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All contributions to be in by NO LATER THAN the 16th of each month please. Many thanks

Welcome to the February Flyer

As has been the case during the last few months we will be publishing the Flyer on the Farringdon Web and Facebook pages during the current Coronavirus restrictions.

We do now have a volunteer to help with looking after the Book Swap but other assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please also keep the donation of books to a minimum and to those of a reasonable condition.

With spring around the corner hopefully the weather will turn out to be something like last year and that the vaccine roll out will help get us back to something near normal later this year.



The Snowdrop by Lord Alfred Tennyson

Many, many welcomes, February fair-maid, Ever as of old time, Solitary firstling, Coming in the cold time, Prophet of the gay time, Prophet of the May time, Prophet of the roses, Many, many welcomes, February fair-maid!

FARRINGDON BOOK SWAP

For those who are not aware of this, the book swap is in the wooden shed at the south end of the village hall car park. Books can be borrowed or swapped at any time.

We do need volunteers to look after on a regular basis and if need be discard some of the books as the quantity is becoming unmanageable.





If you are able to help please contact either:

the Parish Clerk Alana Sayers 01395 232439 or email : alanasayers99@gmail.com

or:

Farringdon Village Hall committee David Cowler 01395 232459 Farringdonvillagehalldevon@gmail.com

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FARRINGDON PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETINGS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19

Dear Parishioners

In response to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time all planning applications will be emailed to Parish Councilors within 72 hours of receipt. The clerk will gather Councilors comments by email and share an agreed response which will be sent to EDDC planning within the planning deadline date.

Any comments can be emailed to the Parish Clerk who will forward these to parish councilors for consideration. This is to enable council business to continue. Any decisions taken during this period are to be formally approved at the first council meeting following the emergency measures. The Parish Council will also be working closely with District Councilors and EDDC to ensure best practice in these difficult circumstances.

If you do not have access to the internet the Royal Mail postal service is continuing to operate. Take care and stay safe Farringdon Parish Council

Parish Clerk Details Email: <u>clerkfarringdonparishcouncil@gmail.com</u> Tel 01395 232439

FARRINGDON RINGMASTER and FACEBOOK

For those of you not aware who have computers, the ringmaster is a way of informing residents of important events. To be added to the circulation list please send an email to Nigel Dutt at the address below.

<u>farringdon.ringmaster@hotmail.com</u> There is also a **Farringdon Parish** Facebook group for those currently residing in the Parish

REPORTING NOISE, BAD SMELLS AND ODOURS

If you are concerned about noise, a bad smell or odour you should contact both the Environment Agency and the EDDC Enviromental Health (who have a 24 hour reporting service) Environment Agency Hotline 0800807060 EDDC Environmental Health – During working hours 01395517457 _ During out of hours 01395 516854 Please call at the time you are experiencing this In addition _email ics@environment-agency.gov.uk 1) name, address, or post code or phone contact# 2) where suspected smell is coming from 3) when smell first noticed 4) rate odour 1 (low) - 6 (high) 5) weather conditions (if known) 6) if residence, can you smell odour or hear the noise from inside the house

with windows opened, with Windows closed.

POTHOLES, ROAD OBSTRUCTIONS AND ANY OTHE R MATTERS RELATING TO ROAD CONDITIONS.

Please do not contact the Parish Clerk regarding the above . The correct contact number is Devon Highways on : 0345 155 1004 https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

Avian influenza (bird flu): Latest situation

New housing measures will come into force in England, Scotland and Wales on 14 December.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-bird-flunational-prevention-zone-declared

The Chief Veterinary Officers for England, Scotland and Wales have agreed to bring in new measures to help protect poultry and captive birds, following a number of cases of avian influenza in both wild and captive birds in the UK.

Government Chief Veterinary Officers are encouraging bird keepers to use the next 11 days to prepare for new housing measures, including taking steps to safeguard animal welfare, consult their vet and where necessary put up additional housing.

Whether you keep just a few birds as pets or thousands, from 14 December onwards you will be legally required to keep your birds indoors, or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds. We have not taken this decision lightly, but it is the best way to protect your birds from this highly infectious disease.

Poultry and captive bird keepers are advised to be vigilant for any signs of disease in their birds and any wild birds, and seek prompt advice from their vet if they have any concerns. They can help prevent avian flu by maintaining good biosecurity on their premises, including:

- housing or netting all poultry and captive birds
- cleansing and disinfecting clothing, footwear, equipment and vehicles before and after contact with poultry and captive birds if practical, use disposable protective clothing

• reducing the movement of people, vehicles or equipment to and from areas where poultry and captive birds are kept, to minimise contamination from manure, slurry and other products, and using effective vermin control

• thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting housing at the end of a production cycle

- keeping fresh disinfectant at the right concentration at all points where people should use it, such as farm entrances and before entering poultry and captive bird housing or enclosures
- minimising direct and indirect contact between poultry and captive birds and wild birds, including making sure all feed and water is not accessible to wild birds

Register your birds

We encourage all keepers to register their birds with us so we can contact you quickly if there is a disease outbreak in your area and you need to take action.

If you have more than 50 birds, you are legally required to register your flock within one month of their arrival at your premises. If you have less than 50 birds, including pet birds, you are still strongly encouraged to register.

Find out how to register your birds.

Poultry and captive bird keepers and members of the public should report dead wild birds to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77 (option 7), and keepers should report suspicion of disease to APHA on 03000 200 301. Keepers should familiarise themselves with our <u>avian flu</u> <u>advice</u>.

Public Health England advise the <u>risk to public health</u> from the H5N8 and H5N2 strains of bird flu is very low.

The Food Standards Agency has said that on the basis of the current scientific evidence, avian influenza poses a very low food safety risk for UK consumers. Properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat.

THE VICAR WRITES...



We are just about to celebrate the week of Christian Unity , and for one Zoom service I included a meditation upon the following gospel passage: Matt 20:20 -27. I will include part of the meditation at the end of this article.

For those of you not familiar with this passage (do look it up); it's where two disciples who are brothers (John and James) ask Jesus, spurred on by their mother, for a special place in heaven. Unsurprisingly, Jesus rebukes them for their lack of understanding.

In these days of some countries potentially "jumping the queue" for Corona- Virus vaccines; it's a sober reminder for us all. Perhaps it's brought home even more sharply when some 70+ yr - olds may be receiving the vaccine before 80 yr - olds, let alone some of the keyworkers not being immunised yet.

This passage appropriately reminds us of the need for humility, a theme of the church's for this (last) month. The meditation goes as follows, narrated by either James or John, with my comments in [square brackets]. It's based upon a reflection from Nick Fawcett, *"No ordinary man"* 2000: 140-141, # 38

I've never been so embarrassed; the way his [Jesus'] face fell as we stood before him will be etched on my memory forever.

Oh, he tried to let us down gently but I could tell he was disappointed ... that we should even have thought of asking.

To be fair, it was our mother's idea; even though we played along quite happily ... Think of the future, she told us What's going to happen then?

And she was genuinely troubled ...we'd packed in our jobs ... everything, to follow Jesus, and she wanted to know, quite simply, what was in it for us. Yes, it might sound shabby now, a sordid quest for gain, but at the time it sounded quite reasonable, a quite natural thing to ask. [For those of us who have sacrifice things during the lockdown; do any of these sentiments ring a bell?]

After all, we'd no idea what the future might bring, what demands it might make of us, what sacrifices expected, so it seemed only fair to seek some assurances ..

... [W]e'd been the first to respond, so why not be the first to benefit? - it wasn't like we were jumping the queue.

Only that's not how others saw it!

[Here they are referring to the other disciples, to say they were displeased is an understatement]

They were incensed, more angry than I'd ever seen them. As to the[ir] accusations ... that's best left unsaid. But with Jesus it was different.

There was no anger from him, no disgust ... rather ... anxiety, concern.

It was as though we were spoilt children with no idea what we were asking - We'd followed him, listened to his words, witnessed his deeds, but we'd taken in precious little of what he tried to show.

We knew he was special, the promised Messiah, the Son of God, but we hadn't begun to understand what that meant.

We thought we were serving him, but we were still serving self,... all that really mattered to us.

No wonder he shook his head. It was a moment I prefer to forget, except for one thing: it taught us something we needed to learn, something we should have seen sooner

the truth that those who wish for greatness will never find it ,that those who strive to be first will be last,and that the last will be first.

Words not just for current and previous presidents, but also for our humble (I hope) selves. May we learn to serve others during this pandemic – I speak to myself.

Amen. Bill L Vicarage

Churches open for Private Prayer

<u>Aylesbeare</u> – Sundays 10-12pm <u>Clyst St George</u> – Closed due to building work <u>Clyst St Mary</u> – Sundays 10-3pm <u>Exton</u> – Wednesdays 10-1pm & Sundays 2-4.30pm <u>Farringdon</u> - Thursdays 2-5pm (please note that sometime during February work will take place on

installing a glass screen above the belfry door. During this work the church will be closed)

<u>Woodbury</u> – Wednesdays 10-1pm <u>Woodbury Salterton</u> - Wednesdays 3-6pm & Saturdays 9-12pm

Zoom Services during lockdown in the White Cross Mission Community

Morning Prayer 9.30

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

<u>Compline Service 7pm</u>

Every Sunday starting 24th January

Morning Worship 11.30

Every Sunday

Children services

Every 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Sunday @ 9.30

Please email Jill at <u>Dupain@hotmail.co.uk</u> for the zoom address (It is the usual Rev Bill zoom address for those who have been on zoom before)

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THE COST OF YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION?

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH UNIVERSITY FEES, THE COST OF SCHOOL TRIPS, MUSICAL TUITION etc?

If so, the church may be able to help you. There is a charitable trust called the Challice Educational Foundation which is able to offer assistance to children under the age of 25 years of age who live in Farringdon.

If you think we may be able to help, do telephone me for a chat to discuss your needs. Dawn – 01395 232249

YOUR CHURCHYARD NEEDS YOU

If anyone could spend an hour or so to help out with the maintenance of the churchyard, this would be most appreciated.

This could be mowing, strimming or keeping the graves and hedges tidy.

If you could spare a little time to help please contact David on 01395 232459

Any baptisms, marriages, funeral services or hospital visits may be arranged by contacting

the Church Admin Officer Jill Dupain <u>dupain@hotmail.co.uk</u> or

the Church Warden Dawn Cowler on 01395 232249

for pastoral help please contact Revd Bill Lemmey

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News from Devon County Council

Keep it up as hope is on the horizon

"Hope is on the horizon but for now, please stay home as much as you can and be extra careful when you need to go out", says Steve Brown, Devon's Director of Public Health.

"The steep rise in Covid cases we have seen since Christmas now looks like it's beginning to level off in Devon and our numbers are stabilising," he says.

"That is down to each and every person sticking to the spirit of the lockdown rules as much as they can to break the chain of transmission.

"Most people across Devon have responded really well yet again and I can only thank and applaud them as I know how difficult and dark a time this is for many.

"But even though the tide looks like it might be beginning to turn I encourage everyone to keep it up, stay focused and to each do our bit for a little while longer."

Lifeline library services resume

Research shows that reading can reduce stress, boost your mood and alleviate feelings of isolation. In line with Government guidance, Libraries Unlimited, the charity that runs all of Devon's libraries, is now able to offer lifeline services to benefit the community during lockdown.

Library services available include:

- Choose and Collect
- Books to support families with home learning
- Bookable computer sessions for essential access

These are offered by appointment only and customers are advised to contact their local library via email or phone to book based on local availability. The Digital Library Download and stream service is also available for access to thousands of titles and online events.

For more information visit <u>the Libraries Unlimited website</u> or contact your local library for more information.

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Please act responsibly when using public rights of way

With more people using Devon's beautiful public rights of way and multiuse trails for their daily exercise during lockdown, we have received anecdotal evidence of increasing complaints about livestock being disturbed by dogs.

We are asking you to please make sure you follow the current Government advice on exercising outdoors and social distancing, and are considerate to farmers and residents where rights of way pass close to, or through, residential or agricultural properties.

Road improvement works start at Exeter Airport Long Lane to boost economic recovery

Work has started on road improvements for enhanced access at Exeter Airport via Long Lane.

The new access will help to boost economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, support new employment and provide opportunities for clean and inclusive growth. The enhancements to Long Lane will unlock development of the new 19 acre AirPark site in the Exeter and East Devon Enterprise Zone which is expected to create around 1,000 jobs.

Valued at £3.7 million, the scheme will also facilitate a bus loop and cycleway and will improve access to Exeter Airport, a major gateway to the region.

And finally...

This week, Adopt South West shared a poem called 'They say the world is closed today', which was sent to them by a mum of two young adopted children, in the hope that it helps lift people's spirits during this current lockdown.

They say the world is closed today And at first it made me sad But on a closer look I didn't feel so bad

They say the world is closed today So I ran my kids a bath I piled it high with bubbles And then I heard them laugh

They say the world is closed today So we stayed inside all day And together we all sat And found a board game we could play

They say the world is closed today So I took a closer look And there upon the shelf Was an exciting story book

They say the world is closed today So I picked up my phone I laughed at silly videos And felt slightly less alone

They say the world is closed today So I checked outside the door And I saw a Robin bird Flutter to the floor They say the world is closed today So looked up to the sky The sun had risen up And the clouds were floating by

They say the world is closed today So I picked up my phone to dial I said hello to my mum And through her voice I could hear a smile

They say the world is closed today But I am not so sure Take a look at the world Just outside your door

The world is not closed today For there is life all around Just open up your heart There is love to be found

The world is not closed today It's just a different view There's still plenty of things To see, to feel, to do.

By an adoptive mum January 2021

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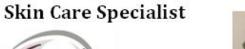
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walk 4 life

"Walk This Way" is an accredited scheme that was introduced in East Devon to encourage people of all ages, including those with health and mobility problems, and those recovering from illness to walk for their health.

The health walks are led by qualified volunteer walk leaders who have undergone the national 'Walking the Way to Health' training, as well as training in first aid and resuscitation. Health walks are available in your area on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information please contact Andrew Dare on 01404 814317





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