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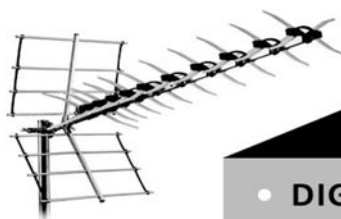
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Bengeio Parish Magazine and Community News



Welcome to the online only edition of the *Bengeio Magazine*.

We have come together to share life on social media, chat at a distance while exercising or on dog walks, laugh together on Zoom, WhatsApp or Skype and applaud the work of the NHS and key workers on Thursday evenings. When we cannot see our friends and family face to face there is still a spirit of hope in Bengeio even in these difficult times.

The front page of the magazine illustrates some of the wonderful drawings and craft supporting the NHS and key workers – we do thank you. Every day the Secret Society of Hertford Crafters are adding a new key worker to their collection. See what they have done on page 5.

For those who are self-isolating we are bringing the out of doors to your screen. Spring has been happening all around: wild flowers, blossom, and wildlife are responding to the unseasonal warm weather by putting on their display weeks earlier than usual. Catch a glimpse of them on page 13.

There is much to do online even though local events are not taking place for the foreseeable future. We have put more links in this online edition: local services for food and meals, online events and entertainments and online support and advice.

Remember:

STAY HOME; PROTECT THE NHS; SAVE LIVES

The Editorial Team

Front cover photograph:

NHS rainbows from windows and walls in Bengeio

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Secret Society of Hertford Crafters

CELEBRATING KEY WORKERS



The Secret Society of Hertford Crafters members have

been busy making different key workers (more than 35 so far) who are supporting the nation during the Covid-19 pandemic. We wanted to find a way to celebrate the work they do and to thank them in some small way.

Every day, starting Monday 13th April 2020, we are posting a photo of a different key worker on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, together with a little story about that key worker.

Many of our 130-strong yarnbombing community have helped to make our keyworker figures; some are crocheted and knitted, others have fabric outfits and some logos are beautifully embroidered.

Here are the links to our social media where you can see all the key workers we have made. To tantalise you, here are a few examples of keyworkers who will soon be brought to life: Nurse, GP Receptionist, Waste Collector and Supermarket workers.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/secretsocietiofhertfordcrafters

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We are developing a plan for fundraising and this will be communicated as soon as our plan is finalised.

Day 1 – Care Worker



Hello, I'm Carrie the Care Worker

I love my job caring for the amazing elderly people at a residential home in my town. At the moment things are a bit different from usual as no visitors are allowed. I am taking this rainbow drawing to a lady

from her grandchildren – they are sad they can't see her, but they drew it to cheer her up. I have to wear a mask now and wash my hands very often. I carry a bottle of anti-bac in my rucksack along with my purse and phone – I call my Dad when I need a lift

home. I hope that our residents will be safe from the virus and able to have a hug from their families soon! Stay safe and stay indoors!

Day 2 – the Armed Forces



Hello, I'm Corporal Vera Brittain

My name is dedicated to the writer and nurse, 1893–1970. Originally working as a nurse in the army, I have been deployed with my platoon into London to help take PPE to hospitals and other care establishments. Some of my colleagues helped build the NHS Nightingale Hospital and are helping the emergency services.

Stay safe everyone.

Day 3 – Cruse Volunteer



Hi, I'm Maggie

I'm named after Margaret Torrie who founded Cruse 60 years ago. I volunteer at Cruse Bereavement Care in Hertfordshire and I'm a trained bereavement support worker.

[cruse.org.uk](https://www.cruse.org.uk)

Stay safe. Stay indoors.

Day 4 – Mechanic



Hi, I'm Andy

Andy and his trusty team run a small garage in the town. Today he has been helping Greg, a local nurse, with his car. Greg was leaving work after a long shift when he noticed he had a flat tyre. Andy was quickly on hand to help him

out and he is now safe to drive back to work tomorrow.

#STAYHOME

#PROTECTTHENHS

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St Leonard's Church, Beng eo Calendar of Events for 2020

Opening times for visitors from Sunday 2nd August to Sunday 27th September
Saturdays: 10.30am to 1pm Sundays 2.30pm to 5pm (Tea and Cake available)

Please note: All events and services subject to cancellation

August

Tuesday 4 th	Quiet Time, 8pm
Tuesday 11 th	Quiet Time, 8pm
Tuesday 18 th	Quiet Time, 8pm
Saturday 22 nd	Concert: Simon Mayor & Hilary James, Mandolin virtuosos, 7.30pm
Tuesday 25 th	Quiet Time, 8pm
Sunday 30 th	Worship: Summer Songs of Praise, 6.30pm

September

Sunday 6 th	Worship: Holy Communion (BCP) 8am Parish Communion 10am
Saturday 12 th	Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust 'Bike and Hike' and Heritage Open Day 9am-5pm. <i>Church welcomes visitors as usual.</i>
Sunday 13 th	Heritage Open Day. <i>Church welcomes visitors as usual.</i>
Sunday 27 th	Event: Harvest Festival Songs of Praise, 6.30pm <i>Followed by the Friends of St. Leonard's AGM</i>

October / November

No Events

December

Friday 18 th	'A Christmas Wassail' with folk band Magpie Lane, 7.30pm
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For Concert bookings £15 (£10 FoSL members) contact Mary Crane on 01992 314003
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THE FULLER BELLS

HERTFORD U3A Handbell Team



Hertford U3A

Those of you who attended the Holy Trinity Church 'Sing Noel' Christmas service in December heard our small team play. A number of people have asked about us and our bells so this is an opportunity to tell you about our group in Bengeo and The Fuller Bells.

As a new Hertford U3A activity, in 2012, under the leadership of Jennifer Thomas, six people joined up to learn how to play handbells. We were very fortunate to be taught by a couple of experienced members from Broxbourne Handbell Ringers, a large and well established team.

Our team initially met fortnightly at Haileybury's Social Club, borrowing bells variously from Holy Trinity Church and Watton at Stone's Church. Over the next few years the membership of our team changed, depending on people's commitments and interest, but a core group became established. We moved our practices to the Church Hall in Duncombe Road and for the last couple of years have met weekly at my home in The Drive.

Back in 2013, I was inspired by a concert at Ware Drill Hall given by the highly regarded East Anglian Regional Handbell Team. On the seats were flyers inviting people to try out at Broxbourne. I, and then others from our team, went along. Those of you who know me realise that from there on in I became totally hooked (obsessed?) and have continued to ring with Broxbourne Handbell Ringers, as do some others of our team.

Belonging to Broxbourne has provided our team with new skills and avenues. It transpired that Broxbourne was the keeper of a set of handbells that was not being used. These bells are not tuned to concert pitch and so cannot be played with other bells or instruments that are (more on that later). I was asked if our team would like to borrow them on a permanent basis. Oh yes, and so we have become the proud keeper of The Fuller Bells.

The Fuller Bells

These handbells are special; unique in fact. The inscription on the biggest bell reads "Symondsons's, Bell Founders, 1, Tottenham Court Road, London" and probably dates from sometime in the early 1800s. Although Henry and his son Phillip recorded their occupations as bell founders, they did not actually cast their own handbells. A brass and bronze founder in Shoe Lane produced blanks and the Symondsons tuned and finished them. I won't go into the lengthy history of the Symondsons, except to say that Hertford features prominently. I will save that for another time! What I will add though is that Henry Symondson was considered to be an excellent tuner. Handbells were originally produced to complement sets of tower bells for practising and later for playing tunes. It is surmised that this set, pitched in D Major, was probably used around the Holborn area of London.

What we do know is that these handbells were acquired by Toc H, (founded by the philanthropist, Rev Tubby Clayton), and used as an activity for the

wounded and disabled between and after World Wars One and Two. In 1951, Mr Dick Norrell, who was heavily involved in Toc H, set up the George Fuller Club for the Blind in the Hoddesdon/Turnford area. He named the club after his close friend who had been a journalist, BBC script writer and local resident and had died a few months earlier. The bells were given to the club to be used as an activity.

However, handbells need careful handling and storage and Broxbourne was later asked to look after them. As mentioned earlier, the set is not tuned to concert pitch, so they were stored but rarely used by Broxbourne except for a commitment to give an annual performance at the Fuller Club. Although numbers are dwindling, the Club still exists, meeting monthly in Wormley. As custodians of the bells we uphold that commitment and go each February to entertain the members and their carers, always receiving a warm welcome. We are very grateful that, in 2017, Hertford U3A helped finance refurbishment of the bells as that has greatly enriched their timbre. In 2018 our team formally

named the bells 'The Fuller Bells (Hertford U3A)' and have a banner denoting that.

Our team performs a number of gigs throughout the year, visiting residential and care homes, as well as all sorts of community groups, including those for the disabled or people living with dementia. We particularly enjoy these engagements as it gives us pleasure not only to play but also to encourage our audiences to learn about handbells and have a go. The interaction and reactions of older folk in particular is very rewarding.

At this point in the article I was going to advertise a concert in Ware that was to be performed in June by the East Anglian Regional Handbell Team. Sadly, because of CVD-19, it has been cancelled, as have all of the forthcoming Fuller Bells gigs, but be assured that I will let you know when we are back. Meanwhile, please contact me if you know of a group that would like us to visit or if you are interested in learning more about handbells.

Jackie Downs

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WATCH THIS SPACE

FORWARD PLANNING

(Covid 19 permitting)

**SECOND COLLECTORS' AND HOBBIES FAYRE
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

Saturday 5th September, 10.30am–4.30pm

Sunday 6th September, 11.30am–4.00pm

We are pressing ahead with preparations for the above and letters have been sent to numerous organisations within Bengeo seeking contributions. If you have not yet been approached and would like to participate we would be delighted to hear from you. We showcased amazing collections and memorabilia, retro and vintage last year and let's see if we can match it or do even better this year.

Please contact Mary Crane, 01992 314003, em.crane@virginmedia.com or Penny Andrew, 01992 586028, pennyandrew22@hotmail.com.

We will be delighted to hear from you.

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Once the current virus pandemic ends the Friends of St Leonard's would like to be able to

provide tea, coffee and a delicious slice of cake to visitors on Sunday afternoons during the Open Season which we have pencilled in for August and September this year. If you can help us on just one Sunday by providing cake and/or serving tea or helping with stewarding, welcoming visitors to the church, talking to them about the building and explaining points of interest we will be very pleased to hear from you. All profits will go towards the upkeep of St Leonard's to keep it in tip-top shape as a valued community asset. We will gather together all volunteers before the Open Season commences so that we all know exactly what we are doing!

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Lockdown

Just some thoughts during this time of isolation.

We feel so blessed here in Bengio with gardens full of beautiful spring flowers and blossoms that can lift our hearts. Plenty of lovely walks on the doorstep and the amazing sight of the bluebell woods which seem to be extra special this year.

Our thanks to all those involved with the Podcasts which help to keep us in touch with Holy Trinity, so much thought and effort in their compilation.

We are all trying to keep in touch with family and friends by telephone, WhatsApp and Zoom, etc some very interesting conversations. We even managed to play trains during a WhatsApp video call with our youngest grandson!

Plenty of time for all those jobs which have been waiting to be done. Pete has even been tackling his study which many of you would know is a feat in itself!

The Lobster Pot with their home delivery service is a real treat, we have even had a Zoom Lobster Pot lunch with friends which we will be repeating again soon.

Now for the terribly sad side to the Covid-19 situation we all feel so much for all those who are suffering from the virus and for all those feeling so isolated, those young families in high rise flats with no gardens and for those who have lost loved ones in such tragic circumstances. Our hearts and prayers go out to them. We thank God for all those NHS workers. Carers and those key workers in front line jobs putting themselves at risk for us.

We are joining in with others with clapping, the dinner gong and a tambourine on Thursday evenings.

Keep well and keep smiling

Libby and Peter Shillito



The Children's Society

As you will have realised sadly we were not able to hold our Coffee Morning in April and also the one at Carol Warren's is now cancelled due to the corona virus situation.

However we do hope to be able to go ahead with the autumn Coffee Morning which hopefully will be held on Saturday 3rd October in the Church Hall. If this is possible we will have to make it an extra special occasion to raise funds for the Children's Society as sadly that plus many other Charities have really missed out with their fundraising this year.

Many thanks to all our supporters.

Libby Shillito



Pet Service

Unfortunately our Pet Service due to be held this summer at St Leonard's Church has also had to be cancelled, we look forward to being able to have one next year when we will support Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Libby Shillito

Bengio Open Gardens

Janet Guilbride has been in touch to say that under the circumstances the Bengio Open Gardens will not be taking place this year. She hopes that you will be working on your gardens during the lockdown and that we will see them in their full glory next year.



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CoPS Theatre

CoPs theatre is completely closed for all events for the remainder of this season, originally schedule to finish at the end of June.

We have postponed our spring and summer productions 'Rabbit Hole' and 'The Hound of the Baskervilles'.

Until the situation regarding both lockdown and social distancing become clearer we do not know when we will be up and running again. Our great hope is in the early autumn.

Hertford Art Society



The on-line Spring Show will feature 136 pictures and two 3D works from 51 of their members. Most of the works are for sale and in four cases you are welcome to download the image for free. This year could be a particularly good one for buying original art as the traditional Private View, at which half of the sales are made, will clearly not be taking place, at least not physically.

You will be able to view the show at www.hertfordartsociety.co.uk

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Have a party in your front garden!

Do you need a boost? Why not have a party in your front garden?

Instead of the usual parties to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8th May, we are encouraged to join our

neighbours by decorating our own house, then sitting in our own front garden to enjoy a communal picnic albeit at a distance from one another.

Tell others in your street to do the same. With cheerful bunting and NHS rainbows our houses will look wonderful and we will still celebrate in style.

Remember the anniversary but still stay well apart!

Spring flowers, blossoms and wildlife around Bengelo in April



Bengeo Lives – EDWARD ARCHIBALD BROWN



In these strange times when people are walking the countryside around Bengeo more than ever and taking in the local scenery I thought it

might be appropriate to feature an artist that lived locally and painted and drew many scenes around Bengeo.

Edward Archibald Brown or E A Brown R A as he is more widely known lived at 'Newlyn', 21 Duncombe Road.

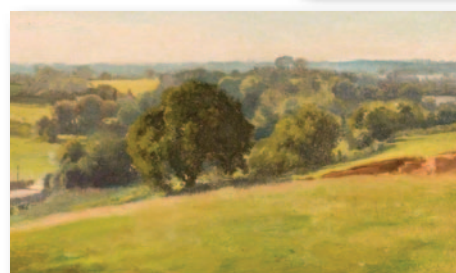
He was born in 1866 in Eastwood, Nottingham, the son of Edward Adolphus Brown, a Physician, and his wife Alice. His

father died in 1878 and the family moved to Croydon where Edward studied at the Royal College of Art. He was appointed headmaster of the Hertford School of Art in the 1890s. The school had been founded in 1880, moving to the first floor of the public library on Old Cross when it was built in 1889. He resigned in 1908 although he continued to teach for some years after. The appointment is probably the reason he came to Hertford and in 1901 he was lodging in a house in Villiers Street.

Edward showed just four exhibits at the Royal Academy, 1900–03. Landscapes by him are in the collections of Hertford Museum. In 1903 he married Gertrude Minnie Stapes in All Saints Church, Hertford and



they then moved to Duncombe Road. It can be surmised that they called the house 'Newlyn' as he was an admirer



of the Newlyn School of painters. He painted a number of local scenes over the years he lived in

Bengeo. Minnie died in 1925 at Hill End Hospital, St Albans, and Edward in 1935 in Hertford. Both are buried together in Holy Trinity, Bengeo. Edward was a very private man of whom very little is known but his pictures tell us everything about his passion for his art and the place he lived. The Dictionary of British Art identifies him as a fruit painter although almost all his surviving pictures are landscapes of which Hertford Museum have quite a few.

Marilyn Taylor

Drawing of Molewood Lane courtesy of local artist Trevor Chamberlain, who received tuition from Alfred Wright, a former pupil of EA Brown.

Paintings from the Hertford Museum Collection copyright Hertford Museum from website artuk.org.

Parish Ramble

Jim and Eileen organised another Parish Ramble for us on a Wednesday in between Storm Ciara and Storm Dennis in February. Thirteen intrepid souls including three children Isabella, Jake and Zach plus Polly the Springer Spaniel turned up for a very muddy walk. We started from Bengeo and walked or in some parts wallowed through mud and puddles to Chapmore End. Here some had a hot drink by the duck pond and fed the ducks while others of us had something more alcoholic and crisps from The Woodman!

Although dry when we started our ramble by the time we left Chapmore End the rain had started yet again! Luckily everyone was well prepared for all weathers. During our walk we heard Skylarks and saw Kites flying over the woods. Also Jim pointed out nesting boxes for dormice which had been placed in some bushes along the way.

Despite the weather there was lots of friendly chit-chat as we walked and very importantly nobody slid over in the mud which really was quite an achievement!

Thank you Eileen and Jim for an enjoyable walk but please make sure it is dry underfoot and the sun is shining next time!

Libby Shillito

Local Links for Live Discussion and Information

Facebook Groups and Websites Bengeio

Love Bengeio

www.facebook.com/groups/334572663543095

Bengeio Residents

www.facebook.com/groups/69853958029804

Molewood Residents Association

www.molewood.org.uk

Facebook Causes/Campaigns Bengeio

Stop Bengeio Quarry

www.facebook.com/groups/992628417479697

Save Bengeio Countryside stop the quarry

www.facebook.com/savebengeio

Save Beane Marshes

www.facebook.com/groups/savebeanemarshes

www.facebook.com/groups/1952984661585380

Hertford including Bengeio

Hertford Town Council Events

www.hertford.gov.uk

www.facebook.com/hertfordtowncouncil

Pages

I Love Hertford Page

www.facebook.com/ilovehertford

Hertford Facebook Groups

Photos of Hertford, Ware and surround

www.facebook.com/groups/photosofhertfordandware

Local History

www.ourhertfordandware.org.uk/content/category/groups/hertford-and-ware-local-history-society

Parish Group

Holy Trinity Church Bengeio

www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityBengeio

Parish website

www.parishofbengeio.com

Local links for deliveries and click-and-collect

Shop and Drop

A not-for-profit community service funded by local volunteers during the coronavirus.

www.shopanddrop.org

T: 01992 946833

E: shopdropherts@gmail.com

Lobster Pot

Freezer meals to cook at home, delivered to your door.

Kitchen: 01438 798416

M: 07887 543464

E: claire.lobsterpot@outlook.com

Go Getters

Fancy a takeaway? Go-getters will deliver from a number of Hertford restaurants.

<https://gogetters.co.uk/area/hertford?cat=takeaway>

Dominos

Online only orders for pizza.

www.dominos.co.uk/hertford

Foxholes Farm Shop

Check out their website for details of ordering.

www.foxholesfarm.com

Bridget Bs Traditional Meats

For delivery of meat, fruit, vegetables and fish.

www.bridgetbs.co.uk

Lussmans

For a lockdown treat have the restaurant experience in your own home. Click and collect from Lussmans, Hertford on Friday evenings.

www.lussmanns.com/

[product-category/food-to-go](http://www.lussmanns.com/product-category/food-to-go)

and last but not least go to

Happening in Herts

For a comprehensive list of many local services supporting people at home.

www.happeninginherts.com

Please tell us about other links you think would be useful to Bengeio residents.



Tonwell St Mary's Primary School



School News

Our school community has adapted quickly to the changes in the past weeks. The vast majority of our children are now taking part in home learning, whilst school remains open for a small number of key worker families.

The children and families have amazed us with their resilience and creativity. Staff have been working very hard to provide online resources and lesson plans, as well as practical activities for the children. We have found new ways of learning – Governing Body meetings via laptops, story reading on YouTube and handing in work via email!

Although a small school, we have several families providing vital support through the COVID-19 crisis in their work as nurses, care workers, midwives, supermarket assistants, nursery and secondary teachers and more. We are so proud of them and the way that all of our children have responded to this challenge.

Sarah Bridgman





Bengeo School News!

As you will know the school has been closed since 20th March. The children have been learning from an online platform from home, with support and encouragement from the teachers remotely.

Before school closed we enjoyed the following...

Instrumental concert

We enjoyed a fantastic concert on the 12th March by our talented musicians who played and sang to a packed audience. It really was a delightful occasion and extremely uplifting. Even more so in the present climate. Many thanks to all of our performers, peripatetic music staff and Miss Peters who organised the event.

Author visit

On 11th March Years 4, 5 and 6 had a visit from the author Karen McCombie. She told us about her books '*Little Bird Flies*' and '*Little Bird Lands*'. She told us about her early life and why she struggled at school. She told us lots of fascinating stories including her 'photo bombing' cat!

Eliza C

Road safety workshop

Sarah Elliot from HCC visited the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes to teach the children about road safety. They learnt how to cross the road safely and where the correct places to cross the road are. They were also taught about possible dangers on the road. Some of the children volunteered to dress up as safety patrol officers and practise what they had learnt.

Keeping the school open

Since 20th March children of key workers have been attending the school. They have been taking part in Joe Wicks PE, the daily mile, completing classwork set for them by teachers, enjoying using all of the equipment and facilities in the school and looking after the plants in the Enchanted Garden.

This is what some of the children have been up to at home:



Science experiment



Making a circuit



Making a robot



Writing a story



Creating family tree badges



Maths and modelling



Mill Mead School News



It has been a very strange time for everyone since the government's announcement that schools should close. Mill Mead has stayed open for the few children of key

workers who cannot be kept safely at home. The staff have been working to a rota to come in and support these children and, when not needed, they have worked at home.



Every week class teachers have been providing a range of exciting activities on class pages on the school website – a Maths and English activity for every day, some topic work, PE and French as well as some mindfulness activities. The teachers and I have also sent weekly messages,



and I have recorded a weekly video of one of the songs we sing in music assembly in case the children are missing these and want to sing along! I know parents have been working really hard to support their children's learning at home – it's not always easy!

One parent, who runs a stationery company, very generously delivered free stationery packs to all the children in his daughters' classes on his daily walks and then opened the offer to the rest of the school. So many children have enjoyed a 'stationery experience' which you don't get from a computer

and have loved using the variety of paper and envelopes to write some lovely letters to family and friends.

Pupils have been able to send examples of what they've been doing to teachers, teaching assistants and me. The younger children in Early Years have been keeping in contact using Tapestry, an online tool. It has been lovely to see how families have engaged and adjusted to the new situation in which we find ourselves – so much creativity and so many shared experiences.

The children who are in school have had access to the same activities on the website as those children at home but obviously with access to the school site they have also been able to do other things. They have particularly enjoyed sowing seeds and maintaining the lovely school garden as well as painting, craft activities and PE sessions led by a Year 6 pupil! Snacks are provided every day and the school kitchen supervisor comes in daily to make a lunch for those who want it. The staff have been thoroughly enjoying the time with the children who have been absolute stars!

The strength of the whole school community has once again shone through with the 'we're all in it together' mentality. I do hope that it will not be too long before we can safely reopen school and all be together again.

Sue Nesbitt-Larking





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A big hello from Team Duncombe!

The second half of the Spring Term seems so long ago, with everything else going on in the world. But Team Duncombe finished the term with some spectacular highs and we want to share these with you.

Team Duncombe's Harmony Choir reached the finals of the Barnardo's National Youth Choral Competition at The Royal Festival Hall, London. The children performed exceptionally well and stood out for all the right reasons. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all and although we may not have come first on this occasion, we are extremely proud of them all.

Once again Duncombe was the largest feeder school to Haileybury, St Edmund's College and Bishop's Stortford College and had great success with other feeder schools. This year we have not only celebrated a scholarship at PLC Melbourne, but also Harrow School. We are thrilled to share that one of our pupils has been awarded the Winston Churchill Inaugural Leadership Scholarship. This prestigious award has been set up to celebrate Harrow's 450 years celebrations in two years time. We are very proud as it is the first time a pupil from Year 6 has gained a place to Harrow School.

The Easter holidays this year were very different for families with children and so Team Duncombe created and filmed an array of enrichment activities, which were made available to all children and are

accessible on website. The 'Spirit of Duncombe' consists of a range of masterclasses and has something for everyone, from creative writing sessions with our Patron of Reading Alice Hemming and other authors, to baking alongside Cynthia Stroud BEM, a professional baker and a parent at Duncombe.



The Spirit of Duncombe

#TeamDuncombe

The 'Spirit of Duncombe' was hugely popular and in light of this, Team Duncombe have

decided to continue the programme and add masterclasses throughout the Summer Term. Take a look at our website for more details.

Even though our physical doors are closed at the start of this Summer Term, we are very much open. All our children are participating in daily lessons through digital platforms. Whilst our older children are participating in live lessons, creating a virtual classroom feel daily, our younger children are being taught and guided by their teachers through pre-recorded lessons and submitting work electronically. The staff of Team Duncombe continue to nurture and inspire our children's education through new and exciting ways and we look forward to sharing these with you in the next edition.

This is a new way of working for everyone and feedback from our families is extremely positive and we look forward to developing our digital learning platform further, until we reopen our doors.

If you would like to know more about Duncombe School and Treetops Pre-School, please visit our website and watch our new school video. If you have any further questions or would like to arrange a virtual chat with our Headmaster, please visit our website at www.duncombe-school.co.uk for more details.

Daily Prayers for May



*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into*

*temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.*

1. Our Ministry of Healing
2. The 333 Bus Service
3. Our Holy Trinity Bengo Website and Podcast
4. Watermill Lane
5. Hertford County Hospital
6. Hospital Ships
7. HMP Stafford, first used in 1794
8. Christian Writers
9. Local Shops and Businesses
10. Christian Aid Week
11. Wellington Street
12. Lister Hospital
13. Christian Aid working in Africa
14. HMP Standford Hill, Kent
15. Christian Aid working with Refugees
16. Christian Aid fundraising
17. North and East Herts Hospitals Chaplaincy Service
18. Westfield Road
19. Those that live in closed orders in Convents or Monasteries
20. The Barnabas Fund for Persecuted Christians
21. Ascension Day



He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

22. CHIPS – Children's Integrated Play Scheme
23. New QE11 Hospital, Welwyn Garden City
24. UK Christian Radio Stations, UCB and Premier Radio
25. Woodhall Close
26. Mount Vernon Hospital for Cancer Care and Research
27. The Christian Church in Russia
28. HMP Stocken, Oakham
29. The Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust
30. Christian Medical Fellowship
31. Pentecost. The Holy Spirit in Holy Trinity Bengo



*Lord we give you thanks for every breath we take.
We bring before you those who are struggling to take a breath, those who are taking their last breath, those who have taken their last breath.
For those who mourn, for those who care, for those who are researching.*

*We pray for their friends and families waiting, isolating, and keeping our distance.
For those who are lonely and who are reliant on others for collecting and delivering food and medicine.*

Amen

Daily Prayers for June



Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into

temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

1. Woodville Place
2. Church Army Refuge Centres
3. Christians in Uganda
4. Bengo Coffee Pot
5. HMP Stoke Heath, Market Drayton
6. Local Pubs and Clubs
7. Holy Trinity Bengo
8. Young's Mews
9. Our Memorial Garden
10. Christian Churches in Pakistan
11. Holy Communion
12. Local Doctors' Surgeries and Staff
13. Army Chaplains
14. Our Choir
15. Alexandra Place
16. The Isabel Hospice
17. Christian Churches in Bangladesh
18. HMP Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire
19. Local Clubs and Societies
20. The Samaritans in Ware and Hertford
21. Our fathers on Fathers' Day
22. Alma Place
23. Navy Chaplains
24. Oxfam Work in Refugee Camps
25. HMP Sudbury, Derbyshire,
built as a US Air Force Hospital in 1945
26. Future Hope, Working on Hartham Car Park
27. Citizens Advice Centres
28. The Parish Church Council for Holy Trinity
29. Anchor Lane
30. Chaplains to the Royal Air Force



Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which to look at Christ's compassion to the world, yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us

now.

**St Teresa of Avila
1515–1558**

Thank you, David Cramphorn, for the prayers and photos.



A Word from The Rectory

From The Vicar, The Revd Robert Thompson

Life at Easter



There is a reading popular at many funeral services written by a clergyman, Canon Henry Scott Holland. It begins, 'Death is nothing at all.' I have just one problem with my esteemed colleague – he was clearly wrong. Death is not 'nothing at all.' Death is dreadful. Its power is irresistible and inexorable and total, and it will not be denied.

But there must be a comforting word or a consoling thought to offer people in their grief. During the lockdown, with scarcely a hand to hold or a shoulder to cry on it's essential they be given some hope to hang on to. Although the churches are shut, funeral services are still being taken by local clergy around the country, and people have come – no more than 10 at a time, of course – all arranged around the cemetery or crematorium at a careful distance from one another, and determined as ever that death shall not have the last word.

So we speak about life – we speak openly and honestly about how precious life is, how frail and fleeting, vibrant and beautiful. Life is God's first gift to us, so Christians believe, which is why we accompany people on their life's journey from cradle to grave, baptism to funeral; it's why we gather to mourn the loss of life and, in prayer and song, celebrate its victory. And it is why at this season we tell the Easter story – to remember what God tells us about life, to hear his final say on the matter.

Life is a miracle – that is what God tells us. Consider the marvel of every leaf of every tree and every blade of grass. Observe the wonder of every cell in every human body, so gloriously diverse and amazingly unique. Mark the marvel of every thought in that mysterious electrochemical system that is the human brain, the dance of atoms in their electric field in universal matter. Behold the beauty of babies, the magnificence of Mozart, the glory of a copper-coloured sky, a songbird's speckled wing.

I don't think anyone who has watched one tiny microscopic virus bringing the whole of humanity to its knees can be indifferent to life anymore. Coronavirus has brought us face to face with some vivid truths: that the miracle of life is something fragile and vulnerable, yet impossibly beautiful and infinitely good. Life in all its abundance, its trials and tragedies, its glory and its joy – that's what Jesus shares with us in his cross and resurrection, a heart-to-heart relationship between God and humanity, his eternal presence in our immediate now.

Because it's the present moment we have to reckon with. St Paul knew this. Long before the Gospel writers told their Easter stories, he was sat at his desk eager to share the good news of the resurrection with his scattered church communities. He writes nothing about the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, nor his burial, nor even the empty tomb; his interest was in the reality of now, the experience of the present moment. 'All I know is Christ, he says, 'and the power of his resurrection...'

For Paul, the resurrection of Jesus is not an event that happened to someone else way back and far away, he is not interested when or where or how things happened once upon a time; resurrection – God's choice of life – that is all he ever wants to know, and knowing it has caused him to rethink what is possible, to look out at the world around him with astonished and grateful wonder, and dare believe in God's limitless power to create and redeem, to bless and preserve, to sink deep into our human plight and rise and overcome.

Life imperishable, life everlasting – God-made, God-given – God will not let that die. That we celebrate Jesus' resurrection in this sombre season of Coronavirus is not glib or flippant – it is the death-defying promise we're making one another that in this great struggle between tragedy and triumph, fear and faith, death and life, we are already on the winning side.

God is a lover. He cannot forget us – no lover ever could. He doesn't offer us the miraculous gift of life only to snatch it back again. He doesn't create us in his image, then watch that image fade and fail. He doesn't reveal himself in Jesus to prove what we already know: that life is hard and dicey, that death is cruel and bitter. He comes to proclaim that this creation is his creation, that you and I are endlessly precious, life is his crowning joy.

At this Eastertide and through the Coronavirus season, millions of Christians are celebrating the good news of the resurrection, not as a past event – some old story in the bible – nor some future fantasy or wild daydream, but a now event. Easter is God's response to events in this world that can change human hearts by offering new hope far beyond the limits of our prediction.

The message that life is stronger than death, that healing, renewal and restoration are not only our wish but the very will of God is what our weary world wants to hear right now. Which is why, of all the things I might say in such difficult times, it's better that I stand back and give you God's word on it. There is life at Easter. Alleluia!

With my prayers,

Robert Thompson

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Local Contacts for Help and Advice

Bengio Residents Support Network Against Coronavirus

Many volunteers from Bengio and the vicinity are offering help and support to vulnerable neighbours. Ring 01992 230155. Call if you need food or other items, information or just for a chat.

There is a Facebook group to get help or to volunteer: www.facebook.com/groups/bengeio.residents.against.coronavirus

Below are links to local services that Herts CC have sent out about the coronavirus assistance.

Medical and health Advice

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Information about local council services

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

Domestic Abuse

National Domestic Abuse Helpline
www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse Helpline

0808 808 8088
[Freephone Monday to Friday, 9am–9pm
Saturday/Sunday 9am–4pm]

Financial Advice

Money Advice Unit

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/benefits

Hertfordshire Citizens Advice Service:

03444 111 444

National Debtline

www.nationaldebtline.org
0808 808 4000

Advice on avoiding scams

Sign up for scam alerts from trading standards
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/updateme

Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline

0808 223 1133

If you are interested in volunteering

www.thvolunteering.org.uk

HertsHelp 0300 123 4044

Mental Health Advice and Support

Herts Mind network

www.hertsmindnetwork.org
020 3727 3600
0300 777 0707 [8am–7pm]
Nightline: 01923 256391

Emotional Support and Practical Help

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