End-to-End
The Parish Magazine of Rivenhall and Silver End



This photo shows how Mothering Sunday might have looked hopefully next year.

April 2020 50p

Our Services April 2020

5th April 2020	**Palm Sunday Cancelled**
9.30 am St. Francis	Holy Communion
11.00 am St Mary's	All Age Eucharist
12th April 2020	**Easter Sunday Cancelled**
9.30 am St. Francis	Morning Prayer
11 am St Mary's	Holy Communion
19th April 2020	**2nd Sunday of Easter Cancelled**
9.30 am St Francis	Holy Communion
11.00 am St Mary's	Matins
26th April 2020	**3rd Sunday of Easter Cancelled**
9.30 am St Francis	Morning Prayer
11.00 am St Mary's	All Age Eucharist

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An unprecedented Easter message from your Team Vicar.

"In these unprecedented times". This is an expression which we've been hearing an awful lot over the past couple of weeks, and even more over the past few days. The word 'unprecedented' simply means 'never known or done before', but these last few days have been anything but simple. This expression or a variation of it has been heard or read in letters, as well as in other documents and publications issued by all manner of organisations. Churches, notices from the government – our own as well as others from around the world, businesses, charities, clubs and groups. The list goes on and on. And of course it is true: never before in a generation has quite what has been seen over the past few days occurred before now.

Public church services have been suspended until further notice. Supermarkets' shelves have literally been striped bare, online shopping slots are currently challenging to come by, schools are closing for most children, and in all sorts of ways from large and small businesses to personal finances people are naturally concerned (alongside their health) about the financial implications of the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic – both in the short as well as the long term. In addition, there is a large degree of the unknown insomuch as no one really knows how all of this is going to go on for. The risk to personal health is genuine, although I'm not going to go into all the advice and 'dos and don'ts' here. This has already been widely circulated by so many other groups and organisations – not the least of which being this country's government, and much of which is also echoed in this month's magazine. But may I commend it all to you, and ask that you err on the side of caution for both your own health as well as that of your own loved ones, friends, and neighbours.

Self isolation and social distancing will no doubt be a challenge for many people. Both from a practical as well as an emotional and spiritual point of view. We will therefore all have to learn to do things in new ways. The internet and

telephone will be become even more important for us in order to stay in contact with one another. For example, I have already started saying morning prayer with the usual group of people with whom I otherwise meet with most days by way of video conferencing (Skype), and we are as a team looking to see if there are practical ways in which technology might be able to be used in order to bring church services into people's home in similar ways. In addition to anything else which may be organised, please also be assured of my own prayers for each and every one of you at this challenging time for us all.

It has been said that the whole situation has brought out some of the ugliest sides of human behaviour, with a tiny number of people having been known to quite literally fight outside supermarkets over a packet of toilet rolls or similar items! Fortunately however, examples of such extreme levels of behaviour are quite rare, and in many more cases this whole situation has brought out some of the very *best* in human behaviour as well. Lots of people have responded to the call to *"love your neighbour as yourself"* (Mark 12:31), and have modelled the example of Jesus' words in the parable of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) in acts of kindness and services towards others: People are picking up shopping for others who are self-isolating, or simply sharing what they have themselves with those who have none – be that loo roll or anything else! And as alluded to above we are also all called to pray for one another; for our friends and neighbours, fellow congregation members. For the national and worldwide church, for our nation and the whole world.

These events have also brought home who some of the real heroes of our time are. People whose jobs can often be taken for granted most of the time: Nurses, doctors, carers and others who work for our health care system. Delivery and postal workers, teachers, and those who staff the supermarkets and shops and others involved in the supply-chain of our food on which we all depend. It may well be that you can also think of others who could be added to this list too. And when this is all over and our lives have been brought back to relative normality once again, we will no doubt

remember what is happening now for many, many, years to come. Perhaps for our whole lives. For a generation many people, even in our own country might never again take for granted: the hug from a friend, the handshake of a stranger, the taste of Communion wine, or the seemingly endless choice of food whenever we want it. But even now, as long as we're sensible and mindful of the needs of others, not only can we work to keep each other safe, but there will be enough to go around. (cf: Matthew 14:13-21). For the shelves and stocks of the supermarkets and our other shops are being replenished at an unprecedented rate; and as you make use of the smaller businesses and 'corner shops' during this time of unease, let us all remember to actively continue to support them when things return back to a sense of normality once again.

But do please stay at home and self isolate for 14 days – refraining from visiting anyone or anywhere if you or a member of your household is exhibiting any potential symptoms of Coronavirus, or if you have come into contact with anyone else who has done so over the past 14 days too. This is essential to comply with instructions as currently issued by the central Church of England, as well as the UK government.

Yet throughout all of this let us all also remember that the light of Christ, the Good News of the gospel of Jesus, and the new life of the resurrection of Easter continue to brighten the current darkness of the events in the world. For*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"* (John 1:5). Alongside these words from the prologue of John's gospel, we might also find these from St Peter's first letter to be a useful reminder for us: *"Cast all your anxieties on him, for he [God] cares about you"* (1 Peter 5:7). God does not micro-manage human society, but he does care about us and love us all deeply, and will always hear the prayers of those who put their trust in him. So in these unprecedented times let us trust more than ever in God's redeeming love, and look forward in time to beyond the concerns of these current events, and toward the new dawn of the sun rising on our lives once more when it comes.

Paul Watkin.

The 50/50 Club March 2020 winners

1st Jenny Turner 2nd Clare Knight 3rd Karen Bridge

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From the Registers Feb / March 2020

None

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Collects and Readings April 2020

5th April Palm Sunday

Service Cancelled

Readings

Liturgy of the Palms Mathew 21:1-11
Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Mathew 26:14 to 27:1-66

Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

12th April Easter Sunday

Service Cancelled

Readings

Jeremiah 31:1-6
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 28:1-10

Collect.

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

19th April 2nd Sunday of Easter
Service Cancelled
Readings
Acts 2:14a,22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
Collect
Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

26th April 3rd Sunday of Easter
Readings
Acts 2:14a,36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35
Collect
Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3RD MARCH 2020

AT HENRY DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END

(These notes are an abridged version of the minutes).

Present: Cllrs. Abbott (Chairman), Wright (Vice Chairman), Cairns, Elliott, Prime and Turner

Also present: Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

Matters for discussion

Oak Road recycling site and improved BDC notices

BDC is looking to replace some of the signs with more up to date versions. It was agreed also to publish the following on the council's website regarding the law on littering and fly

tipping:

Depositing of litter/cigarette butt's contrary to Section 87/88 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 – £100 fixed penalty notice, or £2,500 maximum penalty on conviction at court.

Unauthorised deposit of any waste/bags of textiles, nonrecyclable waste (fly tipping) contrary to Section 33 Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part II - £400 fixed penalty notice, or an unlimited fine on conviction at court.

There have been some recent problems regarding the clothes bank at the recycling site. Contact has been made with the clothes bank operator and BDC about this. **It was agreed** to place a notice to redirect members of the public to the recycling facilities at Morrisons and the Perry Road Witham recycling site, for when the Rivenhall clothes bank is full.

Ward '3 parishes' meeting

Tree planting - Subject to the landowner (BDC) giving permission, 42 trees could be planted at an identified location on the Albert Moss Playing Field. **It was agreed** that a request be made to BDC.

Rivenhall PC will chair the next '3 parishes' meeting on Thursday 18th June 2020 at St. Barnabas, Cressing.

Format of the Annual Parish Assembly & Annual Parish Council Report

Both BDC and Greenfields had agreed to be represented at the APA. To date no replies had been received from the local MP, ECC Highways and Essex Police. A draft Report would be required for consideration at the April meeting prior to distribution to residents before the APA in May.

Post meeting note – due to the current national health situation, all meetings of the parish council have been cancelled for the time being. Advice on how councils can continue to carry out their functions is (at the time of writing) still emerging and legislation is expected from Government in the coming days which it is hoped will assist with this.

Highway & PRoW matters

John Ray Walk & F/Path 1 – Flooding - ECC has successfully completed the first part of works at the junction of the John Ray Walk with Rickstones Road to stop the repeated flooding at that

location. More work is due to deliver a permanent solution. The Chairman has been contacting ECC regularly to agree details of work needed, which has been much assisted with photos taken by residents.

F/Paths 59 & 60 – Rivenhall Park & Golf Course - Cllr. Cairns continues to monitor and press for improvement regarding these footpaths.

ECC is due to carry out the Rickstones Road footway repairs overnight on 24th March 2020 for up to 5 nights.

Discussions continue with ECC regarding the proposed new section of Public Right of Way along Church Road. A scheme request will be submitted to the Local Highways Panel.

The increased number of potholes have all been reported to ECC Highways via the reporting website. Rather than frost, it was the repeatedly wet weather during winter which caused most of the damage.

The Rickstones Road/Oak Road junction continues to flood due to the local blocked drains. **(Post meeting note – a map showing all the repeat flooding locations in the parish has been sent to ECC and they have confirmed all will be inspected for remedial action).**

Maintenance

The maintenance contractor has been requested to side out the surface growth along the Oak Road footway and to crown lift the commemorative trees on the Village Green to allow access for a ride-on mower.

Planning Applications

20/00256/VAR: 4 Foxmead, Rivenhall End – External finish variation.

No comments were raised regarding this planning application.

Ongoing Planning Issues

A12 & A120 Projects

A12: A meeting had been held with Highways England – Cllrs. Abbott, Wright, Prime, Cairns and Elliott, plus the Clerk attended. This was an informative and constructive meeting looking at some further details about how the rerouted A12 south of Rivenhall End would work relative to current local accesses, public rights of way, bus routes, etc. Further consultations are anticipated to take place

during the Autumn of 2020.

BDC Local Plan

The Planning Inspector's report is now expected in the coming weeks, likely during April 2020.

Bradwell Quarry

ESS/12/20/BTE: Mineral extraction from site A7.

It was agreed that the Chairman would compile and circulate to councillors for comment a suggested representation regarding this current application.

Colemans Quarry

ESS/11/20/BTE: Ready mix concrete plant etc.

It was agreed that a comment be sent to ECC indicating that the council regarded this latest application as potential *'planning creep'* given the extent of operations consented in the original planning application and changes already allowed.

Local Highways Panel

The next meeting had been scheduled for 26th March 2020 at Causeway House. There has been no restoration of the budget for the financial year 2020/21. **(Post meeting note: Due to the national health situation, meetings of the LHP have been cancelled for the time being. Discussions are underway as to how decisions on local highway safety projects can be made without holding meetings).**

Correspondence

An entry form has been received for the 2020 RCCE Essex Village of the Year Competition which the Chairman agreed to complete and submit on behalf of the council.

Information exchange and items for the April agenda

To discuss the village flower tubs at the next meeting.

Ten minute public feedback

The issue of the missing Rectory Lane 'Quiet Lane' sign (at the Forest Road end) was again raised. The Chairman confirmed that details about the replacement sign had been sent to ECC some time ago.

Dates of future meetings

Tuesdays 7th April and 5th May, both starting at 8pm.

As indicated earlier in these notes, these meetings will now

not take place. The local village halls have been closed and guidance has been issued to councils to not hold meetings. Rivenhall Parish Council will endeavour to keep its services going including maintenance, litter picking and planting and will be publishing information to try to help residents during this difficult time.

Braintree District Council, Essex County Council and other organisations will be co-ordinating support for vulnerable people with details being worked on at the time of writing.

A dedicated ECC webpage with helpful information is now open at

https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/coronavirus

There is also the Essex Coronavirus Action initiative which invites people to volunteer to provide help to those who need it most – this is a collaboration between Essex County Council, The Essex Public Health Team and local Facebook groups

http://bit.ly/ecaformgroups

Local initiatives are also being set up by groups and a number of local residents to support those who are unable to go out over the coming weeks.

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Recipe's by Ann Clarke

I thought it might be nice to look back!

Makes you realise, in fact how lucky we are. God Bless and keep safe.

Wartime Rations

Issued by the Ministry of Food

The following listing is for one adult (children receive half) per week

- Bacon and ham (3-4 slices/rashers) 4 oz
- Other meats – 2 small chops
- Butter 2 oz
- Cheese 2 oz
- Margarine 4 oz

- Cooking fat 4 oz
- Milk 3 pints
- Plus 1 packet dried milk per month
- Sugar 8 oz
- Preserves every two months 1 lb
- Tea 2 oz
- Egg (shell egg) 1
- Plus 1 packet dried egg per month

Sweets 12 oz

Other foods such as canned meat, fish, rice, canned fruit, condensed milk, breakfast cereals, biscuits and vegetables were available in limited quantities on a points system. An adult's monthly allowance might provide a tin of salmon or fruit, and half a pound of dried fruit. Bread, flour, fish (if available), offal, game (including rabbit, venison, etc), sauces and pickles were not rationed, but were not always available.

Vegetable Pie with Cheese and Oatmeal Crust

- 1½ lbs. Cooked mixed vegetables. (Use up all those odd bits!)
- ½ Pint stock or water
- 2 oz. Oatmeal
- 6 oz. Flour
- 1 oz. Fat
- 2 oz. Cheese Pastry
- Salt
- Water to mix

Method, Place cooked vegetables in a pie-dish with a little vegetable water. Season, rub fat into the flour then add the grated cheese, oatmeal and salt. Mix to a stiff dough with water. Roll out the pastry then cover the pie and bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes.

Cheese Pancake

- 4 oz. Flour.
- 2 oz. Grated cheese.
- 1 ½ Gills milk and water (Gill is a quarter of a pint)
- 1 Teaspoon baking powder.

- Salt and pepper.

Method, Mix the flour and liquid into a batter then add baking powder and cheese. Melt fat in a frying pan, and when smoking hot pour in sufficient batter to cover the bottom of the pan. Fry pancakes to a golden brown on each side. If liked, this mixture can be made into drop scones, using a gridle, greased hot plate or frying pan.

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Sky Notes April 2020

Daylight expands rapidly during April as the Sun continues to climb higher in the sky each day. By the last week of the month the Sun rises before 6am BST and sets after 8pm BST.

Venus continues to shine brightly in the West in the evenings. On the 26th the young Moon will join Venus, the pairing best seen from about 9pm in the evening twilight. As Venus orbits the Sun faster than the Earth it is "catching us up", with its distance from the Earth decreasing and its phase narrowing. Through a good pair of binoculars or a small telescope, Venus will look like a tiny crescent Moon.

Mars, Saturn and Jupiter remain closely bunched in pre-dawn skies, low down in the South East. Mars (on the left of the three) is brightening all month, equalling Saturn by the end of April but still fainter than Jupiter.

Full Moon will be on the night of the 7th/8th and noticeably lower in the sky than the winter Full Moons. It will be the second of a run of three "Supermoons" in 2020, and the best of them too, with the Full Moon being at its closest to the Earth for the year.

This month marks the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 13 mission to the Moon. Launched on April 11th, 1970, the mission would have been the third to land astronauts on the surface of the Moon, but an explosion in an oxygen tank led to an urgent need to get the crew back to Earth as quickly as possible. A remarkable series of improvisations and untested manoeuvres did get the crew home safely when the odds were very much stacked against them. As Apollo 13 swung around the far side of the Moon it set the record for the farthest humans have ever been from the Earth, at a distance of 248,655 miles.

The Lyrid meteor shower reaches its annual maximum on the night

of April 21st/22nd which this year is not hampered by Moonlight. The Lyrids have been observed and recorded for well over 2,000 years. They are not the most active shower but given clear skies a watch of half an hour or more should produce at least a few meteors, streaking across the sky from the East in the late evening or after midnight.

We have not had a bright comet for several years but there is a chance we will do soon. Comet 2019 Y4 (ATLAS) is currently brightening rapidly and may become visible to the unaided eye later in the Spring. The comet has a very similar orbit to one of the "Great Comets" of the 19th century and may be a chunk of the same comet that broke off. No fewer than eight "Great Comets" graced 19th century skies, with six of these appearing within the space of just forty years. These "Great Comets" were so bright and large that they were obvious to anyone looking up at the night sky, often showing a long tail, or multiple tails. Some were even visible in daylight. Whilst there have been some fine comets within living memory, some of the C19th comets were exceptional. On 5th July 1861, James Riley Robinson, wrote down what he saw of one such comet from a ship moored at harbour in Mexico:

"I awoke in the night at 1 o'clock, when I had a glorious sight of the largest comet I ever beheld. The head, or nucleus, was large as Venus, and very bright and blazing, and about 20 degrees above the horizon, pointed to the north, while the bright, long tail reached full half way across the heavens. It was a most wonderful sight."

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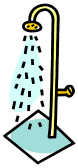
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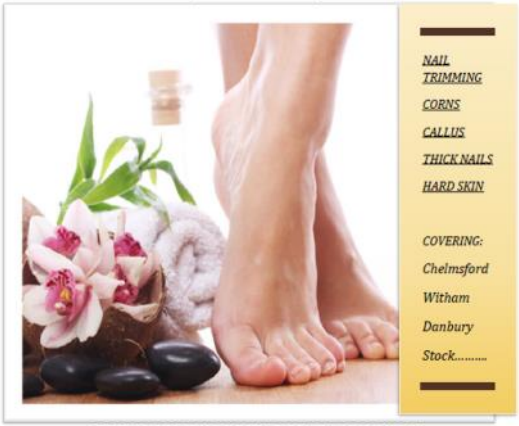
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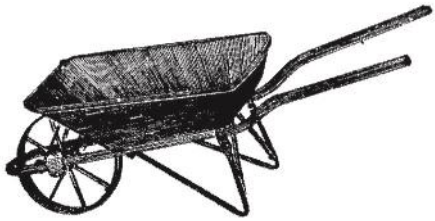
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Turning the pages of History
Research by Tracy Scott

This month we start with 'A demand for Houses in Rivenhall'

The Annual Parish meeting of April 1927 preceded by Mr. Walter Taber. A discussing took place on the local housing needs for the village. The Clerk, Mr. F. Claydon was instructed to write to Braintree Rural Council stating that certain cottages were unsatisfactory condition and ask for 30 new houses to be in the parish.

In 1930 my family lost my Great Uncle, Arthur James Sharp when he was cycling on the London Road (now A12) on a Monday evening when he was accidentally knocked off is bike by a motor coach. Arthur was taking to Chelmsford Hospital where they found he had sustained a fracture to his skull and ribs. He died two days later of his injuries. Mr. Sharp was employed as a horseman aged 38.

Silver End April 1933. A Billiard match took place at the Village Hall. Mr. L. Sach beat Mr. H. Henbery (winner of 1932) by 200-87 Mr. Sach also won the break prize of 43

The gardens of The Manors were opened to the public with many visitors. The garden design is unique and was gay with spring blooms. This was opened by the kindness or Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Crittalls.

We finish this month of April with a meeting of the Rivenhall W.I. This was held with the president in the chair Mrs. Bradhurst.

Miss Nelson gave a talk on her travels in North Africa which was very interesting.

A biscuit competition took place with Miss Hubbard 1st, Miss Polley 2nd and Mrs. Taber 3rd. Miss Nelson from Braxted has some pictures of her travels and was viewed by the W.I. member during tea.

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RIVENHALL GARDENING CLUB

The Club met in Rivenhall village hall on Tuesday 10th March 2020. Chairman, Mrs Tracy Scott, welcomed members and reminded them that the Daffodil Show will be held within next month's meeting and we shall be welcoming back, Malcolm Bradbury, as our Judge. This is a members only show and entries should be given to

Mrs. Scott by Saturday 11th April.

Our speaker for the evening was Ann Latchford who lives in Coggeshall and owns The Colne Valley Tea Company. Ann had always enjoyed the Farmers' Markets and some years ago started to help a friend who sold many varieties of loose tea. Ann became so interested that eventually she gave up her job and formed her own Tea Company. She sells online, attends summer events and gives talks to various organisations. The tea plant is part of the Camellia family and we heard a brief history of the discovery of tea in China and of the Japanese tea ceremonies. The Russians brought tea into Europe with 1657 being recorded as the date it was brought to London where it was highly prized amongst the gentry. Special tea caddies were made for which only the Lady of the household had the key. There used to be about 35 different blends of tea, now there are nearer 85. The majority of people drink black tea which can be blended but there is green tea where the leaves are fermented giving it medicinal properties, white tea which is very raw and expensive and even yellow tea. Red Bush tea does not contain caffeine. The quality of the teas and their names reflect where they were grown (high or low altitude), what part of the bush is picked (end buds, top leaves) and even what part of the day it is picked. Darjeeling is possibly the most expensive tea. Grown in the high Himalayas it is the first picking and sells for hundreds of pounds a Kg. Assam tea is good for hard water areas. Nowadays fruit teas (from dried fruit) and herbal teas are very popular. Interesting facts: The Chinese throw away the first bowl of tea and give their guests the second infusion which is superior. Approximately 2,400 tea leaves equal lib of tea. In the U.K. we drink 165million cups of tea in one day. 96% of the tea that we drink is from tea bags not loose tea. Ann had tasters of her teas and a large selection for sale. It was a very enjoyable and interesting evening with good audience participation.

COMPETITION RESULTS Horticultural

1st Maurice Bacon 2nd Shirley Bacon 3rd Susan Donnell

Domestic

1st Frank Ramsden 2nd Jenny Claydon 3rd Clare Knight

Flower of the Month

1st Frank Ramsden 2nd Jenny Claydon 3rd Pat Clark

In line with Government advice Rivenhall village hall has closed until further notice. Sadly this means that the Gardening Club's monthly

meeting and Daffodil Show on Tuesday 14th April,

is CANCELLED. Our apologies to members who were going to exhibit their flowers. Notification will be given when meetings re-commence. See village notice boards, village website, parish magazine or contact the Club secretary on 01376 512781.

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COVID-19

The Church continues to be alive and active but our buildings must close in London

As we gather to pray for our nation at 7pm this evening, we have been aware how the Church of England in London has responded to the suspension of public worship, and for a season to finding a new way of living, worshipping and serving our communities. Sadly, London is ahead of the rest of the country in seeing a steep rise in the number of those falling sick with COVID-19. We have all heard the strong calls from the Mayor and the Prime Minister not to leave home unless it is essential, and not to use public transport unless we have to. If our attempts to distance ourselves physically from one another and prevent the spread of infection are not effective, more people will die.

In light of this, the time has come, in London, not only for us to suspend public worship, but for us to close our church buildings entirely. In doing this we demonstrate how important physical distancing is in saving lives. Do place notices on the doors and also on your website explaining how people can join with the church in worship and prayer with an emergency telephone number so that contact can be made if required. We are aware that, although we make the decision in London first, it may be required across the country.

Clergy who live adjacent to their churches may still go into the building and pray and even celebrate the Eucharist. You might ring the bell to tell the faithful that prayer is happening and do live stream as much as possible; but the doors should now be left closed even for private prayers. Others should continue their pattern of prayer in their homes. Current guidance remains for baptism, weddings and funeral although this may change in coming days.

Our most profound desire is to come together with our neighbours. Christ taught us to come together as His Body to celebrate the sacraments. In all the history of Christendom in these islands, we

have not before taken such a step. Partly, this is our modern understanding of how disease is communicated, which in the times of former plagues had not developed. But it is also born of the teaching of Our Lord that the two great commandments are love of God and love of neighbour. The very love of neighbour that leads us to want to come together requires us to sacrifice congregating for a season.

Even though our buildings will be closed, the Church continues to be alive and active. Please continue to commend tools for worship, bible study and devotion at home which have been put online, continue to live stream the worship you are able to within the guidance, enable people with biblical reflection, spiritual communion, and personal devotion. Where you can meet virtually for prayer and Bible study, do so. Finally, pray for us, as we do for you, in these difficult days.

The action is being replicated for London Boroughs in the Dioceses of London, Southwark, Chelmsford and Rochester and with support from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

+ Sarah Bishop of London

+ Christopher Bishop of Southwark

+James Bishop of Rochester

+Stephen Bishop of Chelmsford

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Some Memories by Clare Hope

I was walking to church one Sunday morning, on a glorious sunny day. The sky was blue and the trees were just coming into leaf. I remembered a hymn I sang when I was a child.

"Glad that I live am I, that the sky is blue

Glad for the country lanes and the fall of dew"

When I reached church I asked some other members of the congregation and yes they remembered it too and it made me wonder how often do I think about being glad to be alive? We so often read and hear bad news, inflation, countries at war, the state of the NHS, natural disasters and more besides, this makes us feel sad. Today I could feel the warmth of the sun, hear the birds singing, the children happily skipping along and I met old friends also on their way to church. So often we take these gifts from God for granted but today I felt glad to be alive.

At the end of May we celebrate Rogation Sunday. A time when we can

recognise and appreciate our dependence upon the land for our food and our dependence on God for the miracles of the sprouting seeds; growing plants and maturing harvest. Rogation Sunday is traditionally celebrated on the fifth Sunday after Easter, and the following weeks are an important time of the year. During the forty days following Easter, Jesus appeared before his followers several times and the fifth Sunday following Easter is the start of Rogation tide. Rogation tide ends on Ascension Day, the final appearance of Christ.

In England the custom of "beating the bounds" at Rogation tide goes back as far as Anglo-Saxon days. The Romans had a festival called Robigalia, they prayed to the gods to protect their crops. One god was named Terminus the god of fields and boundaries.

In the seventeenth century before ordinance survey maps there were no clear lines or demarcations between parishes. At this time of the year a procession would take place in the villages marking out the parish boundaries. During the procession the boys of the village were bumped on prominent marks, rolled in ditches and thrown into ponds as a way of reminding them where the boundaries were. Luckily the emphasis has changed!

This year on the 29th May to celebrate Rogation Sunday we are fortunate to be holding our morning service at the home of Mrs Lilian Pearce. We will join together with our neighbours from Braxted and Tiptree. Walking around the farm (weather permitting), we will take part in a service thanking God and blessing the fields, gardens, the birds, lambs and animals in the fields. The focus will be on nature and the beauty of the parish, its landscape views and nature's beauty bringing together the people of the surrounding parishes.

This is very appropriate following on from the events of Holy Week when all had seemed lost and then Jesus rose from the dead on that wonderful Easter Morning and appeared to his disciples giving new life and hope to all.

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SILVER END GARDENING CLUB FORTHCOMING EVENTS for 2020

Our monthly meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 8pm in Silver End Village Hall Broadway Silver End.Unless otherwise stated .Membership is £9 per year .Refreshments and a Raffle are available at every meeting..New members are always welcome to the meetings..You can always find us on Facebook for gardening

tips.

Tuesday 28th April Nick Dobson with an illustrated talk on the World of Flowers-Spring Bulbs.

SATURDAY 16th May 2020 PLANT SALE (Outside Co-op and other shops) Broadway Silver End 8:30am till 12 Noon . A good variety of plants will be on sale at reasonable prices all for your gardens/ allotments.. Please come and support the club.

Tuesday 26th May Brian Thurlow will be giving a talk titled "The Perennial Potter" There will also be plants available to buy

June A garden Visit details to follow

12th July Coach Outing to Sandringham House and gardens

AUGUST NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Tuesday 29th September Charlie Willett - Owner of Olivers Nurseries of Witham who will give an illustrated talk on the History of the Nursery

Tuesday 27th October Jenny Gibb returns to the club with a talk on "Turkish Flora and Fauna"...Jenny will also be bringing items along to sell such as Tablecloths / scarves etc and will make a donation to the club.

Tuesday 24th November Sarah Barker will be giving a demonstration of making Christmas Decorations and table arrangements..

December Christmas Dinner (members and partners only)

Tuesday 26th January 2021 AGM and Speaker (tba)

FLY TIPPING

Please Note Gardening Club Meetings are Cancelled until Further Notice Due to COVID-19 Restrictions

Fly tipping has been a frequent problem to some landowners especially in rural areas, and given the location of some churches in rural areas, they too could be affected as above.

If rubbish has been fly-tipped onto private land, it becomes the responsibility of the landowner/leaseholder to dispose of the rubbish responsibly and at their expense. This can be very expensive, especially if the waste contains hazardous materials

such as asbestos.

Advice therefore is to take sufficient measures to stop or deter the fly-tips in the first place. Ensure vehicle access gates at entrances are shut and locked, and if the entrance does not have a gate a simple chain and padlock across the entrance may suffice. If the fly -tip is outside of your land, on the public highway this becomes the responsibility of the local authority to clear it away.

If you see anyone in the act of fly-tipping, including making off from doing so, this is <u>an offence being committed</u> and as such should be reported via the 999 system. The decision as to whether or not Police units should attend will be down to the controller and will take into account what is happening elsewhere and what units are available. You don't have to make that decision as to how important it is.

If rubbish has already been tipped on any land, then the fly-tip should be reported to the local authority, as they, with the Environment Agency (for large, organised tips), are the lead agency for this type of crime and keep the relevant records and intelligence. Essex Police, the local authorities and the Environment Agencies, frequently work together to combat this crime.

If an area of your land becomes a frequent spot for fly-tipping, look at its location objectively and try to see why. The first thing to do is enlist the help of your neighbours/community/staff etc. to make them aware of the problem and ask them to report suspicious activity.

The second thing is to look at what you can do to deter them, e,g. chain and padlock, signage.

Thirdly consider the use of CCTV (not suitable in all locations). Suitably sited Trail cameras have had some success in certain situations.

Lastly look at ways you could possibly prevent it e.g. by blocking off the tip area completely- concrete blocks, extra fencing or hedging etc.

Feel free to contact me if you think that I could help you further.

Paul Harris Essex Police Staff No 42077939 Tel: 07738 736687 ***You can also find me on TWITTER: Paul Harris EWLO@PaulEssexWatch***

Organisations in Rivenhall

Clerk to Parish Council	Keith Taylor	516975
Email parishclerk@rivenhallparishcouncil.net meets every first Tuesday		
Age Concern (Witham area)	Margaret Prime	514255
End to End Nature Care	Simon Taylor	01621 810141
Gardening Club	Carole McCarthy	512781
Meets on 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Carpet Bowls	Mick Marshall	512836
Meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in Village Hall		
Playing Fields Association	Mick Marshall	01376 512836
Spread Your Wings Dance Acam	Laura Pearson	01376 741317

Facilities

Hire of Village Hall	Pauline Marshall	01376 512836
Or email rivenhallvillagehall@gmail.com		
Hire of Henry Dixon Hall	Tracy Scott	571551
Mobile Library 13 April 4 May	Beech Road 9.20 to 9.50. a.m.	
Oak Store Rivenhall "Open All Hour" Tel AJ 01376 619395		

Organisations in Silver End

Clerk to Parish Council	Mrs B. M. Temple	618464
Email parishclerk@silverendparishcouncil.gov.uk		
Bowls Club	Paul Mann	07551 006906
Children's Centre	Faye Savage	587960
Neighbourhood Police	Braintree Policing Dial 101	
Congregational Church	Sharon Gray	583913
Friendship Club	Maureen Gillion–	585275
Silver End Gad Abouts	Denise Sullens Smith	583055
Gardening Club	Liz Woor	585586
Guiding Group	Carol Hutchings	07857 663959
Neighbourhood Watch	Judy Hill	07896 975839
Scouting Group	Denise Sullens Smith	583055
St Mary's Church (R.C.)	Vivian Phillips	583598
Tennis Club	Jason Cairns	584581
Workers Educational Assoc.	Brian Gillion	583706
Luncheon Club	Helen Thomson	583255
Doctors Surgery		583387
Silver End Heritage Society	Jackie Nesbitt sec	585702
Silver End United Football Club	Mark Edgell	584639 Web
Site www.silverendunitedfc.co.uk		
Women's Institute	Brenda Warnes	07931 548193
Community Warden	Jackie Windard	07785 515526

Post Office in Co-op - please note that it closes at Lunchtime 1-2pm
Closes 1 pm Wednesday and 12.30 pm Saturday
Library: Tues & Thurs - 2pm to 6pm Saturday 9am to 1pm



Before we went into Lockdown the Quiz on Friday the 13th of March was a great success and here is Lillian's winning team



Just 4 Years Ago We had Many of What Clare Used to call her Oldies at Church There was Bryon Coomer, and Kath Lewis Rita and Bill Orley, Keith Coleman and of Course Clare Herself. Here is a picture to remind us of Happier Times.

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