

Footprints

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Stone Farm, Broadwas c.1955

Could have been the Ivy-house with what is growing over the building!

This edition is even thinner than the last !

There's still not much happening, so little to report. We have at last seen some rain which has been useful in the gardens and greened up the grass a bit, though I'm still getting away with less than a weekly mow. And the cooler weather makes for a better nights rest.

Peter

Church Words by Rev. Canon David Sherwin

As I write this article the government has given permission for places of worship to open for personal private prayer. This of course excludes services of worship or even a wander round to view the history and architecture of the building. This is of course intended to continue to hold up and prevent the communication of Corona virus further.

It has been a difficult few months but as things return to some sense of normality we find that nothing is quite the same. We have all been affected in some way, some more severely than others but the effects of the virus live on both here and abroad.

Having said that the one constant for us as Christians is that God is constant and does not change. He is with us as we worship and pray in our buildings and he is with us at home and out and about in the community. We do not need a building in which to pray for we ourselves are called temples of God himself. He lives in us and works through us and we have seen how in our fellow human beings there have been acts of kindness and generosity that stem from the values and character of God.

But back to those buildings which have stood as a symbol of continuity in our villages and towns for centuries. Whether open or not they represent a God who is always open to receive our prayers wherever we are. Yes, when they are open it is good to enjoy that space and to come together for corporate worship and prayer which hopefully will be soon.

In the meantime, if you wish to pray within one of the buildings each will vary in the amount of opening time it can cope will be dependant upon the practicality and cleaners available. If you wish to know when your parish church is open, please check the notice boards or ring myself or a churchwarden.

We continue to pray and worship online and our weekly services can be found on the you tube site 'wwrt live stream'. I do pray you will keep safe and well and as has been said 'we will meet again' out and about and in our buildings soon.

With the latest easing of restrictions there will be a short service this Sunday - **July 5th in Broadwas Church** - if you intend coming, please respect all the necessary precautions that are still in place to reduce the risk of infection for everybody.

Future services will be arranged and advertised locally

Our worship, prayers and praise, alongside reflections and our care for each other continues.

And so (until we meet again)May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. Amen

Even though we are not able to meet with you in person the clergy are all available at the end of a telephone line so please feel free to contact us:

Rev David Sherwin (Team Rector) 01886 888664 davidwin56@aol.com

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For those of you with computers, iPads or other such 'modern technology' the team will continue to find creative ways of offering worship through our **You Tube** "**wwrt live stream**" as well as keeping you informed through the website www.wwrt.churchinsight.com.

The WWRT Facebook page

[www:facebook.com/Worcesterwestruralteam](http://www.facebook.com/Worcesterwestruralteam)

and the Suckley Facebook page www.facebook.com/suckleychurch

and there is also up to date information on "A Church Near You"

BROADWAS & COTHERIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

RESPONDING TO THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC

Most people who are infected by Coronavirus will recover, but some are at risk. These include those over the age of 70 and those (of any age) who have significant existing health problems. It is important for these groups to “socially distance” themselves and avoid contact with other people. Many will be relying upon friends or neighbours to deliver their shopping and medication, but there are some who do not have family or friends living nearby.

If you are self-isolating in Broadwas or Cotheridge and in need of somebody to assist with shopping or collecting medication, or just someone to chat with, please contact any of the following Parish Councillors who will be pleased to try to help: -

Keith Brooks Email: kjb939@btinternet.com

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Also, if you are aware of anybody in Broadwas or Cotheridge who might need assistance, please pass on this information to them.

Finally, people who live alone are likely to have significantly less contact with visitors etc during the Coronavirus outbreak. Therefore, the Parish Council encourages all members of our community to be “good neighbours” and to make regular telephone calls to those who might appreciate a friendly voice. No one should feel alone.

Eric Dale Chair – Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council

The FRIENDS OF ST. LEONARDS CHURCH, Cotheridge

The Friends of St. Leonard Charity was registered in 2006 and supported by local people to raise funds to help with the maintenance of the Church building.

The Charity needs new trustees to continue this work. If you are interested in helping to maintain this beautiful Church, please contact **Gill Richardson** to learn about the work of a Charity trustee.

Thank you.

Tel. 01905 425652 email othertonfarm@yahoo.co.uk

R.B.L.

Hi folks,

My name is John Turley and I am the Chairman of the Knightwick Branch of the Royal British Legion. This year is the 75th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of WW2. How this is to be commemorated nationally due to the virus has not been decided. However, since 8th June I have been doing a daily run/march/walk to achieve 750km by 15th August, the anniversary date. On 14th August, along with a branch member, I will be travelling to London and on the 15th will lay a wreath at the Gurkha War Memorial in Horse Guards Ave at 11.00hrs. The travel and wreath laying will be at our own expense and depends on the virus situation and any protests, of course.

I know, like me, that many of you will have your own charities that you support, and no doubt supported Captain (Colonel) Tom, what an inspiration! However, if you feel that you would like to support me in my endeavours, I have set up a Just Giving page in aid of the Gurkha Welfare Trust which looks after Gurkha veterans and their families. If you go to Just Giving on your computers and put my name in the 'search friends' bar you will find my page, or you can just click on this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john4gurkhas>

If you would rather donate in another way please, contact me on 01886 821077 (not quite James Bond!!).

Thank you for taking the time to read my appeal and keep safe.

John

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