

April 2020



Bickleigh Coronavirus Response

Following discussions between representatives from St. Mary's Church, the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee we outline below our initial plans to look after the more vulnerable in the village.

While we appreciate many are making their own arrangements, we want to ensure that no one is left out and that help is provided to those who need it.

Consequently we are setting up a basic 'essential errands' service predominantly for grocery shopping. If you are in need of such help or would like to volunteer to run the errands please contact us using the contact details below. Please provide your own contact details and we will get back to you. Any information provided will be treated in confidence.

We are also conscious that many people will be potentially isolated for a considerable period so if you would just like to chat with someone over the

telephone or are willing to volunteer to make such calls please let us know.

Email bickleighvillagehall@gmail.com or phone Clive and Judith Williams on 01884 855093

Further communications will be via the Bickleigh website <http://www.bickleigh.org.uk>, on the Bickleigh Village Hall Facebook page (search Bickleigh Village Hall) and the village noticeboard so please monitor these regularly for the latest information and updates.

We are all very fortunate to live within such a caring community and I'm sure we will all do what we can to look out for each other and particularly those in most need. In the meantime please follow the latest NHS guidance, links to which are also available on the Bickleigh website.

With thanks to the Parish Council, Church Council and Village Hall.

This is a short 2 page version of the Bugle for April. We hope to return to normal as soon as possible. As you will appreciate most events have been postponed for April but we bring to your attention the following:

John has stated that anyone is welcome to walk around the farm at anytime, now that the Bluebell Walk is cancelled. This is at your own risk and following any Government guidelines that exist at the date of your walk. Those who have experienced the walk in the past will testify to the peace and beauty of the walk - a great way to blow away the cobwebs! Thank you John and Jeanette.

The primroses are looking promising this year and the churchyard is particularly pretty at the moment.

If you are on Facebook, and are interested in what is happening down the road in Tiverton, have a look at the 'Tiverton Volunteer Force' page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TivertonVolunteerForce/>. Lots of inspiring stuff happening there.

Finally can we draw your attention to a message from Paul Kingdom, our new Rector:

All our churches remain open for prayer everyday for our communities or just as a quiet space to sit and be still.

Hopefully we will have a booklet to help worship at home within the next week. These will be available in all churches for people to take and can be delivered to those who are isolating at home, if they

would be helpful. I will let you know when they are ready. The booklet can be seen at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>. There are many other good prayer resources to use on that webpage.

Although we cannot hold 'public worship', I am intending to visit all of our churches on Sunday mornings, starting from this Sunday. At each church I will pray the daily office of morning prayer. I intend to be at Butterleigh at 9am; Bickleigh at 9.45am; Cadeleigh at 10.30am and Silverton at 11.15am. Whilst observing the guidelines for 'social distancing and hygiene procedures', anyone is welcome to join me.

Starting next week I will also be praying the daily office of Morning Prayer at 9am from Monday to Thursday in each of our churches – Monday at Butterleigh; Tuesday at Bickleigh; Wednesday at Cadeleigh and Thursday at Silverton. A simple Vigil office will be prayed at Silverton on Saturday evenings at 6pm (I will unlock the church and lock again). Again anyone is welcomed to pray with me at any of these times.

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