

APRIL  
2020



## CHURCH DOORS TO REMAIN OPEN DURING COVID -19 AND UNCERTAIN WORLD

As you will no doubt be aware all Public Worship has now been suspended due to the COVID -19 virus.

There is no doubt that a great many people are extremely worried, and that the future is uncertain.

During this difficult period the church will remain open as a living symbol that life goes on.

We are also committed to maintaining a prayerful presence in the church. A member of the clergy will therefore be saying prayers in church, for the community each and every Sunday and at various times throughout the week.

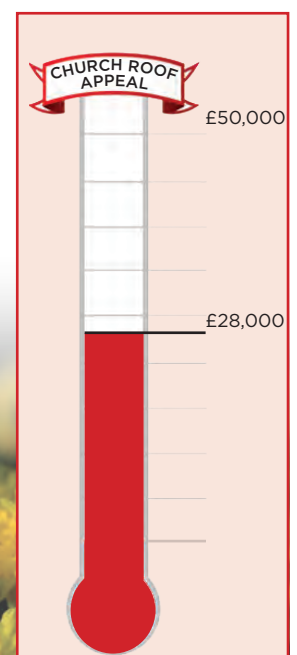
We would also be pleased to make contact with anyone who would like support, or just a friendly chat. Please do phone me if you need to on 01296 712564.

Our church, as you know, is dedicated to St. James. St. James is commonly thought to be the brother of Jesus.

James in many ways teaches us what it means to be Christian, his writings are less concerned with belief and doctrine than they are about living the Christian life. We will in all probability be unable to celebrate Easter in church but what we can do is to reflect on some of what James has to say to us in the here and now.

Two of St. James' most famous writings are: 'Faith without works is dead,' and 'true religion is this to look after the widows and orphans in their distress.' Let's look after each other in community and let's pray for each other.

If we do these two things then we really will be living authentic Christian lives.



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# Church Times

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## St James' Services

Unfortunately, public worship has been put entirely on hold for the foreseeable future as a result of COVID 19.

The Clergy do however feel that it is vital that a prayerful presence is maintained in the Church. The Church will therefore continue to be open for private prayer during the day.

On Sunday mornings, the Clergy will take the Eucharist at 9.30am at St Laurence Church, Winslow on behalf of the whole Benefice and will pray for those on the Electoral Roll and those who have requested prayer. This will be live streamed via the Benefice website and facebook. We hope you will 'join' us online at this time.

**Church Key** Denise Davies – 712763

All upcoming events and activities planned by St James' Church have been postponed for the time being. Lent Lunches will not take place and the Church will not be decorated with Easter lilies this year. We very much hope to continue our fundraising for the Church roof as soon as it is safe to do so. All donations are gratefully received at any time. Thank you.

### HAPPY TO HELP!

A few weeks ago, St James' Church posted a message on the Great Horwood Facebook page offering help and support, from collecting any groceries, medicines or just having a friendly chat. We started phoning fellow residents and will continue to do so. If you need support or know of someone who does, please feel free to contact any of the Church Family who will be happy to help.

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Mobile – 07773 340916

June Margerrison Home – 01296 714554

Helen Grimditch Mobile – 07503 488743

### W.I NEWS

Several of our members had a lovely day out at Kew gardens orchid festival recently. We actually enjoyed lovely weather! A few also attended a Science Investigation and Discovery day, a very informative day with some lively and interesting speakers.

At the time of writing I have just had to make the difficult decision to postpone our Bake Off event due to the virus. We will however re-plan hopefully later in the year when things are improved. So please keep your ticket and watch out for details.

Our next meeting is our April dinner which this year is being held in The Swan Great Horwood.

If you would like to come along and visit one of our meetings you are most welcome.

Angela Mayne on 715400 or  
[angela.mayne@googlemail.com](mailto:angela.mayne@googlemail.com)

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

#### GREAT HORWOOD FUN RUN POSTPONED

After very careful consideration, dialogue with Great Horwood School PTA, Governors and the Head Teacher we have made the hard decision to postpone the Mad March Hare Run, this is a direct result of current COVID-19 outbreak.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have sent entries in and those who planned to take part as well as our sponsors Howe and Co Fish and Chips, we are extremely grateful. In addition we would like to let you know we have not processed any entry forms or payments, these will be environmentally and securely destroyed (burned).

We are looking at options for new dates in the summer months and will update as soon as we can.

For now please keep exercising, running and look after each other - more now than ever we need a servant heart.

Keep well and we look forward to seeing you all once things get back to some kind of normality.

Kindest Regards

*The Great Horwood Fun Run Team*

### WATER AID LENT APPEAL: JARS OF CHANGE

St James' Church will again be participating in the Lent Appeal 2020 for Water Aid and would like to open this initiative up to the wider village community. Lent is a time when we might give up small luxuries in life. But imagine if you had to give up more important things like education or employment because you do not have clean water close to home and have to walk miles to fetch it every day. The idea is simply this: you take an empty jar, give up something for Lent, maybe a bar of chocolate or cup of coffee and donate the money you save by placing it in the jar. Even though there is no Easter Day Service bring the jar to St James' on Easter Morning and the contents will be sent collectively to Water Aid. All donations welcome.



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For more information please contact –

Angela Mayne 01296 715400 or Monica Gilbey 01296 711915

<p>Jan 14<sup>th</sup></p>  <p>Quiz</p>	<p>Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Parkinson's UK Katy Slade</p>  <p>Comp: Emblem Picture Quiz</p>	<p>March 10<sup>th</sup> Grendon Prison Chaplaincy</p> <p>Sylvia Nutt</p>  <p>Comp: A cross in any medium</p>	<p>April 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner</p> <p>Friends welcome</p> 
<p>May 12<sup>th</sup> Gardening at Dorney &amp; Edinburgh – Mark Nelson</p>  <p>Comp: Picture of an exotic flower</p>	<p>June 9<sup>th</sup> Making Summer Desserts Fred Leader</p>  <p>Comp: A fruity quiz</p>	<p>July 14<sup>th</sup> The Secret War in the Chilterns – Jean Yates</p>  <p>Comp: Wartime Memorabilia</p>	<p>August 11<sup>th</sup> Garden Meeting</p>  <p>An evening of light hearted fun with Boules</p>
<p>September 8<sup>th</sup> Make a pair of Earrings Corzo &amp; Wood</p>  <p>Comp: The finished earrings</p>	<p>October 13<sup>th</sup> Bags by Jane</p>  <p>Comp: an unusual piece of fabric</p>	<p>November 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Bags, scarves &amp; jewellery swap</p> 	<p>December 8<sup>th</sup> Chocolate Tasting!</p> 



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We also have an annual outing and this year which is to the Huntingdon area where we will do an interesting walk on the Ouse Valley Way which includes a visit to a working flour mill. There will also be a chance to visit the town shopping centre.

**The date is Saturday 23rd May.**

If you would like to join the club contact our Membership secretary Susan Cobbold on 01296 670045.

**Our walks in April are as follows.**

**Sunday, 5th April 10.30 CUDDINGTON**

Park in village streets near The Crown (their car park for customers only). GR 738113 Circular walk through fields to Upper Winchendon (some livestock) crossing the River Thame passing the old mill and picturesque village of Nether Winchendon. 4.5 miles

**Sunday 12th April 2.00pm**

**BUCKINGHAM**

Walk off those Easter eggs. Meet at the Cornwalls car park behind Waitrose MK18 1RS. Circular walk through the parks in Buckingham along the old railway walk and back through Bourton Meadow Park. One stile and one section on grass which may be muddy. Dogs on leads. 3.5 miles

**Wednesday 15th April 10.30am**

**CALVERT JUBILEE RESERVE**

Meet and park outside Calvert Green Village Hall, Cotswold Way GR686240 MK18 2FJ. This is the main street of village. From Claydons take Brackley Lane into Cotswold Way. Level walking, may be muddy, no stiles. Visit site before HS2 works begin in earnest. 3 miles

**Sunday 19th April 10.30am**

**COOMBE HILL FROM WENDOVER**

Meet at the clock tower at the bottom of Wendover High Street. Car park off High Street behind the library. Walk to the Monument up Coombe Hill-a steady climb. Approx 4 miles

**Saturday 25th April 2.00pm**

**EMERSON VALLEY, MILTON KEYNES**

Meet at car park in Rosemullion Avenue on V2, turn left off A421 H8. Walking east to Tattenhoe Park then passing Howe Wood along east end of valley. 4 miles

Website: [www.bucksvoice.net-district-ramblers-group](http://www.bucksvoice.net-district-ramblers-group)

## MEN IN SHEDS

The three Rs (Reduce, Re-use, Re-cycle) are the familiar watchwords we are encouraged to remember when we buy and, eventually, dispose of the things we use, but there is a fourth R – Repair.

Dick Powell is co-founder of the hugely successful design consultancy Seymourpowell and, at a gathering of design luminaries in the late 90's, he was invited to future-gaze about what the direction and priorities should be for designers at the start of the new millennium.

Amid much speculation about computerised everything and sci-fi gadgetry, Dick's contribution was more grounded: "We need to be designing stuff that you can fix".

And he was right... but getting there is still a work in progress.

Simple economics often dictate that 'fixing stuff' has to be a DIY thing but now we hit another stumbling block, a lack of knowledge, experience and the confidence to have a go.

With this in mind, the Repair Cafe movement was founded in Holland around ten years ago and now has over 2200 centres worldwide.

Each centre is very much a community resource and provides a workspace for volunteers to share skills, share company – and fix things!

Centres are not necessarily 'equipped' – volunteers tend to bring along the tools and equipment they need as appropriate to the expertise they can offer and this too determines what can be repaired at any given centre.

Repairs that need current, safety-related qualifications (electricity and gas spring to mind) would be a problem but, otherwise, suitable cases could vary from teddy bears to garden tools.

We were asked if this was something MISW would be interested in and, at the time, we felt that we already covered the ground – albeit in our own way.

By coincidence, a week or so later our Curate, Mark, popped-in to ask the same question. He had recently visited the established Repair Cafe in Aston Clinton and had been mightily impressed, not just by the service it offered but for the lively community spirit it engendered. We have invited Mark to our next committee meeting to explain more.

Whatever the outcome, MISW will be taking a keen interest. The more we fix then the less we throw away and that's got to be a good idea.

We don't just fix things here at The Shed, we make quite a lot too.

For an idea of what we have been up to lately do pop in to the Town Meeting on Thursday 23rd April where we will have a small display.

**The Shed is open:**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 - 4:00.**

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**Or for more info call Dave Saunders; 01296 714164**

*ED: With an increasing number of social event being cancelled presently, we suggest that you contact organisers to ensure an event you wish to attend is still going ahead.*

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Thursday 9th April	Westcroft Shopping - Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick-ups. Ring to book.
Thursday 23rd April	Westcroft Shopping - Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick-ups. Ring to book.
Monday 27th April	Asda Shopping MK1 - option to go to M&S, Primark, etc. £4.00.
Tuesday 28th April	Bluebell Run, Ashridge - Drive & lunch at The Greyhound in Aldbury. £5.00 travel.
Thursday 30th April	Bicester Avenue – Blue Diamond Garden Centre, Lakeland, Cotton Traders & more. £5.00 travel.
Tuesday 5th May	Buckingham Bus – 1 hour in town then 1 hour in Tesco, or 2 hours in Tesco. Door to door service, bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return.
Thursday 7th May	Coton Manor Gardens - The sea of bluebells and the beautiful scent of the flowers makes this one of the most spectacular bluebell woods in England. £15 includes admission.
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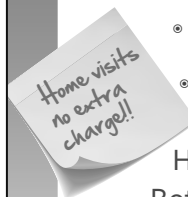
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## A Recipe For Easter From Sara Walsh

A Sunday roast, something a little different for an Easter gathering.

### Garlic crusted slow- cooked lamb shoulder.

Serves 8-10

Prep time 20 mins

Cooking time 4 hours 20 mins

2.5kg	lamb shoulder
3	Large garlic cloves crushed
2.5 cm	piece of ginger peeled & crushed/ finely chopped
1 1/2 tsp	Ground ginger
2 tsp	Salt
1 tsp	Ground black pepper
3 heaped tsp	English mustard
1/2 tsp	dried rosemary

- combine together all the spice/ mustard ingredients in a bowl.
- slash lamb all over with a sharp knife.
- spread the spice /mustard mix all over the lamb.  
If you have time, leave to marinate for 24 hours, but this is not essential.
- heat the oven to 150c/130c fan /gas 2
- place the lamb in a roasting tin, transfer to the oven and roast uncovered for 4 hours.
- remove from the oven and check the blackened crust has formed, if it hasn't, increase the temp to 220c/200c fan/ gas 7 then return the lamb to the oven, for the last 20 mins.  
If the crust has formed, return the joint to the oven and continue to cook at the original temperature.
- at the completed cooking time, remove from the oven. The lamb will have a lovely blackened crust, leave it to rest for 20 mins. Transfer to a board, shred with 2 forks and serve.

Serve with crispy roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables and a light gravy.

## PARISH PUMP



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### LOCAL ELECTIONS

As I am sure you are all aware, the local Elections planned for 7th May have been postponed. The current Parish Council will continue for another year which will make it six years in total.

Great Horwood Parish Council has a vacancy and would very much like to hear from any resident willing to become a co-opted member of the Council. If you care about our community, like meeting people, have some time and energy, you might be the person we need to fulfill this very important role. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk on the details below. An informal chat can be arranged with a Councillor to find out more.

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Unfortunately, the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for 20th April will not now be taking place but can hopefully be rescheduled for later in the year.

### ROAD REPAIRS

I am assuming that Transport for Bucks will still be undertaking road repairs although of course we may experience a back log of works. Please still report any problems to [www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk). The job can be tracked in their schedule of works.

### THE NEW BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

The new Buckinghamshire Council launches on 1 April as planned and will be your one-stop shop for all of the services currently delivered by your district or county council. Recycling and waste collections, libraries and the other day-to-day services you use will continue, just under the new Buckinghamshire Council.

### LITTER PICK POSTPONED

The Litter Pick which the Parish Council were planning on organizing for Sunday 26th April will be postponed. It is intended to reschedule this event for September to coincide with the Great British September Clean. A date will be set in the near future.

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 9th March can be found on the noticeboard in the High Street and also on the Parish Council website. The next meeting of the Parish Council is still planned for Monday 6th April at 7.30pm but that may change depending on Government advice.

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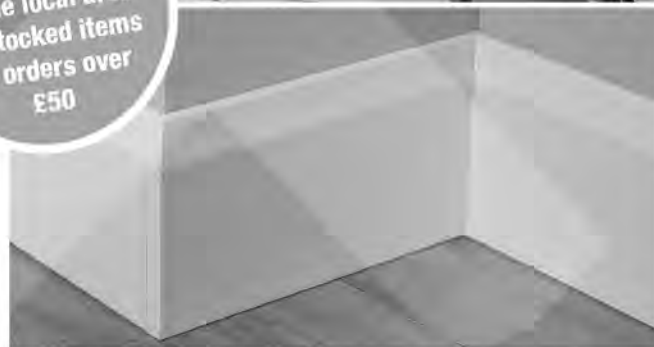
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in the first instance if you know someone who might need help.