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The views expressed are those of the contributors and are not necessarily those of the church.

Articles of local interest, pictures and news of events are always welcome. This is a great way to keep in touch, share information and support local business.

We have managed to keep the magazine going at this difficult time with news, information and a little entertainment. Once again we are obliged to produce only this online version, and we hope to be able to produce printed copies in June, when your distributor will be grateful for payments of your subscriptions - still tremendous value at £6 for the year.

Copy for the June issue should be e-mailed to us at boughton.dunkirk.editor@gmail.com by 17 May at the latest.

Raise our spirits and lift up our hearts.

I wonder, through the months of lockdown, whether you have felt 'up' or 'down'? With winter behind us and spring on the way hopefully it's a time when many begin to feel a bit more 'up'. Maybe not yet 'on top of the world' or 'on cloud nine' but we feel our mood is lifting. So much of our language about feelings has to do with location and the place where we want to be with feelings is definitely 'up'. Days when we are 'down' or 'under the weather' or feeling 'low' are the ones we want to avoid. When it comes to emotions 'up' is good and 'down' is bad, just like thumbs.

The month of May with its beautiful blossom in the orchards, flowers and lengthening light evenings 'lifts' our spirits. Maybe it's also connected with higher levels of vitamin D. For Christians, May also brings a festival which can make us look and feel 'up'. It's called the Ascension and falls on Thursday 13 May this year. It's always forty days after Easter Day and always a Thursday and because of that it tends to be forgotten, tucked away with no commercial overtones and laden with pictorial language of Jesus being taken 'up' to heaven.

Jesus ascends vertically through the clouds, leaving the depths of earth, to enter the highest heaven. There's a lot of language about location in the story especially as the people of Jesus time believed in a triple-decker universe with heaven up above and the earth beneath. I wonder if the meaning is in the metaphor. The story tells us that Jesus is ending up 'on top', as the 'top man'. He's 'exalted' to a new 'raised' status in the presence of God. Jesus' Ascension marks the end of his earthly life and from then on Jesus is seated at the right hand of God in heaven. On earth Jesus was time and space limited, now with God, Jesus can be everywhere, out in the world where life is lived.

That should make his followers, feel a little bit 'up' as well. There are still moments when our life and our worship take us 'down'. We need to acknowledge our failings and lament the pain of the world, following Jesus isn't a bed of roses, unless you remember that roses also have plenty of thorns. The Ascension says that Jesus has won. He's overcome all that drags us down and puts us low. He raises us from sin and death and pain. He's been exalted and wants us to share his exaltation.

So when we celebrate Jesus' Ascension, whether on the Thursday or the Sunday after, may we let it raise our spirits and lift up our hearts. Like Jesus, it's a feast that should also give us a 'high'.

Rev'd Jean Burrows

Keep well, keep praying, keep connected

An announcement from the vicar:

"On 30 June it will be 30 years since my ordination as a deacon. I don't think this will be a surprise to many of you but I have decided I'm going to retire at the end of July.

When to leave is never an easy decision to make and I will be terribly sad to leave you all but I feel it's the right time - for me and for you.

With love and prayers, Jean

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BOUGHTON & DUNKIRK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



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The Neighbourhood Plan has been developed from the information YOU gave us in surveys, feedback at exhibitions and by local school children, to establish a vision for the two villages, up to 2038.

Please read and comment on the Plan by using the response form on:

www.boughtonanddunkirkneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

**Consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan ends
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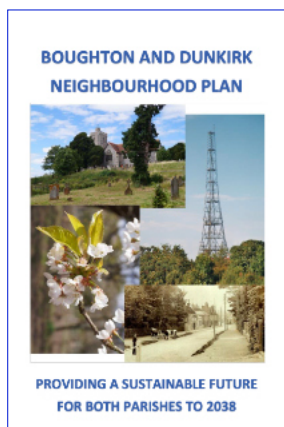
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Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan is a new type of planning document, intended to be prepared by local communities under the Localism Act 2011. It is part of the legal planning framework and must be used by Swale Borough Council, as part of the Local Plan, when it determines planning applications in Boughton and Dunkirk.

You can see and comment on the full text of the draft plan, numerous background documents and a response form (returnable by 14 May).



Go to:

www.boughtonanddunkirkneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

The Plan has been produced by the Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan Group, a working group set up in 2013, and comprising of Jeff Tutt, chairman of Dunkirk Parish Council, Terry Fitchett from Boughton Parish Council and residents from both communities; these include Julian Owen, Peter Williams, Frances Holliday and the late John Peto, and from time to time many other community volunteers.

A strong message came from earlier consultation, about maintaining our village identity and protecting its environment, and this is reflected in the vision statement.

All households in Boughton and Dunkirk will have received a leaflet introducing the plan. It has been developed from feedback local residents and businesses gave the team who prepared it, when much emphasis was placed on keeping our individual identity, and resisting the kind of development pressure that would result in increased traffic.

A main message is that we feel under siege, from traffic and from housing developments. Full details of the draft Plan are shown on www.boughtonanddunkirkneighbourhoodplan.org.uk. (Or again just click on the link). YOUR comments are needed, In due course, the plan - and all the comments properly made - will come under independent scrutiny, and the Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to a village referendum.

But we do still need your comments. While the consultation on the Swale Local Plan is now closed, you can comment on the Neighbourhood Plan up until 14th May. Please do.

Based on what residents have told the team, our community's objectives might be summed up by a determination that:

- in 2038 Boughton and Dunkirk will be parishes where those who work or grow up here can afford to live, where families can raise children and the elderly can remain in the small rural communities of which they have long been part, with access to necessary education, health and leisure facilities.
- we maintain our identity as a community separate from Faversham, Whitstable and Canterbury, with green open space between the settlements.
- the modest rural settlement of Boughton will become an increasingly sustainable community, whose historic heritage has been documented, and protected from inappropriate development and high volumes of vehicular through-traffic, and where proposals are in place for its further enhancement.
- Boughton, together with Dunkirk, will offer a wide range of services to serve the residents of these two parishes who can also enjoy the multiple benefits of the surrounding countryside.

This is carried forward into the aims of the plan, which are to:

1. Protect and enhance the villages of Boughton and Dunkirk's sense of place within the surrounding countryside, distinct and with green open space between the settlements.
2. Protect the villages' architectural heritage.
3. Protect the villages and surrounding countryside from uncontrolled, large scale, poorly designed and located development, while providing a limited amount of housing to meet local needs and taking steps to give residents preferred access to many of the new homes.
4. Protect the villages against the impact of increased traffic, for example by lobbying to restrict access to some of our lanes by HGVs.
5. Ensure that development enhances and is sympathetic to the look and feel of the villages.
6. Increase the prospects for local employment; and promote economic vitality.
7. Protect and enhance the environment within and adjacent to our Ancient Woodlands, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Areas of High-Level Landscapes (Kent Level) and Scheduled Ancient Monuments.
8. Ensure cohesive and safe communities.
9. Support healthy lifestyles.
10. Limit further large-scale housing development within the village envelope, and refuse (within policy constraints) unsuitable and unsustainable development in the countryside, particularly in areas beside or encroaching upon our parishes.
11. Support small-scale, sustainable development and the provision of 40% affordable homes.
12. Promote the distinctive and much-loved 'village feel' by enhancing the village centre and protecting green spaces in and around the village, thus maintaining the high-quality natural environment.

The plan contains policies on Housing, Traffic and Transport, Business and Employment, Community Well-Being, Education and Health, Educational Provision, Environment, Landscape Character and Design.

To assist in addressing the need for new housing, in conjunction with three sites at Bull Lane and Colonels Lane, carried forward from the current Local Plan, an additional site at Colonels Lane, suitable for 10-12 houses is proposed, with the proviso that its development is co-ordinated with the adjacent sites.

What have people been saying? Do you agree? Objectives

Pleased to see the guiding principles expanded in appropriate detail. Yes on the limiting of further developments in the parishes. The need to maintain a break between Faversham and the parishes is crucial to avoid being part of "metropolitan" Faversham.

Housing

The policies give a welcome focus on selective and modest new development combined with the ability for residents to be able to downsize and for housing to be made available to those with a local connection.

Traffic & Transport

Agree that traffic management is a priority. There is an urgent need for properly managed parking for car sharers and effective litter prevention.

It is so important to balance new development with road capacity and this has been carefully considered in the Plan.

Business & Employment

We need to support small businesses that are of direct benefit to our community, not big storage units at Brenley corner etc. Encourage a creative / music cafe, apprenticeship warehouse spaces to teach our young, a farmers market / deli shop for all the producers surrounding us to easily sell to us.

Community Wellbeing, Education & Health

If we have learnt any lessons from the Covid pandemic, then the importance of open space and opportunities for recreation cannot be over emphasised.

Environment, Landscape Character & Design

I support the initiatives and policies to protect the landscape and green spaces and for any new development to be in harmony with the cultural and heritage assets associated with the villages.

General Comments

In my opinion the Plan is a well-researched and comprehensive planning document which would provide the local parish councils with important policies to be able to influence new sustainable development in their area whilst safeguarding the open countryside and heritage assets, and promoting the economic, social and cultural vitality of the villages.

Boughton under Blean and Dunkirk Methodist Primary School

Throughout this tricky last year it has been reaffirmed that every role within our school is so key. We run a tight ship here and given that finances are always limited it is important that everyone knows their role and every role is effective. Of course our core business is teaching but there is so much that happens to make sure this can take place. In fact such is the effectiveness of every staff member within their roles that I often wonder what I am actually needed for!



We have a settled body of staff and so the roles and responsibilities are clear and the common objectives, values and ethos make our school a positive and happy environment in which to work and learn.

Our school governors are very much part of that too. It has been difficult for them as they have not been able to come on site but they play an important role in the strategic overview of the school. They have carried out remote monitoring in the areas of quality of education, leadership and management, Christian distinctiveness, pupil well-being and development, finance, data and every other aspect of school life. Our multitude of policies are ratified by the governing body and there have been health and safety walks too. We have termly full governing body meetings and they do all this as volunteers. Just like my staff, they do so with a smile and an understanding of what makes our school so special.

Part of their role is to hold me to account, which they do in a very nice way, but I also know I can turn to them for support or guidance if need be. In this past year the support I have had from the chair of governors, Jenny Collet-White, has been invaluable and just as I am there to listen to my staff she has been there for me.

For all of us, possibly including the government, we have been feeling our way in the dark in terms of responding to the pandemic so having supportive governors has been a great help.

Any school should be able to operate if one or two people are missing and of course that is the same for us. However we are a well-oiled machine in which every member is valued, including the governors, and all of us have the children's welfare and education at the forefront of what we do and the decisions we make. It is this that makes our school an enjoyable place to work, gives us all a sense of belonging and hopefully gives each individual child the very best environment in which to learn and to work towards reaching their potential. I really do appreciate how lucky I am to lead such a school.

Simon Way
Headteacher

Boughton under Blean Parish Council

You can contact the Clerk for Parish Council business on 07740 706189 or boughtonclerk@gmail.com or www.boughtonunderbleanpc.org

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Parish Council Meetings

Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7:30pm to be held remotely via ZOOM (joining details are published on the meeting agenda). Members of the public are welcome to attend. Minutes from all meetings are published on the Parish Council website.

Parish Council – Planning Committee Meetings

There are no scheduled Planning Committee Meetings until face-to-face meetings resume. All planning applications will still be considered by members of the Planning Committee and residents are welcome to contact the Clerk if they require further information.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

- ✿ Boughton under Blean Parish Council offers its heart-felt condolences and sympathy to all members of The Royal Family. We extend those condolences to everybody touched by this sad and solemn occasion and we join the people of the United Kingdom in this period of national mourning.
- ✿ The law (as it stands at the time of writing this article) states that from 7th May 2021 that the Parish Council will be unable to continue to hold remote meetings. This means that there will be no further Parish Council meetings until such time as the Parish Council can safely hold face-to-face meetings. Matters of Parish Council business will still continue as normal and be dealt with under its Powers of Delegation.
- ✿ The Parish Council held its April Ordinary Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd April. Both meetings were postponed from 14th April in order to comply with legislation during a period of national mourning for the death of Prince Philip.
- ✿ The Parish Council has now formally responded to the Swale Local Plan Review consultation as an individual council and has also made a joint response in conjunction with Hernhill and Graveney with Goodnestone Parish Councils.
- ✿ Kent County Council is currently recruiting Community Safety Volunteers in your area. Are you passionate, enthusiastic, and up for a new challenge? Do you like meeting new people, want to learn new skills and provide valuable support to local residents? The role will be challenging but rewarding and you'll be making a real difference to your local community. For more information and to find about this role visit <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/volunteering/community-safety-volunteers>

- ✿ The NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN team have worked very hard since 2013 and the draft plan has been now produced and is available online at www.boughtonanddunkirkneighbourhoodplan.org.uk. Please take the time to view the documents and complete the consultation form by 14th May, addressing matters that affect the villages you live in.●
- ✿ There are currently no Parish Council allotment plots available. If you do wish to apply for a plot then please contact the Clerk to join the waiting list. Plots are £15 per annum.
- ✿ The police speedwatch team have reported that there are now enough volunteers to make a team viable. There are still spaces for more volunteers so if you have an hour or two a week to spare and would like to volunteer, then please make email contact via speedwatch@kent.police.uk
- ✿ Please feel free to report fly-tipping via Swale Borough Council online at www.swale.gov.uk or by telephone on 01795 417850
- ✿ A list of responsibilities for County, Borough and Parish Councils is available on the Parish Council website.

Parish Council Achievements - 2020/21, were reported at the Annual Meeting

- ✿ Replace door on the Bierhaus at St Barnabas
- ✿ Continued to upgrade Parish Council owned streetlights to LED
- ✿ Secured two regular hirers of the recreation ground/football pitch at Bull Lane being Faversham Strike Force (football) and Rugbytots
- ✿ Removed and replaced the bus shelter on The Street. Largely financed by grant funding from KCC and also by Swale Borough Councillors A. Gould and T.Valentine
- ✿ Continued to successfully operate Parish Council business through lockdowns, taking advantage of the ability to hold remote meetings via zoom
- ✿ Receive (almost) enough funding to purchase an outdoor gym for Bull Lane recreation ground, to promote health and wellbeing
- ✿ No burials at the cemetery since March 2020. No covid related burials at all.
- ✿ Proud to have supported the neighbourhood plan team who have successfully put the plan out to consultation
- ✿ Now has a full complement of Councillors, being 11 in total.
- ✿ Dealt with travellers at the recreation ground and now looking to upgrade the perimeter security of the field
- ✿ Commenced a programme of tree maintenance at Bull Lane recreation ground

His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh 1921-2021

The Chairman, fellow Councillors and everyone associated with Dunkirk Parish Council would wish, on behalf of all the residents of Dunkirk, to express our sadness at the news of the death of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. We also express our deepest condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family at this most difficult time.



We wish to acknowledge and offer our gratitude for his significant dedication to public life and for his support to Her Majesty the Queen as our longest serving consort.

Forthcoming Meetings

Following the official period of mourning for Prince Philip the Full Meeting of the Council that was due to take place on 19 April was postponed until 26 April 2021.

The Annual Meeting of Council (AGM) and Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will both take place on Tuesday 4 May (after the Bank Holiday Monday), with the usual Planning Committee meeting being held immediately after.

Please look out on our website and Facebook pages for the Agendas to our meetings, which are published at least 3 days in advance and include the necessary links to attend the meetings “virtually”.

New Parish Council Facebook Page is now live!

Dunkirk Parish Council’s new Facebook page is now up and running so we would encourage all our residents who use Facebook to “follow” the page to receive the latest notices of what is happening in and around the village.

The facebook page is run alongside the Council's own website which, as well as news items, also includes lots of other useful information, including:

- Information on meetings and how to attend them
- Local Business directory
- Facility to report any issues
- Details of roadworks and road closures

If you are organising an event in the village or wish to promote your business on our website or Facebook page, please contact the clerk who will be pleased to assist with this: clerk@dunkirkpc.org.uk.

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Scammers are increasingly taking advantage of smartphones and are getting very clever with how they try to take your money. Fraudsters can use many different types of messaging systems and apps, like SMS, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, Viber, Skype, Google Hangouts, Snapchat and many other platforms to try scam you out of your money.

They can even make it look like a legitimate organisation is contacting you via text or a messaging app by using identity masking technology to change the name displayed as the sender. This is known as 'number spoofing'.

If you get sent a scam message, it's important you report it so others don't fall victim. Reporting a scam message is free and it will help stop the spread of these messages.

'FluBot' malware scam delivery message

Watch out for scam package delivery messages containing dangerous 'FluBot' malware. These messages have been found to contain a dodgy link to download an app that can infect your phone with malware. Malware can harvest passwords and other personal information, it also accesses contacts to send out further messages.

Always be wary of unsolicited texts, and think twice before you click on a link. If you think you've received a genuine delivery message, but you're not certain, then contact the delivery company's official customer service helpline to verify the message.

If you've received a similar message and you think it's a scam you can simply delete it. If you'd like to report it then you can do so by forwarding the message to 7726 - a free reporting service provided by phone operators.

If you've received this message and you've already downloaded the infected app then follow these steps:

- Don't enter any passwords or log into any accounts.
- Perform a factory reset on your device.
- Change your passwords.

The 'Sarah' scam message

The scammer targets parents and sends a message from an unknown number, pretending to be from Sarah - or another common woman's name - and says they've been in an accident.

An example reported to Action Fraud reads:

'Hi it's Sarah. I need you to do a favour if possible. I had a small accident & broke my fibula & left elbow. Can you text me back once you get this message x'

There are many different variations of the scam which involved different emergency scenarios, mishaps abroad or different women's names. The aim is to get you to reply to the message which will send the scammer £20 - or more!

Boughton-Under-Blean Bowls Club

Welcome back

As the government's road back to 'normal' from Covid restrictions continues, members are returning to the green in Boughton to play bowls. Many volunteers have given up their time to maintain the green and the rest of the facilities in readiness for this time. We are thankful to get through the last year and grateful to all those who ensured that the club continued to remain in existence for its members.

Members can now 'roll up', play some friendlies and even some matches in different leagues.

Full details have been sent out to members on how to book for roll ups, and how the covid rules apply to enable this to happen. Fixtures have been arranged and distributed.

If you are interested in trying the sport of bowls, a healthy outdoor convivial activity, then remember that you can find out more on our website or on Facebook.

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From your County Councillor

This will be my last report as your County Councillor. Little was I to know when I confirmed to my Political Party early in 2020 that I did not wish to be considered for reselection that my last meeting actually in County Hall would be on the 17th March 2020. Since then all meetings have been virtual online.

Even saying goodbye to many of my Parish Councils online has been disrupted by the period of Mourning for His Royal Highness Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

This has led to the postponement of 8 Parish Councils due to legality of issuing Summons to Meetings. There is then the at present inability legally to hold online meetings after 7th May. With the best will in the world I cannot attend between five and ten Parish Councils on the same evening in any meaningful way.

I trust my successor, whoever she or he may be, will remember when applying for committees the importance of rural road speeds and flooding, both surface and potential tidal to the Communities of this ward. Also the large number of unauthorised waste tips in parts of the Ward. This is why I have continued as a Member of the Regulation Committee, Kent Flood Risk Management Committee and Environment & Transport Committee among many others.

I wish all my Communities well especially their hard working and often undervalued Parish Councils.

Andrew Bowles, KCC Member – Swale East

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What the Papers Said

BOUGHTON CELEBRATES 'THE RELIEF of MAFEKING'

By Teresa Williams

On Saturday morning, the 19th of May 1900, "many of the inhabitants of Boughton were tumbled out of bed much earlier than usual to the tune of 'Mafeking's Relieved.' The much prayed-for news that the siege had ended spread quickly from house to house and the whole village was, in a very short time, en fete."



This report in the Faversham Times for 26th May 1900 published the official despatch received at the War Office from General Robert Baden-Powell on 17th May, part of which read:

'Happy to inform you Mafeking successfully relieved today....the relieving officers marched into Mafeking at nine this morning....Townpeople and garrison heartily grateful....'

The Pall Mall Gazette's special correspondent telegraphed from Mafeking,

The town is wild with joy, and people have wept, their feelings of gratitude having quite overwhelmed them. They can scarcely believe that they have been relieved."

The town of Mafeking in South Africa had been under siege for 217 days from October 1899, just days after the beginning of the second Boer War.

Also known as the South African War, the conflict was between Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Canada and two independent South African states, the Republic of Transvaal and the Orange Free State.

Dissension over the growing influence of the British Empire was heightened by the discovery of diamonds and gold in the Boer States, leading eventually to the declaration of war by President Kruger. Initially, the Boers were successful by besieging the towns of Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking, but a different British leadership and a change in military tactics, later achieved their liberation.



In Mafeking, General Baden-Powell was a positive commander under siege, effectively generating a 'smoke and mirrors' military appearance with the employment of a network of trenches and the laying of 'fake' mines. Guns together with rudimentary searchlights, (improvised from acetylene lamps and biscuit tins), were constantly moved around to create a false impression of the strength of their defences.

Soldiers faked having to avoid barbed wire when entering or leaving the trenches and to lessen shelling of the town, they dressed in women's clothes when fetching water, etc. Supplies were adequate; General Baden-Powell had laid in plenty in September 1899 when choosing Mafeking as an administrative centre, due to its location.

Among the unintentional residents, for whose safety Robert Baden-Powell was responsible, was Lord Edward Cecil, son of the British Prime Minister, and Lady Sarah Wilson a daughter of the

Duke of Marlborough and aunt of Winston Churchill. Their presence in the besieged town had attracted a considerable amount of attention at home in the press with their safe release being widely celebrated. The 'Relief' was considered a great morale boost for the British Empire forces but the cost in British or allied lives at Mafeking amounted to 212 dead and over 600 wounded with the Boer casualty total much higher.

According to the Faversham Times' report, the village of Boughton was soon busy "decorating The Street with flags and strings of bunting," although, as the newspaper commented, "where it all came from was a mystery."

"Every house almost, made a show in a display to an extent never before seen; rosettes and favours were everywhere. The school children alone had a grievance. The news had come on a Saturday and they had been promised an extra day for the celebration."



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Excitement mounted throughout the day after the "summoning of the villagers to a mass meeting that evening at eight o'clock." The event took place in The Street but "long before the hour of eight, over one thousand people had gathered in front of Messrs File & Son's premises. Business was at a standstill in the village and all the shops had been temporarily closed."

No doubt arrangements for a celebration had been decided upon previously by clergy, churchwardens and parish councillors when the first intimation of a 'Relieving Column' advancing towards Mafeking was received

in Britain. The local press then described how “two vans arrived, to accommodate the speakers at the meeting and a choir of ladies and gentlemen to lead the singing. The South Street Brass Band, under the leadership of Mr Robert Gilham, would supply the necessary music.”

“Members of the Boughton division of the St John Ambulance Brigade, in full uniform and led by first officer, Mr A T Castle, were on parade for this memorable occasion.” Records show Arthur Theobald Castle was a young man of 24 years, a Wheelwright by trade, born in Boughton, the elder son of Richard, a Linen Weaver and Harriet Castle, the family being resident in The Street.

“The meeting was opened by the singing of the hymn, ‘All People that on Earth do Dwell.’” Based on Psalm 100, this well known hymn would have been a popular choice with the congregated audience. “The Reverend H Leigh Murray next addressed the crowd in a suitable speech on the topic of the hour, and afterwards acted as Chairman of the meeting. The Queen was next duly honoured in a fitting speech by the Reverend W J Weare, followed by the singing of the National Anthem with great heartiness.” For many Boughton inhabitants Queen Victoria was the only sovereign known to them but within a year her long reign of 63 years [a record at that time] would come to an end with her death in January 1901.



“Next followed short speeches from Messrs W Judges (Chairman of the Parish Council), B G Berry, J.P, W H Wilson (Headmaster of the Wesleyan Day School) and Edwin File, proprietor of Messrs File & Sons’ Emporium. The speakers respectively called for three cheers for General Baden-Powell, the Relieving Column, Lord Roberts the military Commander, and the Rank and File. The remarks of all the speakers evoked great enthusiasm, the cheering being again and again renewed.”

“The meeting closed with the singing of ‘Rule Britannia’ amid much cheering. The crowd now made their way to ‘Kemsdale’ where a grand display of fireworks was provided by Mr W Dawes in honour of the event, a kindness much appreciated by all.”

When the display ended the majority of the audience made their way home, although “members of the noisier village patriots paraded the Street with shouts and songs unto a late hour, but no one complained, it was part of a nation’s merry madness on ‘Mafeking Day.’”

As was usual with a national occasion, the Poet Laureate had been requested to write an ode to acknowledge the event. Alfred Austin, who had succeeded Lord Tennyson in 1896, wrote a seven verse ‘Ode to Mafeking,’ the first and last verses of which read:-

Once again, banners fly!
Clang again, bells on high,
Sounding to sea and sky, louder and louder,
Mafeking’s glory with
Kimberley and Ladysmith,
All our unconquered kith
Prouder and prouder.

Long as the waves shall roll,
Long as Fame guards her scroll,
And man through heart and soul,
Thrill to true glory,
Their deed, from age to age,
Shall voice and verse engage
Swelling the splendid page
Of England’s story.

It would be another two years before hostilities ceased and the Treaty of Vereeniging was signed on 31st May 1902 between Great Britain on the one hand and the Republic of South Africa and the Orange Free State, on the other. Once again, Boughton residents celebrated in The Street with patriotic songs and music, and once again Mr W C Dawes invited the inhabitants of Boughton to his grounds, where he had organised a splendid firework display and huge bonfire

Positive.News

What went right this week: seagrass, a society grown closer together and more positive news

Ocean rewilding: England's largest seagrass restoration project gets under way

Boats laden with seagrass seeds setting off from the south coast are part of a project to restore underwater meadows. Reckoned to sequester carbon 35 times faster than a tropical rainforest, seagrass meadows also provide a haven for some of the most fantastical marine creatures on Earth, sheltering in the swaying blades.

Yet the UK's seagrass meadows have vanished at an astonishing rate.

Seeking to turn the tide for these imperilled ecosystems is a conservation initiative that is being billed as the largest seagrass restoration project in England.

Boats laden with sandbags containing seagrass seeds will drop the bags on the seabed. Over time the seeds inside will poke through the canvas and start recolonising the ocean floor.



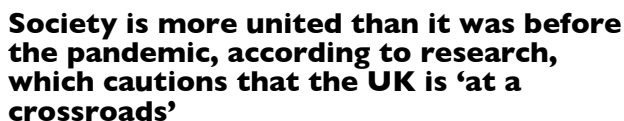
Patagonia launches campaign to support community-owned energy across Europe

Through a new campaign and documentary film, the activist outdoor brand wants to bring the benefits of renewables back home to citizens

Stepping up to amplify this movement that is happening across Europe is the outdoor equipment and clothing brand Patagonia, which is hosting a free online event on 21 April to inspire more people to get involved. The

live panel discussion, featuring leading practitioners of citizen-led community energy, is part of a new Patagonia campaign and launch of a documentary film, titled *We the Power*.

With this new campaign, the company – which is known for its environmental activism and says that it is “in business to save our home planet” – wants to fire up the hopes for this most exciting of responses to climate change. It's a movement that has already seen one million Europeans get involved in producing their own renewable electricity and sharing in the economic benefits. Some predictions suggest this could mushroom to more than a quarter of a billion people by 2050, generating 45 per cent of the continent's electricity.



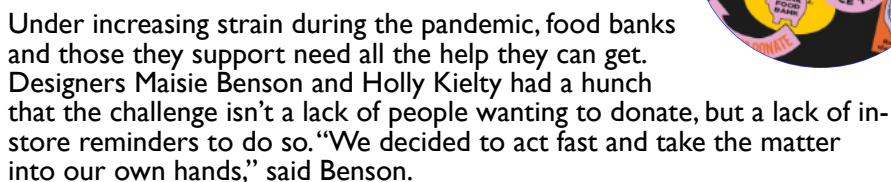
Despite having to keep physically apart for much of the past year, the UK has grown closer together during the pandemic.

That's according to a report published this week by the "*Together*" coalition, which was founded to

foster a more connected society. Over the last year, it asked nearly 160,000 UK residents about what divides and unites society: half of those surveyed reported feeling society was more united than before the pandemic, with 27 per cent disagreeing.

Perhaps the greatest testament to increased social cohesion, however, was the uptick in volunteering. When extrapolated to the entire UK population, the *Together* report suggested 12.4 million adults have volunteered during the pandemic, of which 4.6 million were first timers. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, who wrote the foreword to the report, said the UK was “at a crossroads”. “We can allow our differences and divides to harden and grow wider as we struggle to recover from the Covid- 19 crisis. Or we can seek to harness the newfound community spirit that did emerge in 2020, to help build a society that is kinder and more connected.”

From guerrilla stickers taking aim at food poverty, to safety signage that's more glam than grim, designers have been busily – and colourfully – responding to the pandemic



Think Food Bank is the result. The pair – who got chatting via Instagram and are yet to meet in person – created simple stickers showing the key items that food banks need, to urge shoppers who have the means to pop extra into their trolleys before checkout. After posting the designs on social media, they were inundated with requests, and have already sent out 800 stickers for the price of postage only.

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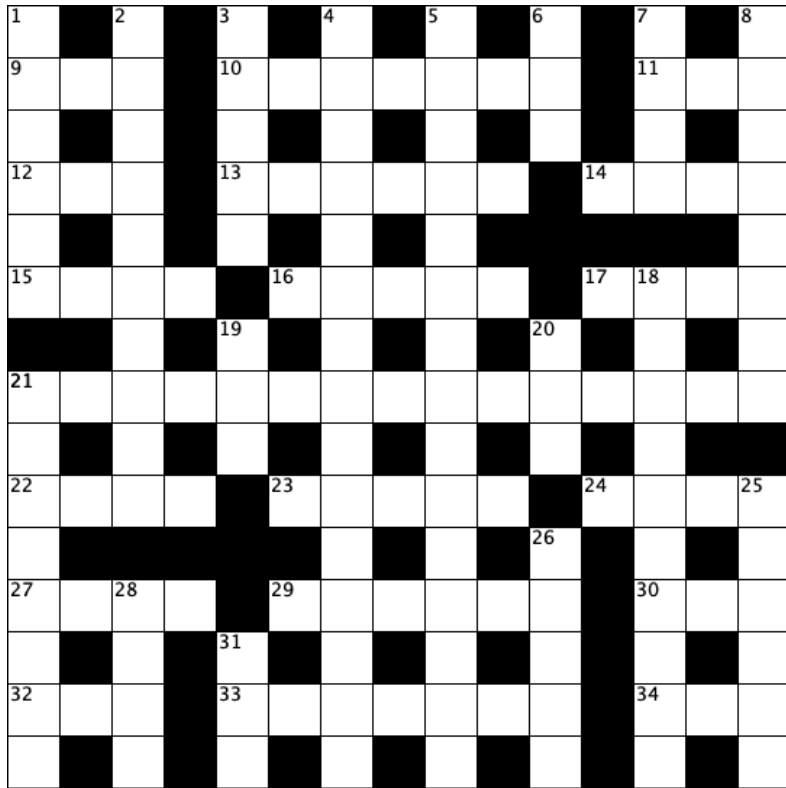
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Curly Clues

Across

- 9 Oddly fluent, but not overly serious (3)
- 10 Gained knowledge and made a little money perhaps? (7)
- 11 Another name for Kipling's snake after injury (1.1.1)
- 12 Alternative course provides raw material (3)
- 13 Top architect is in the red, but has gone up in the world (6)
- 14 Thanks to the cricket team, but not a free ride... (4)
- 15 Understand and make it stick! (4)
- 16 Present put in a bag, if tight (1,4)
- 17 Enthusiastic inside, like energy! (4)
- 21 ? ? ? ? ? (4,3,3,1,4)
- 22 Score to damage card (4)
- 23 Understanding Japanese teacher, almost (5)
- 24 Very engaged in the past. Grand! (4)
- 27 All points bulletin (4)
- 29 Strange rite in hospital department with a short rope ladder (6)
- 30 A small number reported in addition (3)
- 32 Sit back! It is brief (3)
- 33 Skyward consultations? (7)
- 34 Head case? (3)

Down

- 1 Make this to force notes on stronghold (6)
- 2 Infidel lets poor Reuben live (10)
- 3 Keep doing 4, with beer outside rest (5)
- 4 Focused on providing interest (6,9)
- 5 Clue's confusions unaffected (15)
- 6 These days, a large number can accumulate (3)
- 7 Long story about decline of top card (4)
- 8 Medical clientele reported to be munching nice pate (8)
- 18 Edifies, having seen the northern light patterns (10)
- 19 Something in the sink to make 22 (3)
- 20 Top hat (3)
- 21 Hum it in any way for charity (8)
- 25 Improvement through learning (6)
- 26 Understand, like file hanging on string (5)
- 28 Sounding letters like 10 (4)
- 31 Insect to learn quickly (3)

Solutions on page 41- only look if you are absolutely desperate!

Straight(ish) Clues

Across

- 9 Enjoyment (3)
 10 Found out (7)
 11 Alias (1.1.1)
 12 Mineral source (3)
 13 Elevated (6)
 14 After landing (4)
 15 Catch on (4)
 16 An easy question (1,4)
 17 Wail (4)
 21 Completely ignorant (4,3,3,1,4)
 22 Assess (4)
 23 Become aware (5)
 24 Open mouthed (4)
 27 Novel information (4)
 29 Short rope ladder, wood or metal rungs(6)
 30 As well (3)
 32 It is quaintly put(3)
 33 Reference consultations(7)
 34 Madcap (3)

Down

- 1 Force (6)
 2 Infidel (10)
 3 Watchful (5)
 4 Really watchful (6,9)
 5 Not looking inward (15)
 6 Sum (3)
 7 Neverending story(4)
 8 Willingness to wait (8)
 18 Fills in (10)
 19 Writing liquid (3)
 20 Headgear (3)
 21 Everyone (8)
 25 Expansion (6)
 26 Understand (5)
 28 Sage (4)
 31 Make rapid progress (3)

Sudoku

	8							1
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5	3	9		8		2		
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	7				4	5		
9							3	

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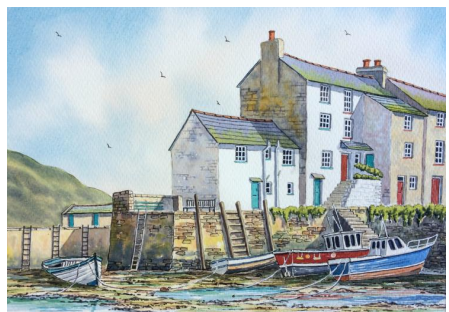
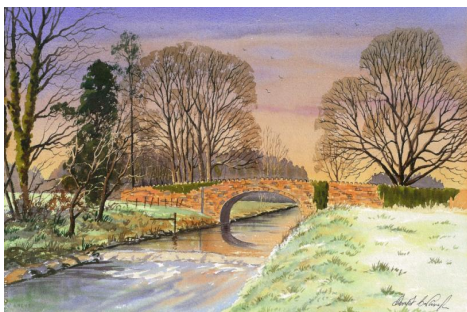
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- Any item that cannot be carried by two men from collection point to the vehicle
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- Building rubble
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- Clearance of garden waste
- Doors

How do I book a collection?

- You can book your items online
- By contacting our Customer Service team on 01795 417850

You will be advised of any restrictions and a collection day confirmed. You must list all items that you require for removal. This is to avoid any items being taken by mistake.

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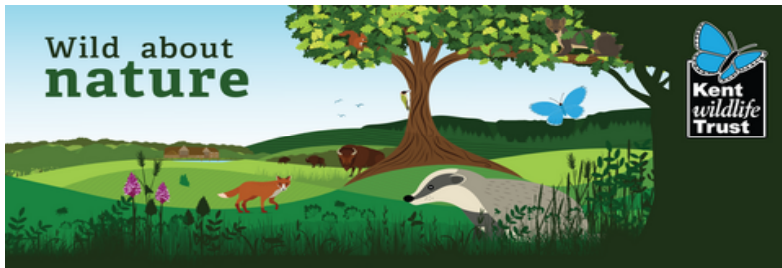
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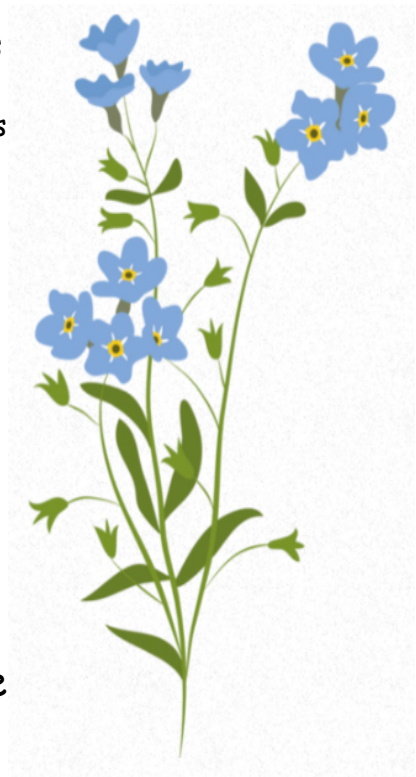
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Set up a 'nectar café' by planting flowers for pollinating insects like bees and butterflies

Many of our prettiest insects feed on nectar, so need flowering plants for their survival. Butterflies, moths, bees and hoverflies all need sources of nectar and pollen to thrive. As they travel from flower to flower, they also pollinate them, enabling them to set seed or bear fruit. So, setting up a nectar café benefits both your plants and you, allowing you to enjoy the flitting and fluttering of beautiful butterflies.

Setting up a nectar café not only benefits your garden, but allows you to enjoy the fluttering of beautiful butterflies too



Setting up your nectar café: Choose a sheltered sunny spot

- Place each plant in groups or drifts so that the colour and scent are easy to detect
- Prolong the flowering season - select plants so that you have a show of flowers from early spring to late autumn
- Choose flowers with a simple (often flat) structure, like old cottage varieties, as they are the easiest for insects to feed from
- Remember to provide a night-time feast for moths. Plant some night-scented flowers.
- Add herbs to the mix as they are highly attractive to insects, or design a dedicated herb garden



Nectar plant suggestions:

Early season

Aubretia

English bluebell

Currant - Ribes

Grape hyacinth Muscari

Lungwort - Pulmonaria

Primrose - Primula

Sweet violet

Winter aconite

Wood anemone

Alyssum

Mid season

Buddleia -

Heather -

Lady's bedstraw

Lavender

Common mallow

Purple toadflax

Rock cress - Arabis

Sea holly - Eryngium

Verbena bonariensis

Wallflower

Late season

Coneflower - Echinacea

French marigold - Tagetes

Golden rod - Solidago

Honeysuckle

Ice plant - Sedum

Ivy - Hedera helix

Meadow saffron - Colchicum

Michaelmas daisy -

Common sunflower

Red valerian

How to make seed bombs

You will need:

- Meadow flower seeds or seeds collected from the garden 
- Peat-free compost 
- Water 
- Powdered clay (from craft shops - use clay soil if you can't find any) 
- Mixing bowl 

1 In a bowl, mix together 1 cup of seeds with 5 cups of compost and 2-3 cups of clay powder.



2 Slowly mix in water with your hands until everything sticks together, then roll mixture into firm balls.



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4 Now for the fun bit - plant by throwing your seed bombs at bare parts of the garden!



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Creating your seed bomb:

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- 2 Slowly mix in water with your hands until everything sticks together.
- 3 Roll the mixture into firm balls.
- 4 Leave the balls to dry in a sunny spot.
- 5 Now for the fun bit! Plant your seed bombs by throwing them at bare parts of the garden and wait to see what pops up!

Top plants to include in your seed bombs:

- Bulbous Buttercup - *Ranunculus bulbosus*
- Chamomile - *Chamaemelum nobile*
- Common Bird's-foot-trefoil - *Lotus corniculatus*
- Common Knapweed - *Centaurea nigra*
- Common Spotted-orchid - *Dactylorhiza fuchsii*
- Lady's bedstraw - *Galium verum*
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Voluntary Arts works to promote and increase active participation in creative cultural activities across the UK and the Republic of Ireland. This encompasses everything from traditional amateur arts and crafts (singing, drama, dancing, quilting, painting, photography, writing, etc) to digital arts, street art, creative cookery and gardening - from knitting a jumper to playing a guitar, making a short film to arranging flowers, from self-governed constituted amateur arts groups to informal get-togethers and individual everyday creativity - from the 'serious amateur' to the occasional participant.

We support, connect and advocate for self-governed creative groups to nurture our vital creative cultural ecosystems; to help make them sustainable for those who run them, and to help make group creativity accessible to as many people as possible.

Voluntary Arts is excited to launch a call out across England that aims to create connections with and between leaders and coordinators of voluntary and amateur participatory arts and creative groups. They are invited to respond by completing an online contact form <https://bit.ly/AskChampions>

Get Creative



Voluntary Arts

Church News



Christian Aid Week

10-16 May 2021

Our planet is changing, but some people are feeling the effects of this more than others. Weather extremes are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis and one place that has experienced this is Kenya. In parts of Kenya in 2020, drought was followed by relentless rainfall and flooding, which damaged crops that had struggled to grow. Together, the climate chaos and coronavirus are a double threat to lives and livelihoods.

Climate chaos is causing a hunger crisis

In Kitui, eastern Kenya, 8 out of 10 people depend on rain to grow crops. Without water, staple crops like maize and beans wither up and die. People can't earn a living and they go hungry. People are forced to walk further and further to collect water. This daily burden robs them of the chance to farm and grow food for their families. Elderly women and children are especially vulnerable on these dangerous journeys and can face robbery or conflict as people battle over scarce resources. Cows, sheep and goats are becoming weaker and weaker. They can't produce milk or be sold. People are struggling to cope. Lives are at risk. Families need every last drop to survive this climate chaos.

Christian Aid has been working in Kenya since 1997 helping people to adapt to drought as well as flooding, as climate chaos robs people of control over their lives. Communities are helped to build earth and sand dams, and rock catchments, so they can harvest water near their homes. Dams are simple and cost-effective natural storage solutions. They catch the rain when it falls, increase the amount of stored water available to communities, defend against intense rain and flooding, and free women and girls from making long and dangerous journeys to collect water.

Meet Rose: a loving, hard-working grandmother

One woman who is experiencing the worst of the climate crisis is Rose. A grandmother, Rose is an experienced village leader. She remembers her childhood when the rain was reliable and there was plenty of food. But the climate crisis is driving her to the brink. When she arrives home exhausted from collecting water, (the full jerry cans are heavy, 40 litres of water weigh 40kg) her grandson Charles cooks her a meagre bowl of porridge, but he knows she is still hungry. Rose knows, if she gives up, her grandchildren will suffer hunger and thirst. 'We have to walk long distances. We are suffering,' she says.



But it shouldn't have to reach this breaking point. There is a nearby earth dam just minutes away from Rose's home. It should be a lifeline but it's not wide or deep enough for everyone's needs, it runs out of water too quickly. Rose and her community need a bigger dam, to help them capture the rainfall and create a long-lasting source of water for their families.

What happens when the search for water does not consume people's lives? What happens when people have the water they need to thrive? They can grow crops and eat healthy, nutritious vegetables, and they can also sell what is left over. They can keep bees and sell the honey: the microclimate of plants growing around the dam means the bees don't need to search long distances for nectar. Women and children also save many hours each day as they do not have to walk so far to fetch water.

If you are able to give to Christian Aid even a relatively small gift can make an enormous difference.

£4.40 could teach 10 farmers how to plant **drought-tolerant crops** that can survive the drought.

£10 could buy a pair of taps at a **water point** which will be installed at an earth dam, making it easier for people to fetch water.

This Christian Aid Week (10-16 May), please:

Give generously to help ensure people like Rose fight this climate crisis.

Act as we call on the UK Prime Minister to lead the world with ambitious climate action that will also address inequality.

Pray for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that as a global community we will care for our common home and for people living in poverty.

Go to caweek.org

Church services

Sundays

2 May

10 am Holy Communion in Hernhill Church

10.30 am Morning Worship or individual prayer in Graveney Church

4.30 pm Sunday Worship via Zoom

9 May

10 am Rogation service at Brickfield Farm, Brickfield Lane, Boughton

10.30 am Morning Worship or individual prayer in Graveney Church

4.30 pm Holy Communion via Zoom

16 May

8 am Holy Communion in St Barnabas

10 am Morning Worship via Zoom

10.30 am Morning Worship or individual prayer in Graveney Church

23 May Pentecost

10.30 am Short Holy Communion followed by Annual Church Meeting in Graveney Church

4.30 pm Sunday Worship via Zoom

30 May Trinity Sunday

10 am Holy Communion via Zoom

10.30 am Morning Worship or individual prayer in Graveney Church

6 June

10 am Short Holy Communion followed by Annual Church Meeting in Hernhill Church

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4.30 pm Sunday Worship via Zoom

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Up to date details of all our services are on our benefice website www.boughton-hernhill-graveney-churches.com

What to expect in a Zoom Holy Communion service

A Communion service on Zoom has the same structure as one in church but without hymns or music.

We start by asking God to be with us in our worship and we confess, or say sorry, for our failings to love God and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. We then receive an assurance of God's forgiveness.

We listen to a Bible reading and then there is short reflection, explaining the reading and relating it to our everyday lives. We declare our Christian faith in the words of the Creed and then have some prayers led by a member of the congregation bringing to God our world, the church, the local community and those who are ill, bereaved or in any kind of need.

We wish one another the 'peace of the Lord' and move on to the Communion part of our service with a special prayer for the bread and wine. The priest eats the bread and drinks the wine on behalf of the congregation and everyone takes a moment of silent reflection to receive inwardly.

We finish the service by thanking God for feeding us with 'the Body and Blood of Christ' and we are sent out with a blessing 'to live and work to God's praise and glory.'

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During the Monday to Thursday of Holy Week, starting 29 March, we plan to offer a short Night Prayer with Reflection at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

Prayerline

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“With many in our country on lockdown, it’s important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are.” Archbishop Justin Welby

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England’s Communications team such as Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service.

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