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Church Calendar for June

Mon	1	Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
Fri	5	St Boniface <i>Bishop & Martyr, 754</i>
Sun	7	TRINITY SUNDAY
Mon	8	Thomas Ken <i>Bishop, Hymn writer, 1711</i>
Tue	9	St Columba <i>Abbot & Missionary, 597</i>
Thur	11	CORPUS CHRISTI <i>(Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion)</i>
Fri	12	St Barnabas <i>Apostle (transferred from 11 June)</i>
Sun	14	1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <i>(Proper 6)</i>
Tue	16	St Richard <i>Bishop, 1253</i>
Sun	21	2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <i>(Proper 7)</i>
Mon	22	St Alban <i>first Martyr of Britain, c250</i>
Wed	24	Birth of John the Baptist <i>Ember Day</i>
Fri	26	<i>Ember Day</i>
Sat	27	<i>Ember Day</i>
Sun	28	3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <i>(Proper 8)</i>
Mon	29	STS PETER & PAUL <i>Apostles</i>

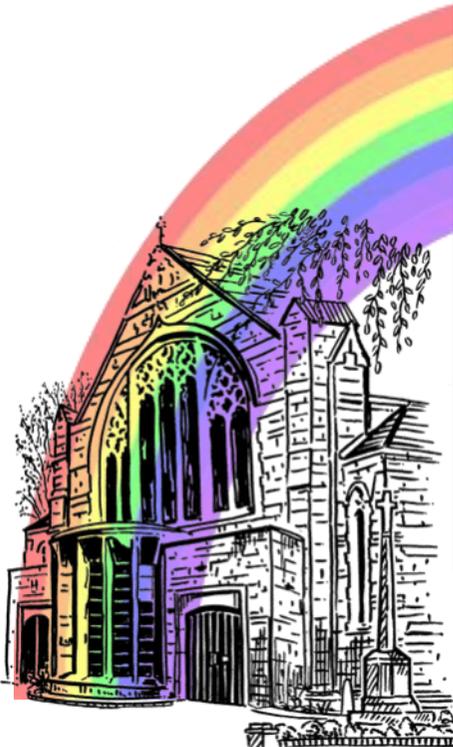


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Ordinand's Au Revoir

Lindsey Coulthard's last word before she
moves to pastures new

Dear friends,

As my formal training and formation for ministry comes to end and I prepare to move on, I thought I would share some reflections with you. I recall a first meeting with my personal tutor who enquired how I was settling in at Queen's and remember telling him that I had found the transition quite uncomfortable. In fact, I distinctly remember telling him that I needed to feel 'more comfortable with feeling uncomfortable'. I also remember a warm and generous welcome by the college Principal, Revd Canon Dr David Hewlett, who spoke of God as the potter at his wheel fashioning the clay. It's an image that has stayed with me and of which there are many in scripture, though these verses from the book of Jeremiah (18:3-4) resonate most; probably because of the notion of 'reworking'.

'So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.

The vessel he was making was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him'.

(NRSV)

This tactile vision is a super analogy of the formation process and certainly reflects my experience of the past three years. Not that I have been spun round and round on a wheel (though admittedly that has sometimes been how it felt), but that I have been melded, sometimes gently, sometimes less so, by the one who formed us all. The one who continues to form us all. The wonderful thing about this potter though, is that he doesn't expect perfection,



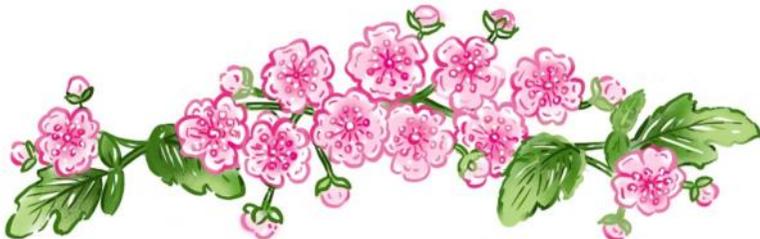
which is just as well really, because when I make mistakes or head off in the wrong direction (if indeed there is such a thing) he guides and refashions my form.

Being formed however, does not happen in isolation, it happens always in community with others. And I have had the privilege of being in community with you, so you, in part, are also responsible for my formation. You have listened to me, critiqued me, and supported me, all of which has been tremendously helpful; but more than that you have nurtured, loved, and prayed for me. And for that I am very thankful. I also recall the words of a dear friend from St. Martins who spoke about the 'silent underbelly of prayer' within the community which I have experienced on so many occasions and will no doubt continue to feel as I head off to my new community at St. Stephens. Formation is never complete though, it's a continual process for the potter is always working his wheel, frustrating us, surprising us, and delighting us.

At the start of this year, the date for ordination crept closer and closer until we were visited by the Corona Virus which seems to have thrown the entire world into disarray. That said, I now have a provisional date for ordination at Michaelmas and in the meantime am to be licensed as a Lay Minister on Wednesday 1st July via Zoom, by Bishop Martin of Dudley. This will enable me to begin my ministry at St. Stephens, but I could never have imagined that this is how the year would unfold. It would seem we are all fast becoming 'Zoom' experts and though many might suggest that this is not ideal, it's certainly helping to maintain a certain sense of community. I have no doubt that the potter will continue his work of formation in me and in you, and I know that when your new Team Rector, Rev Peter Hart arrives, he too will sense that 'silent underbelly of prayer' that undergirds this community.

May the potter continue to form and bless us all,

Lindsey



Goodbye Lindsey

Due to the current Government restrictions, it is unlikely that we will be able to give Lindsey a proper St Martin's church family send-off at the end of June. Mike Bunclark here gives an appreciation of all that she has done, on behalf of us all.

Thank you and God bless you Lindsey.

Lindsey, in her reflection on her ministerial training and formation, thanks us for being part of that process. As she puts it: *You have listened to me, critiqued me, and supported me, all of which has been tremendously helpful; but more than that you have nurtured, loved, and prayed for me.*

I'd like to think that we have, but Lindsey has made it a joy and a pleasure and has given us so much more in return that it is us who should be saying thank you to her.

Thank you for being a caring and loving member of our church community, for being a listening ear, for being a friend, for little acts of kindness, for birthdays remembered, for sorrows shared.

Thank you for the active part she has played in the life of the church.

For, amongst other things, supporting the Community Care group and Popins, whenever work shifts allowed. For being part of our Lent Groups including leading some.

Thank you for her part in our worshipping life.

For reading, leading intercessions, for acting as Deacon and assisting at the administration of the sacrament, all enhancing our worship.

Then as her training progressed, for her preaching and leading of services, beginning with Evensong - all done with engagement, empathy and thoughtfulness.

Thank you particularly for her role as part of the team that developed and delivered St Martins' All Age Worship service and for contributing significantly to its success.

For all these things and much, much more we owe her thanks.

I'm sure that each one of us will have some personal vote of thanks to offer.

I, for one, am grateful that I have had Lindsey as a friend and colleague. We have shared parts of our journeys towards ministry, meeting first at a Vocations Group at Ken Boyce's house and I will miss her greatly.

But, I am delighted for her that her formal training is coming to an end and that she is to be licensed at the beginning of July, though it is a shame that her ordination is to be delayed until September.

St Stephens is fortunate to have Lindsey joining them and we send her on her way with our love, our best wishes, and our heartfelt thanks.

Thank you Lindsey for being you– It's been a joy and a privilege to have you with us – Good bye and God bless you.

Mike Bunclark

Join our Flock: The Sheep of Things to Come

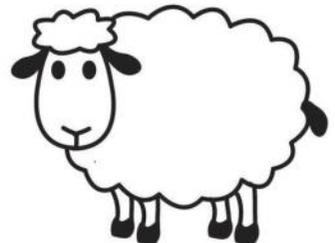
Meet Ewecclesiastes! He is looking forward to meeting other members of the St Martin's flock at the first All Age Worsheep service back in the church building. When will that be? Only time wool tell.

In the May magazine we asked you to create a sheep in whatever way you wanted - knitted, crocheted, cross-stitched, felted, sketched or painted, made from clay, wood, paper, lego, cotton wool, bits of recycled materials



or anything else! And if you have a sheep-fold, maybe even origami! You don't have to be an expert in your field, no one will be judging your craftmansheep and there will be no prizes for 'Best In Show'. Just have a go and make as many as ewe want! The only rule is that they should be no bigger than a tin of baked beans!

What are ewe waiting for?! Give it all ewe've got! Bless ewe.



NH



What kind of car do sheep drive?
Lamb-orghinis.



Missionary News

by Elizabeth Yarker



May has been a very quiet month. No Coffee Morning, so no rushed last-minute baking. No Christian Aid house to house collection, so no worry about envelopes, or collectors. No knocking on doors, and waiting. No 'Not today, thank you' when someone eventually answers. Nor the generous smiles, and 'Here you are. I've got it ready for you' with the big red envelope. No frantic counting of coin, and cheers at the occasional twenty pound notes. And no trips to the bank with heavy bags of cash.

But we have put up the Christian Aid banner and flags outside church.

USPG⁺

However, our PLANT SALE has been a great success. We are hugely grateful for all our very generous supporters. Thank you all of you who have given us plants. And thank you to everyone who has bought them. And enormous thanks to Ruth Kirwan who has done all the work from her garage. We have raised to date about £500 which covers our promised instalment to USPG for 'Education for Change' in Sri Lanka, and a bit over to go towards our regular gift to Embrace the Middle East's Health Fund.

I have asked Ruth to tell us all about it.

"The plant sale in the garage, [with Tesco, Aldi and B&M shopping venues just round the corner] is three weeks in the past now. It's pleasant to think of those horticultural treasures, veg and all, thriving in their new owner's gardens.

Interested plant's people from the 9th of May onwards, obeyed the rules, made appointments, came singly, practiced dramatic distancing, and some wore gloves. Some sanitised their hands in situ, and all left with boxes, tray loads, and orders from others staying at home. Every one left with more than they had anticipated!

Five neighbours were very supportive, and understood the mission; and three of them bought plants, one donated her unused clean and lined hanging basket frames [one unlined one left] "For the cause", she said.



USPG will benefit from quite a tidy sum. Thank you for kind donations too.”

RK

Good News from Aden

Every year we send a small donation to the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf for the work of the Eye Clinic run by the Church in Aden. The clinic is staffed entirely by locals, who are all Muslims, and is the main provider of eyecare in this least wealthy of Arab states. (There is no oil in the Yemen.) Archbishop Michael Lewis writes, ‘Thanks to St Martin’s for the donation for the Eye Clinic in Aden. It’s fully functioning, and our Egyptian surgeon was there recently to train our doctors in new techniques. Love to everyone. + Michael.’

It is good news as the Yemen is torn by a struggle between Saudi and Iranian backed factions, and has suffered heavy fighting. It also shows good co-operation in the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. You may remember the snippet about Bishop Mounir of Egypt in last month’s Missionary News, and his medical background and concern for good healthcare. I suspect he was involved in this co-operation. Please remember the Eye Clinic in your prayers.

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St Martin’s finances during the COVID-19 pandemic

As you already know, due to the necessary closure of the Church and Parish Centre, St Martin’s has lost some of the income which we rely on to support our work in the local community and beyond. However, we are so grateful that some parishioners have switched from their envelope scheme of Planned Giving to regular gifts via a Bank Standing Order. We have also received donations via the Church website and one-off gifts paid directly to the Church’s bank account – all much appreciated.

St Martin’s currently has 2 furloughed employees so we have been able to receive grants from HMRC via the national Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. We have had to drawdown £25,000 from the Skipton Building Society for cash flow, thus depleting our reserves. We were in a position to pay our monthly Parish Share to the Worcester Diocese in full in April and will assess the situation at the end of May. We hope and pray that financial support will continue in these difficult times and enable St Martin’s to meet its Mission commitments at home and abroad.

If you have any questions, or wish to donate directly to the church bank account, please contact Christine Williams (Planned Giving Recorder) or Garth Williams (Treasurer). They can both be reached on 01905 830638.

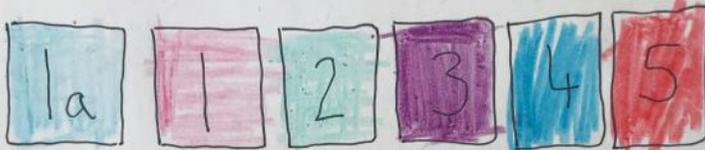
Write Down Your Street



In April's magazine we asked you for stories of your street, where you used to live, where you live now – the history of the street, or the people who live in your community. Many thanks to Liz and Jess who sent us the following about the people with whom they share a community.

Further contributions are very welcome. How is your street marking the Thursday evening #ClapforCarers? Did you have a party to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day? Please send any contributions and photographs to Nick or Hannah, for future editions of the magazine.

MY STREET



All my neighbours are nice and friendly.

No. 1a has 4 children. Before lockdown I played with the girl same age as me. We used to cycle on our bikes up and down the street.

No. 1 I go to the same primary school as a girl who lives here.

No. 2 two adults they always say "Hello"

No. 3 one adult and 3 grown up children. The adult makes fabric bags for NHS workers to carry their uniform safely.

No. 4 has one adult and 2 dogs

No. 5 Brenda lives here with dog poppy

No. 6. Norma lives here. She is our friend

No. 7 My house: 2 adults, 1 child, 1 bunny and lots of soft toys

No. 8 one adult and 2 dogs



STAY SAFE

Thank You Key Workers!



Everywhere I looked I saw “**Thank You NHS posters**”. But St Martin’s looked empty of Thanks during this time of lockdown. I was given permission from Malcolm to make a banner.

I asked the local families who come to Messy Church or JAM Club if they would make rainbows for a “Thank You” banner.

The response was instant. **Eleven families** responded and produced colourful and imaginative rainbows. The age range of the children was 1 year to 13 years old. Some were brought to my home and delivered by social distancing. Others were collected by me and again “**2 cricket bats’ lengths**”, as Jacob would say, to be socially distanced.

Rebecca, our wonderful team secretary, printed off the wording. Martin was roped in to help laminate the artwork and assemble the Banner.

The final result was soon in place for all to see.

It “certainly livens up” the church and matches the sheltered flats and the Worcester Arms with their Thank Yous. Already there have been positive comments about it. Let’s continue to pray for the crises that coronavirus has caused.

The Banner says “**We pray for our Nation and the World**” and we do.

The Rainbow is God’s sign of His promise that He would never flood the earth again:- Genesis chapter 9 verse 13.

It is a sign of Hope after disaster.

The day we hung the banner, a beautiful Rainbow was in the sky over Worcester.

Bronwyn took this photograph of it from her home near St Martin’s Church.



Gail Rowley



Maggs Day Centre: How do you self-isolate when you have nowhere to live?

By a volunteer.

We have all become familiar with the mantra –
Stay at home; Protect the NHS; Save lives.

But what happens to those people who have no home? How do they self-isolate?

At an early stage in the pandemic the Government realised that homeless rough sleepers were an issue. They obviously can't self-isolate, and present a high risk factor on two levels. First, a majority of homeless people suffer from poor physical health, so they are more likely to contract the virus. Secondly, because of their lifestyle, a rough sleeper who contracts the virus could easily spread it through the wider community.

The Government's response was to commission additional hostel and hotel places to accommodate rough sleepers during the pandemic. This would enable them to self-isolate.

So is this strategy working? To a point - around two thirds of the rough sleepers in Worcestershire have been accommodated on this temporary basis – the other third have not and are still sleeping on the streets. Why is this?

There are a number of reasons. Some rough sleepers have refused to go into the temporary accommodation – they can't cope with living in a hotel or hostel. Others have been housed on a temporary basis but have left, being unused to having to get on with other people in a controlled and confined environment. And there are not enough hotel/hostel places to accommodate all of the rough sleepers in the county, especially as the number is rising.

Maggs Day Centre operates the only Day Centres for homeless people in Worcestershire, with one in Worcester and one in Malvern. Our Day Centres are now closed due to the pandemic, but we are still helping homeless people.

Our focus now is outreach, workers try to encourage rough sleepers to stay in the temporary accommodation, and if they won't; they provide them with food, support, welfare checks and monitor their health. But it's not easy to support people whose circumstances can change from day to day.

We are struggling to support all of the rough sleepers in the county with our current staffing levels, so we want to recruit two more outreach workers for the next 6 months at a total cost of £20,000.

These workers will not only support rough sleepers during the pandemic, but also help to resettle them afterwards. We need your help to keep rough sleepers virus free and safeguard the wider community.

Please make a donation to help us afford to take on these two extra outreach workers. You can donate on line at our website where you can read more about our work - www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk/ or via cheque (Maggs Day Centre) Clo Mel Kirk, Maggs Annexe, 59-60 The Tything, Worcester, WR1 1JT.

We are also looking to recruit additional Trustees to our Board of governance. If you could spare a couple of hours per month to help provide strategic leadership to the organisation, please write to Mel Kirk at the above address.



He leads me
beside quiet
waters,
He refreshes my
soul”

Psalm 23 v 2. NIV

“Blessed is the
one.....
That person is
like a tree
planted by
streams of
water,
Which yields its
fruit in season
and whose leaf
does not
wither—
Whatever they
do prospers.”

Psalm 1. V 3. NIV

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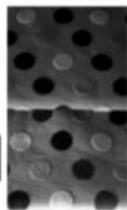
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An Update from Red Hill

by Headteacher Spencer Morris

Life in a lockdown school

I hope that this finds you all safe and well. Little did we know at the start of this year that, by mid March, we would be “closing” our school down to a majority of children. Like everyone and everything in this situation, COVID -19 has had a massive impact on Red Hill.



We have been open to children of key workers since March 20th, and have remained open over the Easter holidays and the half term break too. Things are different; we have scaled down from 281 pupils, and anywhere between 1 and 15 children use us on a daily basis. The children attending have done everything from artwork, reading and daily PE workouts, to improving the school gardens and grounds. Lexi from Year 6 has written the following.

How does life in lockdown make you feel?

Most of the time, I'm fine, but sometimes I feel sad because I do not get to see all of my friends. One of my closest friends also attends school on some days which is great; we find it hard to stay 2 metres away from each other though.

What is it like at school now?

It is really peaceful around the playground. I enjoy my daily jobs, such as watering the plants in the garden and around the reception outdoor area.

Do you enjoy coming in to school?

It may get a bit boring if you are stuck indoors at home every day. By coming to school sometimes, we get to see other children, and we can do things we wouldn't be able to do at home.

Lexi has been a great member of lockdown school; being one of our older pupils, she really enjoys caring for the younger children who also attend. She has organised games for them and even put on a puppet show for them!

Likewise, staff have been brilliant too. They have been supervising children at school, whilst at the same time, developing an online school. On my daily travel



to school, it is lovely to see so many rainbows in the windows of or pupils' homes. We hope to get the children back to school as soon as possible, as long as that means it is safe to do so.

Take care, and stay safe.

Spencer Morris

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Messy Church in Lockdown!

Saturday, 16th May, would have been our Messy Church at St. Martin's, so I sent our families the following newsletter including the garden activity.

We will miss seeing you all, but we **MUST** continue to stay safe.

Martin and I, as well as many others, are praying about these unprecedented times and for you.

Jesus encourages us to Ask, Seek and Find. (Matthew, chapter 7 verses 7 to 12.) So in our prayers we can ask.

Let us pray for:

- Our scientists who are working hard for a vaccine;
- our country and that the people will be sensible;
- ALL NHS and keyworkers; and the whole world as different areas begin to lift their lockdowns.



Emily sent me the link below. It is to with "Children's Gardening Week".

There are many gardens mentioned in the Bible, and here are just 3:

- Genesis Chapter 2, verses 8 to 17. God created a garden for man to live in.
- Matthew Chapter 26, verses 36 to 56. The Garden of Gethsemane.
- John Chapter 19, verses 41 to 42. The garden where the body of Jesus was buried, and where He rose again.

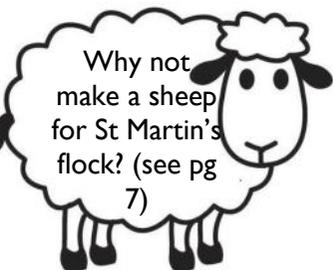
Below is a link for more **art and craft** activities for you to do.

<https://www.childrengardeningweek.co.uk/fun-things-to-do/>

Have you made any sheep yet? How are you getting on with home-schooling?

- Please PRAY for the 20 plus families that come to Messy Church and JAM Club, regularly.
- PRAY for their Home Schooling and the imminent return to school for some year groups.

- PRAY for difficulties with social distancing.
- PRAY for parents working from home and caring for their children.
- PRAY for the few single parents struggling to manage shopping and finances.



Why not make a sheep for St Martin's flock? (see pg 7)



A Letter from Archdeacon Robert Jones



Heaven in ordinary...something understood

The month of June sees the Church emerging from the long seasons of Lent and Easter into the even longer Trinity season, which stretches through the summer into the autumn. Some churches call this period Ordinary time, which I rather like. Without ordinary, we would not appreciate the extraordinary.

It seems to me that most of us are yearning for a touch of the ordinary right now. We have done our best to make the most of difficult times under lockdown, but are looking forward to 'normal' human contact and, as some people put it, getting our lives back. In truth our lives have carried on, albeit within boundaries. And we have had time to reflect. A little while back in the midst of all this, I read something which stuck with me and got me thinking: *'God does not send us plagues to teach us things, though we can learn from them.'*

When bad things happen, people ask why. The God revealed in Jesus does not visit plagues on people, nor wish natural disasters on anyone. Rather, the Gospel shows us a God who chooses to walk with us, meets us in the storms of life, and experiences the highs and lows of what it means to be human alongside us.

So what are we learning? After years of bruising debate about our relationships within Europe, we are learning the art of listening and talking kindly with one another again. Community spirit is flourishing and in the midst of isolation we have become more connected: not only through social media, but also through the humble telephone. We have learned what it is to miss our social contact with one another: love of neighbour has re-emerged in a new and stronger way.

We are learning that we are connected across the whole world. 'Me first' does not work when facing a common challenge to our well-being - whoever thought we could all be first anyway? What happens thousands of miles away affects us and we are learning that we are all responsible for each other, challenged to work for the common good because that includes our own good.

George Herbert, the seventeenth-century priest-poet, wrote a poem called *Prayer*, in which he used the delightful phrase 'heaven in ordinary'. As we enter these weeks of Ordinary time, we could try to see what we have learned. You might like to look up the poem, for tellingly it ends with these simple words: 'something understood.'

Prayer the church's banquet, angel's age,
 God's breath in man returning to his birth,
 The soul in *paraphrase*, heart in *pilgrimage*,
 The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth
 Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tow'r,
 Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
 The six-days world transposing in an hour,
 A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear;
 Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,
 Exalted manna, gladness of the best,
 Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,
 The milky way, the bird of Paradise,
 Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,
 The land of spices; something understood.

George Herbert (1593-1633)



Answers to Gail's Bird Quiz from May

1. Struts his stuff in pied plumage stealing from other nests. **Magpie.**
2. Tiny with shrill song. Female rating. **Wren.**
3. Speckled chest and trilling song. **Thrush.**
4. A waistcoat of russet. **Robin.**
5. Stealthily climbs trees. **Tree-creeper.**
6. Drumming on hollow boughs:- a)ground feeder; **Green/common woodpecker.** and b) more common than its small cousin. **Greater Spotted woodpecker.**
7. The lady is brown. **Blackbird.**
8. It carried the olive branch but doesn't wear a tie! **Collared Dove.**
9. This one likes woods unlike its cousin that would race home! **Wood pigeon.**
10. The Queen's majestic birds. **Swans.**
11. Three cousins: a) sky colour; **Blue Tit.** b) has achieved status; **Great Tit.** c) tail length. **Long-tailed Tit.**
12. Resembles ones that live in houses. Can be called another name. **Dunnock / Hedge sparrow.**
13. Shiny as coal. The area at the top of a mast. **Crow.**
14. Should be at the coast catching its name! **Herring Gull.**
15. As it glides, its call is like a cat's mew. **Buzzard.**
16. Single letter of the alphabet. **Jay.**
17. This quiz could send you quackers!! **Mallard Duck.**

Rainbows in the Storm

We have been asking readers for the positive things, big or small, that they have noticed during these strange times of pandemic, which may offer encouragement to others. Many thanks to the latest contributors. Keep sending them in!

Ruth Kirwan writes:

A nice bright 'rainbow' for me has been preparing for and conducting the 'socially distanced' plant sale in my garage. I so enjoyed handling the plants, learning about them, tending to their little needs, being on my own with them, absorbing their myriad differences and idiosyncrasies. But before there was room in my garage, of course, I had to do a bit of clearing. This tipped me toward the next 'rainbow': I tried to shift a huge, heavy, Malvern Removals box. Oh dear! 'Unpack it first, you silly woman!' I said to myself, and I started to. The lovely 'rainbow' was this, as I delved in...one after another of wrapped sculptures created by



John over the years, in wood, in metal, stone and in clay, some still with their exhibition labels stuck on the base. In the late '60's he was influenced by Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth. Much later, humour crept in, and I found one of the last ones, one that he had given to his mother. I unwrapped two clowns in red clay, leaning on each other, back-to-back with funny hats and huge shoes. I never thought I would see them again, and if it hadn't been for the threat of the virus, this 'rainbow' may never have happened!

Lindsey Coulthard says that 'one of the things I have really enjoyed over these last weeks of lockdown has been reading for pleasure! Something that gets squeezed out in the 'busyness' of life. Over the past three years I have always been reading recommendations from a book list; in other words, always something I ought to, or must read. That is not to say that some of this has not been enjoyable, but the thrill of choosing a book that I want to read just for fun or just for my own personal pleasure has been immense. So, this is my 'rainbow' – I allocate myself a whole hour, every afternoon, with my favourite blanket, and a book of my choice. Bliss!'

Emily Kippen notes that, 'although we had the best intentions, we would probably not have got round to trying out reuseable nappies. Thanks to the Worcestershire Nappy Library we have now invested in our own and are loving them...Better for the baby, better for the environment!'



Gail Rowley says:

In the 7 weeks since compiling my “Birdie quiz”, I continue to see the wonderful world of God’s creation.

I have heard and seen many other birds; some have even travelled 5,000 miles. The House Martins have returned to Nunnery Wood High School; the Swifts to the houses near the Oak Apple; and the Cuckoo calling as it flew across Nunnery Wood. They have come back to their familiar nesting grounds to begin the next generation.

Our residents have also been busy. The Swans have nested at County Hall. The Pen is patiently sitting on her clutch of eggs, while the Cob is patrolling the lake on guard.

Other birds nesting at the lakes are Moor Hens. Soon there will be a brood of fluffy, black, pompom chicks following their mum.

The Heron visits early in the morning to fish for its food. Due to fewer people being around, they have been staying later in the morning.

Many more birds are visible as they forage for food to feed hungry broods: Pied Wagtails, Green Finches, House Sparrows, Jackdaws and Starlings. Some Starlings have fledged and parents are busy feeding their young at Newtown Green.

The Gold Finches are nesting in the trees in our neighbour’s garden and come to drink at the bird bath in our garden.

Blue tits have nested for the first time in the bird box. The chicks have started to peep out of the entrance hole looking for the next morsel of food. When we are by the box, we can hear the cheeping of the brood.

Soon they will fledge and the life cycle of our Heavenly Father’s creation will continue.

“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV). We have certainly had time to look and reflect during this lock-down time.



Hymn Quiz

There are so many hymns that we sing throughout the year, year after year, they are so familiar, that, surely, we should be able to identify a hymn from just one line. Sounds easy? Here are single lines from thirty hymns, all in the New English Hymnal. How many can you identify? Even better if you can do it without singing the whole hymn through in your head before you get to that line!! Again, this is just for fun! Answers next month.

1. Exult, O dust and ashes!
2. And with sweet sleep my eyelids close
3. Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm
4. But since thou bidst us leave the mount
5. Watching, doubting cease
6. Enter every trembling heart
7. Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory
8. Songs be in every mouth
9. Mild he lays his glory by
10. The golden evening brightens in the west
11. Lean and his mercy will provide
12. Odours of Edom and offerings divine
13. Though he with giants fight
14. The winged squadrons of the skies
15. O hush the noise, ye men of strife
16. The prisoner leaps to lose his chains
17. Go spread your trophies at his feet
18. To dwell in lowliness with men
19. And brought with him, from death's domains
20. That givest man both warmth and light
21. Take from our souls the strain and stress
22. All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
23. Born a child and yet a king
24. Ten thousand thousand are their tongues
25. In our wanderings be our guide
26. Still let me guard the holy fire
27. Fightings within and fears without
28. To seek for a king was their intent
29. Above the thorns of choking care
30. Thunder like a mighty flood



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- ☺ Where do naughty rainbows go? Prism.
- ☺ I didn't think the orthopaedic shoes would help me. I stand corrected.
- ☺ My wife complains I don't buy her flowers. To be honest I didn't know she sold flowers.
- ☺ Don't trust stairs. They're always up to something.
- ☺ I recently swapped all the labels on the kitchen spice-rack. No one has noticed yet, but the thyme is cumin.
- ☺ How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh? Ten tickles.
- ☺ Did you hear about the yacht-builder who had to work from home? Sails went through the roof.
- ☺ I was mugged by six dwarves last night. Not happy.
- ☺ A priest, a minister and a rabbit walk into a blood bank. The rabbit says 'I think I might be a type o.'
- ☺ I love the way the earth rotates. It really makes my day.
- ☺ The man who invented autocorrect has died. His funfair is on sundial at moon.
- ☺ How do you tell the difference between an alligator and a crocodile. One will see you later, the other will see you in a while.
- ☺ I don't have a dad bod. I have a father figure.
- ☺ If you're here for the yodelling lessons, please form an orderly orderly orderly queue.
- ☺ Why did the man fall into the well? He couldn't see that well.
- ☺ I have been diagnosed with a chronic fear of giants. I have feefiphobia.
- ☺ My friend has designed an invisible aeroplane. I can't see it taking off.
- ☺ Why are ants never ill? Because they have little anty bodies.
- ☺ Getting my drone stuck in the tree isn't the worst thing that happened to me today. But it's definitely up there.
- ☺ What do you call a pig with three eyes? Piiiig.
- ☺ I just got the job of Senior Director of the Old Macdonald Farm. I'm the CIEIO.
- ☺ I complimented my imaginary friend the other day. He was made up.
- ☺ Did you know vampires aren't real. Unless you count Dracula.



Parish and People

Beryl Stafford RIP

We are very sorry to report the passing of Beryl Stafford on Sunday 17th May. Beryl was a regular worshipper at St Martin's for many years. Following an illness, she became a resident at Latimer Court Nursing Home, where she lived for about three years. We understand she is to be buried in the family grave in Malvern Cemetery.

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Jane Sedgley RIP

Michael, Susan and Rachel would like to thank everyone who sent kind messages of sympathy, cards, flowers and donations following the loss of their wonderful Mum. Donations for St Martin with St Peter PCC can still be sent to EJ Gummery & Son, 68/70 Ombersley Road, Worcester, WR3 7EU.

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Birthday Thanks

Peter Wheatley wishes to send a big thank you for all the cards and good wishes sent on the occasion of his milestone birthday. He said; 'I had twenty-three lovely cards and a big surprise to discover a beautiful big cake, bottle of wine and lovely card saying, 'On the occasion of your 90th birthday, with love and best wishes from all your friends at St Martin's'. Peter is sorry that, due to the current situation, he was not able to share the celebration in church in the usual way!

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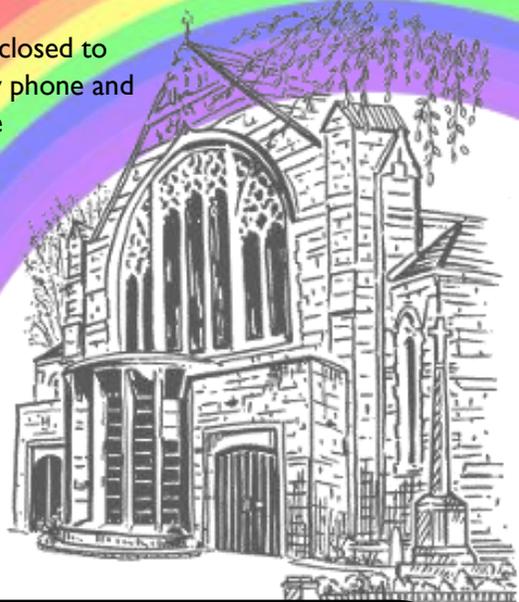
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