

Footprints

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You must all have seen this by now, though there has been a plethora of comment about who actually wrote it : Was it written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara or Kitty O'Meara in 2020 !!

And people stayed at home

And read books, and listened, and they rested

And did exercises, and made art and played

And learned new ways of being.

And stopped and listened, more deeply.

Someone meditated, someone prayed,
someone met their shadow

And people began to think differently

And people healed.

And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,
dangerous, meaningless and heartless,

The earth also began to heal

And when the danger ended and people found themselves,

They grieved for the dead.

And made new choices, and dreamed of new visions

And created new ways of living, and completely healed the earth;

Just as they were healed themselves.

Church Words by Rev. Canon David Sherwin

Unusual, strange, unprecedented, are just some of the words being used to describe the times we are living through at the moment. It is a time as one person said to me that her children would probably study as history in the future just like we remember Spanish flu now.

I wonder what words were used to describe the time after that first Easter? Perhaps the same words were used then to describe an event that has indeed changed history. Jesus life, death and resurrection were indeed strange, unusual, and unprecedented yet Christians around the world believe these things to be true and this truth is given to bring us hope, and hope is certainly what is needed now

I do hope you are keeping safe and well and that life in lockdown is not too hard for you. Some of you, however, will be finding this time hard, maybe financially, maybe relationally. Maybe we feel lonely, cut off from loved ones, or even fearful. The suffering of Jesus gives us the hope that he is with us in that suffering, the abandonment on the cross means that he knows what loneliness is like. But in all this the resurrection means that whatever we face there is a bright new hope that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

The Bible tells of a God who loves his creation and though at this moment we are going through problems we can be assured that nothing can separate us from the love of God, not even a virus, St. Paul makes this clear when he says;

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

May God bless you and be with you, and may you keep safe and well

**The Parishes below are part of the
Worcestershire West Rural Team and are working together
through this crisis to bring you worship and offer pastoral;
support where we can;**

**Martley;Wichenford; Lower Teme Valley;
Alfrick-w-Lulsley; Crown East,Rushwick;
Suckley;Leigh & Bransford;
Clifton; Harpley; the Shelsleys**

**Our Church continues to be alive and active but due to
COVID-19 our buildings must remain closed.**

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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Rev Jen Denniston	01886 853280 jendenniston@gmail.com

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
youtube [wwrtlivestream](#) as well as keeping you informed through the
website [www.wwrt.churchinsight.com](#).

The WWRT Facebook page

[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

Telephone: 01886 821292

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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

Community Car Service

If you have transport problems getting to Medical Appointments etc. we will be happy to help if we can.

Try from the top of the list downwards

Helen Walker	01886 822137
Jill Blakeley	01886 821102
Jim & Mary Dryden	01886 822251
Barry Kirby	01886 821577
Jim Norris	01886 821246

- Current Charge: 40p per mile (from Driver's door to driver's door)
- Area covered – Lower Teme parishes (there are schemes in some of the surrounding parishes)
- Please give as much notice as possible when you need transport, to increase your chance of finding a driver available.
- Drivers reserve the right to refuse a request if they feel it inappropriate in any way
- new Volunteers - please ring

Helen Walker - 01886 822137 for details

Parish Council Meetings have been reinstated as video conferencing, using the app ZOOM; which is available on smart phones, tablets and computers. If you wish to be 'included', please email the Parish Clerk for a password. For details see the Parish Council web page :

(<https://www.broadwas-cotheridge.com/parish-council>)

Keep up to date, make regular visits to

<https://www.broadwas-cotheridge.com/>

Stay well.

ACTION FRAUD

Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where you should report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber crime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

You can report fraud or cyber crime using the online reporting service any time of the day or night; the service enables you to both report a fraud and find help and support. Action Fraud also provides help and advice over the phone through the Action Fraud contact centre. You can talk to our fraud and cybercrime specialists by calling **0300 123 2040**.

A bit of history to keep it in perspective

- it was always worse in the past !

Cholera Pandemics – bacteria spread through contaminated water

1st = 1817-1823

2nd = 1829-1849 England : 2yrs from Oct 1831 claimed an estimated 22,000

3rd = 1852-1859 worst year in England 23,000 died

4th = 1863-1879 – world deaths estimated at 600,000

5th = 1881-1896 Quarantine measures based on the findings of John Snow kept cholera out of Britain and the US

6th = 1899-1923

7th = 1961 – present A new strain detected in 1992 has lead to speculation of No. 8?

1919 - Influenza Pandemic

Estimated to have killed more people than were killed in the whole of the 1st World War

Locally :

Based on long-term averages of burials at 5 each for Broadwas and Cotheridge and 7 for Knightwick and Doddenham, the following years show significantly higher mortality rates

	<u>B'was Coth K&D</u>					<u>B'was Coth K&D</u>			
1727	10				1838				11
1728	12				1839				12
1729	17								
1730	10				1841		7		11
					1842		13		
1757	10				1843		10		
1758	8				1844	11	9		
					1845				
1821			7		1846				10
1822			12		1847				
1823			8		1848				10
1824	11			11	1849				
1825				14	1850	15			
1827	13				1857				10
1828			9		1858	16			11
1829			11		1859				9
1830	10		8						
1831	9	10	14		1869				13
1832			10						
1833	10				1880				10
1836				11	1926	10			

I haven't processed the figure for Cotheridge and K & D before 1800 so that is incomplete for the time being.

The statistics do however indicate that this area was spared the "1919" flu pandemic, so rural isolation may have something to commend it?

Village Information

Church Officials:

Priest in Charge - Rev David Sherwin 01886 888664
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Rob Pearce 01886 821959
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Cotheridge – Jay Popplewell 01905 359851
Knightwick – Geraldine Cooper 01905 427501

Parish Councils

Broadwas & Cotheridge : **www.broadwas-cotheridge.com**
Chairman – Eric Dale
Clerk – Carole Hirst tel: 07903 377066
Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm)
Email : parishclerk@broadwas-cotheridge.com

Knightwick & Doddenham

Clerk – Geoffrey Brewin 01886 821386

Village Hall

Broadwas – Geoff Winkworth 01886 821470
Bookings only : 01905 312456 **[new number]**
www.timesaversconcierge.co.uk

Clubs and Societies

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