

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



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April 2021

Happy Easter

The Monthly Message—The Rev. Ilse Ferwerda

‘But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn’t find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there, puzzled...’

This is how the resurrection narrative starts in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus, who had travelled around to proclaim the Good News to all, was dead, and his body was laid, contained, in a tomb. Then the tomb was opened but... the women were surprised, puzzled, as they found something different from what they were expecting. I can’t help but draw some parallels to our own life. For more than a year now we’ve lived with restrictions, we’ve been contained in ways that have affected our life and work to a degree none of us could have imagined. Now, restrictions are slowly being eased, the ‘stone’ that contained us in our homes and places of work or care is being rolled away – and I wonder what we will find when we look back into the life we remember from ‘before the virus.’ What do we expect to find?

I have no doubt that, like the women who came to find Jesus’ body, we too will be surprised and puzzled at what we find. Or perhaps at what we don’t find any longer, at what has disappeared. We still have a few months to go before all restrictions will be lifted, and we have time to slowly get used to the changes and differences that will become obvious.

All of us will find a different world. So much has changed for so many people. And many of us will find ourselves veering between grief because of the changes and losses, and joy because of being able to connect in person with those we love and care for again.

But the resurrection, Easter time, comes with hope. Even when all seemed lost, all hope gone with the death of Jesus, something was happening in that tomb that no-one could see until later, until the women came to find the body of Jesus. It wasn’t there.

Whatever happened out of anyone’s sight and without anyone knowing threw a whole different meaning on the events that went on beforehand.

I wonder what is happening in our time, what is going on that we can’t see or don’t know about yet. Whatever it is, there is hope, there is a stone being rolled away, ready for us to look inside at something we cannot imagine at present. I hope and pray that what we will find is beyond our wildest imaginations and dreams, and that we will enjoy exploring this new landscape together!

Happy Easter everyone!

Peace and Blessings to you all - Ilse.

Church Services in April

- 1st April Maundy Thursday 7pm service at Deerhurst
- 2nd April Good Friday 12noon service at Tredington
- 3rd April Holy Saturday 7pm zoom service
- 4th April Easter Day 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington and 11am service at Stoke Orchard
- 11th April 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard and 11am zoom service
- 18th April 11am zoom service
- 25th April 11am zoom service

For services in church, please book in advance with either Vicky on vicky.fowkes@live.uk or Ilse on apperleypriest@gmail.com or phone

The Telephone Kiosk News

Tredington Telephone Kiosk library.

This well used facility has been given a spring clean & books removed that have got damp over the winter. Several people have put new books in & there seems to be a reasonable turnover. Please do not overcrowd the box but do put in & take out as often as you like!IT IS FREE!!



Stoke Orchard Telephone Kiosk

After many years of trying to make contact with the GPO—Gosh— that dates me— The Post Office or whoever it is that deals with phone boxes, we finally managed to get the power switched off in the Stoke Orchard Telephone Kiosk and last Sunday, after moving the fences around the Playground, the volunteers set about the removing it from the roadside in readiness for shot blasting and repainting. It will then stand adjacent to the Community centre!!



The Tredington News Pages

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI held a very enjoyable & successful zoom meeting on March 9th when a number of us took part in a demonstration & painting of Easter eggs kindly & ably led by Bob Stockwell, a member's husband. Joy, our President had worked very hard beforehand to make sure we had everything needed for the evening.

Our next Zoom meeting is on **Tuesday, April 13th at 7.30pm when Kate Smith will be talking on "Secret Meanings, Hidden Facts"**, an illustrated presentation of less known details of artists & paintings, from the Renaissance to the present day. We welcome visitors & new members, so if you would like to join us please email joylycett@btinternet.com

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB held an interesting zoom talk by Victoria Logue on March 15th when about 17 people joined, including four visitors.

Our next Zoom meeting is planned for **Tuesday, April 20th at 7.30pm when Chris Evans of Dundry Nursery will give us a talk on "The Joys of Gardening"**. Chris is an excellent and amusing speaker so do join us. Details will be sent out nearer the time. Please ring Paddy on 01684 294053 if you would like more information about joining the club or coming as a visitor.

We are hoping that in **May** we may be able to go on our long-planned visit to **Little Malvern Court**, but we will tell you know more next month.

TREDINGTON VILLAGE HALL. We hope that by June we will be able to open the hall again but will give you an update next month.

STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Councillors from 6th March 2021 are:-

Cllr Richard Chatham, Cllr Andrew Troughton, Cllr James Gilder,
Cllr Alan McDonald, Cllr Phil Ternouth, Cllr John Newton, Cllr Tim Jukes

Contact Details – through the Clerk - Mrs Jules Owen

S.O and T P.C. phone:-07763 250303

email- stokeorchardpc@gmail.com

Minutes of Past Meetings are to be found on the Parish Council Website.

Notice of Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Meeting

Due to Covid-19, following Government Guidance, all face-to-face Parish Council Meetings have been cancelled until further notice. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held electronically at 7.00pm on Tuesday April 6th 2021. Members of the public are invited to request access details to the meeting from the Parish Clerk – please email: clerk@stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk by 12 noon on 29th January 2021. The Full Minutes of the October Parish Council Meeting are available on the website www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk .

At our meeting in March we were very happy to welcome and co-opt Tim Jukes on to the Council as our seventh Councillor. It is good to be back up to capacity after several years. Over the last 6 months, the Council has started to create a number of different Committees so that the work load can be shared. Our most recent is a Finance and General Purposes Committee to cover the ever increasing responsibilities and workload of the Council

Speed and Road Traffic Accidents.

We have had a dreadful record of Road Traffic Accidents and speeding in the Parish since Christmas. A two car crash in Stoke Orchard , and two car crash in Tredington and a two cars - one in the ditch by the School and one in the garden at the Bungalow along Stoke Road. We have notified our Borough Councillor, County Councillor, Highways Manager and The Police. The only response we have is from the Police who will be programming the County Speed awareness Group and the Camera Van , the local Police doing spot checks and our own Community Speed Awareness Volunteer Group will be running a series speed recording sessions.

Road Surface Deterioration.

The Parish Council compiled a report on the disgraceful and in some areas a very dangerous condition of the roads in our Parish. Pot-holes and general deterioration is evident everywhere even though the traffic levels have been so much lower. We were advised that the County has No money to spend on roads until April. Sadly there has been very little spent in the Parish for nearly 6 years. Much of our County Councillor's annual allowance has been spent in adjacent Parishes of Bishops Cleeve, Elmstone Hardwicke etc. We can only hope that in the future things will change. Most of the discussions recently have been about a new road from Junction 9 to Junction 10 straight through the Parish but we still await confirmation on when? what? and where? However, the road conditions through Stoke Orchard is deteriorating rapidly due the blocked road drain at the Garage site which still remains to be sorted by the Planning Department who have yet to answer an email 4 weeks later.

Flooding and Drainage.

The Chairman, who is also the Flood warden, has submitted several reports since Christmas to Severn Trent on the Problems of the Sewerage system and Storm Water Drain in Tredington. Following a recent Area Flood Wardens meeting, a special meeting with representatives from the Environment Agency, G.C.C Flood department, Tewkesbury Borough Council and Seven Trent is to take place the week of 5th April, to investigate both the general increase of flooding and water levels within the Parish and the lack of action by Severn Trent in renewing the Storm Water Drain which has been collapsing over the last 25 years leading to properties being flooded.

Public Open Space at Stoke Orchard

Bloor Homes are now working hard to bring the P.O.S on the Orchard Estate up to level prior to the hand over to the Council. When that take over is complete, the Council will be looking to set up a Management Committee of local residents to manage the Maintenance programme. While the actual work will be undertaken by an

outside contractor , there will be a need to ensure that the area is both maintained to standard and to protect against problems that might occur on the site with reference to trees, bushes and general landscaping. An opportunity to help to keep the surroundings looking smart and tidy.

Youth Club.

Two week ago, I received an email from one of the younger members of the Community asking about the possibility of starting a Youth Club. It is so good to have a request for that as we did try a couple of years back without much success so we would be very keen on trying again. We have some money put aside for forming a club so if any youngsters—any age from 6 to 16—are interested, please drop a card into the Shop with your name, age, address and contact details and if either of your parents would be willing to help organise the Club. We would be happy to help in forming the club and providing facilities. Please let us know.

Play Ground Refurbishment. As has been discussed for the past year—the Play Ground at the Community Centre is being refurbished and is now **CLOSED for the work to take place.**

We feel that the Community should know where the money is coming from to pay for the works at the Playground, the Shop Extension and the Car Park . Please be assured it is **NOT** coming from Council Tax. The money for all these works has come from monies deposited by the developers when the second phase of the Orchard Estate was built 5 years ago. The money was designated specifically for play and local facilities. If we do not use it for that purpose, the money is available for other Councils in the area to apply for it. Which would not benefit our Parish. As a Parish Council we had to submit an application for our own money!! We have also been successful in applying for and getting a grant from Enover the company who run the GCC Tip. They have a Trust making Grants from the Landfill Tax. We hope that the Playground will be ready by late May and we plan a Formal Opening in June—date to be announced.

Richard's Ramblings. Travel by Rail.

I hope everybody saw Tredington and Stoke Orchard on the television this week. You didn't - you must have blinked. Michael Portillo caught the train at Ashchurch and alighted in Cheltenham, all of 15 seconds. If he had been travelling back in the 1890's, he could have alighted here at Stoke Orchard—or to



be correct, Bishops Cleeve - Mainline. Cleeve had two Railway Stations. This one and the one in the village on Station Road. That line - now the GWRS line to Broadway, continued all the way to Birmingham via Stratford on Avon.

So, if you wanted to go to Tewkesbury from Stoke Orchard you could catch the train in the village and change at Ashchurch and you would arrive at the Town Station in Tewkesbury. This photo from the 1960's is where the town station stood—all that is left in the High Street opposite Quay Street that goes down to Healings Mill (you can see that



in the back ground) is a stone pillar next to the old Tewkesbury Cookshop.



Tewkesbury had a second station shown here in 1961. Sadly the last train left there in 1962. That line took you to Malvern where you could join the main line to Hereford and from there, north to Barry and south to Llandudno.

However, if you had taken the other line from Ashchurch you could have stopped at Beckford and Evesham before travelling on to Honeybourne and joining the Stratford upon Avon line.

I have always been a believer that we live in the best connected area in the world. If in the 1950's, you wanted to go to New York, you could catch the train at St James Station in Cheltenham (where Waitrose is) and the next time you saw your luggage was in your Cabin on the Queen Elizabeth. The porters would take it off the Boat train—through Customs and on to the ship. 5 days

later the porters would collect it from the Cabin and it would be in your hotel room on 5th Avenue—that is the golden age of travel. We will return to the railways and the best connected area soon.



The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop

Easter is just round the corner!



We have a lovely variety of Easter goodies including Easter Eggs, Easter Egg Hunt Bags, Chocolate, Easter Cards and more.....

As always, if you have anything you would like us to stock please ask.

We are still having meat from Andy Hill & Sons Butchers but if you would like something specific from them please just ask. Fresh meat comes in for the weekend and we also take personal orders for the weekend that do need to be in the shop by 7pm on a Thursday by using the order forms at the till or you can email the order using the order form on Facebook. Please email manager@stokeorchard.org or info@stokeorchard.org

We are happy to deliver any shopping orders to your door should you be shielding or isolating, please let us know by using the above emails.

Thank you for supporting us and fingers crossed for easier days and sunnier ones!



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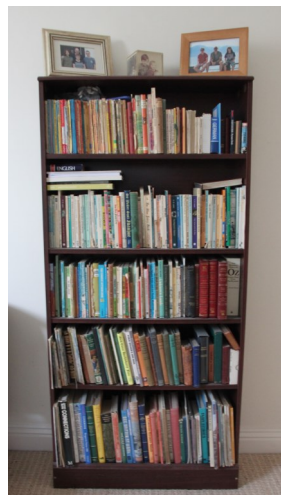
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Reading for Pleasure

This term we have been enjoying having all the children back in at school. Whilst we have been connecting through virtual learning and assemblies it really isn't the same as seeing everyone in person. Whether at home or school reading is something that everyone can enjoy. We read for many different purposes; to find out information, to learn a new skill, to connect with others and also for enjoyment. At school, learning to read is a key priority as it is the skill which gives access to all other areas of the curriculum.

The Department for Education completed key research on reading for pleasure and found that a greater percentage of primary than secondary aged children view themselves as 'a reader' and a greater proportion of primary aged readers and non-readers (than secondary aged) believed that their friends saw readers as happy and people with a lot of friends. This is great news for primary schools but does highlight the importance of developing love for reading so that these views continue as they move on from us.



Picking the right book to get into reading is important. Any book which encourages children to read is the right book! There are a huge range of books now from picture books, comic style books, choose your own adventure books, classic fiction and modern fiction.



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If you are looking for inspiration for your child's reading Pie Corbett's Reading Spine is a great place to start. These are core books which build up a great bank of stories.



At Tredington we read books as a whole class with every child having a copy of the book and following the story at the same time whilst it is read to them by the teacher. This gives them plenty of opportunity to hear how fluent reading should sound, a chance to enjoy a story together as a class and greater exposure to more words and vocabulary. So far Year 1/2 have read *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* and *The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me*, Year 3/4 have read *The Indian in the Cupboard* and Year

5/6 have read *The Nowhere Emporium* which they all thoroughly enjoyed. We are all excited to start new whole class texts now we are all back together!

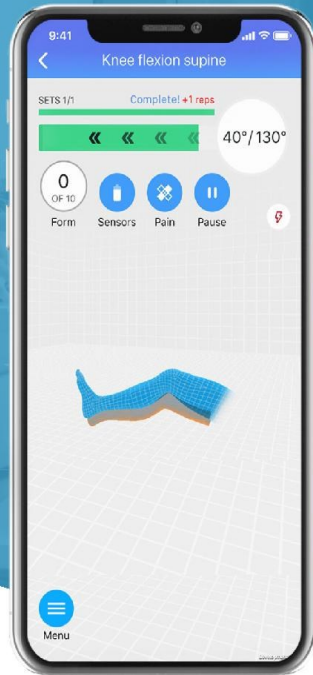
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Stoke Orchard and Tredington Neighbourhood Watch.



Co-ordinators John Newton - S.O.
Richard Chatham - Tred.

Since our local Neighbourhood Watch was started in 1986, we have brought several criminals to book and alerted the two villages to potential threats and crimes by an email and telephone network in the first place and now by this page in the Newsletter. The last 18 months, we have seen a serious escalation in scams and threats, both on the doorstep but more often on the Internet and telephone with crime being delivered inside our homes.



Those of you online can now get up to date information both Nationally and Locally by enrolling in the Your Community Alerts programme. This website is

<https://www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk/> If you go on this site and complete the enrolment you will receive information about local Neighbourhood watch actions including local promotions and warnings about all the latest SCAMS which we have been publicising on this page since the Pandemic started which has brought such a sharp increase in online fraud. If you get stung tell others— I have fallen foul twice so far of fraudsters — Two products bought on Ebay never arrived.

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Please see the list of Church Services on Tredington News Pages.

Assistant Priest	Rev. Kay Mundy	01452 780634	revkaymundy@gmail.com
Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	apperleypriest@gmail.com
Church Warden	Tessa Mills	01684 216563	
Hon Associate Minister	Rev. Tom Curtis, Stonehills Tewkesbury, GL20 5FB	01684 295298	
Readers	Mrs Vivienne Troughton Tredington, Tewkesbury GL20 7BW 01684 293540	01684 293540	
Children & Young People's Church	Vivienne Troughton	01684 293540	
Tredington Primary School	Cath Pollard Head Teacher	01684 293617	admin@tredington.gloucs.sch.uk www.tredington.gloucs.sch.uk
Tredington Teddies Playgroup & Tredington Teddies Baby & Toddler Group	Tina Taylor – Play leader/Manager Children aged 2 years to school age Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm Morning sessions 9am – 12.30pm	01684 293617	info@tredingtonteddies.org.uk www.tredingtonteddies.org.uk Stoke Orchard Community Centre Wednesdays, 9.30am – 11.00am £1.50 entry, no need to book
Village Hall	Frank Jukes	01684 294053	tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com
Stoke Orchard Community Cen-	Helen	07437 533 132	info@stokeorchard.org
<p>Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for April Stoke Orchard and Tredington.</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Blue - Thursday 9thth , Thursday 16thth ,</p> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">Green. Thursday 1st, Thursday 15th , Thursday 29th</p>			

FLOWER Volunteers are needed to help with flowers and decorating Stoke Orchard Church, especially at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. No skill is required - just a love of flowers! Please contact Tessa Mills (Churchwarden) if you can help. Thanks! Tessa's contact number: 01452 780434

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