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In View – Lockdown Holidays

St John the Evangelist Milford

August 2020



Greetings to all

On the morning of writing this I was listening to two CDs that I love. One, the Moody Blues had the apt title for this year 'Strange Times', with the title track being inspirational. The other is a greatest hits of Bob Marley, the brilliant Rastafarian Reggae genius, who has the wonderful track 'Redemption Songs' that is reflective of the terrible slave trade in Jamaica, and of course other lands in equal measure.

Strange times indeed is the Covid 19 horror in our world. But how interesting that during the lock down there has been a huge increase in searches on the web regarding prayer and spirituality. Spirituality and belief is strong within the Bob Marley music and lyrics. And at this time of recognition of the Black Lives Matter movement, we are brought to evaluate and challenge our thinking on just what we feel equality is.

Some of my earliest memories of life in East London, I naturally played with children who were a different colour and different homes, yet in the innocence of childhood we were just children together with no prejudice. If only we could continue in that way of total acceptance, then our world could possibly change to be far more tolerant and respectful of all people, and it not be strange at all.

Blessings. *Clive Potter*

As you may have heard, we are back in Church for services, although they are quite different. For the next few weeks, until the PCC had had time to evaluate things, we will have a service of Holy Communion at 10am on each Wednesday morning. We will also continue our Service of Morning Prayer at 10am each Sunday on Zoom. In Church, face masks and social distancing are required, so please come prepared and bring your own copy of the Order of Service, which can be printed from our website.



Open for private prayer

Wednesday 9am – 3pm and Sunday 11am – 3pm

Said Holy Communion

In the church building Wednesdays 10am
(Please wear a face covering)

Fundraising for the Samson Centre



John and Megan Hambly are hosting a virtual bingo night on Zoom, to raise funds for the Samson Centre. 12th September 7-8.30pm, Min £5 donation to play. Register here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/samson-bingo



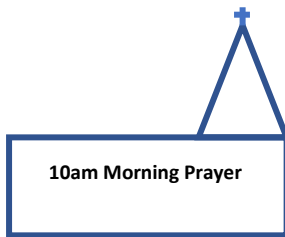
John Hambly's autobiography "Samson Rising", mentioned in June, is now in bookshops. Cost £18.95 with £1 from each sale going to the Samson Centre. More information at: www.unitedwriters.co.uk/store/samson-rising



Sundays on Zoom

Join us for 10am Morning Prayer or 11am After Church Chat on Zoom by following the link below on a PC, tablet or smartphone.

If you don't have an Internet connection, you can still join us – dial 0203 481 5240 – you will then be asked to enter the meeting ID and passcode.



10am Morning Prayer

Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75739460257?pwd=R2lCRFNqa25jcERUa0FORINtWdNidz09>

Meeting ID: 757 3946 0257

Passcode: 021767



11am After Church Chat

Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8686583969?pwd=SHpiRmtDZlYrYTRxRFRqcVBKMGJyQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 658 3969

Passcode: 874883

APCM

Our annual parochial church meeting (APCM), delayed from March, will now be held on Sunday 4th October at 11am. If we are not back in church by that point the meeting will be held over Zoom in place of After Church Chat, details to follow nearer the time.



This is a Church of England **free** phone number. It gives you access the services, reflections, hymns and prayers that are being posted online. Call at any time and choose what you want to hear.

End of summer?

Summer seems to be breaking with lots of heavy rain. This was the view from the Braids' house.





Help with church finances

St John's normally receives many donations through the envelope scheme or as cash on the offertory plate, so our income is falling short due to virus restrictions.

Please help to make up the gap by **sending a cheque or setting up a standing order** with the bank. Or you can phone Nick to make a credit card donation over the phone on 01483 423398.

For payments to our bank, the bank details are:

Bank: NatWest 77 High St, Godalming

Account Name: St Johns Milford, Parochial Church Council General Fund

Sort code: 60-09-04

Account number: 00752770

The address for cheques (or even at a pinch cash) is: Nicholas O'Brien, Hawthorn Cottage, Moushill Lane, Milford, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 5BH. Cheques should be made out to "St Johns Milford PCC".

Thanking you for your continued support.
Nicholas O'Brien, Hon. Treasurer

Milk bottle tops

Sally Braid would like everyone to know she is still collecting plastic milk bottle tops for the Rotary Club. While we are not yet properly meeting in church, call her if you have some and she will collect.



The Clockhouse reopened

Milford & Villages Day Centre has now opened a Community cafe on a Wednesday 10am-3pm serving tea, coffee, cake brownies plus sandwiches and toasties. There is a pop-up Charity Shop now and they have also reopened both the Hairdressing Salon and Foot Clinic.

Brass lectern found in loft

Some years ago Peter ventured into the loft at St John's and found a multitude of abandoned church furniture. Goodness knows how long these items had been in the loft, but it would seem the environment up there is not that great for brass.

David Pepe had previously renovated a crucifier Peter had retrieved from the loft. But last year, Peter kindly passed on a brass lectern/book stand and asked if he could work his magic on it.



David reports this artefact was a real beast to renovate (much worse than the crucifier). The tarnish/verdigris/environment had eaten into the surface (pigeons also stand accused) so it wasn't a just a question of a quick polish with elbow grease...

The reverse side was powder coated and once red I reckon, but something corrosive had disfigured much of it, so that needed treating and painting as a separate part of the project. And ... there are lots of intricate edges!

After application of the following:

- 2 bottles isopropyl alcohol;
 - 1 bottle of citric acid;
 - 2 bottles Barkeeper's Friend;
 - 2 bottles of Brasso;
 - 1 tub Astonish;
 - 11 washing up sponges;
 - 4 microfibre cloths;
 - 2 kitchen rolls;
 - 16 pairs of protective gloves;
 - 44 litres elbow grease over
 - 7 sessions of around 3 hours each . . .
- we now have a nice shiny book stand!





Godalming Food Bank

The Godalming & Villages Community Food Store (located at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre) now offers free food, toiletries and household products. This is in addition to the existing St Mark's foodbank.

Call 01483 523575 if you need this help. stjohnsmilford.org.uk/practical-help/ has other details about using the store.

You can support the food banks with donations, on Tuesdays 8.30-11.30am. Leave them in the shopping trolley outside Milford Village Hall, or the one outside Tesco. Both are clearly signed "Donations for Godalming food bank organised by the Godalming and Farncombe Community Corona Virus Assistance". Please help if you can.

Church Centre doors

The church centre entrance and rear doors and frames are to be replaced. They will be aluminium in chocolate brown to match the existing colour, rather than wood and the front door will be automatic. There are drawings on the church noticeboard.

This has been necessary because the current wooden ones are rotting and security to the building is limited. The automatic doors will give much better access for wheelchairs and those with disabilities. There will also be some minor improvements to the layout of the foyer although this is restricted as space is limited.

The costs for the work will come from the Fabric Fund. Opportunities for grants are being investigated and any donations would, of course, be very welcome.

The proposals have already been approved by the Diocese and recently a planning application to Waverley Borough Council has been submitted. It is likely to take some weeks to be approved.

Do get in touch if you would like more details. Bill Braid (Churchwarden) 01483 418242



Welcome to Sienna

Zoe and Ian would like you to announce the arrival of their new baby. Sienna Holly Mawhinney arrived on the evening of 19 July, 8lb 5oz. She is doing well. Arabella is enjoying being a big sister.



Days gone by

Penny was quick off the mark guessing this picture, in our last edition of In View. It was from the annual church bike ride. She could put names to all of the faces, but her date of Sept 2000 was out. This group of riders and striders assembled at St John's in September 1998! (The event is still going ahead on 12th September this year - despite everything.)

We are now beginning to return, safely, to our church but you can still find spiritual encouragement on our website <http://www.stjohnsmilford.org.uk/>

If you need any other help, contact us by email at stjohnsmilford@hotmail.com or call the vicarage on 01483 414710.

I hope this newsletter helps to keep our church community in touch while we are keeping our distance. Any errors or omissions are all mine.

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