

BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH JUNE PARISH NEWS 2020

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From Reverend Graham

The familiar landmarks of summer have disappeared. No Suffolk Show, no village fetes. Usually my diary is full of weddings and village events. Now I stare at blank space. But, like many of us who work from home I have found that although the diary might be devoid of meetings and people to see, there are new ways of doing things. It's amazing that we have had the technology for home working, video conferencing for years but there has been an explosion in finding new ways to do things. Recently the bishop set the clergy the challenge of 'what will you do differently when the lock down is eased?'

It's a question I suspect that many are asking themselves about their work, lifestyle and family life. Talking to people either over the phone or from a suitable distance as I walk around the village, people talk about the value of family time, and the pressures of being at home all the time. Many have remarked that they don't want to get back into a car or on a train and travel to endless meetings. So, is this the beginning of a significant shift in thinking and practice?

My hope is that people will be asking questions about what is important in life. Whether we are in the world of work or retired there may be things that we would like to do differently. That includes the church. We are still here. Just because a building is closed (and we await guidance on when we can re-open them for private prayer and public worship) doesn't mean that the church has stopped operating. We have daily prayer published on the internet, we meet by Zoom on Sundays. People are exercising pastoral care through telephone calls and emails, delivering hope through helping their neighbours. As we come out of lockdown and move to a 'new normal' there will be significant challenges and some things will change. Exciting times!

One thing that hasn't changed is that we still have bills to pay. Like all charities we have experienced a significant fall in income. I and all the church councils are very grateful to the many people who contribute electronically to their local church which means that we have some cash flow. Many people have experienced a change in financial circumstances, but if you would, and are in a position to make a contribution towards the church please do contact the treasurer of your local church.

Take care and keep safe. Graham

Contactless Giving

As a Benefice we have become increasingly aware that fewer people carry cash in their pockets or purses and rely much more on cards to make purchases and payments either manually or on-line. In order that members of our congregations can use cards to make donations to the Church, we have purchased a machine designed to enable contactless giving. This machine is easy to use. Our Church Wardens and Elders can contact me to let me know when they need it for their own Churches.

email: cooke200@btinternet.com

Daily services are published on line at

www.hachestonchurch.onesuffolk.net/services and if you wish you join in the Zoom service contact Graham Hedger and he will pass your name to the administrator who hosts the service.

Registers

Funerals

24 April Valerie Vale Marlesford
5 May Stuart Heeley Kettleburgh

Pastoral support

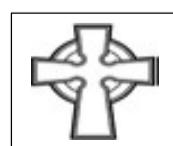
Although we are unable to visit, members of the Ministry Team and others are available at the end of the 'phone to listen or to pray with you.

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Canon Deirdre Parmenter	01728 748145
Jackie Clark	01728 723623
Carol Cooke	01728 747625
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A photograph of the Easter garden

Connie and Kelly built in the church porch over the Easter weekend to mark Easter with a tradition that goes back to when Connie and Megan were very little.



Church services and open churches

Following guidance from the government our churches have been closed for many weeks. Based on the Covid Recovery strategy it is unlikely that churches will be open before July at the earliest. At the moment there are people working out what needs to be done to open churches safely, either as places of prayer or for services. Only when directed by the government, the Archbishop of Canterbury and our Diocesan Bishop will we be able to re-open our churches. Before they open, the church councils will need to satisfy a number of (as yet unknown) steps to ensure the safety of all who enter. This means that at the moment we can only do funerals with limited numbers, either at the graveside or the crematorium and we are not permitted to do weddings or baptisms. We continue to publish daily services on the Hacheston Church website

www.hachestonchurch.onesuffolk.net/services these can be downloaded and many of us stop each day at 9:30am and 4:00pm to say our prayers. There is also a Sunday service on Zoom at 9:30am. The congregation is growing every week. If you would like to join the service please contact Bill Clarke bill78@btinternet.com to get the link. In order to preserve the security of the service we don't publish the link. For those with computers and internet access:

- Morning prayer is streamed from the Bishop's Chapel via the Bishop's Facebook page [@BishopsCofEsuffolk](#)
- Evening Prayer is streamed from the Cathedral via the Cathedral's Facebook page [@Stedscathedral](#)
- A special Sunday service is streamed from the Cathedral
- Radio 4 longwave broadcasts a daily service

On Sunday, Songs of Praise is on BBC 1 and a morning service on Radio 4 and Radio Suffolk



DR DAN POULTER MP

Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

As I sit to write this month's article, we continue to live in incredibly challenging circumstances, with the Coronavirus restrictions continuing to impact upon our day to day lives. I'd like to start by thanking each and every one of you for playing your part and staying at home, helping to protect our NHS and saving lives.

During this important national fight against COVID-19, I have been given leave by the Government to return to the frontline of the NHS working as a doctor, but I want you to know that I am still here to help you as your local MP and continue to stand up for the best interests of Suffolk.

I am in touch with my office on a regular basis, where I am briefed fully and give regular instructions on constituency matters and how to help people locally who may be in need. My team and I are working extraordinarily long hours dealing with a hugely increased workload, helping people to access vital daily support, return home from overseas and providing advice to businesses to access Government grants.

We are very lucky indeed to live in Suffolk and I have been heartened to hear so many stories of communities coming together and individuals going out of their way to help elderly and vulnerable neighbours. It is times like these which bring out the best in people and I am proud to call Suffolk my home.

Suffolk's "Home But Not Alone" scheme is an outstanding example of the public and voluntary sector coming together to deliver help to those who need it. The number for those in need of genuine help is 0800 876 6926. Lines continue to be staffed from 9am to 5pm 7 days a week.

Many businesses have been in touch welcoming the measures put in place by the Treasury, but of course there are still some who are left behind and falling through the net. The likelihood of social distancing measures lasting for many months, or even a year, is likely to put considerable strain on our pubs and restaurants. That's why I have written to the Chancellor to raise these concerns and I am hopeful that more can be done to help our local businesses and in particular, our pubs, cafes and restaurants in the weeks and months ahead.

As ever, I would like to close by paying tribute to my NHS colleagues, the Police and the many others on the frontline of our public services who are putting others before themselves to help in this crucial fight against Coronavirus.

If you would like my help, please visit my website www.drdanielpoulter.com for the latest information.

Citizens Advice is still here to help!

Chiara Saunders is now heading up the Leiston, Saxmundham and District Citizen's Advice. Despite the massive upheaval at the start of her new role, Mrs Saunders remains determined that the service will continue to help people. Mrs Saunders said: "Coronavirus struck. We were determined to keep the service going and that created a huge amount of work for the team to make it possible for our advisers and staff to work from home. "Leiston Citizens Advice was just not geared up for that. Getting to grips with the technology has been a huge challenge, but we have managed, and we are providing telephone and email advice despite the circumstances. "We have transferred all advice and help to phone and email. We continue to be here to help. Please ring, email or send a letter. We will reopen our face-to-face service as soon as we are able."

Phone: 01728-832193 (Leiston office Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10-2)

Phone: 03444-111-444 (National number Mon-Fri 9-5)

Email: supervisor@leistoncab.cabinet.org.uk

Post: 14 Colonial House, Station Road, Leiston IP16 4JD

Editor's Note This slimmed down Parish Mag will be online until the Coronavirus Emergency is over.

The Deadline for contributions for the July 2020 edition by June 25th 2020 to jan_baldwin123@hotmail.com or post to Priory Barn, Brandeston IP13 7AU. Thank you and Take Care.

Framlingham Library

Framlingham Library is currently closed but we would love to be able to engage as widely as possible with our customers. We know that not everyone is able to go online and Suffolk Libraries is working to try and find ways to stay in touch with those customers.

For those who are able to go online, we are looking to try and extend what the staff at the library have been working on to include similar contributions from our customers.

For example- author/ book recommendations, spotlights on books/ authors, book reviews and suggestions.

We would also be interested in written pieces about any of the Suffolk Libraries apps such as 'Libby', 'Borrowbox', 'Press Reader', 'Freegal' and your customer experiences of these services.

If you think that you might be able to provide something upbeat and engaging to share with the Framlingham Library community then in the first instance, please get in touch via email- trisha.adkins@suffolklibraries.co.uk

Kind Regards

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COVID – 19

Covid – 19 has proved to be a deadly plague

Neither creed, nor race, nor gender defining

Now Mother Nature takes up centre stage

To give death-darkened clouds a silver lining.

Shrill, joyous birdsong permeates the air

That vital air we breathe seems cleaner.

No planes, few trains, less traffic fumes

Our Planet Earth – is becoming greener.

New friendships forged, old friends more highly valued

We see a glimpse of how the world could be

If all nations worked in peace with others

Mankind would reap the benefits of harmony.

By Rick Reade

CITIZENS ADVICE CAN HELP DURING THE CORONAVIRUS.

Have you been furloughed? We can help to check if you are entitled to claim any benefits.

Has coronavirus impacted your income? Are you struggling, stressed or anxious? Contact us.

Employment issues? Not sure of your rights during Coronavirus closure? We can help.

Being at home in Lockdown can be difficult. If you need to speak to someone, ring us.

Has coronavirus affected your plans? Holiday cancelled? Something you ordered and can no longer afford? Please get in touch.

The price of oil is currently low – if you have an oil tank, worth checking the price to top up your tank. If you are struggling with fuel bills, get in touch and see if we can help.

Scammers are using sophisticated ways to take advantage of the crisis – be aware of texts, emails, voucher offers. If you think you have been scammed, get in touch.

Wondering if you should ask for a payment holiday on your credit card or car HP? Ring us.

If you are not sure of your employment rights or struggling on a reduced income – please get in touch.

Has your income gone down and your UC been adjusted? If you're not sure of the new figures... we can help.

We can help you or find someone for you to talk to.

Phone **01728 832193**

or email supervisor@leistoncab.cabinet.org.uk.

#AdviceAtHome

The office is open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri from 10am-2pm coming soon - in the East Anglian Daily News.

<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/chiara-saunders-leiston-citizen-s-advice-1-6649875>