

Lockdown in 50 Objects

A project to capture our stories of living through the pandemic. **All entries very welcome. Please send to Rachael.**

Here is our twelfth object, which can also be seen on our website: For my lockdown object I have chosen this microphone. Maintaining connections to people and retaining a sense of normality has been really important to me. As someone who regularly played guitar and sang in church with other people, the sudden ceasing of this was hard. Lockdown has driven us to find solutions to this, and the advent of the lockdown music video has been wonderful. While we have not been able to meet together to play as a band, we have collaborated on line, met via Zoom calls and created a number of videos. To help with this I bought a microphone. I have loved recording, either as the 'first' performer for other band members to join in with, or while listening to someone else on my headphones and singing and playing along. It has given me a real sense of belonging, an activity to engage with beyond work and housework and we have also been able to see that others have appreciated and enjoyed our efforts. My microphone will always remind me of lockdown. It will always be one of the things that helped to keep me going through it all. Jon



Parish Prayer

This is a prese of Bishop Keith's recent comments.

Thanks to everyone for all that you have been doing. March seems a long, long time ago and we don't know what the future will bring What can I say to help and encourage us? Like the government I also have a 3 tear strategy **Pray, Care, Trust.**

Pray for the Government. **Pray** for the Hospitals. **Pray** for the Communities. **Pray** for Local Authorities. People making incredibly difficult decisions, if you know them let them know that you are praying for them.

Care. We don't know what the next few months will bring. It is likely, people will lose their jobs. Students and school children experience anxiety. Financial challenges and Mental health challenges. One thing we can do as well as **praying** is to **care.** **Care** for each other in small ways. Letting them know that they matter. Consider ways in which we can **care** for one another. As we prepare for Christmas can help those alone and in need, **care** for them so that no one is left out

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart," says the writers of proverbs. Deep within we can renew our **trust** in God. To know him in a deeper way, Gods faithfulness and love. Gods blessing be in us, on us, and through us. Right out there to those who need him most.

As a parish we pray this week about **Prayer, Care and Trust**

This week we pray for: the family and friends of Beatrice Curbishley whose funeral was held in the parish this week

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Usual days in the parish Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday services.

Weekly Link

Sunday 18th October: Trinity 19
Sharing the love of Jesus with All

This week:

Services streamed on Facebook (All Saints' Weston & St Mark's Shavington)

Materials for services can be found on the webpage:
www.allsaintsandstmarks.com

Tuesday 20th October

⇒ 7:30pm: Night Prayer online

Wednesday 21st October

⇒ 9:10am: Morning Prayer online

⇒ 11am: Holy Communion @ All Saints' please book with Sue Moore (01270 587 566)

Sunday 25th October

⇒ 10am Morning Worship online

⇒ 11:30am Holy Communion at All Saints' please book with Julia Cox (01270 587 076)

A face covering must be worn in church, unless you are exempt from wearing one.

Advent Window Trail

We are trying to plan an advent trail around the villages if we can get enough households to participate. One trail would be in Weston and one in Shavington.

If you would like to join in you would decorate & display a Christmas themed window visible from the kerbside.

The window would need to be lit from Advent Sunday 29th Nov and will be on a map for people in the community to follow the trail over the Christmas period.

If you would like further details or to be a part of the advent trail please email Sara cfw@allsaintsandstmarks.com

Community Café

We are looking for volunteers who might be able to help with a new project to run a café at both parish halls—either serving at the café or baking cakes for sale. Please let Rachael know if you might be willing to help.

St Paul's Pantry Update

During September 137 people were fed, providing 1,233 meals and we received 2,237.34kg of donated food. We are currently short of long-life cakes, chocolates and sweets, sugar, tinned potatoes custard and crisps.

The Bells'

Thank you to everybody who has been busy making bells.

We would like to complete this project now, f you would be able /willing to package your bells we will deliver the bags, labels etc to you or if can collect for packaging.

Watch this space for the final total further projects to keep your knitting/crochet skills going through the winter months. Margaret H 01270 841577.

Thanksgiving for those who have died: Sunday 1st November 3pm on the parish Facebook page

To have names read out and candles lit on your behalf during the service please contact Becky:

admin@allsaintsandstmarks.com or 01270 582 585 by 29th October. The service will be available to watch on the Facebook page anytime after 3pm on 1st November.