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May 2021

Parish News



St. Laurence Church

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St Laurence Church Downton

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From Rev David Bacon, Team Vicar of the Forest and Avon Team

Dear Friends

The “New Normal”

As we enter the month of May, for many Easter will be nothing but a distant memory; but the Church has for 2000 years called on us to see Easter not as a day, not even as a week, but as a season lasting a full 50 days. So, it will be Easter until the 23rd when we celebrate “Pentecost” (which means the 50th day).

This has coincided in 2021 with a time when we are readjusting our hopes and plans for what has become known as the “New Normal”. Some people still talk in terms of “getting back to normal”, but more and more we are recognising that we no longer know what “normal” is. We cannot go back but only forward into the unknown.

As we return to our High Streets, we will find familiar names missing – Mothercare, Debenhams, Peacocks, Jaeger, Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Topshop, Dorothy Perkins, Burton and Miss Selfridge to name just a few. Shopping has changed and few believe that there will be any going back.

And church has changed too. Many churches have no plans to re-open. Mounting pressure on finances will mean fewer paid clergy being spread ever more thinly. More positively, on-line church is here to stay. Our own local experience has been that many more people wish to engage with church on-line than ever attended our physical services.

On Easter Morning, I found myself saying, “Everything has changed” and if the Pandemic means that we cannot go back to the way things were, Easter and the message of Jesus risen from the dead means that we mustn’t even try to do so; because the risen Christ calls us forward into the future not back to what was before.

Not many of us enjoy uncertainty. We like to know what is ahead and we like even more to have a sense of control as we go forward. As we await the “New Normal”, we have neither of these, but the risen Christ calls us to walk with Him as we step where we have not stepped before.

With my love and prayers this Easter
David

ST LAURENCE CHURCH SERVICES

We are continuing to hold Sunday services in Church. There is **one service each Sunday at 10.30 am**. This will be Holy Communion each week except for the third Sunday of each month when it will be Morning Prayer. The services are short and simple without hymns, and communion is by wafer only. If you wish to come to a service please let us know by emailing fateamrector@outlook.com or calling the Vicar on 01725 510326



or Jo Parsons on 01725 512738, so that we can have some idea of numbers and make the necessary arrangements. We will maintain proper physical distancing and hygiene procedures will be observed, especially during the administration of communion. Face coverings must be worn.

There will also be a service for **Ascension Day at 7.30 am on Thursday 13th May**. This will be in the churchyard, weather permitting, or in church.

We will continue to have **recorded services**, but these will now be only three times a month. This will mean that we have services on the [services page of the church website](#) for the first, third and fourth Sundays in the month. There are service sheets on the website for all recorded Sunday and some other services which can be viewed or downloaded, enabling you to join in with prayers and responses. Within the Team, there are also online services available each week from [St Mary Redlynch](#) and [St Andrew Landford](#).

Morning Worship continues to be said by the Vicar at 10.30.am on Wednesdays in church. This is not a public or recorded service, but he will ring the church bell at 10.30 am as a call to worship and you are encouraged to join him in a time of prayer from your own homes. On the third Wednesday of the month he will incorporate our Roads to God prayers (see page 7).

The Church is open for private prayer on Wednesdays, from 11.00 am to 12.00 pm. A member of the Church will be present at all times as a steward, and everyone will be asked to maintain physical distancing and to leave their contact details.

If you would like to follow the readings for May they are:

Sunday 2nd May 2021

1st Reading Acts 8:26-end
Gospel John 15:1-8

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 9th May 2021

1st Reading Acts 10:44-end
Gospel John 15:9-17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Thursday 13th May 2021

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11
Gospel Luke 24:44-end

Ascension Day

Sunday 16th May 2021

1st Reading Acts 1:15-17,21-end
2nd Reading John 17:6-19

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 23rd May 2021

1st Reading Acts 2:1-21
Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Day of Pentecost

Sunday 30th May 2021

1st Reading Romans 8:12-17
Gospel John 3:1-17

Trinity Sunday



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Peregrines nesting on the Cathedral tower

Last month we reported that the peregrines on the tower had laid four eggs. By 25th April they had all hatched. Newly hatched chicks are still wet and often quite exhausted after the rigours of emerging from the egg, and are closely brooded by the female at this stage.

They soon dry out however and within a few hours appear fluffy in their familiar white down. They spend most of their time asleep in the early days, mostly beneath the female, but a little later, especially on warm days, they huddle together in the open in a white 'heap', perhaps to help keep warm.

The adult female feeds her tiny chicks in a wonderfully gentle and patient way, giving them only the tiniest of morsels at a time. The chicks will now develop fast, and should fledge in perhaps the first week of June.

You can read much more, keep up to date with their progress, and look at live pictures of the nest by clicking on this link:

www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/visit-what-see/peregrine-falcons-live-stream

Woodfalls Methodist Church

The Ridge, Woodfalls, SP5 2LH

Methodist Services can be accessed via Salisbury Methodist Church website: www.salisburymethodist.org.uk

At the time of going to press the meeting to decide the way forward hasn't taken place so if you wish to know about worship on 23rd or 30th May please phone or e-mail Graham - see below.

For pastoral contact or information about other worship on the internet, **contact Graham Tanner, telephone 01725 512648; email atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com**

Roman Catholic Services

Church of the Good Shepherd
Barford Lane, Downton, SP5 3QA

The Catholic chapel is now available for private prayer.

At 6.30 pm on Thursdays the congregation hold a Service of the Word by Zoom unless a Mass is scheduled. The next Mass will be on Thursday 20th May in the chapel.

If you would like to join the Zoom services please contact John Elliott on 01722 711665.

St Osmund's Church TV system
can be accessed at: <https://salisburycatholics.org/church-tv>

Downton Baptist Church

South Lane, Downton, SP5 3NA

Sunday Mornings at 10.30 am in Church or Church Field
and Thursday Mornings at 11.00 am online

Details of online Services can be found on
the Downton Baptist Church website

Ministers: Rev Philip Rhoades and Rev Katy Ulliyatt

More details of all events from Rev Philip Rhoades:
Telephone: 07468 491143. Email: rhoades470@btinternet.com
Church Office: 01725 512971 or **Email:** office@downtonbaptist.org
Website: www.downtonbaptist.org

St Laurence's Church Registers

March 2021

Funerals:

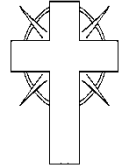
8th March – Dennis Aubrey Johnson (87)

Service at Salisbury Crematorium

12th March – John Gordon Turner (89)

Service at Salisbury Crematorium

24th March – Jean Mary Carroll (92)



Burial of Ashes:

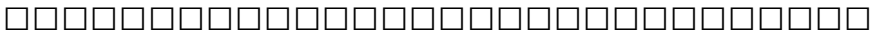
9th March – Christopher John Whitmarsh (74)

9th March – Julian Louis Richard Creese (59)

9th March – Jacqueline Joyce Creese (79)

9th March – Robert Pearson Garrow (27)

Jesus says "Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden
and I will give you rest"



Daily hope and encouragement



DailyHOPE is available 24 hours a day and is free from all UK landlines and mobiles. The telephone number is 0800 804 8044. Since its launch, around 400,000 people have called the line, many on a regular basis.

It has a number of options including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice about Covid-19. There is also an option to listen to a Sunday service. It is available for anyone but is designed particularly with older people in mind – many of whom do not have access to the internet.

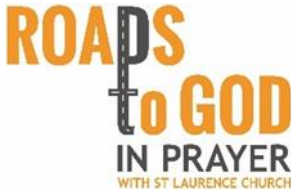
Could you give someone a call and tell them? As the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby says, "I want people to spread the news about this service. If there is someone you know who is particularly struggling, give them a call and let them know about the Daily Hope".

Prayer Diary for May

- 1 Those getting married this year
- 2 All who rely on food aid
- 3 Our Church School
- 4 Our Witness to the Faith
- 5 Archbishop Justin Welby
- 6 Our Churchwarden and Deputy Churchwardens
- 7 Medical staff: in hospitals, GPs, Care homes, research labs
- 8 Our Parochial Church Council (PCC)
- 9 Our Team Rector and family
- 10 All key workers
- 11 Charities struggling to continue their work
- 12 Those made redundant or unable to find work
- 13 Ascension Day - Christ our King
- 14 St Matthias - Growing through God's Word
- 15 Those who are ill and their families
- 16 Politicians and their advisors
- 17 Young people
- 18 School Governors
- 19 Peace in the World
- 20 Barford Day Centre
- 21 Our Bishops and all Church Leaders
- 22 The Bereaved
- 23 Those who produce our Parish magazine
- 24 Our Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPAs)
- 25 All who minister to the sick
- 26 Our community life
- 27 Those alone and depressed
- 28 Trafalgar School at Downton
- 29 Those at University and College
- 30 Those in Residential and Nursing Homes
- 31 Volunteers helping others in their community



Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers. In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns. If you have any suggestions for inclusion in this diary, please have a word with the Team Rector.



At St Laurence Church we regularly pray for our local community. For the last few years this has included our Roads to God mission, through which we pray especially for the people living and working in a few particular roads each month, covering the whole village over the course of a year.

We have just come to the end of the cycle and so this month we will be praying for

ALL who live and work in Downton.

We will start the cycle again in June. The list of roads for which we are praying each month will be included in the magazine, and also on the church website.

In the present situation we are unable to deliver our usual prayer cards.

Requests for particular prayers can be made:

by telephoning Reverend Frank Gimson on 01725 510326 or

emailing info@stlaurencedownton.co.uk

Any such requests will be kept confidential.

You can request prayers at any time – not just when your road is on the monthly list.

For more information, please see our Roads to God page on our website: www.stlaurencedownton.co.uk

Roads to God Prayer Group

The Roads to God Prayer Group usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month in St Laurence Church.

Under the present circumstances we are unable to meet in church. However, we will be asking members of the prayer group and wider congregation to set aside a time of prayer for both the particular roads in our prayer cycle and indeed the whole village at:

10.30am Wednesday 19th May 2021

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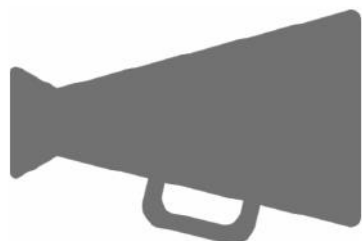
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Downton Link



I am preparing this update on 12th April – the day the country moves into Step 2 of the Government's Roadmap to recovery. It has seemed a long time coming, and the lockdown over these past three winter months has been particularly hard on many people, not least many of our Link clients who have felt isolated and unable to get out of the house.

Thankfully, the vaccine roll out has been a huge success and by the time you read this a significant proportion of people in the older age groups will have received both jabs and with that a level of confidence and optimism.

With the opening of more shops and hairdressers we anticipate a steady increase in demand for our transport services and we will do all we can to meet that demand, although we must give priority to essential medical and dental appointments. I am pleased to say that we have been successful in recruiting a number of volunteer drivers before and since Christmas and I am hopeful that most of our volunteers will be returning to drive for us, although after a year's gap there may be some who have decided that it is their time to retire.

Spring is a good time to make plans and I remain optimistic that life will, as we move into the summer, get back to some sort of normality, although I am bound to say the impact of this last year will leave lasting memories, good and bad, on all of us. The task facing me and the committee is to plan for the future of "The Link" in this area, not only in terms of recruitment of volunteer drivers, but also volunteers to help with the governance of our registered charity.

We particularly need volunteers, who don't have to be drivers, to join our two transport coordinators and help to spread the work. It can be a rewarding use of your time and not onerous if you enjoy talking to people, and making a difference to people's lives. Or perhaps you could take on a role on the committee?

If you think you might be interested please call our Link number 01725 513807 and leave your name and a contact number and I, or one of the committee, will get back to you; or you can drop me a line on chairman@downtonlink.org.uk.

Peter Bishop
Chairman – Downton Link

Downton Mini Recycling Centre

The recycling shed, organised by Downton Green Group, is situated round the back of the Baptist Church in South Lane. And the good news is that we are now able to re-open in a limited way! The shed has had a clear out and refresh so that it is ready for some of your recycling again. **Please leave items in the correct containers.**



We are now collecting:

Pet food pouches (clean and dry); Toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes;
Crisp packets; Plastic confectionery wrappers;
Low energy light bulbs and Water filter cartridges

Please be aware that at present we can collect only what we know we can move on safely. **If there's no labelled container, then we are not currently collecting that item!** Unfortunately, if something is left that we are not collecting it will be thrown away. As will batches of mixed recycling - we currently don't have the resources to sort out a mixture of items.

If you are leaving pet food packaging or crisp packets, please read the extra information on how to package them to help.

[Pet food packaging](#) [Sweet wrappers](#) [Crisp packets](#) [Oral care products](#)

The links provide more information about what we can and cannot accept in some of the containers.

Please don't leave batteries - they are easy to recycle at the Co-op or the Pharmacy - or anywhere that sells them.....

Where else can you recycle?

Wiltshire Air Ambulance have a recycling centre in the Phoenix Emporium, Tollgate Road, Salisbury, which has now reopened. There you can recycle crisp packets, plastic sweet wrappers, baby food pouches, Pringles tubes..... We are hoping to increase our range in future, but do not have the capacity to do so at the moment.

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Improving the lives of everyone affected by spinal injury



PLANTING HOPE AT LONGFORD CASTLE

**Stunning private estate to welcome visitors this June
in support of national charity Horatio's Garden**



Longford Castle and the estate's formal gardens in Wiltshire, home to the charity's

**Longford Castle, the private ancestral seat of the Radnor family
for over 300 years, built by Elizabeth 1st's chief lady-in-waiting,
will be opening its spectacular gardens to the public on**

**Sunday 6th June from 2pm – 5pm
in support of national charity, Horatio's Garden.**

The charity's patron, the Countess of Radnor, generously offered to host the annual Horatio's Garden Plant Sale at her home in order to help the charity raise the vital funds required to support their beautiful, accessible garden projects in NHS spinal injury centres across the UK. Each stunning sanctuary offers a calm and comforting haven to help the physical health and psychological wellbeing of patients with spinal injuries, their families and the NHS staff who care for them. *continued on next page >>>*

Longford Castle Garden open *(continued)*

Visitors will be invited to tour Longford Castle's private, spectacular formal gardens whilst absorbing the remarkable architecture and atmosphere of the estate and also explore the old garden alongside the River Avon.

There will be plenty of unusual plants available for purchase, including plants donated from Sam Owen's RHS Chelsea Flower Show Garden. Tea and delicious homemade cakes will be available all afternoon in a marquee overlooking the Castle.

The charity's gorgeous, bespoke merchandise will also be for sale, alongside handcrafted goods created by volunteers, whilst new ethical start-up Loungers Clothing will also be there to offer people the chance to buy their unique, limited edition Horatio's Garden loungers.

The day, generously sponsored by Casterbridge Wealth Investments, will be the perfect way to celebrate the easing of lockdown restrictions and promises to be a wonderful way to support a cause that, like many, has had to overcome numerous obstacles throughout the past year in order to keep supporting the people relying on them.

Horatio's Garden has continued its life-changing work throughout the pandemic and their extraordinary projects are particularly important now, as the space afforded by each garden has enabled families to reunite safely with their loved ones spending time in hospital.

Offering nature as a lifeline before, during and beyond the pandemic is simply what Horatio's Garden do. In the past year, we've all come to relish our green spaces with renewed appreciation and by gathering together at Longford Castle this June, we can help Horatio's Garden to continue to bring the benefits of the great outdoors to people across the country who need them most.

To ensure everyone's safety, pre-booking for the Horatio's Garden Plant Sale is essential. Tickets are available online now at www.horatiosgarden.org.uk/plantsale

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Downton Horticultural Society

In last month's magazine we announced we were hoping to hold our Autumn Show on Saturday 4th September. The show includes classes for vegetables and we would like to encourage more people who grow their own to enter some of their produce. There are classes for potatoes, both white and coloured, onions, shallots, beetroot, carrots, courgettes, marrows, cucumbers, tomatoes, parsnips and leeks. The judge will be looking for the best, and not the largest, so everyone stands a chance of winning. Some of our regular exhibitors will be pleased to provide advice on presentation.

If you may be interested in exhibiting then please look out for the Show Schedules which will be available slightly later in the year. They are available from me or any of our committee members including Chris Parry (514511) who lives at 'Cymbeline' opposite the Co-op.

Even if you do not want to enter, please make a point of coming along to see all the exhibits as it may inspire you for next year.

Admission to the show is free.

Gordon Bishop (01725 511475)

Hamptworth Croquet Club in Full Swing

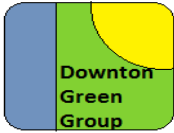
Since play was allowed to resume, the croquet lawns have been very busy with the sound of mallet on ball. Even the recent cold weather has not deterred the players' determination to enjoy the fresh air, the Spring flowering and the trees coming into leaf. Hamptworth is a beautiful place to play.

We are particularly pleased to say welcome to a number of new players who are just starting out on their journey of croquet enjoyment, and to welcome back tournaments to our lawns later in April.

We are a very friendly bunch at Hamptworth and we are always looking for new members. Try it out free of charge. Introductions to croquet can be arranged for individuals, pairs or small groups. All you need is flat soled shoes - trainers are ideal.

Interested? Give Steve a call on **07912 608733** or visit our developing website to find out more: <https://croquet-websites.org.uk/hamptworth/>
We would love to hear from you!

Has Covid had an impact on the environment?



During the first lock down, car use was reduced dramatically and it was rare to see aeroplane trails in the sky; people walked more and appreciated the natural environment and started to grow more produce but.....the majority of protective equipment contains plastic; home

shopping deliveries started returning to the use of plastic bags; Covid test equipment is made out of plastic and comes wrapped in plastic and we started to focus on protecting ourselves rather than the environment. This view is understandable but can we maximise some of the legacy learning? We can:

- Remember the joy of walking
- Appreciate the achievement of growing our own food
- Think about those supermarket aisles of plastic water bottles and remember that we have safe water in our taps which we are already paying for
- Carry a reusable bag for shopping
- Wear reusable, washable masks and stop throwing plastic masks around as litter.

These are the easy things but just doing a few things will remind us we can have a local impact that could grow the more we start thinking about it.

Plastic Free Downton - join us in the Great British Spring Clean!

A reminder that we are inviting participation in the Keep Britain Tidy litter pick between May 28th and June 13th. Take part by targeting your own area of the village, removing plastics and other rubbish to the benefit of our local environment.

Nearer the time details will appear on noticeboards and on Downton Green Group's website/Facebook page. www.downtongreengroup.co.uk



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### Rainfall report for March



At last a really dry month - only 1.47 inches for March, well - below the average. April looks as if it will be similar. MC



## **The Lover Lock-Down Story**

Lover is a small village eight miles south of Salisbury and in March 2019 a small group of retired people with many varying craft skills set up a REPAIR CAFÉ, meeting every Wednesday morning to offer repair help to the local community. This very quickly grew to a membership of 26 in the Team serving an area of approximately twenty miles radius.

And then in March 2020 along came 'Lock-down'. This really frustrated the management team as we were prohibited from using the local Village Hall and also from gathering together for a coffee, a chat and communal repairs. There was a real determination to continue the helpful service especially for the many vulnerable senior citizens in the locality.

So, having carefully checked the Government Covid Regulations and the available resources, we came up with the idea of a 'REMOTE REPAIR CENTRE' as a temporary means of continuing the service. In fact we were prepared to offer the service on both the Wednesday and Friday mornings; after all where else were we going to go during Covid?

We were in the fortunate position of having a member of the Group living nearly opposite the Village Hall; he also had a double garage in his front garden with lots of room on the driveway for access. On checking with the helpers it was found that we had six who were willing and able to 'Work from Home' along with two more (an electrician and a joiner) plus an Administrator/Treasurer, all duly masked up and 'Covid aware'. And so we were all set to continue the operations. Following a lot of publicity we soon found that people could and would walk by and drop off items, and also arrange to drive by and drop off their repair works.

We very quickly became a Drop-off & Pick-up Service, as the idea was that we simply took in and registered an item, farmed it out for repair, and phoned the client when it was ready for pick-up.

Fortunately for us word got around, and we have now gained more helpers with specialist skills and improved our ability to provide answers to any queries. Our outstanding concern is locating a Weaver for chair repairs.

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## The Lover Lock-Down Story *(continued)*

As can be imagined various 'problems' cropped up along the way, but our Motto is "Do not Bin it – We may Fix it"; so with that in mind, we have always been able to adjust our delivery to fit in with requirements. For instance, how do you use a garage in the middle of winter? You go to a local Marquee Manufacturer and he makes you a fantastic PVC awning that slides & clips on the front on the garage. How do you overcome the heating problem? You purchase a gas fired heater. How do you overcome IT issues? Simply get our own engineers to devise a method of operating. How do you resolve Covid Regs? We continually monitor and adjusted our procedures in accordance with requirements; at the lowest point we simply had one operative on duty receiving & passing on the jobs.

As you may well imagine our Clients were very pleased to have this service which only costs the value of the materials used and if they wished, a donation to a local charity. It was not long before someone mentioned their concern for the Hospital Staff dealing with Covid patients and as a result we checked with the NHS Hospital at Salisbury to see if we could donate specifically to support ALL their NHS Staff. They agreed to our proposal, and incredibly in the last twelve months we have been able to provide £5,500 that is going to support them in the way of mental health treatment, rest room facilities, special treats etc.

As for the work coming in, recently we broke our one day record by receiving 23 jobs in a day! Our works cover every sphere of activity from electrics to electronics, ceramics to clocks, bikes to brass-work, mowers to metal-work etc. We are very pleased that at present we are running at a 93% success rate.

Our Story has no ending ..... we simply await the next exciting episode; the adventure is in the overcoming.

**Opening Times:** Drop in with your damaged items any Wednesday or Friday morning between 10.00 am and mid-day at 'Brambles', Vicarage Rd, Lover, nearly opposite Redlynch Village Hall.

Park on the field side of the road – not in the driveway. Come in wearing a mask, using the sanitiser on entry. (Spare masks available)

Check with a helper that we can accept the job. **For all queries contact Paul on 01725 510753. - Follow us on [facebook.com/loverrepaircafe](https://www.facebook.com/loverrepaircafe)**

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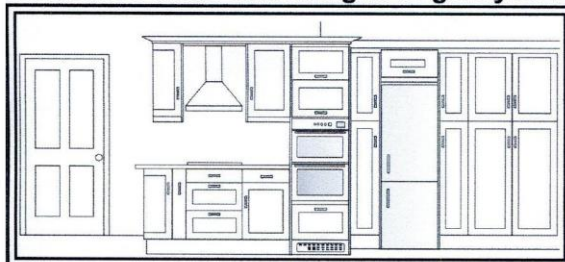
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## Forest Edge Flower Arranging Society



Our talented members produced an array of wonderful Spring/Easter designs to share with the Club during last month under the title "From my home to yours" and it was lovely to share these with everyone via a slideshow and album online.

This month we had a more social catch up on zoom, and also looked at the installation we shall be involved with at the Winchester Cathedral Flower Festival in September this year. The title is "Resonance" and we will be working on a canopy of flowers as part of fantastic design within the Nave of the Cathedral. We have much work to do to get this ready for when the festival opens to the public on 15<sup>th</sup> September and we spent our meeting looking at how we will do this. There was lots of excitement and trepidation in equal measure but many hands make light work!! I do hope you might manage to visit the Cathedral and see all the fabulous flowers on display during the festival.

Later in our programme we will enjoy flowers presented on zoom with demonstrations from Graham King in May with "Live from the shed" and Jennifer Thompson in June with "Colour me warm". We then hope to meet in person from July with a talk by Janelle Quitman on "Making a bee line for the garden gate" whilst enjoying a cream tea. If you would like to join us as a visitor then please get in touch for more information. Likewise, if you would like to join us as a member this year you can do so for just £30 and enjoy our programme through to December. We hope to see you sometime soon to enjoy some fun, friendship and flowers.

Martina Coleman (Chairperson) 01725 512556



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## Redlynch Local History Society Talk on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Ruth Butler, Heritage Education Officer at Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, gave us an on-line talk about Extraordinary Wiltshire Women. We learnt about several very different women starting in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and finishing in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. They all made their mark in a world often dominated by men.

Ela of Salisbury (1187-1261) When her father William FitzPatrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Salisbury, died in 1196 she became Countess of Salisbury. In her early teens she married William Longespee and he became 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Salisbury and Sheriff of Wiltshire. Ela and William used their wealth to wield influence and power: they were among the dignitaries to lay the foundation stones of Salisbury Cathedral in 1220 and provided financial support. In 1226 William was poisoned and died; Ela commissioned an elaborate tomb and he was the first person to be buried in the Cathedral. The title reverted to Ela and she refused to remarry (Magna Carta protected women from being forced to remarry). She was one of only two women in medieval England to hold the position of Sheriff, inheriting it from William and paying Henry III to secure it. She established Lacock Abbey in 1232 and became its first abbess.

Mary Herbert, Countess of Pembroke (1561 -1621) Mary had an extensive education and was taught scripture and classics, trained in rhetoric, was fluent in French, Italian and Latin and knew some Greek and Hebrew. In 1577 she married Henry Herbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Pembroke. At Wilton she established an “academy of literature” and many poets and playwrights visited, including her brother Sir Philip Sidney and Shakespeare and Ben Johnson. She is buried in the quire of Salisbury Cathedral and the epitaph reads “*Underneath this marble hearse/Lies the subject of all verse/Sidney’s sister, Pembroke’s mother/Death! Ere thou has slain another/ Wise and fair and good as she/Time shall throw a dart at thee*”

Arundel Penruddock and Lady Blanche Arundell both fought to protect their families during the civil wars and Cromwell’s rule. In 1643, a 60 year old Lady Blanche defended her home (Wardour Castle) when a 1300 strong Parliamentarian army besieged it. She led her family, servants and a small force of 25 men for five days before surrendering. In 1655 royalist Colonel John Penruddock of Compton Chamberlayne led a failed rebellion against Cromwell’s Protectorate.

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## Redlynch Local History Society Talk *(continued)*

He was imprisoned in Exeter and his wife Arundel wrote pleas for clemency to Cromwell. These failed and he was executed for treason but Arundel continued to petition Cromwell on her own behalf and her seven children.

Edith Olivier (1872 – 1948) She was a campaigner, author, Wilton Mayor and pillar of society. During the First World War Edith established the Women's Land Army in Wiltshire and was later awarded the MBE. After the war she moved to Daye House on the Wilton Estate and hosted and attended parties with Stephen Tennant, Siegfried Sassoon, Rex Whistler, the Sitwells and Cecil Beaton. Edith found both Ashcombe House in Cranbourne Chase and Reddish House at Broadchalke for Cecil Beaton. Edith had a close relationship with Rex Whistler; she provided stability and a refuge at Daye House.

Matilda Talbot (1872 - 1958) Matilda moved to Lacock Abbey to care for her uncle, Charles Talbot. In 1916 her uncle died and left the estate to her, and in 1944 she gave Lacock Abbey, the village and Manor Farm to The National Trust. She donated the Lacock copy of the Magna Carta to the British Museum.

Mary Mildred Bruce (1895 – 1990) At the age of 15 Mary was banned from driving for a year after racing her brother's motorcycle on the road. She graduated to cars and in 1926 she married the Hon Victor Austin Bruce; they took part in Monte Carlo rallies and in 1927 drove to the Arctic Circle. She owned a speed boat company and then bought an aeroplane. In 1950, now divorced, she moved to Bradford on Avon and was running glove factories in Warminster and Cardiff. In Warminster in 1980 her papers were found in a derelict glove factory and deposited at Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre. When she was 79 she test-drove a Ford Capri at 110 mph at Thruxton racetrack. You can read more about her colourful life here:-

<https://www.beaulieu.co.uk/news/women-in-motorsort-social-history-the-honourable-mrs-victor-bruce/>





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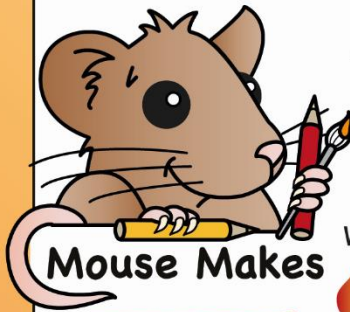
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helps us to  
**W K N O**  
we belong to God.

The Holy Spirit  
**H C T S E E A**  
us about God.

The Holy Spirit  
**K P E S S A**  
God's word to us.

The Holy Spirit  
**P H L S E**  
us to tell others  
about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit  
helps us when we  
**A Y P R**



On the day of **PENTECOST**  
the disciples were gathered  
together in one place...

What sound did they hear?

Acts 2:2

What did they see?

Acts 2:3

What filled them?

Acts 2:4

How did they speak?

Acts 2:4

What did the crowd hear?

Acts 2:6

Which countries  
had they come from?

Acts 2:9

What was  
their reaction?  
Acts 2:12-13



Who explained  
what was  
happening?  
What did he say?

Acts 2:14-36

How many  
people were  
baptised  
that day?

Acts 2:41



Change each letter to the  
letter before it in the  
alphabet and see what  
the **Holy Spirit**  
produces in us:

KPZ  
IVNJMJUZ  
TFMG DPOUSPM  
GBJUIGVMOFTT  
LJOEOFTT  
QBUJFODF  
QFBDF  
MPWF  
HPPEOFTT

Galatians 5:22

What is the work of the  
**Holy Spirit**? What does He do?  
Fill in the missing letters.

  
**TEA\_CES**  
**COMF\_RTS**  
**REVEA\_S**

**IN\_OU**  
    
**TRAN\_FORMS**  
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