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St Mary Magdalene Church

Services for November

Please join us for our services – we gather for comfort, companionship and support, and to think about the world, our village, our families and all who need our prayers. You may have times when you need that support – we are there any time you need us.

Sunday 1st November 10.30am All Saints - Benefice Holy Communion Rev. Paula Smith

Sunday 8th November 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Rev. Ron Bundock
(Please note that this service will be held at the War Memorial, Tingewick Cemetery, Water Stratford Road)

Sunday 15th November 10.30am Morning Prayer Service Lay Led

Sunday 22nd November 11.15am Holy Communion Rev. Paula Smith

We are delighted to welcome Paula to our parish, and wish her a long and happy stay with us. Paula has outlined below her immediate plans for getting to know members of each parish and community.

‘ To help me to get to know each church, parish and community, I am going to be in each parish one morning a week until the end of November, starting in the church between 9am and 10.30am. Come along and join me for a chat. I will be saying Morning Prayer between 9.30am and 10am. This will be a small start to meet you, but hopefully a fruitful one.

Monday – Turweston, Tuesday – Shalstone, Wednesday – Water Stratford, Thursday – Tingewick and Saturday – Westbury. Meeting up in Biddlesden to be arranged.’

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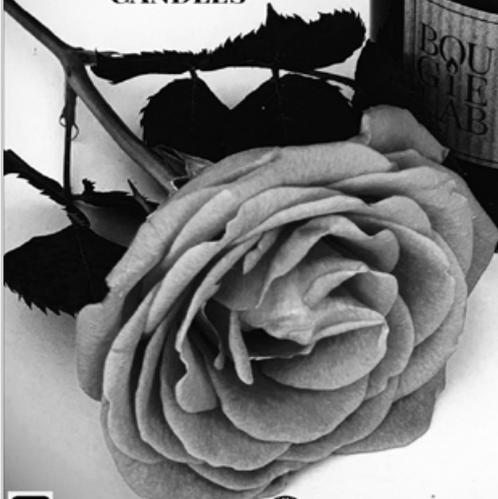
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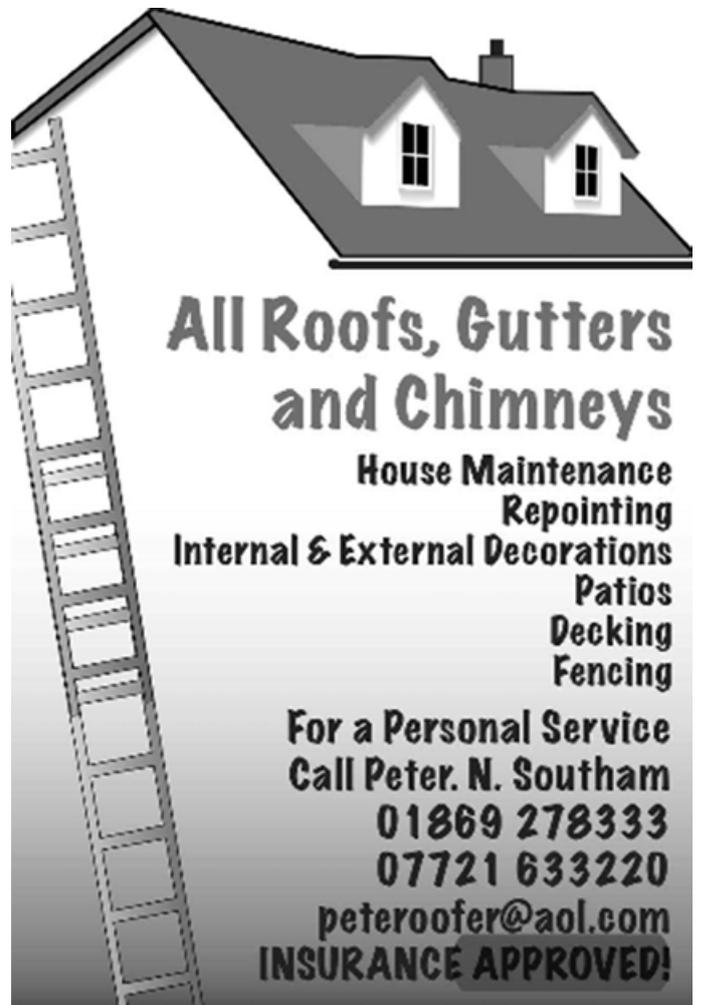
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1. What is Italy`s national sport?
2. Rome is Italy`s largest city by population - what is the 2nd?
3. What is the letter Z worth in Italian scrabble?
4. How many times have Italy won the Eurovision Song Contest?
5. What colour jersey does the leader of the Giro d`Italia cycle race wear?
6. The Italian TV puppet character Topo Gigio was what type of animal?
7. What is Italy`s biggest industry with circa 12% of its annual GDP?
8. How many nation states have a border with Italy?
9. In Italy they say you will have good fortune if your what animal sneeze?
10. Francesco Molinari is a top performer in which sport?

Answers to October's "Animal" quiz

1. Pumas
2. Panda
3. Bodger and Badger
4. Toucan crossing
5. The Chicken Song
6. Elephant
7. Miami Dolphins
8. Horsepower
9. Mouse King
10. Lamprey

News From Water Stratford

VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

These legally required meetings took place on 12th October in the churchyard. Normally the deadline for them is the end of April, but it was extended this year because of lockdown. The meetings opened with a prayer for Revd Paula's forthcoming ministry.

Guy has decided to step down as churchwarden, a responsibility he has taken very seriously. He has served conscientiously, always mindful of his fellow parishioners and their needs, of the church's work and of the building itself. He will be much missed in this role and was sincerely thanked. Mike was re-elected as churchwarden.

Reports for 2019 were officially adopted. They were completed by April, published on the village website and are summarized here. Thirteen services took place in 2019: two of Holy Communion at which attendance was relatively low (a continuing trend), ten quite well-attended 'themed' services and one funeral. In the summer Revd Liz Simpson left after a much-valued incumbency here and the quest for a new Rector began; thanks go to all the clergy and lay leaders who have contributed to this process and who have taken services during the vacancy.

Many people give generously of their time and talents in support of the church. The PCC are very grateful to Sarah and her team of cleaners and flower arrangers; to Chris H and his team of 'Link' deliverers; to Sara D for playing at many services and also to Pam R and Holly for coming to play for us from time to time; to Deborah for so successfully organizing bookings at The Old School; to the Parish Meeting for their increased contribution towards the latter building; to Sara E for co-ordinating our page in the local news magazines and to everyone who contributes material; to Mike E for organizing churchyard grass-cutting and developing the website; to Mike and Sara for devising several church services; to our visitors, many of whom leave heartening messages in the Visitors' Book (numbers can't be reported this year as the church was locked at the time of writing); and to everyone who has made much-needed financial donations, notably in response to the hornbeam appeal, or worked hard on, and contributed to, fund-raising events – there were four of these, a Bridge evening at Hunstmill Farm, a pub evening, a Centenary celebration and a re-instated Duck Race.

Major expenditure was incurred in the removal of an unsafe hornbeam in the churchyard. Minor repairs were gutter/downpipe maintenance, clearing the tower, repairing the noticeboard and the outside light – thanks to Chris H for donating a new light and undertaking the two last jobs. The Old School hedge was removed, with a final decision on its replacement to be made once the development opposite is complete. Our contribution to the Church of England was paid in full. Next year's revenue is likely to be down, the church and Old School both having been shut; overheads on both remain, so probably only essential expenditure will be sensible for the time being.

PCC members elected were Guy (treasurer), Nicky, Chris H and Di who will become sacristan and take on some of the warden's tasks. Mike was re-elected Deanery Synod representative. The meetings closed with The Grace.

To bring reflections up to date... this has been an extraordinary year in the life of our church, not just because of the pandemic, but also saying farewell to a long-serving Rector and the appointment of a new one: Revd Paula Smith was licensed in October. It has been sad to have the church locked, especially as it has always been policy here to keep it open and available, and it has been hard to have no services there and no face-to-face meetings, though there has been much activity online. Revd Paula's arrival will mark a new chapter, and the continuing pandemic provides an impetus to rethink how things are done. The future looks challenging, but exciting.

CHURCH SERVICE AND ROTA

The Remembrance Service will be at 10.50am on Sunday 8th November, led by Revd Paula. Sarah and Jean will clean and Sarah arrange flowers.

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Apologies: Cllr Patrick Fealey, Cllr Charlie Clare and Cllr Pat Swinburne.

584 Declarations of Interest: None.

585 Minutes: To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meeting held 03-09-2020
Proposed: Cllr Hornsey Seconded: Cllr Fenemore APPROVED

OPEN FORUM: *There were no residents in attendance / participating.*

586 Unitary Authority Councillor's Reports

Not in attendance.

587 Matters Arising:

- *Item 542 – Correspondence: New Allotments*

A resident suggesting using the land behind the Maltings, which is part of Tingewick Park for new allotments. Clerk has contacted Bovis to ask permission to use the land for this purpose. Further exploration will be required as to any applicable regulations or statutory requirements.

Clerk advised that the Bovis representative has made contact and requested a map of the area in question, which has been provided.

Bovis have put the proposal to the residents via the Management Company, there is a two-week consultation period but initial responses have not been favourable.

- *Item 554 – Councillors Reports: streetlight near bypass roundabout.*

Cllr Maxwell advised that he reported the street light and received a response stating that it would involve a Stopping Order for the traffic on the bypass, he has clarified with TfB that the light is not on the dual carriageway but he has not had a response yet.

Action: Cllr Maxwell to follow up with TfB and notify them that another light nearby is also now on all the time.

- *Item 570 – Allotments*

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she has again been contacted by the allotment tenants who requested having the water supply extended to the end of the allotments.

She has requested they provide the PC with a plan of what they are proposing, with costing information, to be considered at the next meeting.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that there is no update at this time as she is still waiting for the information to be provided.

Still no update – item to be removed. Will be considered again in future if information is provided.

- *Item 575 – Unitary Authority Councillor's Reports: Gorrell Lane slabs*

Regarding the repairs to the concrete slabs at the bottom of Gorrell Lane, Cllr Clare advised that he would put pressure on TfB for a date for the works to be done.

Work commencing 5th October. Residents will be notified and signage will be erected.

- *Item 579 – Councillors Reports: Flashing lights for school*

Regarding the flashing lights for the school, Cllr Lightfoot is working with Aylesbury Mains to identify where they can be positioned as the old telegraph poles with a light fitting at the top either belong to TPC or the electricity company. Pictures have been sent to Aylesbury Mains to identify which they are.

Cllr Lightfoot will be meeting with Willy from Aylesbury Mains at some point during the week commencing 12th October, as the photos were not conclusive enough.

- *Item 579 – Councillors Reports: Christmas*

Cllr Lightfoot suggested TPC arrange for the Village Christmas Tree to be ordered soon for it to be positioned in its spot on Main Street, in front of the school, as per usual. All in agreement. It was suggested that TPC explore alternatives for the Tree Lighting event that has been held in previous years, due to the Covid-19 restrictions that may still be in place in December.

Action: Cllr Fenemore to order the tree and all Councillors to think of an alternative event for the village to celebrate Christmas.

It was agreed that there will be no tree-lighting event, as in previous years, however the PC will be adding to the decorations / display and would still like everyone to visit the tree in their family groups and support-bubbles throughout the month.

Action: Clerk to create a notice for Tingewick News and Website / Facebook

- *Item 579 – Councillors Reports: Councillor Vacancy*
Regarding the councillor vacancy, Cllr Lightfoot advised that she had been contacted by a resident who has put forward an expression of interest.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to forward the expression of interest to the council for consideration.

All Councillors are in favour of Co-opting Mr Paul Zanna onto the Council. Mr Zanna was unable to attend tonight but will join the PC at the next meeting.

- *Item 579 – Councillors Reports: Salt Bin on Buckingham Street*
Cllr Lightfoot advised that the Salt Bin on Buckingham Street is in the wrong place. Cllr Maxwell has logged this on the Fix My Street portal.

Cllr Maxwell advised that a TfB report received today said the salt bin job is completed.

Action: Cllr Maxwell will check that the job has been completed and if not follow up with TfB.

- *Item 582 – Bus Stop Book Exchange*
With winter on its way, the PC are concerned that the books will become damp and damaged. It was agreed that the Bus Stop Book Exchange will need to be closed until the Spring. The children's pictures will be laminated and displayed at the church and the books will be donated to charity at the end of September.

Action: Clerk to post signage in the bus stop and online.

Clerk confirmed the sign was posted and some books have been removed however there are still approximately 400 books plus approximately 250 DVD's and CD's in the bus shelter.

The children's artworks have been removed and the Church display will be arranged soon.

Information will be posted once this has been done.

Action: Clerk to confirm with the charity that they will accept this large a collection of books.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to check with the Church Wardens if they would like some of the books and/or the small bookcase for the Church.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to explore having the bus shelter cleaned so that the PC can repaint it.

Action: Cllr Hornsey to explore plastic sheeting for the open gaps to shield those using the bus shelter from the harsher weather conditions.

588 Planning

20/ 03217/APP – TINGEWICK, Land at Finmere Aerodrome A421/A4421

Erection of roadside service facility, including a petrol filling station (Sui Generis) and drive-through coffee shop (Class E(b) / Sui Generis), with associated infrastructure.

NO OBJECTION

589 Accounts

To consider the list of payments as presented to the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Lightfoot

Seconded: Cllr Newman

APPROVED

590 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

For each Councillor to report matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda, to agree urgent actions and to raise items for future agendas.

- Cllr Lightfoot – Street Lighting: Nothing new to report.

- Cllr Hornsey – Playgrounds, Footways and Street Furniture: Nothing new to report.
- Cllr Swinburne – Cemetery, Grass Cutting and Special Projects: Not in attendance.
Cllr Lightfoot advised that the trees are due to be cut mid-to-late-October.

- Cllr Fenemore – Recreation Ground: Nothing new to report.
- Cllr Maxwell – Roads: Nothing new to report.

- Cllr Newman – Footpaths and Pond

Cllr Newman advised that the footpath on Main Street near the new build properties is in a horrid state since contractors have been digging it up to put services in, this will be monitored to see if they put it back to rights.

591 Correspondence

a) Grass Verge to Finmere.

A resident suggested that the grass verge on the road to Finmere might be more “walkable” if it were to be mowed and wondered whether there might be any local people with ride-on mowers who would volunteer their time to mow it.

The PC discussed that the land along the verge is actually very uneven with gullies and lumps and risk assessments would need to be carried out before any works could be done however the land is Buckinghamshire maintained Highway, so does not belong to Tingewick and thus is not our responsibility to maintain.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to advise the resident of the PC’s decision.

b) Fitness at the Rec.

A resident, who is a licences fitness instructor, has asked if they can use the Rec Ground for some of their fitness classes. All present were in agreement.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to advise the resident of the PC’s decision.

c) DoE volunteer litter pickers

A young resident has contacted the PC to enquire about they and another person volunteering 12 hours conducting litter picking, as part of their Duke of Edinburgh’s Award.

The PC agreed that this is a wonderful contribution to the community and could perhaps be tied in with a Tidy Tingewick litter picking event, though it was noted that we would need to know when and where the volunteers are litter picking so as to not double up on the same areas.

Action: Clerk to ascertain what area/s the volunteers will be focussing on and when.

592 Tingewick Community Park Trust Update (standing item)

The footpath on Water Stratford Road is still the main issue. When contacted by the agent acting on behalf of the Rec Trust, Mr David Marsh has not agreed to the reduction to the width of the footpath as was suggested by Cllr Clare at last month’s meeting.

Action: Cllr Lightfoot to follow up with Cllr Clare and request he contact Mr Marsh directly or help to facilitate a meeting between Mr Marsh and the Trust’s agent.

Cllr Lightfoot advised that she has completed a grant application for funds for the new footpath but has been informed that she will probably not find out the result of the application until June 2021.

593 Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed for Thursday 5th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed: 21:00

Christmas In Tingewick

While we are unable to hold the usual festive event with carols singing, mulled wine and minced pies, The lights will be turned on

Saturday 5th December

The parish council would like to encourage everyone who is able, to head down in their family groups and support-bubbles, during the month to see the display and take a selfie.

Upload your picture to the tingewick life facebook page with #christmasintingewick and the picture with the most likes at the end of the month wins a prize!

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