. In the prophecy, it is Jesus who is the new branch, growing from what appears to be dead. In the Easter season, it is a reminder that when things appear to be dead or finished, there is always new life waiting to happen.

All across the country, churches that have been able to put services online or produce prayer booklets for use at home have reported a large number of people using these resources. God has not gone. God is just being found in new and unexpected places. As important as our church

buildings are in our communities, they have never tied God down or restrained God from acting in the wider world. We are being reminded of this now, as people pray in ways they have not done before and, for some people, perhaps praying for the first time.

The churches are closed, but God is here. The congregations are staying at home but are praying like never before for their communities and for the world. There is a new shoot coming from the roots, and even in the midst of terrible suffering, there is new life ahead in the presence of God both here and in eternity. Which is what Easter is all about. He is Risen indeed, alleluia.

You can find our prayer resources on our website  
<https://eastvaleavon.com/online-services>

*Revd. Philip Morton*



The world's poorest countries have the weakest health systems, and many of the most vulnerable people will be exposed to this deadly virus. They will struggle to cope with any costs of healthcare, and the costs of being unable to earn a living while ill or

quarantined. **We have launched a Coronavirus Appeal to help us limit the impact on the communities we work with.**

**Christian Aid Week is not cancelled.** We are moving it online. We are developing and promoting some exciting ways to help you join together in fun and fellowship as a community this May. To find out more, visit the [Christian Aid website](#) where you will also be able to make a donation online, or telephone 020 7523 2269.

PS. Don't forget that, in this time of physical distancing, you can still sign up to be a part of our Global Prayer Chain and also use the online petition to ask the government to sign a new climate justice deal.

PPS. On a more local note, a box of Christian Aid resources for children will be placed near the porch of Cleeve Prior School for parents to take if desired.

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## March 2020

Until further notice the Council will meet the second Monday of each month, except for August, at 7:30pm **via Zoom**. The Zoom link will be provided on each agenda which are always posted on the Council website prior to meetings. If a parishioner has any comments or concerns please contact the Clerk or a councillor.

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The Annual Parish Meeting has been postponed. However, the Parish Council is happy to receive reports by email to the Clerk. It may be the case that the reports will be posted on the Council site.

If you run a local community organisation and need a modest grant for vital equipment or service, please feel free to apply for one from the Divisional Fund by contacting WCC Ccounty Cllr Adams at [adams.pebworth@gmail.com](mailto:adams.pebworth@gmail.com).

Due to flood damage the Parish Wharf facilities such as the steps to the river and the seat are dangerous. Please avoid using these parts of the Wharf and any other sections deemed unsafe as determined by personal inspection.

The School Playing Fields playground area is closed until further notice.

The appeal of 18/01727/CU, dated 13 August 2018 is allowed. Planning permission is granted for change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 6 gypsy/traveller families each with two

caravans together with laying of hardstanding and erection of 6 utility buildings at land South of The Close.

Please be aware that during the lockdown local authority services will likely be slow to respond. For Cleeve Prior this means situations on footpaths, bridleways etc will not be resolved quickly.

For a complete picture of Parish Council activities please see the Minutes on the Council website:

[www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk/](http://www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk/)

*.Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council  
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## **Bonfires in Cleeve Prior**

It is a time of year when there is much garden waste to be disposed of. Also, because our movements are so restricted, many people are cleaning out cupboards/garages and burning rubbish.

At this time when people with respiratory problems are, understandably, very worried, the atmospheric pollution produced by bonfires is doubly troubling.

We urge you to avoid lighting bonfires anywhere near housing and to be especially aware of wind and atmospheric conditions.

At these difficult time, consideration for other people is more important than ever.

On behalf of the Parish Council



## Wychavon Parks

Yesterday at 14:00 • 🌐

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In line with government advice, please keep your dog on a lead to ensure you stay 2m away from other park users at all times.

Thank you. 🌳

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This local government advice from Wychaven may be more relevant for parks rather than rural walks.

Dog walkers are asked to please take extra care in areas like the Millennium Green, where there may be more walkers and small children that your dogs might get too close to and jeopardise the ability to maintain social distancing.

## CP Seed Swap group

Hello all gardeners, Would you like some seeds for your garden or vegetable patch OR do you have some spare seeds to share? Then please join the CP Seed Swap group. We have seed potatoes, flowers, vegetable seeds and all and sundry for free and the love of growing. Please join us by contacting Denise 07816 447796 and we will add you to our WhatsApp chat or talk about how we can deliver and collect seeds to your doorstep 🌻🌻😊

## **Vegetable Plants**

Over the last couple of weeks I've been supplying vegetable plants to villagers in exchange for a donation to my JustGiving page in support of **Stratford Food Bank**. Many thanks to those that have so far helped me raise nearly £250.

I still have some hardy veg plants such as cauliflower, broccoli and a range of lettuce available, and in early May I will have a good supply of tomatoes, peppers, chillies and courgettes.

If you are interested please contact me: [peterthomasbyrne@gmail.com](mailto:peterthomasbyrne@gmail.com).  
*Peter Byrne, Birchfield*

## **Thank you Cleeve Prior**

Well done and thank you to everyone in Cleeve Prior who donated food and essentials to the Pershore Food Bank on 17 April.

A total of 95 items were collected in Cleeve Prior, this was added to donations from a local company and some 300+ items were delivered to Pershore the same day, going straight into the local community, helping many individuals and families who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

Special thanks to Mandy English for her help collecting donations on the day.  
*Gordon Davidson.*





## **We need your help...!**

### **Cleeve Prior food drive**

### **(collecting for Pershore Food Bank)**

In these exceptional times foodbanks have become lifelines for more and more people who are struggling to make ends meet due to the Coronavirus. The number of people needing to use food banks has quadrupled since the lock down started. Donations to food banks have suffered due to the lock down, social distancing and limitations of what can be purchased in shops and supermarkets. People are eating through their kitchen cupboards faster than usual because they are stuck at home.

A group of volunteers are looking for donations of long life / non-perishable goods to collect from your doorstep and deliver to the Pershore foodbank on **Thursday 7 May**. This will be added to other donations from local companies.

If you have any items you would like to donate can you please leave in a prominent position (door step, garden wall etc) by 10 am on Thursday 7 May. Collecting from, Bidford Road, The Manor, Hoden Lane, The Close, Froglands, Nightingale & Back Lane and Mill Lane.

Due to travel restrictions, collections will be made by a small number of the group from 10 am and delivered to the Food Bank by 2 pm the same day. If you have any queries please contact Gordon Davidson on 01789 773988 or message 07854 106888.

Every item counts so, even if it is just one tin of soup, please donate. When you think of donating, empathy is key, this means not just dredging mystery tins from the back of your cupboard, if you didn't want to eat it over the last two years, chances are no one else will either. It's about thinking of the groceries you couldn't live without – be that food or something else. An idea of items they are short of are listed overleaf.. **No beans please, they have plenty!**

## **Pershore Food Bank needs:**

- Long life fruit juices;
- UHT Milk
- Cereal
- Tinned cold meats
- Tinned Fruit / sponge puddings
- Tinned meats, e.g. stew, mince
- Tinned potatoes / packet mash
- Tinned fish
- Jams & Honey
- Tea
- Sugar
- Pasta (other than spaghetti)
- Shower gel
- Small boxes of washing powder
- Toilet rolls
- Etc, etc

## **Volunteers Here To Help**

**20 April 2020**

As you have heard there is a group of volunteers who are working together to support you if you need it, particularly if you are having to stay at home because you are in the elderly and vulnerable group or have self- isolated because you are unwell.

So far, we have mainly been collecting prescriptions, taking parcels to the post office or collecting essential provisions.

The volunteers are working to all the government directives so will stay a safe distance from you and collect or leave items on your doorstep.

We are trying not to handle cash if possible, it is really helpful if you can arrange either phone/click and collect which we can collect for you, or arrange home delivery so that you can chose what you want and pay for it yourself. There is an updated list of local services below for you to use for groceries, papers, plants, flowers etc. Clearly in an emergency we will do everything to help but as a matter of routine this would be best.

Businesses are trying to adapt to meet our needs and things are changing and evolving so - here is the list of services that we know of. If you know of other services please give the details to Susan Robinson so that they can be added to this list – thank you.

Routine Prescriptions are taking a little longer at the moment but we have volunteers going out regularly so do not hesitate to contact the coordinators if you need a collection.

**To access help from the volunteers please contact either**

Susan Robinson: call 01789 491380; text or WhatsApp: 07880 493600;  
Email: paulj.robinson@btinternet.com

Or Iain MacDonald : 07826 866775 call, text or WhatsApp.

Email: ismacdonald@yahoo.co.uk

**A special thank you to our local providers who are working so hard to keep us all going.**

This list now includes a small selection of online services for ready meals and some options for posting parcels where you can pay online.

**READY MEALS – home delivery**

**Food Genie Fish & Chips, 01386 834693, 07737 326183,**

info@food-genie.co.uk

Delivering to Cleve on a Friday night. You phone in your order and pay by bank transfer or cash left in an envelope on your door step. They do a chip shop menu so fish, scampi, halloumi, homemade pies, chicken balti pie, tandoori chicken pieces, chicken nuggets and goujons all with chips.

**Cook**, <https://www.cookfood.net> , **01732 759000**, minimum order £40 free delivery over £85.

**Wiltshire Farm Foods**, <https://www.wiltshirefarmfoods.com/> . Order online or call 0800 0773100 free delivery of over 300 dishes.

### **Oakhouse Foods**

<https://www.oakhousefoods.co.uk/ready-meals-delivered-uk>.

Call **0333 370 6700**, they have over 400 dishes and this provider is particularly good if you have specific dietary needs.

**POSTAL SERVICES** – just a small selection who will collect a parcel from you and you can pay online.

**DHL** <https://parcel.dhl.co.uk/> Call 0844 248 0828

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### **TOILETRIES etc.**

**Bidford Pharmacy**, 01789 772433. If you need non- prescription medicines and toiletries you can order over the phone and pay and get a friend or volunteer to collect them for you.

### **FOOD SUPPLIES**

**One Acre Farm Shop, Pete Smith, Froglands Lane, 07795 447184**

Our in-Village shop, Pete has a range of essential items including eggs and fresh veg, pet food, meat, etc. Please ring in advance.

**Wayside Farm Shop, Wickhamford, 01386 830546:** good selection of local produce, milk, bread eggs and basic groceries. Fruit and veg boxes of seasonal produce £10 and £20, They will deliver to Cleeve Prior on Monday and Thursday for the over 70's and vulnerable groups– call 2/3 days in advance and pay directly. Orders can be made for collection 24/48 hours in advance the shop is working on limited opening hours 9-1 and only 2 people are allowed in at one time. The shop has been rearranged so that there is a one- way system to stop people getting too close.

**Hampton Farm Shop, 01386 41540:** fresh produce including fresh fruit, veg & milk; deliver to Bidford-on-Avon, Minimum spend applies but they might deliver here if there is demand.

**Hillers Farm Shop, Dunnington, 01789 773057:** good selection of fresh food and cupboard staples. Phone your order and pay, then collect from a collection point – they will come and place the items in your boot.

**Ellenden Farm Shop, Harvington, 01386 870296 :** offering to take orders over the phone or internet which you can pay for online and collect either from outside or inside the shop. They are open from 9 am to 6 pm. They are not delivering here. They have a good selection of fruit veg and meat as well as bread milk etc.

**Maypole Butchers, Bidford, 01789 750213,**  
email (maypoleorders@gmailcom).

**2 standard meat boxes:**

£30 for 1lb bacon, 1lb sausage, 600g beef mince, 600g braising steak, 2 rump steaks, 4 chicken breasts, 4 burgers or equivalent extra mince.

£40 for 1.5 lb topside, 1.5lb pork joint, whole chicken, 4 chicken breasts, 600g mince, 600g diced beef, 1lb sausage, 1lb bacon.

£5 **mixed veg.** £1 per kilo **potatoes.**

Individual orders also taken.

Shop open to buy or collect, 9.30 - 3 pm. They will also deliver, but ask all who can visit shop to do so.

website: maypolebutchers.co.uk being updated to give details above.

**AP Meats, 01789 400115, email: apmeatsdelivery@outlook.com.**

Happy to take phone orders for delivery – preferably larger orders - but need 2 days advance notice at the moment.

**Budgens, 01789 773352 or e-mail bidford@warnersretail.co.uk**

Orders need to be placed by 12pm for the same day delivery.

Deliveries to CP Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, between 1 pm and 3pm. Free delivery on orders over £50. £5 delivery charge applies on orders under £50. Payment will be taken over the phone.

**ValeFresco, local grower/packer. 01386 45867, or email:**

simon@valefresco.com with your name, address & telephone number to place an order for a box of fresh salad & vegetable delivered to your door. Minimum of 12 items per box £10 delivered. Deliveries to Cleeve Prior on Fridays.

## **LOO PAPER**

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## **FLOWERS**

**Vale Flowers, Mill Lane:** Jayne will deliver flowers which she will leave near your doorstep, call her on 07542 004101 and pay over the phone. Jayne is donating 50% of any money they take during this time to The Shakespeare Hospice.

## **PLANTS AND HANGING BASKETS**

**Mill Lane Nursery, 01789 773231** will be offering a delivery service – it is a little early in the season but from April plants could be put in a greenhouse or cold frame if you have one. The season of baskets and annuals for pots will start in May. Call and talk through your needs, as they are there as usual.

**Station Nursery, Blackminster, 01386 832698:** delivering on a minimum order of £25. There are lots of pictures on their Facebook page to help you chose what you might like

**Woods Plants, Cleve Prior, 01789 778205,** next to Field Barn, are selling a range of bedding plants £1 a pot. They also have cottage garden plants individually priced. They only take cash that you put in a bucket. They stay on the other side of the gate to facilitate safe social distancing and allow one buyer at a time. Alternatively, you can phone through an order and they will leave it for you in front of the gate.

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

Churches are starting to create some online services that people can access through websites if they are self-isolating. Follow the link to the

new Benefice YouTube channel for the first service, which is Compline (Night Prayer): <https://eastvaleavon.com/online-services>

## **SUPERMARKETS**

This incredibly long link takes you to a list of what supermarkets are doing – it is being updated by Good Housekeeping on a daily basis. Remember to refresh the page.

[https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/uk/consumer-advice/a31915146/coronavirus-supermarkets-updates-news/?utm\\_source=crm&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=GHI\\_N\\_2020\\_0325&utm\\_content=na&utm\\_term=na&HearstNode=35350D782E67652D688605DD1E334BD6A9CC7FE777D8D3A8B06A33C92FC5CEF6](https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/uk/consumer-advice/a31915146/coronavirus-supermarkets-updates-news/?utm_source=crm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GHI_N_2020_0325&utm_content=na&utm_term=na&HearstNode=35350D782E67652D688605DD1E334BD6A9CC7FE777D8D3A8B06A33C92FC5CEF6)



## *Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust* **News from Field Barn**

April has been a strange month. No rain after the wettest winter on record. No Easter Celebrations. No regular working days on Tuesdays. No guidance on how or when things may change. But so far the Spring weather has been better than average.

The cowslips look a real picture in the Top Orchard and are at their best as I write. The Victoria plums seem to have set well, if not too well. Too many fruit will mean small fruit. The petals have all dropped off the flowers and if you brush the fronds, or shake vigorously, the blossoms that have failed to set should drop off. Very few do, which is a good sign. The young fruit will start to swell in a week or so and then we will know.

The apples and plums planted by so many volunteers on Saturday 7 March [that long ago] seem to be growing well with leaves and flowers developing. If it stays dry we will have to water them!!!

If you are able to visit the wildlife sanctuary on Quarry Lane, please make a note of the birds that you may see there as we are trying to build up a picture of the bird life.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Our treasurer is retiring! So we need someone confident with figures and good at attention to detail to handle the paperwork. The volume of work is low in terms of receipts and payments and will involve probably half an hour per week. The work could be done at home and you would not have to attend meetings. Our current volunteers are all busy and so far no offers of help have been received from last month's appeal. Please give it some thought. A small amount of your time would make a considerable difference to us.

We are still in the market for wood chip for dressing round the fruit trees- thanks to those who remembered us.

Keep Safe. Keep In. Keep Sane. Keep Smiling.

*Brian Taylor, Chairman CPHT*  
01789 773075



## CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

The bad news is that there will be no Garden Club in May, but the good news is that we have all had time to make certain our gardens are looking amazing!

Unfortunately the trip on 28 July to The Laskett Gardens has had to be postponed as the gardens have been closed for the summer.

Roger has kindly suggested some ideas for "What to do in your garden in May":

The soil should be beginning to warm up in the beginning of May, allowing more tender plants to be planted out, but keep some fleece handy in case of a cold spell.



Net fruit like strawberries to deter birds.

Keep your greenhouse glass clean to allow for the maximum light to penetrate.

Clear away any old debris that might be a hiding place for red spider in your greenhouse or potting shed.

Many of us have old seeds we have kept from the previous year A good way to test if they are still viable is to put a small amount of your old seed in a glass of water and if it sinks it is usually OK If it floats dispose of it.

Happy gardening and hope to be seeing you all before too long.

*Jan Stewart*

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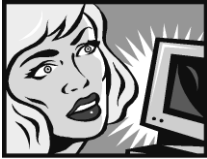
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**The Kings Arms** is closed until further notice.

### **Tearoom and Lending Library**

The Tearoom and Lending Library will be closed until further notice.

**Pilates, Tai Chi, Yoga and Movement to Music** classes are all suspended until further notice

### **The CP Bowls Club**

The three weekly sessions have been cancelled until the end of the season in May.

**The WCC Mobile Library** service is suspended until further notice.

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