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BRERETON WIVES GROUP

Due to Covid19 we haven't anything to report from a previous meeting or notice of future meeting. As soon as lockdown is lifted we will hope to be back to normal.

Mary Sanderson

The photograph on the front cover is the Easter Tree, in front of the church door. It is decorated with eggs, crosses and streamers.

From the Rectory

It's a beautiful day; the sun is shining, I can hear the birds singing, new life is coming through in the hedgerows, fields and gardens. The difference this year is that it is strangely quiet; there is little road noise from the motorway, I can't hear any children from the school playing outside and the lane in front of the Rectory is silent apart from the odd car. No-one could have envisaged this or would have expected to have to keep a distance from each other or indeed to have to stay isolated.

As I reflect on where we are, the experiences of Teresa of Avila come to mind. Her life was difficult, dogged by poor health and early family losses and yet she chose to lead a monastic life. She taught that the difficulties we face are not obstacles to spiritual growth but actually help us as we can use them to acquire patience and surrender. We can learn to let go of our own will and trust in God.

In a letter to a convent in Seville she wrote;

“Courage, courage, my daughters. Remember, God gives no more troubles than you are able to bear and God is with those who are in tribulation”

We therefore have a choice; through the suffering we face today we can become closed down, angry and resentful or can open our hearts, be compassionate and come closer to God. We can look at what we have and be thankful, trusting Him that this will not last and he is here for us.

These are difficult times but think of the old hymn Count Your Blessings - “Count your blessing, name them one by one”. I am thankful that I am here in Brereton, for all my parishioners (even though I miss not being able to see them) for this beautiful countryside, for the school and playschool, for my family, for the local community who have come together to support each other, for local business supplying food, for the NHS and all frontline workers and for the love and grace of God which sustains me.

We cannot have a Eucharist together but can join in an Act of Spiritual Communion (text later in the magazine). Let's count our blessings them

Rev. Sandi



Guidance on Spiritual Communion and Coronavirus

The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. The form of prayer below offers Christians an opportunity to give thanks for their communion with him, particularly at times when they would ordinarily be present at the Eucharist.

The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves. Making a Spiritual Communion is particularly fitting for those who cannot receive the sacrament at the great feasts of the Church, and it fulfils the duty of receiving Holy Communion 'regularly, and especially at the festivals of Christmas, Easter and Whitsun or Pentecost' (Canon B 15).

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

In making a Spiritual Communion, you may wish to pray all or part of the following, as you are able.

An act of Spiritual Communion

You may wish to find a space for prayer in front of a cross, a candle, or a special place. You might choose to make your Spiritual Communion at a particular time of day, or after viewing a live streamed service.

Reflect on the day and on your relationships.

- What good things have come from God today?
- Where have I fallen short?
- What might I do tomorrow?

You may wish to say or pray

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Read the following words from Scripture. If you have access to today's readings for Holy Communion, you may wish to read and reflect on them.

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

John 6.35

Pray for the needs of the world, for your local community, and for those close to you.

End with the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father...

Give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with you now.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

You might then add one or more of the following prayers:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,
'I am with you always'.

Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.

Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care. Amen.

O God,

help me to trust you,

help me to know that you are with me,

help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, in these days of mercy,
make us quiet and prayerful;

in these days of challenge,
make us stronger in you;

in these days of emptiness,
take possession of us;

in these days of waiting,

open our hearts to the mystery of your cross.

Angela Ashwin

cont . . .

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you most humble and
hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and
all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we show forth your praise,
not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and
righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Conclude with the following:

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. Amen.



17 April, 2020

Key community groups and individuals launched Brereton Good Neighbours on Saturday 21st March, specifically to help all Brereton residents in need during the COVID-19 crisis. From that date, an explanatory Brereton Good Neighbours supportive leaflet was delivered by volunteers to each household.

An amazing response from Brereton residents resulted, with local people being keen to help their fellow neighbours in need with shopping, collecting prescriptions and being on the end of phone to provide friendly conversation. Currently there are 30 willing volunteers registered with the scheme and four coordinators covering the whole parish make sure requests are responded to safely and appropriately. All registered volunteers have an identity badge to use when collecting prescriptions or shopping for those in need. Brereton Life has a new specific section on the website called COVID- 19 with frequently asked questions, how to obtain help and how to volunteer: www.breretonlife.org/covid-19

As part of the initiative, family and friends are encouraged to look out for and support neighbours in need. This is one of the most important support networks, as helpers are either known or close and local which provides a lot of comfort and privacy to those in need. Brereton Good Neighbours, the local authority and the government continue to actively encourage this level of support as much as possible. There have been a number of heart-warming stories of different ways of help being offered and provided.

Local Brereton businesses which provide food, such as Pear Tree Farm Shop, the Cheshire Egg Co and Little Doorstep Deliveries as well as those which make household deliveries from Holmes Chapel and Sandbach are listed on the Brereton Life website. There is a wealth of information and resources available there to help people feel connected and safe.

Brereton Good Neighbours (BGN) is a working group, with volunteers from the Community Interest Group, St Oswald's Church, Brereton Parish Council and local people, which has weekly reviews, especially in light of the continued lockdown. Further solutions are planned to help people with cashless shopping and phone advice to get people online to keep in touch with friends and relations. Holmes Chapel surgery is aware of the BGN scheme and actively welcomes volunteers when collecting prescriptions.

REMAIN CALM, STAY SAFE, TOGETHER WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS.

Finance

As you are aware, the church is now closed for services, weddings and baptisms due to the unprecedented outbreak of Covid-19, as directed by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

We are currently arranging for short online services, ringing and supporting of vulnerable or isolated parishioners and setting up a volunteer network for our church community.

To assist the church and to keep our team safe, it would be helpful if as many of our congregation as possible switched to giving by standing order.

Please contact the Wardens, Treasurer or Rector for further details.

We appreciate your continued support during this time.

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About St Oswald's

By Helen Edge

This Ascension-themed window is on the South-west wall of the chancel and is dedicated to another member of the Royds family, Edward, who was killed in a fall on Mount San Salvador, Lugano on the eve of Ascension Day, May 26 1870, aged 22 years.

There are three lights with appropriate verses below the transom as follows


1 *"Let not your heart be troubled. In my Father's house are many mansions"* (John 14.1)

2 *"I go to prepare a place for you that where I am ye may be also"* (John 14.2)

3 *"I ascend unto my Father and your Father and to my God and your God"* (John 20.17)

The memorial next to the window was donated by his college friends.





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My Favourite Hymn Barbara Yates

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest:
To thee our morning hymns ascended,
The praise shall sanctify our rest.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping
And rests not now by day or night.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
The wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord: thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
The kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.

I first remember singing The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended when I started senior school. This hymn brings back so many memories of my school days. It was our school hymn and I remember singing it each year on Speech Day at the Free Trade Hall in Manchester with the school choir. I can still hear the choir's final verse and its high harmony.

During the lockdown pupils from my old school have been reminiscing about school life on the school Facebook page. Quite a number have commented on this hymn and what it meant to them. It was amazing how many are finding comfort from the words in this hymn as well as renewing friendships with old school friends.



News from Brereton C of E School

April News

We hope everyone is safe and well. Currently, school is only open for the children of critical workers which means it is very quiet and rather strange, but it is lovely to help those parents in the NHS and the police by hopefully reducing some of their anxieties.

In school, we have decorated stars and these are hung around the village for people to spot whilst they are enjoying their daily exercise. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by such beautiful countryside and we hope you are all enjoying it in this wonderful sunshine.

However, we are missing everyone tremendously and we cannot wait to have everyone back. We are trying hard to keep in touch with all of our children and it has been wonderful to hear how they are spending their time at home. We have been setting work for the children, as well as challenges such as making prayer jars, and we have had some fantastic responses



Over the next few weeks we are going to encourage the children to reflect on their time at home and tell us if they have learnt a new skill. If you have a skill you could share with the children via video please let us know by emailing admin@breretonprimary.org.uk.

We've always known we were part of a very special place but seeing how the staff, parents and our community have come together during these challenging times has been inspiring. We would like to thank everyone and we keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy" Philippians 1:3-4

We couldn't walk with the donkey or have a service on Palm Sunday so here are some decorated front doors!



We could only have an Easter Sunday Service via Face Book, so here are some Easter Bonnets for you instead of the usual flower displays!



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As I sat to write this I thought I wouldn't have much to say this month but how wrong can you be?

Without stating the obvious it is such a tough time for many many people but here in Brereton we are blessed in so many ways and one of the ways we can show our appreciation for all our blessings is through the privilege of being able to help others.

As you know MU is an organisation which finds ways and means of keeping our members busy and the recent **Blankets of Hope** appeal is still going on though we can only store blankets at home until they can be sent off to those who need them. Please have a look back for the pattern or email Ann or Helen Edge.

We have also been asked by a paediatric nurse who cares for under one year olds to knit little tubes to **cover cannulas** through which many babies and toddlers receive IV antibiotics. These are of course single use so hospitals need a good supply of them.

If you fancy having a go (NB all you novice knitters it's very easy!) here's the pattern: Using 4mm needles and any colour baby Double Knitting wool cast on 26 stitches. Knit 36 rows in garter stitch then cast off and sew the sides it's as simple as that!

Finally, our annual Wave of Prayer takes place between 18th and 20th May this year and the time at which Brereton St Oswald's Mu is asked to keep the worldwide wave of prayer sustained is at 3pm until 3.20 on Tuesday 19th May. Please let me know if you would like to know more.

PS I've asked Helen to include the rainbow prayer as I'd like to thank all the children who have placed rainbows and stars all round the village in windows and on the trees. It is such a joyful symbol of hope and love and the promise of all the wonderful things to come and it really cheers me up when I'm on my walk. Thank you, keep safe and well!

Ann Peach



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Good Neighbour Initiative in Brereton

In response to the pandemic, in mid March Brereton Parish Council joined forces with Brereton Community Interest Group, St Oswald's Church and local residents to help vulnerable, elderly and people in self isolation. Tasks include shopping, collecting prescriptions and friendly phone chats. Locally this initiative has been hugely well received and there have been many offers of help.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, over the last month, Brereton Parish Council, Brereton Community Interest Group, St Oswald's Church and local people have been assisting residents with their needs. In response to a leaflet which was delivered to households in the parish and displayed on parish notice boards, almost 50 local people have volunteered to help. So far, well over 20 requests for groceries, prescriptions and general advice have been met. The parish of 625 households has been divided into four areas with a co-ordinator for each. Every registered volunteer has a clear badge and identification and there are comprehensive guidelines to make sure people are kept safe.

The volunteer coordinator for Brereton Green, commented, "As volunteers, we are really enjoying the interaction by phone and making deliveries. The residents who have contacted me have been overwhelmed by the kindness and support of our community. One resident wrote a poem to say thank you and another, whose husband is shielding, did a handwritten note to thank both to the Good Neighbour group and individual members of the local community. She said 'What we have appreciated the most is the friendliness - no-one passes our window without giving us a wave and waiting for our thumbs up sign. It is so heart warming. Thank you to everyone.' "

The group is considering additional ways of assisting people in Brereton such as providing IT advice, so that people who are in isolation can get online to access resources and have video chats with friends and relations.

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An easy recipe to use the succulent spears of asparagus and delicious new potatoes which are abundant in May.

Rosemary roast chicken thighs, new potatoes, asparagus and garlic, by Barney Dezmazery from BBC Good Food

An easy recipe to use the succulent spears of asparagus and delicious new potatoes which are abundant in May.

PREP: 10 MINS COOK: 45 MINS

Ingredients:-

8 chicken thighs

2 large bundles asparagus

1 whole garlic bulb, separated

1 lemon

Small handful Rosemary sprigs



Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Put the potatoes, asparagus, garlic cloves, oil and lots of seasoning in a large roasting dish (about 30 x 20cm). Squeeze over all the juice from the lemon halves, then cut them into chunks and add them to the dish. Toss everything together, cover the dish with foil, and roast for about 15 mins.

Remove the foil and mix through the rosemary. Season the chicken thighs and arrange evenly in the dish.

Roast for another 25-30 mins until the potatoes are tender, and the chicken is crisp and cooked through. Serve the dish in the middle of the table for everyone to share.

Enjoy!

Helen Edge



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The Ascension of Jesus

Acts 1:6-11

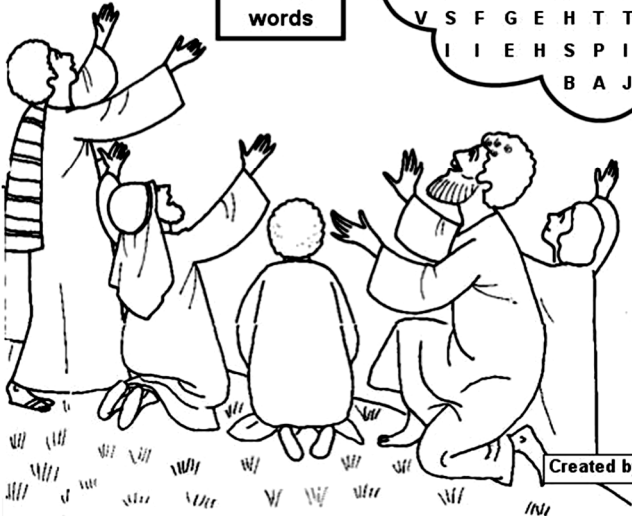


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When he had said this,
as they were looking
on, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took
him from their sight.



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Smile Time

"The Three Hymns"

One Sunday a vicar told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate.

He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a £50 note in offering.

He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

A very quiet, elderly, saintly lady all the way in the back shyly raised her hand.

The vicar asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the chancel steps

He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three handsomest men in the building and said,

"I'll take him and him and him."

"Mark 17"

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands.

He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17.

Every hand went up.

The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters.

I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."