Benefice community newsletter for Tytherington, Rockhampton, Cromhall, Falfield and Tortworth

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International Owl Awareness Day 4th August

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Let's count our blessings .....

The last 18 months have been difficult for everyone. We have missed seeing family and friends, been unable to celebrate birthdays in our usual ways and even now, social gatherings are few and far between. However, we have so much to be thankful for. We live in a beautiful rural area that has seen few cases of Covid 19. We have a wonderful NHS and all adults have now had the opportunity to be vaccinated

2021 marks the 145th anniversary of Mothers' Union, brought to life by Mary Sumner's vision of women supporting families and communities. It is 100 years since she died after a truly remarkable and inspiring life. To celebrate this, Mothers' Union are asking members to count their blessings each day in August and pop some change into a 'Blessings jar' - see www.mothersunion.org Yes, it's a fundraiser as well and a large proportion of the money raised will go to help families in the poorer countries of the world who are facing increasing problems caused by the pandemic.

The word 'hope' reminded me of a picture of a young child on the logo of 'The Anglican Children's Programme' in Zambia. Their aim is to bring vulnerable children back into the education system and away from child labour, early marriage, and often in the towns and cities, a life on the streets.

In Chama, a very remote, rural district of north-eastern Zambia, the people face many problems in their daily lives. There are over 350,000 women and children who currently have little or no access to secondary education. The nearest girls' secondary school is over 100 miles away. The Anglican Children's Programme is helping to build their first secondary school for girls. Men and women from villages around the school site are helping by making bricks for the project. The girls will study the national curriculum as well as learning life skills in agriculture. The plan is for their produce to be sold and hopefully enable the school to become financially sustainable.

If you would like to know more about these children and their families, have a look at www.streetkids-zambia.com – The Chama project. You will be inspired by their determination to improve their lives.

Ann Greenhalgh

Falfield Parish Council

The Council will not be meeting in August.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on

Tuesday 21st September in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm

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Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm
or see our website: www.alzheimers.org.uk

How to contact the Foodbank

The Thornbury outlet of the North Bristol Foodbank is based at Thornbury Baptist Church, Gillingstool, Thornbury, BS35 2EG, and is open **every Friday afternoon from 2 - 4 pm.**

For more information, please call 0117 9791399 or email info@northbristol.foodbank.org.uk or visit northbristol.foodbank.org.uk

If you feel able to contribute to the Foodbank stocks, here is our current shopping list. URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: COOKING OIL, GRAM FLOUR, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, RICE, SPONGE PUDDINGS, WASHING-UP LIQUID, MALE & FEMALE DEODORANT, BARS OF SOAP, CRISPS & OTHER SAVOURY SNACKS, SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER

Thank you for your on-going support. Donations can be placed in the Thornbury basket in Tesco or left on the church steps on Fridays between 10.30am and 4pm.

5Alive deliveries

Can you help?

Distributor for 5 Alive Magazine needed in Falfield - to cover the following areas: Cherry Tree Cottage, Old Vicarage, New Vicarage including 2 additional properties nearby, Orchard View Nos 1-18 including Weavers and Farmers Cottages

Someone is needed with immediate effect. If you can help, please contact 5alive.falfield@gmail.com.

Thank you.

TORTWORTH PARISH MATTERS

The latest Parish Meeting was held on 1st June at the Tortworth Estate Office. The main topics of discussion were as follows:-

Leyhill Prison – the proposal to increase the capacity of Leyhill Prison was discussed and those present raised concerns about the lack of community liaison from the Prison. This was particularly relevant if the Prison was going to expand due to concerns about issues associated with such expansion and the increased probability of absconders. This is a very real concern to people who live and work in the immediate vicinity of the Prison.

Broadband – there is frustration about poor broadband speeds in some areas, particularly when properties within close proximity to each other may have completely different broadband speeds just because they are on different sides of the county boundary. Whilst there are some initiatives to try to address this it seems that they aren't designed to be helpful to small clusters of houses.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 7th September 2021 at The Tortworth Estate Office at 7.30pm.** All parishioners are welcome and are able to participate in the meeting.

Roland Brown – Clerk

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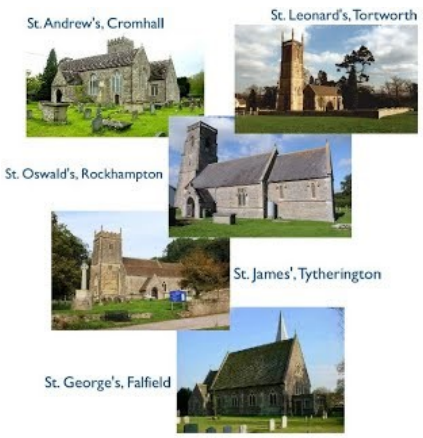

SERVICES in August As the Covid-19 guidelines have been relaxed now, each church and benefice has to work out how best to go forward in a safe manner for their congregations. Rev Sue will be meeting with the wardens (after this has gone to print) to work out how we in the CROFTT do this.

Please do look locally for the 'CRoFTT guidelines' which we will ask people to follow for the well-being of all who come to services. These will be sent out via the Pew Sheet list to our congregations. Look also at the 'A Church Near You' website.

As we take another step forward in our services, **as from August 1st there will be 10:30am services in church. This means that the 10:30am Zoom service will stop.**

The 6:30 Zoom service – the Sunday Half-hour will continue.

August Services: 10:30am

1st	Tortworth
8th	Cromhall and Falfield
15th	Tytherington
22nd	Rockhampton
29th	tba

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FALFIELD WEATHER RECORDS

JUNE 2021

	High	Low	Average
Temp	28.2 ^{0}C	5.6 ^{0}C	17.2 ^{0}C
Dew Point	19.1 ^{0}C	-9.4 ^{0}C	6.8 ^{0}C
Humidity	99.0 %	10 %	57 %
Precipitation	18.79 mm		
Wettest Day	7.11 mm on 28th. YTD 335.03 mm		
Wind Speed	18.0 km/h	--	0.0 km/h
Wind Gust	32.0 km/h		
Wind direction	SSE		
Pressure	1031.49 hPa	1010.20 hPa	

Go to www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=IENGLAND1163 for live weather information from the Falfield weather station

TYTHERINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Now that there is a cautious lifting of legal restrictions, we in the Tytherington Baptist and St James' church fellowships are arranging a joint 'Thanksgiving Service' to be held commencing at 11.00am on Sunday 1st August at St James'.

Future services will be decided upon following this initial 'event', but it is hoped that both congregations will resume 'normal' regular Sunday worship as soon as possible.

I'm sorry to be rather vague regarding the ongoing services at this time, but we all feel that we must move forward with caution, especially as the infection rate in the area continues to increase.

If anyone from Tytherington has any topic (or person) which they would like to be included in the prayers on a particular Sunday, please feel free to contact me (by the previous Friday).

My e-mail address is:
allenbroncksea@blueyonder.co.uk

Many blessings to you all,

Brian

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Sunday Worship Services for August in the Chapel:

Join us as we worship the Lord each Sunday, followed by refreshments

1st	(10.30am)	David Frampton	(6.30pm)	Simon Carey
8th	(10.30am)	Simon Carey	(6.30pm)	Trevor Brain
15th	(10.30am)	Damon Ujvarosy	(6.30pm)	Phil Ricketts
22nd	(10.30am)	Steve Loader	(6.30pm)	Simon Carey
29th	(10.30am)	Simon Carey	(6.30pm)	Simon Carey

Wednesdays at 7.30pm:

Bible Study and Prayer in the Chapel hall

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on Zoom):

3rd, 17th and 31st – 7.00pm
10th and 24th – 9.30am

Townwell Tots Picnic:

Saturday 28th August in the field next to the Chapel from 12.00 noon. We would like to welcome all previous Tots and their families as well as any who would like to join us in the future. Please bring your own picnic and chairs or a rug to sit on.

We hope to start our other activities in September, depending on the Covid situation.

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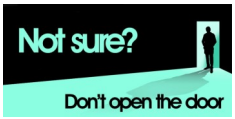

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We would like to welcome all previous Tots and their families, as well as any who would like to join us in the future, to a picnic in the field next to the Chapel on **Saturday 28th August from 12.00 noon**.

Please bring your own picnic and chairs or a rug to sit on. Due to Covid concerns we have decided to have a bring-your-own-picnic this year instead of our usual barbecue.

We hope to start our regular Townwell Tots Thursday mornings in September, depending on the Covid situation. This is a free stay and play and all babies and pre-school children are welcome with their parents or carers.

It is a great place to meet other families and relax over coffee and cake while the children play.

We finish with a time of singing and a Bible story: 10.15am -12.00 noon during term time.

Back to reality for the Arts?!

There's no better way for the Armstrong Arts Group to re-launch the Thornbury Arts scene than with a spot of Jazz! The AAG has the perfect antidote to Lockdown Blues – a sparkling evening of jazz classics from the Jenner Jazz Quartet, with Gareth Williams (flute and saxes), Sam Foster (keyboard), Jim Pimpernell (double bass) and Jim Sanders (drums).

The AAG is not currently raising funds for the Armstrong Hall but aiming to keep some musical and theatrical events happening in the town. Any monies raised will be used to further this aim.

The jazz evening will take place (maintaining Covid rules) at the **United Reformed Church on September 11th at 7.30pm.**

The cost is £12 to include a drink. Tickets are available on 01454 850933.

An October event is "in the pipeline" and to follow, on the 27th November, we can all look forward to Michael Lunts' much awaited "Christmas Crackers" musical evening. Keep the date, details to come……

TYTHERINGTON CALENDAR 2022

If you have any photos or art work you would like to submit for inclusion in the calendar, please send them to Mike Brown.

Big file size is best so for preference, please put them on a memory stick which you can leave enveloped in the village shop. Your memory stick will be returned.

If sending by email please send singly to mbrown.dsuch@care4free.net

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Saturday 21st August

11.00am - 4.00pm

Pop in for morning coffee, lunch or afternoon tea. Or stay all day and have a great catchup with friends!

Church will be open with scrap books and other items to view, a quiz will keep the whole family busy and Miranda, our organist, has been asked to play.

Outside, the churchyard has been beautifully maintained over lockdown by local volunteers, so come and have a look, and the new churchyard graves plan is bound to spark interest with many.

Do come along, we look forward to seeing you there.

(Strict adherence to any Covid restrictions in place on the day will be observed.)

ST PETER'S HOSPICE SEVERNSIDE SUPPORT GROUP

Friends of St Peter's Hospice Registered Charity No: 269177

Safety has been the absolute priority during these troubling times of the Covid pandemic, and we sincerely hope you have all managed to keep safe and well.

To say we have missed holding our events for the Hospice would be a huge understatement, we have missed the company of our volunteers and supporters, and raising much-needed donations for the Hospice.

Sadly the Hospice has lost out on a huge amount of fundraising donations over the last eighteen months and we can but hope there is light at the end of the tunnel at last for such a vital requirement within our community.

Needless to say the care and devotion from the Hospice in Brentry and Hospice at Home has still been carried out to their very high standards, for which we are most grateful.

Here at Severnside, we are not committing to any events locally until December 4th when we will be holding a Christmas (sorry to use the word so early!) coffee morning, with gift stall, raffle, cards and teas. More information to follow but please make a note of the date in your diary, thank you. It will absolutely delight us to welcome you all back again.

If you are interested in joining any organised events from the fundraising team at Long Ashton, all details can be found on the Hospice website www.stpetershospice.org.uk or by telephoning on 01275 391 400, and they will be pleased to discuss this with you.

In the meanwhile, let's hope we have some sunshine to finish up the summer with, and it won't be too long before we can breathe a huge sigh of relief and get on with our lives again.

Thornbury Library

Hooray!!!!!!!!!!

Rhymetime returns to Thornbury Library on a Friday at 9.30am.

This is a bookable event and numbers are extremely limited.

Please email: thornbury.library@southglos.go.uk and leave your name and phone number and we will call you to book you in.

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Rockhampton Village Hall Management Committee

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Say goodbye to your GB Sticker

Drivers planning on road-tripping through Europe later this year will have to trade in their GB car sticker or magnet for a new 'UK' version.

The current sticker used on the back of vehicles will not be valid after September 28, the United Nations (UN) has outlined. Instead, to drive on foreign roads, motorists will have to replace it with a UK sticker Those with a GB number plate will also need a new sticker, or have to order a fresh number plate with the UK symbol.

The UN said it had received "a notification stating that the United Kingdom is changing the distinguishing sign that it had previously selected for display in international traffic on vehicles registered in the United Kingdom, from 'GB' to 'UK'". New UK stickers will be available online, and in post offices and garages for around £1.50.

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9.30am – 12.30pm

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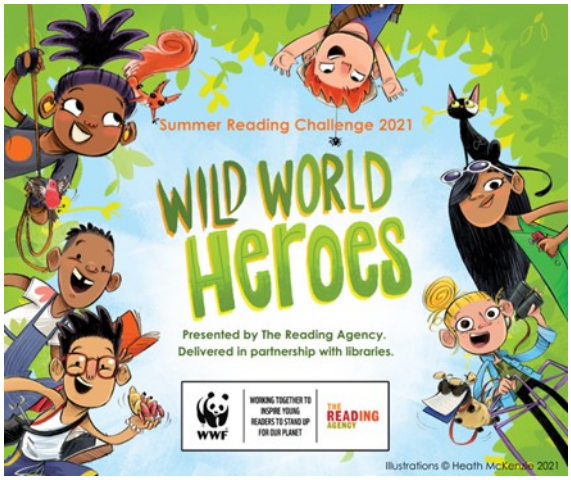

Pack your bags, we're headed to the library to join *Wild World Heroes*, Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

To get involved, children read 6 books over the summer holiday and collect stickers to complete their special *Wild World Heroes* poster to get a medal and certificate. **It's FUN and FREE to take part.**

Join the *Wild World Heroes* for the Summer Reading Challenge at a South Gloucestershire library from Saturday 10th July to Saturday 11th September, and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up and see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading.
"My Child's reading abilities have grown leaps and bounds!" (Parent, Patchway Library)

"My children love doing the reading challenge each year. Getting the medal and certificate is a real incentive to keep reading." (Parent, Winterbourne Library)

NEW this year, there is also the Mini Challenge specially designed for pre-school children.

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